



COCKING VILLAGE HALL

COMMITTEE NEWS

Frances Russell, who has been a key member of the Village Hall Committee for the last few years, has decided to step down in order to spend more time on her many other interests.

Frances, as Chair of the Parish Council, played a key role in the initial fund-raising and in the building of the Hall in 2011. She joined the Village Hall Committee in 2014, acting as Bookings Secretary. During her tenure regular users have increased substantially, thanks to her active promotional efforts, and so has revenue from these and other activities held there.

In addition to this local activity, Frances is involved in a number of other charities and trusts and she would now like to give more focus to these and hand on her responsibilities for the bookings at the Hall, as the operation is now on a steady footing. Frances has kindly offered, however, to be available to help and advise as and when needed, which is very much appreciated by the Committee.

Local resident Kate Pudlo, already a Village Hall Committee member, has kindly volunteered to take on the Bookings Secretary role.

Kate was actively involved in the Summer Weekend that took place in July and is keen to help keep up the level of activity in the Hall for the future. The website and other information sources will be updated accordingly. The email address is unchanged.



The Village Hall Committee would like to put on record their thanks to Frances for her dedication and hard work over her period with us and we offer our good wishes for the future. We also have pleasure in formally welcoming Kate and thanking her for stepping up to help in this important role.

FOOTBALL

After a very successful Camp Weekend a couple of goal posts with nets have been left on the



playing field with the intention that anyone is welcome to go and have a kick round.

USE OF FIELD

The field is open to all and, for clarification, there is no booking made for the use of the Hall that gives sole rights for the use of the field to the hirer.

FUTURE EVENTS IN THE HALL

DECEMBER

Sunday 9th: Children's Party

Monday 17th: Village Carol Night – an evening of carol-singing and Christmas songs with Festive tales and the infamous Christmas Quiz.



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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

2018 DISPLAY

Saturday 27th October

Gates open 6.00pm

Bigger and better than before



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2018 FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Gates open at 18.00, bonfire at 19.00, fireworks at 19.30 with food provided by Richard and Pauline and beer and wine as last year. Fancy dress competition with prizes, bar, cakes, sweets, BBQ.

Bigger and better fireworks than last year. FREE Entry.

This year we are introducing Donation Envelopes so that those who wish can make a contribution to the cost of the fireworks by using the attached envelope and handing it into the Post Office. There will as usual be collecting buckets on the gate.

Cocking Parish Council Notice of Cooption Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Cocking Parish Council has a vacancy (1) for those eligible to become a Parish Councillor.

Interested? Please contact

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THE CHICKEN SHED CAFE

at Moonlight Cottage

is now licensed – selling local ales, ciders and lagers as well as wines and spirits.

WINTER OPENING TIMES

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9am to 4pm with new Autumn menu! Soups, hot pots and seasonal cakes and pastries!

Closed from 10th December to February 28th inclusive.

Re-open Friday 1st March

BISTRO NIGHTS

Wednesday 31st October **Halloween** themed meal

Thursday 23rd November **Thanksgiving** Supper

£25 for 3 courses and welcome drink
Pre-book only ~~ Limited spaces

KNIT AND NATTER

Thursday evening 7 -9pm. £3.50 for drink and cake!

Knitting, crocheting... share patterns, ideas and natter!

PUB NIGHT

Friday 9th November

'Meals in a Basket' – local ales, cider and lager. Come along, bring friends, a social evening for chat, food and music!

For the second year running the village has had a Macmillan coffee morning; this year being held at Manor Farm. The morning was organised by Pauline Marks and Stella Davies with a total of approx. £400 being raised.

Well done – and thank you!



Green Dog Walkers

Enclosed with this Newsheet is a leaflet distributed by the Chichester District Council. There has been concern raised at a recent council meeting concerning dog fouling and disposal of dog bags and it is hoped the leaflet is of some use. One thing to remember is that the bags can be disposed of in black bins.



TRAFFIC CONCERNS IN THE VILLAGE



For some time questions have been asked about how we can control the speed of vehicles using the A286 through our village.

A group is being set up to look at all aspects of this problem. If you would like to be in this team, please contact Council Chairman David Imlach.

VILLAGE GATEWAY



In the Spring 2017 Newsletter we asked for comments as to whether or not a gate be erected at the entrance to the village from Midhurst.

At the time the response, which was verbal, indicated 'No'.

Since then the question has not gone away and so as to gauge opinion can you please email your views to Greg, our Parish Clerk; or if you do not have email, there is a response sheet in the Post Office.

BELL LANE 30mph

It appears after many years that the 30mph sign will be moved in Bell Lane and is scheduled for 2019/2020.

WELCOME TO BUMBLE KYTE

After many years of looking at concrete foundations, building works are in hand to build a new residence. We welcome to the village Nick and Sally Kayworth.

SADLY, LAST ORDERS PLEASE



Farewell the Bluebell as a restaurant/pub.

After many months of being empty and having been viewed by many people, including three breweries, it was decided it is not a viable proposition to continue as a commercial premise.

Planning application has been put forward to convert the building into two homesteads, without any undue alterations to the outline of the building.

VILLAGE HALL PLANTERS



The old plant boxes were replaced by the Parish Council earlier in the year. The Aldingbourne Trust was selected by the Village Hall Committee to plant the new boxes and to maintain them with weekly visits. Over the dry summer this proved to be a tough job but all the plants thrived thanks to good care and supervision.

The Aldingbourne Trust is a Sussex based charity which supports people with learning disabilities to reach their potential. Activities range from maintaining plants in public places and railway stations to making furniture and providing training in practical skills.

DON'T FORGET THE VILLAGE WEB SITE cocking.org

If you have any news or events please use the pro forma on the web site.