

Parish Diary June and July 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

June		
Thursday	01	WI Meeting. DMH 7:30pm
Saturday	03	St Peter's Church Big Breakfast morning. 08.30am – 10.00noon
Monday	05	First day of school term
Sunday	16	Village Walk. Westbury Beacon. Meet at Monument 2.00pm
July		
Saturday	01	St Peter's Church Coffee and Cake morning. 10.30am – 12.00noon
Thursday	06	WI Meeting. DMH 7:30pm
Sunday	16	Village Walk. Bradley Cross. Meet at Monument 2.00pm
Friday	20	Last day of school term

Deadline for August 2023 edition – Wednesday 19 July

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



Parish News



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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Waste collection on The Street, Draycott

Once again there have been missed waste collections due to inconsiderate parking on The Street, Draycott. Next time it could be an ambulance or a fire engine that does not get through to your family or neighbours. Do not expect others to come and find you if your car is blocking the road. Please remember that the police are the only authority that can deal with this problem, so report vehicles causing an obstruction immediately using the non-emergency police number 101.

Hyper Acute Stroke Care Facility at Yeovil District Hospital

We would like to make you aware that there are plans to relocate this facility to Musgrove Park Hospital (MPH) in Taunton. Please remember that this unit covers parts of the Mendip area and this move could overwhelm the already stretched facilities at MPH which could affect the treatment you receive. There is more information and a petition to sign at <https://chnng.it/NHsyWhN5dG>.

Planters

We are disappointed to hear that flowers keep being taken from the planters on the Wells Road that have been planted up at the generosity of local residents. Please let us know if you have any information or have seen it happening.

Next Meeting – Thursday 20 July 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

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

PENSION CREDIT

Somerset County Council Is giving all Somerset residents on Pension Credit (PC) a “Post Office Payment” of £100. Take your ID to a Post Office to make your claim.

PREPAYMENT METERS

If you are on a pre-payment meter you must redeem your vouchers before the 30 June 2023 deadline.

BROADBAND SOCIAL TARIFFS

Discounted broadband packages at a cheaper tariff are available if you are on any of these benefits:

- UC, ESA, JSA, PC and, sometimes, PIP and AA.

This should be free if switching with your provider. If your provider does not offer a Social Tariff, check for exit fees before switching to another provider. For help see the OFCOM website.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Draycott Diaries - Your local Village Podcast

Draycott Diaries podcast are on the lookout for new stories from the community. Do you know of any funny animal stories? Or historical events in Rodney Stoke or Draycott that others might enjoy? Contact us through the website www.draycottdiaries.com or email tiggi@tiggitrethowan.co.uk

The Draycott and Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

March Winners	£50	F Gosling
	£25	D Finnegan
	£15	C Burslem
April Winners	£50	M Warne
	£25	J Quill
	£15	N May
May Winners	£50	F Faulkner
	£25	S Boyd
	£15	P & A Dormer

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.

Your Community Shop is for life, not just for lockdown

We are lucky enough to have a fantastic vibrant community shop in Draycott village, supported by a wonderful team of volunteers. The shop has an amazing selection of reasonably priced items from fresh chilled food, including sandwiches and local cheeses, frozen goods and groceries to lovely local craft, as well as milk, bread, newspapers, magazines, fresh flowers, alcohol and a good selection of greetings cards. We always listen to suggestions and requests for items that you might like us to stock and offer a discount and sale or return on larger purchases for local events.

The shop was taken over by the community in November 2019 and has stayed open throughout the lockdowns that occurred during Covid. It is a happy hub for the villages as well as a box office for the many local events that we are lucky enough to have in Draycott and Rodney Stoke.

Please remember to continue to support your local shop, which is open for long hours, and gives a lot back to the community and supports our villages. Drop in to pick up an extra item as you are passing. That way we make sure that it continues to thrive.

History Weekend

What a great exhibition in the Memorial Hall, not forgetting the talk by Alan Rowntree. Many thanks to the organising committee members, sponsors and supporters who had obviously put in a lot of hard work to create such an interesting exhibition. The hall has never seen such crowds, many of whom stayed for some hours. Congratulations everyone who contributed and took part in any way. It is hoped to repeat the event within the next three years.

Rodney Stoke - Parish News Distributors

If you are able to help deliver the Parish News in Rodney Stoke please contact John Bailey email jbailey2@wanadoo.fr or Tel. 01749 870 291.

Draycott Community Cinema

Following successful test screenings, the Draycott Community Cinema is all systems go! Next showings in September – Top Gun: Maverick and Puss in Boots - The Last Wish. Please email to join the mailing list or our volunteer team info@draycottcinema.co.uk. Donations towards equipment welcome.

Scarecrows

Thank you to everyone who joined in with the scarecrow festival, an amazing display. Geoff Bathe from Cheddar managed to capture most these can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/6yvAjKzUWYI>
Contact Karen Percival 01749 870067 or email Karenpercival100@btinternet.com

Events

Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI meetings

01 June. Chair Yoga with Mary Cousins. Competition: Something for relaxation.

06 July. A career in music - cruise ships and holiday camps with James Vincent. Competition: A holiday souvenir.

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

Village Walks

18 June. Westbury Beacon. Up the Batch to West Mendip Way to join Westfield Lane at Priddy Junction. Thence to the Beacon returning via the hollow to Scaddens Lane. This is a fairly lengthy walk of 3 hours with a steep start up the Batch. Meet at Monument at 2.00pm. Contact John Connor 01934 744453 or email johnconnor@travelmad.plus.com

16 July. Bradley Cross. Up Batcombe Hollow then along middle moor and down to Bradley Cross. Return either along Top Road or Cheddar Moor Drive. Meet at Monument at 2.00pm. Contact Peter Dormer 01934 741844 or email johnconnor@travelmad.plus.com

Supporters of St Peter's (SOSP)

03 June. Christian Aid Big Breakfast. Full English Breakfast for £7.00 per person. St Peter's Church. 8.30 – 10.00am. Contact Karen Percival 01749 870067 or email Karenpercival100@btinternet.com

Draycott Memorial Hall Events

Our Memorial Hall has some very exciting events lined up and we hope to see you there!

03 June. Wedding Fayre. 11.00am to 3.00pm. Free Entry. £40 a pitch for stall holders (table & chairs provided).

10 June. Summer Social featuring The Blue Horizon and Somerset Entertainments. 7.30pm. Tickets £20 per person and on sale now. Please let us know if any dietary requirements.

30 June. Summer Bingo. Free entry, cash only, refreshments available during the interval, children welcome, raffle and adults cash flyer. Doors open 6:45 for eyes down 7:30pm

Contact Sarah Knight Booking Secretary 07851 410459 or email:

enquiries@draycottmemorialhall.org.uk

Cheddar Male Choir

17 June. A concert for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (DSAA). The choir invite you to a musical evening with the choir and Barry and Louise Walsh, a local folk/country/pop duo, to raise funds for DSAA. Cash bar and a raffle. Tickets on sale soon at £10 with all profits to DSAA. Doors & Bar open 7.00pm. Draycott Memorial Hall. Contact email contactcheddarmalechoir@gmail.com

Draycott & Rodney Stoke Village Show

12 August. The show will take place at Draycott Memorial Hall. Doors open at 2.00pm, entry is free and refreshments are available. Download Entry forms and Schedules at <https://drsvillageshow.webador.co.uk/>

A Taste of Three Villages

14 September. Look forward to 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