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Togetherness

COCKING COLUMN

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Wed 1 April 7.00pm
Tenebrae

St Catherine of Sienna

Wed 8 April 7 pm
200 Club Draw

Blue Bell

Tues 14 April 6.30 p.m
Parish Council meeting

Village Hall

Weds 29 April 9.30am
Monthly Requiem

St Catherine of Siena Church

Sat 4 April 8.30 pm
Easter Vigil

St Catherine of Sienna

Mon 13 April 9.30 am
Easter Monday

Pendean

Thurs 16 April 11.00 a.m.
Coffee morning

Blue Bell

Wed 29 April 12.30pm
Community Luncheon

Blue Bell

Sun 5 April 9.30 am
Easter Day Service

St Catherine of Sienna

Tues 14 April pm
Pizza night with Woodys

Blue Bell car park

Sat 25 April 8pm
Country and Western

Blue Bell

Thurs 30 April 7.30 p.m
Quiz evening

Blue Bell

Bar & Shop

Mon
CLOSED

Tues
4pm-930pm

Weds-Sat
12pm-930pm

Sun
12pm-5pm

Kitchen

Mon
CLOSED

Tues
CLOSED

Weds-Sat
Lunch: 12pm-2.30pm
Dinner: 5.30pm-8.30pm

Sun
12pm-4pm

St Catherine of Siena

Sun 9.30am Sung Mass (60 mins)

Mon 9.30am Meditation (20 mins)

Tues 9.30am Taizé (30 mins)

Weds 9.30am Morning Prayer (30 mins)

Thurs Fr Jonathan's Day Off

Fri 9.30am BCP Matins (30 mins)



Last Weds of Month 9.30am

Requiem Mass



UPDATES

Exciting Phillip Jackson event in our church!

On 27 th May there will be with a two part talk by our very own Phillip Jackson on his life's work, including the chance to visit his studio and the sculpture garden, and including a welcome drink and supper . doors open from 1730 Seat price £60, in support of the Community Hub. For more information and to obtain tickets contact cockingvillage.events@gmail.com

Lottery Community Luncheon

The Friends of the Blue Bell will be hosting the next Cocking Community Luncheon generously sponsored by the National Lottery. It will be held at the Blue Bell on Wednesday 29th April from 12.30 with a £10 contribution payable on the day.

If you would like to join us or know someone local 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 cockingvillage.events@gmail.com

The Cocking Film Club.

The first Film Club evening was held at Cocking Village Hall on **24th March**. We will have had a meeting to discuss how it went and decide on the next date. **Please watch this space....**

To find out what we are showing, sign up by emailing cockingvillage.events@gmail.com. (Copyright rules apply and we can only publicise the film to club members.)

There is no charge to join so sign up now! Tickets are £10 and include the film, ice cream, and a drink. **Don't miss out.**

Monthly walk

If anyone is interested in joining the monthly walks in the beautiful area around our village please contact naomibarnett501@gmail.com or lindahouse34@hotmail.com.



Blue Bell Quiz. The monthly quiz is back! Every last Thursday of the month so **Thursday 30th April at 7.30**

Also bingo coming soon on Sunday afternoons! Check website and Facebook and blackboards for details.



Cocking 200 Club 2026.

Congratulations to our March winners of the **200 Club:**

1st Prize: £207.50, No. 18 Tony Wakeford

2nd Prize: £124.50, No. 49, Mo Young

3rd Prize: £83, No. 32, Gillian Elliott

The April draw will take place on **Weds 8 April, 7pm** in the Blue Bell.

The eagle eyed among you will notice that number 32 has been drawn for the 3rd consecutive month. The chances of that are roughly 500,000 to 1 so congrats to Gillian who really is the luckiest person in Cocking. There's still time to buy a number and be in with a chance of winning, just email 200clubcocking@gmail.com.

Advance warning of roadworks in the village

Please be aware that there are road works due to commence on the 13th April, this is to enable the laying of a new electricity cable from the oil well on Cocking Hill to the substation by the Greyhound Pub. There will be some disruption in the village while the works are carried out.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pendean Carehome. The next service is at 11am, Mon **13 April**. 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 Mon **14 April**, at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Board Games. on Wednesdays. 1st, **8th**, **15th**, **22nd** and **29th of April**, 3pm. Come along to the Blue Bell, bring a game you'd like to play! Free tea, coffee and cake will be supplied. Bring a friend or neighbour and support your local community.

