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COCKING COLUMN

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Mon 3rd Nov 11am

Pendean Visit

Pendean House

Mon 3rd Nov 6.30pm

Cocking Parish Council

Cocking Village Hall

Sun 9 Nov 10.45am

Remembrance Sunday

St James, Heyshott

Tue/Wed 11/12th Nov

The Christmas Fair

Tithe Barn, Ditcham

Tues 11 Nov 11am

Nicene Creed: Resurrection

Cocking Rectory

Tues 11 Nov 7.30pm

200 Club Draw

Blue Bell

Thurs 20 Nov 10.30am

Coffee Morning

Blue Bell

Wed 26th Nov 9.30

Monthly Requiem

St. Catherine's

Thurs 27th Nov 7.30

Pub Quiz

Blue Bell

Bar

Monday

CLOSED

Tuesday

16:00 – 22:00

Wednesday & Thursday

12:00 – 22:00

Friday & Saturday

12:00 – 22:00

Sunday

12:00 – 18:00

Kitchen

Monday:

CLOSED

Tuesday:

17:30 – 20:30

Wednesday – Saturday

Lunch: 12:00 – 14:30

Dinner: 17:30 – 20:30

Sunday:

Lunch: 12:00 – 16:00

St Catherine of Siena

Sun 9.30 am Sung Mass

Wed, Fri 9.30 am Morning Prayer

Thur Fr Jonathan's day off

Last Weds of Month 9.30am

Requiem Mass

Did you know you can now book online?

<https://thebluebellatcocking.co.uk/>

Trollied Pantry

Blue Bell Shop

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – 17:30 – 22:00

Wednesday – 09:30 – 22:00

Thursday – 09:30 – 22:00

Friday – 09:30 – 22:00

Saturday – 09:30 – 22:00

Sunday – 12:00 – 18:00

UPDATES



THE LAUNDRY ROOM

Midhurst Laundry. As many of you will know, Midhurst Laundry was victim to a fire, and Charlotte is now rebuilding all that she's lost. However, she is still able to collect and deliver laundry, including duvets, pillows, bedding, and clothing plus lots more.

Updated prices are now available on their website: www.midhurstlaundry.co.uk. Call them on 07783 978313 or email office@midhurstlaundry.co.uk. Let's support this locally-owned business!

Cocking Speedwatch. The Community Speedwatch continues to make a real difference to the safety of our village by monitoring the speed of vehicles passing through. Additional volunteers are urgently needed. If you are able to spare an hour of your time once or twice a month please email tim.carter@cocking.org. All training and equipment will be provided.



WEEKLY PILATES CLASSES
Cocking Village Hall
Mondays 10.30am-11.30am

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

From my home in Cocking I also offer:

- 1-2-1 sessions in Pilates and Yoga
- Flower Essence consultations
- Reiki
- Bodywork

Contact Charlotte at:
hello@charlottewisewellbeing.com • 07946 421989
www.charlottewisewellbeing.com

Blue Bell. During the winter months, the pub will close at 9pm if no customers are in. Bread and pastries are now baked on site, and can be ordered online www.trolliedpantry.co.uk or just pop in! Christmas menu is available for bookings in Dec, and Christmas party night Sat 20th Dec.

Cocking Community Luncheon. The Friends of the Blue Bell are delighted to announce the re-launch of the Cocking Community Luncheon, generously sponsored by the National Lottery. The lunches will be held monthly at the Blue Bell, beginning before

Christmas in the Blue Bell. Date and details to be announced soon and invitations will be sent out or delivered. If you would like to join us, or know someone who would, we would love to hear from you. Transport can be arranged for those who need it. For more information or to reserve a place, please email: cockingvillageevents@gmail.com



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pendean Nursing Home. The next service is at 11am, Mon 3 Nov. Do join us there, or let Fr Jonathan know if anyone would like a visit.

Parish Council Meeting. The next meeting is 6.30pm on 3 Nov, at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Remembrance Sunday Service. This year, our Remembrance Sunday service falls on Sunday, 9th Nov, 10.45am at the parish church of St James, Heyshott.

Remembrance Sunday @ Blue Bell. Sun, 9 Nov. Lunch time with "The Silhouettes". Hits of a bygone era. 3 course lunch and wartime and vintage show. £38 pp. Booking essential.

Watoto Fair. The annual Watoto Christmas Fair at the Tithe Barn in Ditcham is back, 11th-12th November, 9am. This fair began in Cocking, and continues to support charities, including the Watoto Trust and the St Catherine of Siena Church Preservation Trust. See poster below.



200 Club. Number 80 won the 200 Club in October: congratulations to Clive Elliott who is now £200 richer, our largest prize to date!

EXCITING NEWS - An updated 200 Club returns in 2026 with THREE winning numbers drawn each month!

1st prize - 25% of the pot (up to £500*)

2nd prize - 15% of the pot (up to £300*)

3rd prize - 10% of the pot (up to £200*)

*if all numbers sold

The rules remain the same: up to 200 members can join by agreeing to purchase a number for the 12 months of 2026. The cost of one number remains at £10/month payable by standing order monthly or in a lump sum before 1 Jan 2026. For further details on how to join (or rejoin!) email 200clubcocking@gmail.com

All proceeds go towards supporting the Blue Bell Community Hub.

The November draw will be held on the 11th in the Blue Bell at 7.30pm.

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

Monthly Requiem. 9.30am, final Wednesday of the month. Every month, we remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries fall during the month. If

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you would like someone to be remembered, please let Fr Jonathan know. The next one is on **Weds 26th Nov.**

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 the 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*. The next one is on **Thur 20th Nov.**

Pub Quiz. 7.30pm, Thur 27th Nov. 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: 20 Nov; 4 Dec; 18 Dec. For details, please contact Portia Charles (portiacharles100@gmail.com).

REQUESTS & OFFERS

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

Cancer Research UK fundraiser. Susie Burgess has had her hair shorn off in support of Cancer Research UK. Please do support her efforts!

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/susies-giving-page-329>

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SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Under the Downs

30 Nov, 3pm	Advent Carol Service	St Catherine's
13 Dec, 5pm	Carolling in Cocking	Cocking
14 Dec, 3pm	Christmas Carol Service	St Mary's
From 21st Dec, 6pm	Carolling in Heyshott	Heyshott
24th Dec, 2pm	Crib Service	St James's
24th Dec, 4pm	Crib Service	St Catherine's
24th Dec, 8pm	Carols at the Unicorn	The Unicorn, Heyshott
24th Dec, 9pm	Midnight Mass	St Catherine's
25th Dec, 9am	Christmas Day	St Mary's
25th Dec, 10.30am	Christmas Day	St James's

Cocking Christmas Talks

**Wednesdays, 7pm
December 3, 10, 17**

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



Entry by Donation

Hot Chocolate, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies Available



THE COCKING 200 CLUB RETURNS FOR 2026

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2nd prize - up to £300
3rd prize - up to £200

* Prizes calculated on %
of numbers purchased if less
than 200 sold

**All Proceeds go to the
Blue Bell Community Hub**

For further details email 200clubcocking@gmail.com



The Blue Bell Community Hub (BBCH) Management Committee is looking to recruit a new Treasurer

Do you want to see The Blue Bell remain at the heart of our community and village?

Are you enthusiastic and keen to join a small group of like minded volunteers?

Do you have an hour or so a week on average to spare?

Would you be prepared to join the BBCH Management Committee and take on the Treasurer role?

If the answer is yes to these questions then this role is for you!

For further information please email

ar.cornwell@yahoo.co.uk