



UK to Myanmar 2021 And Back Again 16,065 miles

Our Virtual Expedition

14th February 2021

Headline Figures

Number of Teams Walking, Running, Cycling and Riding: 43

Number of Legs Complete: 17

Distance Travelled: 1,946 miles

Cumulative Distance Travelled: 10,411 miles

Distance Still To Travel: 5,654 miles

Money Raised for Ahtutu so far: £2,207.55

This Weeks Travels

Despite the cold weather this last week we have maintained good progress on our journey, with another whopping 1924 miles travelled - best week so far! The end is in sight

We keep hearing about how much the walking is helping people during lockdown. We feel exactly the same, and certainly I feel that early morning and then lunchtime walk really helps with the concentration. Time away from the home office screen is vital.

Through your kindness the Ahtutu Charity has raised a substantial amount of money. Thank you. We are so grateful. Clearly we cannot send that money overseas to Myanmar at the moment but, rest assured, the Ahtutu team will ensure that the money is used wisely. We will of course let you know how the money you raised has been spent when we are in a position to engage more on that local level.

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The situation in Myanmar worsens day by day as the military junta release 23,000 convicts on the understanding that they disrupt demonstrations, attack demonstrators and set fire to their homes. Read more at <https://www.ahtutucharity.org.uk/articlesetc/> . Mary is in daily touch with her students and friends and so far they are safe and well but understandably upset and scared.

So, how are we doing?

Here is a list of where we are with the trip, showing each leg and the percentage of that route travelled. If your percentage is lower than others then don't worry about it. Some groups have a single person doing them, some have multiple people travelling the leg. All that matters is that we, as a whole team eventually walk every one of the 16,065 miles. (We are asking people who've completed legs to help complete others, so if it suits you to have a bit of help, we'd be glad to arrange it.)

Leg	% Walked	Leg	% Walked
1	30	31	81
2	75	32	Complete
3	Complete	33	Complete
4	Complete	34	50
5	22	35	45
6	69	36	80
7	Complete	37	52
8	69	38	Complete
9	27	39	37
10	Complete	40	35
11	60	41	65
12	57	42	94
13	26	43	37
14	56	44	0
15	48	45	Complete
16	32	46	59
17	Complete	47	69
18	52	48	57
19	Complete	49	31
20	Complete	50	71
21	48	51	40
22	82	52	66
23	78	53	Complete
24	78	54	Complete
25	Complete	55	22
26	Complete	56	74
27	Complete	57	12
28	Complete	58	76
29	93	59	70
30	41	60	34

Our first piece this week is from Tracey, who now resides in France. Those of you from Viva and Soham will know Tracey well. Those of you in Witchford might recognise the face too, as she lived in the village for a few years. Keith first met Tracey many years ago, through Viva, and along with others even did tap dancing lessons together. Tracey was pretty decent, Keith wasn't. So without further ado here is Tracey's latest post about her walk.....

"Yay! The Beret Bunch are nearly half way to the Munich finish point. We have just passed through Klagenfurt which is a stunning looking place. Lots to keep everyone occupied from their fine building structures, botanical gardens plus the stunning lake Worthersee with mountain views. Minimundus is nearby too which is a miniature park displaying over 150 models of architecture from around the world. If you like heights, which I don't, then you will love Pyramidenkogel. An observation tower perched at an altitude of 920 metres with 360 degree views. You have the choice of getting down the safer way by stairs or lift. (This would be my option ha ha) or if you fancy something a little more exciting you can take the 120m slide down which reaches up to speeds of 25km hour. Eek!

Back to reality and France. The weather here has been horrendous constantly raining for weeks with lots of flooding but the good news is that this week it looks dry and the temperatures are rising to hopefully 18 with sunny days. Lots to smile about.

*Have a good week everyone
Tracey x*



Next up here is a piece from Maggie Brackenridge. Maggie, an Australian by birth was also until recently a long term resident in Soham, before moving to France. Like Tracey, Maggie has deep connections to the Viva theatre group.

“We made it! Yesterday The Whirling Dervishes completed Leg 10 from The Blue Mosque in Istanbul to Ankara Kalesi, a total distance of 265 miles.

The final part was just 31 miles, our pace slowed by muddy paths and being one man down, as Carrick’s knee is troubling him. But Hamish and I ventured out in a mix of weathers and quite fittingly finished the journey at our own chateau just across the river in St Germain de Confolens. Our next task is Leg 46 in Iran, starting in the beautiful city of Isfahan and travelling 292 miles to Kuhdasht, for which we are delighted to be pairing up with Jayne Gardner...and I’m sure Reg and Hamish will have a great time doggy chatting along the way!”

