

1884: 'The dedication of St Michael's was a favourite one with the Normans for churches standing in high situations, and an aged yew tree on the south side of the church will probably carry us back to their days'. *North Staffs field trip report*

1999: The female yew's hollow centre contains a fine internal stem which shared the space with much decaying wood. Girth was 18' 3" at the ground.

A smaller girthed male yew (8' 2" at 3') growing SW of the church exhibited many of the characteristics of old age.

