

President's Christmas Letter

Dear Fellow Centurions

Unfortunately nothing much has happened walking wise since my summer letter, apart from the two races that the Captain has reported. We have either been in lock down or restrictions in our various areas. I hope you and your families have stayed safe.

Sadly I have to report the passing away of the following Centurions since my last Christmas letter: Colin Young C317, Edwin Grocock C695, Len Creo C871, Ann Sayer MBE C599, Doug Hopkins C347, Ray Manning C415, Brian Ashwell C926, John Dunsford C734, George Beecham MBE C716, Peter Ryan C984, Keith Wilson C865. I send my sincere condolences to the families and friends of those we have lost.

I should like to send my best wishes to Centurions that have been ill this year including Donald Harris C494, Bob Watts C838, Ken Watts C859, Mick Barnbrook C661, and Colin Vesty C 1167. I would also like to send my best wishes to John (Paddy) Dowling who is now over 90, but still keeping in contact through Facebook!

My thanks go to our committee for their work during the year. Our Captain Martin Fisher C788, Treasurer Richard Cole C928, Secretary Sue Clements C950, Social Walks Steve Kemp C1075, Carl Lawton C750, Dave Jones C987, Chris Flint C849 and Eric Horwill C390. Thank you to Sue along with Martin for getting our new website up and running, which I hope you will all contribute to with any news you may have.

Unfortunately, as you know, our 100 miles had to be cancelled along with the Dutch reunion. I send my good wishes to our Dutch and Belgian brethren and hope that we will be able to meet up in 2021. Hopefully, fingers crossed, as reported by our Captain, we are looking forward to a 100 miles next year and I hope we will be able to look to some of you either participating or helping in some way.

I should like to thank Eric for his time spent updating our Constitution along with Ian Richards C1064 and Chris Flint. It will be put to our AGM which will have to be on Zoom on 23rd January 2021. I hope we may see as many of you as possible.

Speaking of our Zoom meetings, these have been my accomplishment of this awful year. I started off just on my phone, progressed to being heard and finally seen, technology I would never have thought possible for me at the start of the year!!

Finally, may I wish you the very best for the Festive season and hope you all stay safe in the coming year.

Please follow the long tradition of raising your glass at 2pm on Christmas Day to toast 'The Centurions'.

Pam Ficken C934