

# The Rambler

March 2015



## Be Seen and Stay Safe

Spring is on its way... although this newsletter has beaten it and provide a fresh bunch of information to brighten your day...

Every day now we love our daylight even more. It's not only longer with the most striking sunsets but with the early dawns that have been breathtaking. I have such fondness for this time of the year best. Everything is new and fresh. Buds on plants are bulging day by day and eager to burst forth. Snow drops and crocuses have pushed their way up and opened to welcome the new year. There is so much activity going on around us in the countryside and so much more to observe on a daily basis. I love the hive of activity that greets me each morning. Joggers setting out for an early 10 mile stretch closely followed by walkers of all ages with dogs in tow taking to pounding the roads or off beat track. Huge flocks of runners wrapped in yellow and pink may be observed just before sunset on a Tuesday in Queens drive (one of the main roads) in Swindon . They congregate from all over the town meeting at the Sun Inn and creating shapes of different sizes silhouetted against the houses and the night sky. An enthralling procession bobbing up and down, weaving past members of the public.

Not only is it a fascinating procession of runners, they are visible to traffic and pedestrians in their brightly coloured attire. It is now a million pound industry kitting out walkers and runners alike.

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To all our members I say be seen and stay safe. Make yourself visible at all times day or night by wearing high Viz jackets, trousers or protective covers for rucksacks even when walking in city centres.

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## 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 closed on Friday 27 February. Tranche 2 opened on Monday the 2nd of March. As of the 5th of March **41,414** had registered. Tranche 2 will close on 3rd 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.

## **RAF Warma - email change**

RAWARMA has changed web domain and this means email too.

The Events Secretary email is: [events@rafwarma.co.uk](mailto:events@rafwarma.co.uk) Web address: [www.rafwarma.co.uk](http://www.rafwarma.co.uk)

## **Austria is Four day March Tourism Partner**

[Austria, arrive and revive in the Alpine Four Days Marches for instance](#)

The Austrian Tourist Office will be presenting Austria as a walking country during the 99th 4 Day marches. The Austrian Tourist Office has entered into a sponsorship agreement with Stichting De 4Daagse for this purpose.

The campaign during the 99th 4 Day marches will focus on Carinthia and the Kitzbuhel Alps. The state of Carinthia will host the second Alpen4Daagse (Alpine four days Marches) from 7 to 10 September this year and Stichting De 4Daagse and the Koninklijke Wandel Bond Nederland walking association will once again support the event with their expertise.

Austria has long been the perfect country for a spot of walking and has something for all sorts of walkers, whether they want a challenging hike to the peaks of the Alps or a gentle (and flat) walk along lakes or through the valleys. Trekking from hut to hut for several days, taking the children with you but not your luggage (someone else will transport that for you) or staying in hotels are just some of the wide range of options.

Anyone who has visited Austria in summer will know how many magnificent routes there are with spectacular panoramic views. Of all the Dutch tourists who visit Austria in the summer, 40% prefer to spend their holiday walking in the mountains.

## **Forthcoming events**

**March 2015**

**Bataan Death March 22 March 2015**

The Bataan Memorial Death March is a

challenging march through the high desert terrain of White Sands Missile Range, conducted in honour of the heroic service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health and, in many cases, their very lives.

### **Choose between two routes**

The **GREEN** (full) route is the full 26.2-mile Bataan Memorial Death March. Awards are presented to the top two finishers in each category. Those marching the 26.2 miles will be able to experience, in part, what Soldiers endured during their long forced trek through the Philippines.

The **BLUE** (honorary) route is 14.2 miles in length. This shorter march is designed for participants who would like to memorialize Bataan but do not wish to march the full 26.2-mile route. There are NO awards given for this shorter march.

On-line Registration Closes Midnight MST 10 Mar 15 @ \$110.00 per individual

Registration opens mid November 2014 until 10th March 2015.

For more details <http://www.bataanmarch.com/>

## **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.co.uk](mailto:events@rafwarma.co.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## August 2015

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

[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](mailto: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](mailto:enquiries@llanwrtydwalking.co.uk)

## October 2015

### **Marbella 4 Days walking 8,9,10 & 11**

In October the weather in the south of Spain is still perfect, not too hot and not too cold, a great time for walking. We invite you, together with walkers from all over the world, to discover the unknown sides of Marbella during Marbella 4Days Walking.

