



The Rambler—January 2007

91st Four Days Marches

The 91st Four Days Marches will take place from 17-20 July. Registration starts on Monday 5 February 2007.

For the 91st Four Day Marches, the number of registrations has been set at 49,000.

The registration for the Four Days Marches 2007 is divided in two registration periods. The first registration period will take place from Monday February 5th until Friday March 9th. This is for all walkers that started on the first day of the Four Days Marches in July 2006 (Tuesday) and all those who will reach the age of 12 in 2007 are eligible for registration in the first registration period.

The second registration period will take place from Monday March 12th until Friday April 13th. All others may register in the second registration period.

At some stage during the week 19 – 23 April 2007 inclusive, it will be determined which of the people who registered their wish participate, will actually be able to take part. This will be determined by a draw if necessary.



Souvenir 4 Day Marches 2006

“The souvenir that will be sent to me for onward distribution to all of our participants of the Four Days Marches 2006 is meant to give the unfinished 90th Four Days Marches a worthy place in the minds of the walkers that have started on Tuesday July 18th for this unfinished edition of the Four Days Marches “

In the design the Four Days

Marches logo is surrounded by a laurel wreath that is formed of drops the whole symbolises the sun. The drops indicate the sweat, tears, water and the tragic ending of this edition of the Four Days Marches.

If you do not receive yours by the end of January, please contact me as soon as possible.

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Overnight Accommodation in Nijmegen

The De Dennen sportshall is handed over to the BDWF from midday on Sunday 16th July. There is a small number allowed on site to assist in the setting up of beds etc.

Anyone else wishing to stay overnight in the sportshall from Saturday 15th July 2007, **must** first register their names with Doug Davidson in the first instance. **Failure to do will result in you being turned away.**

For health and safety reasons it is imperative that we know numbers prior to occupancy so that we can accommodate everyone's wishes.

Failure to comply with Dutch regulations could result in us not using the sports hall in the future. There is a cost associated and you will be notified when you register.

Doug can be contacted by email: doug.e.davidson@bt.com or by phone. Tel: 0169 166 6347

Birthdays

British

2nd Herman Boston
4th Trevor Day, Stuart Williams and John Miller
5th Mick Abbott and Francis Neale
12th Rebecca Smith
13th Carron Baker and Bob Oxley
18th Oliver Ruysevelt, Henry Wakelam & Christopher Readwin
19th Derek Bryer and Paul Thompson
20th Daniel Mosley
21st Tim Wyer and Christopher Yeoward
22nd Rhiannon Warburton & Dave Brooks
24th Tony Charles & David Foden
26th Tony Del Gallo, Dave Jones & Jordan Ware
28th Sheila Abbott & Ann Coward
30th Nick Wakelam & Carl Phipps

Dutch

2nd Ronald Van Oort
4th Martin Vogels
5th Miriam Plomp
9th Daniel Hauer
13th Andre Posthauer
14th Andre Looijenga'
15th Kristian van Ringelenstein
19th Piet de Veer
21st J de Bruijn
22nd Caroline Kok-jepna
25th Jan van Rooijen
28th Michel van Krimpen
31st Anneke Lakerman



Many Happy returns to you all

Your Letters

Farewell to Blighty

Bob Gutteridge (Events Coordinator) and Liz his wife said a sad farewell to blighty (England) on Friday 15th December when they moved to the South of France.



They remain members of the BDWF and we shall see them in Nijmegen this year.

Swindon members will miss Bob's "wiggling hips" as he motors past them on training walks.

Please note that their email address of racemass@lineone.net has ceased. In the meantime, any communication for Bob can be sent to me and I will forward to him

Bob will notify us of the new email address in due course.

Walking dates for your diary

January

Stonehenge Stomp - Sunday 28th January
10,20,30 or 40KM. Cost £2.00
Start and finish at Amesbury Sports centre

April

RAF Warma 2 day at Cosford
April 28th and 29th
Accommodation list available from Herman or via the RAF Warma website
www.rafwarma.org.uk

May

1st Bank Holiday Monday—Sarsen Trail (Avebury—Stonehenge) 26 miles. Contact details on page 4.

RAF Lyneham Saturday—Monday 26th—28th
3 day walk . Contact details on page 4

There are many more walks that can be found in the BWF handbook or on their website at www.bwf-ivv.org.uk/index.htm

Nijmegen Group Website

Our Nijmegen 2007 Handbook, updated Constitution and Rules booklet and membership and application forms have been added to our web site. www.nijmegengroup.org/index.php

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The Rambler

Any news items to be included in the next newsletter should be with Herman by Tuesday 23rd January please.

I hope that you enjoy reading this ' **new style** ' edition of The Rambler and that it helps you keep up-to-date with events surrounding The BDWF and Nijmegen

Herman Boston
BDWF Treasurer and Youth Secretary



Thought for the New Year

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole, which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the house - the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments but the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After 2 years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream - "I am ashamed of myself because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house." The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path and every day while we walk back, you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

SO, to all of our crackpot friends, have a great New Year and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path!
