Due to road closure along Sywell Road there will be no access to OG’s Memorial Sportsfield from Hardwick Road/ Moonshine Gap (A43). Access will only be available from Park Farm Industrial Estate.

**From the M1/A45** Continue to Wilby Roundabout (Macdonalds), take A509 to Sainsbury’s roundabout, take Park Farm Way (A509) to Sywell Road, Left on to Sywell Road to Sportsfield.

**From the A14** leave at J9 to join A509, follow A509 through Isham and Great Harrowden to roundabout. Turn right to take Niort Way (A509) to Sywell Road, turn right on to Sywell Road to Sportsfield

**From Here to There & Back**

**Long route**

TR = turn right, TL = turn left, L=left, R=right, FB=footbridge, BW= bridleway, FP=footpath, CONT=continue, AH=ahead, X=cross, THRU=through, KG=kissing gate, WM=waymarker, TK=track, SLOT=same line of travel, CB xxx=compass bearing xxx,

Km=Kilometres, ST=stile,

**Start: Wellingborough Grammarians Memorial Sports Field GR: SP 856 690**

From rear of clubhouse CONT AH along side of football pitch, up bank and CONT to small pond with white wooden fence. Pass to the right of pond and TL (*pond on left*), fork right to trees, AH THRU trees to X small bridge, TL on enclosed path to road, X road and TL, CONT AH to T-junction, TR onto BW opposite, pass THRU double metal farm gates. AH on BW with hedge on your R for two fields to metal farm gate. THRU gate, TL onto wide grass TK, and CONT along L hand field edge to reach wooden gate on L just before double metal gate. (**This next field maybe overgrown)** Go THRU wooden gate and with hedge on your R CONT around field edge for 350 metres to gap in hedge. Pass THRU hedge gap, TR to field corner, TL, AH to road with ditch on your R. **1.5 miles GR 843 685**

Bear R across road to FP sign, BR THRU gap to WM, AH across field (CB 188) aiming for gap in trees AH and WM. THRU hedge gap SLOT across second field to waymarked gap to R of tree. SLOT across third field to WM 100 metres up from R hand field corner. AH across fourth field (CB 180) to FP sign in L hand corner and road in Mears Ashby. **2.5 miles GR 840 669**

TR on road and AH to T-junction, TR to follow North Street, passing phone box and school on your R to follow road around to the L (Earls Barton Road). TR opposite Tinkers Crescent onto wide grassy TK. AH with hedge on R to CONT down to earth bridge. **GR 831 667**

X earth bridge, TR and with stream on your R AH, ignoring FB on R & in 80 metres where stream bends R, TL (CB 250) up grassy path to meet hedge. Turn ½ R (CB 290) to X field to large tree ahead. THRU large hedge gap, TL after passing tree trunk bench and CONT AH around field turning R then L to reach left hand field corner, TL THRU gap in hedge to road in Sywell. **3.7 miles GR 824 671**

TR along road towards the village green. After Home Farm sign on L, TL down Church Lane, with church on your R to T-junction. TR along Ecton Lane for 200 metres to T-junction. X road (with care), TL along Overstone Road for 1.5 KM, passing Sywell Primer School on L, Overstone sign on R, village hall on L, village store on R, and in 370 metres pass cream cottage (Little Willows) on R, TR at FP sign (signed Holcot 3¾ miles) onto farm TK. **5.1 miles GR 807 664**

AH on TK to X ST to R of metal gate, CONT on TK to where it turns L, CONT AH with high bank on your L. When high bank finishes AH on obvious path to trees. Follow path THRU spinney, on exiting spinney AH to WM on tree AH of you. THRU hedge gap to X field (CB 350) aiming for farm buildings. Bear L to farm TK, AH on TK to road. **6 Miles GR 803 678**

**X road with great care this is the A43 a very busy road.**

AH on Rectory Farm access road opposite. When you reach the farm bear L THRU metal gate (gate may be open) onto concrete TK and X ST in L corner. TR as waymarked and with farm on your R AH to farm gates, THRU gates (if gates are locked then over ST and wooden bridge that is to the L of gates). X field (CB 320) to ST. Over ST and X field (CB 000) aiming for R of large clump of trees, AH to farm TK in R hand field corner (white disc on pole). AH on TK for 500 metres to where TK turns right, AH on overgrown enclosed path (*opening maybe hidden by brambles*) with wire fence on L to X ST.

