



WARWICKSHIRE AND COVENTRY  
HISTORIC CHURCHES  
TRUST



## Ride and Stride 2009

Saturday 12 September 2009

10.00 am - 6.00 pm

### The George Eliot Country Ride

**Join us on a tour round some of the historic churches of the George Eliot country, 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 is a national event.

The recommended route is around 15 miles long, including the diversions to Attleborough and Bedworth churches, and avoids main roads where possible. Fuller details of the route and of its connections with George Eliot can be found in a booklet, published by the Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council, entitled *George Eliot - Scenes, Trails* available from the tourism office (tel. 024 7637 6376). You will find it helpful to have with you a copy of the relevant 1:25,000 OS map. Refreshments can be found at pubs and cafes along the route. Take particular care when cycling on main roads. Before you set off, be sure to obtain and read carefully the safety recommendations on the Sponsorship Form. The Ride can be started at any point as it is a circular route and short cuts can be made to reduce the overall length if preferred. It is anticipated 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.

**St Nicholas church, Nuneaton**, has an impressively spacious interior of mixed mediaeval date. Mid Victorian chancel and interesting monuments.

**Attleborough church**, mid 19th century and built as a piece. Slender and economic Gothic.

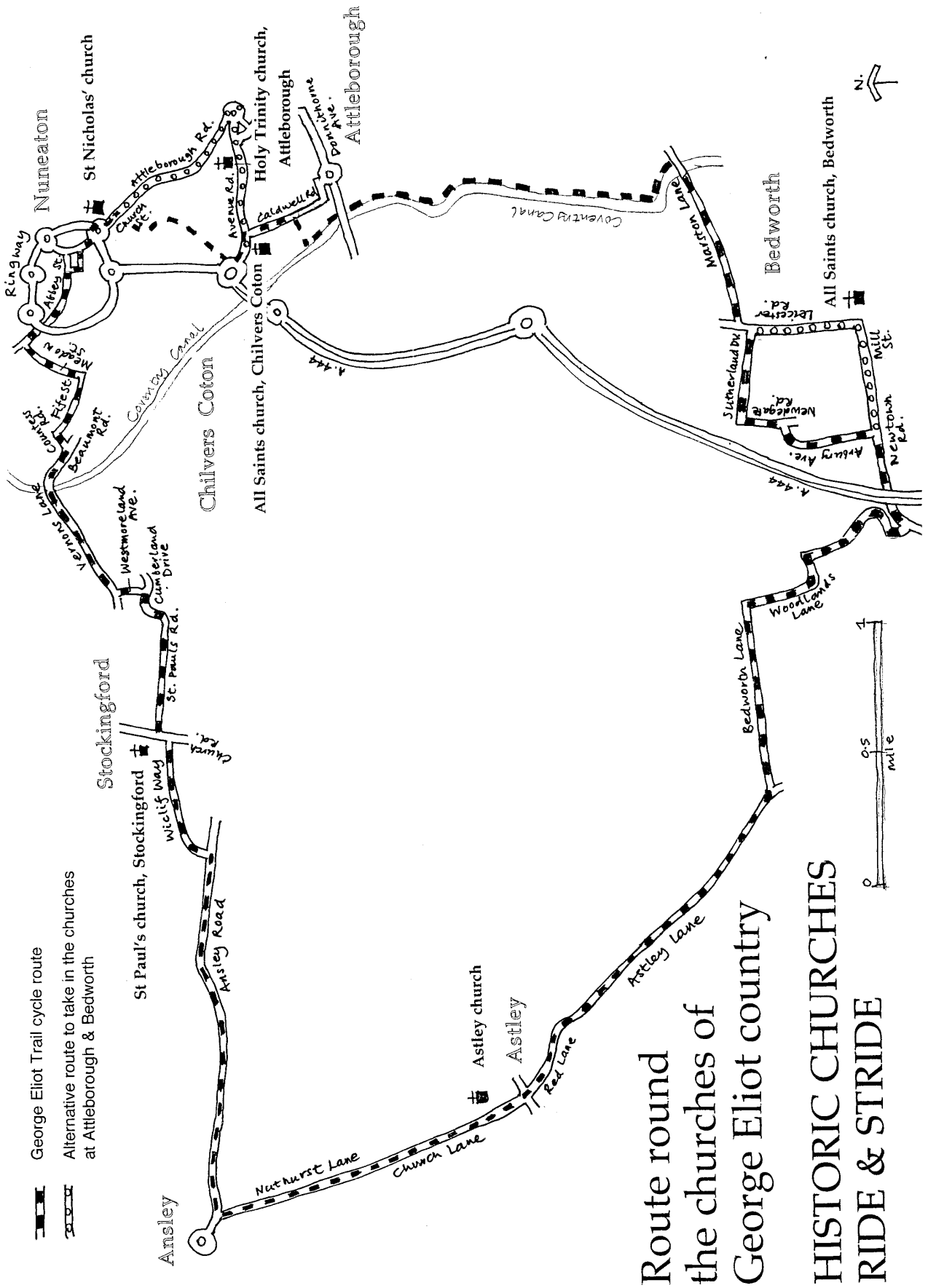
**Chilvers Coton church** is remarkable in having been largely rebuilt and decorated by German prisoners just after the war.

**All Saints church, Bedworth** is 19th century apart from the tower; the remodelling by Bodley & Garner in red sandstone. Excellent glass.

**Astley church** was adapted in the 17th century from the mediaeval remains of a collegiate church. Important decorated choir stalls and wall-paintings.

**Stockingford church**, 1820s late Georgian brick, simple but elegant.

Participants should obtain the official Sponsorship Forms. These and other details about the Ride 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 Jeanette Sutton (07947 576919) or Keith Buckley (024763 28080), the local Co-ordinators for this ride.



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