

Parish Diary April and May 2023

	Regular Monthly Events - see Events on inside pages for details.
First Thursday	7.30pm WI meeting. (Except February & August). Michele Stevens 07811 253827. michelemarystevens@hotmail.com
First Saturday	10.30am – 12.00noon. St Peter's Church Coffee and Cake morning. Karen Percival 01749 870067 . Karenpercival199@btinternet.com or any SOSP member
Second Sunday	8.00pm Quiz Night at Strawberry Special. Contact: Lori Toms 01934 742177, l.toms@btconnect.com
Second Thursday	7.30pm Crib night at the Strawberry Special. Beginners welcome. Contact Steve Young 01749 870987 or email steveyoung1987@hotmail.co.uk
Every Tuesday	Cheddar Male Choir. 7.30pm at Draycott Memorial Hall. New members welcome.
Every Tuesday	Mendip Players Youth Group. 5.00 – 6.30pm. at Draycott Memorial Hall. New members welcome.
Every Wednesday	9.15 – 10.15am Drop-In. Term Time Only. Strawberry Tots Baby and Toddler group at Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School Hall Contact Emily Ellis 07861 662275 or emilyjaneellis1981@gmail.com
Every Thursday	Draycott Art Club 2023. 10.00am – 4.00pm at Draycott Memorial Hall. Regular sessions every week, absolute beginners welcome. Find us on Facebook

April

Saturday	01	St Peter's Church Coffee and Cake morning. 10.30am – 12.00noon
Thursday	06	WI Meeting. DMH 7:30pm
Monday	17	First day of school term
Sunday	23	Village Walk.

May

Thursday	04	WI Meeting. DMH 7:30pm
Saturday	06	St Peter's Church Coffee and Cake morning. 10.30am – 12.00noon
Sunday	21	Village Walk. Meet at Strawberry Special at 2.00pm.
Friday	26	Last day of school term
Friday	31	Easter Bingo. DMH 7.00pm Eyes down 7.30pm

Deadline for June 2023 edition – Wednesday 17 May

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@Somersetcc.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



Parish News



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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Multi User Path

It is fantastic to see this path cut back and restored to its original condition by County Highways. The drains which have been a problem for years have also been cleared.

Health and Wellbeing Survey

CLlr Lynda Dearden has developed a thorough survey of the activities, services and facilities that are available in our Parish. If you are wondering what might be here for you, this excellent document is available on our website (www.parish-council.com/rodneystoke) under 'Useful Contacts' or please ask the Clerk for a copy.

The Pound Wildflower Garden

We are excited to announce that this area is to be developed into a wildflower garden, supporting nature and creating a beautiful place to visit. If you'd like to get involved and help, please contact Lynda Dearden on 07711 078617.

Memorial Oak Tree

We delighted to have planted an oak tree near the main entrance to the Rev Copley Playing Field to commemorate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. We think the smart tree guard and the oak make a beautiful new addition to the field.

Dog Walkers

This concerning problem is still happening far too frequently. Dogs are not permitted on the Rev Copley playing field even on lead. Dog faeces can cause serious illness for children and adults.

When you are walking your dog, please do not leave poo bags in hedges as the Council does not clear them. Please use the dog bins provided around the villages or take it home.

Next Meeting – Thursday 18 May 2023 – 7.00pm Draycott Memorial Hall

Members of the public are welcome and may speak during public participation. Alternatively written statements received by 12.00pm 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

Draycott Diaries - Your local Village Podcast

Have you heard?

Draycott Diaries Village Podcast website currently has 56 episodes available. Have you heard the one about...? Why not check out what you may be missing on www.draycottdiaries.com All of this would not have been possible without the support of the local community – Thank you. We invite you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram, to find the latest developments on Tiggi's new ideas for the future. Warmest wishes, The Draycott Diaries Team.

The Draycott and Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

February Winners	£50	T & V Andrews
	£25	P Sherlock
	£15	M Warne

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.

