

150th Olympiad Anniversary Torch Relay - Much Wenlock to Aldersley - Sunday 15^h July 2018

To Celebrate the First Olympiad held at Crystal Palace in 1968 Organised by Dr Brooks Penny

The first stage involves carrying a 1948 Olympic Torch from Much Wenlock to Aldersley

Stage 1. Much Wenlock to The Iron Bridge (4 miles) 12 noon – 12.45

- 12 am. Leave Wenlock Church, through the town to the sports field
- Follow disused railway for 1 mile
- Turn right on to Lane to Wyke (1 mile)
- Turn right and then pick up Shropshire Way through Benthall Woods to Iron Bridge (2 miles)

Stage 2. Iron Bridge to Brockton (3.5 miles) 12.45 – 1.30

- Follow Severn Way for 2 miles to Coalport Bridge
- Cross the bridge and turn right to climb out of the Gorge (1 mile) then cross the A442 and continue to Brockton (1/2 mile)

Stage 3. Brockton to Neachley Lane (5.5 miles) 1.30 – 2.30

- At Brockton turn left on to B4379 for 100m. then pick up footpath on the right to Kemberton. At the end of the path turn right then left into Kemberton. (1 mile)
- Leave Kemberton along Evelith Lane and continue until you reach a lane (1 ½ miles).
- Cross the lane and go on to a Bridleway (Monarch's Way). Continue on the Monarch's Way for 3 miles, crossing the A464 and going over a railway bridge to arrive at Neachley Lane.

Stage 4. Neachley Lane to Boscobel via Cosford (6 miles) 2.30 -3.30

- Follow Neachley Lane (cycle route 81) for 2.5 miles passing the Aerospace Museum and Cosford Station until you reach the traffic lights (A41)
- Cross over and after 1/2 mile turn left towards Boscobel (2.5 miles). Alternatively take the bridleway (Monarch's Way) to Shackerley Mill and reach Boscobel via Hobbal Grange, Meashill Farm and Whiteladies. (add 1mile)

Stage 5. Boscobel to Long Birch (4miles) 3.30 – 4.15

- After Boscobel turn right then after 100m. turn left down lane to Chillington (3miles). Alternatively turn left after Boscobel and then right along bridleway and follow Monarch's Way. (3 miles)
- Pass in front of Chillington Hall and continue along lane to Long Birch Farm. (1 mile)

Stage 6. Long Birch Farm to Aldersley (4miles) 4.15 -5.00

- Cross over the Codsall/Brewood road and go through gate on to the bridleway.
- Continue along bridleway to Hattons Farm (1 mile)
- Join Shropshire Union Canal and follow the canals to Aldersley (3 miles)

Total distance 27 miles. The distances and times are approximations, but they are not too far out. Allowing 10 mins per mile this leaves half an hour spare to arrive at Aldersley for 5pm. There will be cars following the route, so athletes can join in or drop out at any of the stages. There is car parking at Iron Bridge and Boscobel have said we can use their car park (their tea room will also be open). There is parking along the lane approaching Long Birch and space to park along the lane approaching Brockton. If you wish to take part or can help with transport contact me on 07891 519599 or e-mail guestdavid@sky.com