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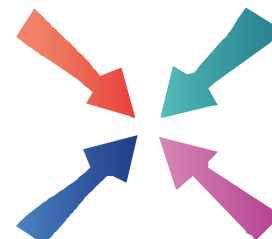
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## From the Editor

June is a brilliant month for gardens, and I will certainly be enjoying mine. I'm pleased to say we have got details of two local gardens that are opening this month and raising money for worthwhile causes. I will be among the number who visit, and I will be hoping to get some ideas for how to improve my own plot. (As well as enjoying a cup of tea and some homemade cake!)

This month's magazine includes a short item that marks a significant stage in the gradual move out of lockdown. It arrived well past the deadline for material, almost too late, but I had to squeeze it in somehow. Why? Because it is about an outdoor concert on 21<sup>st</sup> June (all being well) and it is the first music event we have been able to advertise for a very long time. You will find details tucked away on page 15.

*Marelin*

This month's cover is by Brian Arkell

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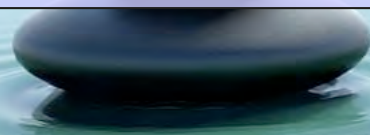
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### New Reflective Space at Olveston School – A Correction and an Apology

*In last month's News from St. Mary's, the item about the new reflective space  
in Olveston School should have been attributed to Lesley Clarke, who was  
responsible for both the co-ordination of the project and the writing of the  
article. I am sorry for this mistake; it was entirely my fault. Editor.*

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## Sue Hunter

Chris Bolton

Meeting Point was very sad to hear of the death of one of our previous Editors, Sue Hunter. This comes only a few weeks after another ex-Editor, Anne Boulton, died.

Sue was Editor from 2007 to 2009, taking over only 18 months after her husband, Chris, had died. She threw herself into the role with great enthusiasm, putting huge effort into finding out what was going on locally and the stories behind things.

Sue was a scientist. She had been a researcher and teacher, like Chris, and moved later into administration. When Chris became a lecturer at Bristol Polytechnic, they moved to Old Down with their children Sarah and Mark and lived in the same house from then on.



Sue was a very active participant in our community over many years, from helping to organise the Thornbury Arts Festival, to singing in the Choir at St Mary's Thornbury (and various smaller groups), to painting, tennis and the U3A. She was also a past Chair of the Parish Twinning Association, OPTA, and travelled many times to our twin village of Bréhan. The picture is of Sue at the Millennium Parade, when OPTA dressed 'à la française'.

We will miss her, and we send our sympathy to her family.



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Paul Godwin

*This article first appeared in our March online-only edition and is repeated here in case you missed it. The deer have been spotted again, as recently as late April.*

On 25<sup>th</sup> January, a beautiful sunny day, whilst out walking locally, I was fortunate to photograph some wild roe and fallow deer, one of which was an infrequently seen 'white deer'.



The identification of this deer prompted me to do a little research in which the British Deer Society were very helpful. Both deer in the photograph above were identified as young fallow bucks (kid males), one of whose coat was white, the other black. There are four recognised colour types for fallow deer, common (tan/fawn), menil (which is a paler colouration with white spots year round) black and white. I was interested to find out if this deer would be classified as albino due to its white colouration and pink nose? No, was the answer to this question, due to its brown eyes. If it were albino it would have had red or pink eyes, and this would have made the sighting very rare. The classification for this deer is 'Leucitic White' which is representative of a wide variety of conditions resulting in the partial loss of pigmentation which causes white colouration of the coat and skin but not the eyes. Leucitic white deer are infrequently seen in comparison to other colour types. So, whilst not being a



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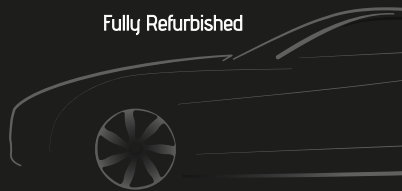
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'very rare' sighting it does come into the 'infrequent' category, which I was still very pleased about.

