

## **Chairmans's Report 2025**

As I reported last year, we have started to take a serious look at the organisation of the KC Group and what should be done to secure its future. A number of people came forward and from these Steve Graham and Peter Field are willing to stand for election to the committee. We are lucky to have others who prefer to stand in the wings but be available to give advice as and when needed.

We also have Natalie Carmichael who has agreed to serve. Two existing members are standing down, namely Julia Barby and Martin Griffin, although I'm sure Julia will still be on hand for a bit of proof reading and answering questions on the forum. Thank you Julia and Martin for your contribution.

Provided the committee is voted in at the AGM, the plan is for Steve to take over from me as Chairman and I will take on the position of Treasurer, freeing Chris Longhorn to co-ordinate our fund raising activities.

Steve has already started to get the ball rolling by carrying out a strategy review with the aim of growing our offering and revenue in preparation for discussion with other charitable bodies and funders.

As we will learn today, some of our reserves have been put to good use by our speakers and it would be great to get back to that position where we can do more for the keratoconus community.

In the meantime, we shall continue with our current activities, Anne maintaining the helpline and helping members, holding meetings both physical and on-line, keeping the information on the website up-to-date and publishing the newsletter.

Hopefully, we will find ourselves in a much stronger position this time next year.

David Gable