SHILLINGTON SHUFFLE 16 Nov 2014 26 Mile Route Updated 29/10/14

Abbreviations: **L** = Left, **R** = Right, **TL** = Turn Left, **TR** = Turn Right, **AH** = Ahead, **X** = Cross, **Thru** = through, FP = Footpath, BW = Bridleway, KG = Kissing Gate, WP = Waymark Post, **CB:320** = Compass Bearing 320, **GR** = Grid Reference.

Emergency number during event - 07775 296 585

Start – Barton Village Hall: GR: TL 082 306

Leave Barton Village Hall site & X road using pedestrian crossing. TL & AH past Gale Court sign & into Old Road. In 40m TL & X road into park at iron gate. In park go ½R (CB:140) to far corner of tennis court fence. Continue 20m to go thru KG on L & AH on path to road & church. At road TR for 100m to gate (ignoring BW on L). Thru KG & AH 130m, with cemetery on R, on path to "Barton Hill Nature Reserve" sign. Here TR, past dog poo bin, & in 30m X footbridge & immediately TL.

- <u>0.4M 085 301</u> Continue **AH** with stream on L for 500m, where **TL thru** gap in hedge & over stream on wide wooden bridge. Then **TR**, now with stream on R. At metal gate & Nature Reserve sign go **thru** KG & **AH** with stream on R & scrubland on L. In 160m, when scrubland & hedge end, **bear L (CB:90)** up rise, with steeply rising hills either side. When steeply rising hill is faced, take rising path to **R (initially CB:130)** with steeply rising hills either side. Continue up valley path to the "top" and a fence, where **TR** towards corner.
- 1.2M 092 294 Here turn sharp R, ignoring KG on L, & AH with hedge on L & edge of steep coomb on R. Keep AH to find KG in corner of the Nature Reserve. Thru KG into small thicket. After 20m, at WP, fork L to a KG. Thru KG & TL with fence on L. At end of fence keep AH on track for 730m to emerge onto road. (Caution fast moving traffic.)
- **2.0M 091 284** Cross road & **TL** for 115m to signpost "Chiltern Extension" where **TR** onto BW. Continue along track for 1100m, past WP to pass under pylon wires to reach **X** track.

TR, with golf course on L, for 350m - this is the Icknield Way.

2.9M 092 273 At next **X** track **TL** across golf course - **watch out for flying golf balls**. In 40m **fork R** at WP & **AH** at 2nd WP to gate. **Thru** gate & **AH** on track, uphill at first, to gate. **Thru** gate & **AH** with fence on R. At next corner of field ignore KG & **TL**, with fence on R, to T junction.

Do not follow shorter routes which TL here.

- **3.5M 092 264 TR** downhill with fence on R. In 170m **TL thru** 1st KG to path uphill **(CB:225).** Continue uphill, up steps & **thru** KG. Continue up path with fence on L to pass Warden Hill trig point (30m to your L). After trig point keep on path for 220m to gate.
- 4.0M 090 258 Thru gate & ½ L (CB:145) with fence on L. Continue on defined path, fence on L, downhill & thru KG. AH around field edge with hedge and large trees on R to reach a stony track where TR. Then AH for 500m to X track.

4.6M 100 258 At X track, TR downhill with hedge on L.

In 900m at **X** track **TL** into grassy lane. Continue up lane 750m to T junction (Butterfield Green). **TL** and go past round-turreted house & pass houses on R. In 50m **TR thru** gap in hedge by telegraph pole to go **thru** KG.

5.9M 105 252 Cross field 1/2L (CB:45) to go thru KG.

AH on path towards large tree (**CB:60**). Pass tree & **AH** towards hedge.

AH thru hedge to emerge in field with hedge on L, to pass 2 WP's & continue **AH** until you join a track with metal railings on R & wood on L. Continue **AH** 180m to **Cassel Memorial Hall** on R.

CP1 Cassel Memorial Hall - Lilley GR: TL 118 262 7.0 miles Opens 9.30 Closes 13.30

Leave checkpoint and **TR** to road. **X** road & **TL**. After 50m **TR** at FP sign. **AH thru** KG & keep fence on L. At end of fence continue **AH**, just to L of large tree, to KG. Go **thru** KG & **½R** across field to far R hand corner. At corner, **thru** KG & **AH** uphill with hedge on L.

Continue along field edge until you emerge at lane.

7.7M 127 268 TL & after 15m, when lane turns R, **AH** uphill on stony/grassy track. Continue **AH** on obvious track, which becomes gravel, ignoring any turns to L or R. After 1500m pass midway between two pylons. Ignore permissive path to the L, by WP pointing to Lilley.

8.5M 122 280 From WP keep **AH** on gravel track, around bends & with hedge on L, for 320m. (Ignore path on R to woods.)

At end of hedge, with large oak tree 15m to L, take **right fork AH** on grassy track **(CB:355)**. Cross field & enter wood with holly tree on R.

Follow obvious path **thru** wood & exit **AH** on path to "Telegraph Hill" information board on L, & **AH** to track.

