

Here is a Norman church on a site that is older still. The yew was first noted in *Byng's Tours* 1781/1792: 'In a mile from Winchelsea I came to the small church of Nicholsham. Here was nothing to observe but an old hollow yew-tree, wherein was a bench commanding a pleasant view of the vale, closing with the town of Rye'.

One hundred years later in 1895 Rev T.T.Churton described it as 'hollow, but still healthy'.

8th July 1999: The female yew (which has also been recorded as male) grows on the north side of the church. Two main branches, one fluted, develop at about 10/12', and each supported much growth. One limb stretches out at a height of 8'. A piece of dead sapwood at the entrance to the horse shoe hollow was ready to become detached from the tree.



Girth

1895: 19' at the ground, 15' 6" at 3' , a height of 45' and a spread of 57' - *The Yew Trees of Great Britain and Ireland*

1994: 11 metres tall x 147 cm diameter at 1.5m - Owen Johnson *The Sussex Tree Book*

1999: 16' 6" just above the roots at about 1', 16' 3" at 3', narrowing to 14' 7" at 5' - Tim Hills

2009: 4.52m at 1.50 recorded by TROBI, the source of these photos.

