

Otford Parish Council

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Twinned with Neufchatel-Hardelot

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Parish Council

For those interested in all the activities of OPC, the minutes of meetings are available in the library, and all minutes, agendas and newsletters can be obtained via the web (also available in the library). They can all be read via <http://www.otford.info/parishcouncil>. The next meetings will be on **8th June** and **13th July** at 7.30pm in the Club Room of Otford Village Hall.

There is a CAB Surgery in Parish Council offices between 10am and 12 noon every Tuesday

Chairman's Report

The Annual Meeting of the Electorate was held on 27th April with a change of format from previous years. The event was organised as a social evening with refreshments being served and in order to prevent an overload of reports from all the clubs and societies, this year there were only three speakers, Nick Chard your County Councillor, Michelle Lowe from the District and myself from OPC (see Annual Report below). All the Otford Clubs and Societies were invited to attend and instead of presenting their reports, were furnished with tables around the periphery of the hall from where they spoke with interested residents. From reports I have received to date everybody thought that the new format was a lot better than previous years, so it is likely to be repeated again next year with hopefully even more clubs contributing to the social evening.

**THANK
YOU!**

The meeting concluded with a presentation of Rod Shelton's very informative new book on the villages in Darenth Valley to three retiring Parish Councillors; Elizabeth Ward, Charmian Marsh and Doug Cracknell; who between them have voluntarily given up their time to help run the affairs of Otford for more than 70 years - they will be a hard act to follow and replace.



By the time you read this report all the election results will be in and I'm glad to report that both Michelle and myself have been elected to Sevenoaks District Council to represent ALL of the residents of every political persuasion. Our first task will be to continue the work we have instigated with SDC in the repair and refurbishment of the Palace tower, following which residents will be consulted on how they see the future of the tower and the way forward.



OPC is still looking for a "paid" part-time litter picker to collect rubbish from all the parish assets, i.e. the Village Recreation Ground, Hale Lane Recreation Ground, Telston Park, the Village Green, Palace Field and the Cemetery. If you are able to help, please contact the office on 524808.

The Annual Report 2014/15

Yet again, it has been another very busy year for councilors and the clerks, and as a result, this report will not be too dissimilar to last years. I would like to thank both Brenda and Sue and now Sharon who has replaced Brenda, for all the invaluable assistance they have given me and the Councillors during the past year.

The Council Agendas, Minutes and Newsletters are all placed on the local Otford web-site "Otford.net" by Sharon which is so ably managed by John Hubbard .The Helpline Directory is regularly updated by Sue. Hard copies of which can be obtained from the Parish office. Otford has long been well-served by volunteers; tonight you will be able to speak to a selection of them and I would like to thank all of them for all their efforts and hard work in helping the community. As you know, we are now twinned with Neufchatel-Hardelot and there has been several reciprocal visits between us. My thanks to Cllr Jane Lawrey for masterminding all the hard work involved including their visit this weekend.

I will now give you a short précis of what your council does, what they have achieved and what we hope to achieve in the future. The Parish Plan (which is now approx 5yrs old) has been the driving force behind the majority of our long term projects as well as some of the shorter ones. It will soon need updating, or replacing with the Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is a lot more formal than the PP, in that we "Otfordians" determine our future requirements on a range of topics including housing. It is a fairly long-term project which has to go out for public consultation at every stage and finally has to undergo formal inspection before it can be adopted by SDC.

I would like to mention that all of our meetings, not just the monthly council meetings, are open meetings and to the best of our ability and within the rules of council governance we do try to involve public participation - you are all welcome to attend, but as space in the Office meeting room is limited, please notify the clerk if you wish to do so. We currently have six committees reporting to our monthly Parish Council meetings and I will now briefly outline their roles and work carried out on your behalf.



Planning - led by Martin Whitehead

The Planning Committee meets on a bi-weekly basis on Wednesday mornings at 9.15 in the Parish Office. These meetings are open to all and the applicants and objectors are encouraged to attend.

The Committee members have wide ranging experience and knowledge of the village which enables the committee to reflect the best interests of the majority of residents, while keeping within the planning laws and guidance.

