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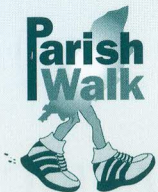
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CLERICAL MEDICAL Parish Walk 2000 17-18 June

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CLERICAL MEDICAL PARISH WALK

A Welcome from the Race Director

Welcome to the 2000 Clerical Medical Parish Walk. This year's race promises to be the best yet with all previous records being broken. Last year's mammoth entry has been surpassed with a total entry of 750 this year. 440 men and 310 women will come to the start line which demonstrates that this unique event continues to capture the imagination of the Manx folk. Ahead lies the challenge of walking 85 miles to every Parish Church on the Island - 17 in all, within the time limit of 24 hours. To have done "the Parish" is a proud achievement to those who have managed it in the past and it continues to attract many hardy souls each year.

We wish all the competitors good luck and hope that they will all enjoy the event and complete their personal goals whether it be to Santon or return after the 85 miles to Douglas Promenade.

This year due to safety considerations the race starts two hours earlier than usual i.e. at 10.00 a.m. Therefore come out in good time to see the walkers attempting to "do the Parish". Last year we had a tremendous race despite the atrocious weather conditions. Chris Flint from London won last year's race in a time of 17 hours 7 minutes and 46 seconds. Not far behind was Karen Brogger the fastest lady finisher on record. These two come under starters orders again this year and will no doubt have a titanic battle.

The walkers have been seeded again this year. Therefore look out for those competitors with 1 to 36 on their vests. These walkers are expected to be at the front of the field by the time that the race reaches Douglas Promenade in the early hours of Sunday morning. Hopefully we will see some high numbers reaching the finish line as these will be first-time finishers of "the Parish".

The committee would like to extend its thanks to Clerical Medical for their continued support for the event. Without their valuable input it would be impossible to run the Parish Walk at the high standard that has been expected.

Our thanks are also extended to Dave Butterworth of Skanco Business Systems Limited for providing the computer hardware to get the results out promptly. We are grateful to Dave Willis of Sun Life International who has written the computer programme to handle such a large entry.

I would like to thank the organising committee of Liz Corran, Karen Kneale, Alan Callow, Kevin Walmsley, Martin Lambden and Winston Liu who have freely given up their time and efforts over the past four months.

Finally a big thank you to all the marshals, checkers-in, ambulance crews and all the people who year after year turn out in the dead of night to help with the Parish Walk.

To all competitors, please read and observe the rules carefully and obey the instructions of the marshals. Please note that there are certain time limits for passing some of the churches (see page 3 of programme). Once you have completed your walk please ensure that your number is handed in to the officials. Thank you and good walking.

Raymond Cox - Race Director.

