

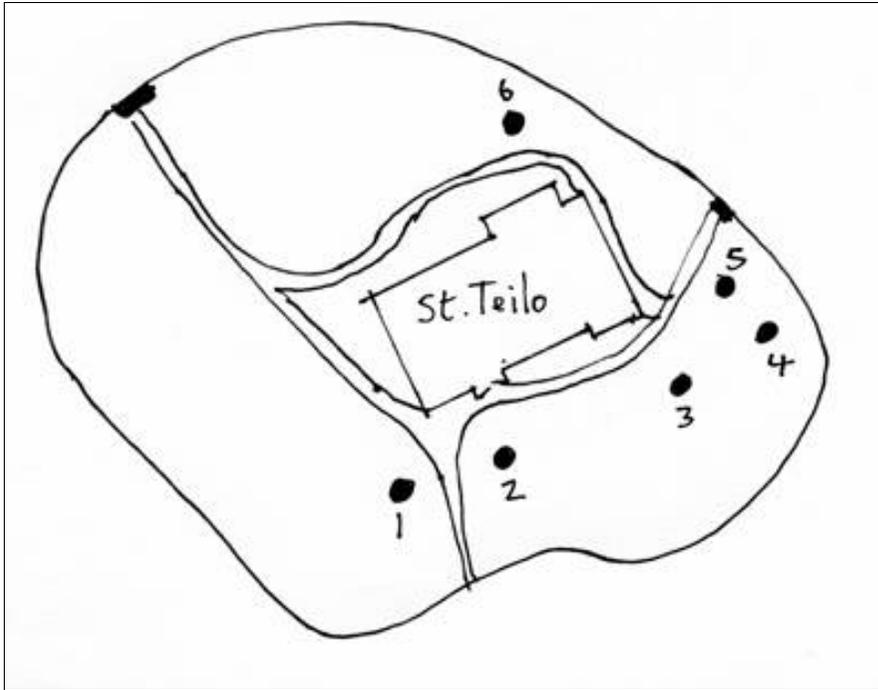
The first reference to old yews at this site was *The Churchyard Yews of Gwent* by J.Daryll Evans (1986).

During visits in 2000 and 2012 I recorded 6 significant yews. The largest, which grows SW of the church, is seen here from both sides. The first photo is from 2000, the others 2012, illustrating that this tree has long been regarded as a storage area. While the wheelbarrows add colour, the photos of the hollow side are less than complimentary. One tombstone leaning against the bole and beginning to be enveloped by new layers of wood, belonged to Eliza, who died in 1861 and was perhaps buried close to the tree.



Two main areas of growth rise from its 5' bole, while a third is decaying. The section closest to the church contains a prominent dead branch of about 10'. The section furthest from the church is hollow and was covered in ivy.

Measured in 2000 at 1' (on lowest side) girth was 19'. A similar reading would be obtained at 3', above which height the tree swells. In 1986 Evans recorded 597cm (19' 6") at 1m. The loss of dead wood at the edge of the tree (A) will reduce its girth.



Girths of the remaining trees were recorded in 2000 unless otherwise stated.

Tree 2 (no photo) is female measuring 12' 4" at its lowest point. Above the root spread it broadens around an old sapwood trunk. Adventitious growth was seen throughout the tree, which is so bulgy that girth was more than 20' at 5'. Ivy had been successfully removed.

Tree 3 is female, growing on a small mound and measuring 12' 10" at its lowest point. Its hollow was filled with plastic bottles. A dead central branch rises from the considerable remains of the original trunk, around which there is much new growth to a height of 16/20'.

Tree 4, female, measured 14' 9" between base/1' rising to about 16' at 3'. Its bole appeared intact, however through one small gap it was possible to see small internal stems in a hollow.

Tree 5 is female with a large internal stem. It grows close to the wall and measured about 14'.

Tree 6 is male. Many branches had been sawn off. In 2012 a girth of about 15' was recorded.

