

The Rambler

February 2015



Snow!

As you have probably noticed there has been snow and ice appearing all over the country. Please take care when out walking; we want to see you in Nijmegen!

Cancellation of Swindon Walk

In life there are few certainties and many uncertainties; the British weather has got to be one of the biggest uncertainties, in Britain we have a very varied and changeable climate not just north to south but regional as well which makes it very hard for our weathermen to forecast, even with new technology. The weather affects everything not just your holiday or BBQ, it also has a huge impact on our walking.

On Saturday 31st January, I woke up around 7am to find a coating of snow. What a disaster. Swindon's second training walk of the year had to be cancelled for safety reasons. I made my way to the start quite early to ensure I met as many as I could and deliver the bad / good news. There were a few at the start for the most part newcomers who are not aware of the rules. Regular walkers of the Swindon group had the good insight to know that when there is snow on the ground on the day of a walk, the walk is cancelled. Dave Ruddle, Nigel Jones and John Pryce endeavoured to walk despite it being slippery under foot.

My apologies once again to those who turned up expecting there to be a walk only to find it cancelled, but I am sure you will appreciate everyone's safety is of the utmost importance.

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Useful Information

If there is no more snow, the next walk scheduled for **Sunday 15th February** from Coate water starting at 08:30 will continue as normal. Bacon butties, hot dogs, mars bars and mugs of tea and coffee will be available as normal. Everyone is welcome.

Committee Post Nominations

Every 3 years individual BDWF committee posts come up for election. In order to ensure that all committee experience/expertise cannot be totally lost at a single election, the posts are divided across 3 groups which are annually out of step with one another. In 2015, it will be the posts of:

Group Chairperson; Marketing, Media and Membership (MMM) & Walker Liaison (For reference C&Rs Issue 9, Appendix 2A item 1).

The current post holders are Vacancy (Group Chair), Katie Elliman (MMM) and Roy Hayward (WL).

Roy and Katie will be standing down having served on the committee for many years. The committee has co-opted John Pryce and Cindy Snijders to shadow Roy and Katie respectively and they are eligible to apply for the posts.

Nominations for all three posts will be sought from February until 31st May, 2015.

If only one individual is nominated for a particular post, that person will automatically be elected, without a vote being necessary, on Founders Day (the last Saturday of Nijmegen week). If more than one nomination is received for any of the posts up for election, the election will take place in Nijmegen (closing date Thursday 23 July, 2015) and all qualified members whether in Nijmegen or not are eligible to vote. Election results as appropriate will be declared on Founders Day.

Nomination forms are available on our web site or via the editor — details on the

back page of this Rambler. The return address is on the nomination form itself.

Once the deadline for nominations has passed, all details will be cascaded to our members in the June Rambler (distribution date 5th June, 2015) when we will know if a vote is needed. If needed, eligible members not in Nijmegen will be able to request a voting slip — full details will be included in the June Rambler.

If you would like to know more about the roles Please contact the Group Secretary Herman for the roles and responsibilities of these posts

Discounts available to you!

Cotswold outdoors: 25% off using code - B2044

Hi-Tec: 40% off using code - FNF40

LDWA and YHA members get 15% off at Cotswold Camping

I would like to build up a library of discounts available to members and publish these in every edition of The Rambler. Please let me know if you get or are aware of any locally or nationally.

Registrations

Registration for this year's Nijmegen (Tranche 1) started on Monday 2 February and will close on Friday 27 February. At as at today's date **16,312** have registered. Tranche 2 will start on Monday 2 March to 3 April.

If you have not already done so and you are intending participating in this year's Nijmegen, please get your forms to me ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Forthcoming events

February 2015

Sunday 15th 22K. Starting from Coate water Country park, Swindon at 08:30am

Saturday 26th 26K. Starting from Coate water country Park, Swindon at 08:15am

April 2015

RAF 2-DAY MARCH 10/20/40km

[RAF WARMA](#) (BWF 2)

Entry Fee: £2.00 per day Must register in advance 06:00 to 09:00 - RAF Cosford WV7 3EX (Map:127 GR:SJ 908052) Event Secretary, RAF WARMA, 4 Buckingham Drive, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 7GN T: 01625 610707 E:

events@rafwarma.org.uk

May 2015

RAF LYNEHAM 2 DAY WALK

07:00 to 15:00 Lyneham village hall car park. Overflow car park across the road.

