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**

**Short 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 09.45 CLOSE 15.00**

Leave checkpoint TL along Back Lane to T-junction and memorial, TR to crossroads.

**Long and medium routes turn left here DO NOT follow**

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 and as it bends L.

**Long route goes L with the road here.**

Locate and X stone stile in corner to the L of brick gate post. **(*This next field may contain frisky cattle).*** AH to pass farm equipment, TL on (CB 90) to X brow of hill. X stile to R of gate, CONT across field SLOT to metal gate. THRU gate, AH across field (CB 95) to wooden FB. Over wooden FB, AH across field (CB 95) to hedge gap to the R to a clump of trees, THRU hedge gap and AH to gated FB on R (ignoring FBs in L hand corner).

X gated wooden FB, TL to corner and follow TK around to right for 50metres to gap in wooden fence on L. Through gap TL on grassy TK as it turns right then AH on wide grass TK with ditch on your L for 200 metres to join stony TK, CONT on track for 300 metres. When TK bends L, AH to end of pool, ½ R to X field (CB 85) on a faint path to a stile. **9.5miles GR 815 700**

Over stile TL to locate path across the fields on the right CONT to X 3 fields, at end of 3rd field TR to follow TK around to the R and on to metal farm gate. THRU gap to L of gate to road

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AH through gap in hedge to lay-by, TL along lay-by and in 100 metres TR to BW sign next to small metal gate. Ignore single metal farm gate in front of you, go THRU small metal gate to R of double farm gates. Bear L to follow field edge to meet gravel TK in 100 metres. TR onto TK, AH for 750 metres, just before TK turns L at WM TL THRU metal gate on L. AH with hedge on your right for 200 meters to WM, TL as signed and with trees on your L CONT to next WM in field corner. TR AH for 100 metres, (ignoring gap on left). BL to small wooden hand gate to R of wooden farm gate. AH to wooden gate in top R hand corner ignoring gates on L. THRU gate onto drive, AH to road, bear R to metal gate by BW sign. **11.3miles GR 838 701**

**Long Route rejoins 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. **13 miles** **Well Done**