

## Parish Diary April and May 2025

### Regular Monthly Events - see Events on inside pages for details.

First Thursday	7.30pm WI meeting. (Except August). February meeting in St Peter's Church Draycott. 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 07982 2263742. <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 Mike Kennedy 07938 940823 or email <a href="mailto:vortech.mk@gmail.com">vortech.mk@gmail.com</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 07725 519062 or email <a href="mailto:mary_2011@hotmail.co.uk">mary_2011@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Every Thursday	Draycott Art Club. 10.00am – 4.00pm at Draycott Memorial Hall. Regular sessions every week, absolute beginners welcome.

April		
Thursday	03	WI Meeting. DMH. 7.30pm
Friday	04	Last day of School Term
Saturday	05	Coffee & Cake Morning. St Peter's Church 10.30am – 12.00 noon.
Tuesday	22	First day of School Term
Saturday	26	SOSP Jumble Sale at the Strawberry Special. 2.00pm
Saturday	26	Spring Barn Dance. DMH. 7.00pm. See Events for details.
May		
Thursday	01	WI Meeting. DMH. 7.30pm
Saturday	03	Coffee & Cake Morning. St Peter's Church 10.30am – 12.00 noon.
Saturday	17	SOSP Big Breakfast. Details to follow.
Friday	23	Last Day of School Term

### Deadline for June 2025 edition – Wednesday 14 May

Completed proforma to Mike Kennedy, Micawbers, New Road, Draycott, BS27 3SG  
07938 940823 or email [vortech.mk@gmail.com](mailto:vortech.mk@gmail.com)

### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Parish Clerk: Helen Marshall 07423 283940, or [clerk@rodneystoke-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@rodneystoke-pc.gov.uk).  
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

#### New Member of the Parish Council

We are delighted to welcome Robert Massey from Rodney Stoke as our new Parish Councillor. Cllr. Massey is looking forward to supporting residents with their concerns and issues..

#### Please help the Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall in Draycott is the very heart of our community. The hall is thriving and provides a huge variety of activities for our villages. The small Committee that manage and improve the hall really really need some enthusiastic new members who can join their meetings once a month. This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of something very important to our villages. No special skills required. Please call Martyn on 01749 871221 or email [martyn@uwclub.net](mailto:martyn@uwclub.net) or call Sarah on 07851 410459 if you would like to help.

#### Priority Services Register

If you rely on your electricity supply for medical reasons such as stair lifts or you have special communication needs in contacting the National Grid or would find it difficult or distressing to cope with an unexpected power cut, you should join National Grid's priority services register. They will give you additional support in a number of ways. You will receive a direct number to call, a password to help you feel safe, and provide special help with their partner the Red Cross. They will warn you of planned power cuts and will provide updates and alerts. Call 0800 096 3080 to register or for information or try [nationalgrid.co.uk/psr-colleagues](http://nationalgrid.co.uk/psr-colleagues) or please see our Parish Council website for a QR code to scan to join. If you do have any priority needs then it is also worthwhile contacting your home telephone provider as they too should have a register and can assist in providing communications when your telephone may not work during a power cut. If anyone experiences a power cut call 105.

#### Next Parish Council Meeting

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

#### Next Meeting – Thursday 15 May 2025 – 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

February Winners	£50	G Anniuk
	£25	B Apted
	£15	C Harris
March Winners	£50	R Millard
	£25	S Boyd
	£15	J Fochtman

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.

#### 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. We are a friendly and inclusive group, holding our meetings at Draycott Memorial Hall. Our Members take part in various activities, such as skittles, book club, local walks, coffee and chat mornings and pub tours etc. throughout the month. New and previous members are always welcome – come along and just have a look with no pressure to join – give Michele a ring and she will meet you at the Hall door so you don't walk in alone. Please do call Michele on 07811 253827 for a chat.

#### Draycott Art Club (DAC)

DAC Meets at the Draycott Memorial Hall every Thursday 10.00am to 4.00pm. Resident Artist, Life Drawing Sessions, Still Life and Demonstrations. Absolute beginners are very welcome. Find us Online at [draycottartclub.weebly.com](http://draycottartclub.weebly.com) or search for us on Facebook. Alternatively just pop in and see us.

#### Rodney Stoke & Draycott Cemetery

The Trustees of the Rodney Stoke & Draycott Cemetery are extremely grateful to the Draycott Jubilee Committee (Lazy Lunch) for the donation of a bench. You are always welcome to use the grounds for rest, quiet contemplation or just to admire the view.

The website has changed. For information about the Cemetery visit [rsdcem.wixsite.com/rsdcemetery](http://rsdcem.wixsite.com/rsdcemetery)

#### Supporters of St Peters (SOSP)

Team SOSP and friends, have had a busy and enjoyable few weeks fundraising. Thanks go to Lori and Mick at the Strawberry Special and those who supported the Curry Night which raised over £400 for St Peter's Fabric Fund. The Soup Lunch raised over £200 for Christian Aid. A great Start to this years Christian Aid collection.

#### Draycott Community Shop

A good reason why YOU should support it! A Community Shop can boost your property value. Cooper & Tanner Estate Agents say, "The shop is an asset to this lovely rural village and is very well stocked. It is very important to us and useful to provide potential buyers moving into the area with this information when looking in rural areas. It is such a good selling point!"