Details from Herman Boston E: secretarybdwf@gmail.com

CADET MARCH/SPITFIRE WALK 12/27/40km

Cadet March Association (BWF 12) Entry Fee: £2.00

07:30 to 12:00 - Dibgate Army Camp (via St Martins Plain Army Camp), Kent CT20 3JG

(Map:179 GR:178363) Adrian Mundy, 27 Yorke Rd., Croxley Green, Herts. WD3 3DW

T: 07831 651320 E: amundy48@hotmail.com

June 2015

LANGPORT TWO-DAY WALKING FESTIVAL 5/10/20/42km

[Somerset Levels and Moors Strollers](#) (BWF 103)

Entry Fee: £1.00 - £21.00 depending on distance, days & age 07:30 to 14:00 The

Angel, Bow Street, Langport TA10 9PQ (Map:129 GR:418267) Hans Rennie,

Golden Ramblers' Dray Road, Odcombe, Somerset BA22 8UL T: 01935

864523 E: slams1@btinternet.com

July 2015

CASTLEBAR INTERNATIONAL 4 DAYS' WALKS 10/20/30km

[Castlebar International 4 Days' Walks](#) (BWF 201)

Welcome Inn Hotel, New Antrim Street, Castlebar, Co Mayo Elaine Devereux,

Walks Office, New Antrim Street, Castlebar, Co Mayo, Ireland T: +353 94

9024102

NIJMEGEN 4 DAY MARCH

99th 4 Day Marches 21-24 July 2015

For accommodation and registration contact secretarybdwf@gmail.com or visit

www.bdwf.org.uk for more information

August 2015

18th PATHFINDER WALK 14/23/32/42km

[73 Sqn Walking Club](#) (BWF 93)

Entry Fee: £4.00

07:30 to 11:00 - The Field, Conington, Cambridge CB23 4LW

(Map:153/225 GR:TL 323664) Dick Jarvis, The Leas, Elsworth Road, Conington, Cambridge,

Cambs. CB23 4LW T: 01954 267441 E:
pathfinderwalk@73sqnwalkingclub.org.uk

September 2015

WELSH INTERNATIONAL FOUR DAYS' WALKS 15/25/40km

[Llanwrtyd Wells Walking Club](#) (BWF 5)

Entry Fee: £8.00 per day £25.00 for four days

08:00 to 10:00 - Neuadd Arms Hotel LD5 4RB (Map:147 GR:879467)

Lindsay Ketteringham, Neuadd Arms Hotel, Llanwrtyd Wells, Powys LD5 4RB

T: 01591 610666 E: enquiries@llanwrtydwalking.co.uk

Your Letters

Nijmegen 4

Here we are one month in to the New Year and I can say that we have finally started some real walking. The start of the year saw both of us becoming excited with the thought that we were going to be meeting the walking team from our end of the world. Just a gentle 18k to introduce us to the walking world proper on the first Sunday in January. Getting my kit together on the Saturday I managed to hurt my back but I duly collected Mel on the Sunday thinking I could walk it off. When we got there the best I could do was a 4k shuffle on the flat whilst Mel went off with the group on her first jaunt.

When I met them in the pub at lunchtime, I felt really jealous as it sounded great and Mel was loving it. But we were talked in to doing the Stonehenge Stomp at the end of the month and I was determined to do it. Happy to say my back had recovered enough to have a great weekend away. Woodhenge Womble followed by the Stonehenge Stomp over two days. Two nights away from home made it feel like a mini break. We met up the group from Plymouth, met some new people and now feel we have been inducted in to the World of walking. Such friendly people, a well organised weekend along with the first stamps in my IVV books and badges and we are hooked.

I am looking forward to next year already. And we were given lots of very useful information from the Nijmegen veterans we met along the way. Both of us are hoping to meet up with the group again this coming month and are trying to juggle work and other commitments to enable us to do so - failing that we shall just have to carry on putting the world to rights between us.

