

Parish Diary August & September 2020

	Regular Monthly Events - see Events on inside pages for details.
First Thursday	7.30 pm W.I. meeting at Draycott Memorial Hall.
First Saturday	10.30 am – 12 noon. St Peter's Church Coffee morning.
Second Sunday	8.00 pm Quiz Night at Strawberry Special. Contact: Lori Toms 01934 742177 l.toms@btconnect.com
Every Tuesday	10.00-11.30 am Coffee morning at Sealey Close community room except on Over Fifties Trip dates
Every Wednesday	10.00 am-12.00 noon Strawberry Tots at Draycott Memorial Hall Contact: Linda Eccleston 07966 225167

August

Thursday	06	11.00 -1200 Sealey Close, Mobile Police Vehicle
Monday	10	Closing date for Poor Lands Trust applications
Thursday	13	4.00 -5.00 Rodney Stoke Inn Mobile Police Vehicle
Friday	21	11.00 - 12.00 Strawberry Special Mobile Police Vehicle
Saturday	22	5.00pm Closing date for entries to Virtual Village Show
Friday	28	Results announced for Virtual Village Show

September

Thursday	03	First day of School term
Saturday	12	4.00 - 5.00 Sealey Close Mobile Police Vehicle
Thursday	17	7.00pm Parish Council Meeting @ DMH
Friday	18	11.00 – 12.00 Rodney Stoke Inn Mobile Police Vehicle
Saturday	26	12.00 – 1.00 Strawberry Special Mobile Police Vehicle

Deadline for October 2020 edition ~ Wednesday 16th September

Completed Pro Forma to Helen Dance, Dairy Barn, The Street, Draycott. BS27 3TH
01934 742811 or helenlh@uwclub.net

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Parish Clerk: Helen Marshall 07423 283940, or rodneystokepc@gmail.com

Parish Council: www.parish-council.com/rodneystoke

Village Agent: Bella Lapwood 07494 883541 or bella@Somersetccc.org.uk

Draycott Memorial Hall: www.draycottmemorialhall.org.uk

Neighbourhood Watch: Draycott - Roger Dollins 01934 741021 or rogerdollins@btinternet.com

Neighbourhood Watch: Rodney Stoke - John Smith 01749 870976 or ajsmithgb@hotmail.com

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Rev Cobley Playground has reopened, but the area is not sanitized.

There are no facilities in the playground so you must bring hand sanitiser or wipes with you and use them regularly. We've created an entrance gate by the swings and the exit gate by the rockers to minimise the need for close contact with others. We've also marked the pathway to help you socially distance if you are queueing or waiting. If it's busy why not come back another time?

You must follow social distancing rules in the playground. The Council is not able to provide facilities such as stewarding and booking, and it is not practical to create a one-way system so you must be careful to socially distance. It would help if only one family member accompanied a child if possible.

Please be considerate of others, especially if they are waiting to use the playground Don't eat or drink in the playground and dispose of all your litter in the bins provided. Follow the guidance on the posters displayed. Please remember that you use the area at your own risk. The Risk Assessment is available on the Council website.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Find Out More About The Strawberry Special

This year the Strawberry Special celebrates its 150th Anniversary. Alan Rowntree has written a book through the eyes and ears of the 13 publicans who have run the pub. It will soon be available to be purchased at the Community Shop and the Strawberry Special for £10 and profits will be donated to the Community Shop and the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Draycott Community Shop is online!

Are you shielding? Did you know that you can now buy online from your community shop? Simply complete a shopping list and you will be telephoned to make payment over the phone. Your order will then be delivered to your door free of charge! Who needs Tesco?! Not Shielding? The website is also a great way to see what the shop stocks and to keep up to date with their news. Grateful thanks go to all those who volunteered their expertise to create it. <http://draycottcommunityshop.co.uk> 01934 740044

Draycott Memorial Hall Reopening

The management committee is planning to re-open the hall in September. Covid 19 related questionnaires asking for regular hirers' plans have been sent out and it seems most groups are looking at a September re-start. Social distancing measures will need to be followed by all hirers in line with government guidance. For bookings contact Sarah Knight 07851 410459

The Strawberry Special Inn Reopened

After lockdown, The Strawb reopened on 4 July 2020. We have installed Perspex screens across the bar, hand sanitizing stations throughout the premise and a one-way system clearly marked as you enter. The measures we have put in place are in line with the government guidelines to keep everyone safe. We are waiting for guidelines from the Skittles League as to when the games can resume. We will reassess Wednesday Roast when the government guidelines are relaxed. Mike and Lori welcome you back to The Strawberry Special.

Poor Lands Trust

Residents of Rodney Stoke are entitled to a "one off" payment to those starting higher education or an apprenticeship, uniform for children leaving First/Primary School. I have details of children leaving Draycott and Rodney Stoke First School but parents of pupils leaving other schools please contact me. Senior Citizens are eligible for a Christmas "box". NEW THIS YEAR. A grant also available for children leaving middle school and starting upper school. Let me know if this applies to you. These grants are not means tested. Please apply by Monday 10th August. Contact Lynda Moore, Hill View, Stoke Street, Rodney Stoke Tel: 01749 870712

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Bowls Club

We are planning to restart club nights in September, this will be dependent on advice from our national body. The club is looking for new members so if you would like to try your hand at a new sport, we meet on Monday evenings in the hall from 6:45 – 9:15, all you need is a pair of flat shoes, all other equipment is provided. Steve Young – Chairman 01749 870987
Steveyoung1987@hotmail.co.uk

Charity of John and Joseph Card - Grants available

If you live in Draycott and are struggling with your finances at present, due to a change of your circumstances because of the Covid pandemic, "one off" grants are available if you are in need or hardship. Grants cannot be made for such things as paying regular bills or school uniform. Enquiries to the Clerk, in full confidence: Helen Dance 01934 742811
helenlh@uwclub.net Dairy Barn, The Street, Draycott.

The Draycott And Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

April Winners £50 M. Earing £25 S. Freeman £15 T. Oliver

May Winners £50 R. Reeson 25 H. Crashley £15 J. Quill

June Winners £50 A. Quill £25 B. May £15 J. Connor

If you would like to join the 100 Club and have the chance to win a prize every month e-mail chris@thefultonfamily.co.uk or ring 01934253741 for details.

EVENTS

Draycott and Rodney Stoke Virtual Village Show

There will be a virtual show this year with photographic entries. Posters with details are displayed around the village or contact pjolley@hotmail.com. Results announced 29/08/20 Closing date for entries 22/08/20 at 5.00pm. Paul Jelley pjolley@hotmail.com

WI meeting Draycott Memorial Hall August we have no meeting. September is undecided as yet. If non-members wish to come on 3rd September 7.30, please phone Jan on 01749 871221 Jan Warne
janw@uwclub.net