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Preface

On the eve of the 95th Four Days Marches, it is my pleasure to write a preface for this circular letter. I did this after a brief moment of wonder. Are we already that close the Marches? That surprise was belied by my own words addressed to you earlier. In the past I once wrote that the new Marches often are knocking on our doors faster than we realize. The same goes for the upcoming sixtieth anniversary of our association. Both upcoming events confirm that the time sometimes really seems to fly, although I immediately recognize that for some of us it appears like an eternity before another Marches start. That many people look forward to the upcoming Marches, was also evident this year. Nearly 48,000 people registered and (again) a notary was needed. The images of the beautiful weather during the (Entry of the) Four Days of 2010 still in the back of our head, we can understand the big interest. Perhaps we should count on a little less exuberant summer weather this year. That's not bad, as long as we will have a nice, quiet and fun Marches. Together with the other board am so happy with your strong support and appreciation for Meeting Points of our association during the Marches. We look forward to those small, yet warm moments with the members that pass our Meeting Points, just wave or stop by for a short while. You are also welcome to 2011! I sincerely hope that the 95th will be a good Marches for all our active members. The same goes for our members who are no longer participating, but who enjoy the event in other ways. Against you all I would say: Enjoy that one week in July, in which we begin that sportive job as equals on Tuesday in that special ambience that the Marches have for us. I conclude with wishing you, on behalf of the board, a very happy and successful 95th Four Days to come. I wish, on behalf of all of you, the same to Johan Willemteijn and his hundreds of volunteers.

Henny Sackers,
Chairman



Announcements (by the board)

Contribution for foreign members

Members living abroad who wish to pay the contribution 2012 in cash, can do this on Monday July 18 between 13:00 and 13:50 at the treasurer in the Kolpinghuis. If you pay contribution by bank transfer, you will be notified by us in October.

Cancellation membership

Should you wish to cancel your membership, please let us know before 1 October 2011. Your membership will then be cancelled as from 31 December 2011. We appreciate your cooperation.

Change in personal information

If we move, most of the times we remember to inform relations about the change of address. But would you also be so kind as inform us when your bank number or email address changes. We then can collect the contribution from the right bank account and send e-mails to the correct address. You can pass on mutations to ledenadministratie@goudenkruisdragers.nl. Thanks for the effort.

Still 100 flags for sale

After receiving multiple requests new flags of our association were bought end of 2010. These flags are 50 x 30 cm big and can be put on backpacks for example. A nice way to promote our association. If you would like to order such a flag, please transfer € 17,50 to bank account 375702 on behalf of Goudenkruisdragers vierdaagse in 's-Hertogenbosch. After receiving the amount you will receive the flag.



Lustrum rewards & Tickets flag parade and entry

Lustrum rewards

When this year is a lustrum, our association would like to emphasize that performance with issuing a lustrum reward.

The presentation of these awards will take place at the next reunion, this year on September 10 in Cuijk and your name will appear in the next circular letter published in December.

If you are unable to attend the reunion, the reward can – only on request – be send to you.

Note:

You are only entitled to a reward if you return the enclosed coupon before the date mentioned, you are a member of our association for at least 2 years AND of course completed the 2011 4DAAGSE successfully. If this is not the case, then, unfortunately, we cannot give you a reward nor will your name be mentioned in the circular letter of December

Tickets flag parade

When you would like to order tickets for the flag parade on Sunday July 17, 2011, we kindly ask you to fill out and return the enclosed coupon before July 1, 2011. Unfortunately we cannot offer you these these tickets free of charge anymore. The 4DAAGSE sells these tickets this year for € 5,- per ticket to participants. Your board decided to bear half of these costs. We therefore ask € 2,50 per ticket. This amount wil also be charged for reserved, but uncollected tickets.

The ordered tickets can be collected on Sunday July 17 in the “Legal Affairs” office of the 4DAAGSE on the Wedren between 1 and 5 p.m. This office is in the Meanderschool. The entry to the building is on the Wedren-side.

Tickets entry stand

These tickets are available for a select group of our members. It concerns members who finished at least 35 times the 4 Days Marches in 2011 according regulations and who are at least for 2 years a member of our association.

