

In 1791 a 'very fine, large, ancient yew tree' was recorded by Collinson in his *History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset*.

In 1940 Mee wrote in *The King's England* that the 'fine yew' was 'probably five times as old as the church, for the church is hardly a centenarian yet, and the yew, about 25' round must have been a sapling at the time of Agincourt'. Since Agincourt was 1415 it is possible that this yew was already a few hundred years old at that time.

In 1999 I recorded that the interior of this large hollow male had been badly burnt or blackened by the smoke of fires lit in its hollow. It did not seem to have affected the vigorous growth on its many rising and lateral branches. On visits during the following years I found the hollow space filled with stones, pieces of metal and dead branches.

In 1999 a girth of 25' 2" was recorded between the ground and 1' and 29' 2" at 3' (over ivy). In 2012 Peter Norton recorded a girth of '25' 7" at the ground on the south side of the tree and at the root crown on the north side where this is a natural waist line'.