During the last year we have reviewed approx 80 planning applications covering developments from minor works, small and large extensions through to new builds. Of these the committee had no objection to 62 and recommended refusal of 19 all with supporting detailed comments. To date the District Council granted 47 approvals, refused 16 and is still considering 18 cases. There have been 4 planning appeals during this period.



Services - led by Jane Lawrey

Services have continued with their H&S reviews, Fire Risks and Risk Assessments of the office and other PC assets.

In the process of making the office approach Wheelchair friendly

Carried out repairs to several fences around Otford - at this point I would like to thank Brian Thomas and Norman Catt for their varied and invaluable help around the village

Gratefully received a donation for the provision of a new clock for the Village hall, and our thanks also go to Cllrs Verrall and Whitehead who installed it.

We are starting to distribute the Monthly newsletter by e-mail to reduce the cost of postage, at the moment mainly to those residents that live on excessively dangerous roads. It is anticipated that eventually all distribution will be via e-mail, unless you do not have this form of communication.

Unfortunately the since Arriva bus service has been transferred to Go this has resulted in a marked reduction in the number of journeys to and from Sevenoaks, but apart from sending our objections, there is little the PC or the DC can do as the services are contracted through KCC.



Recreation - led by Mary Evans

The committee looks after the maintenance of leisure activities in The High Street Recreation Ground, the play area and Hale Lane.

Working with the Otford Sports Association (OSA), to help, support and encourage its Members. And I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sports teams for the maintenance of their areas. It is much appreciated.

Recreation also looks after:-

The Allotments;

The Chalk Pit;

The Petanque court.

Provided a swing for adult children on the Hale Lane recreation Ground.

Arranged successful Play Day(s) in conjunction with SDC

They were looking into the provision of an adult multi-gym area within the recreation ground, but this met with a poor response from the questionnaire and so has been shelved for the time being.

However on the down side and I keep on mentioning it in the newsletters - we still get recurring complaints about Dog fouling on the sports grounds - which may lead to us to take more drastic action than just reports in the newsletter. Initially it will be dogs on leads only (so owners will have no excuse of missing what their dog is doing) and if that doesn't work, then no dogs at all. It's no fun for Brian having to trim the long grass round the play area and tennis courts, or the footballers and cricketers having to clear up dog mess before their matches can start. It might be difficult to police, but we look to the more responsible dog owners for assistance.



Environment - led by Elizabeth Ward

The Committee oversees

The Chalkpit Recreational Area

Oxenhill Woods

The Main Recreation Ground, The Pond, the Village Green and Palace Approach
Palace Field - where continuing negotiations are ongoing with SDC over the upkeep of the tower. You must have noticed the scaffolding.

Palace Park Wood (Managed by the Woodland Trust)

The Cemetery

Telston Park

The New Planters around the village - our thanks go to all the village organisations that have committed to keeping them full of flowers throughout the year and to One-Stop for providing one of them.

We are Members of the Darent Valley Consortium

Although roadside verges are the responsibility of KCC - to make them more attractive, for many years planting of bulbs has been carried out by volunteers from the village.

However we can't do all the work ourselves and are always looking for more volunteers who would be prepared to join working parties throughout the year. If you wish to help, please leave your name and telephone number in the Parish Office.



Highways - led by Jackie Howe

We oversee and report on:-

Speedwatch to which we have added "lorry watch"

Footpath hazards - (resurfacing has recently taken place)

Traffic incidents - (The office keeps a record of all incidents that we are informed of).

Parking and the Car Park

Village Gateways - the remaining VAS has been installed on the Shoreham Road Thanks to the residents, The Otford Society and Cllr Nick Chard.

Potholes - report and progress all potholes



Finance - led by John Edwards-Winser

Due to careful monitoring of expenditure this year we came in ahead of budget although some projects planned for last year have had to be moved to the current year (e.g. chimney on school house)

The car park is making a small profit - estimated IRO £8-10K in the year - which will go towards further improvements and maintenance.

Examples of other expenditure

Toilets - £7K - (assuming no major vandalism)

Recreation Ground - £8K

Palace Field, Palace Approach, the Green and the Pond - £4K

Churchyard mowing - £2K

You might have noticed that the parish precept for the year to 31st March 2016 was not increased although the overall Council tax has been.

