



Centurions Captain's Letter November 2014

Dear Fellow Centurions

What do Centurions do in Winter?

Put our feet up? Sometimes: we deserve it! But hibernate? No chance! There are so many opportunities to be doing events which are great fun as well as good for fitness. Check out the RWA's listing of winter events, and Ron Wallwork [C893]'s excellent Enfield & Haringey league walks and newsletter. For longer distances, the Long Distance Walkers Association offers enjoyable challenge events and social walks every weekend, throughout the UK. Check the LDWA website for details.

This autumn has seen Centurions busy in the UK and abroad.

The outstanding feat must be that of Olly Browne, C789, who raised a very impressive £4,000 for the Essex air ambulance service through his 100 miles walk along the 1.3 miles Marine Parade in Leigh. Olly completed the 100 miles in an impressive 22h 41m.

Jill's Social Walk in the footsteps of C1

Coming soon and not to be missed is Jill Green [C898]'s social walk through "green" north London, visiting the stamping ground and viewing the Highgate home of John Edwin Fowler-Dixon, the first Centurion.

Jill's walk will take place on **Sunday 7 December 2014, starting at 0930 at Archway tube station**. The distance will be 12 miles, with a café stop en route [but please bring a packed lunch.] We will finish around 1600 at Wetherspoon's "The Gatehouse," 1 North Road, Highgate, NE6 4BD where all Centurions [whether or not you have joined the walk] are very welcome to meet socially for a meal, drink, tea, and chat.

The contact tel no is 07944 606251 [Jim Catchpole], but there's no need to tell Jill or Jim if you are planning to come. This will be a great day out, with unique historical interest to Centurions. Please put the date in your diary now. On our website you can find an historical note about C.1 J. Fowler Dixon.

Looking ahead

With Christmas and the New Year not far away, it's time to start planning for events in 2015.

Spring sees the first three Paris-Colmar qualifying walks in France, all very hospitable 24h events:

- Bourges, 28 February - 1 March
- Chateau Thierry, 28 - 29 March
- Dijon, 25 - 26 April

May sees the LDWA 100 miles, and, at Weert in Holland, a weekend of walks from 50kms to 24h, including the Continental Centurion 100 miles.

Our website is a great source of information about Centurion and other ultra-distance events on the Continent and around the world. Contact Kathy Crilley Kathy.crilley@btinternet.com or myself if you are interested in future events.

Centurions AGM: 31 January, London

Our Hon. Secretary, Chris Flint C.849, has arranged the AGM to take place on **Saturday 31st. January 2015** at the Bankside Community Space, 18 Great Guildford Street, Southwark, London, SE1 0FD. Tel No. 020 7928 3998, website: info@betterbankside.co.uk.

Doors open at 12 noon, and the meeting starts at 1 pm prompt. It is situated at the southern end of Southwark Bridge, and nearest stations are London Bridge and Waterloo. Tubes: Southwark, Blackfriars and London Bridge. 10-15 minutes walk.

Please attend, share your ideas about the Centurions, and consider how you could help,

eg to lead a social walk, or help your club to organise a future event.

This is my third and final year as Captain, and I shall stand down at the next AGM. Chris will request nominations and any motions in a separate circulation. As in 2011, there will be an opportunity to vote by post if you can't attend the AGM. Your views matter!

My thanks and very best wishes to you all. It has been an honour and privilege to be your Captain.

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