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| <b>Sunday 5th July 18.30</b><br><b>Handel's Samson</b><br><i>St Paul's Church Chichester</i> | <b>Wed 8th July 19.00</b><br><b>Cocking 200 Club</b><br><i>The Blue Bell pub</i>                                                | <b>Sunday 17th July at 18.00</b><br><b>Patronal Day and Joint</b><br><b>Benefice service + drinks</b><br><i>St James Heyshott</i> |
| <b>Monday 6th July at 18:30</b><br><b>Parish Council meeting</b><br><i>The Village hall</i>  | <b>Saturday 17th - 31st July</b><br><b>Petworth summer festival</b><br><i>In many venues including</i><br><i>Rother College</i> | <b>Thursday 30th July 19.30</b><br><b>Pub Quiz</b><br><i>The Blue Bell pub</i>                                                    |

## UPDATES

**Friends of Cocking celebrate the success of two outstanding community events.**



A very satisfied team enjoyed lasagna at the Blue Bell after a day when more than 580 people passed through Cocking's open gardens raising money for the village hub. **May and June saw two highly successful Friends' events in the village.**

On 27 May, an evening featuring two talks by Phillip Jackson, Making History in Bronze, was held in the church, followed by supper and drinks for attendees. Thanks to the generosity, enthusiasm and support of Phillip and Jean, together with the invaluable assistance of their son Jamie, the evening

was a tremendous success. Feedback from the audience of more than 100 guests was overwhelmingly positive.

The event would not have been possible without the help and support of many others in the village, who cooked food, served guests, managed parking and organised signage on the day. Our thanks go to everyone who generously gave their time and effort.



The second event, **Hidden Gardens of Cocking**, took place on 20 June.

More than 580 people visited our wonderful village and its beautiful gardens. Once again, we would like to express our gratitude and congratulations to all who contributed to its success.

Special thanks go to the garden owners, who worked so hard to present their gardens at their summer best, and to the many cake makers who supported the tea refreshments. We must make special mention of our own Naomi Barnett, who single-handedly baked and donated an astonishing 37 cakes. We would also like to thank those who directed cars throughout the day, the check-in teams who sold tickets, the publicity team who helped spread the word far and wide, and everyone involved in the planning and organisation leading up to the event.

We are delighted to report that, thanks to these two events, we have exceeded our fundraising target. This achievement will help ensure that we can continue to support our community and its hub, keeping it the active and thriving place it is today, while enabling many more enjoyable village events to take place throughout the coming year.

Thank you, Cocking, for your generous and unfailing support.

**The talented art team sold 6 paintings in the village hall during the open gardens event.**



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### Cocking 200 Club 2026.

The winners of the 200 Club for June are as follows;

1st prize of £207.50 - number 54 Sally Cook

2nd prize of £124.50 - number 58 Andrew Hood

3rd prize of £83 - number 12 Peris Sinnett-Jones

The July draw will take place on Wednesday **8th July at 19:00hrs in the Blue Bell.** It would be really great to see you there so put the date in your diary!

The draw remains open throughout the year until we sell all 200 numbers. We would really like to reach 100 numbers sold this year so please encourage your friends and neighbours to sign up. Every number has an equal chance of winning each month so it really is worth joining - and remember, the more numbers sold the bigger the prizes become! For further information please email [200clubcocking@gmail.com](mailto:200clubcocking@gmail.com)

**Festival of Chichester**  
**HANDEL**  
**SAMSON**  
 CONDUCTOR DAVID GOSTICK

The Consort of Twelve  
 Samson – Kieran White  
 Delilah – Charlotte Bowden  
 Harapha – Jamie Wollard

**Sunday 5 July 2026 6.30pm**  
 St Paul's Church, Churchside,  
 Chichester PO19 6FT

Tickets in advance online:  
[www.pcuchoir.org](http://www.pcuchoir.org) and  
[www.consortoftwelve.co.uk](http://www.consortoftwelve.co.uk)

Phillip & Philip Hairdressers, Drapers Yard,  
 16 The Hornet, Chichester PO19 7JG

Tickets on the door: Card payment only  
 Adults: £20.00 Children & Students: £5.00



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Notice from the Parish Council Committee

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 6th July at 18:30 hrs** in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend

*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.

From my home in Cocking I also offer:  
**1-2-1 sessions in Pilates and Yoga**  
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## Opening hours for the Blue Bell in July



### When the Bell Rings

#### Bar

Monday  
CLOSED

Tuesday  
16:00 – 21:30

Wednesday & Thursday  
12:00 – 21:30

Friday & Saturday  
12:00 – 21:30

Sunday  
12:00 – 17:00

#### Kitchen

Monday:  
CLOSED

Tuesday:  
Bar Only, Kitchen Closed

Wednesday – Saturday  
Lunch: 12:00 – 14:30  
Dinner: 17:30 – 20:00

Sunday:  
Lunch: 12:00 – 16:00  
(Booking Advised)



### Chair Yoga & Cake

Free Chair Yoga followed by cake in the Village Hall. **23 July**. For details please contact [portiacharles100@gmail.com](mailto:portiacharles100@gmail.com)

### Foodbank

The church serves as a drop off point for the Food Bank. This month we are especially collecting tinned goods, veg, meat, fish, soup etc. For more information about the foodbank <https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Light lunches still available at the Blue Bell Wed, Thurs and Friday.  
Come in between 12.30 and 2.30 and have a light bite for £11.95



## Cocking BOULES TOURNAMENT

*Competing for the*

**PAUL HENSHAW  
MEMORIAL TROPHY**

**SATURDAY, 22 AUGUST 2026**



Team draw @ 5PM  
Games start @ 5.30PM  
Games finish @ 8PM  
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!

