

# Chesley woman "Olympic Torch Bearer"

By Mary Giffin

A Chesley woman is about to share in an unforgettable experience.

Faye Whelan of 2nd Avenue E.M., has been selected as an Olympic torch bearer. She will carry the torch on Day 22 of the 1988 Olympic games in Canada.

Whelan is one of 1,000 Canadians from across the country being part of the Olympic torch relay. She will run the one kilometre distance carrying the flame around her local city square, south-western between Richmond and Chesley on January 5, 1988.

The Olympic torch relay started in St. John's on Tuesday, November 17. It will be in Ottawa, the birthplace of the modern Olympics, on Sunday afternoon.

For the 99 days following its arrival in Canada, the torch will visit 10,000 communities throughout Canada. It will be carried by ordinary Canadians. Day Faye Whelan, an 84 year old resident, will carry the torch from Chesley and return with it to the torch destination in Calgary, home of the 1988 Olympic Winter Games which start February 13 and end on February 25. The Canadian relay is the longest in Olympic history.

Whelan was selected as one of the torchbearers in 1987, after submitting 30 letters from all the local people.

Canada's Olympic torch relay is the official symbol of the torch relay.

"I was so excited when I got the letter in the mail," Whelan said. "I am really looking forward to it."

Whelan will be carrying an torch from her job as farm management specialist at the Bruce County Office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, which she has been not working, as it has been early days. It possible, work starting about her participation in the relay. The

journal running about a month ago, but was forced to return to working full time due to a bad knee.

For her participation in the Olympic torch relay, Whelan will receive an engraved ring uniform.

She expects to be notified within the next few weeks the exact location between Richmond and Chesley where she will be carrying.

We thank Faye Whelan's acceptance running the Olympic torch relay will be an unforgettable one.



Olympic torch bearer - Faye Whelan



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