

Parish Diary December 2021 and January 2022

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
Every Tuesday	Cheddar Male Voice choir. 7:30pm at Draycott Memorial Hall. New members welcome.
Every Wednesday	09:30 - 11.30am Strawberry Tots at Draycott Memorial Hall
Every Wednesday	Emily Ellis 07861 662275 or emilyjaneellis1981@gmail.com

DECEMBER

Thursday	02	WI Meeting. DMH 7:30pm
Tuesday	14	Christmas Quiz at Strawberry Special 8.00pm
Friday	17	End of School Term
Friday	17	Christmas Bingo. DMH 6.45pm for 7.30 Eyes down
Monday	27	Christmas Day (substitute day) Holiday
Tuesday	28	Boxing Day (substitute day) Holiday
Wednesday	29	Christmastide Concert – St Peter's 7.00pm

January

Tuesday	04	First Day of School Term
Thursday	06	WI Meeting. DMH 7:30pm
Sunday	16	Village Walk. Meet Rodney Stoke
Thursday	20	Parish Council meeting. DMH 7:00pm

Deadline for February 2022 edition – Wednesday 19th January

Completed proforma to Mike Kennedy, Micawbers, New Road, Draycott, BS27 3SG
01934 741912 or email vortech.mk@gmail.com

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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Merry Christmas and a prosperous Happy New Year to all

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Window Wanderland 2021

You are invited to take part in Window Wanderland! This is the first year we have joined this wonderful community event with Cheddar and Shipham. Please register at www.windowwanderland.com/event/cheddar-somerset-2021/ Its free to sign up and you can pick up your free pack from The Arts Quarter at the bottom of Cheddar Gorge. Design your window as elaborately or simply as you like, please see the website for inspiration. Light your window between 6pm-8pm from the 3rd to 12th December and enjoy the magical trail created through the villages. Thank you to everyone who has signed up already.

New Councillor and a vacancy

A warm welcome to our new Parish Councillor Val Bullen from Rodney Stoke who has just joined the Parish Council. We still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and if you think you might be interested please contact the Clerk or a Councillor, or have a look at our website for more details and an application form. Training will be available.

CCTV

Due to the continued acts of vandalism to the Playing field, children's playground and the Football Club and its equipment, the Parish Council has installed a security camera system that will help in identifying perpetrators. The CCTV is not there to spy on your use of the playing field and is not monitored. It will only be viewed in order to identify those causing damage and the data will be passed to the police. The Parish Council has put in place stringent controls to comply with Data Protection regulations and other laws dealing with CCTV.

AONB Grants

There is a new grants programme available from the Mendip Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) for farmers and landowners farming in protected landscapes. Please see our website for further details.

Next Meeting – Thursday 20th January – 7pm Draycott Memorial Hall

Members of the public are welcome and may speak during public participation. Alternatively written statements received by 12pm on the day of the meeting can be read out on behalf of a member of the public not wishing to attend in person.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cheddar Community Café reopened 12th November

Opposite the Bath Arms, the café is under new management, but has the same ethos. As well as good quality food the café has expanded its community commitment, providing Pay What You Can Family meals, OAP lunches, toddler mornings, The Food Barn for those in need and other options listed at the café. Extended menu available. Give it a try when next in Cheddar.

Draycott Diaries – Your Community Podcast Made by Volunteers

The Draycott Posties Journey. Listen now to the amazing life changing event that happened to our Postman Ian MacLachlan. Running across the Moroccan Sahara in aid of "Hounds for Heroes". Listen NOW www.draycottdiaries.com

Please donate to Ian's charity at www.postiesjourney.com or in cash at the Draycott Community Shop.

Defibrillators

The parish has three community automated defibrillators. They are sited at The Rodney Stoke Inn, The Strawberry Special and Draycott Memorial Hall. Key-fobs with the defibrillator cabinet access code, **C123X**, are available from the Draycott Community Shop. In the event of an incident:

1. **Dial 999** and call for an ambulance. 2. **Start CPR** (chest compressions) 3. If a second person is available **send THEM** for the defibrillator - **do NOT stop CPR**.