36x to 39x 1 ticket free and 1 card for € 7,00

40x to 49x 2 tickets free [maximum].

50x or more 2 tickets free for the headstand [if available!].

The tickets can be collected between 1 and 1:50 pm in the Kolpinghuis on Monday July 18.

For members who are walking this year for the 50th or 60th time, we make an exception concerned the stand cards at the entry. The foundation 4DAAGSE will get in touch with these jubilees them self and will reach out stand cards to them. If these jubilees appear on our list of requests for tickets, then it quiet often happens that these cards won't be given twice! Unfortunately we cannot change this rule.

The foundation 4DAAGSE also depends on the cards they can give away themselves

**Please send this request sheet before July 1 2011 to:
Mrs. F. de Leeuw-de Bruijn, Wedesteinbroek 2007, 6546 RS Nijmegen**

4 Days Marches news

- The wrist band remains in 2011, but en route the check points are equipped with the old fashioned cutter. The "Controle" will be done as in the past by cutting the control card. Military detachments and civilian groups will be experimenting with a combination of wrist band and a chip this year. For these walkers 'mats' are placed at certain places with which registration is done en route. Only when this system appears to work smoothly, it will be considered if all walkers will receive the same.
- On Sunday, July 17, 2011 the Marches will be opened with the traditional Flag Parade. The theme this year is "Wonderful World". Main artist is Belle Perez. Tickets will not be for free this year. One can obtain tickets through our association or on Sunday, July 17, 2011 at the Start and Finish Area, or at the cash register at the Goffertstadion.
- A larger change of the route on the second day for all distances. After passing the center of Wychen and the district Veenhof the route doesn't go through the industrial area Bijsterhuizen, but through the Woeziksestraat to Schoenaker, then via the 22nd street Bijsterhuizen to the 'old route' namely Wilhelminalaan heading towards Beuningen. Smaller changes are on the third day of the military (return route to Heumensoord) and of the 50 km route (on the loop after Milsbeek in the municipality of Gennep). Of all the infrastructural work, which currently take place in and around Nijmegen, it is expected to be completed before July 15.
- Military participants will receive their medals on Friday at Charlemagne again, similar to some years ago. But they will still have to continue to walk into the Entry, and to check whether the Entry was walked indeed, they will walk over "mats" after the Start and Finish Terrain.
- The Executive Committee has said goodbye to Hans Gilissen. Forty years he was active in the Marches, in recent decades as head Julianaplein (30 km and groups). Hans was awarded the Gold Medal in Devotion for all his commitment to the Marches and walkers during a party in 2010. Only six times, this award was given to someone before. Due to Hans' departure, the following organizational changes were made: Eugene Heman (formerly coordinator distance 50 km) was named Head Julianaplein (50 and 30 km), and Leonie Vink (formerly 40 km distance coordinator) was named Head Wedren. Huub Langeweg (formerly Citizen Groups) has been appointed deputy head.
- The new regulation for people who are drawn out (people who want to participate for the first time) is a success. Those who had been drawn out were given a reserve number from the notary, which could lead to participation

through a waiting list once other participants withdrew. So far about six hundred debutants could be made happy through this regulation.

- It does not seem that heavy cuts in the Defense budget will have a major impact on the organization of the Marches. The effects will be felt here and there, but not in a volume that led the Marches with great concern. The forecast indicates that the number of military walkers will be similar to last year.
- The Marches themselves are increasingly concerned with sustainability. For some years it is tried to establish reduction in paper usage. Agreements with suppliers on issues in the field of environmental awareness are being made. On the Start and Finish Area will be started with plastic waste separation.
- The latest news is available on our website.

Invitation General Meeting July 18th 2011

You are hereby invited to the General Assembly on Monday, July 18, 2010.

The meeting will be held in the Kolpinghuis, Smetiusstraat 1 in Nijmegen, and will start at 2 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Opening of the Assembly by the Chair
2. Documents received
3. Board announcements
4. General Meeting April 2, 2011 minutes (published in this circular letter)
5. The 95th Four Days Marches
6. Reunion 2011 in Cuijk
7. Proposed date and place of 2012 reunion
8. Proposals by board and/or members, if applicable
9. Any other business
10. Closing and Four Days Marches song

Please submit your questions to the Secretary in writing and no later than one week prior to the Assembly. This will allow the Board to do research if necessary.

