

Parish Diary April and May 2024

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. 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. Contact mendipplayersyouth@gmail.com
Every Wednesday	10.00 – 11.30am Drop-In. Term Time Only. Strawberry Tots Baby and Toddler group at Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School Hall Contact Mary Watt 07725519062 or email mary_2011@hotmail.co.uk

April		
Monday	01	Bank Holiday Easter Monday
Thursday	04	WI meeting. DMH 7.30pm
Saturday	06	St Peter's Church. Christian Aid Big Brekkie. 9.00am – 10.30am.
Saturday	06	St Peter's Church. Coffee and Cake morning. 10.30am – 12.00noon.
Saturday	13	St Peter's Church. The Big Clean. 9.30am.
Monday	15	First day of School term
Sunday	21	Village Walk. Westbury. Meet at Rodney Stoke Inn 11.30am
Friday	26	Bingo. DMH 6.45pm for 7.30pm Eyes down
Saturday	27	SOSP Jumble Sale. Strawberry Special 2.00pm.
May		
Thursday	02	WI Meeting. DMH 7.30pm
Saturday	04	St Peter's Church Coffee and Cake morning. 10.30am – 12.00noon
Monday	06	Bank Holiday May Day
Sunday	19	Village Walk. Stoke Wood. Meet at Rodney Stoke Inn 2.00pm
Friday	24	Last day of School term
Friday	24	Bingo. DMH 6.45pm for 7.30pm Eyes down
Monday	27	Bank Holiday Late Spring

Deadline for June 2024 edition – Wednesday 15 May

Completed proforma to Mike Kennedy, Micawbers, New Road, Draycott, BS27 3SG
07938940823 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

Replacement Bin in Rodney Stoke

We will be replacing the bin by the bus top at The Pound. It is hoped that this will reduce the amount of litter in the bus stop.

Wildflowers in The Pound and Rev Cobleby Playing Field

The group in Rodney Stoke will be seeding The Pound in the next few weeks and work will soon commence for the seeding in the wildlife zone in the playing field. We look forward to seeing the results in the months to come!

Impacts of Flooding

From the 13 March Somerset Council will no longer be providing sandbags to residents or businesses. Please plan ahead if you think you might be at risk of flooding and check Somerset.gov.uk on the beaches, ports and flooding page for up to date guidance.

Hedgehog Highways

Hedgehog numbers are in decline and hedgehog highways can provide a vital gap in a fence to provide access to forage for food and meet mates. If you are curious, please see hedgehogrus.co.uk

To register your interest for a free hedgehog highway please email the Parish Clerk by 01 May and, when 50 requests from Rodney Stoke Parish residents have been received, we will submit the order for one box of 50 hedgehog highways. 1 per household.

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council 29 February

A reminder that if you wish to see the Minutes of the meeting, and you cannot access them on our website page, DR1 Development, a copy is held at the village shop.

Nice to see you!

Please remember that members of the public are always welcome at our meetings.

Next Meeting – Thursday 16 May 2024 – 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.

Events

Cheddar Male Choir

10 May. The Choir and Soloist Holly Thomas will be performing a concert in support of the Devon & Somerset Air Ambulance (DSAA). Draycott Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.00pm for concert start at 7.30pm. Bar available. Tickets £10 available from Deanes of Cheddar, Choir members or on the door. Proceeds going to support DSAA in the vital, life saving work they fulfil in our community. For further information email contact cheddarmalechoir@gmail.com or Facebook page at [Cheddar-Male-Choir](https://www.facebook.com/Cheddar-Male-Choir).

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Draycott and Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

March Winners	£50	F Gosling
	£25	R Oliver
	£15	M Filer

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 01934 253741 for details.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN PHASE 2

The garden was well received last year and we are hoping to add 2 extra troughs to increase the food for pollinators and add even more colour. We want to ensure we make the garden the best it can be and if you could help us we would be very grateful. To achieve this we need more volunteers, plants and funds! Would you like to be involved? You can help maintain the garden on a 4 weekly basis, grow on plants or help in other ways. We also need plants and seeds. If anyone would like to contribute to the costs we would be very grateful. You can donate at the Draycott Community Shop or pay to our bank account, Draycott Butterfly Garden sort code 30-99-50 Account number 38868368. Please contact John Quill on 01934 742877 if you want to contribute in any other way.

If you are interested or want to know more please contact Joan Cullen on Jodiana67@gmail.com or Jan Warne on 07974 855547 or 01749 871221

The Charity of John & Joseph Card – 300th Anniversary May 2024 (Known locally as The Card Trust)

Established in 1724, John Card, the eldest brother, had 6 children who all died before him. When John died in 1724 his wife was unable to inherit, as women were not allowed to inherit. John left his land to the hamlet of Draycott and his money to his brother Joseph Card. In 1728 Joseph died and, as his children had also died before him, he left his money and land to the hamlet of Draycott. John and Joseph are both buried in Cheddar Churchyard.

