

Parish Diary June and July 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 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 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.

June		
Monday	02	First day of School Term
Thursday	05	WI Meeting. DMH. 7.30pm
Saturday	07	Coffee & Cake Morning. St Peter's Church 10.30am – 12.00 noon.
Thursday	12	Drinks Special Summer Sample Evening. Draycott Shop 5.00 – 8.00pm.
Sunday	29	St Peter's Day Teddy Bears Show. St Peter's Church 3.00 – 4.30pm.
July		
Thursday	03	WI Meeting. DMH. 7.30pm
Saturday	05	Coffee & Cake Morning. St Peter's Church 10.30am – 12.00 noon.
Thursday	17	Parish Council Meeting. DMH. 7.00pm.
Tuesday	22	Last day of School Term
August		
Saturday	02	Coffee & Cake Morning. St Peter's Church 10.30am – 12.00 noon.
Saturday	02	Treasure Hunt/BBQ. St Peter's Church 3.00 – 4.30pm.

Deadline for August 2025 edition – Wednesday 16 July

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

The Parish Council is considering the creation of a communal orchard for the Rodney Stoke and Draycott Parish.

The land at the rear of the Memorial Hall is currently named as an overflow car park, by developing a community orchard we would be creating an asset for everyone to enjoy through the changing of the seasons. We have a small working party who will be meeting local groups and individuals over the next few months. We are still at the early stage, nothing has been decided yet. We would be happy to hear your views. Please contact the Clerk.

Parking in Draycott is a nightmare!

It has been brought to our attention that poor parking is causing visibility and safety problems at the junction of Mendip Lea Close and Station Road near the pub. Poor parking on The Street in Draycott is obstructing traffic. Poor parking on Back Lane near Baggs Lane in Draycott is causing problems for residents. Please be considerate when parking. Thank you.

Parking on Pavements

Please don't park on our pavements, it obstructs visibility and causes problems for pedestrians and other drivers. If a vehicle is causing an obstruction please report it straight away by calling the non-emergency police number 101.

Could you help a child by fostering?

Could you provide a safe, supportive home for a local child in need? Fostering is a rewarding paid role that requires no experience as full training and ongoing support is provided. Anyone can foster providing they have a spare room in their home and are aged 21 or over, but there is no upper age limit. Find out more online at www.FosteringInSomerset.org.uk or call 0800 587 9900. You're not committing to anything by getting in touch to find out more, and you could help change a child's story.

Next Parish Council Meeting

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

Next Meeting – Thursday 17 July 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

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. Residents can also apply for help towards heating, clothing or other necessities. Only residents in Rodney Stoke are eligible. Inquiries to Lynda Moore by Sunday 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. These payments are possible due to a generous donation in the past. If anyone would like to make a donation to ensure the continuation of the charity please contact Lynda.

The Draycott and Rodney Stoke Memorial Hall 100 Club

March Winners	£50	J Reeson
	£25	J Monks
	£15	J Handy
April Winners	£50	R Reeson
	£25	L Whittle
	£15	Y Finnigan

Join the 100 Club to be in with the chance to win a prize every month. E-mail 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. Contact Sue Chandler 07528 889696 or email to rodneystokeanddraycottwi@outlook.com.

MP's Surgery

Your local Member of Parliament, Tessa Munt MP, will be holding local MP's Surgery on the dates below:

Saturday 7 June – Coffee #1, Wells – 08.30-10.00am.

Saturday 14 June – Coffee Bar, Winscombe – 11.00-12.00noon.

Saturday 05 July – The Bluebird Café, Wedmore – 11.00-12.00noon.

Saturday 12 July – The Coffee Bank, Winscombe – 1.30-2.30pm.

No appointment is necessary (it's first come, first served). Residents who wish to contact Tessa may do so 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).

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

Cheddar Male Choir

13 June. Cheddar and Marazion Apollo Male Choirs. Come join us for an unforgettable evening of music at St Andrew's Church! The talented Cheddar Male Choir will be teaming up with the incredible Marazion Apollo Male Choir for a one-of-a-kind performance. Get ready to be serenaded by beautiful harmonies and powerful vocals in a stunning setting. Don't miss out on this special event. St Andrew's Church, Cheddar, BS27 3RF. Doors open 7.00pm. Bar and Raffle available. Tickets from eventbrite.com (Search for Cheddar Male Choir/ Cheddar), Deanes of Cheddar, Choir members or on the door. NB. Parking in Sainsbury car park is free from 6.00pm. Please leave church hall parking for less mobile attendees.

Events (cont.)

Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI meetings

05 June. Secret World Animal Charity Talk. Competition: My favourite animal. 7.30pm. Draycott Memorial Hall, Draycott.

03 July. The Strawberry Line Regeneration and Development. This is an open meeting so all welcome. £5 for non-members. Competition: An item of railway memorabilia. 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.

Morris Dancing

03 July. Mendip Morris Dancers will be performing in front of The Strawberry. 8.00pm.

07 August. The Chalice Morris Dancers will be performing in front of The Strawberry. 8.00pm.

Contact Lori Toms 01934 742177 or email loritoms4@gmail.com.

St Leonards PCC

21 June. Open Day. There will be a day of arts, crafts, music, flower arrangements, tower tours, local history displays, primary school art exhibition, refreshments and other activities to get involved with. All proceeds to church funds. 10.30am. St. Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke. Contact Megan James.

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

Draycott Memorial Hall

27 June. Bingo. Join us for the last Bingo before the summer break. Doors open 6:45pm for eyes down at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome, refreshments available during the interval but feel free to bring your own. Raffle, cash and prize flyers. Bingo will then resume on Friday 26th September.

05 July. Summer Social. Join us for our third Summer Social. Tickets available, £23 each. 7.30pm Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements. Bar, raffle, fantastic food and music by Somerset Entertainments and Holly Gray. Come and join the fun! Contact Sarah Knight, Booking Secretary to request yours! enquiries@draycottmemorialhall.org.uk or call 07851 410459.

Draycott Community Shop

12 June. **A Drinks Special Summer Sample Evening.** Join us for samples, the launch of a new cocktail range, Summer Recipe Sheet and enter a free raffle with every purchase. 5.00pm to 8.00pm. Contact Leonie or Clare 01934 740044 or email clairelovejones@gmail.com.

Draycott Community Cinema

20 June. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society. In the aftermath of World War II, a writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey Island when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the war. Then she learns the secret they are afraid to reveal. Rated PG. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Entry £5.

21 June. The Princess Bride. A bedridden boy's grandfather reads him the story of a farmboy-turned-pirate who encounters numerous obstacles, enemies and allies in his quest to be reunited with his true love. 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.

All events at the Draycott Memorial Hall. Tickets available from draycottcinema.square.site. Contact Draycott Community Cinema info@draycottcinema.co.uk.

Supporters of St Peter's (SOSP)

29 June. St Peter's Day Teddy Bears Show. Join us to celebrate St Peter's Day with a Teddy Bears show, with Cream Teas and other refreshments. The afternoon will conclude with a short service of Compline. Why not bring your Teddy Bear or other soft toy and join us for a fun afternoon? In and Around St Peter's Church 3.00pm – 4.30pm. Contact Thea Oliver.

02 August. SOSP -Treasure Hunt & BBQ. Walking Treasure Hunt followed by a BBQ. Bring your own alcohol. Soft drinks and food available to buy. Treasure Hunt starting from School/ Church Car Park ending at a surprise venue. Treasure Hunt £2 per person, pre-school children free. Treasure Hunt from 3.30pm BBQ from 4.30pm. Contact Tricia Lumley.