AH with hedge on your right, just pass the end of barn bear left onto tarmac TK, TR on TK, AH to ST to R of metal gate, X ST. AH 25 meters to FP sign at T-junction, TR onto Back Lane, AH for 50 metres to village hall and checkpoint on R.

**CHECKPOINT 1 HOLCOT VILLAGE HALL 7.6 MILES GR793 696**

**OPEN 10.00 CLOSE 15.00**

Leave checkpoint, TL onto Back Lane and AH to memorial, X road, and TR to reach crossroads. At crossroads TL (signed Brixworth 3, Market Harborough 14), AH along Brixworth Road to reach Pitsford Causeway sign and ST on L. TL to pass over ST, X field (CB 230) to ST. Over ST, AH down enclosed path. After 300 metres X concrete sleeper bridge, TR for 10 metres to FP sign, TL as signed onto wide FP. AH on wide path with hedge on your L for 350 metres, passing cricket ground on your L to reach access road. X access road, AH for 170 metres ignoring large gap on L to reach FP sign. **GR 782 693**

TL THRU hedge gap to X field to FP sign on opposite side, TR down FP for 270 metres to KG. THRU KG, over wooden FB, TL THRU another KG; CONT with wire fence on your L for 180 metres to WM at edge of clump of trees. As signed AH THRU trees to X wooden FB, up steps to WM, X field edge (CB260) to wooden FB, X FB to CONT down L hand field edge, with tree line on L for 260 metres to WM in corner. TR for 25 metres, TL THRU KG, AH to KG opposite (ignoring KG on L). THRU KG, AH across field edge with hedge on L to KG at edge of clump of trees, THRU KG bearing L to X wooden FB. AH along TK for 280 metres, when TK bends R, (GR 771 689) bear L (CB 238) on faint path THRU trees. AH on path for 450 metres to double metal gates. Pass to L of gates to lane, TL on lane to junction with Fox Lodge on your R and Moulton Grange on your L. TR to follow road for 400 metres to fingerpost. **10 miles GR 763 688**

AH on road for 150 metres to next Grange Lane fingerpost (signed Brixworth Country Park 1 ½ miles, Brixworth Bay 2 miles) on the R. Turn R to pass metal barrier onto cycleway, AH on cycleway for 500 metres to reach and X dam wall. At end of dam wall TL on road for 25 metres to metal barrier on R, pass by metal barrier and CONT along cycleway for 300 metres to pass a children’s play area at Brixworth Country Park. CONT along cycleway (beware of cyclists) for 4KM to reach Causeway Car Park and metal barrier. **13.3 miles GR 780 700**

AH to road, TR and follow causeway then road for 1.25 KM to crossroads in Holcot. At crossroads TR on Moulton Road then TL across the road to the memorial and along Back Lane to village hall and checkpoint 2.

**CHECKPOINT 2 HOLCOT VILLAGE HALL**

**14.5 MILES GR793 696 OPEN 10.00 CLOSE 15.00**

Leave checkpoint TL along Back Lane to T-junction and memorial, TR to crossroads. CONT AH over crossroads down Main Street, passing church on your L then the White Swan Inn on your R. Follow road as it bends R to become Walgrave Road. After passing small triangle of green on your R, follow road as it bends L.

**Short & Medium routes go R here.**

CONT up road for 850 metres to reach byway on the R (GR 795 708), TR to pass between metal gates onto byway. AH on byway for 1.5 Km ignoring all FPs on R & L to pass between metal gates to road. **16.3 miles GR 808 715**

Bearing R X road (with care) to BW opposite, with hedge on your L CONT along BW for 2.1 Km to road. **17.7 miles GR 826 725**

**X road with great care this is the A43 a very busy road with fast moving traffic.**

To the entrance of the lay-by and a metal gate on your L. Pass to the R of metal gate onto an enclosed FP. In 500 metres TR as waymarked onto a grassy TK (CB 102), follow grassy TK around to the L ignoring FP on R. After passing abandoned farm on your L AH on FP (CB 20) across field to WM, AH across field to WM on tree, across next field (CB 60) to farm TK. TL onto farm TK for 400 metres to pass by a green and white barrier, bearing ½ R across farm yard to tarmac drive, AH up drive to road. **19.0 miles GR 833 740**

