**Keighley & Craven AC**

**'Gathering Winter Fools' Relay**

**Saturday 17th December 2016**

**Route Description**

**LEG 1 c. 9 miles**

**START: Cliffe Castle Park, Keighley, adjacent to University Academy Keighley (UAK)**

After initial start straight (on grass, flagged) bear right to follow fixed XC course route uphill and

across slope to wood.

Follow level path in wood to end, ignoring XC route marker on left (view of UAK athletics track below and to right). At end turn left up steep and uneven footpath to Spring Gardens Lane.

Cross Spring Gardens Lane (CAUTION) and bear left and then immediately right up track with Holy Family School playing field on left.

At top of track bear left on wider, pot-holed track (Hawkstone Drive) and follow round to right until public footpath sign off to right.

Follow public footpath on concrete driveway to top, bear left and climb step stile to right of gateway.

Follow footpath and climb step stile at end. Bear half right up steep slope in field and aim for corner just in front of pylon. Through gap and then turn sharp right and follow wall up to stile at top. Over stile then sharp right to follow footpath between field and backs of houses on Westway to Shann Lane.

Turn left on to Shann Lane and follow pavement up to junction with Black Hill Lane/West Lane. Turn left and cross road and take next right into Raynham Crescent. Keep straight on into Wimborne Drive and then follow public footpath sign on left downhill to join Braithwaite Road. Turn right.

Follow Braithwaite Road to top of Braithwaite Avenue on left and cross diagonally to follow old road through village and re-join Laycock Lane. Turn left and follow road through Laycock Village. After Chapel Road on right (Millennium Way) take public footpath on left to cut corner to Goose Eye Brow and descend steep road hill and pass Turkey Inn on right. Cross bridge on road and take footpath immediately on right, down steps and over beck, and follow as it rises up to join Fallow Lane (rough track). Left then right on Millennium Way route up track (Dean Lane) to eventually join Todley Hall Road. Turn left and ignore Millennium Way sign and carry straight on to sharp left hand bend. Take bridleway on right and follow along track and across fields to Pole Road.

Turn left and descend along road and then turn right into America Lane (track).

**NOTE CHANGE FROM 2012** Part way along notice wooden foot path marker pointing left towards group of houses. Take this track to 2 large steel gates with way markers. Pass through both gates and between houses

Follow path towards another building. Pass just to the right. Avoid path going off up the hill to the left.

Head right down a walled path into an open field and to a small stream bottom corner of the wood. Take care on the stones which can be very slippy when wet. Cross the stream then through the stile. Climb briefly before descending the hill keeping the stream on your right as you enter the wood following a clear path. After a lovely descent through the wood follow the path over the stream but bear left through a hole in the wall before an iron fence. Follow track then minor road down to the road bottom of Ellers. Pick up the track which runs from Ellers to the Church. Cross the road and enter Sutton Park. Exit the park far left corner and turn immediately right along the road going over the bridge. Immediately after the bridge take a footpath on the right and follow Beck until the main Skipton road at Landis Lund.

Turn left and run through traffic lights (Caution here) heading towards level crossing. Just before level crossing turn left along minor lane (no through road for vehicles) and follow to end to meet Station Road in Cross Hills. Cross Station Road (CAUTION) and turn right. Just before roundabout bear left along footpath beneath roundabout and emerge on to Main Road, Kildwick.

**Changeover at White Lion Pub** 50m along Main Road.

**LEG 2 c. 9.5 miles (Please note route change Ilkley Moor to plantation)**

**START: White Lion, Kildwick**

Bear right at pub into Priest Bank Road and turn right along canal towpath just before swing bridge.

Follow towpath to Silsden, and remain on towpath beneath Keighley Road (past Bridge Pub) and

continue to first swing bridge (Brunthwaite Bridge).

Turn left over bridge and follow track (Brunthwaite Bridge Lane) to meet Holden Lane. Turn right then immediately left on to public footpath and alongside beck to join Brunthwaite Lane (otherwise known as “Murder Mile”!). Turn right and follow up Murder Mile to top (turns into Lightbank Lane at sharp left bend).

Turn right at bend up initially surfaced farm track towards Doubler Stones House.

Before house turn left and follow public footpath past Doubler Stones on right and up moor to stile in wall. Over stile and turn right to follow wall along ridge to reach ladder stile over

wall at plantation edge (Shepherd's Hill). Cross stile and follow footpath through conifer plantation over footbridges and eventually over stile on to open moor. Footpath carries straight ahead across moor towards High Bradup, Bradup and Ilkley Road (the road up to Keighley Gate).

Turn right along road and then left on to public bridleway through Upwood Hall Farm (Grass Road).

Path bears right and descends to track – carry straight on and bear right at the bottom along Upwood Lane and Green End Road to meet Main Road in East Morton.

Turn right and follow road down to **changeover at Busfeild Arms pub**.