Defibrillators

The parish has three community automated defibrillators. They are sited at The Rodney Stoke Inn, The Strawberry Special and Draycott Memorial Hall. The Cabinet access code is **C123X**. In the event of an incident: 1. **Dial 999** and call for an ambulance. 2. **Start CPR** (chest compression) 3. If a second person is available **send THEM** for the defibrillator - **DO NOT stop CPR**.

Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI

We are a friendly and inclusive WI, holding our meetings at Draycott Memorial Hall. Our members take part in various activities such as book club, local walks and coffee and chat mornings. New members are always welcome. Want to see what it is all about, find out more or make arrangements to attend a meeting? Please call Michele for a chat on 07811 253827 or email michelemarystevens@hotmail.com

Cheddar Male Choir

A proper singing session is a wonderful workout for the lungs. The actions of warming up, breathing deeply and opening the diaphragm all oxygenate the blood, creating more white blood cells, which strengthens the whole body. The breathing rate slows and deepens, releasing endorphins and increasing a profound sense of well being. Singing also improves your posture and tones your stomach muscles so your body is less prone to injury as you age. Singing is also FUN! Everyone can sing, it just takes a little practice. Why not come and see for yourself at the rehearsal evenings held every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Draycott Memorial Hall. For more information check out www.cheddarmvchoir.co.uk.

Events

Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI meetings

06 April. History of Cheddar Village. Speaker John Page. Competition: An item of local interest

04 May. Coronation Event – Members Only.

All events begin at 7.30pm. Draycott Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome with free entry for 1st meeting. Contact Michele Stevens 07811 253827 or email to michelemarystevens@hotmail.com

Village Walks

23 April. To be advised

21 May. Stoke Wood. To Stoke Wood via Hill Lane and then down through Stoke Wood to Scaddens Lane and back to RS Inn. Walk steep in parts and slippery when wet, sticks are useful. Meet at Strawberry Special at 2.00pm.

Contact John Connor 01934 744453 or email johnconnor@travelmad.plus.com

Village History Weekend

21 April. "A taste of three villages" Talk by A Rowntree. 7.30pm. St Peter's Church. Refreshments available. Tickets £2.50 from Draycott Community Shop.

22 April. Village History Exhibition. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Variety of themes depicting village life. Refreshments available. Draycott Memorial Hall.

Royal Themed Scarecrow Festival

22 April to 09 May. Entry forms available from Draycott Community shop, The Rodney Stoke Inn or Karen Percival. Let your imagination run wild. Prize for the best entry. Draycott, Rodney Stoke and Nyland. Contact Karen Percival 01749870067

Supporters of St Peter's (SOSP) Jumble Sale

29 April. Run by SOSP to raise funds for the continuing refurbishment of Draycott village church. No jumble to be delivered to the pub before 10.00am on the day. 2.00pm at the Strawberry Special. Contact Janette Vining 07967 636260 or Valleys Edge, Latches Lane, Draycott.

Draycott Coronation Celebrations

07 May. Kings and Queens fancy dress, think outside the box, prize for best adult, prize for best child. From 12.00 midday at the Strawberry Special. Contact Janette Vining 07967 636260, email janette.kevin@tiscali.co.uk or Valleys Edge, Latches Lane, Draycott.

Coronation Celebration Afternoon Tea

07 May. Everyone welcome to join us to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. 3.00pm to 5.00pm. at the Rodney Stoke Inn. Price is Donations. Contact Honor Neave.

Tangled Web – Mendip Players Youth Group Production

17 & 18 May 2023. A one act play by Allie White centred on a group of young Shakespearean characters stranded on an island, and their attempts to escape. Draycott Memorial Hall. Evening performances at 7.30pm. (bar open 6.30pm). Tickets Adult £10, Child £7. See www.themendipplayers.uk.

Somerset Day

20 May. Scrumptious Somerset Supper, live music with a field donation bar around the fire pits. Games for everyone. Sorry no dogs. 6.00pm till late. Entry £15 Adults. Children under 12 years £7.50. Brangay Farm, Rodney Stoke. Contact Nick Hayes 01749 870673