X road to FP sign opposite, X field (CB 8), passing under power lines to power poles in bottom corner of field. At power poles TR THRU hedge gap, TL to follow field edge for 25 metres to TL and X wooden FB, over ST to CONT up field as waymarked to X wooden FB, AH to X ST in L hand field corner, TR to CONT with hedge on your R, when hedge finishes CONT to double metal gates and road. **GR 830 751**

TR onto Northampton Road for 600 metres, passing Donaldson Avenue and Wellingborough Road on your R. At Red Lion Inn TR onto Church Street (signed Village Hall). AH along Church Street for 400 metres to Gate Lane, passing the church on your R. TR up Gate Lane for 100 metres to TL to pass THRU yellow gate to Checkpoint 3.

**CHECKPOINT 3 BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL**

**20.7 MILES GR 838 758 OPEN 12.00 CLOSE 15.30**

Leave village hall and checkpoint via yellow gate to bear L to X road to BW opposite. AH on BW, passing pocket park on your R to pylon. Ignore FP on R to CONT AH for 300 metres to BW sign on the L. TR as signed down bank (under power lines) to X FB. AH up bank to hedge gap, THRU hedge gap TL, with tree line on L CONT uphill. AH on FP turning L with FP, at crosstrack CONT AH to metal gate near an earth bridge. **GR 849 751.**

X bridge ignoring FP on the R CONT uphill an enclosed path, after 1Km pass two black barns on your L to reach a FP sign on the R. Over ST to R of metal gate, AH for 50 metres to ST on L. Over ST, TR and follow field edge to ST in corner. X ST, TL, X ST to road. **22.2 miles GR 854 746.**

X road with care to BW sign opposite, passing to L of metal gate, AH on enclosed BW to pass THRU metal gate, AH to pass THRU gate, AH for 80 metres to large gap in hedge on R, THRU gap to X field (CB 212) to the R of a lone tree, at WM by tree AH as signed to X field on a faint FP to reach the other side of field. Here turn ½ R and AH along field edge to pass THRU hedge gap under power lines. AH with hedge on R, when hedge finishes CONT across field (CB 222) to gap in hedge to R of far left hand corner to road. X road with care to BW opposite, AH on BW for 720 metres to X FB, TR for 30 metres, TL onto wide grassy path CONT uphill, AH as waymarked up with hedge on your R to X farm TK and pass to R of pylon onto wide grassy path. **GR 838 726**

CONT on wide grassy path between fields to hedge, THRU gap to TL, with hedge on L follow to wood passing THRU 2 gates, TR with path and AH with wood on L CONT around on path to gates. **24.7 miles GR 831 717**

Pass THRU small wooden gate to R of metal gate and X road (with care) TL, AH for 1.1 Km to BW sign on R. TR THRU gate and AH across field (CB 196) to wooden FB, X FB, TR to corner of field, TL and with hedge on R AH up field. After 450 metres pass THRU hedge gap, across field passing to R of clump of trees, at the end of the trees AH to X field (CB 194) to BW sign. TL at sign onto road, bear R to metal gate by BW sign. **26.3 miles GR 838 701**

**Rejoin short & medium routes here**

TR THRU metal farm gate, follow BW down R hand field edge for 300 metres to green farm gate in corner of field, THRU green gate, AH down right-hand field edge for 150 metres (ignoring first gate on R) to reach second gate (do not go through gate), Turn ½L (CB 120) CONT on faint path for 200 metres to pass a pond on your R, AH on faint path for 350 metres to reach a farm gate. Ignore double gate on L go THRU single gate AH of you and with hedge on your L AH for 2 fields to road.

 X road (with care) diagonally L to walk on R hand side of road for 120 metres to BW sign just before corner. TR onto enclosed path and in 50 metres X ST on R to enter sports field. Bear L to pass in front of green portable cabins (cricket pavilions) to join gravel drive. Follow drive around sports field pass cricket square, then a rugby pitch on your R. CONT following drive as it bends L to pass tennis courts on your R, at end of tennis courts TR, follow to end of tennis courts TR to pass in front on portable cabins, at end on cabins TL, AH to TR to finish. **27.9 miles**