

Doynton Parish Pump

Lots coming up this autumn! 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!

Don't miss the **Autumn Feast** on **Saturday October 14th** to raise funds for Summers Field Community Orchard. Doors open 6.30 p.m., ploughman's supper and apple dessert 7 p.m., Alistair's disco 9.00–10.30 p.m. Paid bar, credit cards accepted. This year's apple juice will be on sale. Tickets in advance only please, adult £15, child £7, from Corinda (tel. 07587 175474) or Helen (tel. 07931 567161).

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).

The equally legendary **Doynton scarecrow trail** is back and we're raising money for cancer research. It's on **Sunday October 29th**, 10.30 a.m.— 2.30 p.m. – pick up a map for £2 from the village green and set off for a great day out. There will be a raffle and the amazing pop-up café at Bottoms Farm! So get those creative juices flowing and create your own scarecrow – the theme is “a character from a children's book”. To enter, you can either fill in the leaflet that came through your door or contact Teresa Spencer (tkjspencer [at] gmail.com or 07760 371380) or Lisa Williams (lisajwilliams [at] ymail.com or 07974 771670). If you can't make it on the day, then donations will be welcome at <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/teresas-giving-page-517>.

Doynton and Wick WI: The speaker for September on “Royal wedding dresses” failed to materialize (pun intentional), so members shared their own wedding memories – some poignant, some funny and some jaw-dropping! The conclusion was that every wedding is individual and very special. The harvest stall did a roaring trade. Next month – fingers crossed – we are expecting to hear about Street Goats, an engaging bunch who munch their way through scrubland in and around Bristol: did you see them at Wick Quarry a couple of years ago? The competition is: “in your opinion, who is the greatest of all time?”. Come to Doynton village hall on Wednesday October 11th, 7.30 p.m.: visitors always welcome.

Memory Cafe: a relaxed, informal drop-in providing support for people with memory difficulties and their carers. Various memory-focused activities along with refreshments and friendly faces! Admission free, all welcome. In the village hall at 2.00 p.m. on the first Thursday afternoon of each month. Contact 07817 311001.

Post Office in the village hall: Every Thursday 9.30–10.30 a.m. for standard post office services. You can also withdraw cash, pay bills, pay in cheques and return mail-order purchases. Order groceries for collection by 6 p.m. Wednesday (Oldland Common Post Office and Store, tel. 932 3159).

Doynton village market: plenty of autumn produce still available! Join us for tea/coffee and a good chat. Order beforehand with Elizabeth Crew (tel. 0117 937 3168). Next markets October 7th and 21st.

Doynton Parish Council: the next meeting will be on **Wednesday November 29th** (note change) at 7 p.m. in Doynton village hall. The Parish Council is 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.

The **safari supper** on September 9th raised a magnificent £1273 for the Samaritans and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Jo James and the hosts who made it such a success.

Parking and noise: visitors to the village, especially walking groups, are politely requested to park responsibly. Please also consider our neighbours and be as quiet as possible leaving the pub and village hall, especially late at night.

Dates for your diary

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

Thursdays 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.

Advance notice of the next **Doynton Hard Half Marathon**: “a horrible cross-country race” – Sunday February 4th 2024.