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COCKING COLUMN

OCTOBER
2024
Est. 2021

Sun 6 Oct, 9.30am

Harvest Sunday Service
St Catherine of Siena Church

Sun 6 Oct, 1pm

Harvest Lunch
Village Hall

Mon 7 Oct, 11am

Monthly Service
Pendean Nursing Home

Mon 7 Oct, 6.30pm

Parish Council Meeting
Village Hall

Sat 12 Oct, 11am

Early Christmassy Craft Fete
Blue Bell

Thur 17 Oct, 10.30am

Village Coffee Morning
Blue Bell

Sat 26 Oct, 6pm

Bonfire Night
Village Hall

Weds 30 Oct, 9.30am

Monthly Requiem
St Catherine of Siena Church

The Blue Bell's Early Christmassy
Craft Fete



Cocking Pub Car Park
12th October @ 11am-4pm



Stalls include

Cakes

Special Educational Learning Games

Handstitched and Knitted toys

Felt by Steph

Vintage Knitwear

Recycled Wood Designs

Andy's Artisan Metal Work

Making and Mending's Creations

Linda's Willow

Haberdashery

Candles, Cards and Gifts

Stonepillow



Every Thursday, 3pm

Free Chair Yoga & Cake!
Village Hall

Weekly at St Catherine's

Mon, Tues 9.30am

Meditation/Contemplation

Tue, Wed, Fri, 9.30am

Morning Prayer

Sunday, 9.30am Sung Mass

For updates on events and offerings at
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NEWS & UPDATES

FETE success! Thank you for supporting the fete. Despite the weather and the clash with Revival, the fete raised £4400 in support of our ancient churches.

Paul Henshaw Memorial Cup. The Cup has left the village! Congratulations to the winner—but we will win it back next year. Thanks to Chris Budd and Richie Keen for organising.



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Mon-Fri 08:00 - 15:00
Sat 08:00 - 16:00
Sun 10:00 - 14:00

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Contemplative Services. On Monday mornings, 9.30am, the church will be a space for silent meditation. It's a wonderful way to start the week, just sitting in the beautiful stillness of our ancient parish church. And every Tuesday morning, 9.30am, we will hold a contemplative service with Taizé chants.

Harvest Festival. Harvest Sunday is on 6 October, with a service at 9.30am at the parish church, followed by a harvest lunch (by donation) at CVH at 1pm. Please register here: cockingcolumn.com/harvest



meditation mondays

Mondays, 9.30am
St Catherine of Siena



taizé under the downs

Tuesdays, 9.30am
St Catherine of Siena



**HARVEST
SUNDAY**

6TH OCTOBER 2024

St Catherine of Siena

9.30am

Harvest Lunch, 1pm @ CVH



Pendean Nursing Home. The service at Pendean Nursing Home is at 11am, Mon 7 Oct. Do meet us there to join in, or let Fr Jonathan know if anyone would like a visit.

Parish Council Meeting. The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 7 Oct at 18:30 in the Village Hall, all are welcome.

Christmassy Craft. Saturday 12 October, 11am-4pm, Blue Bell. Over a dozen stalls featuring cakes, local craft and trade stands—perfect for Christmas presents!

Village Coffee Morning. 10.30am, Blue Bell, third Thursday of each month: 17 Oct. A wonderful opportunity to catch up with neighbours or get to know village newcomers. No need to book; just turn up and bring a friend. Drinks and biscuits courtesy of the Friends of the Blue Bell.

Bonfire Night. 6pm, Sat 26th Oct at the Village Hall. Bonfire begins at 6.30pm; fireworks begin at 7pm. Entry by donation. See poster for details.

Monthly Requiem. 9.30am, Weds 30 Oct at the parish church. Every month, we remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries fall during the month. If you would someone to be remembered, please let Fr Jonathan know.

Chair Yoga & Cake. Free Chair Yoga & Cake is on Thursdays at the Village Hall. If you are interested, please contact Jane Menon (jane.menon@hotmail.co.uk) or Portia Charles (portiacharles100@gmail.com). Also check out the ad for other yoga offerings!

