YORKSHIRE - churchyard sites with younger yews

COCKAYNE St Nicholas SE620984 September 2020 Geoff Dib

A wild and remote location, St Nicholas' Church, Bransdale is described as lying at the head of a beautiful moorland dale. A large yew grows to the immediate south-east of the church. It branches from the ground and could not be measured

ELVINGTON Holy Trinity SE70154755 30/04/2012 Tim Hills

On the north side of the church, a line of tall leggy yews growing in a N/S direction. The largest is a male girthing 10ft 3in at the root crown.

HORSFORTH, Leeds St James – Woodside SE2473838326 08/03/1988

The Conservation Foundation received the following information from an infant school child. “Tree on west side of church. 155cm (5' 1") at 3' and 172cm (5' 8") at 4'.” A certificate suggesting an age of 120 years was sent to the church.

LEYBURN St Matthew SE113904 27/03/2013 Edwin Pretty

A tree of low vigour, but seems to have some age about it. Three stumps appear to be growing from the original trunk periphery, and what we see today is growing from about the centre of the original tree.

The yew is situated in the north east corner of the churchyard, on slightly mounded earth and quite noticeable against the surrounding levels. It seems that when the plague struck in Wensley (1563) the villagers came to the mission in Leyburn, which is situated on the site of the present church. The old mission was demolished in the 19th century.

MASHAM St Mary the Virgin SE22668066 9/4/2013 Edwin Pretty



A church was first founded at this site in the 7th century. Three male yews grow here, two northeast of church and one southeast. There has been a fourth yew, but only a stump remains. The largest one of the group has a trunk girth of 3.3m at ground level and 3.1m at 1.5m above ground.



RIPPONDEN St Bartholomew SE041198 1848: Topographical Dictionary of England - Lewis

St. Bartholomew, was erected partly by a brief, and partly by subscription, in 1737, to replace the ancient structure, which had been injured by the flood; it is of the Tuscan order, with a tower, and the cemetery is inclosed by a very fine hedge of yew, cut into semicircular arches.

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