1894: ‘The old yew tree near the east end of the church has already been mentioned as being of great age’. *A History of the Parish of Chipping* by Thomas Charles Smith

1912 ‘The churchyard contains an old yew tree and a stone sundial dated 1708’. *A History of the County of Lancaster: Volume 7*

2007: Steve Dearnaley recorded the yew as leaning heavily towards the church. It has 3 metal supports which must have been there quite some time as the bark has grown around them. There are 3 major stems off the trunk. Girth was 4m (13'1 ½'') at 30cm. The tree was growing on a mound and height was estimated as around 15m.