Embrace Yoga at Cocking Village Hall
www.midhurstyoga.co.uk

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Weds 6pm

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or contact Jane Menon
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Cocking Village Hall
2024
Bonfire & Fireworks Night
Saturday 26th October 2024

OPEN TO COCKING VILLAGERS + GUESTS

CASH DONATIONS AT GATE
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY FOR YOUR LOCAL EVENT

18:00 GATES OPEN
BURGERS & BANGERS BY RICHLINE FOODS
BAR OPEN - BEER, LAGER, WINE, CIDER & MULLED WINE ETC. CASH OR CARD

18:30 BONFIRE LIGHTING
19:00 FIREWORK DISPLAY

PLEASE NOTE : FOR SAFETY REASONS THERE WILL BE NO PARKING AVAILABLE AT THE HALL

SAVE THE DATE

Watoto Trust Christmas Fair. 5-6 Nov, 9am-4pm. The Tithe Barn, Ditcham, GU31 5RQ. This charity fair started here in Cocking, and still supports the local church building.

Remembrance Sunday. 10.45am, 10 Nov, St Catherine of Siena Church.

Remembrance Sunday
10.45am, 10th November 2025
St Catherine of Siena, Mill Ln, Cocking



REQUESTS & OFFERS

Speedwatch. The village and surrounding area has seen a number of accidents recently. The Community Speedwatch scheme has had some significant successes: it is well documented that areas where there is an active scheme running see a greater deterrent against speeding motorists. To continue the progress made more volunteers are urgently required. Full training will be provided, so if you are able to spare an hour or two of your time every now and then please email tim.carter@cocking.org.

Food Bank. Our local food bank is in urgent need of donations—and the church now serves as a drop-off point for the Food Bank. Goods will be delivered to the Food Bank monthly. All throughout October, we are collecting **Toiletries** (e.g., toothpaste, shampoo, soap, sanitary towels).

WhatsApp. To join the Village WhatsApp group or contact the Cocking Mutual Aid

group, send Fr Jonathan a WhatsApp message: 07799 271913.



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The “Friends of the Blue Bell”—five years on

The ‘Friends’ was set up 5 years ago, when the village worked together to save the Blue Bell from developers. Its role was initially to raise funds to refurbish Blue Bell, and later to encourage and support the use of this new asset as a Hub for the village. Its key purpose was to engage with villagers, understand their needs, and, with volunteer support, organise events, mainly in support of the Blue Bell.

Since then, it has supported the Community by organising events and activities in the Hub and around the village. This has been achieved in conjunction with the Village Hall, Parish Council, and Church. Some of the events over the last five supported or fully organised by the Friends include: The Hidden Gardens, Art displays, Quiz nights, Darts and Music evenings, Village Coffee mornings, Film nights, sport events, the Jubilee celebration, and the event to mark Queen’s funeral.

That task The Friends took on in 2019 is still needed today. As many of you will know, we continue to face challenging times, not only in supporting the successful operation of the business of the Blue Bell, but also in effectively serving our community with the Hub at its centre. This winter The Friends plan to arrange, in conjunction with the Blue Bell and others, a number of activities whose purpose is to unite our community and support our local Hub.

Can you help? In order to do this, we need support to reinforce and refresh our current committee. We are reaching out to those around us to join the ‘Friends’ to help us better understand the expectations of the village and then help us to fulfil them.

To offer your support please contact :

Peter Gibbon 07836 522305 pgibbon@mga-ideas.com





Here are some recent village memories to share. And if you'd like to see them in colour, subscribe for free to the digital version of Cocking Column by visiting <https://www.cockingcolumn.com/>







THE BLUE BELL
AT COCKING

Blue Bell Management Committee Update

Change of direction, move to a tenancy model

At the conception of the Blue Bell Community Hub, it was always envisaged that the Blue Bell Pub would be run under a tenancy model. This method however was not achieved at the outset and as a result the pub has had a number of managers over the last 5 years.

It will not have escaped many of your attentions that Simon is no longer managing our pub. The Blue Bell, being run under a Manager-led model has continued to encounter significant financial hurdles despite the best efforts of Simon, his team, and the Management Committee over the last 12 months. As a result of the ongoing challenges we face under a manager-led model and In order to ensure it's future prosperity The Management Committee has taken the decision that now is the time to move towards offering a tenancy which was always the plan from the outset.

As such I'm delighted to announce that Rosie and Bill Lowe from the village will be taking the pub forward in the agreed direction with the intention that they take the full tenancy on in the near future. Many of you will know Rosie and Bill, both have a long history as publicans. I hope that the village will support them in their endeavours in taking our community hub forward to a long and successful future.

Please keep a look out for adverts of events planned in the pub over the next few weeks. The Quiz will be returning along with a Halloween themed evening in October.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Simon for his huge efforts in the pub. He took the manager role at a very testing time. I believe he injected new life into the pub at the end of last year and managed to significantly enhance the community feel in the premises. We wish him well in the future.

Andy Cornwell

Chair of the Blue Bell Community Hub Management Committee