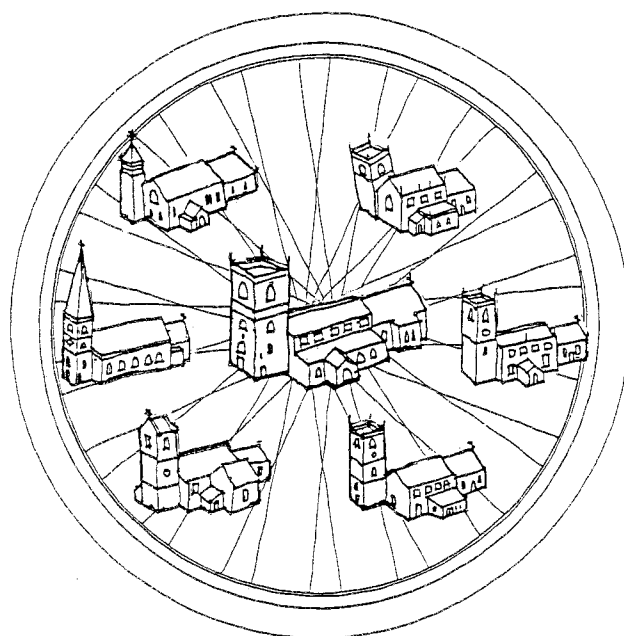


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ROUTE MAP
FOR THE
SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE
SEVEN

EVENT ORGANISED WITH
DIVINE INSPIRATION

The Tour will assemble at the Lych Gate at Long Compton church and leave at 10.00am. Parking is available nearby. Cyclists and Walkers are free to set their own pace and to take in as many of the Seven as they feel able to visit during the day, with the aim of being back at Long Compton before 6.00pm when the ride closes. Participants should take their own food and drink, or stop at the Pubs along the route. Light refreshments will be available at most churches. Use of the Ordnance Survey Explorer maps will make the route easier to follow. The overall distance is just over 19 miles.



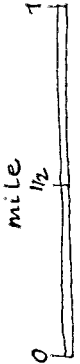
Pubs

Shipston on Stour

Barcheston

Willington

Burmington



Brailes Hill

Fodenham

The Butts

Great Wolford

A 3400

Beware Traffic!!

FOX & Hounds

Little Wolford

Cherington Arms

Cherington

Rectory Farm

Steep Hill!!

Weston Park

Stourton Lodge

Steep Hill!!

Barton Road

Barton on the Heath

The Norman Knight

A 3400

Steep Hill!!



Shops

Long Compton

Whichford Wood



Whichford



Red Lion

ROUTE ROUND THE SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE SEVEN

(miles)

Notes on the churches:

(Start)

Long Compton, St Peter & St Paul

The Mother Church of the Seven, sitting comfortably at the bottom of the Oxfordshire escarpment. A venerable 13thC Nave and lower tower (raised in the 15thC). Chancel of the same date but much modified in the 19thC with unusual vestry/chantry chapel. The thatched lych-gate is c1600.

(3.6)

Barton on the Heath, St Lawrence

Substantially a 12thC Norman church but much obscured by later alteration. The 'saddle-back' tower was raised in the 14thC at the time the chancel window was put in. Robert Dover, founder of the Cotswold Olympics, lived here.

(5.1)

Great Wolford, St Michael & All Angels

A William IV building, all of one period. Impressive in scale and compact in plan. Spacious nave and a western tower with the only steeple of the Seven.

(8.4)

Burmington, St Barnabus & St Nicholas

A mid-19thC building, neat and unassuming with a semi-detached 19thC belfry. The odd reused stones from the earlier 12thC structure.

(10.5)

Barcheston, St Martin

Another small church with ancient Norman bones. The building periods are confusing. 14thC south aisle with tombs including monuments to the Sheltons who established their tapestry weaving business in the hamlet. The 14thC tower, markedly out of upright, clings doggedly to the top of the Stour embankment.

(13.8)

Cherington, St John the Baptist

Predominantly 13thC with much 15thC alteration. 18thC windows to north aisle and a collection of mediaeval glass from the same period. Awkwardly compressed 15thC canopy monument at end of north aisle. Again a 14thC tower.

(16.4)

Whitchford, St Michael

12thC structure, particularly the south doorway. North aisle of 13thC, and tower and chancel of the following century. Recessed priestly tomb in Chancel. The tower is said to have housed hermits at one time.

(19.4)

Long Compton Finish

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