

From the Editor

Welcome back to the printed version of the Welton **NEWS**. I am delighted that we are back in print and that so many of you have told me that you have missed it and are looking forward to receiving it again.

I'm also really pleased that our advertisers have returned, especially as this means that their businesses have survived the last few months. It must have been a very worrying time for all of them.

As you know, the **NEWS** publishes news, views and activities from local groups and organisations letting us know what they have been up to and what they have planned for the future. Although things are slowly opening up again we are not yet back to the normal we used to know and not all of our local groups have been able to start up again. Social distancing rules make it very difficult for some organisations to resume their activities; it's hard to have a lunch club when everyone has to wear a face covering and staying one to two metres apart makes social activities such as bridge and dominoes very difficult. Most of the activities of these groups are social by nature and the current guidelines are really quite antisocial; getting together without being able to have a cup of tea and a biscuit doesn't seem quite right somehow.

During lockdown when we were publishing online only, we included some items that we had not included before; Jim Blainey's holiday memories and photos and JP Melville's Sgt Long stories, for example. If you'd like to write something and see it in print, then send it to me at weltonnews@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

I hope you enjoy reading this month's issue whether in print or online.

The Editor