If KNBLO or Stichting De 4DAAGSE wishes to address the Assembly, they will do so immediately after the Opening.

Prior to printing this magazine, the Board did not expect to make any proposals.

The Board anticipates closing the Assembly no later than 3 p.m.

Minutes General Meeting dating April 2, 2011

The meeting starts at 11.30 in the Kolpinghuis in Nijmegen; there are 32 members present with right to vote including member of merit Gien LAngen, honorary Bert van der Lans and six members of the board.

1. Opening by the chairman

The Chairman welcomes anyone at this general meeting at the Kolpinghuis. This meeting is the annual meeting in the 59th year of the association (the minutes of the general members meeting on 10th April 2010 mention also the 59th year of the association. (This is a mistake in the minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2010). A special welcome to the member of merit Gien Langen - van Kolck and honorary Bert van der Lans. A special welcome also for new members of the association and members that attend for the first time.



The chairman opens the meeting

The chairman recalls that he said he had prepared a welcome speech in 19 languages last year. Mr. Van Amerom reacted to that and the chairman had to admit humbly that he bragged. The speaker won't repeat that this morning. The chairman prepared a welcome speech in seven languages. Due to the fact that no members

from abroad are attending, this part will be skipped. Then he indicates everyone the attendance and presents the members of the board. Frans Leijtens is absent due to his military obligations in his function as captain of the royal air force.

In this meeting the board is accountable to the members about the last year of the association. The last year was a year with a regular Vierdaagse. A Vierdaagse that we all enjoyed. The years with a regular Vierdaagse are maybe just the best. The ardent desire of a member to remain dry during the last kilometers of the entry in Nijmegen was more than met. The weather was sunny not only during the entry but during the entire Vierdaagse and that did not happen for quite some years.

The summer was so nice, that for the first time since the disastrous Vierdaagse in 2006, the scenario Weather Extremes was made operational. The chairman reminded the communication of the march leader during our meeting on Monday for the Vierdaagse. There was, it turned out, an important role for the weather conditions: the great luck we had during the heavy storm on Wednesday in the week before the event. Camp Heumensoord was just put into use, the Wedren still under construction. Especially the fact that one was capable to organize a Vierdaagse with (on day 1) tropical temperatures. For the first time the scenario Weather Extremes was operational. On Tuesday: 1 hour earlier start (03.00 hours), the 30km even 1 ½ hours earlier (06.00 hours), and lots of water on the Oosterhoutsedijk.

The association and the organization of the Vierdaagse have received lots of grateful letters and emails from walkers. Some walkers have a different opinion; the chairman illustrates this with quotes from a letter of walker Willem T. from Hilversum.

The chairman recalls some details from the last Vierdaagse:

- The great changes in the layout of Wedren that worked out fine
- A well appreciated Flag Parade, with great singing / acting of Ellen ten Damme
- A successful completion of the entry without jams or special events
- Farewell to Service Hans Gilissen: after 40 years of continuous service. He was awarded the gold medal in Vierdaagse dedication, the sixth in history.

The chairman reminds the novelties of 2010. At first the wristband that has functioned well but has caused problems with scanning at checkpoints on day 1 and day 2 and raised sometimes serious response against those checks. The attendants of the meeting all know the outcome: the organization responded quickly and decided Wednesday evening. The inspectors stopped scanning, took again their punches and started punching tickets after the Vierdaagse had 80,000 tickets printed. Everybody was happy again.

In the meantime a more complete image exists of what caused all the trouble, said the chairman. The ambition was to scan all walkers on-line. However the enormous amount of activities in the air during the marches (police, emergency services, NRK, UC radio/television and of course GSM and iPhones) blocked the scanners. It took

sometimes more than twelve seconds to send the data of an individual walker. Among other things that caused problems was the scanning of a can of Coca Cola.

The chairman recalls the completion of the 50th Vierdaagse of Mr. R. van Breukelen (Delft), the 55th Vierdaagse mr. J Luijten (Hellevoetsluis) and (albeit no lustrum) the 63rd Vierdaagse of honorary Mr. van der Lans without doing injustice to others.