Holy Week. Maundy Thursday 2 April liturgy is at 7 p.m. at St James Heyshott. The Good Friday liturgy is at 10 a.m. St. Mary's Bepton. For more information:

<http://underthedowns.co.uk/lent>

Easter Day Vigil Saturday 4th April at 8.30 in the Church followed by celebratory Prosecco. Church service will be supported by the choir and the traditional readings.

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. Join us on Thurs **16 April** at 11am at the Blue Bell for a cuppa and a chat. There's no need to book—just come along, and feel free to bring a friend.

The Speedwatch team celebrates 2 years in Cocking



The Speedwatch group met recently to celebrate their 2 year anniversary in Cocking. This month saw a record speed with a vehicle clocked at just under 50mph as they travelled through the village. They will be reported to the police and receive a warning notice through the post.

The team are always looking for new members, if you are interested please email Tim.carter@cocking.org

★ COUNTRY AND WESTERN SINGER ★



Josh Eade

★ 25TH APRIL ★ 8pm ★

★ ALL WELCOME ★

American Style Sharing Platters for Food Bookings



★ To book call 01730 239669 or book online ★
www.thebluebellatcocking.co.uk ★

Chair Yoga & Cake. Free Chair Yoga & Cake takes place at 3-4.30pm on the following Thursdays at the Village Hall: **16, 30 Apr; 14 May; 4, 18 June; 23 July.** For details, please contact Portia Charles (portiacharles100@gmail.com).



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
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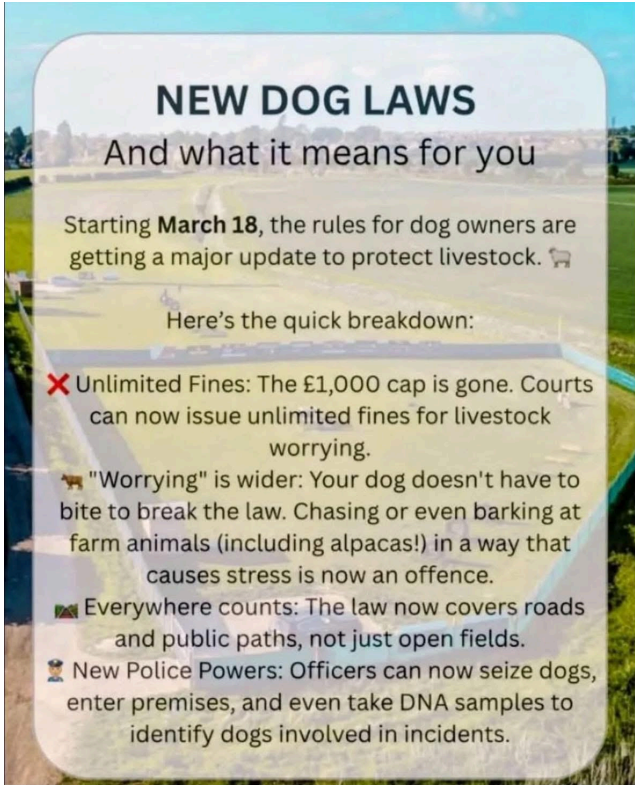
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 Call Us: 01730 642 274 E-mail chris@southdownsgardens.co.uk

Food Bank.

The church serves as a drop-off point for the Food Bank. This month, we are especially collecting **Tea and Coffee Supplies**: Items like instant coffee and packets of tea bags, plus maybe some biscuits?

For other suggestions, see also

<https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



NEW DOG LAWS

And what it means for you

Starting **March 18**, the rules for dog owners are getting a major update to protect livestock. 🐕

Here's the quick breakdown:

- ❌ **Unlimited Fines:** The £1,000 cap is gone. Courts can now issue unlimited fines for livestock worrying.
- 🐕 **"Worrying" is wider:** Your dog doesn't have to bite to break the law. Chasing or even barking at farm animals (including alpacas!) in a way that causes stress is now an offence.
- 📍 **Everywhere counts:** The law now covers roads and public paths, not just open fields.
- 👮 **New Police Powers:** Officers can now seize dogs, enter premises, and even take DNA samples to identify dogs involved in incidents.



BLUE BELI

BOARD GAMES

AFTERNOON!

WEDNESDAY 3PM

JOIN US FOR FUN & GAMES!

- ♦ **CLASSIC BOARD GAMES!**
- ♦ **CARD & DICE GAMES!**
- ♦ **ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!**

DRINKS - SNACKS - GOOD TIMES!

Tenebrae

A candle lit service of psalms and readings to welcome Easter. Held at 7 p.m. 1st April at St Catherine of Siena.