

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Draycott And Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

December winners £50 M. Whittle £25 R & S Gossling £15 T. Lumley. 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 01934 253741 for details.

Ladies Seeking Wool

Three Draycott ladies are busy knitting birds' nests and pouches for the poor animals which have been caught in the awful fires in Australia. However, they are running out of wool, so are asking if anyone has any spare oddments of wool, please can you get in touch? Thank you. Audrey Moulton. 01934 743076.

Your Community Shop

We have been open for business for nearly two months, and manager Leonie with her team of volunteers are settling in well. If you haven't already, please do come and see the transformation. We are keen to hear your feedback and warmly welcome everyone. Don't forget, all profits made will go back into village projects and causes. We are finding that there are people who would like to be able to use the shop on a Sunday afternoon, so we are going to trial from 26th January, staying open until 4pm rather than closing at 1pm on Sunday. I have therefore added this shift to the rota. We will review things over the next few weeks, both from a sales and a volunteering perspective. As always, thank you, we couldn't do this without the support of such a great team. Phoebe Bright and Jackie Meldon.

Strawberry Tots

You will be pleased to know that Strawberry Tots will be continuing under the leadership of Linda Eccleston, who has taken over from Phoebe Bright, who ran it for some years. Many thanks to Phoebe for her hard work, and to Linda who has volunteered to take it on. Linda's contact number is 07966 225167.

Mobile Police Vehicle

We are sorry the Police have not yet been able to give dates, in time for publication, for the Mobile Police Vehicle to visit the villages.

EVENTS

Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper at the Draycott Memorial Hall. School PTA Fundraising Quiz Evening with a Fish & Chip supper. There will be a bar and raffle. Max teams of 8. Saturday 7th March 7:00pm £10 Tickets available from the Community Shop & the school. Gill Charlton 01749 871197 gilliancharlton123@btinternet.com

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Mendip Players Pantomime: Cinderella at the Memorial Hall, Draycott. The Mendip Players put their usual twist on the traditional Cinderella pantomime – a guaranteed great event for children and adults alike! February 5th, 7th and 8th, Wednesday 5th & Friday 7th: at 7:30pm; Saturday 8th: at 2.00pm matinee and 7:30pm. Adults: £9.00, Children £5 Available online: www.themendipplayers.co.uk and available at Draycott Community Shop

Spring Concert in Draycott Church. An evening with David Cheetham - organ, piano and voice; and Barry Rose - organ. Refreshments. Thursday 26th March 7.30pm. Free, with a retiring collection for the church organ fund. David Cheetham 01934 740255 cheetham@lowerwestfield.co.uk

SOSP (Supporters of St Peter's Church) Winter Warmer Curry Night Fundraiser at The Strawberry Special. Join us for a choice of homemade meat &/ Veg curries followed by delicious homemade puds! Tickets £12.50 from Community Shop, Strawberry Special or Thea Oliver. Friday 28th February 7.30 for 8pm. Thea 01934 744739.

SOSP Lent Soup Lunch for Christian Aid at the Strawberry Special. Join us after 'Coffee & Cake' for homemade soups, bread, cheese & cakes Please contact Thea beforehand with any offers of soups and cakes. Saturday March 7th 12 to 1.30 £5. Thea 01934 744739.

Rodney Stoke Annual Pancake Races, Millway, Rodney Stoke. Everyone welcome. Please bring your own frying pan for the races. Sunday February 23rd 2.30pm. Pancakes £1.00. Nick Hayes 01749 870 673.

Valentine Quiz and Fish and Chip Supper at Rodney Stoke Church Hall Rodney Stoke. Delicious Fish Chip supper. Drinks available with Raffle. Quiz teams of four. Everyone welcome. Saturday February 15th 7.00pm. Adults £12 Children £6.00. Nick Hayes 01749 870673.

WI Meetings at Draycott Memorial Hall. 6th February 7.30pm "Driftwood hands on, create your own", a practical workshop with Emma Duke. For re-joining and new members only. No visitors. 5th March 7.30pm Cheryl Westbury will talk about "Gut health - good health". Visitors welcome. Annual membership £43. Visitors £5.00 per meeting. Maximum of 3 meetings before joining. Jan Warne 01749 871221 janw@uwclub.net

Village Walk up Batcombe Hollow. Steep walk up Batcombe Hollow to West Mendip Way and then down Hill Lane and across to Swans Lane. Sticks useful and dogs on leads welcome. Sunday 16th Feb. Meet at the monument at 1.30pm. Steve Ledbetter 01934 744503

Village Walk around Nyland. A moor walk around Nyland Hill via Hardmead and Dolmead Lanes, Mostly flat with a choice of around the hill or up over the top. Sunday 15th March. Meet at The Strawberry Special at 2.30pm. Alan Rowntree 01934 743063