

**Chair Report (David Salmon) – March 2024**



Unfortunately David has had a fall and is currently at home nursing his broken ribs and bruises so I'm afraid you're stuck with me again this month! However, he is getting better by the day and will be back to introduce our next General Meeting at The Staddy when Sir Gary Streeter will be giving us a talk on 'Life at Westminster' which no doubt will be interesting to us all. This will be a non-political talk. Gary and David have been friends and colleagues for several years.

Our last talk was on Medical Detection Dogs and was both interesting and informative and there is more about this later on in the Newsletter.

Well the weather is still trying to decide whether to break into spring or just continue with winter a little longer! Mother Nature has decided that we should start spring and we now have snowdrops, daffodils and trees coming out in blossom. On Holmwood Avenue there is a magnolia tree which will be spectacular before too long. The clocks will go forward on the 31st of this month which is another step in the right direction!

We will be holding 'Thank you cream tea' at Fort Stamford for our wonderful volunteers later this month. They turn up at every general meeting and this will be just to let them know how much we appreciate them.

As well as our volunteers, our u3a couldn't function without the Committee. There is a short piece later in this Newsletter which I would appreciate if you would not only read, but also give it some thought....we don't want to lose our u3a!

So, onwards and upwards, we are already in March and Christmas and New Year seem an age away and we can look forward to better weather and hopefully some fun in the sun!

Take care everyone and look after yourselves and each other.

*Sue Stoker*