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Newsletter

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St James Church Patronal Festival and Gift Day Weekend

Heyshott church's annual celebration for St James will be on the weekend of Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July.

All are welcome to the traditional evensong service with choir at 6pm on Sunday 19 July, with drinks and nibbles in church after the service. Please do join the choir if you are able - no experience necessary, just come to the one rehearsal at 4.45 pm on 19 July before the service.

The most important fundraiser of the church's year, its annual Gift Day, will be on the previous day Saturday 18 July. Please do support the church if you are able - all gifts will be gratefully received and Gift Aid is available to increase gifts by 25%. The church will be manned from 9 am until at least 2 pm on Saturday 18 July - please do pop in with your donations and to have a chat. Alternatively, donations can be made online via JustGiving - please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/heyshottpcc> - or via the Parish Giving Scheme on the donations page of the church's website underthedowns.co.uk

PLEASE REMEMBER THE 8th AUGUST FOR THE HEYSHOTT SUMMER SHOW.

We are looking forward to a record number of entries as usual, in spite of the weather!!!

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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



Nick Palethorpe took this photo of the village from the Downs at 7.30 in the morning one day recently

Playground news - Save the Date! — End of Summer BBQ & Rounders Match

Please join us on Saturday 5th September at the playground from 4.00pm for our End of Summer BBQ and Rounders Match.

Bring your family, friends and a picnic blanket, and come along for an afternoon of BBQ food (BYO), games and community fun. *Weather permitting — further details will be shared nearer the time.

Birthday's - Wishing Sienna May a very happy 3rd Birthday on 11th July.

Congratulation's - A very warm welcome to the newest member of our village community, Otis, who was born on 12th June. [Congrats](#) to Marcus and Ella Beresford on the arrival of their beautiful baby boy.

No Mow May

Not everyone's cuppa tea ! I know, but I love it !

So many different green colours and shapes of grasses: Flat, upright, flag waving like miniature trees.

The old dog loves rolling in the morning damp grass, releasing the seeds like a puff of smoke .

The miniature cauliflowers on the cow parsley turning to lace by the end of May.

The oxeye daisies looking identical as if printed out .

Such bright, shiny, yellow butter cups, hold under your chin to test if you like butter. Such a con, who wouldn't like butter!

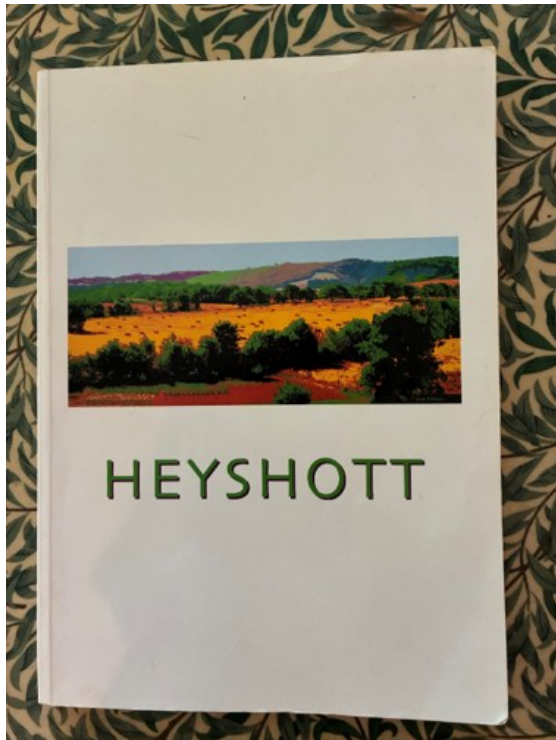
So many other flowers popping up: orchids in the playground, that I managed to miss with the lawn mower.

