



The Salford/ Bidford Local Ride

This 14 mile ride around this area is just part of the annual sponsored ride organised by the Coventry and Warwickshire Historic Churches Trust.

The money you collect from your sponsors is divided equally between the church nominated by yourself and the County Trust, who are then able to make grants to needy churches. Where we can recover Gift Aid, we will retain the full amount of this, enabling us to increase our grant giving further.

This ride will take in churches at **Salford Priors, Bidford on Avon, Binton, Temple Grafton, Exhall and Wixford**. The energetic can add on **Welford on Avon, Arrow and Weethley**. Other connecting roads are also shown should you wish to shorten the route. In either case you will find it helpful to with you a copy of the relevant 1:50,000 OS map (Landranger 151)

It is suggested that Salford Priors 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 but they still count as a visited church.

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

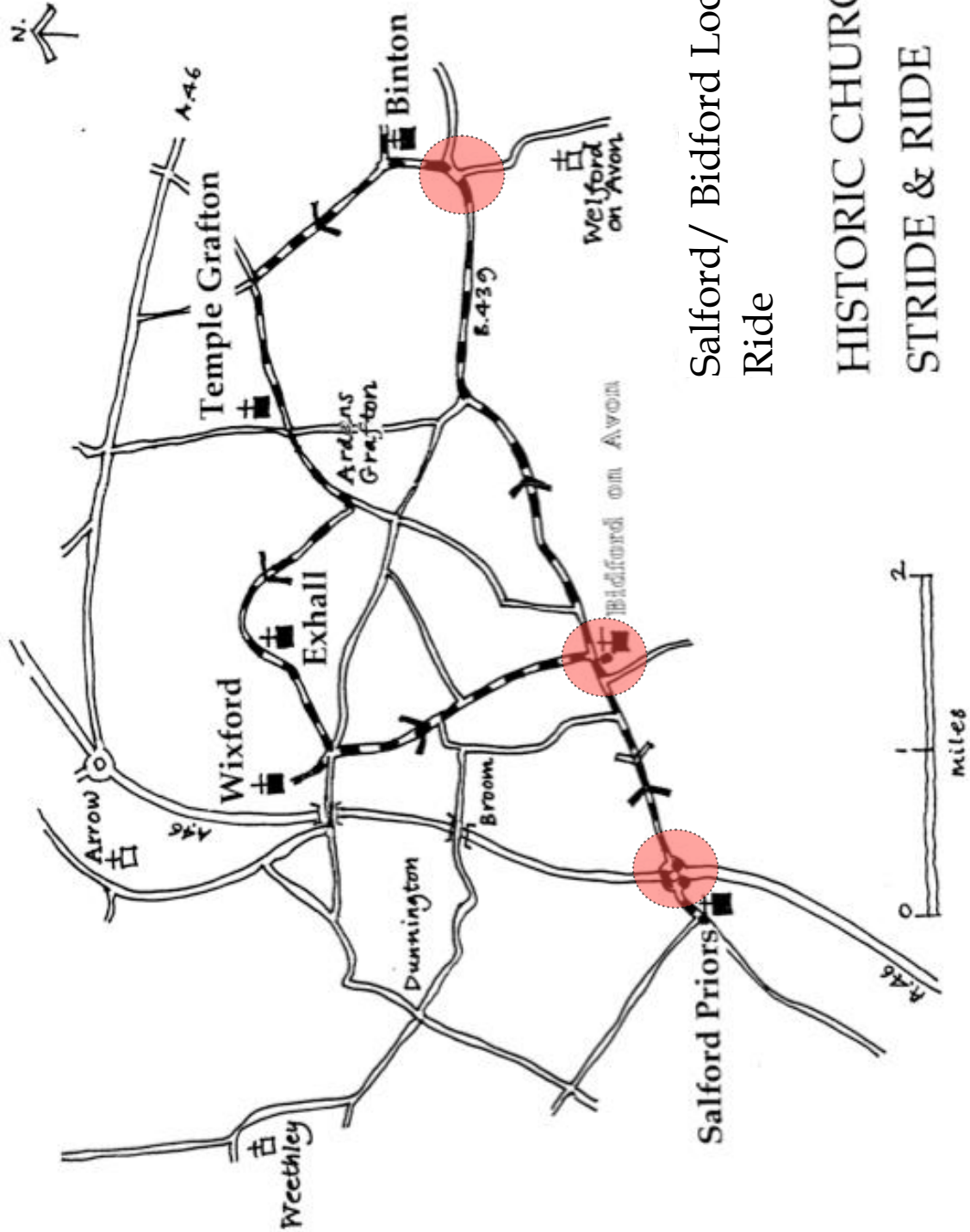
- At **Binton** the Scott memorial window crafted by the Kempe Studios commemorating his fateful expedition to Antarctic and the fabulous exhibition explaining Scott's connection with Binton.
- At **Wixford** the intriguing memorial in the side chapel covered in severed feet and the thatched horse house in the churchyard where the visiting clergy stabled their steeds.
- At **Weethley**, the staggering view across several counties and the pond in the churchyard.
- At **Salford Priors** the rare Flamboyant Window, an oak pulpit dating from the 1600s and the beautifully carved Norman doorway as you enter the church.

Safety is vitally important on the Ride. This year we have included a Risk Assessment on the website, and we would ask you to read carefully this document and the text of the blue Sponsorship form before you set out and to follow the advice given. This is of particular importance if you are travelling in a group or have younger children in your party. Whilst the suggested route follows minor roads where possible, we have marked main road crossings on the attached map and extra care should be taken there.

The majority of the churches on this route are usually open for the Ride & Stride event. However, a list of open churches will be available on our website www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk, where you will also find the necessary Sponsorship Forms and other information about the Ride.

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● Main roads & crossings (heavier traffic)



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