



# The Rambler-January 2008

## Happy New Year

To all our members, families and friends.



## George Beecham MBE

We are delighted to let you know that George Edwin Beecham has received the MBE in the 2008 New Year's Honours List. The recognition is "For services to the community in Canvey Island, Essex".

George had received a letter 6 weeks previously from the Prime Minister to advise him that he had been nominated for the award, but he was sworn to secrecy until the official announcement was made.

George continues to contribute to a number of organisations, notably the Local Athletics club - coaching young athletes on a regular basis.

George is also the area Fund Raising secretary for the RNLI, organising numerous fund raising events for such a worthy cause and yet also finds time to run training sessions to assist people recovering from surgery in a Keep Fit campaign.

So as you can see from the activities that George carries out the award is thoroughly deserved.....couldn't happen to a nicer and very popular guy.

## Congratulations George !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Information taken from [www.honours.gov.uk/lists/2008honours.aspx](http://www.honours.gov.uk/lists/2008honours.aspx)

Scroll down to 'UK list' and go to 'Civil Division'. George's entry is the last on page N13.

## British Dutch Walking Fellowship

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## Nijmegen 2008 Application Forms

Nijmegen application forms were issued week beginning 3rd December and the return dates to Herman are as follows:

- Those who participated in Nijmegen 2007 (including support staff) and anyone born in the calendar year of 1996—**January 31st 2008**.
- First timers, returning members (2 years since you did Nijmegen) and those who were unable to be there.—**16th February 2008**

## Four Days Marches Nijmegen 2007 Largest Dutch Public Event

Nijmegen and its surroundings again hosted the largest public event of the Netherlands in 2007. In total the Four Days Marches and Four Days Marches festivities have so many participants and visitors, and the media have paid so much attention to the event in 2007, that the Four Days Marches 2007 may without doubt be called the largest public event.

In the well-known 'Respons Event Monitor' Top 100, both events from Nijmegen end up in the top ten in 2007. The Four Days Marches festivities are placed third, while the Four Days Marches are placed sixth with first place going to the Rotterdam Marathon.

As Wim Smids, director of the ACBN Event Bureau (Organiser of the Four Days festivities) remarks — “When the festivities and the marches are looked at as one public event, the ranking in the Top 100 will be even higher. This even holds when taking into account that one and one is not two; the analysis should look in detail at the media output of both events”,

The ranking of the 'Respons Event Monitor' is based on facts and figures that the organisations of the events provide. The festivities as well as the marches have in previous years ended up in the higher part of the ranking.

President Johan Willemstein of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE: “It is logical that the Four Days Marches and festivities are seen as one event and that we portray ourselves as such. For 2008 further cooperation is on the agenda. The Four Days Marches week will in 2008 start with one official opening ceremony organised in cooperation by both organisations.”

Information taken from the 4 Days web site [www.4daagse.nl](http://www.4daagse.nl)

## Starting Times for 40K walkers

### Article 2 Specific regulation of starting times for 40 km

The 40 km will start in two groups. On check-in day all individual 40 km participants will receive a checkpoint card (punch card) in addition to their barcode card. Each day of the event, upon finishing in accordance with the regulations, they will receive a new checkpoint card for the next day. The checkpoint card may or may not be colour marked. The presence of the orange marking determines the time the holder of the checkpoint card may start, as shown below. Similarly, the absence of any orange marking also determines the time the holder of the checkpoint card may start, as shown below.

Checkpoint card with colour marking:

All days: starting time between 05.15 and 06.00 hrs

Checkpoint card without colour marking:

All days: starting time between 06.15 and 07.00 hrs

The allocation of the checkpoint cards is not open to discussion. The checkpoint cards are allocated at random and in such a way that each participant receives a card with colour marking for two days and a card without colour marking for the other two days. The checkpoint card is not personal and is therefore transferable. Participants who want to start between 05.15 and 06.00 hrs but cannot produce a checkpoint card with colour marking will start between 06.15 and 07.00 hrs. Participants are not obliged to start between 05.15 and 06.00 hrs. It is possible to start from any of the four starting gates (on both De Wedren and Julianaplein). The start is not validated until the barcode card has been scanned by an authorised attendant.

