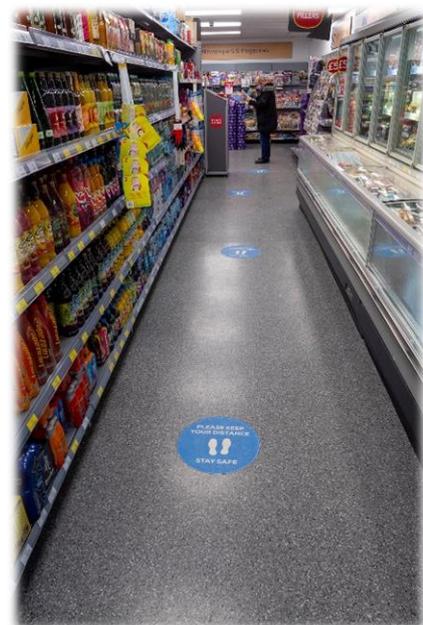


From the Editor

In this issue, once again, we report in various ways on the effects that the Covid-19 virus is having on our day-to-day lives. Our cover provides a reminder of the upcoming Remembrance Day, a sombre and even more relevant landmark in our annual calendar. While the traditional commemoration will not be possible, Richard Selina’s note (page 14) illustrates the imaginative ways in which we are all adapting to our changed circumstances. It’s a theme throughout the issue, whether it’s organisations like the PDA conducting their AGM by teleconference or community groups and businesses putting in place new processes to allow them to keep going while keeping their users and customers safe. These are hard times for many of our local businesses and I hope all of us will support them whenever we can.



Last month I invited readers’ reflections on their experience of the last few months and in this issue we have a letter from a Weltonian who is finding their own way to keep active mentally and physically. We also asked our photographer, Jim Blainey, to go out and capture some images that illustrate the changes that we now take for granted but of which we had no inkling only nine months ago. You can see the results here and on the inside back cover of the magazine.



Like photography, poetry is a powerful way to convey mood and I am pleased this month to include a poem by John Freeman, celebrating the joys of the commonplace and previously unregarded landscape which the scaling down of our travelling horizons now enables us to see for possibly the first time. We would welcome more of your personal reflections for the next issue, the last of this extraordinary year.

And finally, we would like to congratulate Rory Howard on his Young Citizen award (see *WLDC Young Citizen's Award*).

The Deputy Editor

