

St Peter's church was built in 1140 and is considered to be a fine example of a village church of the Norman period. Its foundations are said to be large erratic stones left as the ice receded.

The male yew was first noted in Cox's 1904 *Little Guides* as 'an old yew NW of the church'.

In 1939 *The King's England* reported that 'over these graves falls the shadow of a yew 19' round and perhaps 500 years old'. The reason for this exaggerated girth is not obvious, but it seems likely that it was measured at a height that included the swelling caused by branch development.

2002: The original central trunk of the hollow yew is dead and has been sawn off at a height of about 18'. To either side are large upright branches, one colonised by ivy. A large internal stem was affixed to the inside of the tree.

#### Girth:

June 1999: 16' 3" (4.93m at 1.1m) - Russell Cleaver

June 2002: 15' 11" at 1' and 15' 10" at 2' - Tim Hills

June 2011: 16' 1" at 1' and 16' 1" at 2' - Peter Norton

Photos - Peter Norton 2011

