2014 press release

The traditional Allan Jefferies Trophy is at present going through a dramatic change after thorough research and numerous visits to landowners in Upper Wharfedale. Course plotters Dave Wilson and Steve Fairbrother have spent the last few months visiting the numerous landowners in the Dales. They have been able to obtain new sections and new routes that will be included in this year's trial. The first competitor will start at 10:01 to ride the first three sections a mile up the Settle road at 'Flame Thrower' where three narrow stream sections get the event under way.

Then a steady ride up to the top of Fountains Fell. If it is a bright day you should be able to see the Lake District, and on a good day, Blackpool Tower! The route will continue down to the village of Litton where new sections have been obtained. Then back to Ellershaw Farm where 4 new sections will greet the riders. The route will then take you to Arncliffe where two sections on rolling rocks and two new sections above the farm. A steady ride to Kettlewell, for the fuel stop, passing the regular Jefferiess sections at Hawkswick and Sleets.

The face lift kicks in after the petrol halt. No scaling Park Rash to ride Lister's or Diamond Pastures. Those popular sections are 'rested' this year. From Kettlewell the course will take them to Yockenthwaite where there are six new sections waiting for the field along with the normal sections. It is then across the moors to Wilks. Along the way a couple more new sections have been found. The final sections will be behind the village hall. The Waterfall will again maybe play its part to take the final points from the competitors, and, decide who wins the Allan Jefferies Trophy.

The format will be the same as last year 40 sections with at least 50% of the sections eased for the Clubman course. Re-fuelling will be available at The Garage in Kettlewell. Competitors will be requires to drop off a can of fuel at the Kettlewell Garage on the way to the start. The Halton Gill Ladies, and from the surrounding area, will again be providing a feast of home cooked food and beverages. Like many Nationals nowadays obtaining observers for these single lap trials are a problem. The club are still looking for observers. If interested contact Kath on 01282619499. The Bradford Motor Club can promise you a great days sport followed by more home cooking from the Ladies at the Halton Gill Village Hall..