This Vierdaagse was exciting for the board as well. The board got the permission from the members to proceed with the meeting points. Thanks to all volunteers the meeting points were again successful. The new association flags served well, the chairman said proudly.

A mystery was solved in 2010 the chairman continued. The members asked the board to take care of the signs that indicate the meeting points. What happens? In 2009 we lost one of those signs. This sign was probably taken by another organization and that was probably discovered later. Out of remorse (or shame) the unintentional thief replaced the board again in 2010 at about the same position it was taken from in 2009.

The number of members of our association is growing steadily. An invitation for membership was sent to a large group of new Goldcrossbearers shortly after the Vierdaagse. Potential members that completed the marches 21 to 25 times have been approached as well. Altogether we welcomed two hundred new members.

The chairman recalls the reunion on September 11th in Middelburg at the city theatre. The reunion was hospitable, the program was entertaining and the attendance was beautiful. The weather was also very lovely. The chairman thanks the organizing committee Mrs Poppe, Mrs. Groenewoud, Mr. and Mrs. Vooijs-Hamsen and the member of the board Francie de Leeuw.

Altogether it was a quiet year in which the board has made plans to improve the communication with the members of the association. The board will take special care of the content and design of the circulars, the website and the flyers through which the association is presented during the Vierdaagse. The goal is to bring the association closer to their members. This will be achieved with the help of social media like Hyves, Facebook, etc.

But first, the chairman continues, a moment to remember those that have passed away in 2010. The chairman reads out the names of those members known by the board as well as the name of the former march leader of the Vierdaagse Chris Bos, who is not a member of the association. The assembly reminds them and their significance to us with a moment of silence.

2. Documents received and board announcements

The board received some messages of members who were not able to attend. The treasurer received a letter from K.N.B.L.O.-wandelsportorganisatie Nederland to inform us about the possible alternatives for various types of memberships are explained. It could well be that K.N.B.L.O.-NL will introduce new types of memberships which will most likely affect the contribution we make to them. The treasurer will come back on this letter at agenda item 9, the budget for the year 2012.

The chairman continues with some board announcements. The board has the intention to continue with the meetings points during the marches in 2011. Mr. M. Claassen (Nijmegen) reported that he once arrived at a meeting point where the were out of drinks already. Not shocking, he adds, but a concern. Mr. Van der Lans agrees that the meeting points are indeed a good means to enhance the visibility of our association.

The chairman continues to state that the 60-year anniversary approaches. The board hopes to surprise the members this year with, amongst others, a special edition of our circular letter. Our birthday, July 24, falls just after the Four Days Week. The anniversary will be celebrated with a special edition of our reunion on September 10, 2011 in Cuijk

In January, the board has had an informal meeting with the leadership of THE 4DAAGSE Foundation. Topics that came to the table were, amongst others, the forthcoming budget cuts in the Defense Department, which will also have effect on The Marches; shifts between the military contingents; an adjustment in the Limitation Protocol: this year a "spijtoptant" is introduced: if a walk companion is drawn out, a walker that did made the draw can withdraw, with a refund of the registration fee, due to which someone else can participate. The "Project ViaVierdaagse" will be held for the 3rd time. Also, a new regulation will be implemented for walkers who suffer serious injury, caused at the hands of third parties, in the last 5 km of the entry, in case it is evident that medical assistance needs to get priority over timely arrival at the finish. There is also a change in the route of day 2 (and a minor change on day 3). These are now published on the websites of our association, and that of the Marches. Ordered tickets for the Flag parade on Sunday can be collected between 13.00 and 17.00 hours on the Wedren, just like the ordered tickets for the entry; the latter can also, as usual, be collected before the general meeting in the Kolpinghuis. This year the tickets for the parade will no longer be for free. The chairman concludes the summary of the meeting with that for the checks along the route both wrist band and old-fashion paper card will be used. Groups and military detachments will work with some kind of chip and mats that they need to walk over.

