

## WARWICKSHIRE - churchyard sites with younger yews

**BARFORD** St Peter SP273609 7/9/2009 Tim Hills

1949 *A History of the County of Warwickshire; vol 5*: 'There is a fine row of yew trees south of the church'.

A more recent document describes them as lining the path to the porch'. They do not line the present path, but cut across it at right angles. The line is roughly NE/SW, a similar alignment to the church.

Yews were recorded as follows:

- 1 about 11' – male
- 2 7' approx at 2' - female
- 3 6' 11" at 3' - male
- 4 7' 9" at 3' - female
- 5 7' 10" at 3' - male

### PATH

- 6 4' 9" at 3' over epicormic growth - male
- 7 just over 8' at 4' over twiggy growth - male
- 8 7' 7" at 3' - female
- 9 just over 6' at 3' - female

**DRAYCOTE Baptist Chapel** Nicholas Dalton 2007

A deconsecrated chapel with a consecrated burial ground just a few metres from the yew, alongside the chapel. The chapel is dated from 1869 but there has been a place of worship on that site certainly since 1811. Recently measured at 1.4 metres from the ground, the girth measures approximately 3.4 metres. At 0.6 metres from the ground, the girth measures approximately 3.1 metres.

**ROWINGTON** St Laurence SP203693 8/9/2009 Tim Hills

The 1875 Penny Post noted 'an old yew-tree' at this site. An internet site reported a 'large yew on the N side of the church'. The female yew on the north side consists of numerous tall branches rising close to each other. While girth was about 12' there was nothing to suggest old age. The area beneath the tree was being used as a dump for stone, concrete, tiles etc. There is also a tall younger female yew on the east side and a male/female pairing of similar age either side of the church gate.