



PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS LETTER 2019

Dear Centurions,

It was a great pleasure and honour to be elected your President at the last AGM. Eric Horwill C390 was a hard act to follow after his three years as President. He has so much experience in many forms of athletics.

I must thank the Committee for all their work during the year. We have held three meetings planning for the future. Sue Clements C950, our new secretary has presided over meetings. Unfortunately, our merchandise officer has resigned, and I thank Chris Flint C849 for holding the kit at the moment. If anyone would be interested in the post, we would be very grateful.

Centurions have taken part in many events at home and abroad and I must congratulate Sandra Brown C735 on her completion of two hundred 100 mile events, a great achievement. Congratulations must also go to Dominic King C1098 on his selection for a third World Championship held in Doha this year. We also had Centurions who gained numerous Masters medals at home and abroad. In particular, congratulations must go to Ian Richards C1064 who achieved world records along with gold medals. Also Cath Duhig C986 had a great year on the Masters scene with many medals. Roger Michell C724 was a reliable team member bringing home medals. I must thank Ron Wallwork C893 for including a Centurion award in his league races.

The Isle of Man hosted our 100 miles and many thanks must go to Steve Taylor and his Manx athletics team for putting on a great event. Many volunteers were out working the full 24 hours. The back drop of Castletown added a great atmosphere. The event produced 16 new Centurions, 7 from the Isle of Man, 1 from Northern Masters A.C., 1 from Ely runners and 1 unattached from the UK, along with 6 from our friends in the Netherlands. I congratulate them all and welcome them to the Centurions 1911.

Graham Young has advised that he will be organising a Centurion reunion on the Isle of Man on February 21st 2020, all are invited to the event. I wish them a happy and successful evening.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the CVN AGM and reunion in Tilburg organised by Frans Leijtens C949, but my thanks to Sue Clements C950, Martin Fisher C788 and Chris Flint C849 for making the trip and for taking kit that produced a successful income for the Centurions. Many thanks to the Dutch for making them welcome.

Our Strolls Secretary Steve Kemp C1075 has overseen 2 strolls this year, one at Cambridge led by Sue Clements and the other at Epping Forest led by Kim Howard's C1020 family. I was relieved to finish both, an achievement for me this year, although being deposited upon by a large bird in the forest!

Our next 100 mile will be at Colchester next year on 8th/9th August. We will need a lot of help, so if there is any job you could do then please let us know. Such an event needs many volunteers, so come forward if you possibly can. The Committee would welcome new members, your ideas are always welcome.

I would like to finish by sending our very best wishes to Ann Sayer C599, our ex-President, who earlier this year suffered the loss of a leg, but as Ann would, she is coming to terms with her prosthetic limb.

As I said earlier my Presidential year has been a great honour and like over many years please join me for a toast to the Centurions on Christmas Day at 2.00pm.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and very best wishes for 2020 and I hope to see as many of you as possible at our next AGM on 25th January 2020 (further details in the newsletter).

Pam Ficken C934
President