

Creating  
Togetherness

# COCKING COLUMN

NOVEMBER  
2024

Est. 2021

**Mon 4 Nov, 11am**

Monthly Service  
*Pendean Nursing Home*

**Mon 4 Nov, 6.30pm**

Parish Council Meeting  
*Village Hall*

**Tues & Weds 5-6 Nov, 9am**

The Christmas Fair  
*Tithe Barn, Ditcham*

**Sunday 10 Nov, 10.45am**

Remembrance Sunday  
*St Catherine of Siena Church*

**Thur 21 Nov, 10.30am**

Village Coffee Morning  
*Blue Bell*

**Weds 27 Nov, 9.30am**

Monthly Requiem  
*St Catherine of Siena Church*

**Weds 27 Nov, 10am**

Death Café  
*Cocking Rectory*

**Weds 27 Nov, 7pm**

Quiz Night  
*Blue Bell*



**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  
your village pub, visit:  
<https://thebluebellatcocking.co.uk/>

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## UPDATES

**Christmassy FETE success!** Thank you to all who helped set up for the 3rd Cocking craft fair at the Blue Bell, and all who came and supported. We had a lovely mix of crafters with wonderful skill on display. £90 was raised for the pub. Many thanks to the Blue Bell's Rosie & Bill for supplying refreshments.



Cocking Village Shop  
**OPENING HOURS**

**Mon-Fri 08:00 - 15:00**

**Sat 08:00 - 16:00**

**Sun 10:00 - 14:00**

<https://thelittlepantry.uk/>

**A Little Pantry Winter.** This winter the Little Pantry is opening up its Sitting Room. Come sit in front of a cosy fire, and enjoy your food and drink from the shop. Seasonal soups will also be offered. Afternoon Tea will be available by booking. And there's WiFi, for those of us who just need to stay connected!



### Opening Hours

#### BAR

**Monday–Wednesday** 11am–10pm

**Thursday–Saturday** 11am–11pm

**Sunday** 12pm–6pm

#### KITCHEN

**Monday—Saturday**

Breakfast: 8.30am–11am

Lunch: 12pm–2.30pm

Dinner: 6pm–8.30pm

#### Sunday

Breakfast: 8.30am–11am

Lunch: 12pm–4pm

**South Downs National Park** is currently undertaking a review of the Local Plan. Cowdray have contributed to this process by submitting a number of sites across the Estate for consideration for residential development so as to support the Authority in meeting its housing need. A representative from Cowdray Estate has been invited to the Parish Council meeting in November to discuss their proposals.

## 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.



*meditation mondays*

Mondays, 9.30am

St Catherine of Siena



*taizé under the downs*

Tuesdays, 9.30am

St Catherine of Siena

**Pendean Nursing Home.** The next service is at 11am, Mon 4 Nov. Do join us there, or let Fr Jonathan know if anyone would like a visit.

**Parish Council Meeting.** The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 4 Nov at 18:30 in the Village Hall, all are welcome.

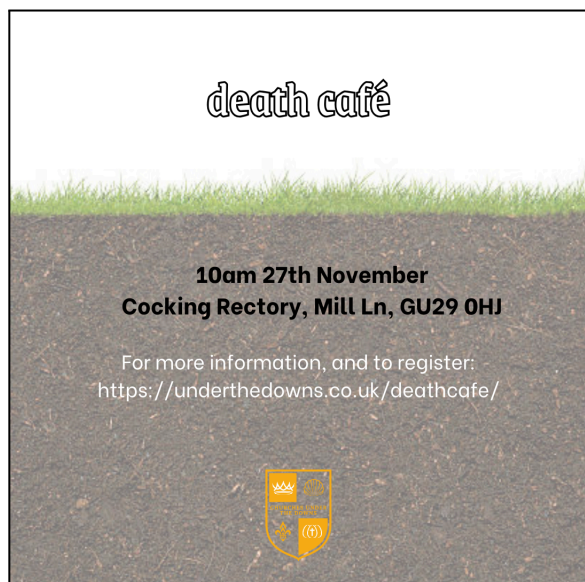
**Watoto Trust Christmas Fair.** 5-6 Nov, 9am-4pm. The Tithe Barn, Ditcham, GU31 5RQ. This charity fair started here in Cocking, and still supports the local church building.