The Will states that “money shall be doled out to the Second Poor”. The second Poor were those struggling to pay rent and working long hours to make ends meet, often unable to feed their families. Originally, the grants were for older people as a pension but also a part of the charity was for “need, hardship or distress”. Often for a “one-off” payment where applicants approached the Trustees for consideration.

Who can apply to The Card Trust? Twice yearly application details are published in the Parish Newsletter and on the Draycott Facebook page. Grants are based on the Trust income from the previous year. Applications for April 2024 are to be made to the Trust Clerk, Valerie Kennedy, Tel. 01934 741912 or email vskenedy2021@outlook.com, who will supply an application form. **The deadline for the next meeting is 09 April 2024.** Anyone living in the village can apply and the grant is assessed on need.

You can apply at any time of the year if you are in hardship by contacting the Trust Clerk. The Trust is non-judgemental and discreet.

A message from Draycott Diaries, your local village podcast

A reflection back to different times – We captured the resilience of the local community during the challenging times of COVID-19. Through interviews and stories we showcased how this rural village not only coped, but thrived with heart warming tales of solidarity. Visit our website to re-listen to the Draycott Diaries documentaries. www.draycottdiaries.com

Events (cont)

Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI meetings

04 April. The Silk Road – Ian Williamson. Competition: Favourite Piece of Silk. Open Meeting. All welcome. Non-members £5.00.

02 May. A History of Hand Spinning with a demonstration by Lindsay Shaw. Competition: An item of Wool.

All events begin at 7.30pm. Draycott Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome with free entry for first meeting. £5.00 non-members at Open meetings. Various membership options are available. Contact Michele Stevens 07811 253827 or email to michelemarystevens@hotmail.com

Village Walks

21 April. Westbury. Lengthy walk via Westfield Rd, along the ridge (several styles) to Westbury, stopping for lunch then returning to Rodney Stoke via fields and Millway. Meet at the Rodney Stoke Inn at 11.30am.

19 May. Stoke Wood. To Stoke Wood via Hill Lane and then downhill to Scaddens Lane to the Inn. STEEP IN PARTS STICKS USEFUL (CAN BE SLIPPERY IN WOODS). Meet at the Rodney Stoke Inn at 2.00pm.

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

Supporters of St Peters (SOSP)

06 April. Christian Aid Big Brekkie. Full English breakfast, fruit juice, toast with tea or coffee. £7 per person. 9.00am – 10.30am. St Peter’s Church Draycott. Contact Karen Percival 01749 870067 or email Karenpercival100@btinternet.com.

13 April. The Big Clean. Anyone who would like to help the SOSP team with cleaning the church would be welcome. Tea, coffee and cake will be available! 9.30am St Peter’s Church Draycott. Contact Thea Oliver or Karen Percival.

27 April. Jumble Sale. Donations welcome on the Day from 10.00am. We are unable to accept Furniture or electrical items. Sale starts 2.00pm. The Strawberry Special Draycott Contact Janette Vining

Draycott Memorial Hall

Join us for some Bingo fun and themed prizes.

26 April. Monthly bingo

24 May. Monthly bingo

Refreshments available during the interval, raffle, cash and prize flyer. Doors open 6.45pm for eyes down 7.30pm.

08 June. Summer Social. Meal and entertainment. Back by popular demand are The Blue Horizon and DJ Bernie of Nighthawk Discos. Tickets on sale soon, for more information regarding purchasing tickets please contact the Draycott Memorial Hall Booking Secretary, Sarah Knight, 07851 410459 or email enquiries@draycottmemorialhall.org.uk.

Draycott Community Cinema

19 April. Hot Fuzz. The People’s Comedy Choice – you voted out of 7 classics comedies and this one came out on top! Rated 15. All tickets £5. Draycott Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.

20 April. Wonka. Join Willy Wonka on his adventures as a young chocalateer. Open to all ages - Children must be accompanied by an adult. All tickets £2. Draycott Memorial Hall. Doors open 2.00pm for 2.30pm start.

11 May. Dream Horse. A small community bands together to breed a racehorse to compete amongst the elite. Q&A screening with the crew including director, Euros Lyn. All tickets £5. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.

18 May. Trolls Band Together. When Floyd is kidnapped, Branch and Poppy embark on a journey to rescue him. Open to all ages - Children must be accompanied by an adult. All tickets £2. Draycott Memorial Hall. Doors open 10.00am for 10.30am start.

Buy tickets at draycottcinema.co.uk or the Draycott Community Shop. Contact info@draycottcinema.co.uk