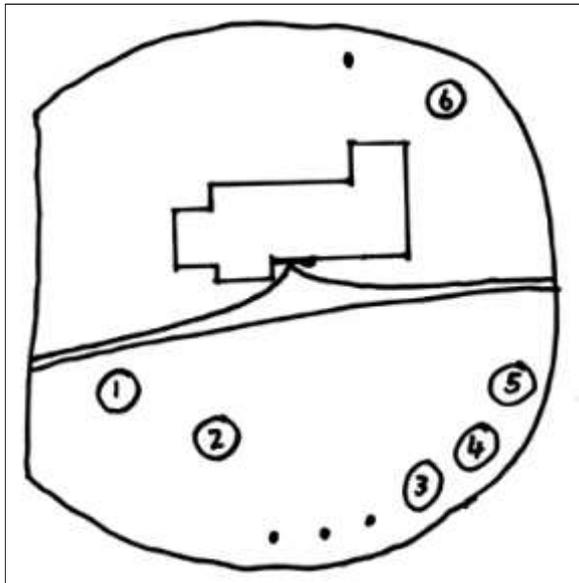
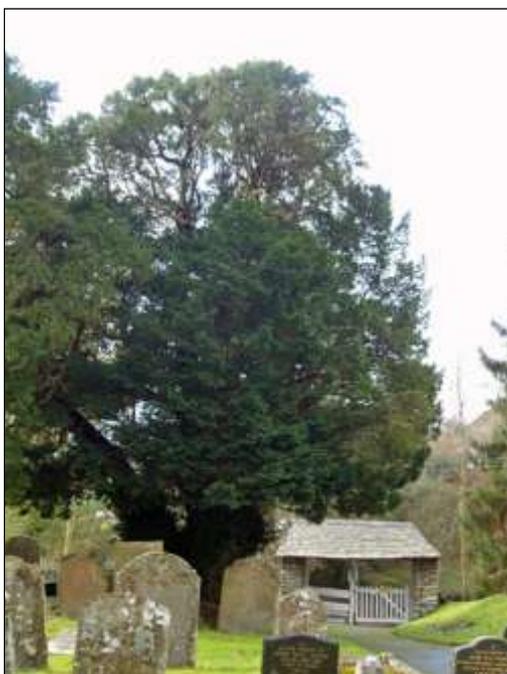


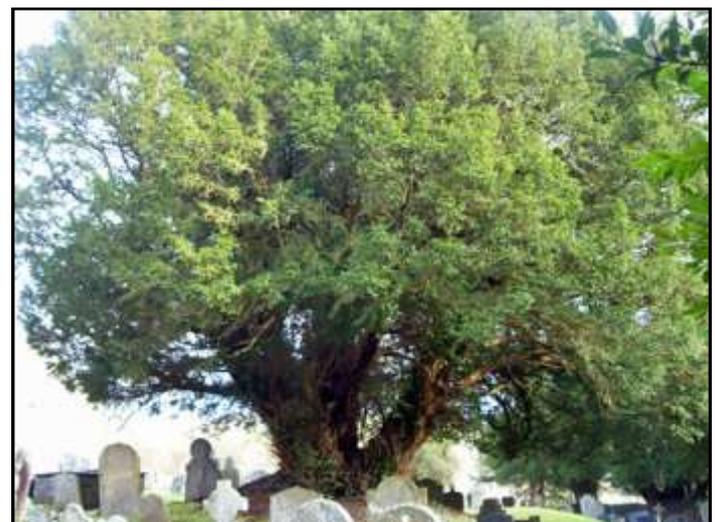
St Cynllo's church is set in what was formerly a sub-circular churchyard. An early medieval origin seems likely on the basis of the dedication and the original curvilinear enclosure around the church. Traditionally it was founded by St Cynllo in the 5th century. *Clwyd/Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) 1996* and *The Buildings of Wales: Powys* by Richard Haslam 1979 CPAT also noted that in 1818 Williams mentioned very large and old yew trees in the graveyard. Visits in 1998, 2001 and 2014 confirmed that of the many yews in this churchyard, at least 6 are noteworthy. Photos were taken in 2014.



Tree 1 is female with many upright and one prominent angled branch (A) emerging from a low bole. Ivy, twiggy growth and an undefined base means that measurement can only be approximate, but 18' at 3' was recorded in 1998, 17' 2" at the base in 2001 and 18' 1" at the base in 2014.



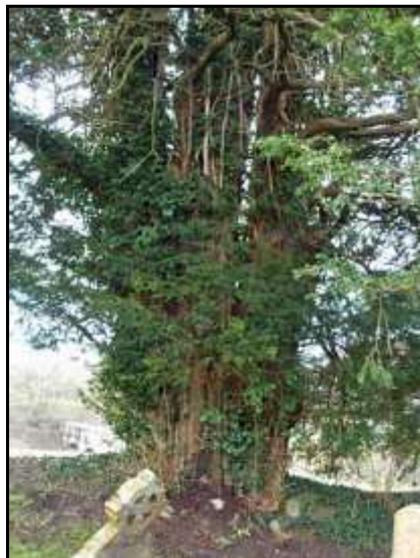
Tree 2 is an ancient female growing on a mound. It is a vast spreading tree with at least 6 major branches. Girth will always be exaggerated by twiggy growth, but 26' 2" around the base was recorded in 2001 and 26' 6" in 2014.



Tree 3 is a male that now consists of a jumble of stems rising from an ancient root system. A determined effort to measure at ground level (3' where the ground falls away) produced 26' 4" in 2001.

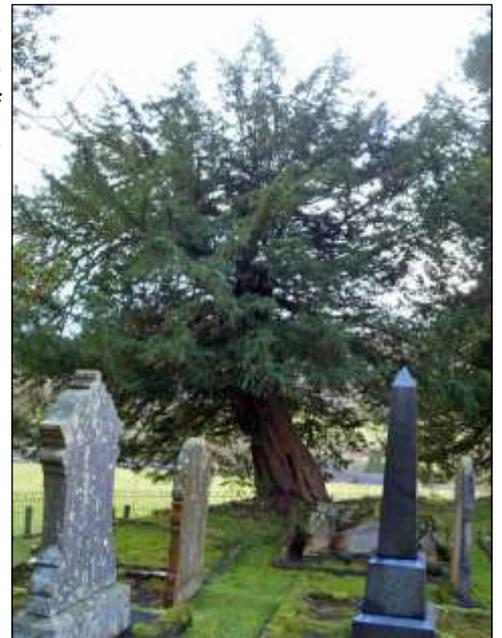


Tree 4 is female with an elongated bole from which develop three main branches that rise parallel to each other above a height of about 5'. In 1998 a girth of 18' 6" at 3' was recorded and in 2001 a girth of 15' 9" at 1' over ivy.





Tree 5 is a leaning female. The tree would have been more substantial before the breaking off of a large section at (A). Behind the old sapwood a large internal stem could be seen in the hollow. Girth of 12' 2" at 1' was recorded in 2014.



Tree 6 is low growing. In 2001 another tree had fallen on it and brought down many of its branches. The area beneath the yew appears to be a rabbit warren, and was also being used as storage space for wood trimmed from nearby trees. It is covered in low growth and has a very bulgy root section on the far side. Measurement at the ground but riding over this root was 22' 5" in 2001.





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