

1801: "At Lanhiddel we baited our horses at a public house, and strolled, in the midst of a violent shower, to the church, which is situated on the summit; it is a small but ancient gothic building, constructed in the most simple form, without a tower of belfry, the bells being placed under the roof, and the ropes descending into the church. The church yard is panted with twelve old yews, which surround the church, and add to the solemnity of the scene: it is dedicated to St. Ithel, with whose merits and genealogy I am wholly unacquainted." *Coxe's Historical Tour in Monmouthshire, Vol. II*

1868: *Gazetteer of Great Britain and Ireland* "Here are some very ancient yew trees, also traces of a British camp and other remains."

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1998: I visited this site expecting to find "a circle of yews in churchyard, by a ruined church." A more apt description would have been a circle of ruined yews by a restored church. Of the 12 old yews described in 1801 all that remained were 3 large stumps and one small yew fragment clinging to life on the edge of a sawn off stump.

