

It's been a busy year for the website. Since Colin Blackburn created it over 10 years ago it has served as a rich source of race reports and information not just for the club but for the wider running community. Colin shared the web officer tasks with Shaun Roberts and between them they maintained the website for many years until Colin moved away and Shaun took the lead. Shaun stood down in 2014 and I took on the job.

I'd been helping Shaun for some time and learning how the website worked. It had been clear for some time that the website was too dependent on specialist IT skills and its future maintenance and development was at risk if these skills were not available.

In 2016 I started developing a new Striders website using WordPress and on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 it was quietly launched. It would be another 8 months before I finally migrated all the old reports and data from the old website to the new one.

Everyone is touched by technology now and there are many jobs that fit in no particular niche. We see overlap everywhere. TeamApp may prove to be invaluable to the treasurer, transport officer and membership secretary, social media may be of more interest to the publicity officer than the web officer, John Hutchinson quietly looks after all the GP data, Dave Robson looks after the club email list, Facebook offers the opportunity for instant shared communication and feedback about events.

But the website has the same job: to provide continuity, information and entertainment to visitors. It is a rich source of race reports and provides value and interest far beyond the club and county. I've yet to find another club website that has such a diverse and eclectic archive of stories from its members of their running adventures over the years. Be part of that archive. Share your stories.

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