June Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 7th June: **T4Thomas** - Chantry Cottage from 11.00am
Sunday 7th June: **EACH Ipswich Colour Dash** - Christchurch Park, Ipswich
Saturday 13th June: **Flower Festival** - Sudbourne Church 10.00 am to 6.00pm
Sunday 14th June: **Flower Festival** - Sudbourne Church 10.00 am to 6.00pm
Tuesday 16th June: **Gardening Club** - Sudbourne Village Hall 7.30 pm
Sunday 21st June: **Midsummer Fun at The Lighthouse** - See poster
Saturday 27th June: **Orford Lighthouse Trip** - Details from Friends Garage
Saturday 27th June: **Melissa James at Orford Church** - St Bartholomew’s

Sunday 5th July - Trinity 5
08.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch
11.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch
Special Events/Services around The Rector’s ‘cluster’ of churches:
June 13th/14th Sudbourne Flower Festival - culminates with 6.00pm Songs of Praise on Sunday
June 21st Popular annual Blessing of Animals Service 3-30pm Chillesford, with the Orford CEVA School Choir.

**Rev David Murdoch**

**JUNE AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday 7th June 10.30am Stephen Caley
Sunday 14th June 10.30am Rev. Elizabeth Bellamy
Sunday 21st June 10.30am Stephen Caley
5.00pm STRAWBERRIES & CREAM SERVICE
Sunday 28th June 10.30am Rev. Martin Dawes - Communion

Sunday 5th July 113th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
10.30am Stephen Caley
4.00pm CLIPPING CELEBRATION FOLLOWED BY TEA

**OTHER EVENTS**
Every MONDAY - We are OPEN serving LUNCH and AFTERNOON TEA in the Chapel Tea Room from noon - 4.00pm LUNCH MENU - and AFTERNOON TEA with SCONES & CAKE !
Every WEDNESDAY - LUNCH is served at 12.30pm (Booking Essential for this set Menu)

**Stephen Caley**

**RUNNING FOR TMEF**
Thank you to all who sponsored Matt Spencer for running the London Marathon.
To date a total of £1,160 has been raised for TMEF by Matt’s efforts on Sunday 26th April in a stunning time of 2 hours 33 minutes - 3 minutes faster than Paula Radcliffe! He came 103rd out of 38,000 runners which is simply amazing!
If you would still like to donate please visit - www.tmef.org.uk/

**Clare Spencer**
ABOUT JANE (an abridged version of the account of Jane Allen's life given at her funeral)

Jane, ever an historian, asked me to offer a short account of her life. This is the basis of many of you know about only some aspects of her life and may be curious to fill in the gaps.

Jane was born in 1947 in Mansfield, where her father, Stanley, a dentist, was then working. Before long, however, together with her mother, Sybil, who had been a graduate school teacher before her marriage, and her elder sister, Ann, Jane moved to Bury St. Edmunds. Stanley had been appointed as the local authority dentist for West Suffolk. In Bury, Jane's younger brother, Vernon was born.

Jane initially attended the local schools in Bury. Then, dissatisfied with her progress at the Girls' Grammar School, her parents sent her as a boarder to St. Monica's, in Clacton.

Evidently Jane was well-taught at St. Monica's. She went up to Cambridge in 1964 to read Law at New Hall. There was, I am told, only one place available for Law at New Hall and Jane was selected to take it in the face of stiff competition. I did not know Jane at Cambridge, even though we overlapped as undergraduates for two years. But my younger brother, Andrew, who was also reading Law, went to supervisions with Jane in Trinity.

When Jane came down, she did not, as she had once planned, go to the Bar, but instead became a legal publisher - at Butterworths. There, in legal publishing, Jane flourished - developing her skills as a writer and as an editor. She had charge of many of Butterworth's major works, including the English and Empire Digest and the Laws of Scotland.

Michael Flint was one of many leading lawyers whose books were published under Jane's care.

After Jane had come to work in London, living in Oakley Street in Chelsea - I met and married her. Our wedding was at St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds on the 15th of May 1971 - our 44th anniversary would have been yesterday.

