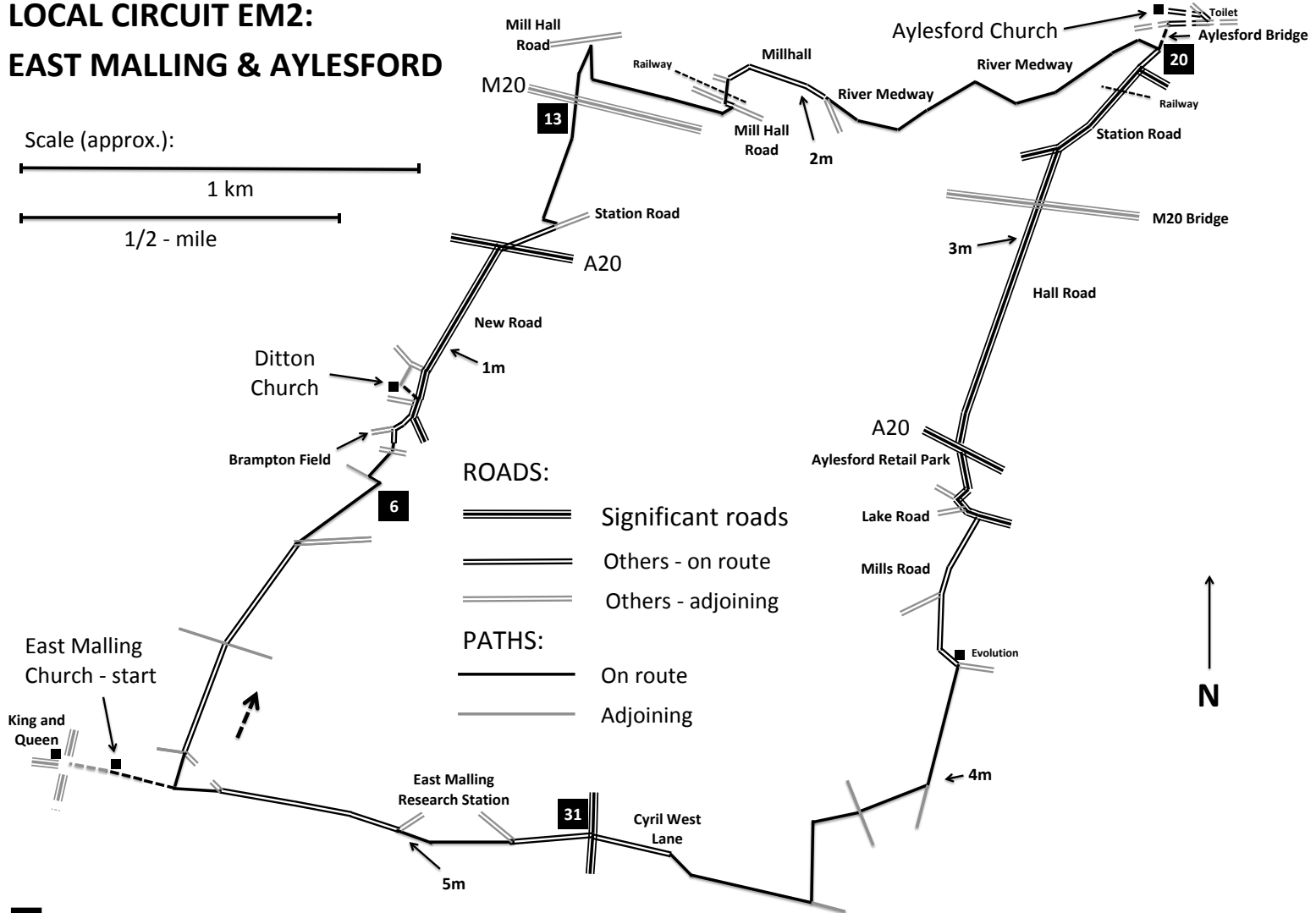
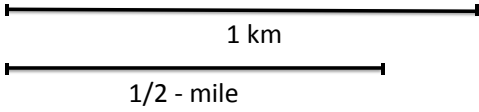


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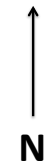
Scale (approx.):



- ROADS:**
- Significant roads
 - Others - on route
 - Others - adjoining
- PATHS:**
- On route
 - Adjoining

88 Direction label (as in the walk notes)

Starting direction



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Linked churches:

East Malling (start and finish)

Ditton (Direction 9)

Aylesford (Direction 20D: Detour - see Appendix)

Roads and hindrances:

The A20 (twice) and Aylesford's main Station Road need to be crossed - on each occasion with the protection of lights.

Notes taken: December 2016

The start and finish is at East Malling Church (ME19 6AH).

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		From the west door of <u>East Malling Church</u> , turn to the left to pass immediately along its south side.	703 571	
2	1	At the end of the churchyard pass railings and carry on ahead.		
3	2	Turn left (next to the first pole after the churchyard).	705 570	
4	3	Go straight ahead along a broad, quiet roadway.		
5	10	Leave the roadway to go straight ahead between metal barriers, towards the houses in the middle distance.		
6	14	[Map point] On reaching those houses turn sharp left in front of them for a few yards, then at the first opportunity turn right through a gap between them, along a signposted walkway. Go ahead as straight as possible, crossing an estate road and continuing beyond it.		
7	15	Go straight on, between bollards.		
8	16	After turning right into another road (Brampton Field) swing left near its end alongside the wooden fence, and go on, with New Road converging from the right.		0.83
9		Cross St Peter's Road and continue along the left-hand side of the main road, with <u>Ditton Church</u> over to your left.		
10	22	Cross the A20 with the help of the lights, and carry on along the left-hand pavement of Station Road opposite.		
11	24	Immediately after crossing the sports club's wide driveway, turn left along a narrow, unsignposted alley between fences, which soon bends to the right to go alongside the sports field.		
12	27	Continue ahead as the path passes a rough open area on the way towards the footbridge over the motorway.		
13	28	[Map point] Carry on over the footbridge.		
14	29	Moving down on the other side of the bridge, ignore the footpath signposted on the left, and continue towards a minor road at the bottom. But immediately before the road double back to the right towards the motorway you have just crossed.		
15	31	Just before the motorway, swing left to walk alongside it.	715 588	

* "Mins." is very approximate! See 'Introductory Notes' for an explanation of how this column is used.

