James Common 1937-2012

James was born in Plymouth and it was there that his love of both the arts and the outdoors began – he learnt to play the organ at this time. After University (Philosophy at St Andrews), Jim spent two years in Antarctica with the British Antarctic Survey. He then spent most of his working life with the Post Office at their corporate headquarters.

James has organised the Monday lunchtime piano recitals and the August Festival at St Lawrence Jewry for 15 years until his death in November 2012. He loved doing this, particularly meeting and supporting younger musicians and listening to them play. Sadly, three years prior his death, he was unable to get to London as much but he still managed to organise the recitals until the end of 2012. James was a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Musicians, was on the Committee of the Suffolk Villages Festival and played an active part in village life.