

Parish Diary August and September 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. Sue Chandler 07528 889696 or email to rodneystokeanddraycottwi@outlook.com .
First Saturday	10.30am – 12.00noon. St Peter's Church Coffee and Cake Morning. Karen Percival 07982 2263742. 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 Mike Kennedy 07938 940823 or email vortech.mk@gmail.com
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 Thursday	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 mary_2011@hotmail.co.uk
Every Thursday	Draycott Art Club. 10.00am – 4.00pm at Draycott Memorial Hall. Regular sessions every week, absolute beginners welcome.

August		
Saturday	02	Coffee & Cake Morning. St Peter's Church 10.30am – 12.00 noon.
Saturday	02	Treasure Hunt/BBQ. St Peter's Church 3.00pm.
Saturday	09	Village Show. DMH. 2.00pm.
Saturday	16	Coffee & Cake Morning. St Leonard's Church 10.30am – 12.00 noon.
September		
Thursday	04	First day of School Term
Thursday	04	WI Meeting. The Women's Refuge. DMH. 7.30pm
Saturday	06	Coffee & Cake Morning. St Peter's Church 10.30am – 12.00 noon.
Thursday	18	Parish Council Meeting. DMH. 7.00pm.

Deadline for October 2025 edition – Wednesday 17 September

Completed proforma to Mike Kennedy, Micawbers, New Road, Draycott, BS27 3SG
07938 940823 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

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Stoke Street, Jetting works

We are delighted that the drainage pipe is being jetted in August, please ensure that the ditches in front of your properties are kept clear to help tackle the problems with the road flooding.

M5 Junction 26 into Wellington closed for 3 months

This closure could add time to your journey so please make allowance, especially if you are travelling to hospital in Taunton.

Road works Cheddar to Wedmore Road

Please be aware that this road is expected to be closed for 12 days from 11 August, which may well increase traffic on our roads. For further details of the closure see www.one.network/?tm=143405605.

Dogs are not allowed on the Rev Cobley Playing Field

Following an enquiry about dogs on the playing field, and having consulted with the Memorial Hall Committee, the Parish Council remain firm that dogs are not definitely allowed in this area.

Next Parish Council Meeting

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

Next Meeting – Thursday 18 September 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.

Event

UK Emergency Alert

07 September. 3.00pm. Millions of mobile phones across the UK will emit a 10-second siren as part of a nationwide Emergency Alert System (EAS) test. The drill aims to prepare the public for life-threatening situations, ranging from war to extreme weather and natural disasters. The alert will sound on all 4G and 5G-enabled phones, displaying a message warning users to follow instructions in the event of a real emergency. While no action is required during the test, the system is designed to save lives during actual crises. Further information is available on the Gov.uk website – search Emergency Alert.

Beware! Scammers will use any hook they can to try and steal money and personal information from victims. Unfortunately the upcoming nationwide test of the Emergency Alerts system will be no exception. It's vital anyone who receives the official test alert is aware that no action is required. If asked to download an app or provide information, **before, during or after the test**, this is likely to be an unscrupulous fraudster trying to trick you and should be ignored at all costs. Please advise any dependents of this notice.

Draycott & Rodney Stoke Village Show

09 August. The Draycott and Rodney Stoke Village Show. Started by the PTA at the village primary school in 1983 the show quickly expanded and more space was needed for exhibits, so the village church was used in addition to the school. In 2001 the show moved to the new Draycott Memorial Hall. The show will take place on Saturday 9th August 2025, Doors open at 2.00pm. Entry is free and refreshments are available. Schedules and Entry forms available at Draycott Community Shop or Seagers. Further information at www.drsvillageshow.webador.co.uk or email pielley@hotmail.com.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Citizens Advice Drop In Services

If you are unable to use the internet, or telephone service, Citizens Advice is opening a Community Access Point, face to face drop in service in the Portway Annexe, Portway, Wells (round the corner from the Esso Service Station) on Tuesday mornings between 10.00am and 1.00pm, starting on Tuesday 22nd July. Reminder: The Cheddar Community Access Point is based at Cheddar Food Bank and is open alternate Monday mornings 10.00am to 1.00pm. Call the Food Bank for dates. Email info@cheddarvalley.foodbank.org.uk or telephone 07922 309369. All advice is free and confidential.

The Draycott and Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

May Winners	£50	R Reeson
	£25	L Whittle
	£15	Y Finnigan
April Winners	£50	S Knight
	£25	J Fochtman
	£15	M Curtis
Summer Bonus Winners	£25	G Anniuk
	£25	J Quill
	£25	L Fochtman
	£25	N Boyd

Join the 100 Club to be in with the chance to win a prize every month. E-mail chris@thefultonfamily.co.uk or telephone 01934 253741 for details.

Cardiff Coach Trip

Our Mum Hilary Phelps' trip enters its 10th year of my sister Maryann and I running it since her passing. We thank you all for your support, a trip she always loved to run. Join us for the trip on Sunday 30 November. £13.50 per seat. Pick up times and destinations to be confirmed depending on numbers. Departure from Cardiff 4.30pm. Please contact Sarah Knight to request your seats 07762 908278.

Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI

We have a wide and varied programme this year. Our next meeting is on 4 September, see the 'Events' section for details. You'll be greeted with a warm welcome, a wine table, raffle, refreshments and plenty of chatting! Come along to your first meeting for free. Contact Sue Chandler 07528 889696 or email to rodneystokeanddraycottwi@outlook.com.

