



## Ride and Stride 2009

Saturday 12 September 2009  
10.00 am - 6.00 pm

### The Dassett/Southam Route

**This just under 30 mile ride around the Dassett/Southam group of churches is part of the annual sponsored ride organised by the Coventry and Warwickshire Historic Churches Trust.**

Of the money you raise (calculated on the number of churches you visit), half will go to the local church of your choice, and half to the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust.

This ride will take in churches at **Burton Dassett, Avon Dassett (Churches Conservation Trust), Farnborough, Fenny Compton, Wormleighton, Priors Hardwick, Priors Marston, Southam, Ladbroke, Bishop's Itchington and Northend**. You will find it helpful to have with you a copy of the relevant 1:25,000 OS map (Explorer 206).

The recommended route avoids main roads where possible. Before you set off be sure to read carefully the safety recommendations on the Sponsorship Form.

It is suggested that Burton Dassett would be a good starting point but you can begin anywhere you choose as it is a circular route. It is hoped that most churches will be open. Some may be closed, depending on the timing of your ride, but they still count as a visited church.

For a shorter ride, the figure of eight route round just the Dassett group of churches is a more manageable 11 miles.

If you have time to dismount and explore the historic churches mentioned above you may be interested in finding the following:

At Burton Dassett you'll find ancient carvings, including a Green Man who greets you as you enter the building. Medieval wall paintings, recently uncovered and a slope up to the Chancel almost as steep as the hill it is built into.

At Wormleighton a magnificent carved oak rood screen, a rare survivor dating from the 1400s. Try to find the carved head of a man wearing spectacles and other putting out their tongues!

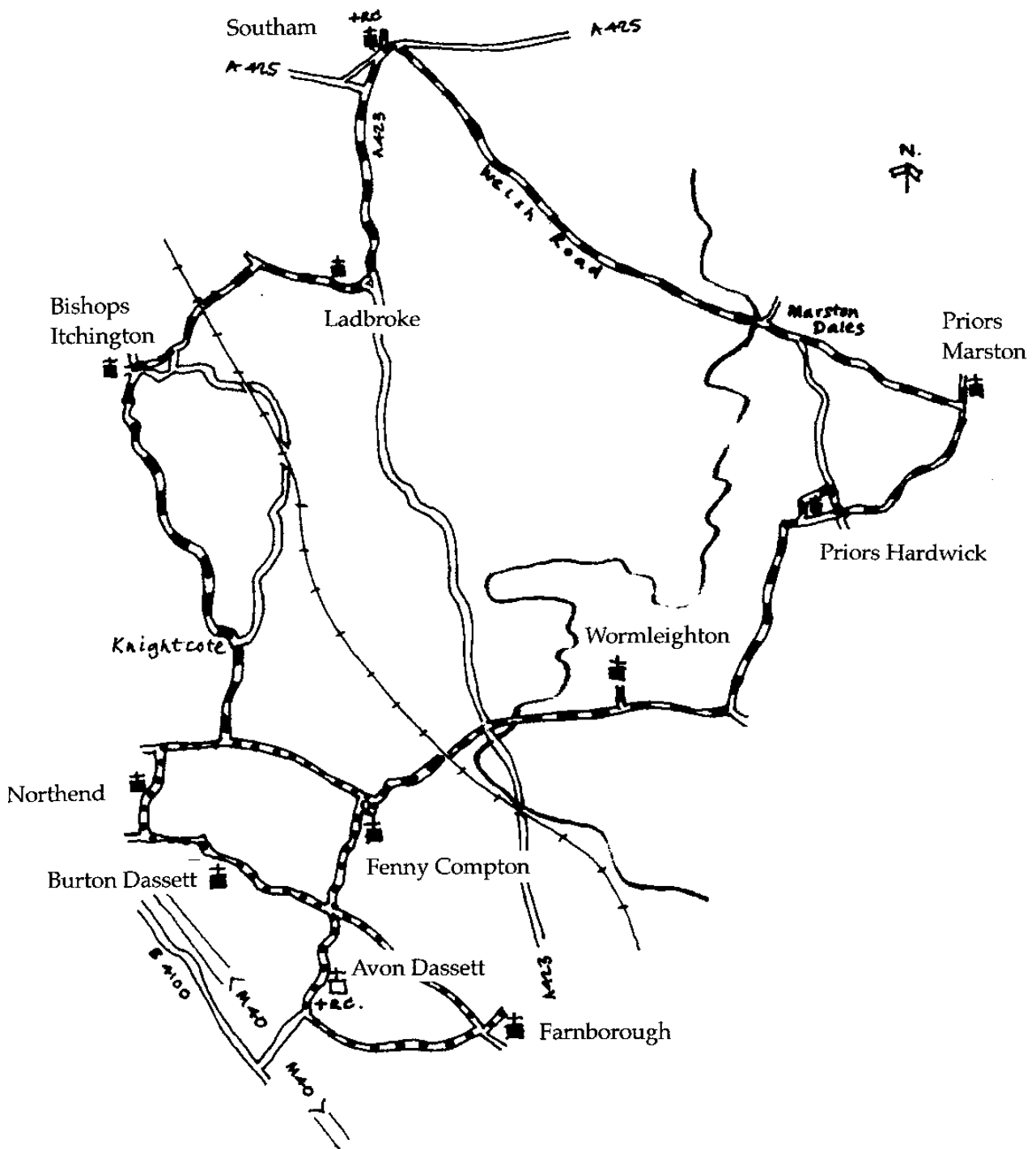
At Fenny Compton the oak door in the north porch shows traces of bullet holes made during the Civil Wars in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.

At Ladbroke some notable stained glass, including that from the Kempe Studio. Try to find the spider web in the window featuring St. Nicholas.

Participants should obtain the official Sponsorship Forms, which include safety notes. These and other details can be downloaded from the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust website at HYPERLINK "<http://www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk>" [www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk) ; or can be obtained from Will Hawkes, the Ride and Stride Co-ordinator on 01789 266415.

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Southam Loop ■■■■■



# Dassett & Southam Local Ride