**Remembrance Sunday.** The Benefice Remembrance Sunday service is in Cocking this year. 10.45am, 10th November.



**Village Coffee Morning.** 10.30am, Blue Bell, third Thursday of each month: 21 Nov. A wonderful opportunity to catch up with neighbours or get to know village newcomers. No need to book; just turn up—bring a friend. Drinks and biscuits courtesy of the Friends of the Blue Bell.

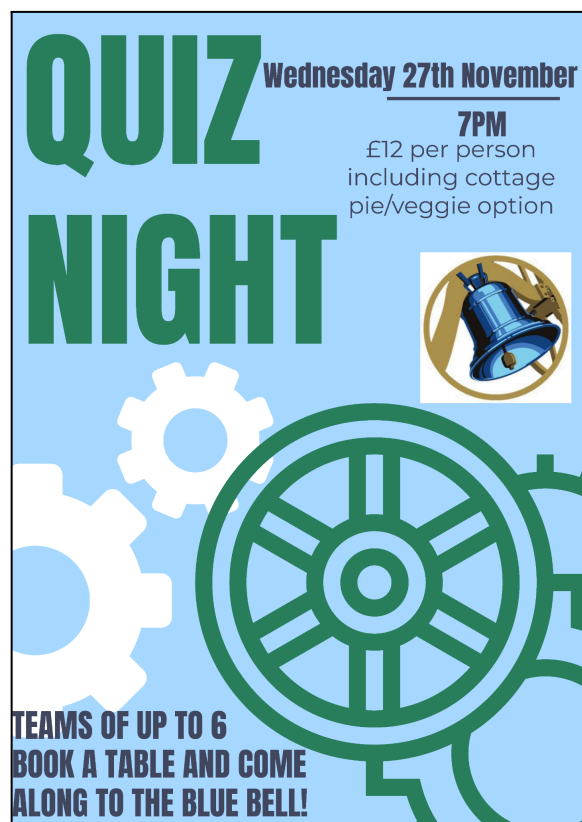
**Monthly Requiem.** 9.30am, Weds 27 Nov at the parish church. Every month, we remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries fall during the month. If you would like someone to be remembered, please let Fr Jonathan know.



**Death Café.** 10am, Weds 27 Nov at Cocking Rectory. Death café is a space for openly and freely talking about death. Sign up here: <https://underthedowns.co.uk/deathcafe>

**Quiz Night.** The Blue Bell Quiz is back! 7pm, Weds 27 Nov. £12 per person, including cottage pie or veggie option. Teams of up to 6.

**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](mailto:jane.menon@hotmail.co.uk)) or Portia Charles ([portiacharles100@gmail.com](mailto:portiacharles100@gmail.com)). Also check out the ad for other yoga offerings!



SAVE THE DATE

**Carol Service.** 3pm, Sunday 1 Dec at St Catherine of Siena church. Free entry—join us for mulled wine and mince pies after!



### Blue Bell 5th Birthday Party!

The Blue Bell opened its doors under community ownership in Dec 2019. The journey since has not been plain sailing, but thanks to the efforts and hard work of many, the pub is moving towards its 5th birthday. Come and celebrate this milestone on 3rd Dec from 7pm where there will be a buffet provided. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the pub for £5 or on the door.

**Cocking Christmas Talks.** We are excited about Cocking Christmas Talks at the church. 7pm, 4th, 11th, and 18th Dec, featuring talks by experts from the *Weald and Downland Living Museum*. Our very own Darron Carver will speak on the development of the church as a building. Then, Anna Clements will speak on witch marks (to ward them off!), found in some Cocking homes. And Aaron Baker will speak on a Tudor Christmas. Entry by donation—with mince pies and mulled wine!

## REQUESTS & OFFERS

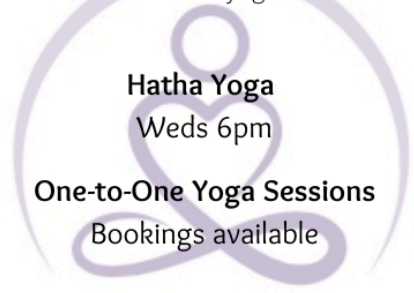
**Food Bank.** The church serves as a drop-off point for the Food Bank. In November, we are collecting **Tinned Food and Fruit**.