The short route goes ahead here.

<u>9.2M</u> <u>120</u> <u>290</u> TR on enclosed track (Icknield Way) with hedges and trees both sides. Continue on track for 1500m to emerge onto road at parking bay. At road TR & walk 250m on verge. (Caution, this is the B655 – fast moving traffic. Please walk on RH verge).

- 10.3M 134 300 Where overhead cables cross road, TR on metalled Lane signed New Wellbury Farm & AH on track for 250m to reach WP & Beech tree on L. TL into field and AH (CB:75), passing to R of lone tree, to reach tree line. Go thru gap in tree line & emerge onto open grassland & AH (CB:110) for 200m passing tree stump on R to reach 2nd tree stump and WP at X track. TL (CB:0) & AH to pass WP & Spinney on R. At end of Spinney AH (CB:30) to road.
- 11.0M 141 301 X road with great care (fast moving traffic) & TL on enclosed FP for 50m turning R down bank with handrails (be aware of low fallen branch). On leaving enclosed FP cont AH (CB:0) to top of hill then 1/2L across track to KG & WP. Thru KG & cont across field (CB:30). On reaching metal fence, (High Down house on R) cont AH with fence on R following WPs & passing to L of metal gate to reach KG. Thru KG crossing grass track & TL onto

main track. From WP **AH CB:350** for 220m then bearing **L** (**CB:310**) for 360m to reach T junct with track. **TR** on track and **AH** for 545m to road.

12.1M 145 314 X road with care & AH into Great Green.

Bear L with road to pass Motte & Bailey pub on R. TR into Crab Tree Lane.

Just before lamp post with FP sign attached TL into Docklands.

At end of road TR between Nos. 4 & 5 and follow path round to checkpoint at side entrance of Village Hall.

CP2 Pirton Village Hall GR: TL 146 317 12.4 miles
Opens 10.30 Closes 13.30

TR out of side entrance of village hall & **AH** to road where **TR**.

The medium route goes L here.

After 40m **TR** into **Crab Tree Lane** and in another 20m take **L fork** (No Through Road sign) to go between gate posts and into churchyard on gravel path. At main church entrance **TL** and exit churchyard **thru** KG. Turn immediately **L** & cont with fence on **L** (**CB:80**) & go **thru** KG to reach road. **X** road with care & **TR** on pavement for 80m. **TL** onto FP at fingerpost (Westmill 2) between fences & then with allotments on L to reach car park.

- <u>12.8M</u> <u>150 315</u> TL across car park & cont **AH** (**CB:90**) passing football pitch on R to go **thru** gap in hedge. **AH** across field (**CB:120**) & in 430m cont **AH** now with hedge on L for 540m to reach WP. **X** track & **AH**, still with hedge on L for 730m to reach T junct with track.
- **14.0M 167 311 TL** onto track & in 300m at next track junct, where main track turns L, continue **AH** across bridge. In 10m ½L across field (**CB:350**) to hedge corner. At hedge continue **AH** on wide track for 1200m, with landfill site on R, to go between houses & emerge onto road.
- 15.1M 164 328 TR on pavement (Holwell village) & in 40m TR onto BW. In 200m TL at WP, to pass seat on L. Continue AH into playing fields & pass Cricket Pavilion to X car park & reach road. TL on pavement & in 150m X road & AH into Gurney's Lane. When tarmac track bears L into house, cont AH on gravel track.
- 15.7M 165 335 When gravel track turns L cont AH on grass track (CB:20). At end of grass (seat on L) AH (CB:360) to WP & thru gap in hedge. AH between fields (CB:310). At X track AH between fields to WP at corner of wood. AH with wood on R for 140m. At WP TR with path into wood & in 45m TL at WP onto path thru wood & passing pond on L. X footbridge & emerge into open field.
- 16.5M 160 344 Bear L at WP & cont with hedge & stream on L to X wide wooden bridge. Cont AH (CB:340) with hedge on R. In 140m, ignore FP on L & cont AH keeping hedge on R as it bears L towards village. On reaching next WP, TR onto enclosed path (ignoring path to L). Pass WP & KG & AH on enclosed path to emerge onto road (Meadowsweet) where TR & cont up to main road. X road with care & TL on pavement & then TR at mini-roundabout into Hillside Road. Cont on uphill & in 115m TR into Stondon Village Hall.

CP3 Stondon Village Hall GR: TL 153 350 17.1 miles Opens 11.30 Closes 15.00

Leave village hall, **X** road & **TR** on pavement towards edge of village. Just before max speed restriction sign, **X** road to public FP & go **thru** KG. **AH** on enclosed path for 300m (passing WP) to where path becomes more open. Cont **AH** for 200m with hedge on R & low fence on L then **AH** on track for 500m(**CB:45**).

