

Speech for arrival of Olympic Torch

Sunday 15th July 2012

Your Excellency, Lady McColl, ladies and gentlemen

1. I am delighted on behalf of the people of Jersey to welcome the Olympic Torch to the Island as part of the national Olympic Torch Relay. It is an event which has captured the imagination of the nation as we have seen from television reports as the Torch has made its way round the British Isles. This is equally true in Jersey and all the parishes are organising their own informal Torch ceremonies this afternoon.
2. This is of course the southernmost tip of its journey and it will now turn north as it wends its way towards the lighting of the Olympic Flame at the opening ceremony on 27th July.
3. Those who have taken part in the Relay today are reflective of all that is best in our community. There are some who have achieved great things in the sporting field, there are others who have contributed to the community or to the charitable sector. I congratulate them all on being chosen and I am particularly pleased that Sally Minty-Gravett has been nominated to light the cauldron as she is one of Jersey's most distinguished sporting heroes.
4. The Island has of course a strong sporting tradition and we have sent teams to the Commonwealth Games and to the Island Games over many, many years.
5. So without more ado, I invite her to do so and I wish the Torch farewell as it continues its journey.

[? 3 cheers for the Olympic Torch]