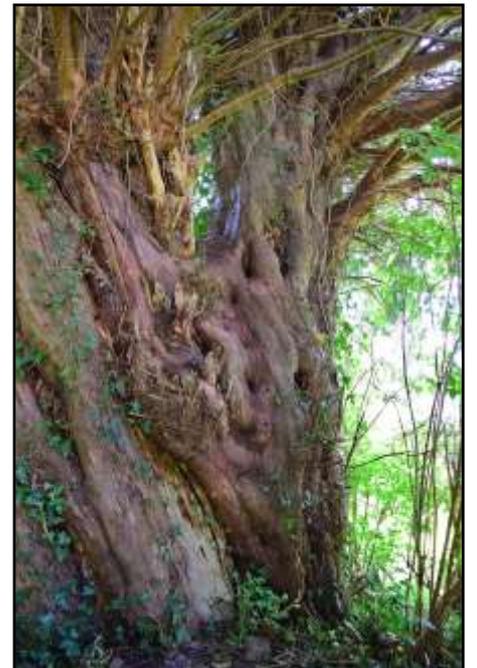


1970: Four trees were recorded in the Brecon Yew Survey, three of these having girths of 28', 17' and 16' 6".

In 1998 this female yew ESE of the church was the churchyard's most significant tree. The portion of trunk seen here, which includes an internal stem, is all that remains of a tree that has been larger girthed. This fragment measured 13' 10" at 1' in 2004.



2016 Paul Wood: The yew was measured at 1' above the present ground level on the north side of the tree. A girth of 14' 5" (4.39m) was recorded. There is more to this tree than first meets the eye. It grows on a very large mound, which is either a barrow or an indication that the yew is but a fragment of a more formidable tree that once occupied most of the mound. The mound itself is truncated by other churchyard features but is traceable except on the south side where the pub has taken a chunk out of it. The Clwyd/Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) survey notes that the churchyard has shrunk. I was able to observe that two former boundaries were still clearly visible within the churchyard of today. I observed that the tree's thickness at the top of the bole was three times that at the ground, and that the amount of soil dumped around the tree means that the original ground level might be many feet below where it is today.



1998: The 2nd yew grows NW of the church. It is crudely cut and everything growing from the sides of the tree had been removed, so that the only life was at the top of the tree. In addition the ground around it was being used as a dump for churchyard grass clippings.

In 2004 I returned to check on the state of the trees and found this one had recovered, with the scars from the savage cutting appearing to have healed. I was even able to ascertain that it had a girth of about 13' at the ground. It was a pity that ivy was already beginning to take hold in its branches. Paul Wood's photos from 2016 show how the tree has recovered. He also noted the dense twiggy growth and low canopy and thought girth was in the range 12'/13' at its narrowest.



1998 The 3rd yew is male growing ESE of the church. Drying grasses covered the ground beneath the tree and dense low twiggy growth made it impenetrable. There was no indication that this was a particularly old tree.

In 2016 Paul Wood took these photos and considered the yew to have a girth of around 12'/13' at its narrowest.