I must again mention Brian Thomas our Grounds Maintenance Supervisor and Cemetery Supervisor. He meets frequently with bereaved families at the cemetery, a task he handles with great sensitivity. He also inspects the playgrounds on a weekly basis and advises on the care of all our natural sites. It is down to Brian that the pond looks so good and of course he also looks after the ducks.

Now as I close my report and at the risk of repeating myself, I really would like to thank the clerks for all their hard work and dedication, often under demanding conditions and constant interruptions. I would also like to thank all the councilors for their support. For their continuous "voluntary" work on behalf of Otford, most of which goes on in the background and is largely unheard and unseen, but without which the effects would soon be noticed.

Community Warden Surgery



Paul holds his weekly surgery to discuss any problems and community issues at School House on Tuesdays between 11am and 12 noon. Come and see him. Paul can also be contacted on 07813 713366. Paul wants to remind you that ROGUE TRADERS are operating in the vicinity. If you are approached by any person offering to carry out repairs to your property, turn them away, call 0845 3450210 and report it to Trading Standards.

St Bartholomew's Church Fair



St Bartholomew's Church Fair will be taking place this year on the **VILLAGE GREEN AND PALACE FIELD** on **Saturday 13th June** from 2pm. Stalls will include: Books, Plants, Cakes, Crafts, White Elephant, raffle, unwanted gifts, bottles, toys, soft drinks, strawberries and cream and ices. Other attractions include children's games and a bouncy castle. There will be a children's art competition with the theme '*St George & the Dragon*'. There are two categories 7-11 and under 7 with good prizes. All village children are welcome to submit an entry. Contact Christeen Malan on 01959 522654. There will be guided talks about the church during the afternoon and you can visit the labyrinth on Palace Field and find your way to the middle. Also there is a single rose competition judged by silent auction so why not bring along an entry this year on the day.

Discover Art on your doorstep!



The South East Open Studios event takes place in June across the county. Visit Ann Bridges at her Open Studio days, held at 58 High Street (next to Otford Library) on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays (5th, 6th, 7th and 12th, 13th, 14th and 19th, 20th, 21st June).

10.00-5.00 every day. Paintings, Prints and Cards on show and for sale.

Browse through sketchbooks and watch Ann demonstrate her unique printmaking technique.

NEW work for 2015 includes cards and hand printed Limited Editions of Otford Pond.

Contact annbridgesart@btinternet.com

www.ann-bridges.com or 07906 310021

Gardeners' Society



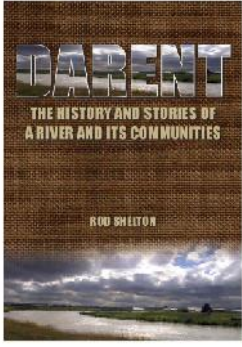
The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 2nd June** when Jude Lawton will talk about 'Ferns for your garden' Admission which includes refreshments is £1 for visitors. Contact Janet Finney on 01959 523760 for more details or e-mail gardeners@otford.net

Rose & Summer Show



The Rose and Summer Show will take place on **Saturday 27th June**. This show brings together the beautiful flowers and tasty fruit and vegetables from the early summer garden. Also featured are flower arrangements, cookery and photographic classes. The show takes place in the Otford Village Memorial Hall and opens to the public at 2.15pm. Admission is 50p, under 16's admitted free. Teas will be served until 4pm and there will be a sales table open all afternoon.

New Book about Us



A new book has just come out, *Darent*, which has a whole, colourful chapter about Otford.

It recounts the earliest history of the village and tells the stories of each of our local houses of note. Written by local author, Rod Shelton, it is full of photos and many anecdotal stories about our residents in former times. The book is a compendium of histories and stories about every one of the Darent villages, from Westerham, right up to Dartford. At 190 pages long, it tells about the origins of the area as well as its wildlife and flora. And if

you should want to find out about Romans, watermills, oast houses and gunpowder - that's all in there too.

You can read about it more fully online at www.Darent.co.uk and purchase a copy. Alternatively you will find it on sale at the new Otford Emporium in the High Street or at the Sevenoaks Bookshop. Well worth looking into. Our village looks really smashing!

