

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

In 1982 Allen Meredith noted 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'.

April 1999: Both are female, the one shown here being particularly striking, since only half of the tree remains. Its inner surface, seen below, is of complex 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 second photo shows the outside of the tree, fluted and holey, with weaknesses suggesting an eventual splitting into two fragment trees. Girth was 17' 6" at 1' and 21' 10" at 3'.

The other yew noted by Hasted is a younger specimen, seen in the background in the second photo. It had been vandalised and was badly burnt.