As some of you here now will remember, 44 years and one day ago, after the marriage service, we all walked together, in the May sunshine, the short distance down the street from St. Mary's to the Athenaenum, where the reception was held.

It was fitting that, a few minutes ago, many of us walked, with Jane, the short distance from Bell House to this Church.

As a young married couple, Jane and I lived in London, always north of the river. We enjoyed the delights of London life and we did not fancy the drudgery of commuting.

In North London, Jane and I became active in local politics in the notorious London Borough of Haringey. I was elected an opposition member of Haringey Council - a rough school in which I picked up skills which proved useful in later life, not least as a member of the General Synod of the Church of England.

In both these, sometimes hazardous ventures - first London politics and later Church of England governance - and in other episodes, Jane gave me total support and encouragement.

In the same way, I backed Jane up in her own activities - for example, as a Magistrate on the Highgate Bench and as a voluntary tutor teaching illiterate adults in central London to read.

After a time Jane and I found that life exclusively in London was constraining. We came to live, initially as weekenders, in Orford.

Coming to Orford was the best thing Jane and I ever did. We were utterly happy ever since as members of the wonderfully caring Orford community.

Increasingly, after ill health forced Jane's early retirement from legal publishing, Orford became the centre of our lives.

Although valiant attempts to learn to love sailing failed for us both, and although Jane did not play golf, or bridge, or keep a dog, she flourished in many of the other aspects of Orford life - not least as a worshiper here in this Church and as a hard working member of the PCC. Jane loved this Church and it was her wish that any donations in memory of her life will be given at her funeral

In addition to Jane's historical work, she was active also in the Suffolk Preservation Society, for a time as their local representative on planning matters and later as contributor of book reviews to its magazine. Jane as a leading light in one of the local book groups and in the lively French conversation group. Jane was an enthusiastic and expert gardener, aided recently by Denise Smith, and many of you will have seen how beautiful her garden now is. It must be one of the very smallest gardens which have been opened to the public under the National Gardens Scheme - come and see it on 7th June. Jane sang as an alto in the Orford Benefice Choir.

And Jane achieved much more - but time does not allow.

Jane was at her best as a people person. She was a good friend to many, many people. She helped to make the community tick. She brought out the best in others.

And all this, during the last two decades, was achieved in spite of cruel ill health. That Jane managed nonetheless to do so much and to remain so positive owes much to the generous support which was given to her by her friends in Orford and by the excellent doctors and nurses who cared for her over the years in London and in Suffolk.

In the last weeks of Jane's life, as the cancer remorselessly gathered pace, the care offered by our GPs, by the District Nurses, by the St. Nicholas Hospice in Bury St. Edmunds, and by our Orford friends was exemplary.

Equally important to Jane and to me were the three priests who gave spiritual support to Jane as she went through the accelerating pace of dying in London, in Orford, and in Bury. It is fitting, and would have delighted Jane, that all three of them are taking part in this service.

To conclude, Jane was a remarkable, brave, tolerant, and kind person, with many talents, great warmth and much generosity. Jane left the world a better place for her presence.

And Jane was a perfect wife, partner, companion and the best friend to me. I thank God for Jane and so should we all.

May she now rest in peace and rise in glory.

Tim Allen - 16 May 2015

LOCAL RECORDER FOR ORFORD

Following the sad death of Jane Allen who was the Local Recorder for Orford for many years, Orford Museum has been asked by the Suffolk Local History Council to find a local resident who might be prepared to take this work on.

Below is a description of what is involved and if you think this might be something for you, please get in touch with me, Elizabeth Spinney at spinney43@btinternet.com.

The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Local Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the ‘present’ is adequately recorded at local level for the ‘future’.

A Local Recorder will note significant happenings in their parish and collect their local parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

If you are interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting www.slh.org.uk, click on Recorders, then click on Recorders Pack in the text on the left hand side. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders.

