GREATER LONDON - churchyard sites with younger yews

BEXLEY St Mary the Virgin TQ498735 9/7/2005 Penelope Stanford

The church is 13th century. *The King's England* described seven old yews growing in the churchyard. One was 'believed to be about as old as the Conqueror' and 'one of the oldest yew trees growing so near to London'. The largest yew, NW of the church, is beginning to grow into the metal seat that surrounds it. Girth was 328cm at 90cm

CHINGFORD All Saints TQ3735293377 11/2/2008 Paul Harrison An 11th/12th century church. The tree appears in old photos and paintings. Photo in file.

EAST BARNET St Mary TQ2771594540 Chris Street Here is an avenue of yews and several individual ones around the churchyard.

FRIERN BARNET St James TQ2721092951 Here are avenues of pollarded yews.

KIDBROOKE St James TQ407765 9/7/2005 Penelope Stanford 1 yew close to rectory and a grove of spindly yews. Nothing of note.

OLD MALDEN St John the Baptist TQ211663 Tim Hills 8/7/2007

The yew avenue is on private land belonging to the Manor House next door to the church. The avenue runs NS along the western edge of the churchyard. There is fencing and barbed wire to mark this as private land. Did it once belong to the church? What was the purpose of this avenue? I counted about 32 trees whose age appeared to be 100+. Also some younger that perhaps replaced dead trees.

WOODFORD BRIDGE St Paul TQ427918 1/9/2007 Dave Martin

Several yews in churchyard, these the 2 most noteworthy. (1) Front of church nearest gate - 2.85 at ground, female (2) N boundary at front of church -1.84 at 1m, also female.