## STOKE ST MICHAEL

St Michael and All Angels

Six female yews grow here. The veteran, seen on this page, is tree 2 on the plan.



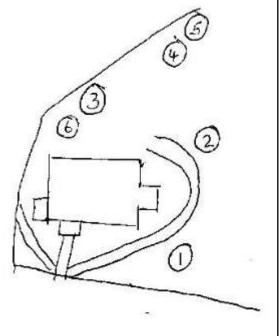


This fragment is all that is left of the original tree, which on one side reveals its inner workings. An old gentleman told me the missing portion came down in a storm a couple of years ago, but added that a couple of years might be a lot more because his memory played tricks.

He also told me they had considered taking down the whole tree – but that somebody was able to convince them that it remained structurally sound. It grows straight and tall and seemed completely sound to me. A considerable amount of internal structures are revealed. Girth of the fragment was exactly 10' at 3'. The dead side of the tree was inaccessible because of planted cotoneaster. This is probably an good idea, keep-ing people away from open side of the tree the tree as it recovers.

Tree 1, SE of the church, is becoming hollow on one side. Thick stems of ivy and the lean of the tree meant that girth could only be estimated as about 8' 6".





Tree 3 grows by the perimeter wall north of the tower. It is very tall and clad in ivy. Girth was 7"5" at 3', which included several ivy stems.



Tree 4, a few metres in from the perimeter wall NE of the church is a fluted tree with a girth of 11' 10" at 2'.

Tree 5, close to the wall, had an girth of 4' 6" over ivy.

Tree 6 (no photo) is a sprawling young yew.



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