



DERBYSHIRE – churchyard yew measurements

Location	Girth at ground	1'	2'	3'	4'	5'	Other	Recorder	
Allestree 									
	17' 6"							1896 – Lowe p82	
	27' - Cornish published this incorrect information in <i>The Churchyard Yew and Immortality</i> . It was later copied by Hal Hartzell Jnr in <i>The Yew Tree – A Thousand Whispers</i> , published in 1991.								1946 – Cornish 1991 - Hartzell
							17' 8"	1994 Meredith	
				18' 0"				1999 Hills	
Beeley 									
		22' 3" at 1' 6"						1999 Hills	

Brailsford



			629cm (20' 8")	693cm (22' 9")			1988 David Baker
18' 7"		16' 7"					1999 Hills

Darley Dale



The information below from 1836 is found in Lowe's *Yew Trees of Great Britain and Ireland*

27'		27' 7" at 2' 4"	31' 8"		30' 7" at 6'	1836
32'			34' 6"			1879 – see Lowe p 207
27'		30' 9" at 2' 4"	32' 3"		31' 2" at 6'	1888
27'			30'			1894
26' 7"		30' 7" at 2' to 3'	31' 9"		30' 5" at 6'	1950 Swanton p45
					32' 10"	1972 Meredith notes
					33'	1980 Meredith notes
27' 3"		30' 6"	33' 2"			1983

Doveridge



						23'	1904
			20' 7"		21' 3"		1999 Hills

Edlaston



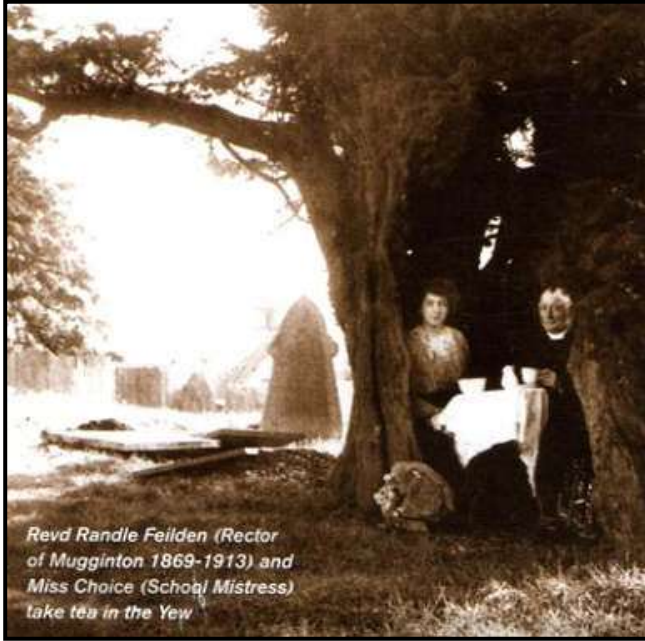
			16' 3"				2005 Hills

Marston Montgomery



		11' 9"					1999 Hills

Mugginton



22' 6"

24' 6"

1999 Hills

Osmaston

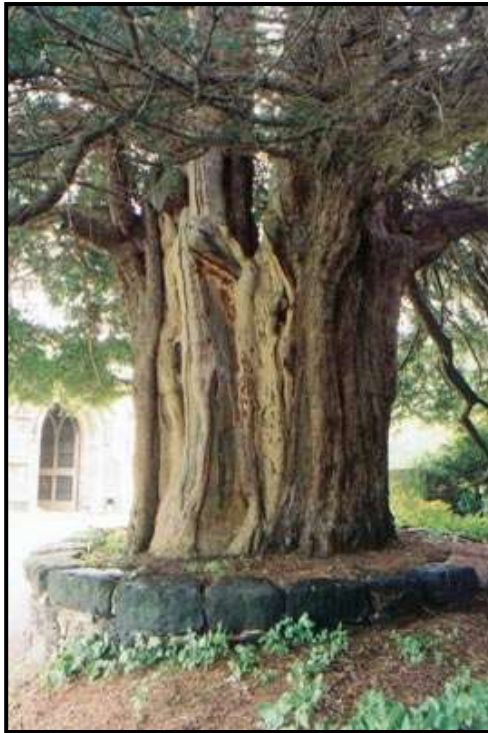
17' 7"

2005 Hills

Parwich - Known planting date

Parwich September 2005 - Tim Hills: The Church warden's accounts of 1713 tell us that somebody was paid 3 shillings 6 pence 'for ye yew tree and fetching it' and 6 pence 'for setting it'. It later relates that 'Tom and Tout were paid 1 shilling and 4 pence for 2 days work about ye yew tree'. In 1857 White's Directory of Derbyshire refers to some 'venerable yew trees' in the churchyard. If we assume the 1713 yew was 10 years old at the time of planting, it would make its age over 300 years now. Although several younger yews grow in this churchyard, the tree growing SW of the church is the only that might have been planted in 1713. It is male and had a girth of 11' 7" at 2' and 11' 10" at 4'. Two spaces at the base of the tree showed evidence of internal growth.

Shirley



			(534cm) 17' 6"	(540cm) 17' 9"			1988 David Baker (letter to Conservation Foundation)
	18' 3"		17' 11"				2002 Hills

Smalley



			13' 3"				2005 Hills
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