

## Parish Diary June and July 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 079822263742. <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	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 <a href="mailto:mary_2011@hotmail.co.uk">mary_2011@hotmail.co.uk</a>

June		
Saturday	01	St Peter's Church. Coffee and Cake morning. 10.30am – 12.00noon
Monday	03	First day of School term
Thursday	06	WI meeting. DMH 7.30pm
Friday	16	Bingo. DMH 6.45pm for 7.30pm Eyes down
Sunday	16	Village Walk. Westbury Beacon. Meet at Monument 2.00pm
July		
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. Bradley Stoke. Meet at Monument 2.00pm
Wednesday	23	Last day of School term

### Deadline for August 2024 edition – Wednesday 17 July

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@Somersetcc.org.uk](mailto:bella@Somersetcc.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

### Wildflowers

CLL Lynda Dearden has resown wildflower seeds in The Pound and has begun sowing the wildlife zone in the Rev Cobley Playing Field, with the help of pupils from Draycott School. Look out for some wonderful displays from all that hard work!

### Draycott Neighbourhood Watch Re-Vitalised

Hello my name is Roger Dollins, I am a parish Councillor and also the lead N W co-ordinator for Draycott. I would like to start the N W group meetings again in our village, we have some existing members already but I would really like to see at least another 4 join our group. Would you like to join us and help look after our Neighbourhood? Please contact me for further information. Mobile: 07771 851095.

### Rodney Stoke Bus Stop

A new bin will be installed at the bus stop in Rodney Stoke soon which should help to keep the area tidy.

### Somerset Drug and Alcohol Service

If you are worried about your use of drugs or alcohol, and would really like some brief advice to help you reduce the risks, or you require treatment to meet your goal they can help. If you are ready to make the first step for positive change, talk to a member of the team on 0300 303 8788 (phonelines open 24/7) or email [SDAS@turning-point.co.uk](mailto:SDAS@turning-point.co.uk). You can find out more at [www.turning-point.co.uk](http://www.turning-point.co.uk). These services are commissioned by Somerset Council and open to residents of Somerset and anyone registered with a GP surgery in Somerset.

### Nice to see you!

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

### Next Meeting – Thursday 18 July 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

### 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 Monday 10 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.

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

April Winners	£50	D Kirkup
	£25	M Whittle
May Winners	£15	J Fulton
	£50	N Boyd
	£25	T Oliver
	£15	M Watt

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 01934 253741 for details.

### Draycott Diaries

Tune in to our beloved local village podcast and listen to the heartwarming tales of our local community. Let's celebrate our shared history, successes, and everyday moments that make our village, a truly special one. [www.draycottdiaries.com](http://www.draycottdiaries.com).

### 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 are 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 253827 or email to [michelemarystevens@hotmail.com](mailto:michelemarystevens@hotmail.com) for a chat or view WI activities [www.draycottmemorialhall.org.uk/activities](http://www.draycottmemorialhall.org.uk/activities).

### Cheddar Male Choir

The Choir concert on Friday 10 May raised £1000 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (DSAA). A further £270 was collected by the DSAA on the night. Thank you for your support. Visit Cheddar-Male-Choir on Facebook for information or come along on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm at Draycott Memorial Hall.

### 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

**06 June. Plastics for Change** - talk led by Karen Evans. Competition: An item of plastic 'substitute' e.g. bamboo. Open Meeting. All welcome. Non-members £5.00.

**04 July.** (Members Only event) Rodney Stoke & Draycott WI 75th Anniversary celebrations.

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

**16 June. Westbury Beacon.** A long walk up The Batch to West Mendip Way to join Westfield Lane at Priddy Junction, thence to The Beacon returning via Hill and Swan's lanes. An alternate start is to meet us on West Mendip Way above the gliding club. STEEP, STICKS USEFUL. Meet at the Monument at 2.00pm.

**21 July. Bradley Cross.** Up Batcombe Hollow then along Middle Moor and down to Bradley Cross, returning along either Top Road or Cheddar Moor Drove INITIALLY STEEP THENCE FLAT, STICKS USEFUL. Meet at the Monument at 2.00pm.

Contact John Connor 01934 744453 or email [johnconnortravelmad@gmail.com](mailto:johnconnortravelmad@gmail.com)

### Supporters of St Peters (SOSP)

**30 June. Teddy Bear's Olympic-themed Picnic.** Come and join us to celebrate St Peter's Tide, bring your own blanket and picnic, but most importantly your Teddy! Prize for the oldest Teddy. St Peter's Church at 3.00pm. Contact Tricia Lumley 07886 733840.

### Draycott Memorial Hall

What an enjoyable first half of the year and we've held some super bingo events.

**14 June.** Join us for the final one before the summer holidays. Children welcome, raffle, prize and cash flyers, refreshments during the interval. Look forward to seeing you there and don't worry Bingo will be back in September. Doors open 6.45pm for eyes down 7.30pm.

**08 June. Summer Social.** Summer Social tickets are selling out, there's still a few days remaining to get yours. An evening of food, entertainment and fun! Back by popular demand local band The Blue Horizon and DJ Bernie of Nighthawk Discos. Tickets are £22.00 each. For more information regarding purchasing tickets please contact the Draycott Memorial Hall Booking Secretary, Sarah Knight, 07851 410459 or email [enquiries@draycottmemorialhall.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@draycottmemorialhall.org.uk) or via Facebook

### Mendip Players

**11, 12 and 13 July. The Mystery Of Talbot Manor.** The Mendip Players are pleased to present a murder mystery with you, the audience, expected to solve the crime. Food, bar, murder and mayhem. Set in the 1930s, this is an intriguing, and sometimes terrifying, mystery - not for the faint of heart! Performances each night at 7.30pm in Talbot Manor, also known as Draycott Memorial Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm. Suitable for ages 12+. Tickets £16 (including two course meal) available soon online at [www.themendipplayers.co.uk](http://www.themendipplayers.co.uk) and the Draycott Community Shop.

### Cheddar Male Choir

The choir have engaged with The SPACE. Cheddar's own charity providing support for young people in the form of a youth club and counselling for those struggling with mental health.

**14 June. Cheddar Ales Taproom.** 6.30pm. This will be a Free, outdoor concert (inside if wet) but we'll be looking for donations.

**22 June. Ad Astra Cider, Stone Allerton.** 7.30pm. Tickets for this event will cost £5. Come and enjoy a glass of local cider and a sing along.

**26 October. Draycott Memorial Hall.** A date for your diary. A concert for The Space. Details to follow but make a note in your diary today!

Contact email [contactcheddarmalechoir@gmail.com](mailto:contactcheddarmalechoir@gmail.com) or visit Cheddar-Male-Choir on Facebook.