

Centurions Captains Christmas Newsletter

December 2017



Dear Centurions

Once again, Centurions have proved that they are amazing. Throughout 2017 I have taken great pleasure in reporting all the successes of Centurions world wide through the Captain's Newsletter newsletters and on our website.



This year our flagship event, the 100 miles, was held in Bury St Edmunds, organised by Centurion Kevin Marshall and aided by our archivist, Sue Clements. Walkers came from not just the UK: the Isle of Man, Australia, Holland, Belgium and France. The 100 mile winner was Belgium walker Guido Vermeer C1099 in 20:39:35. The RWA Champion was James Bassett (Manx Harriers, IoM) 1st lady was Australian Sharon Shultz in 21:04:53 with Sandra Brown placing 2nd in 21:44:15.

The Centurions were very lucky to have the enthusiastic Mayor of Bury St Edmunds to start the race and be there at the presentation to dish out the medals. Yet again, our Dutch and Belgian friends travelled to the race, and once more I would like to take this opportunity to say thank them all for their continued enthusiasm. Full report on the [Centurions website](#).

Other Activities and Achievements

As ever, Centurions have taken part in races at home and abroad...from Enfield to Monaco... near and far ... Coventry, Isle of Man, Lee Valley, Simister, Leicester, Guernsey, South Africa... We certainly do like to fly the flag!

Leicester club's latest Centurion Hardeep Minhas continued his recent strong form to lift both the club scratch and handicap trophies at the Leicester WC Topham Cup 7 Miles early November. Others battled it out at the various Winter League races in Yorkshire, Midlands, the Enfield League and Surrey WC 7 milers.

The 2nd African Centurions race saw two British Centurions take the top two places. Congratulations to Robbie Callister and Andrew Tittley - both from the Isle of Man.

In Monaco, Sandra Brown continued to impress (certainly the many runners whom she beat!) coming 2nd lady in the No Finish Line 24 hours with 183Km; your Captain... well a more modest 143Km and 6th lady.

Centurions at the 2017 Enfield Race Walking League

Thirty members of the Brother/Sisterhood took part in the 2017 Enfield Race Walking League, among them five who also officiated at some of the races.

John Borgars c1170 who was second in the men's table and 3rd overall was the top placed Centurion with Chris Flint c849 was 7th man and 10th in the league and Sean Pender c1067, 10th man and 13th overall. It is worth noting that Sean is often called upon to officiate, so might well have placed higher. The leading sister was 2017 qualifier Joyce Crawford c1183 4th woman and 18th in the overall League table.

Centurion League Walkers 2017

c347 Doug Hopkins	c865 Gary Smith	c986 Cath Duhig
c386 Ken Livermore	c870 Mark Byrne	c1001 Kevin Marshall
c540 Dave Ainsworth	c890 Bill Sutherland	c1020 Kim Howard
c661 Mick Barnbrook	c893 Ron Wallwork	c1057 Sean Pender
c740 Carl Lawton	c933 Kathy Crilley	c1075 Steve Kemp
c786 Bob Dobson	c934 Pam Ficken	c1167 Colin Vesty
c788 Martin Fisher	c936 David Kates	c1170 John Borgar
c798 Pauline Wilson	c950 Sue Clements	c1183 Joyce Crawford
c849 Chris Flint	c972 Paul King	Aust Tim Ericson
c858 Stuart Bennett	c984 Peter Ryan	USAc35 Erin Taylor-Talcott

The opening race of the 2018 series is on 20th January at QEII Stadium, Enfield. Note early start time 1145.



Bury St Edmunds statistics:
45 walkers entered the 100 miles
3 entries - 50 miles
19 entries 20 miles



15 new Centurions!



Centurions compete in such a different array of races and walks and it's good to see such diversity amongst us. (Race reports for most races can be seen on the Centurions website.)

Social events

This year we have held social walks in Cambridge and Sussex. The walks have been led by Sue Clements (Cambridge) and Surrey WC member Dave Hoben (Cuckoo Trail Sussex). Both walks were very enjoyable and we are grateful to the walks leaders for their time and commitment. Reports of the walks are on the Centurions website at [Social Walks](#)



In fact anywhere that Centurions get together and walk (as opposed to race) can count as a social walk. Joyce Crawford, Sue Clements and Kathy Crilley went to Marbella in October to do a 4 day event (30km a day). A good start to pre winter training! Interested? ...do get in touch...

Any ideas for 2018 social walks are very welcome. Anyone can organise a social walk, whether it's in the north midlands or south... so do contact Steve Kemp our Social Walks co-ordinator.

British Centurions overseas

The CVN held their annual AGM and reunion on 2nd December in the historic town of Heusden. There were around 43 attendees including Chris Flint (Hon Secretary), Kathy Crilley (Captain), Sue Clements (Archivist) and Jill Green. Certificates and trophies were presented to successful finishers of our 100 miles at Bury St Edmunds. Many thanks to the CVN Secretary, Frans Leijtens for organising such a great occasion.

looking ahead to 2018..

Centurions AGM in Leeds 27th January
Bourges 24 Hours (France) 24th-25th February
Chateau Thierry 24 Hours (France) 17th-18th March
Continental Centurions (Scheidam/Rotterdam) 19th -20th May

See the fixtures list: <http://www.centurions1911.org.uk/fixture-page.html> for further details

A pause for those who have passed away in 2017

C.435 Trevor Chorley, C635 Geoff Dowling
Margaret Vale (wife of C.549 Dennis and friend and supporter of the Centurions)

C-399 Wiebren Teensma, C-1008 Ernst Westerhoff, C-960 Teunis van de Pol,
C-650 Adri Dirven, C-814 Theo van der Wijst,
Trees Leendertse, wife of C-427 Hans Leendertse (honourary chairman of the CVN),
who has been an important volunteer in all CVN activities over the years.

and also those in 2016:

C.275 Wilf Smith, C.474 Johnny Morris, C.256 Vic Murray,
C.212 Bernard 'Jack' Rawlings, C.654 Ernie Bishop, C.220 George Birchall.

Happy Christmas everyone !

As ever, there is plenty of information on our website www.centurions1911.org.uk to keep you informed of all things Centurion.

All that remains for me to say is, don't forget the two o'clock toast on Christmas Day to all Centurions wherever they are in the world.