

Parish Diary April & May 2021

First Thursday	Regular Monthly Events - see Events on inside pages for details. 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

April

Thursday	01	School holiday
Friday	02	Good Friday Bank Holiday Shop open 8.00am – 1.00pm
Saturday	03	Shop open 8.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday	04	Easter Monday Bank Holiday Shop open 8.00am – 1.00pm
Monday	05	Shop open 8.00am – 1.00pm
Monday	12	Step Two out of Lockdown
Sunday	18	2.00pm Footpath walk
Monday	19	First day of school term

May

Monday	03	Early May Bank Holiday
Sunday	16	2.00pm Footpath walk
Monday	17	Step 3 out of lockdown. Memorial Hall reopens
Saturday	29	New Road reopens
Monday	31	Spring Bank Holiday First day of half term.

Deadline for June 2021 edition ~ Wednesday 19th May

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

Thoughts on a Flagpole Please

Would you like to see a flagpole in The Pound for everyone in both villages to see a flag flying to commemorate special days? We would like to know if you are for or against the idea and will be counting responses to make the decision. Please use the contact us page on our website, give us a call or drop us a line. The draft flag policy is available on our website showing which flags could be flown. The flagpole will be locked with an internal lanyard. The pole will be sited to allow other activities, such as the Christmas tree to continue. Please take a moment to let us know.

Burial Ground Grit Bin

We've put a grit bin in the Burial Ground in Draycott for visitors to use on the path in icy weather. We'll keep an eye on it but please get in touch if you think it needs refilling.

Ash Dieback

The closure of New Road in Draycott has been extended to the 31st of May and Westbury Drove in Westbury until 26th March to remove trees suffering from Ash dieback. The District Council is preparing a leaflet which will be available on our website, but we are asking landowners to be vigilant in getting trees cut back as soon as they show signs of the disease. Delays can be expensive and hazardous.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Roadmap Out of Lockdown

Organised indoor adult sport reopens
Domestic overnight stays.
Remaining outdoor entertainment including performances.
Remaining accommodation to open.
International travel review.

The Four Tests

Test 1: The vaccine programme continues successfully.
Test 2: Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective.
Test 3: Infection rates do not surge in hospitalisations.
Test 4: The risk is not changed by new Variants of Covid.

If these are completed the steps are: - (continued on next page).

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Roadmap Out of Lockdown continued

Step 1 Social distancing still in place

8th March

Primary and secondary schools reopen, plus wraparound childcare.
Exercise or recreation outdoors with one other person is also permitted.

29th March If the four tests to carry on with the roadmap are passed: -
The rule of 6 outdoors is allowed, with outdoor sports.
Outdoor parent and child groups of up to 15 can also begin

Step 2 Social distancing still in place

If the four tests to carry on with the roadmap are passed: -
Around 12 April, to be confirmed a week in advance.
Gym and indoor leisure will reopen.
The rule of 6 outdoors continues but no mixing indoors.
Outdoor attractions such as zoos, theme parks and drive in cinemas to open.
Eating outdoors will be permitted.
Non-essential shops to reopen.
Person care premises to resume business.
Libraries and community centres to open.
Household over-night stays permitted.
Indoor children's activities resume.

Step 3 Social distancing still in place

If the four tests to carry on with the roadmap are passed: -
17th May
Indoor entertainment and attractions reopen
30-person limit outdoors.
Rule of 6 or two households can meet indoors.

Dogs Behaving Badly

Or is it their owners? There is an increase of dog mess left on our streets and pavements.
Clear up after your pets. Take it home or put it in the bins provided please.

Draycott Over 50s Monthly Coach Trips

Unfortunately, due to the current situation we are not planning any coach trips for 2021.

The Draycott And Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

December Winners £50 S.Boyd £25 T. Oliver £15 N. Boyd £50
Bonus Prize F. Faulkner R. Dury

January Winners £50 A. Vincent £25 S. Freeman £15 M. Ball
February Winners £50 J. Slater £25 B. Apted £15 K. Longhurst

March Winners £50 C Butter £25 B. Wheal £15 R. Wills

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.

Draycott Diaries – Your Community Podcast

A Podcast series made entirely by volunteers for your enjoyment. Do you love the BBC'S "Antiques Roadshow"? Then listen to our current episode where Tiggi talks to celebrity Margie Cooper, an expert from the show and who also stars on the BBC'S "Antiques Road Trip". A peek behind the scenes of two BBC Treasure's! Listen now on www.draycottdiaries.com

Draycott Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall is currently closed under government lockdown restrictions, we have been advised that the earliest date that the hall may be allowed to open would be Monday 17th May, this is dependent on continued easing of the lockdown. However, we have used the lockdown to refurbish the upstairs room which should be completed by the proposed re-opening date.

Community Shop Update

We were proud to hold our first Annual Members Meeting, (AMM) on zoom last month attended by over 40 of our shareholders. Our first year of trading has been very successful both in terms of finance & the support offered to our community in such an unprecedented year. As always, we welcome new volunteers. Shifts are very flexible and can be as easy as just 2 hours a month. Do get in touch if you would like to become part of a friendly group of people that keep this vital village amenity running for us all. You can also show your support by becoming a member & shareholder for just £20. More details available on our website – www.draycottcommunityshop.co.uk. We hope that the shop will continue to thrive and that our wonderful community will carry on supporting it through the upcoming months as restrictions are lifted.

Community Shop Opening Hours

As the days are starting to get lighter, the Community Shop will be extending its opening hours to 5pm Monday-Saturday from 29th March. Easter Opening Hours - Good Friday – 8am-1pm Saturday – 8am – 5pm Easter Sunday – 8am – 1pm Easter Monday – 8am – 1pm.

WI Meetings

These are still being held on Zoom and we do not anticipate being able to meet in the hall before June at the earliest. We have several prospective new members, but they wish to wait for actual face to face meetings. If you are interested in joining, then please contact Jan Warne. 01749 871221 janw@uwclub.net

EVENTS

Footpath Walks Sunday 18 Apr @ 1400 Meet at Strawberry Special (ST 47495068). Moor walk around Nyland Hill via Hardmead and Dolmead Lanes. Easy, mostly flat with choice up Nyland or around. 1 ½ -2 hours. Leader John 01934 744453.

Sunday 16 May @ 1400 Meet at Rodney Stoke Inn (ST 47475022). To Stoke Wood via Scaddens Lane, up the woods then across to Hill Lane and downhill to the Inn. Steep in parts sticks useful (can be slippery in woods). 1 ½ -2 hours. Leader TBN.

Draycott and Rodney Stoke 38th Village Show, The Memorial Hall, Draycott 14th August 2021 from 2.00pm. Classes include vegetables, flowers, floral art, photography, housecraft, homecraft and for children. Programmes available from Community Shop and website very soon. Contact pjolley@hotmail.com with questions.