

Cornwall

Mylor

In 1863: One old yew – tree, near the sea-side entrance, is remarkably large: I never saw such a noble specimen before in any “city of the dead”. It spreads its mighty branches far around, which cannot be much less than sixty feet in diameter. We were sorry to learn, from a courteous inhabitant of this favoured spot, that some selfish individuals have recently been lopping off its giant limbs, and turning them into pieces of household furniture, more careful to fill their purses than preserve this sacred relic of the olden time. Oh sacrilegious hands! Could our voice be heard amid the rush of those earnest seekers after gain, we would utter a piercing cry, “O spare the old yew tree.”

From Lakes Parochial History of Cornwall published about 1870  
Near the east end of the church are two remarkably fine yew-trees, one of which covers a considerable portion of the churchyard.

Mylor & Flushing from the 1889 Kelly’s Directory  
here are two yew trees in the churchyard, one of which covers a space more than 90 feet in diameter, and is said to have been planted about 300 years ago.

Recent report 1999 “and several of the surrounding yew trees have been removed to allow more wind and sun to get to the site.”