



Richard Cobden 1804-1865

# Newsletter

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## May Day !

Wow two warm and sunny Bank holidays in a row. Luckily the first wasn't as hot as the last for our fancy dressed dogs! Our fabulous May Queen Sofia helped judge, fortified no doubt by the delicious tailgate food! Thank you to everyone who helped and made the day such a success.



St. James, Heyshott

## ORCHID WALKS & CREAM TEAS

SUNDAY 7 JUNE, 3-5 PM

- ◆ JOIN A GUIDED WALK TO DISCOVER LOCAL WILD ORCHIDS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT
- ◆ EXPECT TO SEE 7 OR 8 DIFFERENT SPECIES OF ORCHIDS
- ◆ WALKS AT 3.15 AND 3.30 LASTING AROUND AN HOUR SHORTER WALK AVAILABLE
- ◆ DELICIOUS CREAM TEAS INCLUDING HOME MADE SCONES AND CAKES
- ◆ AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES
- ◆ GARDEN STALLS & MORE

£10 WALK & TEA  
£7.50 TEA ONLY  
£2 CHILDREN

COBDEN HALL, HEYSHOTT  
GU29 0DJ

*Join us for a wonderful afternoon.  
Walks, cream teas, nature  
and great company for everyone!*



# Visit to The Palace of Westminster

Order! Order! cried the Speaker. Well he didn't actually while we were there but he was there in his impressive Speakers Chair, keeping the Members in their places during a debate on Russian oil sanctions.

12 parishioners made the journey by train up to London last Wednesday for a tour of the Palace of Westminster arranged by our MP Andrew Griffiths. Once we'd got into the Palace, past the Rejoin-EU protesters and through airport style security, we were given a history lesson by Arthur, our tour guide. He led us around the buildings that make up the Palace and regaled us with his poor jokes and deep knowledge of constitutional history, going back the 8th Century. After the tour we visited both the Public Gallery of the Commons and the Strangers Gallery of the House of Lords, which were both sitting fortunately. While the Commons was more familiar, it felt a lot more adversarial than the Lords, which was a more impressive building, better attended and had a more collegiate debating style.

Whatever your politics, it was an interesting day out amongst the tourists in Westminster, and can be repeated next year if there is sufficient interest.



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## HEYSHOTT PARISH COUNCIL

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At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 May 2026, the following appointments were voted on and made:

Chairman: Christopher Weeks

Vice Chairman: Fiona Mackay

The following responsibilities were agreed by the Council:

Finance: Rob Harris

Planning: Jane Constanduros

Environment: Parish Environment: Simon Hook

Public Rights of Way: (and mowing and dangerous trees) Nick Pailthorpe

Flooding and work parties: (ditch maintenance and clearance) Chris Weeks

Amenities (seats, bus shelter, notice board, litter and salt bins): Fiona Mackay

Website: Bridget Adler

Representatives on village organisations:

Cobden Hall: Fiona Mackay

Playground Committee: Robert Harris

Bonfire Committee: Christopher Weeks

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** HPC meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 14 July 2026 in the Cobden Hall.

All our meetings are open to the public and we warmly invite any resident who wishes to raise a subject matter with us to do so at the meeting.

Dates of HPC meetings for the next year

2026: 14 July, 15 September, 10 November,

2027: 12 January, 9 March, (Wednesday 14 April Annual Parish Meeting),

18 May HPC Annual Meeting and HPC meeting



Thank you to everyone who continues to support the foodbank. As household costs remain high, every donation makes a valuable difference to local families and individuals in need.

The foodbank is currently in urgent need of:

Conditioner  
Cooking oil  
Deodorant  
Long-life juice  
Long-life milk  
Nappies – Size 6  
Shampoo  
Shower gel.

Items can be placed in the box at the back of the church, open daily, or cash donations can be made via the foodbank website.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Tanya Ward**  
07765 346455

## The Arts Society Midhurst

monthly lecture on Tuesday 2nd June is  
Pots and Frocks - The World of Grayson Perry  
from Essex Punk Potter to Suoerstar, National  
Treasure.

Lecturer Ian Swankie.

Doors open 10.00 with coffee served. Lecture  
begins at 10.45. Free entry for members. Guests  
£10.00.

