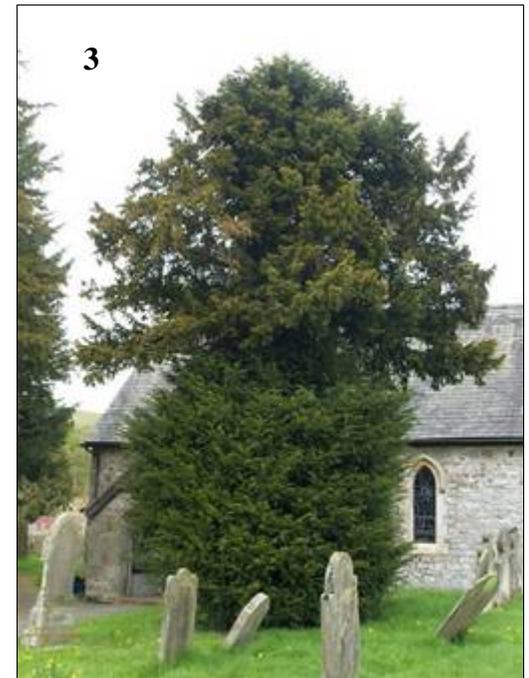
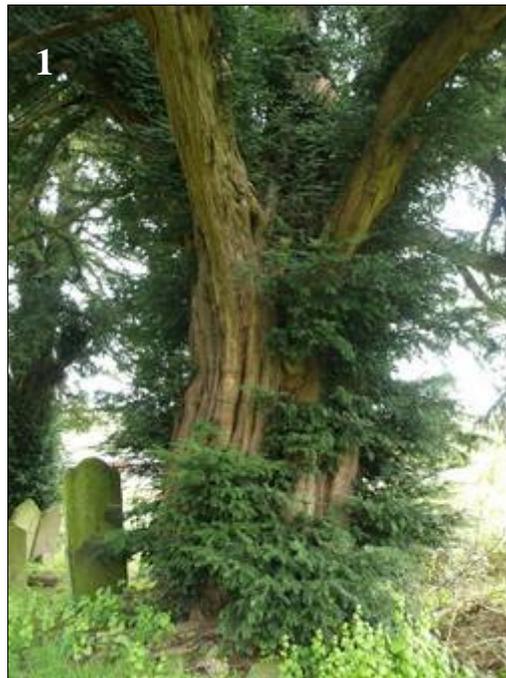




Yews are seen here in Revd Williams 1789 watercolour and a Victorian postcard. The watercolour is reproduced with the kind permission of the Shropshire Archives Service. The 1994 church guide describes '3 fine yews of great age near the porch, and more in the field near the path from the road, suggesting that at one time the churchyard was larger than at present'.



The site was visited on 9th June 1999 and 24th April 2015. The largest of the trio (1) grows due west of the church. It is of solid appearance with a fluted bole. At about 10' it divides into many upright and lateral branches. A girth of 17' 3" was recorded just above the ground in 1999. In 2015 a girth of exactly 18' was recorded at the same height, and low bushy growth was noted just above the measuring point.

Tree 2 grows SW of the church. At a height of about 4' a section of the bole bulges outwards. As seen below left, the seat around the tree rests on a concrete platform right up against the tree. This is inevitably breaking up as the tree expands. Girth in 2015 was 9' 2" at the height of the top of the seat.

Tree 3 is as bushy as in 1868, though its height has been reduced by a half. Although girthing only 8' 7" at about 1' in 2015 the tree is likely to have an age of 200/250 years - assuming it was between 50 and 100 years at the time of the 1868 photograph.



The two field yews are thought to be in what was once part of a larger churchyard SE of the church. They are seen here from the path leading to the church.