

## Parish Diary October and November 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.
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 SOSF 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 (Term Time)	Mendip Players Youth Group. 5.00 – 6.30pm. at Draycott Memorial Hall. New members welcome. Contact Allie at <a href="mailto:mendipplayersyouth@gmail.com">mendipplayersyouth@gmail.com</a>
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 Sarah Winter at <a href="mailto:sarah.winter86@outlook.com">sarah.winter86@outlook.com</a>
Every Thursday	Draycott Art Club. 10.00am – 4.00pm at Draycott Memorial Hall. Regular sessions every week, absolute beginners welcome.

October		
Thursday	02	WI Meeting. DMH. 7.30pm
Saturday	04	Coffee & Cake Morning. St Peter's Church 10.30am – 12.00 noon.
Sunday	05	Autumn Sample Sunday. Draycott Community Shop. 11.00am – 1.00pm.
Saturday	11	Coffee & Cake Morning. St Leonard's Church 10.30am – 12.00 noon.
Thursday	23	Last day of School Term
November		
Saturday	01	Coffee & Cake Morning. St Peter's Church 10.30am – 12.00 noon.
Monday	03	First day of School Term
Thursday	06	WI Meeting. DMH. 7.30pm
Thursday	20	Parish Council Meeting. DMH. 7.00pm.
Thursday	27	Christmas Extravaganza! Draycott Community Shop. Times TBA.

### Deadline for December 2025 edition – Wednesday 19 November

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 07771 851095 or [rdgoog3@gmail.com](mailto:rdgoog3@gmail.com)  
Neighbourhood Watch: Rodney Stoke - Val Bullen 07825 084432

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# Parish News



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## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

### Gullies, waterways, streams and rivers

Do you know your responsibilities if you live next to a watercourse? With the threat of flooding increasing it is more important than ever to do all you can to protect yourself and your neighbours. Many residents of Stoke Street in Rodney Stoke are impacted by flooding with the brook and gullies requiring regular clearing. Highways are not responsible for clearing gullies, we are fortunate that they have recently agreed to clear the pipe in Stoke Street but they have told us that it is now up to the landowners. Please check our Community website page for the Environment Agency booklet **Your Watercourse: rights and roles** plus many other useful links to help with flooding. Please speak to your neighbours if you share a watercourse – you may be able to join forces to clear your section.

### Community Orchard

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey. Over 100 responses were received with an overwhelming majority in favour of a community orchard. For updates please see the Draycott Community Orchard Facebook page or speak to Councillor Lynda Dearden on 07711 078617. Information will also be added to our website. Thank you to the working party for all their hard work on this wonderful project.

### Zebra Crossing

Please use the crossing and not the traffic islands to cross the road. The zebra crossing was installed because of the danger of the road, please ensure that all school children know how to cross safely. We have received reports of unattended children using the traffic islands to cross which is a huge concern.

### Hedge Cutting

Landowners are responsible for cutting back boundary hedges, especially if they impact visibility or safety. County Highways are not responsible for cutting hedges and will look to recharge costs, so please maintain your boundaries.

### Problems on the road?

Somerset Council no longer use the FixMyStreet reporting site. Please report any problems on the [somerset.gov.uk](http://somerset.gov.uk) website.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

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

### Next Meeting – Thursday 20 November 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 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 [vkennedy2021@outlook.com](mailto:vkennedy2021@outlook.com) for application form. Deadline for return of forms is **Thursday 27 November 2025**.

### The 2026 Mendip Players Panto is The Three Musketeers

Performances will be on February 05, 06 & 07 2026. Expect swashbuckling laughs and a tale of derring do, love and a plot to overthrow the French monarchy. Tickets available soon. We are looking for people who would like to get involved off-stage and backstage to help us put on a great show. See [www.themendipplayers.co.uk](http://www.themendipplayers.co.uk) for up to date information or contact [themendipplayers@gmail.com](mailto:themendipplayers@gmail.com) to find out how you can get involved.

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont)

### Local History – Railway Station

Alan Rowntree has evidence that originally Draycott Station was going to be at Rodney Stoke. Please contact him if you can contribute to his research. Email [a.rowntree@btinternet.com](mailto:a.rowntree@btinternet.com)

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

<b>August Winners</b>	£50	R and S Walker
	£25	J Thorne
	£15	M Curtis
<b>End of Year Bonus Winners</b>	£20	B Wheal M Anniuk V Andrews
		A Rowntree Y Finnegan
	£15	A Wills S Rossiter
<b>September Winners</b>	£50	A Vincent
	£25	G Cragg
	£15	M Stevens

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

### Cardiff Coach Trip

We are now filling the second bus for the trip on Sunday 30 November and there's still time to grab a seat. Huge thanks to those signed up so far. £13.50. Enjoy a day out doing whatever you fancy, it doesn't have to be Christmas shopping. Pick up times and destinations to be confirmed depending on numbers. Departure from Cardiff 4.30pm. Please contact Sarah Knight for information or to request your seats 07762 908278.

### Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI

We have a wide and varied programme this year. Our next meetings are on 02 October and 06 November. 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.

### MP's Surgery

Tessa Munt, MP for Draycott and Rodney Stoke Parishes will be running 'Surgeries' at the following times and locations. If you'd like further information, please call or email for details.  
 Saturday 04 October from 08.30-10.00am at Coffee #1, Wells  
 Saturday 04 October from 12.00-1.00pm at The Lamb Inn, Axbridge  
 Friday 10 October from 08.00-09.00am at Edelweiss Café, Cheddar  
 Saturday 11 October from 09.00-10.00am at The Bluebird Café, Wedmore  
 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](mailto:tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk). By post to "Tessa Munt Free-post" (you won't need a stamp).

