

Bridge village is situated on the old Roman road Watling Street. The large yew appears in the 1807 black and white photograph of a watercolour by Petrie and in the 1853 sepia drawing by William F. Saunders.



The tree is more correctly located in the black and white photograph, southeast of the church. It was presumably moved by William Saunders in his sepia drawing so that it did not obscure the eastern end of the church. These old records are reproduced with the permission of the Kent Archaeology Society at www.kentarchaeology.org.uk.

In 1999 Owen Johnson recorded that only half of the hollow bole remained in situ, with a girth of 370cm at 1.5m.

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