MP's Surgery

Tessa Munt, MP for Draycott and Rodney Stoke Parishes will be running lots of 'Surgeries' during the summer. If you'd like information, please call or email for details.
 Saturday 02 August from 08.30 to 10.00am. at Coffee #1, Wells
 Saturday 02 August from 11.00 to 12.00noon at The Lamb Inn, Axbridge
 Friday 08 August from 08.00 to 09:00am. at Edelweiss Café, Cheddar
 Saturday 09 August from 09.00 to 10.00am. at Bluebird Café, Wedmore
 Thursday 14 August from 12.00 to 1.00pm. at The New Inn, Blagdon
 Tuesday 19 August from 6.00 to 7.00pm. at The Rodney Stoke Inn
 Friday 22 August from 6.00 to 7.00pm. at The Bell Inn, Banwell
 No appointment is necessary (it's first come, first served). If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you. I will also be running surgeries exclusively for young people aged 12 - 18. Please call my office for information. Contact Tessa via telephone 01934 440639 (answerphone for out of office hours) or email tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk. By post to "Tessa Munt Freepost" (you won't need a stamp).

Tiggi Tails

You may know me from my previously successful village podcast 'Draycott Diaries'...but now I'm back with a brand-new series all about extraordinary animals. Within the first episode I explore the remarkable intelligence of the swans that reside within The Bishop's palace in Wells with Swan whisperer 'Moir Anderson'. Visit TiggiTails.com to listen. Thanks for your continued support! Tiggi.

Draycott Community Shop

Would you like to give something back to the community? Ever thought about volunteering? How about a couple of hours a week at your local community shop? Shifts are available to suit everyone. For more information, pop in to see us or telephone 01934 740044. Contact Leonie, Claire or a committee member.

Events (cont.)

Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI meetings

04 September. The Women's Refuge. Find out what happens to our donated gifts. If you'd like to attend, we'd welcome a practical item to be donated to this worthy cause. 7.30pm. Draycott Memorial Hall, Draycott.

Interested in joining the WI? There is no charge for your first meeting. £5.00 non-members at Open meetings. Contact Sue Chandler 07528 889696 or email to rodneystokeanddraycottwi@outlook.com.

St Leonards PCC

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

31 August. Benefice Service. Please join us as we host the benefice service in St. Leonard's. Everyone is welcome. Please stay for refreshments after the service. 10.00am. St. Leonard's, Rodney Stoke Church Hall. Contact Megan James.

28 September. Harvest Service and Supper. Service in the church followed by a bring and share supper. Everyone welcome. The produce collected will go to the Connect Centre in Wells, helping to feed those in need. 6.00pm. St. Leonard's, Church, Rodney Stoke and then in the Hall. Contact Megan James.

Draycott Memorial Hall

26 September. Bingo. Dust off your Bingo dabblers, we are resuming in September! Everyone welcome, refreshments available during interval or please feel free to bring your own. Raffle, prize and cash flyer. Keep your eyes peeled for our Halloween one! Doors open 6.45pm for eyes down at 7.30pm. Draycott Memorial Hall. Contact Sarah Knight enquiries@draycottmemorialhall.org.uk or telephone 07851 410459.

Draycott Community Cinema

15 August. A Complete Unknown. In 1961, an unknown 19-year-old Bob Dylan arrives in New York City with his guitar and forges relationships with musical icons on his meteoric rise, culminating in a groundbreaking performance that reverberates around the world. Rated 15. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Entry £5.

16 August. The Wild Robot. After a shipwreck, an intelligent robot called Roz is stranded on an uninhabited island. To survive the harsh environment, Roz bonds with the island's animals and cares for an orphaned baby goose. This is a standard kids showing and so all children must be accompanied by an adult (said adult does not need to buy a ticket for themselves, but all donations are welcome!) Doors open 1.30pm for 2.00pm start. Entry £2.

20 September. A Saturday double whammy!

Flow. This is a standard kids showing and all children must be accompanied by an adult (adult does not need to buy a ticket for themselves, but all donations are welcome!) Doors open 1.30pm for 2.00pm start. Entry £2.

Strike an Uncivil War. We will be holding a Q&A afterwards. We are fortunate to be able to bring you some of the team from behind the scenes who played a huge part in putting the film together, none other than our own Stevie Heywood, committee member and other crew members who helped to write and produce the film to name but a few. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Entry £5. All events at the Draycott Memorial Hall. Tickets available from draycottcinema.square.site, The Draycott Community Shop or pay on the door. Contact Draycott Community Cinema info@draycottcinema.co.uk.

Supporters of St Peter's (SOSP)

02 August. SOSP -Walking Treasure Hunt & BBQ. Annual walking treasure hunt, raising funds for the upkeep of our village church. Ending at BBQ in the field behind Oaklands, Eastville Lane. BBQ food and drinks on sale. Treasure Hunt starting 3.00pm. Setting off from St Peter's Church car park. Contact Thea Oliver 07767 892313 or email revthea@outlook.com or any SOSP member.

19 September. Wildlife Talk – Bats in Our Churchyard. Nathan Orr of Mendip Hills AONB will lead a bat hunt around the churchyard using bat detectors and UV torches. Children especially welcome. You'd be bats to miss it. Suggested Donation £5.00. 6.30pm. St Peter's Church. Contact Tricia Lumley 07886 733840.

04 & 05 October. Harvest in St Peter's. Save the date! This year's Harvest Festival celebrations in St Peter's will include a Harvest Fayre of Craft & Produce stalls during our monthly first Saturday Coffee & Cake morning. Harvest Festival service at 9.30am. Sunday 5th followed by a Harvest Jacket Spud Lunch from 12.00noon. All welcome! Contact Thea Oliver 07767 892313 or email revthea@outlook.com.