



## Secretary's Report April 2024

Ann Ellmers

I would just like to start by thanking Anthony for giving the club a year of his time, he had some very big shoes to fill after taking over the reins from our Sam.

Next thank you to our committee, we give a lot of our time to the club and appreciation isn't something that is always forthcoming, so I just want to say I appreciate each and every one of you, thank you for your support and hard work and for simply being there during my wobbles. I can assure you that with this new chapter in my club journey there will be plenty more of them to come.

Thank you to the coaches and helpers for all their hard work over the last year, I am hoping that we can arrange to spend more time with our juniors, hopefully another relay is already on the cards.

And then our members, without you there wouldn't be a club. We want to put some life back into Riverside, so please work with us to continue being part of our wonderful run family.

We've had some ups and downs throughout the year, sadly try as we may, we are not always going to get everything right, no finger's should ever be pointed because we are collectively all responsible for the club, committee are unpaid volunteers who are just trying to keep everyone safe and happy, and that, I can assure you all, is a very difficult job indeed.

Feedback is always appreciated, both positive and negative but please try to be constructive and patient. If there is something you would like to see happen in the club and you are happy to organise it, then committee will support where possible. Sometimes it's not always possible to assist when our cups are already overflowing.

This year thanks to mother nature, after quite literally a washout, we again finished a respectable 4th place in the Frostbite League. Discussions are already being had as to how we can encourage more participants for the next season as just 5 members competed in all of the 4 short series.

Congratulations to our Runners of the series, Lee and Jo for the seniors and Jake & Dalton for the juniors.

One last thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for the St Neots Half, The Cross Country and the Frostbite, your time is appreciated by the organisers, the committee and all of the runners. The feedback we get for you all is second to none, we the committee would like to arrange a 'thank you' for you all so please let me know of any suggestions.

The club currently consists of 247 members and we currently have 38 interested in our Beginners course that will be returning on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, again all help is appreciated.

A list of this year's charity nominations is over on the table please register your vote by placing your name in the charity of your choice.

Well that's it for me, I will pass you over to Malcolm.