



In 1798, Hasted's *History of Kent* recorded no fewer than 'six yew-trees, of a remarkable size'. By the time of Mee's *King's England* in 1936 two had been lost and in 2013 only three of the original six remained.

NE of the church is a propped shell of half a tree (1) with a prominent internal visible at A.

SE of the church (2) is also a fragment of the original tree, but in this instance some pieces of stump (B) indicate the former girth of this specimen.



Tree 3 could be mistaken for two trees, but these are clearly fragments of a once large yew. Vigorous growth on the leaning fragment (C) was supported on sturdy props while fragment (D) appears to be dead, but was providing scaffolding for a single thin strand of living wood that snaked its way along the dead wood and sprang to life in two clusters of green leaves at its extremity. It grows NW of the church.



Photos 1 and 2: Ian Robert Brown 2008
Photos 3 and 4: Tim Hills 1999

