



ANNUAL SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE
12 September 2009

**The Stratford-upon-Avon/Shakespeare
Cycle Ride**

**A 40-mile route (maximum!), beginning and ending in Stratford,
taking in many churches with Shakespeare associations.**

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

The route follows minor roads with opportunities to cut back to Stratford for those wishing to shorten the overall distance, shown in more detail on OS Landranger Map 151.

A more detailed version of the route can be seen on http://gb.mapometer.com/en/cycling/route_195292.html. Sponsorship forms and further information can be found on the Trust's website (www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk) and are also available from Robert Bearman (01926 641560).

There are many pubs and tearooms along the route and some churches may supply light refreshments. But make sure you have some water with you.

Notes on churches:

Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon: where Shakespeare and his family were baptised and where he is buried

Guild Chapel, Stratford-upon-Avon, adjoining Shakespeare's old school and a building he would have known well

Loxley, St Nicholas church: largely rebuilt in the 1740s-1750s but with some older features

Charlecote, St Leonard's Church – Re-built in 1851-3, but with some fine tombs. One is of Sir Thomas Lucy, the owner of Charlecote Park in Shakespeare's day, where Shakespeare allegedly poached deer

Hampton Lucy, St Peter's Church – a fine Victorian church, much of it built, 1822-6, with final additions made in 1856

Snitterfield, St James's Church – a medieval church where Shakespeare's grandfather, Richard Shakespeare, and his father, John, worshipped.

Bearley, St Mary's Church – extensively restored in recent years but retaining a few old features

Wootton Wawen, St Peter's Church – the only church in Warwickshire with substantial remains dating back to Anglo-Saxon times

Great Alne, St Mary Magdalene's Church – a humble church, mainly of 1837, tucked away at the end of a track

Aston Cantlow, St John's Church – a medieval church where Shakespeare's wife, Mary Arden, would have worshipped as a child, together with her family .

Wilmcote, St Andrew's Church – a Victorian church built in 1841 now serving the village where Shakespeare's grand-father, Robert Arden, had his farm.

Billesley, All Saints Church – largely re-fashioned in about 1700 but where Shakespeare's grand-daughter Elizabeth married John Barnard.

Temple Grafton, St Andrew's Church – rebuilt in 1875 on the site of a church where Shakespeare is thought to have married Ann Hathaway

Binton, St Peter's Church – built 1875-6, now famous for its west window commemorating Scott's Antarctic Expedition (Scott had married the rector's daughter)

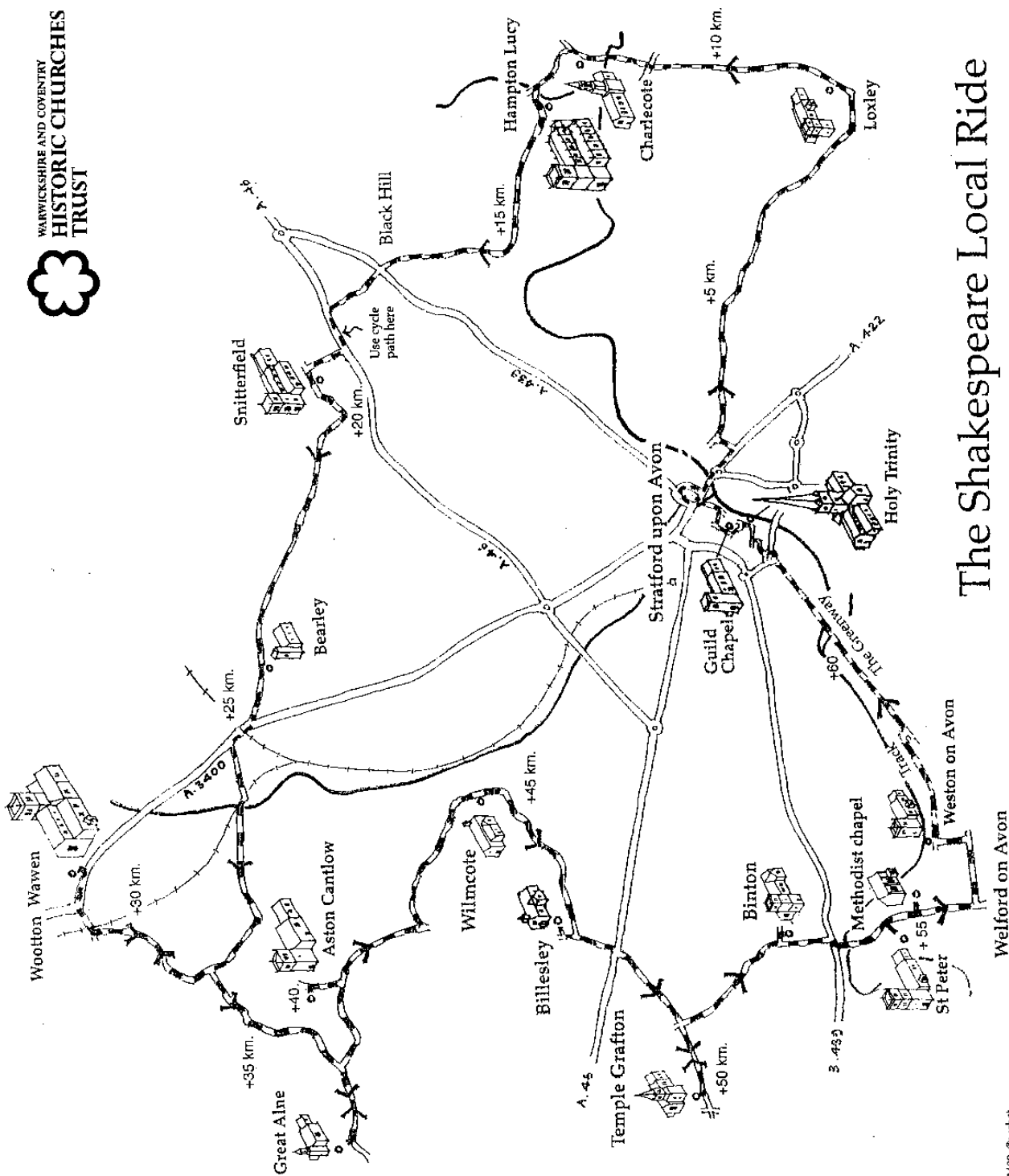
Welford, St Peter's Church – a fine medieval church with Norman features

Welford, Methodist Chapel - converted in 1913 from an early 19th century barn

Weston-on-Avon, All Saints Church - Monuments to members of the Greville family of Milcote remind us that this is where the murderer, Lodowick Greville, worshipped. His son Edward became lord of the manor of Stratford and would have been well known to Shakespeare.

Read the Safety notes on the sponsorship form and take special care when crossing main roads. Use the cycle-path along the short stretch of A46 near Snitterfield

To hire a bike for the day, contact: www.stratfordbikehire.com (tel: 07711 776340)



The Shakespeare Local Ride

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