

In 1798 Hasted's *History of Kent* described 'two remarkable fine yew-trees in the churchyard'.

In 1982 Allen Meredith noted the yews as follows: 'the yew NE from the church measures 23' 3" in girth at 4' from the ground, not in very good condition. The other tree is NNE, much diminished and broken, covered in ivy'.

1999: Both are female, the one shown here being particularly striking. Only half of the tree remains, the outside is seen in (1) while the inner surface is seen in (2), presenting as a mass of internal growth. It was possible to see pieces of stump marking the position of the original tree, though this evidence will eventually be lost. The yew leans outwards and is thickening at its extremities (B). The bole is fluted and holey, with weaknesses suggesting an eventual splitting into 2 fragment trees. Girth was 17' 6" at 1' and 21' 10" at 3'.

The second yew noted by Hasted, a younger specimen, is seen in the background (A). It had been vandalised and was badly burnt on the inside.

