

EXPEDITIONS

Doing something epic, eccentric or generally exciting?
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Who? Jack Toulson, 33. Wilderness medic. Intrepid equine explorer. Biscuit lover.

What? A 1,200-mile expedition around the eastern steppe of Mongolia with a map, a compass, two horses and a dog.

When? 1 July - 5 October.

Why? Principally for an adventure. The north eastern portion of Mongolia remains one of the last places to encounter nomadic horsemen in the world. Raising funds for CAMDA is a crucial element: it will continue to support the rural population of Mongolia

long after I have ridden over the horizon. Travelling long distances by horse is often seen as the most tedious form of transport – it requires more sacrifice and knowledge than pedals or petrol. That is exactly why it is also the most rewarding.

Why should we read your blog? The Adventurer's Guild is a concept I dreamt up after too much cheese on toast. I love the idea of weary adventurers gathering together to regale their daring tales. It isn't that. It is however a sort of online, dusty, dark-panelled guild of old. Occasional messages from the road may appear. Probably something about blisters.

@JGToulson; www.justgiving.com/MongolianLongride;
<http://theadventurersguild.simplesite.com>



Who: Steve Bradeley from the UK and Roseli Fonseca from Brazil.

What? A 750-day trek across the world to raise much-needed funds for Cancer Research. We'll go through Europe, Greece, Turkey, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand.

When? Setting off on 25 July.

Why? Raising funds for Cancer Research. Some members of my family have the not-so-publicised BRCA gene. Nine years ago I lost my sister to breast cancer and three years ago my youngest sister also contracted this horrible disease but is in remission now, thankfully.

Why should we read your blog? Our daily updates will be interesting and inspiring because both Rose and I are middle-aged regular hikers. I suffered a heart attack some years ago after the stress of unemployment in the UK and of course the fact that the BRCA gene devastated our family.

<https://ourlongwalk2015.wordpress.com>



Who? Five men in our 40s from Shropshire.

What? Rowing the navigable length of the Amazon (2,077 miles from Nauta, Peru, to Belem, Brazil) unsupported. It will be only the second time this has been accomplished.

When? November 2015. We hope to do it in 30 days. Two crew members will be rowing at all times with another team member

navigating, allowing the two further people to sleep. You will be able to follow the team (and our trusty boat *The Bishop*) in real-time via a tracking system.

Why? To raise awareness of and funds for a variety of UK charities: Hope House Children's Hospices, Caudwell Children, Severn Hospice, Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research and Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Why should we read your blog? The majority of the team have only been rowing for a couple of years, which means that this challenge of epic proportions is being undertaken by a bunch of middle-aged amateurs! Our blog will give you a laugh, as well as keep you informed of our progress from start to finish.

www.amazon-row.com; @AmazonRow2015;
Facebook (Search for 'Row the Amazon 2015')

Who? A brace of comedians from Canada, New Zealand and Ireland.

What? We're headed to Everest's base camp to do a little stand-up comedy show.

When? This October.

Why? Ha ha... Yes why... a question I can't stop asking myself. Because God found out about my severe OA diagnosis in both hips and he/she/it wanted to have a real wheeze. Oh and to raise some dough for Save the Children UK while at the same time setting a record for the highest stand-up comedy show ever performed. (That's 'highest altitude' btw, as the record for the highest stand-up comedy show ever performed would face stiffer competition and require greater lung power.)

Why should we read your blog? Because you're bored out of your skull, desperate or devoid of all other options? Or perhaps just to track the progress of six hapless, multi-national and largely dysfunctional joke slingers doing what they don't do best; trekking breathlessly into increasingly thinning air to perform that which they do best; brilliant comedy for a worthy cause. **AT**

www.standuponeverest.co.uk