Now it's June the cutting starts

with military precision, like a "short back and sides " haircut

The insects and small mammals will be looking for other places to hide from birds of prey , luckily there are plenty in Heyshott . Jane Riley

Heyshott Millenium book to be auctioned at the Summer Show on Saturday 8th August



A rare copy of Ronnie Palmer's award-winning book **Heyshott 2000 BC – AD 2000**, kindly donated by Bobbie Gonzalez, is to be auctioned by Andrew Ferrier at the Heyshott Summer Show. If you're interested in bidding but cannot attend you can leave a bid in a sealed envelope marked "AUCTION" with Andrew Ferrier at Port, Heyshott (opposite the Unicorn) by noon on the day or ask a friend to bid on your behalf.

It is in fine condition (pp. 118 -123 have been rebound) and is a fascinating read – a must for anyone living in the village!

Heyshott Nature Notes The Orchid Walks



an effect on our Orchids. For once, the substantial spikes of Common Twayblade, with their eponymous large double leaves below, were relatively scarce. Nevertheless, there were good numbers of Common Spotted-orchids gracing the landscape alongside the newly emerged Pyramidal Orchids. Southern Marsh-orchids were prominent in a Heyshott garden and splendid specimens were found of Greater-butterfly and of Bee Orchids.

A great advantage of having Orchids as the focus of a nature walk to accompany the traditional Heyshott village cream teas is that our Orchids stay still when approached. In consequence, an unexpected 50% increase in take up for the walks this year did not diminish the experience, and our knowledgeable visitors took great care not to damage those Orchids which were showing.

The timing of the walk in early June coincides with the greatest number of species which are flowering at the same time. This does mean however that our walkers missed several species. The Early-purple Orchids and Green-winged Orchids were 'over', and so too the striking White Helleborines, though some seed spikes of these were seen remaining under Beech trees on the Scarp. Other species, notably our rare Musk Orchids, had not yet emerged. Now is the time to search for these short plain green flowered spikes above the chalk heart on the Scarp; their rarity may compensate for the view, expressed with poor grace in a different context in television commentary in this Wimbledon season, that they may not be 'much of a looker'.

Perhaps the highlight of the walk was the one Fly Orchid spike (photo courtesy Jonathan Mycock) standing proud in splendid isolation on the right hand side of Chalky. The Fly Orchid is so named because its flowers resemble flies, although the received wisdom - supported by a splendid photograph taken in Wiltshire in the 1980s of a wasp endeavouring to mate with a flower - is that Fly Orchids are in fact pollinated not by flies but by two species of Digger Wasps (wasps, that is, which paralyse their insect prey and store them in nests as food for their larvae). It is nowadays thought that the Bee Orchids native to the UK are self pollinating, notwithstanding the resemblance of their flowers to solitary bees and the pheromones released by the Orchids to attract them. Perhaps Fly Orchids, like Bee Orchids, hedge their bets – they are able to self pollinate but, where suitable insects are present, these resources can be tapped to cross pollinate the species and increase genetic diversity. Our solitary spike has little choice in the matter even if Digger Wasps are present and sufficiently gullible.

Nick Sherwin.

The weeks of drought this Spring and Summer has had

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Lunch Club

Next lunch club 15th July:

Summer Surprise!

Please let us know you are
coming by Monday 13th July.

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

Details of the St James Church Patronal Festival and Gift Day weekend are on the front page of this newsletter. The service of choral evensong, with drinks and nibbles in church afterwards, will be at 6 pm on Sunday 19 July and there will be no morning service at St James that Sunday.

The morning services at St James on the other Sundays in July follow the new service pattern times, viz:

- services of Holy Communion at 11.15 am on Sunday 5 and Sunday 12 July
- morning service at 10 am on Sunday 26 July; this will be a service of Holy Communion incorporating the baptism of Finn Brice; our best wishes go to Finn and his parents Katharine and Tom and all their friends and family on this special day.

Evensong will be said in church at 6 pm on Sunday 5, Sunday 12 and Sunday 26 July as usual.

Nick Sherwin.