A member asked whether Verhoeven hall will fall outside the route. The chairman could reassure her, it will not. Another member wondered - now including the wristband is motivated by the wish to go against fraud - how much fraud is taking place. The chairman indicates that the motive is not devoid of reason. Mr. Claassen can imagine that with him perhaps less likely there will be an "identity issue" but calls attention to the

quality of the wristbands. Mrs Van Slageren has questions about the wristband too. Mr. Woordes alludes to a walking event in Halfweg.

The chairman said that the ambition to scan en route will be waived. Through experiments one searches for long term steady, reliable alternatives for the future.

3. Minutes general meeting 19 July 2010

The minutes were adopted unchanged, with thanks to the Secretary.

4. Annual report of the board on 2010

The chairman's addressed the annual report of the Secretary. Mr. Claassen's report notes that both the terms "Golden-Cross Bearers" and "Gold Cross Bearers" are used, and calls for uniformity. (Writers Note: Our secretary used the first term for our members). The Chairman confirms this and indicates that the statutory term will henceforth be used. Similarly, in the last line of the section K.N.B.L.O.-wandelsportorganisatie Nederland is read "Nederlandse Wandelsport Bond".

The Chairman addressed the Annual Report of the Treasurer and adds that it is so clear that it needs no explanation from the Treasurer. That was indeed the case.

5. Report of the audit committee

Mr. Purmer of the Audit Committee was given the floor. He explained that the service fee from the K.N.B.L.O.-wandelsportorganisatie Nederland will be reduced while the amount of the payment to this organization is under discussion. So, the financial future is an issue. But right now there is a great asset. The association's records are properly kept. The Audit Committee proposes to discharge the Board on the financial statements of 2010, with gratitude for all the work, said Mr. Purmer.



Some of the members present

The chairman asked the members to authorize the board to be discharged on the year 2010. Members voted in favor through applause.

Then the chairman asked the meeting to confirm the Annual Report 2010, taking into account the matters discussed in the previous agenda item. Members adopted the report by acclamation.

6. Appointment of the Audit Committee 2011

The Chairman reported that Mr Purmer has the wish to quit as member / chairman of the Audit Committee. The speaker expressed his gratitude for the many commendable work. The Board proposes to nominate the current members of the Audit Committee for reappointment. With that, the Audit Committee consists of Mr. Vermeer, Mr. Van der Maden and Mr. Van Slageren (the latter as a member instead of 1st reserve). Members ratify the appointment of the Audit Committee in this composition. The chairman calls on members to ensure continuity and there to stand as a new reserve member.

7. Budget 2012 and the proposed contribution

The chairman declares that the board proposes the contribution for 2012 to be € 16,30 (with the reduction of € 7,30 in case one is charged by another association). The speaker refers to the words of the funding commission with regard to the future of the financial relationship with the walking association KNBLO-NL and calls upon the treasurer, Mrs. Van den Heuvel who then explains that, if the plans of the walking association KNBLO-NL will be implemented it will mean that the contribution to this organisation will rise to the extent that this then will have to be passed on to the contribution of the members. With regard to the 2012 budget, this would mean that the contribution should be € 1,20 higher than proposed by the Board in order to cover the costs. According to the treasurer the board has not agreed to this extra rise because of the associations' capital situation at present. The assembly lays down the budget for 2012.

8. Election of the Board

The members of the Board, Mrs. Francien van den Heuvel and mr. Arjan Versteeg both are periodically retiring and have offered themselves for re-election as no other candidates for the positions have been reported to the Board. The Chairman has asked the members' permission to abandon voting on paper; after the members have agreed he then asks permission to agree with voting by acclamation. Again the members agree. Both members of the board are re-elected by acclamation. On behalf of the re-elected members of the board, the chairman thanks those present for the renewed trust.

9. (Other) proposals of the Board

The chairman declares that the board has no intention to put it's proposals before the members.

10. Proposals made by the members

Mr. Kilwinger (Oosterhout) explains the three proposals he has put before the Board:

- To hand out an encouragement medal to youngsters (13, 14 or 15 years of age) who complete the “Vierdaagse”.
- To give youngster priority in taking part in the “Via Vierdaagse”.
- To let youngsters enrol within the first enrolment period.