Sevenoaks Camera Clubs Summer Exhibition



The Sevenoaks Camera Club is pleased to announce that an exhibition of printed images will be held at the Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope Gallery (Sevenoaks library) from **16th July to 1st August**. This will feature a wide range of work from the club's many talented photographers encompassing wildlife, landscapes, street photography and more. The exhibition is free to visit and there will be information about the club if anyone is thinking about becoming a member. You can also vote for your favourite image.

Table Top Sale



The Sevenoaks First Responders are holding a table top sale in Otford Village Hall on **Saturday 13th June** starting at 10am. If you would like to book a table please e-mail info@sevenoakscfrs.org.

Otford Primary School Fete



The Otford Primary School Fete will take place on Saturday 4th July between 12 noon and 3pm. There are various stalls, tea and cakes, beer tent, strawberries, tombola, raffle, silent auction, games and inflatables as well as performances and displays by the children. It will be taking place on the school field and inside the school. Admission is £1 for adults and free for children.

Otford Oast WI

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 18th June** at 9.30am in Otford Village Memorial Hall when they will learn about 'Tai Chi & Chi Kung' from Fran Bennett. There is a crèche and the first visit is free. Do join them. Contact Jo Hall on 01689 638996 for more details

Otford Evening WI

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 11th June** at 7.30pm in Otford Village Memorial Hall. When they will hear about 'The Road to the Chelsea Flower Show' from Susan Shaw. Contact Christine Masson on 01959 522637 for more details.

Twinning Association



Our "Twins" from Neufchâtel-Hardelot are visiting Otford for St Bartholomew's Church Fair over the weekend of **12th/13th/14th June**. Tickets for the Fish and Chip Supper and Barn Dance on Friday evening **12th June** from 7pm in the Otford Village Memorial Hall are only £10 each. Please contact Jane Lawrey (01959 524808 or otfordpc@btinternet.com). We are looking forward to this event which was such fun two years ago. Do join us. You will be very welcome.

Knole Decorative and Fine Art Society



Knole Decorative and Fine Arts Society meet s on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Sevenoaks Community Centre, Bat & Ball. The lectures start promptly at 1.45 pm and finish by 3 pm. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 18th June** when Tony Tucker will talk about 'This is Wren - the Classical, the Baroque and the City of London Churches'. For further information see the website www.knoledfas.org.uk.

Sevenoaks Embroiderer's Guild



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The next meeting will take place on **Saturday 27th June** in Methodist Church Hall (NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE) when there will be a talk on "Working for Royalty" by Rhoda Nevins. The meetings start at 10am and 2pm and end with tea and cakes at about 4pm. For further information please contact Sylvia Grafton on 01732

Hospice of Hope Events



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making every day count
for seriously ill children and adults in
Kent and surrounding counties

Ladies Lunch with Rosemary Shrager

Thursday 11th June at 12:00pm Clockhouse Suite at Rowhill Grange Hotel, Wilmington, Kent

Kent Celebrity Chef, Rosemary Shrager will discuss her interesting autobiography of how she became a Chef with lots of fun stories along the way! There will also be a chance for you to ask questions.

£27 per person to include an arrival drink, two course luncheon with a glass of wine and coffee with mint chocolates.

For tickets please contact amy@hospicesofhope.co.uk / 01959 525110

'Hawl's well that ends in murder' - Murder Mystery Evening

Saturday 13th June at 7:00pm Christ Church Crabb Hall, High Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. We recommend teams of 4 - 8.

£12 per person to include a light supper. Drinks will be available to purchase.

For tickets please contact amy@hospicesofhope.co.uk / 01959 525110

Ladies Lunch Strictly Come Dancing Theme with Michael Hemera and Lauren McFarlane

Monday 15th June at 12:00pm Alexander House Hotel, Turners Hills, East Grinstead.

