

Happy New Year

Welcome to 2021 and let's hope it's a much better year than 2020 turned out to be. I'm hopeful that the roll-out of vaccines will start to have a positive impact on our lives. The impact of the pandemic has been both personal and professional with people suffering bereavements, loss of income, physical and mental health issues and loneliness and isolation. Some of the businesses that advertise in the **NEWS** have had to close for large parts of the last year, with pubs, restaurants, B&Bs and holiday lets unable to open or open fully. And yet these businesses have continued to support the **NEWS** with their adverts paying our printing and other running costs. We really do appreciate their support and we hope that you will support them when they are able to re-open.

Over the last few months we have published articles by Jim Blainey that have included lots of photographs, some included in the printed magazine and others included in the online versions of his articles, which I hope you have enjoyed looking at. Jim also takes the photographs that we use with the *Nature Watch* article each month as well as photos at local events and most of those used on our covers. Jim is a member of the Dunholme Camera Club which runs six competitions for members each year. During 2020 members were invited to submit a total of 27 images, including colour prints, black and white prints and digital prints, for these six competitions. The images were judged by different Lincolnshire Photography Association judges with points awarded by each of them. At the end of the year a *photographer of the year* was announced, and I'm delighted to report that Jim was the 2020 winner. Well done, Jim!

We continue to find things to write about in the **NEWS** even though most of our local groups and organisations have been unable to meet since early March 2020. We are looking forward to those groups being able to get back together again this year and writing to tell us what they are getting up to, but it has also been nice to be able to publish poems, photographs and other items sent in by our readers. If you want to write something for publication, or send us some photos of your own that you are proud of, please get in touch.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2021.

Dorothy Russell