The two young fallow bucks were near to an adult fallow buck, showing its black winter coat and antlers. (See below) All three were grazing when I saw first saw them and I was very fortunate to take these pictures, as very soon after I took them, they ran for the cover of woodland.



Just a few minutes prior to taking these photographs I managed to photograph two roe deer. These had been grazing in an adjacent field on shrubs. These were identifiable by the distinguishable buff rump. The jumping deer being identified as a mature doe (female) and the other a young doe which was likely to have been born last May or June.





I count myself as very lucky to photograph these deer. It was a beautiful day in which there was plenty of wildlife to see and to photograph. This reminded me how lucky we are to have such wonderful countryside and wildlife around us, which we can walk into from our doorsteps.



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- fallow deer are larger than roe deer and they have a distinctive black inverted horseshoe shape on their rump, with a tail and a black stripe.
- A roe deer does not have a tail but does have a distinguishable buff patch on its rump. In winter, however, the doe roe does grow a tuft of hair on its buff rump which can appear like a small white tail. So, be warned.
- The antlers of a fallow deer are larger than a roe deer and are flat and broader (palmate).
- A fallow deer also has a more elongated face than a roe, which has larger ears and large black eyes.

If in doubt the British Deer Society have a very useful web site and are also very happy for you to contact them at [info@bds.org.uk](mailto:info@bds.org.uk)

Happy walking and wildlife spotting!

## The Parish Players Calamity Comeback!

*Linda Evans & Richard Newley*

We are touched by how much local people seem to have missed our annual productions. We have been constantly asked about our plans – 'Will there be a show next year?' People certainly want something to brighten up next winter, after the one we have just endured...

Well, the good news is that we hope that there will be a show. It may be hard to imagine putting on a musical at the moment but, if the Government's aim to lift all restrictions on 21st June becomes a reality (as we all hope it will), then we should have a plan in place!

Consequently, we hope to start rehearsals on 4th October for a production in the February 2022 half term (23rd to 26th February), in the beautifully redecorated and refurbished Parish Hall.

We have chosen a show that is guaranteed to lift people's spirits! 'Calamity Jane' is an old favourite, and a popular show with lovely music. Many of you will have seen the memorable film starring Doris Day and Howard Keele. After a difficult two years, our intention is that the audience and cast alike should go home with a spring in their step, having mounted the 'Deadwood

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If you are interested in joining the cast or helping behind the scenes, please contact us via Facebook, or email: [secretaryparishplayers@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryparishplayers@gmail.com).

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# An Unsolved Parish Mystery

*Martin Gibson*

Much has been written about navigation and methods of transport on the River Severn. Indeed, pottery shards have been found at Hill and the coast nearby, indicating river borne commerce was happening even in Roman times. Many people are also aware of the many (80 plus) barges or trows (pronounced as in "crows") beached on the Eastern bank of the Severn at Purton, placed there to curb erosion of the riverbank during the last century.

Very little, however, is factually recorded of how the rhynes in our parish were used for the transport of goods. The rhynes were created as a drainage system in medieval times and their waters finally end up in the Severn. It is thought that boats brought provisions, often coal, up the system of rhynes from the River into Olveston parish. These boats were flat bottomed, though sometimes with "D" shaped hulls, narrow and nothing like as long as the Severn trows. It is almost certain, but again there seems to be no written record, that these boats would have taken flour from Tockington Mill (at the bottom of Mill Lane) to the Severn and onwards. A two-way commerce system.

The navigable length of the rhynes is again uncertain. There are two Port Farms, one on Catherine Hill and another on Hardy Lane, but it is also likely that the Tockington rhyne would have extended past the mill and as far as Washingpool Hill. From there supplies could be taken to Tockington Manor and Sheepcombe Farm, in the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> centuries this was one of the most important farms in the whole of Avon.

