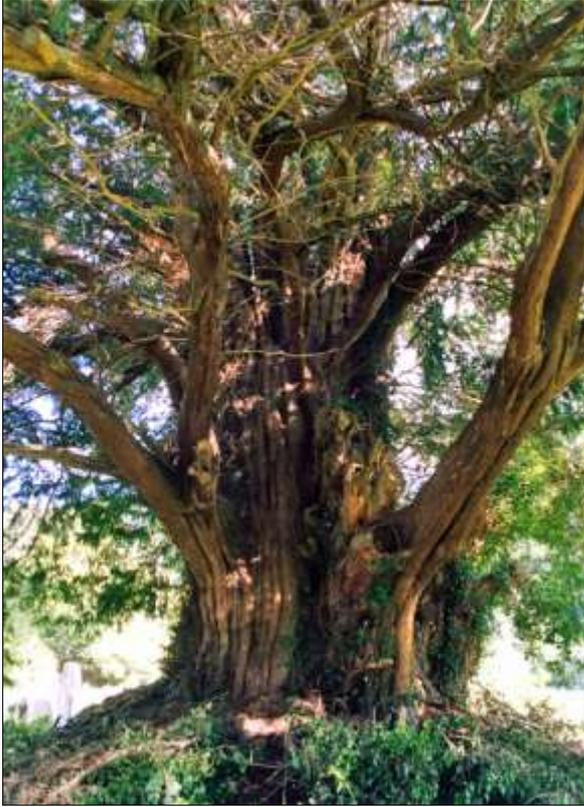


In 1996 the Clwyd/Powys Archaeological Trust recorded that here were '5 quite massive yews, all but one on the perimeter'.

2004: Four of these are significant, all female, in good health and each one strikingly tall. The ancient yew grows on a sizeable mound ESE of the church. From its impressive bole rise many substantial branches; some of these develop at the edge of the bole close to the ground, others at a height of 15' and still more at 20'. It is the only large yew not growing on the perimeter. Girth was 29' 3" at about 1'.



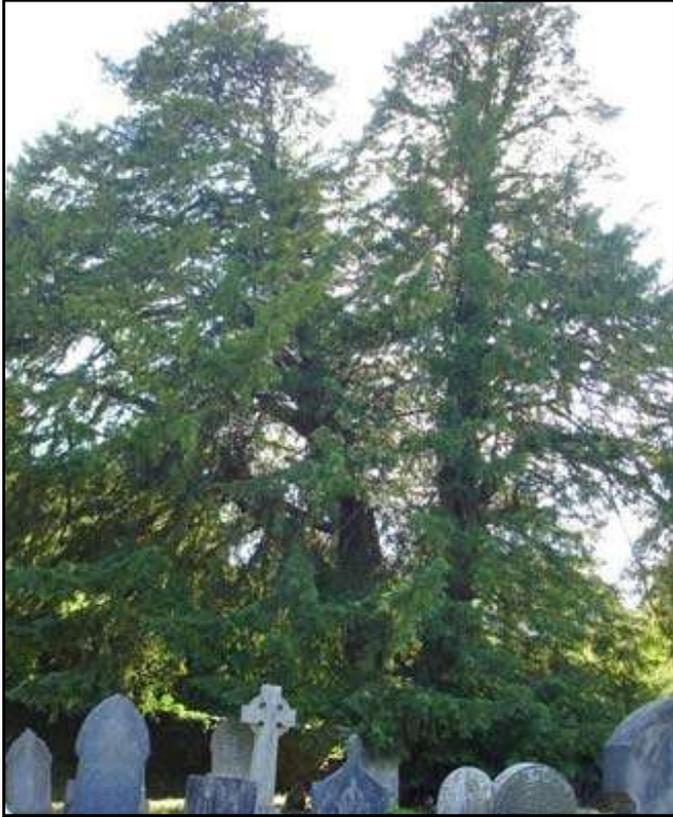
The 1872 drawing of the tree can be found in *The Village Churches of Denbighshire*. The accompanying text reads: 'There are some very fine yew trees in the church yard. This is the only tree close to the church ESE'.



Cyffylliog's veteran yew grows SSW of the church. Ground level has been raised by about 5' and now reaches the top of the churchyard's perimeter wall. This is the tree under which vegetation cut from the churchyard and the soil from grave digging has been deposited, probably for centuries. At about 4' above this raised ground level, the bole divides into 2 halves. Girth in 2004 was 19' 11" around what was at that time the base of the tree.



The yew growing NW of the church (left) is a good example of a twin trunked yew, with much living material linking the two sides. It grows inside a circular wall 2'²/₃' high and had a girth of 16' 7" at 1' in 2004.



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The yew (right) has a fine columnar fluted bole that divides into 2 upright branches at about 20'. Girth in 2004 was 12' 9" between the ground and 1'.