After a discussion, proposals 1 and 2 are turned down. As the votes are equal with regard to proposal 3, the board will think it over. Mr. Peeters (Duiven) notes that it is important to take the numbers of the possible participating youngsters into account when re-considering proposal 3.

The chairman thanks Mr. Kilwinger for his contribution to the meeting.

11. Questions before closure of meeting

The chairman would very much like to disclose more about the way the 60th anniversary will be remembered but he will do so at a later time.

Mr. Claassen has a problem with the present format of the lustrum reward; the board will take his remark into consideration.

Mr. Boerhof (Smilde) informs the meeting of his plans for a reunion in Veenhuizen. The location for the reunion is expected to be extremely busy because of the national ‘Open Monuments Day’ on the second Saturday in September. He wonders whether it would be possible to let the reunion take place one week earlier or one week later than the usual date. The chairman replies that, although the association values traditions, exceptions can be made.

Mrs. Van Westen (Breda) almost fell down during the last entry into Nijmegen city, this was caused by the funnel on the St. Annastraat. The chairman replies that the board will take her remark into account but points out that improvements on this situation are limited.

Mrs. Zaal-Berkelaar and Mrs. Honkoop (Vinkeveen) put in a question about the height of the contribution to the association, in case one has another membership elsewhere. Mrs. Van den Heuvel replies that one should put this question primarily to the other walking association. She adds that the KNBLO-NL keeps track of double memberships, however the manner in which the membership administrators are informed of the mutations is not always correct.

Member of the board Mrs. De Leeuw informs those present of the programme of the reunion which is to be held in Cuijk on 10th September 2011. At 9.30 hrs. there is an assembly nearby the boat in Cuijk which will sail to Venlo. Expected time of arrival is 13.00 hrs. There are 250 tickets available for this event.

Mr. Claassen reminds Mrs. De Leeuw of the parking fines people received 20 years ago. Mrs. De Leeuw assures everyone that this time there is sufficient parking space.

12. Closure

Chairman thanks those present for their discipline which enabled the meeting to finish as planned. The 95th “Vierdaagse” will start 107 days, 3 hours and 57 minutes after having spoken this last sentence. The chairman wishes everyone an enjoyable lunch which unfortunately he cannot attend due to obligations elsewhere.

In memoriam

After appearance of the last circular letter, we have received notice of the decease of the following people:

Mr.	M.C.M. Aarden	1921	Roosendaal
Mr.	C.G.T. van Aggel	1935	Eindhoven
Mr.	F.J.L. Gollenbeek	1942	Oldenzaal
Mr.	W. Jasper	1930	Maasbracht
Mr.	A. Kreffer	1934	's-Gravenhage
Mr.	J. Roos	1916	Amstelveen
Mr.	A.P. Straathof	1936	Roosendaal
Mrs.	J.C.J.M. de Vries-Van Zwam	1929	Grave
Mr.	A.C. van der Waal	1926	Bergen op Zoom

Our condolences go out to the relatives.

REUNION 2011 WITH OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY AS THEME

In light of our 60th anniversary, we will make a nice boat trip on September 10.

You will be expected at 09.30 a.m. on party ship "Jan van Cuijk" which lies at the quay at Waaistraat 1 in Cuijk. This is next to "our pontoon bridge" during the 4 Days Marches.

There is sufficient free parking space on the quay and if you come by train, it is about a 15-minute walk. You can follow the route of the 4 Days Marches through Cuijk and you will end up at the ship.

We will sail at exactly 10.00 a.m. so you have to make sure to be in time. Otherwise you will miss the boat.

We will sail the river Maas for about 3 hours via Roermond to Venlo where we will moure at around 1 p.m. for a visit to this historic town. Around 2 p.m. you will come back on board the ship and we will sail back to Cuijk.



On arrival we will welcome you with coffee and around noon lunch will be served including soup and sandwiches.

Around 4 p.m. you will be offered a cold and warm buffet which will be ended with ice cream with fresh fruit.

Of course the lustrum rewards will be given away during our trip.

We expect to be back in Cuijk around 5:30 p.m.



For all of this, we ask a small contribution of: € 32.50

Note: there is only space for 250 guests, so:

First come, first served.

