1849: A Topographical Dictionary of Wales noted ‘some yew-trees of fine growth and of great age’ in St Mary’s churchyard at Llanbrynmair. After spending some time searching for a church in Llanbrynmair we were directed to Llan, about 2 miles to the south.

1984: Reg Wheeler drew this plan of the churchyard, showing three yews. He also marked the location of a ‘magnificent old yew’ blown down between 1930 and 1940. He was able to measure the surviving yews, giving them girths of 476cm (15’ 7’’), 413cm (13’ 6’’) and 308cm (10’ 1’’).

2005: The veteran yew is seen on the right in Paolo Bavaresco’s photo taken in 2015. It consisted of 3 main stems. The land around it was filled with 4’ deep drying grasses. It was not possible to measure. The notable yew, left in the photo, had up to 6’ of drying grasses against its bole.