

2006: A church was founded at this site about 750 years ago. Its churchyard is best known as the burial place of the author E.M Delafield, who requested to be 'buried under her favourite yew tree' here. While modern accounts describe 3 ancient yews at this site, this is the only one of great age, this large girthed male that grows NE of the church. At the time of the visit ivy had been allowed to swamp much of the tree. Soil level was raised at one end of the yew so that its original base was concealed. Girth was 24' 7" close to the ground.



When the yew was seen by Peter Norton in 2013 much of the ivy had been removed enabling its large side limb (A) to be clearly seen. It also allowed for more detailed observation of the bole, inside which is probably a large internal stem on the east side of the tree. Many branches have inevitably been removed over the years and secondary wood could be seen flowing over the remaining stubs. He too recorded a girth of 24' 7" around the base of the tree.



This small girthed yew has the classic horse shoe hollow shape. This probably developed following removal of a branch pointing towards the path.
It is seen below left in 2010 (Todd Gray) and in 2013 (Peter Norton), who recorded its girth as 9' 6" at 2'.



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