



The Rambler-February 2011

Registration for Nijmegen 2011 is now
OPEN!

Please remember to get your application forms returned
as soon as possible.

As of February 2nd 2011
14,158 people have registered for this years event.

Diary Entry: The 95th International 4 Day Marches will take place from
19 July to 22 July 2011 .

164

Days until Nijmegen
2011

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Registration opens for the 95th Vierdaagse

Registration for Nijmegen starts on **Monday 31st January** for individual and team walkers. If you have completed the event previously, are aged 12 this year, or failed to gain a place in previous lotteries, this is known as Tranche 1. If you would like to walk in this years Vierdaagse as an Individual walker or team member in either the 30K, 40K or 50K, please ensure I have your forms to register you.

Teams

At the start of the event a group will comprise of at least **eleven** participants registered by name. All members of the group will walk the same distance as a group throughout the entire Four Days Marches event and be recognisably dressed as a group

40K team

Lenny Goldsmith who has led several 50K teams is hoping to lead a 40K team this year and would love to hear from anyone interested in joining the team.

50K team

Similarly there are 5 members interested in walking Nijmegen as part of a 50K team. Would you like to make up the numbers?

When the registration limit of 45,000 registrations is exceeded in the second registration period, then newcomers will be entered into the lottery by means of drawing lots.

For newcomers, you are guaranteed a place in Nijmegen as part of a team without taking a chance in the lottery.

Would you like to join any of the teams. If so, drop me an email telling me which distance and I will deal with all the necessary paper work.

Herman Boston

2011 Committee Post Elections

Every 3 years individual BDWF committee posts come up for election. The 5 key posts of Chairman, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, First Aid & Support Co-ordinator and Webmaster comprise the voting roles on the committee. In addition we also have a Youth Secretary post which historically does not have voting rights having always been covered by our Group Treasurer.

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 2011, it will be the posts of Group Secretary and Group Treasurer that will once again be up for election. The current post holders are Kate Elliman (Group Secretary) and Herman Boston (Group Treasurer) and both are eligible to stand again for the posts.

Nominations will be sought from February until 31st May, 2011.

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 21/07/11) 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 (Chairman) 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 3rd June, 2011) 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.

Exclusive '10' Club

All individual walkers who successfully complete their number 10 Nijmegen Vierdaagse, are invited to join the exclusive '10 Club' (The Association for Holders of the Gold Cross). We included a full item on this Association in our November 2010 Rambler.

We were asked to canvas our membership to see if there was any benefit in organising a centralised point for our members to pay their membership to the Association in the Netherlands without incurring all of the high cost of money transfer.

Feedback has been extremely sparse. Two BDWF members who originally joined found the 'benefits' of little use against cost and let their membership lapse. Only one BDWF member has fed back that he has continued his membership of the Association and is content to deal with the renewal costs himself.

As such with little interest in participation the committee have taken the decision to let interested members deal with their own individual applications and payment.

Johan Willemstein Weblog

Friday, 28 January 2011

The Flag Parade in the Goffert stadium has been the joint official opening ceremony of the Four Days Marches and Four Days Festivities since 2008. Over the last three years, a lot of work has been put into improving the quality of the Flag Parade. The format has always been a combination of official moments (flag ceremony, parade of participating groups and contingents, official opening) and show elements. The show elements in particular have been given a more modern touch - popular artists, sound and light effects, fireworks and a lot of colour and movement. We have always tried to maintain the Flag Parade's individual identity. Some people insist it should be turned into a (military) tattoo, whilst a concert format seems more appropriate to others. However, we feel that the combination of the aforementioned official moments and show elements are what gives the Flag Parade its own unique identity. Last year, many discussions were held as to whether the tried-and-tested formula should be thrown out of the window in favour of holding the parade in a public place, somewhere in Nijmegen's city centre. That's not such a bad idea in itself, as it would highlight the connection between the city, the festivities and the marches even more. It would probably also cost a lot less organisational effort and money. We on the board of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE have said that we are willing to discuss and consider this with the relevant parties. However, such change can only be decided upon when there is a detailed proposal, fully supported by all parties, that can also form a new, high-quality representation of our city to the many guests from the Netherlands and abroad. There is no such detailed proposal as of yet, so the Flag Parade will be held in the Goffert stadium again in 2011 in its usual format. Since Stichting Vierdaagsefeesten has pulled the plug on collaboration for the opening ceremony for financial reasons, the Flag Parade will only be the opening ceremony of the marches, as was the case before 2008. Unfortunately, this means we can no longer afford to allow walkers free entry. We have decided to charge them an entrance fee of € 5, which is around a 50%-discount on the normal ticket price. We will decide later how walkers can purchase their tickets and whether they will only be allowed to purchase one ticket or maybe two at a reduced price.

