WEST SUSSEX - churchyard sites with younger yews

BARLAVINGTON  St Mary  SU9721616049  1992  D.Rudd-Jones
A solid female yew with a girth between 9' 4" and 9' 8".

BEPTON  St Mary  SU854183  Peter Norton
An early church, rebuilt in the 13th century and in 1878. Of the six yews that grow along the east perimeter five are quite small. The largest, with a massive exposed root system, overhangs the road that leads to the farm.

CHIDHAM  St Mary  SU788039  Peter Norton
One young male grows southwest of the church. At the southeast corner of the churchyard is a larger male with three main leaders from a short bole. Much twiggy lower growth and thick stems of ivy preventing accurate measurements and 11' was estimated.

CLIMPING (Clymping)  St Mary the Virgin  TQ002025  19/6/2011  Peter Norton
The church and the parish Council use the old name of Clymping as opposed to the modern spelling seen on maps. The church has a Norman tower built in 1170 with the church added in 1230. A single female yew grows here, close to the south west gate. It has a swollen lower root, a break of crown at 5', and there is evidence of hollowing. Difficult to measure but a girth of about 12' at 1’ was recorded.

COCKING  St Catherine of Siena  SU879175  Peter Norton
A church recorded in the Domesday Book, restored in the 19th century. One male yew growing north of the church had a girth of 11' at 3’. It has a tapering bole with no break of crown. Two smaller female trees grow along the south and east perimeter.
COMPTON  St Mary  SU777147  Peter Norton
Three young yews grow in the churchyard.

EAST DEAN  All Saints  SU905132  Peter Norton
A 12th century church restored around 1870. One female grows just south of the porch. It has a break of crown at 4’ 6” and a girth of 10’ 2” at 2’.

EAST MARDEN  St Peter  SU807146  Peter Norton

EASTERGATE  St George  SU9454205090  Peter Norton
A much restored 11th century church. Here are six main yews, four young trees plus several saplings. A male close to the gate girthed 7’ 10” at 1’. A female grows SW of the church with four younger yews and some saplings can also be found. Towards the east of the church is a line of four yews. They are (1) male with a girth of 12’ 8” at the root crown and 13’ 1” at 2’ (2) a smaller male (3) a female (4) a female with a girth of 9’ at 1’.

ELSTED  St Paul  SU816197  Peter Norton
One young male close to the south gate, many lower branches distorting measurements.

FISHBOURNE  St Peter & St Mary  SU842044  Peter Norton
One male yew grows northeast of the church and a juvenile male, possible a millennium planting, grows to the northwest.

FORD  St Andrew  TQ002036  Peter Norton
A young yew grows east of the church. Thick lower growth prevented measurement.
LODSWORTH  St Peter  SU931227  Peter Norton
An ancient church much altered in the 1840s. Three yews grow here. (1) A columnar female girding 10' 8" at 1' 6" grows close to what was the original entrance through the tower. (2) A twin trunked female grows on the north perimeter. (3) A male with a girth of 14' close to the ground grows close to the northwest gate. Its girth is exaggerated by side limbs.

LYMINSTER  St Mary Magdalene  TQ022047  Peter Norton
A 10th century Saxon church with considerable restoration after 1850. One male grows close to the north corner of the churchyard. Girth was 8' 11" at 1'.

MERSTON  St Giles  SU893026  Peter Norton
One young yew grows south west of the church.

NORTH MUNDHAM  St Stephen  SU874021  Peter Norton
A 13th century church rebuilt in 1883. One young yew grows near the porch.

OVING  St Andrew  19/06/2011  Peter Norton
The largest tree here girds about 11'.

POLING  St Nicholas  TQ047045  Peter Norton
A church of Saxon origins restored in 1875. Of the three yews that grow here two are close to the tower. The third, female, grows opposite the south porch.
SIDLESHAM  St Mary our Lady  SZ855990  Peter Norton  2011
A 13th century church, 16th century tower and 19th century porch. One young female with a girth of 8’ 8” at 2’ grows just west of the church. East of the church is a multi-stemmed male with the girth of 11’ 9” at 6”.

SINGLETON  The Blessed Virgin Mary  SU878130  Peter Norton
An 11th century church, restored in 1863. One female yew grows near to the north porch. Thick stemmed ivy has recently been cut and a girth of around 10’ at 2’ was noted.

STORRINGTON  St Mary  TQ086141  8/10/2011  Tim Hills
A report of 3 x 500 year old yews here is wide of the mark. While none of the 3 are particularly old, no details were taken.

STOUGHTON  St Mary  SU800115  Peter Norton
Three yews grow here, two females west of the church and one male growing from a substantial mound just northwest of the porch. This tree leans away from the church and has new growth from the base of the bole which artificially expands the girth. No measurement was recorded.

TERWICK  St Peter  SU817235  Peter Norton
One male grows close to the porch

UP MARDEN  St Michael  SU795141  Peter Norton
This 13th century church is hidden away from the road up a narrow farm track. It has no electricity and no restoration. As you approach the church from the north entrance you pass beneath four yews, two each side of the footpath of which the largest was 11’ 5”. On the south side of the church are a further four yews of similar size to the first. At the southeast corner of the churchyard is a circle of five yews with a tomb in the centre dating from 1881. The largest tree in this group measured 9’ 8”.

WEST LAVINGTON  St Mary Magdalene  SU891205  Peter Norton
One young female grows close to the porch
A grade 1 listed church. The yew (NE) is not the ‘great yew’ I was expecting to see. It is a three stemmed tree from close to the ground and was not measured.