### Draycott Community Cinema

Can't get there, We can get you! If people within the community are struggling to access the cinema due to mobility, we have volunteers who would be willing to provide a lift. Contact [info@draycottcinema.co.uk](mailto:info@draycottcinema.co.uk).

### The Holy Rollers, Summer Skittles

The Holy Rollers would like to give an enormous thank you to Mick & Lori for organising such an enjoyable community event and for their continuing generosity in supporting so many village groups. Summer wouldn't be the same without it. Thank you both again for the wonderful cheque for St Peter's Church, it is very much appreciated.

### Draycott Diaries - The Village Podcast

If you're new to the village, tuning in would be the perfect way to get to know your community or if you've lived here for many years, you may uncover some little-known facts you never knew! Visit [www.draycottdiaries.com](http://www.draycottdiaries.com) to browse through each episode featuring local characters, historical tales and fascinating life stories. Enjoy!

## Events

### Draycott Community Shop

**05 October. Autumn Sample Sunday.** Join us for some free samples, a new Autumn Recipe Sheet and free entry into the raffle with every purchase. 11.00am – 1.00pm.

**27 November. Draycott Community Shop – Save The Date!** Save the date for our wonderful Christmas Extravaganza! Gifts galore, samples and the grand light switch on! Late Night Opening. A lovely start to the festive period. Times TBA. For more information, pop in to see us or telephone 01934 740044.

## Events (cont.)

### Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI meetings

**02 October. Life as a TV and Film Extra.** An entertaining talk by Hazel Atherton. 7.30pm. Draycott Memorial Hall, Draycott.

**06 November. Burns the Bread.** A talk by Rob Burns. Samples will be served!

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.

### St Leonards PCC

**11 October. 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 Church Hall, Rodney Stoke. Contact Megan James.

**02 November. Patronal & Thanksgiving Service.** Please join us as we celebrate St. Leonard, the patron saint of prisoners and to thank the wider community for their help and support. Please stay for coffee & refreshments after the service. 11.15am. St. Leonard's Church Hall, 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.

**15 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 to 3.00pm. St. Leonard's Church Hall, Rodney Stoke. Contact Honor Neave & Karen Percival.

### Draycott Memorial Hall

**24 October. Bingo.** Join us for Halloween Bingo on Friday 24th October, there's sure to be some spooktacular treats.

**26 November. Bingo.** Not long to the Christmas one.

Raffle, prize and cash flyer. Everyone welcome, refreshments available during the interval or please feel free to bring your own. Doors open 6.45pm for eyes down at 7.30pm. Draycott Memorial Hall. Contact Sarah Knight [enquiries@draycottmemorialhall.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@draycottmemorialhall.org.uk) or telephone 07851 410459.

### Draycott Community Cinema

Our Community Cinema with thanks and support from Draycott Community Shop to help provide some delicious snacks to purchase. Who doesn't love one of those delicious ice cream tubs at interval time?

**17 October. The Salt Path.** Based on the bestselling memoir by Raynor Winn, tells the true story of Raynor and Moth Winn. After losing their farm and home due to a bad investment and facing the devastating diagnosis of Moth's terminal illness, they embark on a 630-mile trek along the South West Coast Path, with only a tent, a few essentials, and limited funds. 12A Rated. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Entry £5.

**18 October. A Minecraft Movie.** Four misfits who are transported to the Overworld, where they must learn survival skills, battle creatures, and find a way home with the help of Steve, an expert crafter. This is a standard kid 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.

**21 November. The Usual Suspects.** The sole survivor of a pier shoot-out tells the story of how a notorious criminal influenced the events that began with five criminals meeting in a seemingly random police line-up. Rated 18. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Entry £5.

**22 November. Lilo & Stitch.** A lonely Hawaiian girl befriends a runaway alien, helping to mend her fragmented family. This is a standard kid 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.

Tickets available from [draycottcinema.square.site](http://draycottcinema.square.site), The Draycott Community Shop or pay on the door. Contact Draycott Community Cinema [info@draycottcinema.co.uk](mailto:info@draycottcinema.co.uk).

### Supporters of St Peter's (SOSP)

**04 October. SOSP Harvest Fair.** We are hosting a harvest Fair along with our usual monthly Coffee and Cake morning. Fair to include Crafts, Cakes, Produce, Tombola etc. Everyone welcome. 10.00am to 1.00pm. St Peter's Church. Contact Karen Percival 07922 263742.

**14 November. SOSP Curry Night.** By kind invitation from Mick and Lori we will be holding another famous Curry Night. Please look out for more information nearer the date. 7.30pm for 8.00pm. £15 per person. The Strawberry Special. Contact Rev. Thea Oliver.

**07 December. SOSP Advent Festival.** This years theme will be bells. Coffee and Cake will be followed by Soup Lunch, please look out for more details nearer the time. 10.30am to 1.30pm. St Peter's Church. Contact Karen Percival.

### Lazy Lunch

**28 November. The Lazy Lunch.** Christmas Lunch, takeaway and vegetarian available. Please bring your own alcohol and glasses. 12.00noon to 2.00pm. £20 per ticket. Contact Janette Vining 07967 636260.

### Friends of St Leonard's (FOSL)

**25 October. Autumn Quiz with Fish and Chip supper.** Come and enjoy an evening that will test your brain and stretch your waist band! Seasonal raffle. Everyone welcome. £12.50. Children 12 years and under £7.00. 6.30pm. Rodney Stoke Church Hall. Buy tickets at <https://buytickets.at/fosl/1854771>. Contact Nikki Watt 07973 280615.