

The 48 bus route follows quite busy roads from Edgbaston University Station; setting off away from the QE Hospital to later reach the Catholic Chaplaincy Hall at 29 Harrison's Road B15 3QS.

A much quieter, pleasant, and slightly shorter pedestrian/cycling alternative is described below: so that you may - CARRY THIS ALONG WITH YOU.

**It starts towards and through the QE Hospital grounds.**

Cross road outside the University Station, to follow pathway WEST, towards the NEW QE Hospital's main entrance.

Open-air fruit stalls become available; then, outside the rotating entrance doors, you pass to the right of a gigantic shining sculpture of square edged: "steel crossed fingers" - onto a curving cycle/pedestrian tarmac path through the grassed hospital grounds. This continues - under the long, enclosed overhead hospitals' linking walkway – until you come shortly to a zebra crossing, which you follow over its road which then keeps going North. (The very short first length of your roadside route here is named Mindelsohn Way).

You next pass in front of the Women's Hospital, beside its very large female statue on your left: thus continuing straight North [when Mindelsohn Way has turned East on your right].

You have now reached the cycle and pedestrian road-end through access - (between bollards, and not apparent on most maps) – into Metchley Park Road.

You proceed – still North – straight into and along that road, with sports fields behind hedges & trees to either side.

Really delightful in Spring & Summer; this next part of the quiet Metchley Park Road, is between very pleasantly planted, large suburban front gardens.

At the roundabout (c250 yds ahead from the bollards) turn right briefly in Somerset Rd, then left into Harrison's Rd. The view of the venue at the head of these pages is a few yards along, to your left.