The trouble is, what little is known is really just handed-down folklore, no written history, only the spoken word and there are no abandoned barges lying on the edge of a rhyne as might be expected, which would verify the whole subject. There is one factual clue, according to local historian Mr Eric Garrett, who recalls a painting made around 1920, though it might have been someone's recollection of an earlier period. The artist was a Tockington lady, and it apparently depicted a trow on Tockington ford. The ford was at the bottom of Lower Tockington Road, by Little Brobury Farm but was subsequently diverted under the road. Eric says that the painting was lost, but could it just be hanging, unloved, on the wall of someone's lounge? Yours perhaps?



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## Jeremy Warren

*Pat Thirkettle*

Jeremy has recently been elected to Aust Parish Council and is definitely a local. He grew up in Almondsbury, his wife Janet comes from Littleton and they both went to Thornbury Grammar School and Marlwood. Then their lives diverged, although they kept in touch. Jeremy went to Birmingham University to read Chemical Engineering and Janet went to Glasgow University studying Veterinary Medicine.

Jeremy worked for Unilever for five years and qualified as a Chartered Chemical Engineer. Then he spent four years near Brussels setting up a small manufacturing company, followed by a year studying at INSEAD Business School near Fontainebleau for an MBA. After a period of management consultancy he decided it was not for him, so for the last fifteen years he has been CEO of a series of spin-off biotechnology businesses, four out of the University of Oxford. He describes these businesses, providing novel laboratory instruments, as 'the picks and shovels of the nanotechnology gold rush' and feels his core achievement are the youngsters he has encouraged and trained, most of whom have gone on to satisfying and fulfilling careers.

He and Janet married in 1989, living first in Winterbourne then for thirty years in Marshfield. As he approached retirement they were able to buy a farm in the centre of Littleton, next to Janet's mother who is still living in her own house.



Jeremy learnt to sail at the age of four at Thornbury Sailing Club in Littleton and has remained a member ever since. He is a RYA Dinghy Instructor and competed in the National Championships. He sailed, (age 20), with his father in the disastrous Fastnet Race of 1979 when several people lost their

lives. Their boat rolled over twice, and they failed to finish, but they survived.

A Wayfarer dinghy, for those like me who don't know one boat from another, is an open sailing boat about sixteen feet long, they are used for 'day boat' trips, racing or training. They are not built for the open sea, however in 2014 Jeremy and a friend set out to beat the record of 76 days for sailing a Wayfarer around the British Isles. This they achieved in half the time, 32 days, a great



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achievement; however, a friend has just beaten their record, doing it in 15 days!

When Jeremy finally finished work in May, he applied to serve on the Parish Council in order to contribute what he can to maintaining and improving the community and fabric of our locality. He is interested in future flood defences, development of the Power Station site, the general environment and combating the climate emergency.

## Remembering Whistling Jimmy Fowler 80 years on.

Nick Fear



Tuesday 15th June 2021 is the 80th anniversary of Jimmy Bowkett-Fowler's sad and early death. The full story appeared in Meeting Point in November 2019.

In brief, Jimmy died when a stick of high explosive bombs was dropped from a lone German bomber flying over Olveston. Jimmy was the only civilian war death recorded in the area. His birth certificate records his surname as Bowkett from his mother, she had given him the names of Cyril John. John after her father and the name Cyril may be a link but is just another mystery in his life. After being informally adopted by the local Fowler family, with whom he lodged, Jimmy had taken their surname out of fondness. They had given him the affectionate family name of Jimmy,

which he happily used.

Looking deeper into the story I found that Jimmy's early life and that of his parents is shrouded in mystery due to a lack of accessible records. We know Jimmy was born in Worcester on 25th August 1922. He was well schooled, and this led to a job working for the Bristol Aircraft Corporation in Filton. In 1925 his mother Hilda had married a sailor, John William Greenslade, who was born in Taunton, but had moved with his family to Gloucester as a child. John had joined the Royal Navy in 1918 and became skilled in the use of wireless. He rose steadily in rank and had served until the end of the Second War. Hilda and John had set up home in Shropshire where they had two

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children. They both retired to Eastleigh in Hampshire where John died in January 1967, Hilda in June 1980.

