

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE - churchyard sites with younger yews

**BLIDWORTH** St Mary SK5855855632 8/9/2009 Tim Hills

From a google books search is the following: 'Robin Hood's friend and nephew, Will Scarlet, is said to be buried in the churchyard here. He was killed by one of the sheriff's men at the time of Guy of Gisborne's defeat. The stones that mark the spot, under an old yew tree, were once part of the church tower. Nearby are further architectural remains; the remnants of the old church, up against which Will's grave once stood'. Another report contains the words 'under 3 yews'. The 3 yews growing on this spot are Irish Yews.

**PERLETHORPE** St. John the Evangelist SK645709 19/1/2010 Edwin Pretty

Access to church off A614 only. The church is on the privately owned Thoresby Estate, but there is public access as far as the church. We counted 29 yews in the churchyard, mainly dating from the Victorian period. The present church was built C1870 on the site of two previous churches. Three of the 29 yews clearly pre-date the existing church. The largest yews girthed 9/10ft.

