

Centurions AGM - Saturday 26th January 2019
President's Report Eric Horwill C390

Welcome everyone, and thank you for making the effort to attend today. It was a great honour and privilege to be invited to be your president in January 2016. At the time I had doubts about my ability to fulfil the role and complete the course. Thanks to our NHS I have been able to enjoy my 3 years!

We have had 3 very successful 100 miles races at very different locations and under somewhat varied conditions. We must thank everyone who has contributed to the excellent organisation of these promotions and congratulate the achievements of the athletes, often under far from ideal conditions. The fields have included many competitors from 'over the water' using a Manx expression but including many from other countries.

Having been unable to travel to Holland for the CVN celebrations in 2016 and 2017 I was able to attend the prestigious gathering at Broek-op-Langedijk (near Alkmaar) in November 2018. This was one of the highlights of my Presidency.

Centurions have been prominent in many domestic walking races as well as long distance events all over the world. Your committee has worked very hard to keep our Association in good shape. Our particular thanks to all the officers for the efficient way they have undertaken their tasks, and all are enthusiastic volunteers.

I must make special mention of the outstanding services to the Association by Chris Flint C849 who is retiring from office. He has served as a major officer for over two decades including 16+ years in the role of Hon. Secretary. We wish him all the best, but trust that we shall still be able to make use of his experience, enthusiasm and expertise from time to time.

Thank you.

Eric Horwill C390