### Article 3 Civilian groups

The start card is not punched until it has been ascertained that the contingent is complete or any withdrawals have been reported. Any contingent failing to report to the finish correctly before 17.00 hrs (18.00 hrs on Friday) will be deemed to have withdrawn. Contrary to individual participants, contingent cards are punched every day upon arrival at the finish. The card is not punched as 'finished' until the number of contingent members who have reached the finish has been established. If the contingent is incomplete upon arrival at the finish, the absent contingent members will be deemed to have withdrawn from the event.

The checking in and signing off times for contingents are:

Check in : 05.30 - 06.00 hrs

Sign off: 12.00 – 17.00 hrs\*

\* 18.00 hrs on Friday.

## Election of Committee Post—Treasurer

Every 3 years a committee post will come up for election. In 2008, it will be post of Treasurer.

The election will take place in Nijmegen and only members in Nijmegen are eligible to vote. Nominations will be sought from February until May. Nomination forms will be distributed to all members in February for return to Roy Hayward.

The current post holder is eligible to stand again for the post

## Satellite Images of the Vierdaagse Routes

Each one shows the days route in detail, together with the option to display the route on detailed satellite images. It also show kilometre posts every kilometre round the route. (I hope these are updated for 2008). Sorry no details on 30K routes

### 50 Km routes for 2007

Day 1 (53.4 km)

<http://www.afstandsmeten.nl/index.php?id=11670>

Day 2 (49.8 km)

<http://www.afstandsmeten.nl/index.php?id=11483>

Day 3 (48.3 km)

<http://www.afstandsmeten.nl/index.php?id=11556>

Day 4 (49.7 km)

<http://www.afstandsmeten.nl/index.php?id=11667>

### 40 Km routes for 2007

Day 1 (40.1 km)

<http://www.afstandsmeten.nl/index.php?id=11189>

Day 2 (41.3 km)

<http://www.afstandsmeten.nl/index.php?id=11208>

Day 3 (39.1 km)

<http://www.afstandsmeten.nl/index.php?id=11235>

Day 4 (42.8 km)

<http://www.afstandsmeten.nl/index.php?id=11302>

# Birthdays

## British

2nd Herman Boston  
3rd Gareth Hopkins, Alan Sheridan  
4th Trevor Day, John Miller,  
Stuart Williams  
5th Mick Abbott, Francis Neal  
12th Rebecca Smith, Rachel Jewers  
13th Carron Baker, Bob Oxley  
16th Jeffrey Elliman  
18th Oliver Ruyssevelt, Henry Wakelam,  
Christopher Readwin  
19th Derek Bryer, Paul Thomson  
20th Daniel Mosley  
21st Tim Wyer, Christopher Yeoward,  
Alex Jewers  
22nd Rhiannon Warburton, David Brooks  
24th David Foden, Tony Charles,  
Victoria Farrington  
26th Tony Del Gallo  
26th David Jones, Jordan Ware  
28th Sheila Abbott  
29th Ann Coward  
30th Carl Phipps, Nick Wakelam,  
Daniel Leonard

## Netherlands

2 Ronald van Oort  
4 Martin Vogels  
5 Miriam Plomp  
9 Daniel Huaer  
13 Andre Posthauer  
14 Andre Looijenga, Arie Krul  
15 Kristian van Ringelstein  
18 Debby Feijen  
19 Piet de Veer  
21 J de Bruijn  
22 Caroline Kok-jepma  
25 Jan van Rooijen  
28 Michel van Krimpen  
31 Anneke Lakeman

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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 Herman by **Monday 21 January 2008**

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

**Herman Boston**