The Arts Society Midhurst monthly lecture on  
Tuesday 7th July is

The Scottish Colourists

Lecturer Alice Foster

Doors open 10.00 with coffee served. Lecture  
begins at 10.45. Free entry for members. Guests  
£10.00

## Heyshott Nature Notes



our hedgerows and roadside verges during these months are Rough Chervil and Upright Hedgeparsley, each growing to a similar height to that of their neighbouring Cow Parsley. The newer arrivals are (like Esau, brother of Jacob) hairy ones, and a feel of the leaves might be enough to distinguish them from Cow Parsley. But the key identifier between these 3 species is the stem of the plant: the stem of Rough Chervil is purple spotted as well as hairy, that of Cow Parsley is smooth and green, and that of Upright Hedge-parsley is hairy but unspotted.

The dictionary definition of an Umbellifer is unhelpfully that of a plant whose flowers are arranged in 'umbels'; only slightly more helpful is the dictionary definition of an 'Umbel', viz a flower cluster where several short flower stalks spread from a single point. None of this is really needed: the key is that the term was devised by 16th century botanists and was derived from the Latin for parasol, signifying to us that the flower cluster looks like an umbrella. Unlike one's traditional umbrella however, our Umbellifers' flowers are generally white.

During May and June, our roadside verges in Heyshott are full of Umbellifers. The most well known is Cow Parsley, which is perhaps the easiest to identify, for it comes out as early as April when there are no similar species to cause confusion. The stems grow to a height of 3 feet, the umbels spread across to a length of approximately 6 cm and the leaves branch out below the umbel with two or three opposite pairs of delicate leaflets lying below the single leaflet at the stalk's end.

During June and July, confusion reigns and one may be forgiven for using the word 'Umbellifer' as a generic term meaning 'a plant that may or may not be Cow Parsley'. The two commonest infiltrators into

All these Umbellifers are members of the Carrot family. As an alternative in June to walking our hedgerows feeling leaves and mimicking Isaac in trying to distinguish between relative hairiness (after all, Isaac famously got it wrong), one may consider roaming the Heyshott Down reserve at the top of Chalky seeking to find Wild Carrot and then musing on the millennia of selective breeding which has led to our common vegetable. Wild Carrot itself is only locally common, favouring our chalk grassland. Its stem is shorter than that of our roadside Umbellifers, standing up to 75 cm tall, and its umbels perhaps justify the parasol description more, for they are closely packed together and would more naturally be thought offer shelter from the rain to invertebrates. Their charm is in their colour, for the flowers start pink in bud, turning to white but retaining in the crown one single red or purple centrepiece. And whilst looking, one might discover some Burnet-saxifrage, an Umbellifer of similar height to our Wild Carrot, but more delicate, its flowers frothier, its stem spindly and its leaves thin and modest, but with oval leaflets at the base of the plant.

Nick Sherwin.

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**Material for the July  
2026 Edition to  
reach Chris Boxley  
by 20th June please**

## The Unicorn Inn 01730 813486

### Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club Date is Wednesday 17th April  
We will be serving Coronation Chicken followed by Summer Pudding.



If you are planning to attend, please let the Unicorn know by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> so we are able to determine numbers.

Do you have a passion for growing veg but no space? Please have a chat with Laura – I have inherited Gran's amazing veg patch but have no time, so thought if people were interested, we could create a kind of communal allotment. My number is 0876515516

## Heyshott Church Notices

June 6 at 10am we will be setting up the Cream Teas - please just come along if you can help, especially with the marquee! And all offers of baking extremely welcome - cakes or scones can be dropped at the hall from 10-12 on Saturday, or from 130pm on Sunday - many thanks!

Our new Archdeacon, Tom Carpenter, will be taking the morning service at St Catherine's Cocking at 9.30 am on Sunday 7 June. To give as many parishioners as possible the opportunity to meet Tom, this service will be a benefice wide service and there will be no morning service at St James on 6 June. The Archdeacon's views will be most important in our search for a new vicar to lead the benefice, and please do take this opportunity to meet Tom and pass on your thoughts in relation to our appointment of a new vicar in due course.

The morning services at St James for the other Sunday services at St James will follow our new service pattern, viz:

- services of Holy Communion at 11.15 am on each of Sunday 14 and Sunday 21 June
- shorter service of Matins (with refreshments in church afterwards) at 10 am on Sunday 28 June

Evensong or compline will be said in church at 6 pm each Sunday in June as usual.

Looking forward, the Patronal Festival sung evensong at St James, with drinks and nibbles in church after the service, will be at 6 pm on Sunday 19 July, after the annual Gift Day on Saturday 18 July. Full information will be in the July newsletter.



**Nick Sherwin.**