The 1855 Post office directory of Hants, Wilts and Dorset recorded that ‘in the churchyard there are two yew trees much admired by visitors; their age is supposed to be at least 800 years’.

1999: Only one tree today fits the description, this male yew growing NW of the church. It illustrates the fusing of outer and inner growth, resulting in a tree which appears to have great strength, sustaining growth to a height of about 40'.

Six separate parts of the tree are in contact with the ground, most of these coming together at the height of 7'/8'. One internal stem can be followed to about 15' where it continues upwards as part of the main branch. Lateral branches emerge from a height of 10' and above, so there is a feeling of light and space beneath this tree.

Girth: 21' 3" at 1' and 21' 10" just above 5'.

In Peter Norton’s 2011 photo below, the 2nd yew noted in 1855 can be seen in the background. Its gnarled bole had a girth of 11' 10" at 1' and it might be the fragmentary remains of a once much larger yew.