#### Save the Date for The Summer Social!

05 July. Dust off your dancing shoes and save the date for the third Draycott Memorial Hall Summer Social. Join us for music by some amazing locals beside The Gray and DJ Sam of Somerset Entertainments. Food, bar, music, raffle and a thoroughly enjoyable evening! Saturday 5th July. 7:30pm. Draycott Memorial Hall.

## Events

#### Easter 2025 at St Peter's Church

You are warmly invited to celebrate Easter 2025 at St Peter's Church, Draycott.

**13 April. Palm Sunday.** 9.30am at St Peter's for Holy Communion

**18 April. Good Friday.** 6.00pm in St Peter's. Taizé style service of music, meditation, contemplation and candles.

**20 April. Easter Day.** 9.30am in St Peter's for Holy Communion.

#### Supporters of St Peters (SOSP)

**15 March. Lent Cross Challenge.** SOSP are raising funds for Christian Aid, by holding a Lent Cross Challenge, around both villages. How many crosses can you find? Prizes for the most found. £1 Entry instructions and clues available from the Community Shop, Karen Percival or Rev Thea. Entries by 18 April. Contact Karen 07922 263742 or email [Karenpercival100@btinternet.com](mailto:Karenpercival100@btinternet.com).

**26 April. Jumble Sale.** To be held at the Strawberry Special. We welcome donations on the day, but please no furniture or electrical goods. Contact Karen 07922 263742 or email [Karenpercival100@btinternet.com](mailto:Karenpercival100@btinternet.com).

**17 May. SOSP Big Breakfast.** Raising funds for Christian Aid. Details to follow.

## Events(Cont.)

### Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI meetings

**03 April. Plum Pudding Pigs – Susan Tanner.** Competition: A pork (or alternative related recipe). 7.30pm. Draycott Memorial Hall, Draycott.

**01 May. How to hand tie a garage/supermarket bunch of flowers – Dot Prince.** Bring your own flowers. Competition : Best of the bouquets. 7.30pm. Draycott Memorial Hall, Draycott.

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](mailto:michelemarystevens@hotmail.com).

#### Somerset Day Event

**17 May.** A scrumptious Somerset supper with live music and games. We will be raising the Somerset flag. Drinks will be available and raffle. Everyone welcome. Adults £18.00. Children £8.00. under 5 years free. 6.00pm till late. Brangay Farm, Brangay Lane, Rodney Stoke. Contact Nikki Watt 07973 280615.

#### St Leonards PCC

**08 April. APCM. Everyone is welcome at our annual general meeting. 7.00pm.** St. Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke. Contact Megan James.

**13 & 20 April. Easter and Palm Sunday.** Everyone is welcome to celebrate Palm Sunday processing around the church led by the donkey and to join us on Easter Sunday. 11.15am. St. Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke. Contact Megan James.

**08 May.** A Shared Moment of Music and Readings for VE Day 80. The bells will ring at 6.30pm with the rest of the nation. Followed by music and readings which reflect the event. Refreshments available afterwards. All donations will go to SAAFA – the Armed Forces Charity. 6.30pm. St. Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke. Contact Megan James.

**18 May. Pet Service.** Bring your pets, great and small, as we celebrate our love for all animals. 11.15am. St. Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke. Contact Megan James.

#### Draycott Memorial Hall

**17 April. Easter Bingo.** Doors open 6:45pm for eyes down at 7:30pm. who doesn't love some eggstastic prizes! Raffle and refreshments during interval. You are welcome to bring your own. Cash and prize flyers, Everyone welcome.

**30 May. Bingo.** Doors open 6:45pm for eyes down at 7:30pm. Raffle and refreshments during interval. You are welcome to bring your own. Cash and prize flyers, Everyone welcome.

For more information 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.

#### Spring Barn Dance

**26 April.** Music by Hobson's Choice, Cobbs' Hog Roast or Veg alternative, Bar and Raffle. Get your tickets by 17 April. Yee ha! Tickets £18 available from Draycott Community Shop. Proceeds to Air Ambulance, Food Bank and Defibrillator funds. Doors open 7.00pm. Carriages 11.00pm. Draycott Memorial Hall, Draycott. Contact Claire 07790 075327.

#### Draycott Community Cinema

**11 April. Amelie.** Despite being caught in her imaginative world, young waitress Amelie decides to help people find happiness leading her on a journey to true love. Rated 15. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Entry £5.

**12 April. The Greatest Showman.** PT Barnum's meteoric rise from nothing to take the world by storm with the greatest circus show on Earth. Rated PG Doors open 1.30pm for 2.00pm start. Entry £2.

**16 May. Gladiator II.** Ridley Scott's follow up takes us back to the battlegrounds of Rome - starring Paul Mescal, Denzel Washington and Pedro Pascal. Rated 15. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Entry £5.

**17 May. Paddington in Peru including a Q&A with Madeleine Harris.** Madeleine who plays Judy Brown in all three Paddington films will be joining us for the screening and a Q&A. Book your tickets now! Doors open 1.30pm for 2.00pm start. Entry £2.

All events at the Draycott Memorial Hall. Contact Draycott Community Cinema [info@draycottcinema.co.uk](mailto:info@draycottcinema.co.uk).