

MATHON    St John the Baptist    Diocese of Hereford    SO7337645834

1924: The tree was first noted in *A History of the County of Worcester: volume 4* with the following description: 'To the south of the porch is the base of a churchyard cross and further east a fine yew tree'.

In Mee's *King's England 1938* it is a 'venerable yew' standing beside Mathon's aisleless church.

In 2004 I recorded a female yew on the south side, probably SSE. It is a fine fluted specimen, with both tall upright branches and laterals dipping towards the ground. Its entire bole was of living wood, with some dead branch remnants poking through. Bark was particularly red.

Girth 17' 6" at 1'; 18' 1" at 3'; 18' 9" at 5' - Tim Hills



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