**Chess.** Anyone interested in learning or playing chess this winter, please contact Peter Knowles, (+447779355314 or peterknowles2009@hotmail.co.uk).

**Friends of the Blue Bell.** Our “refresh” has begun in view of the changes at the Blue Bell. Plans are being drawn up for exciting activities and events over the coming months. The structure of the Friends is still a work-in-progress, but there’ll be updates soon! In the meantime, the Friends need volunteers to join the new team, so if you have a few hours to spare, do come and join, offer your ideas, and/or lend a hand “on the day”. cockingvillage.events@gmail.com

### Embrace Yoga at Cocking Village Hall

[www.midhurstyoga.co.uk](http://www.midhurstyoga.co.uk)



**Hatha Yoga**  
Weds 6pm

**One-to-One Yoga Sessions**  
Bookings available

*embrace yoga*

for more information please visit [www.midhurstyoga.co.uk](http://www.midhurstyoga.co.uk)  
or contact Jane Menon  
07841537105 | [jane.menon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jane.menon@hotmail.co.uk)

**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 BLUE BELL  
AT COCKING

# 5TH *Party* BIRTHDAY

Come and help us celebrate the Hub's  
5th Birthday at the Blue Bell

**TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2024  
FROM 7PM**

We've come a long way through thick  
and thin, and we would love you to  
join us in celebrating!

The Hub and Pub are vital to our  
community, please support them

**Buffet Meal** at  
**£5 per ticket** on  
the door or in  
advance at the  
Blue Bell





# Christmas

A T T H E B L U E B E L L

## T O S T A R T

Spiced Parsnip Soup with Toasted Ciabatta  
Chicken Liver Pate, Rustic Bread and Farmhouse Chutney  
Thai Crabcakes, Salad and Sweet Chilli Sauce  
Wild Mushrooms on Sourdough Toast  
Traditional Prawn Cocktail

## T O F O L L O W

Naturally Smoked Haddock Mornay, Saute New Potatoes, Chantanay  
Carrots and Green Beans  
Traditional Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings  
Mixed Nut Roast with a Wild Mushroom Sauce and Honey Roasted  
Vegetables  
Braised Oxtail, Celeriac Puree, Colcannon and a Red Onion Jus  
Goats Cheese and Fennel Tart, Dressed Salad and French Fries

## T O F I N I S H

Ferrero Rocher Cheesecake  
Warm Sticky Toffee Sundae Pudding  
Lemon Panacotta  
Christmas Pudding  
Apple and Pear Crumble  
Cheeseboard (£5 supplement)

2 Courses £27.00

3 Courses £32.00

Available in December until 24th

*Enjoy!*



# Christmas

At The Blue Bell

## Festive Opening Times

|                   | <u>Bar</u> | <u>Food</u>                    |
|-------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Christmas Eve     | 12-9pm     | 8.30-10am, 12-4pm              |
| Christmas Day     | 12-2pm     | Kitchen Closed                 |
| Boxing Day        | 12-6pm     | Kitchen Closed                 |
| Friday 27th Dec   | 12-11pm    | 8.30-11am, 12-2.30pm, 6-8.30pm |
| Saturday 28th Dec | 12-11pm    | 8.30-11am, 12-2.30pm, 6-8.30pm |
| Sunday 29th Dec   | 12-6pm     | 8.30-10am, 12-4pm              |
| Monday 30th Dec   | 12-10pm    | 8.30-11am, 12-2.30pm, 6-8.30pm |
| New Year's Eve    | 12-Late    | 8.30-11am, 12-2.30pm           |
| New Year's Day    | 12-6pm     | 8.30-11am, 12-2.30pm           |
| Thursday 2nd Jan  | 12-11pm    | 8.30-11am, 12-2.30pm, 6-8.30pm |
| Friday 3rd Jan    | 12-11pm    | 8.30-11am, 12-2.30pm, 6-8.30pm |



# Cocking Christmas Talks

**Wednesdays, 7pm**

St Catherine of Siena Church  
Mill Ln, Cocking, GU29 0HJ

**Dec 4: Darron Carver**

*A sermon in stone: a history of church buildings*

**Dec 11: Anna Clement**

*Apotropaic marks*

**Dec 18: Aaron Baker**

*A Tudor Christmas*

**Entry by Donation**

*Hot Chocolate, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies Available*

