

1884: 'The church-yard contains a splendid yew tree, probably a memorial of the time when it was ordered that a yew tree should be planted in every church-yard, to secure a supply of wood for the tough yew bow, which made English archers so famous. The girth of this tree is fourteen feet, and its branches extend in a well defined circle of nearly sixty yards. The stem is hollow and a young sapling has sprung up in the cavity. *Nottinghamshire History – Notes on Papplewick (2) by Mrs Riley.*

In 2009 I recorded a male yew, SE of the church, whose large girth is retained for a height of 15'18'. It is hollow on the south side, but the hollow had been blocked with timbers. It was possible to see the internal stem through a gap in the wood. Girth has increased little since 1884 and was 13' 2" at the height of the surrounding seat, 14' exactly at 3' and 14' 11" at 4'.

