

## Parish Diary February and March 2024

Regular Monthly Events - see Events on inside pages for details.	
First Thursday	7.30pm WI meeting. (Except February & August). Michele Stevens 07811 253827. <a href="mailto:michelemarystevens@hotmail.com">michelemarystevens@hotmail.com</a>
First Saturday	10.30am – 12.00noon. St Peter's Church Coffee and Cake morning. Karen Percival 01749 870067. <a href="mailto:Karenpercival199@btinternet.com">Karenpercival199@btinternet.com</a> or any SOSP member
Second Sunday	8.00pm Quiz Night at Strawberry Special. Contact: Lori Toms 01934 742177. <a href="mailto:loritoms4@gmail.com">loritoms4@gmail.com</a>
Second Thursday	7.30pm Crib night at the Strawberry Special. Beginners welcome. Contact Steve Young 01749 870987 or email <a href="mailto:steveyoung1987@hotmail.co.uk">steveyoung1987@hotmail.co.uk</a>
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 <a href="mailto:mendipplayersyouth@gmail.com">mendipplayersyouth@gmail.com</a>
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 <a href="mailto:emilyjaneellis1981@gmail.com">emilyjaneellis1981@gmail.com</a>

February		
Saturday	03	St Peter's Church Coffee and Cake morning. 10.30am – 12.00noon
Thursday	08	WI Meeting. DMH 7.30pm
Friday	09	Valentine's Bingo. DMH 6.45pm for 7.30pm Eyes down
Sunday	18	Village Walk. Batcombe Hollow. Meet at The Monument at 2.00pm
Friday	09	Last day of School - Half term
Friday	16	Film Night – Local interest. DMH 7.30pm
Monday	20	First day of School - Half term
March		
Saturday	04	St Peter's Church Coffee and Cake morning. 10.30am – 12.00noon
Thursday	07	WI Meeting. AGM – Members only. DMH 7.30pm
Saturday	16	Draycott Community Cinema. <b>Indiana Jones &amp; The Dial of Destiny</b> . DMH 2.00pm
Saturday	16	Draycott Community Cinema. <b>Meet The Fabelmans</b> . DMH 7.00pm
Sunday	17	Village Walk. Nyland Meet at Strawberry Special Inn 2.00pm
Friday	22	Easter Bingo. DMH 6.45pm for 7.30pm Eyes down
April		
Thursday	04	WI Member only event. DMH 7.30pm
Saturday	06	St Peter's Church Coffee and Cake morning. 10.30am – 12.00noon

### Deadline for April 2024 edition – Wednesday 20 March

Completed proforma to Mike Kennedy, Micawbers, New Road, Draycott, BS27 3SG  
07938940823 or email [vortech.mk@gmail.com](mailto:vortech.mk@gmail.com)

### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

**Parish Clerk:** Helen Marshall 07423 283940, or [rodneystokepc@gmail.com](mailto:rodneystokepc@gmail.com)

**Parish Council:** [www.parish-council.com/rodneystoke](http://www.parish-council.com/rodneystoke)

**Village Agent:** Bella Lapwood 07494 883541 or [bella@Somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:bella@Somersetccc.org.uk)

**Draycott Memorial Hall:** [www.draycottmemorialhall.org.uk](http://www.draycottmemorialhall.org.uk)

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Draycott - Roger Dollins 01934 741021 or [rogerdollins@btinternet.com](mailto:rogerdollins@btinternet.com)

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Rodney Stoke - John Smith 01749 870976 or [ajsmithgb@hotmail.com](mailto:ajsmithgb@hotmail.com)



# Parish News



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## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

### New Councillor

We are delighted to welcome Tom Williams, who lives in Draycott, as our new Councillor. Please come along to the Annual Parish Meeting in March to meet Tom and say hello to your other Councillors.

### Bus Route extended

The 126 service is now operated by First West of England and runs between Wells and Weston Super Mare and communities in between. North Somerset and Somerset Council are jointly subsidising the route. Please support this bus service and use it as much as you can. **Timetable:** [www.firstbus.co.uk](http://www.firstbus.co.uk)

### Potential Development of Land to the rear of the Memorial Hall, Playing Field, Cross Farm Road and Westfield Lane

There will be an extraordinary meeting for discussion of the initial proposal the potential access. Drawings are available on the website 'Full Council Meetings' page and the noticeboards. Residents are requested to submit questions to the Clerk, by Monday 12th February, which will then be sent to the consultant. The meeting will be arranged when we have further information.

### Honeyhurst Lane Fingerpost

Cllr Gladman is currently refurbishing this post and will be replacing the broken finger in the next few weeks.