His mother seems to have moved on in her life, but I am sure she never forgot her son. Jimmy was by all accounts a happy soul who enjoyed life in Olveston to the full. Aged 18 years at the time of his death, he is at peace in an unmarked grave in the cemetery of St Mary's in Olveston, in the middle of a community which had taken him to their hearts. His death is recorded in parish records and by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. He should never be forgotten.



## What do these Recycling Symbols mean?



Three green arrows going in a triangle simply means that something is capable of being recycled. Sometimes, the symbol will come with a percentage in the middle, signifying how much of it has been made from recycled materials.



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- 4 = LDPE, Low-Density Polyethylene, also capable of being recycled, but check with your local authority.
- 5 = PP, Polypropylene, hard or impossible to recycle, so try to reuse or avoid it. PP is used in disposable cups, and some food containers.
- 6 = PS, Polystyrene is hard or impossible to recycle, so try to reuse or avoid it. PS is used in disposable coffee cups, plastic cutlery and packing foam.
- 7 = other. This is usually a mix of different plastics which are tricky to recycle.



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## New Plans, New Faces, New Energy

Melinda Rackham

As last month's Meeting Point editorial noted, it is a while since there has been any news from the Making Space for Wildlife project. Like so many things over the last year, we have not been as active as we would have liked, but we have not disappeared. If anything there is a renewed energy in the project, partly because the clamour to restore biodiversity is only getting louder, and partly as we have welcomed new faces to the project.

We are very pleased to say the Parish Council has recently appointed two Councillors to the project, Martyn Suker and Tony Turnbull. This is great news as both Councillors have plenty of experience in conservation both locally and elsewhere. Together, we have been working on a new approach and new plans for the future. We plan to focus on three main areas: habitats, species and community spaces. Some elements under the habitats theme will be familiar to readers of Meeting Point, who may remember our tree planting efforts over the winter of 2019-2020. Our baby trees in the Vicarage Lane playing fields are taking off again this spring, even the two oaks we thought would not make it are determined to hang in there. We will plant more trees over the coming winters, aligned with South Gloucestershire Council's target to plant enough trees by 2030 that will ultimately double tree cover. We will also continue to monitor the grass verges on Aust Road and Old Down Hill which were enhanced with wildflower plug in previous years.

In terms of habitats, we are turning our focus to reduced grass cutting in some areas. This will be a combination of less frequent cutting, as well as leaving some areas to grow long, but don't worry, cutting around junctions for safety and visibility will continue. As mentioned in last month's Meeting Point article, this new cutting regime has become known as a 'Mohican' cut. There will be more information to follow about this in later months, but if you notice some grassed areas appearing less even, and more 'Mohican', it's all to help our wildlife.

On species, for now we plan to focus on hedgehogs and swifts. These much beloved species really do need our extra help now. We will be in touch when we have a little bit more certainty about what we can do and when but suffice to say we are hoping as many people in our community as possible will get involved in little and bigger ways, it all helps to reverse the steep decline in numbers.



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Finally, how did your No Mow May go?



*Photo by Lisa Helyar*

This photo is from a resident who has been doing this for a little while now. They have reported many bees visiting the flowers on their front lawn, which is just great.

If you have any photos to share of your No Mow Mohican lawns, daisies or idle mowers please send them to me: [melinda\\_rackham@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:melinda_rackham@yahoo.co.uk) and they could be used in a future Meeting Point article.



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## St Mary's Tower Restoration Project

*Peter Floyd*

Following last month's promise of a start on site we have news, even photos, of blocks of stone which we believe have left the French quarry and expect them soon to arrive in this country. So, I shall stop making promises and, once again, urge you to watch the tower!

Meanwhile, Church Warden Martin Gibson, offers us a glimpse of the passing of time marked by our remarkable church clock.

**Time vs Technology**

*Martin Gibson*

Cast your mind back 21 years and we are leaving the 20th century behind. In those one hundred years we learned how to fly, cars became a part of our lives, computers and electronics brought us the refrigerator, the radio and television and the atomic bomb. Now go back into the 19th century when railways, vaccines, telegraph, telephone and the typewriter all appeared. And now back into the 18th century, the era of steam engines, the flush toilet, the piano and the Spinning Jenny.

