



Parish News



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Parish Diary December 2020 & January 2021

	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 @ Draycott Memorial Hall Contact: Linda Ecclestone 07785 261 127 or larchbold@gmail.com

DECEMBER

Saturday	05	10.30-2.00pm @ St Peter's Church. Christmas Wreath Festival & Giving Weekend!!
Sunday	06	10.30-2.00pm @ St Peter's Church. Christmas Wreath Festival & Giving Weekend!!
Friday	18	Last day of school Term Nativity Treasure Hunt around both villages, starts today, until 5 th January
Sunday	20	4.00-5.00pm St Peter's Church, Draycott Carol Service - with Barry Rose and St Peter's choir
Thursday	24	CHRISTMAS EVE 8.00am-1.00pm Community Shop open 3.00-6.00pm St Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke Family Christmas Eve Promenade for the time of COVID 9.00pm St. Peter's Church Draycott Christmas Eve service
Friday	25	CHRISTMAS DAY Community Shop closed 9.00am St Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke Christmas Day Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 10.00am St Peter's Church Draycott Christmas morning Family Service
Saturday	26	8.30-10.30am Community Shop open for papers
Sunday	27	Community Shop—open normal hours
Monday	28	BANK HOLIDAY 8.00-1.00pm Community Shop open
JANUARY		
Friday	01	BANK HOLIDAY 8.00-1.00pm Community Shop open
Monday	04	First day of School Term
Tuesday	05	Final day of Nativity Treasure Hunt.
Sunday	17	12 noon Free Bike Marking in the Memorial Hall Car Park.
Thursday	21	7.00pm Parish Council Meeting

Deadline for February 2021 edition ~ Wednesday 20th January

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

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council wishes everyone a safe happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

If you are looking for a new challenge in the coming year the Parish Council has 2 vacancies. As part of a team, you will help to shape and care for our 2 villages. Training is available. Please see our website for details or speak to the Clerk or one of our members.

Free Bike Marking This event is now planned for Sunday 17th January 2021 at 12pm in the Memorial Hall Car Park. No need to book, the police will mark and register your bike for you. This is a popular event, so please be patient and observe any Covid restrictions in place. Please check our website for any updates due to Covid.

Flagpole After admiring the homemade flagpole tribute to the NHS erected recently in The Pound in Rodney Stoke, the Council plan to erect a permanent flagpole. If you could help with the flying of the flags, please get in touch.

Vandalism Sadly, the Fields in Trust plaques at the Rev Copley Playing Field, have been ripped off and damaged again. The Council has steps in hand to monitor the area. If you have any information about the vandals, please contact the police by dialling 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously.

Nottingham Knockers The police report that cold callers, saying they are ex-offenders trying to go straight, are operating in the area. Remember that you don't have to answer your door to anyone you aren't expecting. A genuine caller will have a valid pedlar's certificate and will make an appointment to come back when you can have a friend or relative with you. Remember too that with the current ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, you cannot guarantee a safe distance or cleanliness of any purchases made.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Draycott Community Shop Christmas Opening Hours

Our Christmas opening hours will be normal except - 8am – 1pm Christmas Eve CLOSED – Christmas Day 8.30am-10.30am for papers – Boxing Day and New Year's Day 8am-1pm – Monday 28th December (Bank Holiday). These are our proposed opening times but may be subject to change. Full opening times will be published at the shop nearer Christmas.

Draycott Memorial Hall

The hall was closed on 5th November as part of the second government lockdown, it is hoped that we can re-open on Wednesday 2nd December, but this will be dependent on the Coronavirus situation at the time. However, we hope to return to normal operations soon. Please contact the booking secretary for availability on 07851 410459 or by email to enquiries@draycottmemorialhall.org.uk

From the Jubilee Committee

- 1 Draycott Jubilee new noticeboard has been erected by Mike, outside the Strawberry Special. If you would like to display a poster, please contact Janette Vining, 07967 636 260 or leave it at the Community Shop.
- 2 No Lazy Lunch this year, so may the Jubilee Committee wish you all a very happy Christmas. Next year's Lazy lunch will be on Friday 26th November 2021.
- 3 Thinking ahead to June 2022, we shall be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the first for any monarch.

Draycott Diaries Podcast

Gerald Dally, resident of Draycott for 87 years, tells Tiggi how the village has changed in a lifetime. Just one of over 30 life stories ready for you to listen to from around the Parish. www.draycottdiaries.com

Christmas Wishes

Trish Corrick, BEM, would like to send Christmas greetings, and let it be known that she will not be sending individual Christmas cards this year.

The Draycott And Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

October Winners £50 J. Quill £25 J. Quill £15 G. Anniuk
November Winners £50 J. Handy £25 H. Dance £15 Ian and Lesley Gladman
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.

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The WI

The WI is having a zoom session to make Christmas wreaths and the results of their efforts may be seen on front doors round the village.

SOSP (Supports of St Peters Church)

Have you missed the usual SOSP supported Fun & Fundraising events this year? We have certainly missed hosting these events, but we have especially missed your company and generosity in helping us raise much needed funds towards the upkeep of St Peter's Church.

So, during the Christmas Wreath Festival there will be a collection box for monetary donations in lieu of 2020 fundraising events. Or you can leave a donation at the Community Shop. Please support us if you can. Thank you & see you all in 2021!

EVENTS

Lifesize Nativity Scene Draycott Glebe Field. Supporters of St Peter's (SOSP) wish everyone a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year hope you enjoy this year's joint village display.

Christmas Wreath Festival & Giving Weekend!! St Peter's Church, Draycott. Come & see all the Christmas Carol/Song themed wreaths made by local groups & individuals to decorate St Peter's Church for Advent Saturday 5th December 10.30-2pm + Sunday 6th 12-2pm (dependent current on Covid-19 regulations). Voluntary donations gratefully received!

Christmas at St Peter's Church, Draycott There will be a live carol service on the 20th at 4pm, with Barry Rose (limited capacity) and services on Christmas Eve/ Day (see diary) 20/12/20, 24/12/20, 25/12/20 4.00pm, 9.00pm 10.00am.

Nativity Treasure Hunt Draycott & Rodney Stoke. Look out for the Nativity Treasure Hunt around both villages. In aid of The Children's Society (normally supported by the annual Carol Singing fundraiser). 18th December – 5th January. Maps £1 at Draycott Community Shop.

Family Christmas Eve Promenade for the time of COVID St Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke. Enjoy the candle-lit wintery intimacy of St Leonard's with all the usual decorations, with crib, tree and Christmas music – a perfect start to Christmas. Christmas Eve Thursday 24 December 3pm to 6pm.