A church was founded here in the time of Cadwaladr, the last of the Welsh Kings, in 650. *Yew trees in Wales* (Nov 1, 1871) described ‘a group of noble patriarchs growing in Llangadwaladr churchyard; the circumference of the largest, four feet from the ground, is twenty-one feet, that of two others seventeen feet five inches each. I was told that a still larger one was destroyed a few years since by a foolish attempt to smoke out a swarm of bees that had made their nest in the hollow trunk’. *BYE-GONES* April 1873

The site was visited in 1998 and 2014. Nine yews are still to be found here. Girths, unless otherwise stated, are from 2014, as are the photographs. Tree 1 is classified as ancient, trees 2, 3, 4, 6 and 9 as veteran.

Tree 1, the most southerly, was measured as 25’ 3” at 5’ in 1998. In 2014 it was not possible to reliably repeat a measurement at this height. On this occasion girths of 23’ 11” at about 18” and 24’ 5” at 3’ were recorded.

Tree 2 grows south of the west entrance path and closest to the church. Girth recorded beneath bulges and above spreading roots - generally between 3’ and 4’ - was 21’ 5” at 3’.
Tree 3 grows on the north side of and close to the west access path. It has a gaping hole from a lost branch on the side facing the path. On the opposite side a bleached white trunk has been cut off at a height of 10' / 12'. Girth was 19' at 1' in 2014.

Tree 4 grows on the north side of the west access path. It has a main branch and two further significant branches are clearly seen in the photos. Measured above spreading roots and below the bulging of branch development (between 1' and 4') girth was 16' 3". Taping close to the ground, a girth of about 21' was obtained.
Tree 5 has a fluted, slightly elongated bole. Above 5' it develops two parallel rising branches. Girth was 12' 8" between 2' and 3'.

Tree 6 has developed the classic horse shoe shaped hollow. Girth was 13' 5" at 18".
Tree 7 divides above a height of about 8’ into 2 main branches. Another has snapped off at about 6’. An internal stem can be seen growing into this. Girth was 10’ 9" at 1’ 6".

Tree 8, below left, is one of two growing close to the road. Twiggy growth hid much of the tree. In 2013 M.Woolmer estimated its girth to be above 19’ at 3".

Tree 9, right, has an elongated bole which presents a huge surface area when seen from the road. From here it looks larger than its modest girth of 16’ 3" at 1’ 6".

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