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
16	35	At the end turn left along a roadway for a few yards, and then cross the footbridge over the railway.		
17	36	Descending from the bridge you have first to turn left, but then go straight ahead along the road (not left again).		1.89
18	39	Follow the footpath which forks left away from the road to go alongside the river.		
19	40	Go ahead along the riverside path, signposted 'To Medway Valley Walk'.		
20	52	[Map point] After passing through a wooden gate, emerge on to a roadway at the end of Aylesford Bridge. <i>[To visit <u>Aylesford Church</u>, now divert instead to the <u>Detour</u> in the Appendix.]</i> Main route: Turn right along the roadway, away from the bridge and towards a level crossing, staying on the right-hand pavement as a major road merges from the left.		
21	53	Carry on over the level crossing. Cross to the left-hand side of the road when convenient – perhaps best at the light-controlled crossing just before the road junction ahead.		2.73
22	56	At the junction keep left and walk up the whole length of Hall Road, passing under the motorway bridge and crossing to the right-hand side when convenient.		
23	65	At the top the task is to cross the A20 and continue along Mills Road opposite. To achieve this, use the lights a few yards to the right, and come back to the main intersection, turning right to continue as if you had crossed directly from Hall Road. Walk uphill with a car park down to your right, and the main shops of the Aylesford Retail Park over beyond it.		
24	68	At the top go rightwards (anti-clockwise) around the roundabout, passing the end of Lake Road and taking the next exit road (still Mills Road).	724 577	
25	72	As the road swings to the right, instead cross over and go up the left fork, the access road to Evolution Strength and Fitness.		3.73
26	73	Turn right on to the footpath opposite the Evolution building.		
27	77	Just before an opening ahead into a grassy area, turn right along a footpath.	724 571	
28	79	At the crosspaths continue straight ahead.		
29	81	Follow the path as it swings to the left.		
30	84	At the T-junction at the end turn right.		4.34
31	91	[Map point] Reaching a larger road, cross it and continue ahead towards the East Malling Business Centre.		
32	94	Go straight ahead along the tarmac footpath, as signposted (parting company with the road as it swings away to the right through a gate).		
33	95	Continue ahead across the complex, straight on as far as possible, with a slight rightward bend halfway through. (And currently some building works slightly complicate matters.)		
34	97	Cross a road and continue along the footpath opposite, then go straight on alongside the road leading out of the complex.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
35	99	Continue ahead past the entrance to the East Malling Water Centre.		
36	103	When the road swings away to the right, instead go straight on along the path, towards the church, visible ahead.		
37	104	Carry straight on, ignoring the path to the right.		
38	105	Pass between railings and go straight on through the churchyard.		
39	106	Reach East Malling Church , the starting point of the walk.	703 571	5.48

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Detour to Aylesford Church

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
20A	0	At Direction 20, after passing through the wooden gate, turn left on to the traffic-free Aylesford Bridge.		
20B	1	At the T-junction beyond, turn right along High Street, then after about 80 yds. (at the toilets - currently open) sharp left, uphill, along Church Walk.		
20C	2	About 50 yds. up, turn left along a road marked as a footpath.		
20D	4	Reach the south door of Aylesford Church . After visiting the church retrace your steps to Church Walk and High Street and back over the bridge.	729 590	0.18
20E	7	Rejoin the main route at the far end of the bridge, going straight ahead towards a level crossing, and staying on the right-hand pavement as a major road merges from the left. Then resume from Direction 21. Add 7 minutes to subsequent total times and 0.36 miles to cumulative distances.		0.36

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FOR THOSE WHO WALK WITH THEIR DOGS

See footnote on next page.

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I do not venture to give advice about walking with your dog. As well as the joys, you will be well aware of the issues involved, and particularly that relationships between dogs and other countryside animals potentially involve mutual suspicion, or worse.

But what this footnote does try to do, in response to requests, is to give some indication of the nature of the walk from a dog's point of view, to enable you to decide whether it is suitable.

The percentage distances on the right should be self-explanatory.

The information in the middle column may look a bit cluttered, but I think it should enable you (if the detail is of interest) to mark up within a few minutes a print-out of the walk notes, so that you have some idea what might be round the next corner.

The risk in all this is that **things change so quickly** in the agricultural working world; and what I describe might become misleading after subsequent changes. I have done my best, but there is no guarantee that you will find the information up to date!

LOCAL CIRCUIT EM2	Direction numbers	% of walk
Busy road	9-10, 20b-24	27
Quiet road \$\$	4, 6-8, 14, 17, 20a, 25, 30b-31, 33b, 34b-35	23
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	12, 18	2
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	1-3, 5, 11, 13-16, 19a, 19c, 26-30a, 32-33a, 34a, 36-38	45
Woods	19b	3

** This is not a promise, just a statement of fact - that, having walked these sections perhaps two or three times, I have found no animals or any sign of them.

\$\$ Again, not a promise that there will be no traffic to worry about. Just a personal judgement of conditions as I have found them.

STILES: There are currently no stiles on this walk.