



Captains Christmas Letter 2020

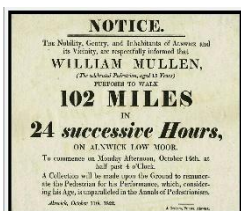
Centurions, we have reached the end of what must be the most extraordinary year in our history, a year in which virtually all competitive events were cancelled and restrictions placed on our ability to mix socially; the very thing that binds us together.

It's with great sadness that we remember those who have left us this year including a Committee member who gave great service to the Centurions in Ann Sayers. All will be remembered at our meetings and as is our tradition at the forthcoming AGM and our President mentions in her letter all who have left us and obituaries on our web site.

After our AGM in February the organisation for the race in August in Colchester was well advanced but it became clear when other races had to be cancelled that our race would also fall victim to Covid-19. On what would have been our race day in August it proved to be one of the warmest days of the year with temperatures near to 95 degrees. Calls were made to move the date to earlier in the year for perhaps cooler temperatures but others point to wet weather at the Isle of Man, Newmarket and Battersea in previous years.

I remember the advice Bill Maxwell C509 gave at my first 100 when I asked my attendant what should I take out to the track. "Everything" he said. I will again prepare for a Southern based 100 in August should Government restrictions allow, and in training prepare for "anything".

Despite the tightest of restrictions, the Cecil Gittins event took place in October organised by David Hoben assisted by the RWA with Covid 19 documentation. The Gravesend course has been thought of as a prospective 100 mile course but after competing most thought the hills were against it. Centurions were well represented and the hills didnt stop Dominic king clocking a new course record over the 15km course chased home by brother Dan. It's good to see so many of our number support this event both on the road and officiating. I have no doubts 2021 will bring the return of longer events and am sure more news of Centurions.



For the Committee it has been a year of change and I thank all the members for their work and support. We have had to adapt to zoom meetings, working through our new constitution, develop a new web site and begin the organisation for a 2021 event.

Centurions, you can be assured that through these difficult times we have worked to forward the Brotherhood and uphold those traditions of the race and to bring an event for 2021 if restrictions allow. I hope to see many of you next year either in competition or assisting.

It will be my privilege to join with you all at 2pm on Christmas day to raise a glass the toast as always is 'The Centurions.'

Merry Christmas and a happy new year

Martin Fisher C788

Captain