### Free trees

We are excited to have been awarded 30 new trees to extend the hedge in the Rev Cobley Playing Field, which will support the well-established wildlife zone and will provide more screening from the road.

### Barrow Wood Lane Dog Bin

The transport firm who accidentally hit the dog bin stepped up and we are delighted to have been reimbursed for the replacement bin which is about to be installed. We hope a brighter colour will reduce the chances of it happening again!

### The Pound Wall

The wall was recently hit by an unknown vehicle and is about to be repaired.

### Nice to see you!

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

**Next Meeting – Thursday 21 March 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.

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Draycott and Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

<b>November Winners</b>	£50	M Warne
	£25	G Dury
	£15	E Rose
<b>December Winners</b>	£50	S & T Young
	£25	S Rossiter
	£15	G Cragg
<b>Christmas Bonus Winners</b>	£50	D Prince
	£25	P Sherlock
	£15	K & T Percival
<b>January Winners</b>	£50	K Longhurst
	£25	K & T Percival
	£15	T Oliver

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](mailto:chris@thefultonfamily.co.uk) or ring 01934253741 for details.

### 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, find out more or make arrangements to attend a meeting? Please do call Michele on 07811 253 827 or email to [michelemarystevens@hotmail.com](mailto:michelemarystevens@hotmail.com). Come for a chat or view the WI activities [www.draycottmemorialhall.org.uk/activities](http://www.draycottmemorialhall.org.uk/activities).

### The Bigger Big Screen is here!

Draycott Community Cinema is proud to announce that the brand new screen is in place and ready for showings! Thank you so much to those who donated. A special thank you to Rob Elliott for the time and effort put in arranging the delivery and installation. Check out the diary page to see what's appearing on soon. Draycott Community Cinema email [info@draycottcinema.co.uk](mailto:info@draycottcinema.co.uk)

### 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.

## Events

### Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI meetings

**08 February. (Note the change of date).** A musical Evening – around the World in 80 days – an adventure story as told by Jules Verne by Tim Lewis & Sheila Furneaux. Competition: A Song Sheet

**07 March.** AGM – Members only. Zumba – A gentle Introduction – Emily Ellis. Competition: A Latin American themed item

**04 April.** Open Meeting. The Silk Road – Ian Williamson. Competition: Favourite Piece of Silk. All welcome. Non members £5.00. 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](mailto:michelemarystevens@hotmail.com)

### Village Walks

**18 February.** Batcombe Hollow. A hill walk up Batcombe Hollow to the Mendip Way, down Hill Lane and then Swans Lane. Meet at The Monument at 2.00pm

**17 March.** Nyland. A moor walk around Nyland Hill via Hardmead and Dolmead Lane. This is an easy walk with the choice of going around or over the hill. Meet at the Strawberry Special at 2.00pm. Contact John Connor 01934 744453 or email [johnconnor@travelmad.plus.com](mailto:johnconnor@travelmad.plus.com)

### Draycott Memorial Hall Film Night

**16 February.** Film Night featuring films with local interest. An evening showing old historic films from our area. £12.00 per ticket. Admission by ticket only. 7.30pm. Price includes a pasty. Licensed bar. Tickets available from Community Shop, Draycott Community Cinema or hall committee. Contact Sarah Knight 07851 410459 or visit [Draycottcinema.co.uk](http://Draycottcinema.co.uk)

### Draycott Memorial Hall

Join us for some Bingo fun and themed prizes. Refreshments available during the interval, raffle, cash flyer, children welcome.

**09 February.** Valentines Bingo.

**22 March.** Easter Bingo.

Doors open 6.45pm for eyes down 7.30pm.

**08 June. Save the Date!** Draycott Memorial Hall 'Summer Social'. Following the success of our event last year we will be running another one this year. Food, entertainment, bar, raffle. Further information in due course.

### Draycott Community Cinema

**16 March. Indiana Jones & The Dial of Destiny.** Family Matinee Screening. All tickets £5 – rated 12A: children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Draycott Memorial Hall. Doors open 2.00pm for 2.30pm start.

**16 March. Meet The Fabelmans.** All tickets £5 – rated 12A: children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Draycott Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Buy tickets at [draycottcinema.co.uk](http://draycottcinema.co.uk) or Draycott Community Shop. Contact [info@draycottcinema.co.uk](mailto:info@draycottcinema.co.uk)

### Mendip Players

**01, 02 & 03 February.** "George & The Dragon" – A Pantomime by the Mendip Players. The last few tickets are available for The Mendip Players latest panto. Be quick! Tickets available online at [www.themendipplayers.co.uk](http://www.themendipplayers.co.uk) and from the Draycott Community Shop. Adults £12, Children £5. Draycott Memorial Hall. Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd (Matinee 2.00pm and Evening 7.30pm).