

The church was rebuilt in the 18th century to match the 13th century tower which was retained. Its veteran yew grows close to the church tower on the south side. At one time it was but one of four similar sized trees. In his 1858 Notices of the Churches in Warwickshire, Matthew Bloxham noted the following: 'Southward of the tower in the churchyard is a very large yew tree. This is the sole survivor of four trees of equal size which were formerly standing in this churchyard; one of them was wantonly destroyed by fire'.

In 2007 Steven Falk described it as 'the largest yew in the churchyard by some margin' with a girth of 550cm (18') at 140cm.



I visited in 2015. The tree, which had been previously described as solid is hollowing on its east side, as heartwood behind the dead sapwood begins to decay. This sapwood, seen in the first two photos, is so long lasting that that new living wood may wrap around it before its decay is complete.

On the west side was much twiggy growth, making it impossible to remeasure at 140cm. I recorded girth at the ground as exactly 18'. The tree has been chosen as a place to provide extra support for a telegraph pole. It is hopefully doing the tree no harm.



© Tim Hills 2015