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Orienteering in Airedale and Wharfedale

Invite you to

Shipley Glen & Hirst Wood Regional Level C Cross Country Orienteering Sunday 4th January 2015

- Venue** Shipley Glen, Lower Baildon. Deciduous ancient woodland in a deep valley below Baildon Moor, and adjoining woodlands, park and playing fields.
- Assembly** Titus Salt School, Coach Road Grid Ref: SE138384 Post Code: BD17 5RH
Signed from A6038, 100m north of the bridge over the River Aire.
- Parking** Parking is in the circular car park outside the school on Higher Coach Road. When full please use on street parking nearby – best on the streets you passed just before the main parking area. Please show consideration to residents.
- Facilities** Toilets and showers are available in the school
- Courses**
- | | White to Brown. | | | Difficulty |
|--------------|------------------------|------|-------------|-----------------|
| White: | 1.0k | 5m | 7 controls | Very easy |
| Yellow: | 1.6k | 10m | 10 controls | Easy |
| Orange: | 2.7k | 40m | 12 controls | Moderate |
| Light Green: | 3.0k | 40m | 16 controls | Moderately hard |
| Short Green: | 3.1k | 90m | 13 controls | Hard |
| Green: | 4.0k | 120m | 17 controls | Hard |
| Blue: | 5.9k | 175m | 25 controls | Hard |
| Brown: | 7.7k | 230m | 30 controls | Hard |
- And a **String Course in Roberts Park** just across the road.
- Entries** **EOD** only: Seniors £8, (BOF members £6.00) Juniors £2 Fees are per map.
Non-competitive pairs or groups welcome. SI Card hire 50p
- Registration** 10.00-12.00
- Starts** 10.30-12.30.
The start is 700m from assembly, along pavements and paths. Please use the pedestrian crossing outside the parking area to cross Higher Coach Road, and then follow the tapes.
The finish is across the road in Roberts Park. Please use the same crossing to return to assembly.
Don't forget to download. It is our prime safety check that you have returned.
- Cake Stall** Please support the cake stall being run by Laura King and Lucy Haines to help raise funds for the World Schools Champs in Turkey, where they are representing GB.

Insurance All orienteering events are covered by British Orienteering's Public Liability Insurance. However it is a condition of the insurers that non-members of British Orienteering are not covered for more than 3 events per year. It is usually very cheap to join your local club. We would encourage you to do so.

Terrain The competition area consists of four differing types of terrain.

Shipley Glen: A steep sided valley with many complex rock features and crags, topped by a small area of open moorland. Generally good visibility and good underfoot, but can be slippery in wet weather. Some courses will cross the stream in the valley bottom which is generally crossable at multiple points but will require getting your feet wet. There are numerous paths, but smaller ones come and go frequently and will not all be marked.

Milner Field: The ruins and grounds of the Victorian gothic mansion of Titus Salt Junior. Open woodland with many small paths. (For Blue and Brown only)

Hirst Wood: Undulating woodland next to the Leeds and Liverpool canal. Many small paths, depressions, holly bushes. Generally good runnability underfoot but has some areas of lower visibility.

Roberts Park and Riverside fields: Parkland and mixed woodland restored to its original Victorian condition as part of the Saltaire World Heritage site. White, Yellow and string courses will stay in this area. All courses will finish here (approx 100m from Registration). This area is heavily used by members of the public and for other activities. Please be respectful of others. The cricket pitch is out of bounds and marked as such on the map.

Safety re Crossings Points

Orange/Light Green/Blue/Brown: Courses that use Hirst Wood will cross the Leeds and Liverpool Canal at Hirst Wood locks. There is a swing bridge which is the obvious crossing point but in the unlikely event this is open you may also cross on the two footbridges next to the locks themselves.

Blue/Brown: Will have a short road run of less than 150m to connect Hirst Wood and Milner Field. Please use the crossing points marked on the map and run on the pavement. The entry to Milner Field will require crossing the road and climbing a low wall. Please only cross at the marked points and take care of oncoming traffic.

Short Green/Green/Blue/Brown: The last few controls descend close to the Shipley Glen Tramway and then cross the public road to finish in Roberts Park. You may cross the public road at multiple points and although the road is generally quiet on a Sunday morning, please take care and give way to oncoming traffic.

Extra Value Make a day of it with a visit to Saltaire World Heritage Site, its pubs and restaurants, and Salts Mill, with its Hockney displays and other delights. All just across the river by foot from assembly.

History In Victorian and Edwardian times Shipley Glen was a popular Sunday outing for many of the people of Bradford. The open moorland above the main valley was the site of a fun fair including an aerial ropeway (perhaps the forerunner of today's zip wires) and a hair raising wooden toboggan ride down the sides of the glen itself (later closed due to a major accident - not surprisingly perhaps). Whilst all this has long gone you can still come across some of the metal fixings embedded into the rocks above the glen. In Edwardian times, over 100,000 people were reputed to have visited Shipley Glen on one bank holiday in 1911. The following link shows Easter 1912 at Shipley Glen.

<http://www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com/film/easter-shipley-glen-1912>

The Shipley Glen tramway, opened in 1895 is one of the few cable tramways still operating in Britain. Its bottom station is only 100m from registration and you can ride up and down all day for £2 (adults) and £1(children). The bottom station also houses a small (and free) museum which has some fascinating pictures of times gone by. Well worth a visit.

And of course Saltaire village is a 5 minute walk across the river Aire. Now a World Heritage Site, Saltaire was planned by the industrialist Sir Titus Salt to house the workforce for his mill. Salt built the mill beside the Leeds and Liverpool Canal to process alpaca into woollen cloth. Salts Mill is no longer used for textile production, but now contains the 1853 Gallery (dedicated to David Hockney), a variety of shops, restaurants and local businesses. Most of the streets are named after his numerous (11) children.

Also worth a look is Roberts Park itself. The park was designed and laid out by William Gay (1814–1893) for Sir Titus Salt (1803–1876) and was opened on 25 July 1871 by Sir Titus himself. The park was originally named Saltaire Park but was also known as The People's Park, and Salts Park. The development included a widening and deepening of the river Aire for boating and swimming purposes, and the construction of a boathouse on the southern bank of the river. In the centre of the park is a semi-circular pavilion designed by architects Lockwood and Mawson, constructed in 1870. Bought (and renamed) by James Roberts (a later owner of Salts Mill) in 1891, it was recently restored to its original Victorian condition.

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Results Will be on display at assembly and will be posted at www.aire.org.uk on the day of the event.