Cutting edge technology in the early 18th century included the church clock shown on the next page. Cutting edge? The frame is made of beaten metal, the work of a blacksmith; the winding wheels and cables would lift a Centurion tank off the ground. The base is constructed from rough-hewn timbers strong enough to last 1,000 years. This is the mechanism which still powers St Mary's Church tower clock and chime, which must be wound every three days or so.

The clock is a weight-driven engine, large weights gradually fall turning the gears and all this is encased in a 'bird cage'. The clock face and hands are about 10 feet higher up and connected by a metal shaft and gears. The chimes ring every hour for 24 hours. The whole mechanism was made by Dell of Bristol (not the computer company) in around 1770 and overhauled by Boniface and White exactly 50 years ago. These clocksmiths were based in Thornbury High Street and associated with local resident Sir George White.



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of which affect its accuracy.

Just one small problem – these improvements will cost about £7,500 and are not part of the Tower Restoration Fund. Money has already been offered for the restoration of the clock face, which will be repainted whilst the tower restoration takes place over the next 12 months. St Mary's is hoping that generous parishioners will find the money for its automation.

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## Oveston Parish Council

Pat Savage

When this publication lands on your doorstep we will have emerged from yet another lockdown restriction and will be enjoying dining out- both indoors and outdoors - and spending time with our families. It has been a long hard grind.

### Annual Meeting

At the recent meeting, the following Councillors were elected Council and Committee Chairmen:

Chairman  
Vice-Chairman  
Chairman of Planning  
Chairman of Recreation and Leisure  
Chairman of Finance

John Hughes  
Robert Harris  
Tony Williams  
Martin Gibson  
Pat Savage

Councillors Di Buckley, Miles Grocott, Martyn Suker and Tony Turnbull continue as Parish Councillors.

### Oveston United Football Club

At the start of the 2020/21 Football Season Oveston United had its first Ladies Team who have enjoyed a highly successful season winning their Division and gaining promotion.

### Old Down Play Area

The play area was installed over twenty-five years ago and has been popular and well used by children from the area and visitors to the football and cricket clubs. The Council has now made the decision to replace the equipment. We have been successful in obtaining some grant funding and are awaiting the outcome of a final application. It is hoped to commence work during July. In the meantime, we have taken the decision to close the area due to health and safety issues.

### Community Grant Funding

Applications are now invited for the 2021/22 financial year. The total amount available is £10,000; Grants are made every six months. To apply please contact the [clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov](mailto:clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov)







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## Thornbury Radio launches on FM

Due to the tireless hard work of volunteers, Thornbury and the surrounding villages are getting their own FM radio station this year. Following its successful bid for a full-time FM broadcasting licence, Thornbury Radio – Your Choice, Your Voice! is making its final preparations to launch on FM. The FM service is designed to cover Thornbury and surrounding villages – including Alveston, Olveston, Tytherington, Oldbury-on-Severn, Leyhill, Wickwar, Bagstone and Iron Acton. The station's FM launch date is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021. You can then listen to Thornbury Radio – Your Choice, Your Voice! - on 105.1 FM and 107.5 FM, thanks to the transmitters the team have built.


The station studios, based in the heart of Thornbury on the Plain, became fully operational in May 2021. This was made possible thanks to the station's partnership with Simpson's solicitors.

"Simpson Solicitors is excited to be supporting Thornbury Radio's launch on FM radio. It will provide the Thornbury Community with a fantastic central focus based in the heart of Thornbury, that can support all of the many community groups. As a local business, Simpson Solicitors sees advertising on Thornbury Radio as an excellent way to share our message that our Thornbury legal team is part of the Thornbury community." John Baden-Daintree LL.B., Solicitor & Associate Director.

Thornbury Radio's mission is to give a voice to Thornbury and the surrounding areas. Over the years, more than 300 local volunteers of all ages have delivered local radio programming on the station. There is still lots of work to do to ensure the success of the station after launch, from training volunteer presenters, through to station admin and ongoing maintenance of the technical kit. If you are interested, then please do visit <https://www.thornbury.radio> and complete the volunteer form.

