

Parish Diary August and September 2023



Parish News



Sponsored by Rodney Stoke Parish Council for Draycott and Rodney Stoke

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 SOS member
Second Sunday	8.00pm Quiz Night at Strawberry Special. Contact: Lori Toms 01934 742177 loritoms4@gmail.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

August		
Saturday	05	St Peter's Church Coffee and Cake morning. 10.30am – 12.00noon
Saturday	05	Treasure Hunt 3.30pm BBQ 4.30pm. School/church car park. Valley's Edge Farm
Saturday	12	Village Show DMH 2.00pm
Sunday	20	Village Walk. Honeyhurst. Meet at Strawberry 3.00pm
September		
Saturday	02	St Peter's Church Coffee and Cake morning. 10.30am – 12.00noon
Monday	04	First day of school term
Thursday	07	WI Meeting. DMH 7.30pm
Sunday	17	Village Walk. Crooks Peak. Meet on road below Crooks Peak at 11.00am
Friday	22	Draycott Cinema. Top Gun:Maverick. DMH 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Saturday	23	Draycott Cinema. Puss In Boots: The Last Wish. DMH 10.00am for 10.30am
Friday	29	Bingo. DMH 6.45pm for Eyes down 7.30pm

Deadline for October 2023 edition – Wednesday 20 September

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

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for a Councillor

The Parish Council is seeking an enthusiastic villager with an interest in helping their community. If you would like to join our committed and active team of Councillors, please call the Clerk for more information. There are many different roles on the Council if you have a particular interest and training is available.

The Pound

If you haven't seen The Pound in Rodney Stoke lately you really should pay a visit. Thanks to Cllr Lynda Dearden the area has been transformed by wildflowers and is a lovely space to sit and relax.

Sponsor wildlife

Inspired by The Pound, we would like to refresh the wildlife zone in the Rev Cobley Playing Field with wildflowers and we are looking for a sponsor. Wildlife zones are important nature corridors for wildlife to move from one habitat to another. They provide homes and food for insects and animals and help to build resilience to climate change. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Clerk or speak to a Councillor.

Neighbourhood Watch

After some recent burglaries in the villages, we are reminding residents to be mindful of their cars and belongings and to keep sheds and garages locked.

Next Meeting – Thursday 21 September 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

In Memoriam

The Parish Council are very sad to announce the death of sitting Councillor Ken James who served the Parish well for many years and will be greatly missed by his fellow Councillors. We were also extremely saddened to hear of the death of former Councillor Sophie Courtiour who similarly served the villages of Draycott and Rodney Stoke for a number of years. We send our condolences to their family and friends.

Postal Collections from Draycott Community Shop Postbox

Please note that collection times have changed to 9.00am Mon- Fri. and 7.00am on Saturdays.

Hot weather at work

There is no legal limit for maximum temperatures but employers have a duty of care to ensure the workplace is safe, and heat is classed as a hazard. Advice for both employers and employees can be found on the Health and Safety Executive website.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Child Care Costs if you are on Universal Credit (UC)

The amount paid back for child care costs to parents on UC has risen to £951 for one child and £1,630 for two or more children.

DWP will help with the costs of the first month's child care when parents enter work or have significantly increased their working hours. They will get 85% of the costs back before the next month's bills are due. Use your UC journal to make a claim.

Draycott Diaries - Your Community Podcast

In February 2020 Tiggi chatted to Sophie Courtiour, willow sculptor, bell captain, house builder and devoted mum who sadly died in June of this year. Sophie was passionate about her community and the stunning country side that surrounds our villages. With the kind permission of her family Draycott Diaries will be shortly re-releasing her podcast and we will let you know the broadcast date. www.draycottdiaries.com or email tiggi@tiggitrethowan.co.uk

The Draycott and Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

June Winners	£50	B Wheal
	£25	J Connor
	£15	F Gosling

The 100 Club new year starts in September, membership renewal notices will be sent out shortly. If you would also 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.

POORS Land Trust

Grants are available towards school uniforms, for children resident in Rodney Stoke, starting school in Reception, moving to Middle or moving to Upper school. Also small 'one-off' payments for starting Further Education or Apprenticeships. Payments are not 'means tested'. Only residents in Rodney Stoke are eligible. Inquiries to Lynda Moore by Friday 18 August – 01749 870712 or 07598 134544. Requests after this date will not be considered. Any Rodney Stoke Senior Citizens who would like a Christmas 'box' please also advise Lynda.

Village History Weekend Books

There has not been sufficient demand to warrant a reprint of Alan Rowntree's books "Draycott", "Rodney Stoke" and "Nyland" however some interest has been shown. If anyone has spare copies then Alan can find them a good home. Please email a.rowntree@btinternet.com

Draycott Community Cinema

The choc ices are ordered, the lights are dimming and the red curtain is lifting. Our first proper showings are nearly here! 22 and 23 September – see the Diary for further details. You can now follow us on Facebook and Twitter, as well as joining our mailing list or be a volunteer by email info@draycottcinema.co.uk

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, throughout the month. New members are always welcome. Various membership options available. Want to see what it is all about, found out more or make arrangements to attend a meeting? Please do call Michele on 07811 253 827 or email to michelemarystevens@hotmail.com for a chat or view WI activities www.draycottmemorialhall.org.uk/activities.