**LEG 3 c. 6 miles**

**START: Busfeild Arms, East Morton**

Cross road (CAUTION) bear right and then first left down Dimples Lane. Follow to end and then turn right down public footpath to Hebble Bridge. Over bridge and then up track (Acre Lane) to Peas Acre and Micklethwaite. At road turn left up hill and follow road round to right and up to sharp left hand bend round village green. At apex of bend turn right along public footpath in front of houses and follow via High Fold and Fairlady Farm along track (Wood Lane) to meet Greenhill Lane. Turn left up hill and at road junction with Lady Lane then turn right and proceed down the hill on Lady Lane.

Passing Dene Bank on the right turn left into Nicholson Close heading for a footpath sign at the very top. Then across and up fields to eventually emerge on Heights Lane just below Lower Heights Farm.

Turn left and then right before farm along public bridleway (Tewitt Lane).

Follow track to Tewitt House where it bends sharp right. Proceed 200m and then take track on right (public footpath) down to Green Lane and past Acorn pub to meet Otley Road at Eldwick. Cross Otley Road (CAUTION) and turn right then immediately left into Saltaire Road.

Fork left before road rises into Lode Pit Lane and follow track upwards and follow path round to the right and follow Baildon Green parallel to Glen Road as far as Shipley Glen pub.

Keep to left of pub on Prod Lane and follow steep path down the side of Shipley Glen Tramway to Roberts Park.

Through Roberts Park and over footbridge across River Aire adjacent to Boat House pub at Saltaire.

Turn right on canal towpath and follow past Hirst Lock, over Dowley Gap Bridge and along to

**changeover point on towpath next to Fisherman’s Arms** just beyond Scourer Bridge.

**LEG 4 c. 7 miles**

**START: Fisherman’s Arms, Wagon Lane, Bingley**

Proceed along canal towpath towards Bingley. Progress to Bingley 3-rise locks (Damart Factory on right) and then turn left across footbridge over by-pass and railway to meet Keighley Road in Bingley, opposite church. Cross Keighley Road and turn left then right into Harden Road.

Cross river on Ireland Bridge and then turn right up Altar Lane (track). Follow Altar lane all the way to the top (St Ives Estate to the left) where it meets Harden Road between Harden and Long Lee in Keighley. Cross straight over (CAUTION) and progress along track which then becomes narrower public footpath rising over stiles and round small old quarry to meet track on Harden Moor near Hainworth.

Turn right down track past Moor Side Farm on right and down along Back Shaw Lane and past Back Shaw Farm on left to meet Shaw Lane. Turn right down hill and round bend and then left down track at Glen Lee (Woodhouse Road). Follow Woodhouse Road as it winds downhill to join tarmac surface.

**[\*\*If dark and uncertain see alternative "lit" route to finish from this point below.]** Keep following Woodhouse Road past junction with Hainworth Wood Road in Keighley and across Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. Road bends sharp right then sharp left – take public footpath on right just before beck crossing (Worth Way) down steps and follow path alongside River Worth.

Follow path to the end where it emerges on to The Walk and Coney Lane by railway bridge. Cross Coney Lane (CAUTION) and go through archway with bollard and up and over old railway bridge with mural. Immediately after bridge turn sharp left on path down and under railway and follow until the path emerges between high stone walls on to Low Mill Lane.

Turn right under railway bridge along Pitt Street and follow past turning on left into industrial estate and take public footpath signed to the left. Descend path over cobbles and then follow sharp left under railway and sharp right to bridge. Turn left over bridge and then follow path as it bears right alongside Dalton Mills to Dalton Lane.

Turn right and then cross Dalton Lane (CAUTION) and turn left between factory buildings into

Chesham Street. Follow right to the end (even though it looks like a factory area) past old Harold

Town College site and turn left past fire escape steps to follow path linking to Bronte Street. Up short hill to meet Bradford Road in Keighley opposite Victoria Park.

Cross Bradford Road (EXTREME CAUTION) and proceed straight ahead along road exiting from the park. Just before playground on right bear to left of Eastwood School ahead and follow path round school playground to exit into Victoria Road (terraces). Follow Victoria Road to end to meet Lawkholme Lane. Cross Lawkholme Lane (CAUTION) and follow straight on along East Avenue, crossing railway foot bridge and rising up to meet Skipton Road opposite entrance to Cliffe Castle Park.

Cross Skipton Road (EXTREME CAUTION – there is a Pelican Crossing just to the left of the road

junction) and enter Cliffe Castle Park via gate.

Turn immediately right and run over grass and along avenue of trees in Cliffe Castle with park wall on right, following fixed cross country course markers. Carry straight on past XC finish marker, through gap in the wall at the corner, across path and carry straight on over grass and through trees with wall on right. Cross second path and follow new tarmac path towards **University Academy Keighley**.

Path turns left and goes up a ramp by bike sheds. At top, turn right and follow school road round

building to left to finish at school entrance.

**Cut-off times are:**

9.30am start

11.15pm mass start at Kildwick

12.45pm mass start at East Morton

1.30 pm mass start at Fishermans Arms in Bingley