

For those of you who don't know me my name is Stuart Scott and I am really pleased to take on the position of social secretary, we are a big club and my plan is to put on a number of regular events though out the year that will, hopefully, appeal to as many of you as possible.

My initial plan is to organise regular club social nights on the last Saturday of every month, these nights could include curry nights, bowling trips, quiz nights, greyhound racing, comedy nights etc but I am open to any suggestions any members may have.

Parkrun is a regular Saturday morning activity for many of us and every now and then I plan on nominating a different local parkrun, I would encourage as many of you as possible to car share and attend. We are a big club and I figure if we can start turning up on mass, in our club colours, at various different parkruns across the region we are going to be the one club everyone notices and wants to be part of. If these events could be combined with a coffee, breakfast or snack in a local cafe etc after the run then even better.

I have already spoken to a couple of really inspirational runners about the possibility of an evening with..... type event where we could meet in a very informal setting, hear their stories and ask questions over a couple of drinks. This is something I am really keen to promote as I have seen a few such talks over the years and they have really inspired me into taking on bigger personal challenges. If you know of anyone with a really inspirational story they are willing to share or would like me to try and make contact with anyone in particular please just let me know and I'll try my best to make contact and get something sorted .

I plan on organising the odd Sunday morning get together at places like Hamstery forest or Tynemouth were members and their families of all ages could get together for walks, jogs and runs of distances and speeds to suit followed by a picnic or maybe a pub lunch.

I also really fancy trying to promote Striders on tour events where we could pick a race or event further afield and maybe spend a night on a campsite, in a camping barn or in a hostel before or after taking part in a race we may normally get much of a striders turn out, do you have a suggestion of such an event we could target? Last man standing in Northern Ireland is already on the list.

I plan on reintroducing the Summer family fun day and have pulled a few strings to secure one of the region's top live bands to come and play at our Christmas Party, to help ensure it will not be a night to forget

I have spent a big of time googling running clubs with the best social scenes and I would love our fantastic club to gain a reputation for not only being a great running club but also a great social club.

If you have any ideas for any social events you would like me to look into please, please let me know and I'll try and make it happen, whatever it maybe! Ive already had a request for a family fun day at Teeside Aquapark and a full moon party on top of Skiddaw.....ok that one was mine but in a club this size there will most likely be someone who might be up for a social doing the same things you really enjoy

Cheers Stuart