

Doynton Parish Pump

The **safari supper** on Saturday September 9th is now fully booked, but contact Jo James (jojames57[at]hotmail.co.uk, 937 3794, 07967 122776) to be added to the waiting list.

The **Doynton Memory Café** (featured on BBC Radio 4 Inside Health programme on August 9th) continues its informal get-togethers for people with dementia/memory loss and their family members/carers on the first Thursday of each month (2.00–4.00 p.m.). Themes this autumn will include Harvest and Food & Festivals, and we expect to try more country dancing and welcome The Strummers Ukelele Band and a sea shanty crew. Contact: tel. 07817 311001 or find us on Facebook, "The Memory Cafe at Doynton".

Friends of Doynton Church: the service on Sunday September 24th, 10.00 a.m., will be a combined Harvest and Friends' service. It will be led by Steve Burgess, who is looking forward to welcoming all Friends to the service.

Summers Field community orchard: it was wonderful to see Summers Field so busy at our cream tea and the summer fete. Committee members helped with refreshments at Doynton House Open Gardens, raising funds for a strimmer to keep the orchard tidy. A generous donation from the Doynton Jubilee Committee will be used to rejuvenate the wildflower meadow and produce two information boards to educate our visitors. We will be harvesting apples in September to make apple juice and preparations are under way for the Autumn Feast and disco with DJ Alistair in the village hall on Saturday October 14th – save the date and keep an eye on the Doynton WhatsApp group! If you would like to help with these events, please do reach out to the committee team.

Doynton village market: despite the poor weather at the first market in August, by 11.30 a.m. the majority of goods had been sold, and our customers were happily sitting down for tea and a chat, so thank-you to all our customers who cocked a snook at the weather and joined us. We have the freshest vegetables on sale at the moment, some of them picked on the very morning they are sold. Even if you get to us late, with most of the produce being very local we can always deliver, so please ask, or place an order beforehand (tel. Elizabeth Crew, 0117 937 3168). Next markets September 3rd and 17th and October 1st.

Doynton and Wick WI: members enjoyed an informative dairy tour and a delicious meal at Bath Soft Cheese in July. At the August meeting, Lottie Dale entertained with anecdotes of her nursing training in the 1970s. The speaker on

September 13th (7.30 p.m.) is Daphne Atkinson on "Royal wedding dresses". The competition is "a wedding picture". Please bring contributions for our harvest stall and a well-filled purse! All welcome at the newly decorated Doynton village hall.

The VitaMinds self-referred therapy service has been rebranded as **NHS Talking Therapies**. The service offers free, confidential cognitive behavioural therapy, support for long-term health conditions and a new employment support service. See <https://www.vitahealthgroup.co.uk/>. (Editor's note: this group has had mixed reviews, so you may wish to research further before you contact them.)

The Doynton "Warm Wednesdays" **community café** will open its doors again on October 4th, 10.30 a.m.–12 noon. Come along for tea, coffee and a good natter!

The latest round of the legendary **playing field quiz** will take place in the village hall on **Saturday October 28th** – doors open at 7.30 p.m. for a prompt start at 8.00 p.m. Tickets £20 for teams of four or £5 individual – **cash only please**. Donations of raffle prizes on the night would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Jane Stewart (tel. 0117 937 3299/ 07740 462247, email johnjane252 [at] gmail.com).

Get those creative juices flowing for the equally legendary **Scarecrow Trail – Sunday October 29th**, 10.30 a.m.–2.30 p.m. The theme this year is "a character from a children's book or comic". To enter, contact Lisa Williams (tel. 07974 771670) – we want as many entries as possible! On the day, collect your route map (£2) from the village green and set off – refreshments available at Bottoms Farm. There will also be a raffle. Proceeds to Cancer Research UK.

Doynton Parish Council: your ~~country~~ parish needs you! Calling for volunteers for a committee to outline and assist with the implementation of the plans for the **80th anniversary of D-Day** on Thursday June 6th 2024. The main events throughout the UK will be a "Fish & Chip Supper" and the lighting of a beacon/bonfire at 9.15 p.m. on June 6th. Please contact Doynton parish clerk or members of Doynton Parish Council if you can help: tel. 07725 165181 or email doytonparishcouncil [at] hotmail.co.uk.

Found: binoculars in the Hinton/Dyrham area. Contact 07711 670704 to claim.

Dates for your diary

Thursdays 9.30–10.30 a.m.: **post office** in the village hall – use it or lose it!

Thursdays 9.30–11.00 a.m. in the village hall: **yoga classes** with Jean Foley, £9 per class. Tel 07341 347547 or email jean72foley[at]gmail.com.

Thursday 7.15–8.15 p.m.: **Zumba exercise class** in the village with Lucy (tel. 07403 247764). £5:00 for adults, £2.50 for under-16s.