Elizabeth Spinney - CHAIRMAN ORFORD MUSEUM

SAILING CLUB OPEN DAY SUCCESS

Trips on yachts and smaller sailing boats were enjoyed by visitors to this year’s Orford Sailing Club Open Day on 17th May.

As part of the RYA “Push the Boat Out” initiative, our sailing club welcomed all, to meet club members, hear and see what the OSC has to offer and enjoy refreshments and a Bar Q.

A bright sunny day helped ensure a good turnout resulting in some dozen potential new members from Orford and further afield. A number signed up for our Sailing Courses run by the Club with RYA qualified instructors.

Club Commodore Chris Gill said “It is great to see enthusiastic new members come along, keen to take advantage of our 16 miles of river sailing, club racing and to enjoy the pleasure of the sport we love. Access to the river at all states of the tide and the more informal club activities such as our Wednesday evening Family Sailing, proved of particular interest.”

Michael Bellegarde
Luke joins our East Suffolk team during a particularly busy year, as we continue to make progress on plans for the repairs to defences at Stoney Ditch and the main evacuation sluice at Kings Marsh, which were damaged during the 2013 tidal surge.

This year is also the year of all things 'coast' for the National Trust, as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Neptune Coastline campaign, which was launched to help us look after the stretches of UK coastline in our care.

As always, we are keen to hear from you if you'd like to know more about our conservation work at this special and unusual place. You can keep up to date with our work on our Facebook and Twitter pages, as well as our blog at www.orfordnessnt.wordpress.com and our own Ness News newsletter.

**Ben Cowell - Regional Director for East of England**

**UPDATE ON THE RECREATION GROUND PAVILION**

You may be forgiven for thinking there is not a lot going on! There has, however, been a great deal of activity “behind the scenes”. We have continued our fund raising and the fund now stands at around £50,000 from the huge generosity and efforts from many villagers and volunteers. (Any further donations or fund raising will be greatly appreciated!).

We have been obtaining several quotations for all types of reconstruction ranging from a complete new modern building to various types of refurbishment.

A significant factor in the process has been the appointment of Jonnie Howard as our project manager. Jonnie of course was recently elected to the Parish Council.

His professional advice has been very valuable in that upon inspection of the existing structure we discovered that the original framework is very strong and sound - far more so in fact than any likely new build. So we are now considering replacing the roof, wall cladding and windows and doors, together with a complete re-fit and renewal of the inside facilities. This approach will effectively produce a new pavilion without all the problems associated with a complete new building from scratch. It will also be a lot less costly. Jonnie is in the process of obtaining quotations from various contractors for all this.

We will still need a lot more funding to complete the job, but it does now seem we can start finalising our plans. It is tempting fate to give an exact timescale, but this year should see real progress for the project.

**Derek Forbes - Treasurer Orford Recreation Ground Charity**

**ORFORD SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT EASTER SATURDAY**

The weather may have been chilly, but hardy chocaholics still turned out in droves for Orford Primary School's annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Welly-wanging, egg-decorating, face-painting and the usual scrum for chocolate all went down a treat, as did our fantastic raffle with prizes from Pump Street Bakery, High House Fruit Farm, Snape Maltings and Five Winds Farm Butchers.

This year's event, kindly sponsored by our good friends, Stokes Sauces, raised around £700 for our children. A huge thank you to everyone who supported us, especially English Heritage for allowing us to hold our hunt on the Castle Green. We hope to see you all again next year!

**Caroline Bailey**

**FRIENDSHIP**

Every two years a flower festival is organised in All Saints Church Sudbourne, near Orford. Over twenty superb arrangements prepared by talented local people will be on display this year. The arrangers will be taking their creative inspiration from this year's festival theme.

For 2015 we have chosen a theme which reminds us to value our friendships. The modern pressures on our lives and our families can be eased by the support of friends. We celebrate this aspect of human friendships. The modern pressures on our lives and our families can be eased by the support of friends. We celebrate this aspect of human nature at our biennial Flower Festival.