Nettie

Here is our first walk in 2015.

Friday 16 January, I drove to St.Jansklooster where Lambert lives to make the first walk together in the new year. The weather was good and had really excited.

At 9.30 we left for Wanneperveen.

At the end of this ribbon village the footpath on the north Giethoorn weerribben direction where we ate a sandwich and drank.

Nature is very tranquil and this time is a few deer and a flock of geese after then the only thing moving, and of course a few walkers.

After petit dejeuner with fresh must continue towards the top wiede to the north of Venice, "Giethoorn" walk inside.

At about 14:00 a short break of 15 min. In a local pub for a drink, further to the Blue hand and were 15.00 back to St, Jansklooster for a nightcap.

The first 28 KM. of the training is over and feel good again!

Sincerely,

Albert.

Competition Time

Answers for January

Name the companies with these slogans

Connecting people.	Nokia
I'm loving it	McDonalds
Just do it	Nike
Because your worth it	L'Oreal
Eat fresh	Subway
What the worst that can happen	Dr Pepper
Probably the best lager in the world.	Carlsberg
It does exactly what it says on the tin.	Ronseal
The world's local bank	HSBC
Think different	Apple
Time for you	P&O cruises
Open happiness	Cocoa Cola
Zoom zoom	Mazda
Once you pop you can't stop	Pringle

This months quiz

General Knowledge questions

What number should appear next in this sequence?

8 16 48 192 ?

Answer next month

Don't forget... the 99th vierdaagse will take place on the 21st-24th July 2015.....

164 Days

Happy Birthday!

Wishing all our members celebrating their Birthday in February

Many Happy Returns!

1 Lydia Boonen **2** Jozien Vercouteren **3** Brian Green; Cathie Burridge; Benjamin Biggs; Shaun Perry **4** Peter Gardner; Loren Fuller **5** Ian Shearer; Rachel Shirreffs; Naomi Barton **6** Charlotte Rhodes; James Ferguson **7** Pamela Baird; Ineke Mulder-Parmentier; Marc Best; Zak Westell **8** Emma Armitage; James Reynolds **9** Ria van Nunen-Meijjs; Gareth Miles; Tom Ashdown; Riannah & Danielle Gayle **10** Nigel Goodman; Astrid Rooijen-Jansen; Mary Hoogenes **11** George Buxton; Theo de Bruijn; Stephen Wood; Richard Courtney; Samantha Elliman; Gabriella Rolfe **12** Tina & Teresa Blanpain; Emily Collins; George Langlands **13** Sean Phillips; Daniel Maggs **14** George Harmer; Daniel Foxwell **16** Robert Vlietstra; Pascal Munster; Matthew Cordas **17** John Robertson; Niek Rouschop; Stefan

Webster; Katherine Andrews **18** Jean Robinson **20** Jan Eggink; Charles Shaw **21**
Henk Mounoury; Daniel Westlake; Tanya Newell **22** Robert Newton; Vaughn
Baynes **23** Genevieve Williams; Toby Humphries **25** Kim Lentjes **26** George
Beecham MBE; Colin Jarvis; Coby Van Noord; Nettie Costin; Janice Wainwright;
Marie Dimaline; Thomas Newbery **27** Moira Veitch; Kristina King **28** David
Barber; Andrew Sprules **29** Mitchell Simmons

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Don't Forget - We are on the Web too!

www.bdwf.org.uk

The most recent posts on the web
include information for support crew
registering to do Nijmegen with the
BDWF and some Bargains found on
line for walkers!

The British Dutch Walking Fellowship (BDWF) was founded out of the BT Nijmegen group in 2003. The club has no political or sectarian interests, and is non – profit seeking. Membership is open to anyone 12 years and over.

As a member, we want to make sure that you get the best from your relationship with us and that means keeping you informed.

Any news items to be included in the next newsletter should be with Kate by Friday 27 February 2015.

Contributions are always welcome. Remember, every member has a voice and this is the ideal medium to have your say