Due to the popularity of BBC One's Strictly Come Dancing, we thought we'd glam things up for our next Ladies Luncheon, with a ballroom theme! We will have a special performance by professional dancers Michael Hemera and Lauren McFarlane who are ranked 2nd in England. £29 per person to include an arrival drink, two course luncheon with a glass of wine and coffee with mint chocolates

For tickets please contact amy@hospicesofhope.co.uk / 01959 525110

King Lear at St Clere



Sevenoaks Shakespeare Society returns to the stunning St Clere Estate at Heaverham with the Bard's great tragedy King Lear in the open air on **Weds 24th June - Friday 26th June** at 7.30pm, and **Sat June 27th** at 3.30pm. Bring warm clothing and rugs or low-backed folding chairs. Bar and snacks available.

The production then moves on to the White Rock Inn at Underriver on **1st - 5th July**

Tickets £12 in advance, £15 on door (£5 children and students) from Sevenoaks Festival Box office 01732 450175 www.stagsevenoaks.co.uk or 01732 833112 www.thewhiterockinn.co.uk

Help Battersea Dogs & Cats Home in Your Local Community



Battersea Dogs & Cats Home is inviting animal lovers in and around Sevenoaks to form a new volunteer fundraising group. Fundraising groups organise local activities like fete stalls, quiz nights and coffee mornings to benefit the dogs and cats at Battersea, including those in their nearby centre in Brands Hatch. This is a great way to meet people, have fun and contribute to a worthwhile cause. As part of Battersea's Fundraising Family, groups are provided with lots of materials and support from the Home. Battersea receives no government funding and needs to raise £15.4 million every year through donations. This wouldn't be possible without the support of local people, so if you are sociable, enthusiastic and have some spare time, please contact Battersea's Regional Community Fundraiser, Victoria Lawrence, on 07590 173456 or at v.lawrence@battersea.org.uk to find out more.

Heritage Centre Artist for June

Caroline Bunton



I was born in Sevenoaks and lived in the town very close to my primary school where my favourite lesson was painting. At my secondary school Hatton which is now the Knole Academy, I had the most fantastic art teacher. She was very talented and helped me to get a grade A in my 'O' Level art. I then got my 'A'

Level art at West Kent College. I was hoping to continue with a degree at Medway College of Art but needed to get a full time job. For quite a few years I had no time for drawing or painting, home and family came first. Later I was able to attend a WI Art workshop, which followed me joining the Otford Art Group, I now have a little studio at the bottom of my garden. I love most mediums especially coloured pencils, acrylics and graphite pencils. I particularly love to do portraits mainly in pencil.

Mobile Police Station



There will be a mobile police station visiting Sainsbury's car park fortnightly between 4.40pm to 5.30pm for residents to discuss any policing issues and get crime prevention advice.

This next dates are **1st June, 15th June, 29th June, 13th July and 27th July**. If you want to report a non-urgent crime or contact

your local officer please call 101.

Planning

a. New applications



SE/15/00803 **Reedhatch, Telston Lane**

Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of extension with rooms in the roof to existing dwelling, and incorporation of new front porch and integral garage.

SE/15/00881 **Land North of Pilgrims Oasts, Station Road**

Construction of a 10 room care home with 3 staff apartments.

SE/14/04015 **Hillydeal Cottage, 14b Hillydeal Road**

Demolish flat roof side extension and remove pitched roof of remaining building. Rebuild side extension and raise walls of the whole building and build new pitched to create first floor bedroom accommodation. Changes to fenestration. Amendment: Elevational alterations.

SE/15/00666 **6 Tudor Crescent**

Demolition of existing garage to incorporate a two storey rear and single storey side extension. Erection of a new porch

SE/15/00840 **The Horns, 66 High Street**

Change of use, conversion and refurbishment of Public House to 2 three bedroom dwellings to include demolition of single storey existing rear extension and erection of front/side and rear single storey extensions. Demolition of free standing garage and erection of 2 shed and log stores, rear car parking, hard and soft landscaping and associated works.

SE/15/00559 **Llamedos, Shoreham Road**

Minor material amendment to SE/14/03848 (demolition of the existing detached property, subdivision of the plot and the construction of two new detached dwellings) to show lowering of ground floor level at rear, flipped garage configuration and an orangery to plot2.

Amendment: removal of solar panels from flat roof of dwellings.