The Draycott and Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

September Winners £50 C Wills £25 M Banks £15 P Mullan

October Winners £50 L Fochtmann £25 K & T Percival £15 S Boyd

November Winners £50 P Mullan £25 J Connor £15 M Whittle

If you would like to join the 100 Club and have the chance to win a prize every month. Email chris@thefultonfamily.co.uk or ring 01934 253741 for details.

Vacancy for a trustee of The Charity of John and Joseph Card, aka the Draycott Charity.

Created in 1724 it has been helping local people ever since. Are you interested in becoming one of the 12 voluntary trustees?

- Twice yearly meetings - November (11.00am – 4.00pm), for AGM and grants, and a much shorter, evening, meeting in April for general business and grants.
- Grants are made to individuals (pensions, educational and hardship), groups, school and Copley Field.

Details contact Valerie Kennedy 01934 741912 or email vskenedy2021@outlook.com

West Mendip Orchestra

If you are a local musician in search of an Orchestra to play in, the West Mendip Orchestra is your local community orchestra. We are a medium sized, friendly amateur orchestra. Members come from a wide area including Bristol to Bridgwater and Wells to Weston-super-mare. We rehearse at The Lynch Chapel, Winscombe on Fridays from 7.45pm to 10.00pm. We are currently looking for additional players in most sections to boost numbers post lockdown. If you are interested please contact chairman@west-mendip-orchestra.org.uk for more details or call 07866 535289.

EVENTS

Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI meetings

02nd December. Draycott Memorial Hall. "Christmas Workshop" with Dot Prince. Current members only 7.30pm.

06th January. Draycott Memorial Hall. Chloe Hayward "Remaking Clothes 7.30pm. All prospective new members very welcome. Contact Jan email janw@uwclub.net or 01749 871221 for more details.

Strawberry Special – Christmas Quiz

14th December. 8:00pm. Come join the fun at The Strawb and test your knowledge skills. Prizes to be won. Max tables of 6. £1 per person. Contact Lori Toms 01934 742177 or email l.toms@btconnect.com

Christmas Bingo – Draycott Memorial Hall

17th December. We will be holding our annual Xmas bingo at the Hall with doors open at 6.45pm for eyes down at 7.30pm. All prizes will be Xmas fayre, children are welcome - admission free.

Village Walks December and January

26th December. The Boxing Day walk is cancelled as it is understood the Hunt is not operating from Priddy this year.

16th January. Footpaths of Rodney Stoke. All the footpaths of Rodney Stoke. Very easy and flat. Meet at the Rodney Stoke Inn at 2.00pm. John Connor 01934 744453 or email Johnconnor@travelmad.plus.com

Christmastide Concert - St. Peter's Church, Draycott

29th December. 7:00pm. Barry and Nicola Rose with singers Amy Carson and Tim Dickinson in an evening of music to suit all tastes. £10.00 – limited to 80 tickets. Contact Barry Rose 01934 744838, email BRose80648@aol.com or at Level Crossing, Milking Lane, Draycott.

Mobile Police Vehicle Update

All visits to our area by the PCSO officers are now shown on the Mendip Neighbourhood Policing Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/aspmpendip/> It is also important to check the Mendip West Update which is also published monthly on this page with all the dates and events that are taking place in our area. It is hoped that residents will use these visits to discuss any concerns that they may have.

Mendip Players Panto – Save the date

Mendip Players will be performing FrankenPanto, a rather silly story written by their own Dan Ward. Performances will be on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday (twice) 3rd, 4th and 5th February 2022**. Watch out for ticket announcements to have the best seats in town for what promises to be a Panto with a difference.

Crib nights at the Strawberry

We are looking to restart the crib nights, unfortunately Sundays are no longer available so looking to put it on another night. (Thursday?). Let me know if you are interested. Steve Young 01749 870987 or email steveyoung1987@hotmail.co.uk