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Mon 2 March 11am

Pendean Visit

Pendean House

Wed 4 March 3pm

Board Games

Blue Bell

Thurs 19 March 11am

Coffee Morning

Blue Bell

Weds 25 March 9.30am

Monthly Requiem

St Catherine of Siena Church

Mon 2 March 6.30pm

Parish Council Meeting

Village Hall

Wed 11 March 7pm

200 Club Draw

Blue Bell

Sat 21 March 10

Village Spring Clean

Blue Bell

Thurs 26 March 7.30pm

Quiz Night

Blue Bell

Tues 3 March 7pm

Parish Council AGM

Village Hall

Sun 15 March 9.30pm

Mothering Sunday!

Tues 24 March 7pm

Film Night

Village Hall

Sun 29 March 10am

Palm Sunday

St James Church Heyshott

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

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UPDATES

Scam alert. There are reports of a fraudster impersonating a Sussex Police officer to obtain money and personal information. Officers are investigating the report to establish the full circumstances. Sussex Police will never ask you for:

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Cocking Film Club. The first Film Club evening will be at Cocking Village Hall on **24 Mar at 7pm**. 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.

SDNPA Local Plan Update. Last year, the Parish Council campaigned against the

proposed development of site CH199 (land east of the A286 and north of Mill Lane). Although many objections were submitted by village residents, the site was kept in the Local Plan. However, at an SDNPA planning meeting on 12 February, Tim Carter and Robin Wills spoke against the site's inclusion and a large majority of the planning committee voted to remove it. As a result Site CH199 will no longer be included in the version of the Local Plan moving forward to the Regulation 19 Consultation stage.

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Cocking 200 Club 2026. Congratulations to our February winners of the 200 Club:
 1st Prize: £192.50, No. 37 Peter Holloway
 2nd Prize: £115.50, No. 32, Gillian Elliott
 3rd Prize: £77, No. 30, Robin Wills
 The March draw will take place on **Weds 11 Mar**, 7pm in the Blue Bell. The prize pot stands at £395—there's still time to buy a number and be in with a chance of winning, just email 200clubcocking@gmail.com.

Art Show. February-March 2026 @ the Blue Vell. Our small Gallery Group continues with regular art shows in the Blue Bell, thanks to Mikey and Boyd. We hope to welcome local artists to join us, participate and swell our numbers. Barbara Jensen will be exhibiting her collages of local scenes in February and March. Red dots are already on a couple of these beautiful collages. If you would like a beautiful picture of our village or the local area, do go in and lay your claim soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pendean Carehome. The next service is at 11am, Mon **2 Mar**. 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 **2 Mar**, at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parish Council AGM. The annual general meeting of Cocking Parish Council will be on **3 Mar** 7pm, at the Village Hall.

Board Games. Starting on Weds **4 Mar**, 3pm come along to the Blue Bell, bring a game you'd like to play! Followed by 3pm Weds **11, 18, 25**. Come along bring a friend or neighbour and support your local!

Mothering Sunday. Sun **15 Mar** is Mother's Day. Church service is at 9.30am.

Embrace Yoga at Cocking Village Hall
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Village Coffee Morning. Join us on Thurs **19 Mar** 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.

Village Spring Clean. The Parish Council is calling on as many villagers as possible to spare two hours on Sat **21 Mar** to help with a general tidy up of the village. Please meet in the car park of the Blue Bell at 10am. Please

wear suitable footwear and bring your own gloves, bags, litter pickers and Hi-Vis jackets will be provided. Come along and help to keep Cocking looking beautiful!

Monthly Requiem. The monthly requiem is on the final Wednesday of the month, 9.30am, **25 Mar**.

Blue Bell Quiz. The monthly quiz is back! Every last Thursday of the month—bingo coming soon Sunday afternoons! Check website and Facebook and blackboards for details.

Holy Week. Palm Sunday falls on **29 Mar**, and the service is at 10am at St James Heyshott. For more information:
<http://underthedowns.co.uk/lent>

Chair Yoga & Cake. Free Chair Yoga & Cake takes place at 3-4.30pm on the following Thursdays at the Village Hall: **5, 19 Mar; 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.

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Church Band & Choir. Do you play a musical instrument and/or sing? If so, then the church would love you to join our band or choir. Band plays once a month, and the choir is assembled for special services, e.g., Christmas. Please contact Naomi Dekker (ndekker@hotmail.com) if you're interested!

Food Bank. The church serves as a drop-off point for the Food Bank. This month, we are especially collecting **Toiletries**: Items like soap, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products. Nappies and baby food. For other suggestions, see also <https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



Village Hall Update. The pedestrian access to the Hall has been improved with the gate being moved to a less steep point, and the lights in the car park have been considerably upgraded – hopefully this will assist those of you who regularly use the Hall and the field. Charging policy for village events—clarification:

In the interests of fairness to all, and to ensure the Hall remains viable financially, i.e., can cover its operating costs, the Committee applies charges for local events as follows:

- For any village events that are **free** and **offered to all residents** there will

be no charge. (however there may be a discretionary deposit for cleaning, as, if an extra clean is required after an event, there is cost to the Hall) .

- Village events for which **there is a charge for access**, and funds are therefore raised, will be charged at local residents rates, this is regardless of the type of event.
- We will also be charging a **flat rate hire fee for the loan of crockery/cutlery glasses etc.** Our stocks have become rapidly depleted and this will help us fund the necessary replacements.

The Hall Committee is run by a small team of volunteers and we would like to ask if anyone else in our village would be willing to join us. The time required is only a few hours a month at most. If you would be interested please email cockingvillagehall@gmail.com