On behalf of the board; Francien van de Heuvel, Francie de Leeuw.

4 DAYS MASS 2011

The board of the foundation “Vierdaagsemiss” has the pleasure to invite you for the festive celebration of the 50th 4 Days Mass prior to the 95th International 4 Days Marches.

This mass takes place in the St. Stevenskerk in Nijmegen on Sunday July 17 2011 and starts at 10.00 a.m.

The theme of the mass is:

'GRATITUDE'.

Ministers are reverent H. Gols and chaplain C. Crolla.

Music is provided by the Parnassuskoor (choir) from Wijchen in cooperation with the Mediorenkoor van de Dukenburg (choir) from Nijmegen with assistance of an orchestra.

The whole is led by Rob Engels. The König-organ is played by Cor van Wageningen.

The church will be open at 09.00 a.m.

Those who are entitled to wear the 4 Days Marches Cross are requested to do so.

The board of the foundation,

Marcel Claassen, Gien Langen- van Kolck en Peter Roumen

Meeting Points

Just like last year, our association will have meeting points (MP) along the routes. As with previous years you can meet fellow members and enjoy a refreshment. The meeting points are not intended to be a full blown rest area. It has to be a place where people can (schedule to) meet or where you can introduce people to our association.

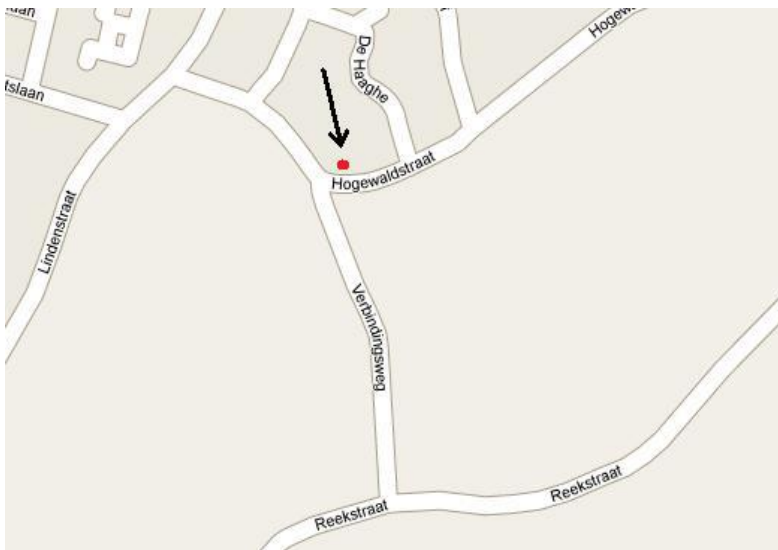
Every day the meeting points will be announced by signs like the ones right:



Meeting Point Day 1.

The 1st day the MP will be in Oosterhout, just before turning left on the Waaldijk (dyke), on the left hand side of the Dorpsstraat. The photos below give you a first impression.





Meeting Point Day 2.

The MP on the 2nd day can be found in Beuningen on the Hogewaldstraat, number 16, close to the crossing with the Verbindingsweg.



Meeting Point Day 3.

On the 3rd day, you can find the MP at the Oude Kleefsebaan 123a, which is at the right hand side, just before leaving Berg en Dal; The square in front of the church (Parochie De Verrijzenis) gives us a nice location close to the road.



Ook dit jaar staan de dezelfde vrijwilligers voor u klaar om u te voorzien van een drankje. Wij hopen wederom vele leden op onze Meeting Points te mogen ontmoeten!



Four Days Marches Anthem

Natuur gaf ons een motor mee
van 't allerbeste merk
Gaf ons een hart en longenpaar,
Gezond, gaaf, goed en sterk.
En een paar flinke benen,
een groot geluk op aard'
Wie die niet leert gebruiken
is niet zo'n motor waard.
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is niet zo'n motor waard.

Wij lopen de Vierdaagse mee
vol levenslust en moed.
Als goede lopers blijven wij,
altijd op goede voet.
Want wij zijn één voor allen
en allen zijn wij één.
Zo willen wij door Neêrland
en door het leven heen.
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en door het leven heen.

