

SURREY - churchyard sites with younger yews

FRENSHAM St Mary the Virgin SU84194146 17/3/2008 Owen Johnson

The original building was dedicated in 1239, having been moved from low-lying land nearby. The yew is multi-stemmed but decayed, with hollowing trunk and branches. It is Ancient Tree Hunt number 6778. Girth 402cm or 13' 2" at 1'.

FRIMLEY St Peter SU880581 13/1/2000 Tim Hills

The Churchyard Yew and Immortality (Vaughan Cornish 1946) noted that 'south of the church is a tree older than the church'. A pair of yews grow in this position, both estimated at 100/150 years at the most. Since the church is a 19th century building, on the site of an older church, one of these could well be the tree Cornish was told about.

GUILDFORD HILL CEMETERY SU990489 9/3/2005 Tim Hills

I had been told of an 'old, old yew, 18' girth' with an ancient trackway leading to it. There was no sign of an old tree in this cemetery.

LALEHAM All Saints TQ052689 19/12/1999 Tim Hills

Two fine tall yews grow either side of the path approaching the church. The male to the left measured 9' 3" at 3', it has a very fluted and clean bole. The female on the right measured 7' 8" at 3'. Twiggy growth began at 5' and was visible high into the tree.

LINGFIELD St Peter and St Paul 2008 Robert Burrows

There are a number of fine yews surrounding the church. To the south west of the church tower, there is a very large ivy clad yew standing in a garden adjacent the church boundary. It is probably twice as large as the largest yew in the churchyard. To the south of the Church in another neighbouring garden is a further good sized yew. 307cm (10ft at 150cm)



PYRFORD St Nicholas TQ040582 3/4/2004 Tim Hills

Not ancient, as in some reports, nonetheless a fine male tree NNW of the church. 4 large branches facing the church have been removed and new growth surrounds the wounds. A branch crossing the path is propped. Bark particularly flaky and coloured. Girth 9' 7" at 2'.

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