Thought provoking texts and quotations, which sit alongside the flower arrangements, are displayed within the church. These texts ask the visitors to think about what is important in their lives. Visitors are encouraged to ponder whilst they enjoy what is always a wonderful scented presentation of flower arrangements not to be missed.

This year's flower festival is to be held on 13th and 14th June from 10.00 am to 6.00pm.

Light refreshments are available throughout the two days in a lovely country garden next to the church. Everyone is most welcome. Do come along.

All proceeds in aid of All Saints Church, Sudbourne.

**Veronica Worrall**
To all of you who helped to make the food market on Saturday May 9th in St. Bartholomew’s Church such a success, thank you. Although the set up wasn’t as easy as we had hoped with access restricted to the North Door and the weather blowing a hoolie, everyone’s patience and cooperation meant that we were able to manage the traffic before and afterwards without too many problems. Even the Kenton Hall Burger trailer was positioned without major trauma.

The generosity of those of you who sold and bought the delicious products and contributed to the foodie tombola helped us to raise more than £1,000 for the Thomas Marshall Education Fund and this has allowed us to add more contents to the container that we will be shipping to Mozambique in the near future to help with the education of their young people. At Vila Maninga we are supporting the upgrade of existing buildings to house a technical school with on-site accommodation for students and teachers.

The container is currently packed with essential items including: Louvre window frames for the buildings, 26 refurbished, fully configured desktop computers, a pasture topper for clearing the rough ground and some reconditioned bicycles. As the charity was formed in memory of Thomas, who died in a traffic accident just outside the village in 2009, it was particularly poignant to see his bicycle being loaded into the container to benefit someone in Africa. The container is due to be shipped in the very near future. Follow its progress at www.tmef.org.uk

Once again, thank you.

If you enjoyed the food market why not join us for this year’s T4Thomas at Chantry Cottage in Gedgrave Road. See the poster above.

Roger Hipwell - Trustee TMEF

KING’S HEAD NEWS

Fantastic support for the EACH Charity Race night raised £347.00 for this very important charity. A huge THANK YOU to all the sponsors, race horse owners and those who had a flutter on the evening. Remember the Treasure Hunt is on Sunday 14th June, with entries for those either on foot or by bicycle. This will be followed by a barbecue, in what we hope will be sunny weather.

The exterior decorating is due to take place in the first two weeks of June, in advance, apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Open for business as usual throughout this period.

Have a great early summer and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Tan & Suzanne Ballantine - thekingsheadorford@gmail.com

MELISSA JAMES ENDS CHURCH TOUR AT ORFORD CHURCH

This summer, singer and songwriter Melissa James marks the end of her church concert series with a performance at St Bartholomew’s Church in Orford.

The soulful blues-folk-singer, whose debut album Day Dawns, was released to critical acclaim in 2012, began performing a series of intimate gigs in churches last year and will perform her last on Saturday 27th June with a special performance at this stunning Orford church.

Melissa last performed in Orford in July 2012 on the same bill as Anthony Strong when she warmed a crowd of attentive listeners at the annual summer picnic. Popular local singer Natasha Hodge will make a guest appearance, performing an opening slot before Melissa herself takes to the stage.

Doors open at 6.30pm, performance at 7.30pm, licensed bar beforehand.

Melissa, who is soon to make her debut appearance at the Cheltenham Jazz Festival, says the aim, in performing in churches, has been to endeavour to connect with those people in the local area and to bring live music to their doorstep. Melissa’s music is soulful rolling bluesy-folk and both church-goers and music lovers are welcome to her event.

More details about Melissa and her upcoming Orford performance can be found on her website http://melissa-james.com or at billetto.co.uk/melissa-james Tickets £10 from Jacki Maslin or the website.

MELISSA SAYS, “I grew up going to church as I come from a family of church-goers but, while I do have a strong faith, it has been a while since I attended church regularly. I feel a deep sense of comfort at the thought of performing in a church setting and my body tingled when I did it last. This concert will be very special as it’s about forming a connection with the local community and I hope we’ll all draw something from the songs, many of which are personal with a spiritual message.”

Jacki Maslin