David Wrench, Director of the station said, "This is the culmination of a 16-year journey from the Thornbury FM and Gloss FM restricted service broadcasts to the launch of Thornbury Radio. Now everyone in the community of Thornbury and the surrounding villages will have their very own 24hr, 7 days a week FM service. To get to this point has only been possible through the efforts of many volunteers and supporters."

Thornbury Radio supports local organisations to get their message on air from interviews, to promoting messages on social media or creating information adverts, there are lots of ways Thornbury Radio can help.



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## June Puzzle

Good luck with this month's puzzle. There is no theme this time – they are all well-known phrases or sayings.

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4 boy → yob	5 <b>ccrreeaamm</b>	6 ever ever Thursday ever ever
7 Henry bored	8 Read Read Read <b>IT</b> Read Read Read	9 <b>EACK</b>
10 <b>BUS BUS</b>	11 <b>Dust Dust Dust</b>	12 <b>CHESS</b>
13	14	15

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## Yours Faithfully

*Esther Bamfield*  
*Aust Evangelical Church*

"I want that!" I watch as our grandchildren and - before that - our children would argue over a certain toy. I'm sure I was the same as well.

Ecclesiastes 1v9 – there is nothing new under the sun.

We have all been and are still going through a difficult time. In Bible times and looking back at history there were difficult times. How can we learn how to come through in the best way? I believe God gave us the ten commandments to help us:

1. Do not have any other gods.
  2. Do not make or worship idols
  3. Do not disrespect or misuse God's name.
  4. Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
  5. Honour your mother and father
  6. Do not commit murder.
  7. Do not commit adultery.
  8. Do not steal.
  9. Do not tell lies
  10. Do not be envious of others.
- Exodus 20:1–15

God longs for us all to be his first love again and wants us to repent – an old-fashioned word which means saying you are sorry *and* stop what you are doing wrong.

When Jonah eventually went to Nineveh and told them their city would be destroyed in 40 days unless they repented, amazingly they did repent, and God so moved by their actions did not carry out the punishment.

On 26<sup>th</sup> May 1940, we read how King George 6<sup>th</sup> asked us as a country to observe a National Day of Prayer, millions of people across Britain flocked to churches to pray, miraculously as you read in history God gave us victory.

I believe this is how to come through this difficult time in the best way.

For God so loved the world (that's you and me) that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but will have eternal life. John 3v16

I can testify that God gives you peace unexplainable and joy indescribable. Yes, you have difficult times, but you have a heavenly Father who carries you through.

May I encourage you to "Repent" how people did in Bible times and as you look back in our history - turn to Jesus today.



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June 13	9.30am 6pm	BCP Matins Holy Communion	Rev David Moss Rev Ann Lloyd
June 20	9.30am 6pm	Morning Prayer BCP Communion	P Harrod & J McBride Rev David Moss
June 27	9.30am 6pm	Communion Evening Prayer	Rev David Bone Janet McBride

NB. Also services every Wednesday at 10am.

Online services will continue at [www.stmarysolveston.org.uk](http://www.stmarysolveston.org.uk).

Also visit Revs Rural on YouTube, every week.

**Contact:** Rev David Moss, 01454 415190; email: mossds@gmail.com

### CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

June 13	10am	Morning Prayer	Mr Trevor Cook
June 27	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

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**Church Wardens:** Jenn Dickens 632312 & Clive Roberts 632238

### ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

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June 27	9am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd

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### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

June 13	9am	Morning Worship	Mrs Judith Heybyrne
June 27	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

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June 13	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship, Mrs Karen Bolton
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March 18<sup>th</sup> Service of thanksgiving for the life of Rita Hitchcock.

## Looking Ahead

July 4<sup>th</sup> Almondsbury Pony Show and Gymkhana

July 31<sup>st</sup> Aust Village Fete



A scene from the 2018 event

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