

Parish Diary October & November 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
Every Tuesday	Cheddar Male Voice choir. 7:30pm at Draycott Memorial Hall. New members welcome.
Every Wednesday	10.00 am-12.00 noon Strawberry Tots at Draycott Memorial Hall Contact: Linda Eccleston 07785 261127 or larchbold@gmail.com

OCTOBER

Thursday	07	WI Meeting. DMH 7:30pm
Sunday	17	Village Walk. Meet Rodney Stoke Inn

NOVEMBER

Thursday	04	WI Meeting. DMH 7:30pm
Sunday	14	Village Walk. Meet Strawberry Special
Thursday	18	Parish Council meeting. DMH 7:00pm.

Deadline for December 2021 edition – Wednesday 17th November

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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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Survey about The Street Draycott

Please complete the survey accompanying this newsletter and submit your survey by 10th October 2021 either by post, drop it in to Draycott Community Shop or email it. Details are at the end of the survey. Please have your say. Your participation is much appreciated and will help to shape proposals to address the traffic problems.

Window Wanderland 2021

We are delighted to announce that Draycott and Rodney Stoke will be taking part in this event this year in association with The Arts Quarter. Please look out for posters for full details and keep an eye on www.theartsquarter.com and social media for further information. This is a fantastic community event and we look forward to seeing the wonderful displays.

Autumn Clear Up

Sadly we have had some comments about the state of village hedges and roads. There has been exceptional growth this year so please give an extra push now that it's the season to cut back hedges and check around your property as well to make sure you aren't obstructing the paths and roads. Please show your community spirit and help to improve the villages for everyone.

Vacancy

Do you have an interest in village life? Why not consider joining the Parish Council! Becoming a Parish Councillor is a great way to help your community and to get involved in what is going on around you.

We currently have a VACANCY on the Parish Council and welcome hearing from anyone interested in taking on this role. For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Next Meeting – Thursday 18th November – 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

The Draycott Charity

Residents of Draycott may apply for grants but distribution is on the basis of need. Grants are available for:

- Educational expenditure, for toddlers to mature students, individually or groups.
- Grants for pensioners, 60+ years.

Grants for "need, hardship or distress", to alleviate unexpected hardship are available, **at time of need**, to any family or person living in Draycott. All information treated confidentially and questions answered. Apply to Helen Dance 01934 742811 or helenlh@uwclub.net for online form. Deadline for return of forms by **Friday 19th November**.

Draycott Diaries - Community Podcast

Dr Edward Richard Dingley OBE, Kstj,KMN,ASDK. A fascinating life story of a Draycott resident, who once was a parachuting Doctor with the RAF in the far east. Dropped into the Malayan jungle his job was to rescue downed air crew and support Special Forces Operations. Listen NOW www.draycottdiaries.com.

Males Wanted

Cheddar Male Voice Choir have restarted their program of rehearsals and concerts are in the pipeline. The repertoire is very varied including Traditional, Spiritual, Theatre and Pop songs. Over the past 26 years the choir has raised over £135,000 for good causes and charities. We now need more Male singers to get involved. Everyone can sing, it just needs a little practice. Why not come and see for yourself at the rehearsals evenings held in Draycott Memorial Hall every Tuesday at 7.30pm. More information at www.cheddarmvchoir.co.uk.

The Draycott and Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

August Winners £50 B. May £25 W. Hann £15 P. Sherlock

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.

A Beech Tree for the Community

Plans have been made to plant a Beech Tree in the gap in the Beech Avenue on the Draycott Sleights reserve. This is being funded from money received from the sale of Face Masks in Draycott Community Shop, It is hoped that it will thrive, and reflect the coming together of the Community in a time of crisis.

Donating a Memorial Bench

Have you ever thought of commissioning a Memorial to a loved one in a beautiful spot? A bench is appreciated and encourages visitors to linger and reflect. At St. Peter's Church, Draycott, we have a few spaces for benches in the churchyard. Either a donation of a whole bench, or a contribution towards a joint Memorial would be welcome. Info Chris Green, Churchwarden 07538582272 or email greendevitt@gmail.com.

EVENTS

Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI meetings.

07th October. Draycott Memorial Hall. Development of Plastic Packaging. Speaker Cyril Twist. 7.30pm.

04th November. Draycott Memorial Hall. Felting Demonstration. Speaker Jen Hunter. 7.30pm.

All prospective new members very welcome. Contact Jan email janw@uwclub.net or 01749 871221 for more details.

Supporter of St. Peter's Church (SOSP)

Hopefully returning soon: Coffee and Cake, Christmas Fair, Advent Festival and The Glebe Field Nativity. If you like planning ahead, maybe we can encourage thinking about Christmas? This year we would like to decorate the church with Animals from the Nativity - a toy, picture, ornament or something made. We look forward to seeing the church looking full of activity again soon! Contact Karen 01749 870067 or email Karenpercival100@btinternet.com

Village Walks October and November

17th October. Westbury. Lengthy walk via Millway to the ridge to Westbury returning to Rodney Stoke via fields. Not steep but involves lots of stiles.

Meet at the Rodney Stoke Inn at 2.00pm. John Connor. 01934 744453

14th November. Draycott Footpaths. All those footpaths of Draycott that you did not know existed. Meet at the Strawberry Special at 2.00pm. John Connor 01934 744453 or email Johnconnor@travelmad.plus.com

Mobile Police Vehicle

At time of publication we were unable to confirm the dates and times of the Mobile Police Vehicle. Contact PCSO Leanne Chinnock. Tel: 07702113211 leann.chinnock@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Ballroom & Latin Social Dance Class

28th September. 7:00pm Beginners Ballroom & Latin social dance class. Draycott Memorial Hall £5 per person. 8:00pm Want to dance but no partner. Then join me for light exercise to Ballroom & Latin music. £5 per person. Info. & booking Pamela 01934 741737 or 07763 460046 for both classes.