- **17.6M 155 358** On reaching WW2 Pillbox on R cont **AH** for 65m & at WP **TL** onto FP. **AH** (**CB:330**) & at next WP cont **AH** now with trees & low fence on R. At end of trees & fence **TL** (**CB:240**) and cont **AH** with patchy hedge & ditch on R. At WP, cont **AH** soon with hedge on R. Cont on track for total of 1050m. Where track bears L into farmyard, **AH** on grass track to go thru KG to road.
- 19.1M 146 363 TL on road & AH for 200m (passing farm & medieval chapel on L). At FP sign on R, go thru KG & AH (CB:275). Go thru next KG, X footbridge & AH with hedge on R. At WP, cont AH on track. Go thru KG & AH to reach road. X road (The Acres) diagonally L onto FP between houses & where FP joins from L, bear R to reach Meppershall main street.
- 19.7M 137 364 X road with care & TL on pavement. AH on pavement for 380m. Where road turns sharp L (Rectory Road), TR into road signposted Campton 11/4. X road at grass triangle by Church Road junction to FP sign & thru KG into paddock. AH (CB:220) to R hand corner of paddock & thru KG. AH (CB:240) with hedge/fence on L ("Motte & Bailey" visible to L). AH thru wide gap following faint path (CB:230) to hedge gap in R hand corner. Thru gap & in 25m thru small hedge gap. TR & AH (CB:270) with hedge on R.
- **20.4M 131 358** At end of hedge & WP, **AH** on track. At next WP cont **AH** (**CB:245**) now with trees & hedge on L. At next WP ignore track on L & cont **AH** for 115m to further WP where **TL** to **X** footbridge & stile. Cont to gate & **X** stile to meet track from L. Cont **AH** to road.
- **21.2M 123 353 X** road into **Bury Road** & cont **AH** on **R** pavement for 560m. On reaching **Woodmer Close**, **X Bury Road** to go **thru** KG to L of Bus Shelter. Bear **R** (**CB:120**) towards KG to R of field corner. **Thru** KG & ignoring KG on L , **AH** (**CB:160**) to go **thru** further KG in hedge. **AH** with hedge & wire fence on L & playing field on R. At tree line cont **AH** now with wire fence on L & metal rail & football pitch on R to WP & Flood Light at end of rail.
- **21.8M 125 345 TL** up concrete steps, **thru** old KG & **TR** with hedge on R to reach & go **thru** remains of KG. **AH** across field (**CB:160**) towards L of house with blue door. **TL** on lane & **TR** at road. In 160m **TL** across road into car park & checkpoint at rear entrance of "Shillington Hall".

CP4 Shillington Village Hall GR: TL 127 341 22.0 miles
Opens 11.00 Closes 16.30

Leave village hall & return to road & **TL** on pavement.

In 60m **X** road & **TR** into Church Street. Where road bends R continue **AH** up hill (signed "churches") passing church on R.

When tarmac ends, continue down earth steps & onto grass track.

AH on track & over bridge to WP.

22.1M 121 338 TL thru KG. After crossing field with fence on R, <u>do not cross stream</u>, but **TR** at WP to KG in corner of field.

Thru KG and AH with ditch on L, then also with fence on R.

Go thru 2 KGs then AH with fence on L.

Thru 2 more KGs to pass between fence and buildings, and along path to road.

- **22.6M 119 332** Cross road to track opposite & **AH thru** gate with hedge & new houses on R. At end of track with fence **AH**, **TL** then follow path round to **R**. **AH** on FP with high fence & later rail fence on R. **X** track & **AH** with fence on R & stream/hedge on L, for 500m. At end of fence **AH thru** gap, past WP, & follow field edge path round to **L** & **R**. Ignoring 1st WP & narrow gap in hedge, **AH** to WP at end of hedge.
- 23.4M 112 324 TL to cross ditch by bridge, & ½R (CB:200) across field diagonally to wooden bridge. X bridge & TL on wide track, now with ditch on L. At WP, AH (CB:210) on FP across field to WP at corner of copse. Pass L of copse, to WP at far L corner of copse. Continue AH on FP (CB:170) towards cream house in distance to reach road.

The short route joins here from left.

24.3M 107 310 At road **bear R** into Hexton village.

At road junction, before Raven PH, **TR** (signposted Higham Gobion).

In 125m **TL** onto track then **immediately ½R (CB:320)** onto path across field to **X** footbridge.

24.8M 103 311 AH on FP, becoming grassy track, with hedge on L & fields on R for 900m (passing **thru** gap **AH** & with **R** & **L** turns).

At end of hedge **TL** on path & in 70m **TR** now with hedge on R.

Continue **AH** for further 800m to reach hedge AH & **fork L** of hedge - later with barbed wire fence on R.

25.8M 087 311 At end of fence **TL** with house gardens on R.

After 40m cross footbridge to metalled FP.

Follow FP to road & **TL** – then **AH** for 500m, passing school & letterbox. When pavement starts on R, **X** road & follow path round to **R** into **Hexton Road**. Stay on pavement for 300m & **TR** into:

BARTON-LE-CLAY VILLAGE HALL and FINISH Total 26.4 miles

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