



COCKING PARISH COUNCIL

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# VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



## Your Parish Council

**This year** saw the end of a five-year term of office when all Councillors have to stand down and, if interested in continuing, seek re-election. Only three put their names down and a new person came forward, namely Tim Waite.

Well it is great to report that although we *were* three short we now have a full house of Councillors as Richard Marks came back and two new faces were co-opted, David Summerfield and Robert Jenkins.

This year under the leadership of Frances Russell the following items are under way:

☺ The installation of the GATEWAY at the Midhurst side of the village.

☺ The creation of a FACEBOOK page.

☺ The refurbishment of the Daffodil Bank that is located on the bank by the Croft bus shelter with over 1000 Daffodils being planted.



☺ The installation of safety PVC at both bus shelters to eliminate the smaller glass panels being smashed or the small PVC ones being kicked out.

☺ To liaise with various agencies in the creation of a safe walk and cycleway from the South Downs Way to finish up by the war memorial.

Parish Council facebook Page is found simply as COCKING VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL.

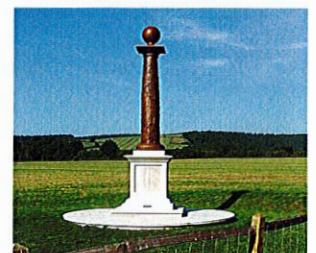
The COUNCIL web site is COCKING.ORG which contains minutes and dates of meetings with other statutory requirements.

## PLAYGROUND

In the last twelve months £800 has been spent on refurbishment which was mainly the swings and some of the wood treads on the climbing frame. Next year it is expected to be the same investment to replace the wooden slats on the large picnic table and part of the perimeter fencing. A new sign has also been fixed at the entrance detailing Conditions of Use, replacing many individual signs.

## HISTORY COLUMN

Thanks to the Sculpture Studio which has recently arranged for the brass work to be cleaned and repairs to the base will shortly be carried out.



## WILLIAM SAYS THANKS

In our last edition we reported that William West was going to the Scout World Jamboree in Canada and needed monetary support. £100 in donations was handed into the Post Office. In 2020 he is off on a school trip to Cambodia, but does not need our help this time. *Bon voyage William.*

## PROBLEMS

Are you experiencing problems with HIGH SPEED FIBRE BROADBAND.

It has been heard that several people are not receiving the service they expect. To understand how big the problem is please let David know – [dsimlach@aol.com](mailto:dsimlach@aol.com)

## THE HUB

The latest date for opening is early December.

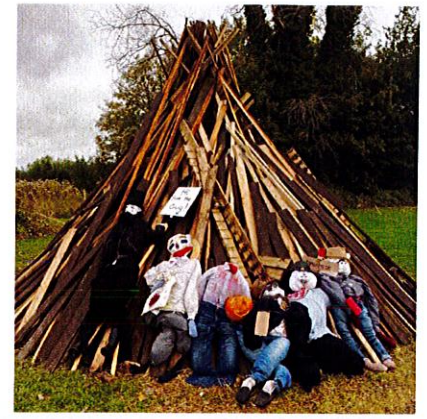
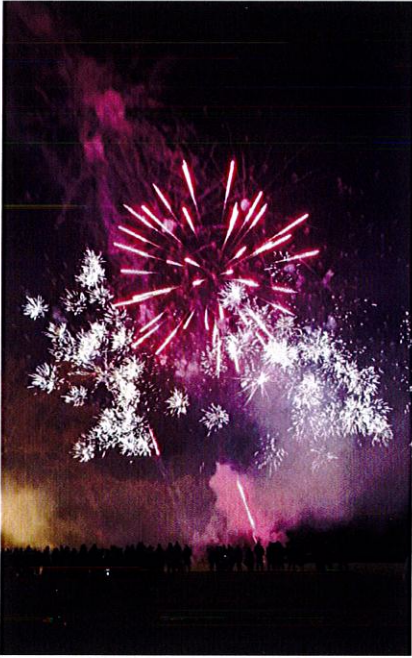
A big thank you goes to all who have put in so much work and the many who have supported the project.



The Parish Council looks forward to working with the Hub and Village Hall Committee to improve community life in Cocking.

The PC is looking at ways of raising residents' awareness of what we do and how we spend their money.

## FIREWORKS 2019



## GOING TO THE DOGS!

What a great week we have had at Cocking Village Hall. Lots of Aspiring Dog Trainers polishing their skills with The Institute of Modern Dog Trainers. A great venue and lovely people to deal with.

Highly recommended.

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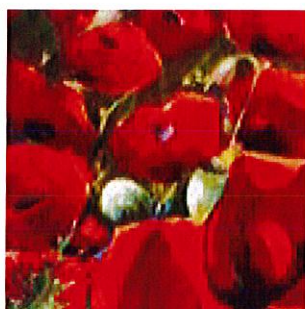


## LINK TO THE SOUTH DOWNS WAY

It has been agreed that the rather dilapidated path that exists and starts by the War Memorial and comes out at the Farm at the top is going to be made good and become part of the Centurion Way starting in Chichester. This means that cyclists and walkers in future can easily venture into Cocking. With good signage this will increase visitors to our village. More news later...

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year's service will be held at the Church of St James, Heyshott on 10th November at 10.30am.



### FUTURE EVENT IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Sunday 8th  
December at 2pm

Children's  
Party





# COCKING VILLAGE HALL NEWS

## CHANGES TO COCKING VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE 2019

After four years on the Committee, Peter Craig will stand down as Chairman in November and as Treasurer at the end of the year. Chris Malec, who joined the Committee in the summer, will take his place. Gwen Miles and Naomi Barnet who have put in several years of sterling service as joint Secretary will retire from the Committee but will still participate in Village events. Gill Craig will take on the role of Secretary as well as her role in publicity. Joining the Committee are Nick Kayworth and Tim Waite. Shelagh Hanrahan will continue to support CVH activities, such as the Fireworks Night and the Children's Christmas party but will step down from the Committee itself.

David Imlach will continue as the Parish Council representative and act as Vice Chair. Kate Pudlo remains as Bookings Secretary and Facebook co-ordinator. Steve Redshaw will carry on providing IT support and David Summerfield remains in place as publicity designer and summer weekend co-ordinator.

Overall the Committee will have a younger representation and will help the village to look forward to an exciting future in Cocking in conjunction with the re-opening of the Blue Bell pub. The aim of the Committee is to be less formal, so that members can share their duties with their partners. This flexibility is important so that younger members can meet the commitments of work and children and still play their part on the Committee.

*Peter Craig*

28 September 2019

## NO-FUSS BOOKING

Just to remind you that you can go on the Village Hall website and book automatically. Remember there are special rates for villagers.

The field takes on a new look this year as it is now cut to Sports Field standards and two goal posts and nets are permanently located on the field for anyone to use.

## THANKS

Several users of the Village Hall have written in complimenting all involved.

### **Bible Study Group**

Just to say the Village Hall was perfect for our group last Saturday - very clean and well equipped, and the roof windows made it really light inside.

### **Local Resident**

I just wanted to let you know that we all had such a fabulous time yesterday, it was the best one of our annual picnic parties yet. The field looked gorgeous, someone had obviously been taking a lot of care of it, and the hall lived up to its high expectations. Everyone involved in looking after it should know your work pays off big time in the happiness experienced by your customers.

### **Oxfam**

Hermione and I just wanted to say a big thank you for the use of your hall on Saturday, it was a great venue for our prep session and I saw lots of people slope off to do a training walk from Cocking Hill car park afterwards!

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