

I would like to begin my first Chairman's report by recognising all of the outstanding work the Executive Committee members, Marathon & End to End sub-committee members, various marshals, helpers at events and all club members do for this club. Without all of your support and hard work, there would be no club or successful events that the club organises.

In relation to achievements that stand out in 2019, I would also like to say well done to the following members for their fantastic efforts in the various events they took part in:

- Jane Farquhar – IOM Marathon 1<sup>st</sup> Lady
- Sarah Webster – Syd Quirk 1<sup>st</sup> Lady
- Bernie Johnson – Centurion 100 mile 1<sup>st</sup> Lady

In 2019 we introduced chip timing into the Spring and Autumn Handicaps which is a sign that we are moving along with the times. The Autumn Handicap had 43 runners and walkers who participated and the feedback around chipped timing was very positive. This year we will continue to do this but will continue with the traditional manual timing for the Acclaim 20 mile and Vets mile events respectively.

The Committee still continues to maintain interest in the Club and Masters competitions and this year we will be **overarching committee** for the No Rest for the Wicked event in August.

A recent online poll showed that members want a refresh to the Syd Quirk Half Marathon event which will bring it in line with other UK half marathon events. We are looking to present finishers medals and t-shirts

We have also been reinforcing our social media presence to advertise upcoming events and look to give our Facebook group a makeover so it is less confusing – at the moment we have two IOMVAC pages!

Finally, I would like to wish all members good luck in all of their respective events in 2020.

Thank you

Lee Johnson,  
Chairman IOMVAC

11 February 2020