After managing to keep the registration fee for the 2010 Four Days Marches the same as in 2009 (€ 37), we are unable to avoid an increase in 2011. The registration fee has now been set at € 40. With everything becoming more expensive and suppliers passing on their increased costs to us in full, we have no other option than to incorporate this in the registration fee. We have applied a baseline in drawing up our budget, i.e. we do not need to make a profit. But it goes without saying that we do not want to run at a loss either, so the budget does need to be balanced.

Collaboration with Nijmegen City Council and Stichting Vierdaagsefeesten will be more prominent than in previous years when it comes to sustainability. There is a lot to be said here, but in 2011 we will first concentrate on plans to map out and, where possible, reduce energy consumption, whilst looking at what we can do about the rubbish problem. For the latter, we will need to appeal to walkers and spectators. It really is unbelievable what is left behind on and alongside the routes, on the Wedren and in the city centre. In some places, you sometimes literally wade through rubbish up to your ankles. So I hereby call upon everyone to join forces to tackle this matter, as cooperating organisations and as walkers and spectators.

Finally, I have the pleasure of announcing that the first steps are being taken in preparing the 100th edition of our wonderful event. This should be a very special Four Days Marches in 2016. A lot of time is needed to prepare well, so we are currently putting together a jubilee committee to put their backs into this task over the next five years.

But first we'll begin the registration of the 95th Four Days Marches. We are very busy with the final preparations. Our employees are awaiting your questions and are ready to process your registration from 31 January onwards.

<http://www.4daagse.nl/index.php/en/news/weblog-march-leader.html>

Your Letters

Firstly; The Article on Nijmegen in last months Rambler first appeared in a local village news letter and was specifically aimed at people living in the local area, it was not designed for the Rambler. To date no one has approached Howard to volunteer for Nijmegen 2011!

T-Shirts around the world by Anne Welburn. **New Year's Eve 2010 in New Orleans**

BDWF t-shirts completing the New Orleans Permanent Trail with guest Helen Elliott.

The 1st picture is at the starting point the District Police Station. The American IVV system works extremely well with walk boxes placed in accessible places such as railway stations, cafes and in this case the local police station. The box contains a route description, stamps & badges, costs are usually around three dollars for a stamp.



This route took us around the French Quarter down

the famous Bourbon Street; the streets were filled with jazz bands and had a terrific atmosphere. The route also took us via the red light district we think but we couldn't confirm that as we didn't have time to look. In front of the Cathedral is a Park which bore the name Plaza de Armas at the time that New Orleans was the Capital of the Spanish province of Luisiana 1762 - 1803



A very small part of the route is along the Mississippi River but this doesn't go out into the country and is all in the developed

area including a rather large shopping mall. We also walked through a vibrant street market where we stopped for a drink, a Mucky Banana for Spike and a Pina Colada for Anne, a deviation from our normal beer. Both were made with a fair amount of fruit and alcohol so starting again took some effort.



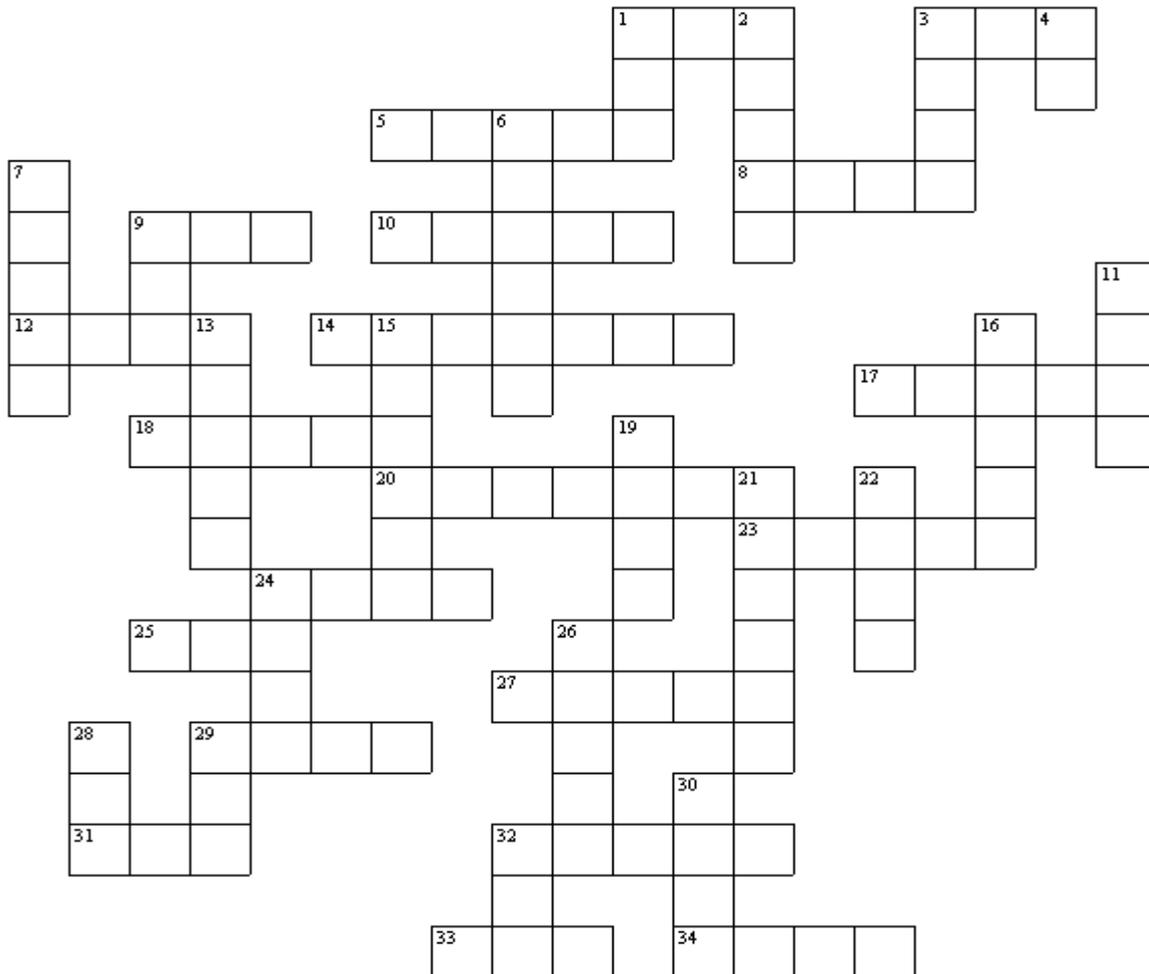
We should have walked straight through the Hyatt Hotel but it was closed for refurbishment so we had to go round to get to the Super Dome (obviously very important to the Americans but it meant very little to us). The most important stop was for coffee in Starbucks a much more familiar place.

