LEICESTERSHIRE - churchyard sites with younger yews

BARWELL    St Mary    SP443965    9/9/2009    Tim Hills
*The King’s England* (c1940) described ‘venerable yews’. Here was only a single Irish Yew, so this is possibly a lost yew site.

BEEBY      All Saints  SK66350835  7/9/2009    Tim Hills
*The King’s England* (c1940) recorded ‘mature yews’. These are young yew trees.

COLEORTON  St Mary the Virgin SK391172  9/9/2009    Tim Hills
The church is hidden away a mile from the settlement. The impression is of being completely ringed by yews, but they are in fact mostly on adjoining property with branches overhanging the churchyard. Only one yew grows in the churchyard, SW of the church. It is male with four upright stems forming just above the ground.

ENDERBY    Enderby Parish Church SP538995  9/9/2009    Tim Hills
A pair of fine, straight trunked yews on the south side, close to the main road. That closest to the church was 7’ 6” at 3’, the other 7’ 8” at 3’. There is an avenue of limes parallel to the road which then becomes mixed lime and young yew. Behind the wall on this road is a private garden/estate with more yews.

HOBY       All Saints   SK668174   8/9/2009    Tim Hills
*The King’s England* (c1940) must have been referring to the 6 yews that form an avenue on the north side, leading towards a house adjacent to the church. All the trees are tall. There are further yews in the vicinity that once formed similar avenues leading towards the church. Many of these are now in gardens.
PLUNGAR  St Helen  SK769341  8/9/2009  Tim Hills
Common and Irish yews all around the perimeter, but nothing of great age. One of the west side seems to be resprouting from a small girthed stump. Largest girthed NE probably no more than 10/11’.

RAVENSTONE  St Michael and All Angels  SK402139  9/9/09  Tim Hills
A cluster of 4 young yews grow either side of the gate WNW of the church. Also a young yew south of the church by the perimeter wall.

REARSBY  St Michael and All Angels  SK651146  8/9/2009  Tim Hills
*The King’s England* (c1940) reported a ‘yew-bordered path’. This is a mixture of Irish and young Common Yew.

SAXELBYE  St Peter  SK700210  8/9/2009  Tim Hills
*The King’s England* (c1940) described yews and lime. There are 4 young yews at the south entrance. It appears as though this line once extended all the way to the church, but that a number have been felled. At the NW entrance are two further young yews.

STRETON-EN-LE-FIELD  St Michael  SK30401192  1/1/2018  Linda Parks
St Michaels church is in Rectory Lane, Swadlincote, Leicestershire, DE12 8AF. It is under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust. The old yew grows on the south side of the churchyard and forms part of the border with the private grounds. It is directly opposite the south door. There are some other younger yews in the churchyard.