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Monday 5 October 18.30 Parish Council <i>The Village Hall</i>	Thursday 15th October at 10:30am Village Coffee Morning Returns <i>The Blue Bell pub</i>	Wednesday 28th October at 3:00pm Board games afternoon returns <i>The Blue Bell pub</i>
Wednesday 14th October at 19.00 Cocking 200 Club <i>The Blue Bell pub</i>	Tuesday 20th October 6.30 p.m. Cocking film club <i>The Village Hall</i>	Saturday 30th October Cocking Village Fireworks event <i>The Village Hall</i>

UPDATES

Relaunch evening at the Blue Bell



A great evening that launched the new bar on Wednesday 23rd September. The pub was packed and there was a fantastic atmosphere.

The Village Fete 2026 Saturday 5th September



Despite unexpected building work at the Rectory, our annual summer fete was again a triumph. We had to move from the Rectory Garden to the field of the Village Hall, but everyone pulled together and blessed with good weather over 400 people were attracted to the traditional stalls and additions: a Pimms Tent and locally produced Sloe Gin. A mix of entertainment included Skittles, Splat the Rat and the Human Fruit Machine plus other traditional competitions. As usual, the Tea Tent was hugely popular with its delicious homemade cakes. Altogether we took over £5,000 in support of both Bepton and Cocking churches.

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evening, and we look forward to doing it all again next year!



Denise and Charlotte with their trophy

Cocking Village Hall
2026
Bonfire & Fireworks Night
Friday 30th October 2026
OPEN TO COCKING VILLAGERS + GUESTS
CASH DONATIONS AT GATE
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY FOR YOUR LOCAL EVENT
18:00 GATES OPEN
-BURGERS & BANGERS BY RICHLINE FOODS
-BAR - BEER, LAGER, WINE
CIDER & MULLED WINE ETC. CASH OR CARD
18:30 BONFIRE LIGHTING
19:00 FIREWORK DISPLAY
PLEASE NOTE : FOR SAFETY REASONS
THERE WILL BE NO PARKING
AVAILABLE AT THE HALL

The Boules Trophy

A big thank you to everyone who turned up for this year's annual village boules tournament. There were some hard-fought matches, culminating in a final between Darren & Charlie and Charlotte & Denise.

The Paul Henshaw Trophy was presented to this year's worthy winners, Charlotte & Denise – congratulations to them both!

After the presentation, everyone decamped to the Blue Bell for a BBQ and music, kindly hosted by Jim, Julie and their team. A great

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Village Coffee Morning Returns

Thursday 15th October at 10:30am

We are delighted to welcome back the monthly Village Coffee Morning at the Blue Bell, returning to our original starting time of **10:30am**.

There's no need to book — just come along for a cuppa and good company. Feel free to bring a friend along too. We hope to see you there



Board Game Afternoon Returns

With autumn approaching and the Blue Bell reopening, our **Board Game Afternoon** is starting again!

Wednesday 28th October at 3:00pm at the Blue Bell

Join us for classic board games and much more. Whether you're a keen player or would like to learn a new game, come along and enjoy an afternoon of fun and good company.

Tea and cake will be kindly sponsored by the Friends of the Blue Bell. We look forward to welcoming you.

CHAIR YOGA

Thursday afternoons at 3pm at the Village Hall, every fortnight, **Free**
Everyone is welcome to join us for seated yoga. Gentle movement with a focus on the breath, suitable for all and calming.

Dates for October are: 8 October
22 October

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Cocking Village Hall

SAVE THE DATE

Friday October 30th will be the annual Cocking Village Fireworks event

COCKING FILM CLUB

The next film club showing is on Tuesday 20th October at the Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30 and the film starts at 7 p.m.

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Parish Council notices

The Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 5th October at 18:30hrs in the Village Hall, all are welcome to attend

Help make Cocking Hill safer

The Parish Council is seeking support from village residents for a proposed Traffic Regulation Order to improve road safety and the quality of life within the village. Please sign this petition via the following link - <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/help-make-cocking-hill-safer>

The damage to the keep left bollard by the old Post Office at the junction with Mill Lane has been reported by the Parish Council. An update from the Highways Department on a date to replace awaits.

Cocking 200 Club 2026.

There are now 88 numbers sold for the 200 Club which means that the September prizes were the biggest to date! It also means there are still plenty of numbers available for friends and supporters of the Blue Bell to purchase! This club really does make a difference to the Blue Bell Community Hub's ability to be able to continue with much needed support of The Blue Bell and maintenance of the aging building. For further details on how to join please 200clubcocking@gmail.com

Details of the September winners are as follows;

1st prize of £220 - number 52 Andy Nixon

2nd prize of £132 - number 40 Anne Knight

3rd prize of £88 - number 42 Caron Buckingham-Rhyder

The October draw will take place on Wednesday 14th October at 19:00hrs in the Blue Bell

For further information about how to join please email 200clubcocking@gmail.com

Siena Singers Concerts

The Cocking-based chamber choir The Siena Singers will be giving their round of annual concerts at the following venues:

3rd October at Liss, St Mary's Church, GU33 6JE

30th October at Funtington, St Mary's Church, PO18 9LH

31st October at Chichester City Arts Centre, PO19 3DQ

All starting at 7.30 pm

The concert will be a musical journey from Sacred to Spirituals featuring pieces by Palestrina, Pitoni, Lotti and the concert will move from the Renaissance to the Romantics and on to the 20th century with settings by Stanford, Grieg and Bruckner followed by musical theatre classics.

Tickets at £15 are available from the members of the choir, by email from ndekker@hotmail.co.uk or on the door by cash or card.