



## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020

Dear Members

Well here we are again at the end of another year and with Christmas fast approaching. We started 2020 with such high hopes and lots of plans with our speakers and visits. Mother Nature, as she sometimes does, decided to change the world. COVID19 hit the UK around February and by the end of March we were in lockdown. Our speakers and visits were cancelled. We were blessed with an amazing spring and summer, so I guess Mother Nature, at least for a while, was kind. The good news is, the vaccines have arrived and soon, hopefully by Easter, we will be able to get to some kind of normality, whatever that might now mean.

We sadly have to report that our lovely member Jenny Duncan has passed away. We have sent her family our condolences on behalf of the club.

The other bit of sad news is that after discussions with Woods it has been decided to postpone our scheduled holiday for 29 May 2021 to 2022. There is no guarantee at the moment that hotels and gardens we were due to visit will be ready in time, or indeed still in business. We will keep you informed as soon as we have more information. If you wish to cancel your trip then please contact Woods direct.

The winner of the Christmas wreath that Nel kindly made was won by Steve Diver who is our sound engineer and an Honorary Member of our Club. Both Steve and his wife Karen were delighted and shared the photograph on FaceBook.

The Committee has decided that until our meetings can resume, each month, we will pull a name out of the hat and that person will win a flower posy, which will be handed to the winner by a member of the committee.

If you get your Newsletter by post, could you please let Sue know if you have an email address so that it can be sent electronically. This will save Sue having to post them. Please contact Sue on 01730 812455.

We hope by now that that you will all have received your Christmas card from the Committee and your new membership card.

As things stand right now, I suspect that we will not be able to have our February Meeting but we will, of course, keep you informed.

Meanwhile, on behalf of the Committee, may we wish you a very Happy Christmas, strange one as it will be and let's hope for better things in 2021.

Stay safe and stay well and remember

'Anyone who thinks gardening begins in spring and ends in Autumn is missing the best part of the whole year, for gardening begins in January with the dream' **Joseph Neuse.**

Jeni (Chair)

