

Social Secretary Report.

This year I was given the honour of being elected to be a not committee member of Elvet Striders as Social Secretary.

My aim for this role was to help pull the club together after a difficult year or two and also help new members feel involved and part of the purple army. I'd like to think I have succeeded in this and have plans to get more people engaging over the next year. If you do have any suggestions however, please drop me an email or come have a chat.

We have had some great events which have all attracted a good turnout.

The Xmas party, awards night, summer BBQ and Durham Drinks night have all shown we are a friendly and social club.

Over the year, I was very grateful to the people who were willing to help me out with the organisation of these events. The setting up of the Awards Presentation Night (see attached) took a lot longer than planned so this help was very much appreciated and it really helped create a fantastic looking venue. Ali Dixon then provided us with a great talk on her experiences as an Elite Athlete which I know was enjoyed by all.



Prior to this, the club held a brilliant Xmas party at the Durham Amateur Rowing Club. Just short of 100 attended and made this a superb night with brilliant music (until someone spilt their drink on the DJ's decks).

We then had a summer gathering in Durham city centre which was well attended yet again. More new faces this time which was great to see.

These events are open to all. Please come along regardless of whether you are new member or one of the weather hardened regulars. Just like XC/relays, coming together like this as a club really helps us appreciate how lucky we are and makes it all the more enjoyable.