

This 'yew tree of considerable girth' was first noted in the *Little Guide to Monmouth* of 1909.

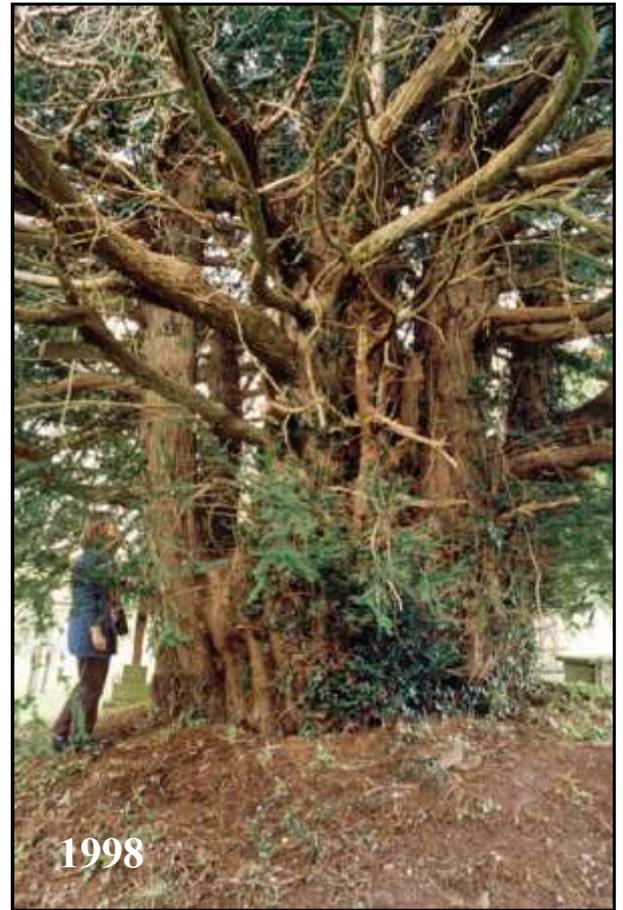
In 1986 J.Daryll Evans in *The Churchyard Yews of Gwent* referred to it as 'an unsung veteran'. He considered that 'the original has probably disintegrated and nine later shoots now surround a secondary trunk in the centre. The base of this is raised above the stock of the tree, being supported on sturdy legs'.

I visited in 1998, 1999, 2006 and 2017. This impressive male yew grows on a low mound SE of the church. Though not particularly tall it has a large spread of branches supporting a lush green canopy. Its main branch rises above a central hollow and around the outside are many upright branches, each carrying an abundance of lateral growth. At the time of the second visit we discovered this single female branch on the otherwise male tree.

In 1986 Evans recorded a girth of 850cm (27' 11") at 1m.

In 1999 I recorded 28' 7" at the ground.

In 2016 Peter Norton recorded 29' 4" near the ground.



A second yew, female, grows east of the church and forms part of the boundary with the adjacent field. In 2006 I recorded a girth of 18' 3" at about 1', noting that a large section facing the field was becoming detached from the tree. It was too dark to take photographs and I revisited in 2017, this time recording a girth of 18' 2" between the ground and 1'.



Entering the field by the gate next to the yew and turning left brings you to a 3rd old yew. This is found about 40m north of the gate and is possibly on the churchyard perimeter. It was almost certainly at some time in the past a churchyard yew. It is a large bulging female tree that appeared to be 16'/18' in girth.

