

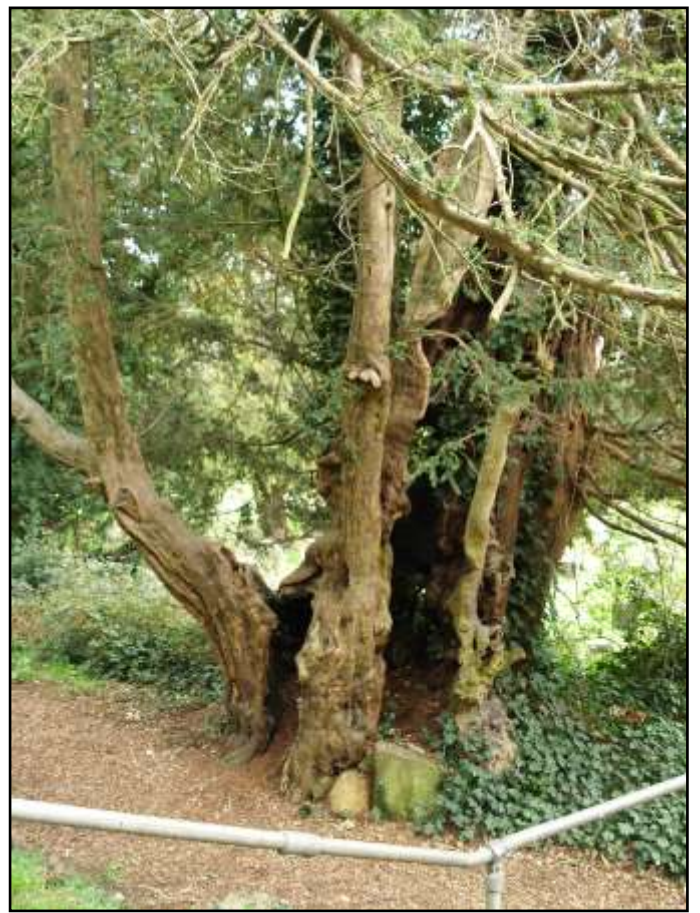
'Venerable yew-trees' were noted here in 1804. After a visit by the North Staffs Field club in 1899 the following was written: 'Mr. Collins of Trentham, inspected the great yew tree to the north of the church, and pronounced it to be of more than 2,000 years growth. This, of course, would be of a date prior to Christianity itself, but that is not inconsistent, seeing that it is generally admitted that in this island the Britons revered the yew, and that the early Christians selected sites for their churches where the tree existed, regarding it as a symbol of everlasting life'.

*The Gardener's Chronicle* of 1874 reported all 3 trees: 'The Tettenhall Yew, standing in Tettenhall churchyard, near Wolverhampton, where are two others forming a gloomy row, gives a good idea of this connection. The most bulky of the three, which is here represented, is 24 feet in girth'.



1999: Each of the 3 yews forming this 'gloomy row' are shown here. Each showed signs of fire or smoke damage. The ancient male's main growth area (A) develops into four branches, while a limb (B) is putting strain on the bole and a new stem (C) has emerged from the base of the tree. Girth of 22' 9" at 1' was recorded. All photos are from 2012 unless otherwise stated.





The smaller girthed male is a burnt out hollow shell on steeply sloping ground.



The female is a series of branches which have developed around the truncated centre of the original tree. Girth of 22' 4" around the base was recorded in 1999.





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