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COCKING COLUMN

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Mon 4 Aug, 11am

Monthly Service
Pendean Nursing Home

Weds 6 Aug, 10am

Tombola Coffee Morning
St Catherine of Siena Church

Tues 12 Aug, 7.30pm

200 Club
Blue Bell

Fri 15 Aug, 10am

VJ Day 80
St James Church Heyshott

Sat 16 Aug, 10am

Funeral of Gerry and Sheila Ryan
Chichester Cathedral

Sun 17 Aug, 10am

St Mary Patronal
St Mary's Church, Bepton

Tues 19 Aug, 11am

Nicene Creed Discussion
Cocking Rectory

Thur 21 Aug, 10.30am

Village Coffee Morning
Blue Bell

Weds 27 Aug, 9.30am

Monthly Requiem
St Catherine of Siena Church

Thurs 28 Aug, 7.30pm

Pub Quiz
Blue Bell

Sat 6 Sept, 2pm
FETE!
Cocking Rectory

Weekly at St Catherine's

Tues, Wed, Fri, 9.30am

Morning Prayer

Thur Fr Jonathan's day off

Sunday, 9.30am Sung Mass

Blue Bell Bar & Kitchen Hours

Mon

CLOSED

Tue

Bar 4-10pm

Kitchen 5.30-8.30pm

Wed-Sat

Bar 12-10pm

Kitchen 12-2.30pm, 5.30-8.30pm

Sun

Bar 12-6pm

Kitchen 12-4pm

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Wed-Sat 9.30am-10pm

Sun 12pm-6pm

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NEWS & UPDATES

Vote Results on Speed Limit Change.

Thank you to all who came to the Parish Council meeting in July to share their views on whether or not they supported a reduction to the speed limit through the village.

The results of the poll conducted by the Parish Council in June showed that most people in the village did not vote. Duplicate votes removed, of the 74 votes cast - 37 were in favour and 37 were not.

In the light of these results there is no clear mandate from the village for a change. Alternative suggestions were put forward by those who attended the meeting. One was a request to reduce the speed limit on the stretch from the South Downs Way crossing down Cocking Hill into the village from 60mph to 40mph and another was to install double white lines on this hill section. It was agreed by the Parish Council and all present that a request for these changes will be submitted to WSCC Highways Department. We will keep you informed of progress with this matter.



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Noddy Fest
Saturday 6th September
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tombola Coffee Morning.

10am, Weds 6 Aug at St Catherine of Siena Church. Come to the church for this special village coffee morning, supporting the annual fete. Do bring a bottle of wine, spirits, or something suitable for the tombola.

Parish Council Meeting. There is no Parish Council meeting in August. The next one will be on 1 Sept..



Charlotte Wise
WELLBEING

WEEKLY PILATES CLASSES

Cocking Village Hall
Mondays 10.30am-11.30am

All are welcome, no experience necessary.
Please contact me to book your space.

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200 Club. Congratulations to Kris Franklin who was the lucky winner of the July 200 Club, pocketing £195, our biggest prize to date! Numbers are still available to be purchased for the remaining months of the draw this year - if you would like to join in and raise the prize pot at the same time please email 200clubcocking@gmail.com. The August draw will be held in The Blue Bell on Tuesday 12 Aug, 7.30pm.

Funeral of Gerry and Sheila Ryan. All are invited to the funeral of Gerry and Sheila Ryan, 10am, Sat 16 Aug at Chichester Cathedral. If you intend to come, please let Fr Jonathan know.

St Mary Patronal. 10am, Sun 17 Aug we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Bepton parish church. There will not be a service in Cocking.

Nicene Creed Discussion Group. The discussion group on the Nicene Creed continues 11am, Tuesday 19 Aug at Cocking Rectory. This session will be on the Holy Spirit. No prior knowledge is assumed. Sign up: <https://underthedowns.co.uk/creed/>

Embrace Yoga at Cocking Village Hall
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
or contact Jane Menon
07841537105 | jane.menon@hotmail.co.uk

Village Coffee Morning. 10.30am, Blue Bell, third Thursday of each month. 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 *Friends of the Blue Bell*.

Monthly Requiem. 9.30am, Weds 27 Aug 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.

Pub Quiz. 7.30pm, 31 July. No minimum team, maximum of 6. £2pp, with no obligation to eat beforehand.

Chair Yoga & Cake. Free Chair Yoga & Cake is taking a break in August, to resume as usual at 3-4.30pm on the following Thursdays at the Village Hall: 18 Sept; 2, 16, 30 Oct; 20 Nov; 4 Dec; 18 Dec. For details, please contact Portia Charles (portiacharles100@gmail.com).

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REQUESTS & OFFERS



St Catherine of Siena Church is an official collection point for



**Chichester District
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Food Bank. The church serves as a drop-off point for the Food Bank. This month, we are especially collecting **Nappies & Children's Things**.

Fete. It takes many many people to make our annual fete a great success. If you'd like to help out or donate items for sale, please contact James Vickers (james.vickers1@btinternet.com).

Cocking BOULES TOURNAMENT

Competing for the

PAUL HENSHAW MEMORIAL TROPHY

SATURDAY, 23 AUGUST 2025



Team draw @ 5 PM
Games start @ 5.30 PM
Games finish @ 8 PM
Village Boules Pit

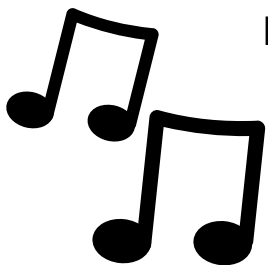
The Rules

Cocking residents only

Teams of two

All ages welcome, including children

Boulesdrome next to the playground



Smiley Blue

Join us for a fun evening of
boules, finishing with music at
The Blue Bell to keep the
entertainment going!





Fete!

Bepton | Cocking | West Lavington

Cocking Rectory

GU29 0HJ

2pm-4.30pm

Saturday, 6th September 2025

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