August 2000: There are several Newingtons in Kent, this is Newington-by-Hythe, close to the Channel Tunnel terminus. The “marvellous yew”, noted in *The King’s England* in 1936, is a female tree growing on the north side of the church.

Its bole takes the form of an elongated hollow with sections of dead wood and internal stems. It was held together by a band of metal which digs into the tree and is becoming covered by new layers of wood. Its many areas of growth, upright and lateral, carried healthy but rather thin foliage. Longer branches have been supported on props and one has unusually been allowed to grow outside the confines of the churchyard. Girth: 16’ 11” at 1’.