The Terrazas del Puerto Deportivo, near the historic city centre, will be the starting point for the 20 and 30 km routes which will lead you through the city, the nature and along the beach. The last day, the 11th of October, you will walk the Via Gladiolo (gladiolus being the Roman symbol for victory) back to the Terrazas del Puerto Deportivo where you will be welcomed with loud cheers.

You can participate on all four days but it is also possible to choose the days that suit you most. In short: a perfect opportunity for a holiday! - See more at:

<http://www.marbella4dayswalking.com/index.php>

## **Your Letters**

Hi Herman

Reading Nettie's letter of February Rambler, I hope that someone advised her that you should never try to walk off an injury, especially a back problem, much better to rest until feeling better. I know how keen both are to take part in Nijmegen, but as we know you must listen to your body.

Wishing them both well in their training.

Good morning.

Still a small report of a walk of yesterday. We have hiked the panoramic tour yesterday in Hoogeveen. The weather forecast was bad, but it fell a lot. Quarter past 9 we went hiking for the 30 km. On the walk we stopped 2 times a small rest plus Stempelpost. The route was very well marked (compliment). The first part of the walk went through Hoogeveen and the second part to Hoogeveen on the way back. There were beautiful

farms and a few works of art where we walked along. At half past 4 we were we back in the building of the District Association where we started this morning. Still we have not drunk anything, then back home. We could look back on a nice walk.

Warm regards from **Albert and Lambert**.  
see you next time.

## Competition Time

### Answers for February

What number should appear next in this sequence?

8    16    48    192    ?

The answer is 960. Multiply by 2 then 3 then 4 and finally by 5

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### This months quiz

### Name the Films from the Quotes...

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| Come with me if you want to live?   |  |
| My mamma says life is life a box of chocolates.....                                 |  |
| Frankly my dear I don't give a dam?   |  |
| I am not an animal, I am a human being?   |  |
| Fish are friends, not food?   |  |
| I do wish to chat longer but I'm having an old friend for dinner?                   |  |
| I'll never let go I promise.  |  |
| I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse.  |  |
| If my calculations are correct, when this baby hits 88mph you are going to see some |  |

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| serious.....                                   |  |
| Oh we have 12 vacancies 12 cabins 12 vacancies |  |

**Answer next month**

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

# 136 Days

## Happy Birthday!

**Wishing all our members celebrating their Birthday in March Many  
Happy Returns!**

1. Coralie Hancock; Callum Weaver; Sophie Kudelka 2. Carol Simmons 3. Sheryl Lea; Sebastian van der Staal; Helen Forrest 4. Colin Pettitt; Jacquie Rawlings; Anneleen Bolle 5. Christine Barre; Willem Wolters; Gemma Gillies; George Paul; Ryan Stokes 6. Christine Brooks 7. Steven Vass; Katerina Mabbott; Richard Dean; Daisy Eveling 8. H Gol; Marijke Zuidwijk; J Joosten; Christopher Allen; Robert Parkinson 11. Anneke Duijn; Klaske Ludema-Korporaal 13. Ries Hauer; N van der Wijdeven; Sarah Coupland 14. George Newby 15. Chris van Heckeren-Meiberg; Corrie Ruberg; Jasmijn Govaars 16. Paul Kirby; Peter Bruniges 17. Ann Williams; Nick Neale; Tom Stobbe 18. Gareth Ball 19. Jamie Hale 20. Jack Daly; Jantiene Manintveld; Joseph Thompson 21. Pat O'Connor; Christopher Johnson; Henri Scheepens; Chris Burridge; Fern Davis; Sarah Henry 22. David Newbould; Marcel Hendriks 23. James Whyte 24. Leni de Vries; Pavandeeep Bains 25. Jim Usher; Raymond Barbier; Arienne De vos Lauerman; Christopher Evans; Adam Merrison;

Hayley Masters 26. Michael Dean; David Broughton; Alex Sil; Matthew Cable 27.  
Jan Roberts; H de Vries 28. Bridget Sinclair; Jacolien Plomp; Briohny Williams;  
Gavin Brown; Myles Foster 29. Stephen Morgan; 30. Joy Wade 31. Saskia Van  
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**Don't Forget - We are on the Web too!**

[www.bdwf.org.uk](http://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!

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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 March** 2015.

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