



The Rambler-October 2012

October Already!

October is here already! That means we shall be looking forward to many emails from Herman telling us about the Swindon practice walks for next year (get your diaries ready!), Membership forms and application forms, I can't believe it is this time of year already, Only 84 days until Christmas, time is flying by!

So, what have we been up to? Well we have had our first committee meeting of the year, and looking forward to our second tonight. You should all have received the minutes from the last meeting which has hopefully kept you up to date with what is going on.

As you will have read we have several new members to welcome on board the committee. We would like to thank them for giving up their time and look forward to everything they have to offer.

I will introduce them all properly next month!

Our meeting tonight will cover the feedback you gave us after Nijmegen 2012. We will use this to make 2013 even better!

287 Days to wait!
16-19 JULY 2013

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Out Walking?

On the website I have recently suggested several walks you may like to try. They all vary in distance and location as well as difficulty!

If you do think of trying any of these walks or are taking part in any I have not mentioned please get in touch so we can share this information with everyone else.

Don't forget to wear your Orange BDWF Polo or t-shirts and send in pictures of where you have been too.

If you are planning on going out walking at anytime don't forget there is a flyer on our website which you can print and hand out.

Don't forget!. Whoever brings the most new members to Nijmegen as part of the BDWF will come back the following year for free apart from paying membership fees.

Next Year...

It will almost be time for application forms to find their way to your door or computer inbox. Have you thought about taking part in Nijmegen 2013? Have you done it before and would like to try again?

Are you 19 years and over? Are you looking to participating in your first Nijmegen next year but need some company? If so, then please read on.

Since the introduction of the lottery for newcomers, gaining a place for Nijmegen has been through the team system. The idea of the "team" may put you off as well as having to march in time. Well, worry no more. If you would like to be part of a team that amble together, have fun and generally enjoy the whole experience, then I would like to hear from you. Herman 07936 390500 or Email: hermies@btinternet.com.

Don't forget, we also have 40k teams... and if there are enough people a 30k team could be a possibility too!

Walking in a team

This is the same walk as an individual except you must walk with and stay with a group.

At the start of the event a group will comprise at least eleven participants registered by name. All members of the group will walk the same distance as the group throughout the entire Four Days Marches event and be recognisably dressed as a group. This could result in some participants walking the extended distance instead of the regulation distance.

It means you have someone to walk with all week, a close support network and some new best friends!



Other News!

Recently we have been trying hard to arrange social events for all our members to attend. We have a couple of events planned over the coming months which everyone is invited to.



Happy Halloween! Yes we are using Halloween as an excuse to meet up! We Shall be meeting at the Spotted Cow in Swindon towards the end of October (date to be confirmed).

It will give you a chance to meet up with old and new friends plus Gina has arranged a Trick or Treat Raffle.... And if that doesn't appeal then you can simply come for the good food and drink!

Sponsored Walk... Yes you read that correctly, though this time you don't have to move at all.

Several of the First Aid team are going to take part in a sponsored walk... yes you did read that correctly!

200km in 24 Hours

(Between us that is!)

What about a Gala Ball?

To further enhance the spirit of the Fellowship, I would like to organise a BDWF Gala ball where all our members and their family and friends are invited. But first I need an idea of numbers, price members are prepared to pay, distance prepared to travel, and type of venue.

Please send your ideas to Herman to mull over.

Forthcoming Events 2012:

November 2011

[Swiss Army Night March](#) for more details regarding this walk visit the RAF Warma webpage <http://www.rafwarma.org.uk/overseas.htm>

As soon as dates are available for more of the regular walks I shall let you know.

There is also an excellent website detailing walks available in the Netherlands - <http://www.wandelkalender.nl/2012/meerdaagse.html>

If you know of other walks that our members would be interested in, please let us know - contact details are at the back of this newsletter.

If you are going on your own walk and would like company please let us know and we will put the word out for you.

Birthdays

British

- 1 Phillip McGaw
- 2 Martyn Charity; Vicky Charity
Karen Gray
- 3 Helen Tuck; Richard Morris
- 4 Lenny Goldsmith
- 5 Matthew Perry; Vincent Sherry
- 6 Tanya Moody
- 7 Beverley Goodman; Mike Strong;
Edward Hodson; Beth Simmons
- 10 Anne Welburn-Sutton
- 11 Ann Kirby; John Stratton;
Thomas Gallagher;
William Reddington-smith
- 14 Matthew Jepson; Harry Dean;
Zane Wozencroft
- 16 Julie Austin
- 17 Ian Paton
- 18 Terry Kirby
- 19 Colin Jackson
- 20 Peter Sinclair
- 21 Stephen Mogg; Edward Smith
- 22 Jonathon Pill
- 23 James Stevens; Peter Armitage
- 25 Charlotte Toone; Oliver Thorne
- 27 Frank Coltman; David Mugford
Joseph Ashley; Andrew Bowman;
Morgan Blunt
- 29 Mo Leach; Graham Darkins;
Phillipa Hambridge; Lydia Watson
- 31 Christine Brand

Nederlanders

- 2 Aaf Snoek;Anija Bemelmans;
Josey Bertrand; Hilde Van Noord
- 3 Wilma Ludema
- 4 Wim Vogels
- 5 I.I.J Visser
- 7 Arie Bruyns
- 8 Piet Nelis
- 9 Petra Kolen-Rouschop
- 11 M Stoffels; Henk ten Kate
- 13 Andre van der Last
- 15 J Schreuder; Linda Plomp
- 16 Jacqueline Manintveld
- 17 Mark Greenhalgh
- 19 Truus Mantel de Rooij; Joop Ludema
Diederique Kemperink
- 20 L W De Knijf-Okken
- 24 Dirk Terlouw; Elsbeth Huffmeijer
- 28 Franklin Schalk
- 29 R S Ringnalda; Richard Evers
- 31 Anja van der Wilk; Bas Graus

*Many happy returns to
you all*

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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 26th October, 2012**

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

Katie Elliman
Editor

