

Parish Diary October and November 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 079822263742. Karenpercival199@btinternet.com or any SOSF 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

October		
Thursday	03	WI Meeting. DMH 7.30pm
Saturday	05	Coffee & Cake Morning & Ploughmans Lunch. St Peter's Church 10.30am – 1.30pm
Saturday	19	Coffee & Cake Morning & Ploughmans Lunch. St Peter's Church 10.30am – 1.30pm
Friday	25	Last day of School Term
Friday	25	Bingo. DMH 6.45pm for 7.30pm Eyes down
November		
Saturday	02	Coffee morning. St. Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke. 10.30am – 12 noon
Monday	04	First day of School Term
Thursday	07	WI Meeting. DMH 7.30pm
Sunday	10	Remembrance Service. DMH 10.30am.
Thursday	28	Draycott Community Shop. Festive late night opening. 5.00 – 8.00pm.
Friday	29	Lazy Lunch. DMH 12.00 noon – 2.00pm.
Friday	29	Bingo. DMH 6.45pm for 7.30pm Eyes down
December		
Saturday	07	Coffee & Cake with Mini Christmas Fair and Soup Lunch. St Peter's 10.30am-1.30pm

Deadline for December 2024 edition – Wednesday 13 November

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 clerk@rodneystoke-pc.gov.uk.
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

Volunteer Handbook and Highway Safety Course

Please see the link on our website homepage Somerset Council has produced this handbook for everyone who volunteers in the community through Parish and Town Councils. A copy is available on our website along with information on Highway safety training and how to register your interest.

The Strawberry Line Society

This fantastic group have opened up a number of stretches of safe off-road multiuser paths linking our local villages. The aim is ultimately to link Cheddar through to Wells and Shepton Mallet. They need volunteers to help with the areas around Rodney Stoke and Draycott. If you are interested and could help, please see the Strawberry Line page on our website. The enquiry form is linked directly to the group.

Next Parish Council Meeting

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

Next Meeting – Thursday 21 November 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

Remembrance Sunday

The annual Remembrance service will be held at the Draycott Memorial Hall on Sunday 10th November starting at 10.45am.

Household Support Fund

Although Winter Fuel Payments have been restricted to those on Pension Credit or some other benefits, the Government has increased the HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND (HSF), which will be available from 1st October until 31st March 2025, if you are struggling with energy, food, water or other needs. Applications can be made through Citizens Advice Somerset website, or call their advice line 0808 27 87 842. You will need proof of income and hardship. The Government will release further information soon. www.gov.uk/HSF

The Draycott Charity

Residents of Draycott may apply for grants but distribution is on the basis of need. Grants are available for:

- Educational expenditure for toddlers to mature students, individuals or groups.
- Grants for pensioners, 60+ years.

Grants for "need, hardship or distress", to alleviate unexpected hardship are available, at time of need, to any family or person living in Draycott. All information treated confidentially and questions answered. Please contact Valerie Kennedy 01934 741912 or email vskenedy2021@outlook.com for application form. Deadline for return of forms is **Thursday 14 November 2024**.

Draycott Memorial Hall

The hall's management committee are looking for someone to take over the position of secretary and join them in the administration of this fabulous community facility. Previous secretarial experience would be helpful but not essential. Please apply to Chairman Martyn Warne 01749 871221 or by email to martyn@uwclub.net.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Draycott and Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

August Winners	£50	J Thurmand
	£25	B May
	£15	J Warne
September Winners	£50	S Chandler
	£25	C Fulton
	£15	G Annuik

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.

Draycott Diaries

Reminding you of our village podcast Draycott Diaries. We share fascinating stories and memorable moments that have shaped our community. Whether a long time resident or new to the area, listen now to discover the interesting people and deep history that surround us! www.draycottdiaries.com.

Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI

New to the villages of Rodney Stoke & Draycott? Want to try something new? Meet new people? Why not give the local WI a try. New members are always welcome and there are various membership options available if you cannot make monthly meetings. We are a friendly and inclusive WI, holding our meetings at Draycott Memorial Hall. Members take part in various activities, such as skittles, book club, local walks and coffee and chat mornings, throughout the month. 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 for a chat or view WI activities www.draycottmemorialhall.org.uk/activities.

Lantern Advent Festival

This year we would like to decorate St Peter's Church with Lanterns, be made of any material of choice, candles or lights must be battery operated only no naked flames can be accepted, for more information Please contact Karen Percival 01749870067.

Mendip Players

Tickets will be on sale for the Mendip Players pantomime - **Rumpelstiltskin (6, 7, 8 February 2025)** from 1st November, available from www.themendipplayers.co.uk or Draycott Community Shop.

Join us for another fabulous family show where we join Rosa, Alfie the Elf and Fairy Laura Norder as they try and save Fairy-Brook from the hideous hobgoblin Rumpelstiltskin and his bumbling sidekicks, Hubble and Bubble. Keep an eye on the website and our Facebook page for more details.

If you would like to sign up for the Mendip Players newsletter, please contact themendipplayers@gmail.com.

Events

Draycott Community Cinema

18 October. Secret Window. Join us for the winner of our Whodunnit Movie competition to find out who is stalking Johnny Depp. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Entry £5.

19 October. Hotel Transylvania. Our spooky kids offering as we approach Halloween. Doors open 10.00am for 10.30am start. Entry £2.