SE/15/00935 **Homebase Ltd**

Set of new signs designed with new branding to replace existing signage

SE/15/01039 **Units 1 to 3, Block 4, Vestry Road**

Three mounted signs on fascia

b. Results received

- SE/15/00381 **Shelleys, Shoreham Road**
Erection of a two storey front/side extension *Allowed*
- SE/15/00246 **Land south of Fairacre Wood, Shoreham Road**
Proposed detached dwelling on land adjacent to Fairacre Wood *Allowed*
- SE/15/00561 **38 Willow Park**
Demolition of existing garage and the erection of a single storey side and rear extension *Allowed*
- SE/15/00430 **16 Bubblestone Road**
Partial demolition of existing single storey to west flank, erection of a single storey extension to rear and alterations to fenestration. *Allowed*
- SE/15/00720 **57 Tudor Crescent**
Erection of a single storey rear extension. Raised rear patio. *Allowed*
- SE/14/04060 **Land South of Pilgrims Way Cottage, Pilgrims Way West**
Erection of a detached 5 bedroom dwelling with detached garage, including share use of and improvements to the existing access and the provision of a new public footpath link onto Rye Lane. *Allowed*
- SE/15/00559 **Llamedos, Shoreham Road**
Minor material amendment to SE/14/03848 (demolition of the existing detached property, subdivision of the plot and the construction of two new detached dwellings) to show lowering of ground floor level at rear, flipped garage configuration and an orangery to plot 2 *Allowed*

c. Appeals

- SE/14/02074 **Hopgarden Farm, Telston Lane**
Conversion of former stables to 2 bed dwelling including link.
- SE/14/02971 **Elmwood, Tudor Crescent**
Demolition of existing sheds and stable block/.Erection of proposed sheds. *Dismissed*

d. Trees

- SE/15/01258 **Watermill, High Street**
Various works to trees
- SE/15/01278 **Tanglewood, Shoreham Road**
Removal of 3-4 small stems from large Beech tree to near ground level (TPO)
- SE/15/01287 **Yew Tree Cottage, High Street**
Various works to trees
- SE/15/00699 **Llamedos, Shoreham Road**
Details pursuant to condition 6 (tree protection) of SE/14/03848

Rubbish and Garden Bags

Garden waste bags packs are available from the Parish Council office at £13.50 for 25. It avoids all those trips to the tip. Rolls of black sacks at £1.50 and white sacks at 50p are also available. Please try and bring the right money.

Noticeboards

As you might have noticed we have new noticeboards all around the village. If you place items on them please use drawing pins, not staples and then when your event has finished, please remove them. Keep the new boards tidy. Thank you.

The Otford Village Society

Working for you to make our village even better

As your local amenities charity, we are keen to protect the semi-rural feel of our area and improve village facilities for the benefit of all Otford residents.

After last year organising new signs for Palace Field and traffic calming measures in Shoreham Road, our latest projects include planting new trees to replace those recently felled, supporting more initiatives to reduce traffic, and work to reduce street clutter and enhance 'kerb appeal'.

**The Society is run entirely by volunteers,
and wholly funded by membership subscriptions and fund-raising events.**

If you are not a member, then please join us for just £5 per year

– contact membership@otfordsociety.org.uk

**If you can spare any time to help – perhaps by delivering newsletters
and collecting subscriptions a couple of times per year**

– then please contact chairman@otfordsociety.org.uk

Do support us by visiting our stall at the village fete (proceeds to the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall) and attending our **Summer Garden Party on Saturday 18th July** (watch out for posters with more details!)

Later in the year, we're planning a Race Night as well as a family-friendly Magic Show, so there's never been a better time to join.

Your village needs you!

Everyone can follow us on Twitter **@OtfordSociety**

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Rubbish



If you see litter outside your house, please pick it up don't just leave it for somebody else. Let's try and make our village litter free

Hedges



Hedges are growing very quickly at the moment and growing over the public footway. This can cause a nuisance to pedestrians, especially those who have poor sight. Please check the boundaries of the property you are in and if necessary arrange for it to be cut back from the footway as soon as possible. Thank you.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for items for the July/ August Newsletter will be **Monday 19th June**