



WARWICKSHIRE AND COVENTRY
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Ride and Stride 2009

Saturday 12 September 2009
10.00 am - 6.00 pm

The Shipston Local Ride

The Ride around this group of churches in rural countryside 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 is a national event.

The recommended route is just over 11 miles long and avoids main roads where possible. You will find it helpful to have with you a copy of the relevant 1:25,000 OS map (Explorer 151). Take particular care when cycling on the A.3400. Before you set off, be sure to read carefully the safety recommendations on the Sponsorship Form. The Ride can be started at any point as it is a circular route. 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.

Shipston on Stour parish church, St Edmund, has a mediaeval tower fronting a simple mid 19thC Nave and Sanctuary by Edmund Street.

The **Catholic church** lies uphill in the Darlingscote Road.

The **Methodist church** is in New Street.

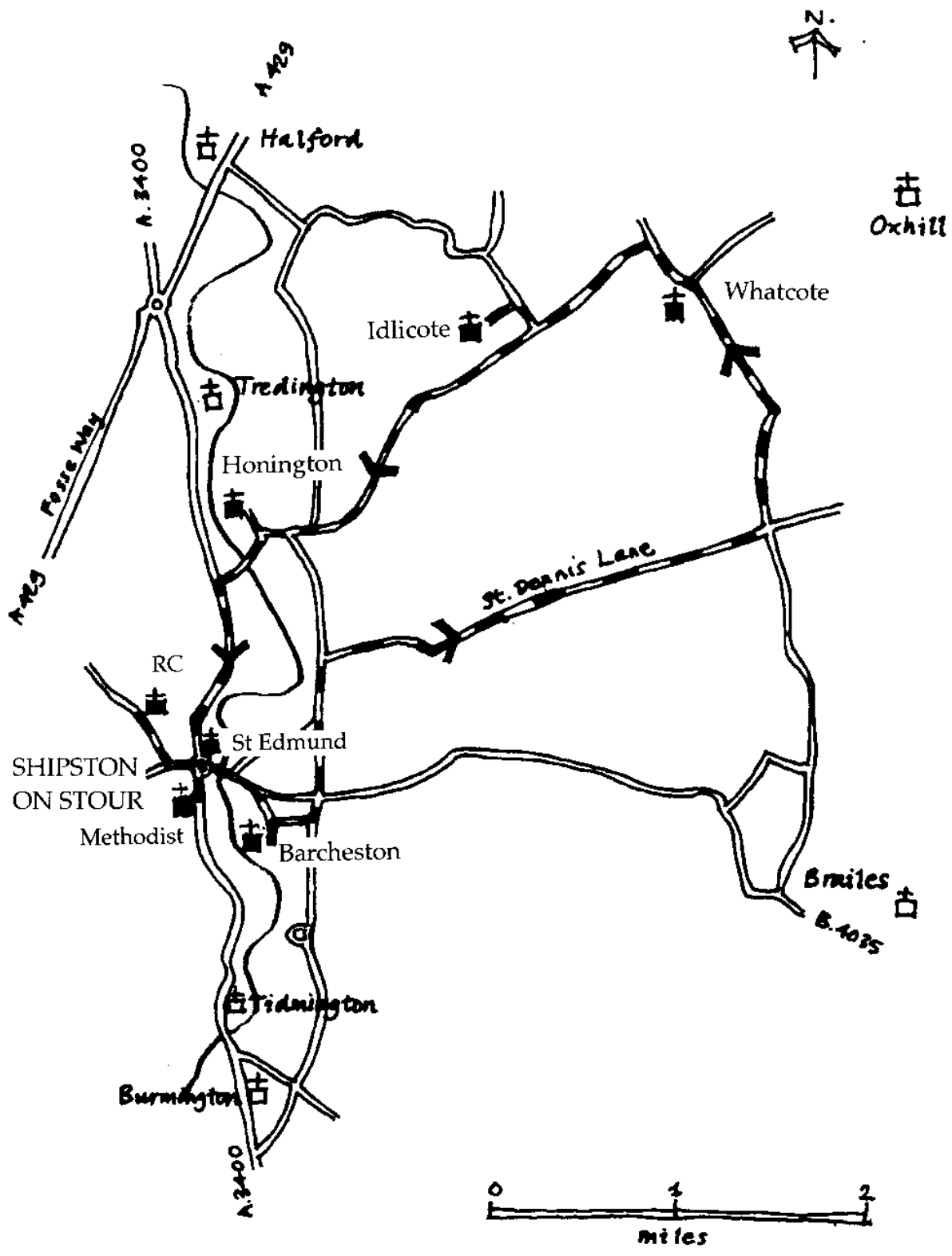
Barcheston, of Norman origins with a later south aisle and recumbent monuments but is perhaps best known for the extraordinary angle of its tower. The village boasted a distinguished tapestry workshop in the 16thC.

Whatcote has the unusual distinction of having been bombed in WW II but manages to preserve some 12thC windows and a doorway.

Idlicote, a delightful little church with a busy box-pewed interior and bell turret.

Honington is the most distinguished piece of architecture, being - apart from its mediaeval tower - all of one date (1680-85) and reminiscent of Wren's city churches. Unusual monuments to the Townshends, including an informally lifelike conversation piece at the west end.

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



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