



Two old yews grow at the boundary, which is part wall and part fence, south of the church. The tree on the left as we approached from the south porch is the oldest and most substantial. Ivy covered every tree in the churchyard, including this yew, which appeared unhealthy with many discoloured leaves. Its bole sweeps upwards into a main vertical branch with a smaller one rising parallel to it. Branches growing towards the church had been systematically removed. It is usual for the hollow side of a yew to be facing a path or the building, the hollow being caused in the first instance by the removal of branches that either blocked the path or grew too close to the building. In this instance it was a surprise to find the hollow on the opposite side up against the wall. I was unable to take a meaningful girth record, but in 1987 J.Daryll Evans described a 'hollow and incomplete trunk with a girth of 586 cm - 19'.'

Photos:

left - Geoff Garlick 2005

Right - Tim Hills 1999

Postcard - undated