

## STAFFORDSHIRE - churchyard sites with younger yews

**MAVESYN RIDWARE** St Nicholas 10/9/2009 Tim Hills

1877 An excursion led by Mr C. Lynam on Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> reported 'a fine yew tree' in the south of the churchyard. The male yew, SE of the church, girthed under 9' over a covering of ivy, so was probably only 6' or so in 1877. On its 4' high bole is an explosion of growth on several stout branches.

**MAYFIELD** St John the Baptist SK153448 10/9/2005 Tim Hills

1909/1910 "...but the charm of the God's acre here lies mostly in the beautiful yew and cypress trees, of perhaps 300 years growth, which also add not a little to the charm of the church itself.....Beneath the shade of a yew on the south side are the fragments of a cross put together for their preservation." by Charles Lynam, FSA,FRIBA read Nov 18th 1909

There are many yews in this churchyard, but nothing above 8' in girth. ESE by the entrance gate are 2 yews. Almost due south are two, under 8' in girth. A third on the south side growing closer to the road was of similar girth. There are also 4 yews on the north side along with Irish yews.