Getting into America was tough but the walk made it worthwhile.

Pictures courtesy of Helen Elliott and Anne Welburn

Puzzle Time

Something for after a training walk?



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Forthcoming Events

Events for 2011

April 2011

16th - 17th 30th RAF 2 Day March This is the 30th year for the RAF 2 Day March, walkers must pre-register/enter by the deadline stated – however they can pay on arrival. For more information please visit their website www.rafwarma.org.uk and click on RAF two day march.

May 2011

13th-15th Waendel Weekend Wellingborough Council Walking Club (BWF 78) All events except the swim start: The Castle, Wellingborough (Map 152 GR SP895676) Sue Bull, Council Offices, Swanspool House, Dod-dington Road, Wellingborough, Northants. NN8 1BP

Tel: 01933 229777 Email: waendel-walk@wellingborough.gov.uk

28th - 30th 3 day RAF Lyneham Walk. Contact Herman Boston for more details.

July 2011

10th - 16th 39th Haervejsvandring, Denmark (www.fodslaw.dk)

19th - 22nd 95th International 4 Day Marches, Nijmegen

August 2011

12th 52nd Dodentocht

If you know of other walks that our members would be interested in, please drop me a note or give me a call. My details are at the back of this newsletter.

It might not be an official organised walk you may want to go out on a walk of your own, perhaps enjoying some of the places I mentioned earlier, so even if you are planning your own event and would like company let us know and we can enter it here.

There is also a wonderful website detailing walks available in the Netherlands - <http://www.wandelkalender.nl/2011/meerdaagse.html>

Birthdays

British

- 3 Ben Biggs; Cathie Buridge;
Brian Green; Shaun Perry
- 4 Peter Gardner
- 5 Ian Shearer; Rachel Shirreffs; Naomi
Barton
- 6 Charlotte Rhodes
- 7 Marc Best
- 8 Emma Armitage
- 9 Gareth Miles; Tom Ashdown;
Riannah & Danielle Gayle
- 10 Nigel Goodman
- 11 George Buxton; Richard Courtney;
Stephen Wood
- 12 Tina & Teresa Blanpain; Emily Collins;
George Langlands
- 13 Dan Maggs; Sean Phillips
- 14 George Harmer; Dan Foxwell
- 16 Matthew Cordas; Pascal Munster
- 17 Stefan Webster
- 20 Charles Shaw
- 21 Tanya Newell; Dan Westlake
- 23 Genevieve Williams
- 26 George Beecham MBE;
Marie Dimaline; Janice Wainwright
- 27 Kristina King; Moira Veitch;
Tom Newberry
- 28 David Barber; Andrew Sprules;
Chris Bexhill

Nederlanders

- 1 Lydia Boonen
- 2 Jozien Vercouteren
- 6 Wim Magnin
- 7 Ineke Mulder-Parmentier
- 9 Ria van Nunen-Meijis
- 10 Astrid Rooijen-Jansen
- 11 Theo de Bruijn
- 16 Robert Vliestra
- 17 Niek Rouschop
- 20 Jan Eggink; Jan Effink
- 21 Henk Mounoury
- 26 Coby van Noord

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 25th February 2011**.

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

Katie Elliman
Group Secretary