Cardiff Trip

Is it too soon to mention Christmas yet? Perhaps you would like to get some Christmas shopping done? The trip is running on Sunday 26 November. Tickets £13.50. Pick up points are Draycott and surrounding areas, approximate timings for departure are 8.30am from Draycott and departure from Cardiff at 4.30pm. Contact Sarah Knight 07762 908278 to book your seat or for more information.

Barn Dance.

Look forward to a fun evening of live music and a hog roast or vegetarian alternative. **Saturday 14 October.** Tickets £18, including live music and food, available from Draycott Community Shop. In support of Draycott Community Shop. 7.00pm to 11.00pm. Contact Claire Love-Jones 07790 075327 or email claire@lovejones.co.uk or via the Draycott Community Shop.

Events

Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI meetings

No Meeting in August.

07 September. Open Meeting – all welcome Non-members £5.00 on entry. Seeking out the Sun – A Space Odyssey by Jo Richardson, Space Detectives. Competition: A Scientific Object.

05 October. Upcycling your gear and saving the planet by Joan Cullen, Brenda Apted, Barley Hearn. Competition: An upcycled object

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

Village Walks

20 August. Honeyhurst. A very pleasant walk through Honeyhurst Orchard then across the fields to Rodney Stoke Church. A steep climb up Hill lane returning via Swans Lane. Meet at The Strawberry Special at 3.00pm

17 September. Crooks Peak and lunch. A further afield walk up Crooks Peak and then a stop for a pub lunch at the New Inn Cross. A very comfortable uphill walk then down through Compton Bishop. Meet on the road below Crooks Peak at 11.00am.

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

Supporters of St Peter's (SOSP)

05 August. Walking Treasure Hunt around Draycott followed by BBQ, bring your own alcohol, soft drinks and food available to buy. Treasure Hunt starting from School/ Church Car Park. BBQ at Valleys Edge Farm, Latches Lane. Treasure hunt 3.30pm. Treasure Hunt £2 per person, pre-school children free. BBQ from 4.30pm. Contact Karen Percival 01749 870067 or email karenpercival100@btinternet.com

Rodney Stoke

20 August. Treasure Hunt. A fun afternoon followed by cream tea in the Church Hall, Stoke Street. Price TBA. 2.00pm Edcombe Farm, Stoke Street. Contact Nick Hayes 01749 870673.

28 October. Autumn Quiz with fish and chip supper. An enjoyable fun evening with teams of four. Price TBA. 6.00pm Church Hall, Stoke Street. Contact Nick Hayes 01749 870673.

Draycott Memorial Hall Events

29 September. Bingo. From September we are going to be holding a monthly bingo and we hope you can join us for our first one on Friday 29 September, doors open 6.45pm eyes down 7.30pm. Raffle and cash flyer, refreshments available during the interval, children welcome and we will be continuing with our themed ones throughout the year too!

30 September. Table Top Sale. 10.00am to 12.00noon. A chance for a sort out or maybe you fancy coming to grab a bargain? Tables are £10.00 each. Refreshments available. To book your space email enquires@draycottmemorialhall.org.uk or call Booking Secretary, Sarah Knight 07851 410459

Draycott & Rodney Stoke Village Show

12 August. The Village show will take place at Draycott Memorial Hall. Doors open at 2.00pm, entry is free and refreshments are available. Entry forms and Schedules available from the Draycott Community Shop or Seagars. Also available for download at <https://drsvillageshow.webador.co.uk>. Entry forms must be handed into the Draycott Community Shop, The Street, Draycott or emailed to pielley@hotmail.com by 5.00pm on Thursday, 10 August, to enable cards to be prepared and tables laid out on Friday evening. Entries will only be accepted if all fees are paid in full.

A Taste of Three Villages

14 September. A repeat of the talk given by Alan Rowntree for the Village History Weekend. Tickets £2.50 available from 01 August from the Village Community Shop. Proceeds to Jubilee Committee. 7.30 pm Draycott Memorial Hall. Contact a.rowntree@btinternet.com

Draycott Community Cinema

22 September. Top Gun: Maverick. Tickets £5.00 (Over 12s only). Doors open 7.00pm for start at 7.30pm. Draycott Memorial Hall. Contact Lewis Wade info@draycottcinema.co.uk

23 September. Puss in Boots: The Last Wish. Tickets £2 (children must be accompanied by an adult for whom there is no charge). Doors open 10.00am for start at 10.30am. Draycott Memorial Hall. Contact Lewis Wade info@draycottcinema.co.uk