1850: “In the churchyard, under an old yew, stands an ancient stone font, removed from the church and green with exposure; under the same yew lies buried the sister of the late Dean Stanley. Alderley is worthy of note having been connected with the Stanley family since the fifteenth century.” Notes and queries

1938: “In the churchyard …are old yews, one a veteran with great spreading branches.” The King’s England

1999: Both new leafy growth and gall on this male yew were so prolific that branches seemed to bend under their weight. The bole retains its large girth for a considerable height. One hole, about two and a half feet high and 8” across reveals a large internal stem which becomes part of the tree’s main branch. Large sections of wood flowing around sawn off branches are a notable feature of this yew. Growing nearby are 2 further yews; (A) grows tall and straight and is possibly layered from the parent tree. (B), which is fallen and twisted, is female.

Girth: I omitted to measure the yew. Meredith’s Gazetteer in The Sacred Yew 1994 gave it a girth of 18".

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