15 November. Judi Dench – People's Choice. Join our mailing list or like our Facebook page to choose from our shortlist of Dame Judi's finest films as we celebrate her 90th birthday. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Entry £5.

16 November. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem. The Turtles set out to win the hearts of New Yorkers and be accepted as normal teenagers. Doors open 10.00am for 10.30am start. Entry £2.

All events at the Draycott Memorial Hall. Contact Draycott Community Cinema info@draycottcinema.co.uk.

Cheddar Male Choir Concert

26 October. The Choir will be joined by the Acapella Group "Three Rivers". Funds will be raised for The Space Charity, a small and local service supporting children and young people who either live or who are educated in the Cheddar Valley area. Draycott Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Bar available. Tickets £10 from Choir members, Deane's of Cheddar or on the door. Contact contactcheddarmalechoir@gmail.com.

Draycott Community Shop

28 November. Festive Late-Night Opening. Come along for some festive shopping, mulled cider, mince pies, free raffle plus the grand switching on of our lights! Draycott Community Shop 5.00pm – 8.00pm. Contact Claire or Leonie 01934 740044

Events (cont.)

Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI meetings

03 October. My Road to Nashville – A Songwriters Story by Mandy Woods. Competition: My Dream Destination – a picture/item representing or showing Dream Destination.

07 November. Project Luggar – Birds of Prey by Ade Cobb. Come and meet the beautiful birds of prey and listen to Ade talk about them. Competition: A bird in any medium. Open Meeting – All Welcome. £5 non-members.

All events begin at 7.30pm. Draycott Memorial Hall. Interested in joining the WI? There is no charge for your 1st meeting. £5.00 non-members at Open meetings. Contact Michele Stevens 07811 253827 or email to michelemarystevens@hotmail.com

St Leonards PCC

06 October. Pet Service. Bring your pets, great and small, as we celebrate our love for all animals. Please stay for coffee & refreshments after the service. 11.15am. St. Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke. Contact Megan James.

19 October. Coffee Morning. A coffee morning with lots of lovely treats along with a sales table and raffle. All proceeds to church funds. 10.30am - 12.00 noon. St. Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke. Contact Megan James.

03 November. Patronal Service. Please join us as we celebrate St. Leonard, the patron saint of political prisoners, imprisoned people, prisoners of war, and captives. Please stay for coffee & refreshments after the service. 11.15am. St. Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke. Contact Megan James.

11 November. Remembrance Day Service. Please join us in our Remembrance Day Service to honour those who have served and sacrificed for their country. 10.45am. St. Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke. Contact Megan James.

16 November. Christmas Fayre. Please come along to enjoy our lovely refreshments. Stalls to include Cakes & Produce, Tombola, Raffle, Lucky Dip, Preloved/Vintage, jewellery and much more. In aid of church funds. 11.00am-3.00pm. St. Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke. Contact Honor Neave & Karen Percival.

Supporters of St Peters (SOSP)

05 October. Coffee & Cake followed by Ploughman's Lunch. Ploughmans, Harvest Lunch will follow our monthly Coffee & Cake. Please come along for a Ploughman's Lunch and bring your gifts of tins & packets of food & sundries (for the Loaves & Fishes Project) to decorate the Church. A warm welcome to all. 10.30am – 1.30pm. St Peter's Church. Contact Karen Percival or Thea Oliver.

25 October. Curry Night, By Kind permission of Lori & Mick. Tickets, £15, to include a Choice of Meat or Vegetarian curry and a choice of Pudding, Tickets available from The Strawberry Special, The Community Shop or Thea Oliver. 7.30pm for 8.00pm start at The Strawberry Special.

Draycott Memorial Hall

24 October. Floral Pumpkin Workshop. Hosted by Bouquet Florist. 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or a complete beginner, this is a fantastic opportunity to design a stunning floral arrangement using a pumpkin, perfect for adding a touch of autumn charm to your home. Raising money to support the maintenance and improvement of Draycott Memorial Hall, a cherished community space. £20.00 per person, this includes tools, flowers and materials but you will need to bring your own pumpkin. Secure your spot today by booking online at www.bouquetflorist.co.uk. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out on this delightful autumnal activity!

25 October. Halloween Bingo. Doors open 6:45pm for eyes down at 7:30pm. Raffle, refreshments during interval, cash and prize flyers, children welcome, come along for some wonderful themed prizes!

24 November. Cardiff Trip. £13.50 per seat. Set off times to be confirmed depending on pick ups, departure Cardiff 4.30pm. The buses are filling up, please contact Sarah Knight to reserve your space 07762 908278.

29 November. Lazy Lunch. 3 course Christmas lunch, vegetarian option and takeaway available, please bring your own alcohol. Tickets £17.50 available from Janette Vining, Rachel Chard, Joy Sindrey, Marcia Filer or Jane Winter. 12 noon – 2.00pm. Contact Janette Vining 07967 636260 or email janette.kevin@tiscali.co.uk.

29 November. Bingo. Doors open 6:45pm for eyes down at 7:30pm. Raffle, refreshments during interval, cash and prize flyers, children welcome.

For more information please contact the Draycott Memorial Hall Booking Secretary, Sarah Knight, 07851 410459 or email enquiries@draycottmemorialhall.org.uk or via Facebook