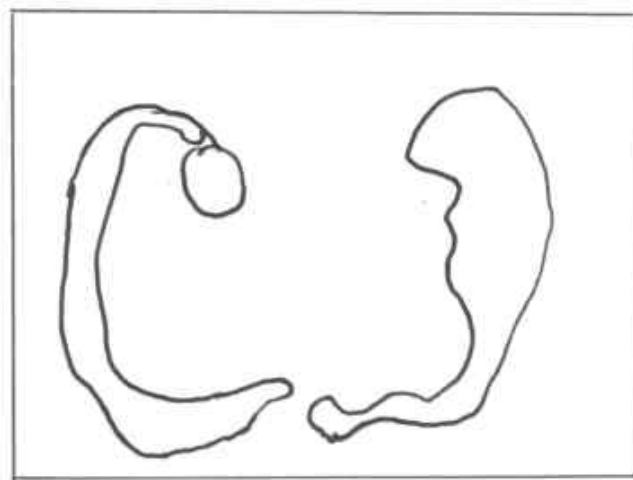


The old yew at Stalisfield was first mentioned in the 1838 *Farmer's magazine, volume 8*, when yews at Stalisfield and Eastling were described as 'the nearest proximation' the county of Kent had to the yew at Braebourne, reported as having a 60ft girth in 1660.

In *The King's England* Mee described a yew looking on that was 'old when they brought Henry Elwyn here in 1647'.

The tree consists of two fragments, separated by a large space. They are of symmetrical appearance, each side having a main branch at one side of the tree and a more complex mix of old and new growth on the other. It grows NE of the church. In 2002 a girth of 26' 9" at its narrowest, about 6" above the ground, was recorded.



Also of interest in the churchyard is a yew growing NW of the church, with a planting date of March 29th 1839. Girth in 2009 was 9' 4" at 4', 10' 9" at 3" - with small amount of growth on south side just above this level, and 9' at 2'. It has a fissure down the east side to the ground which is "bleeding". The furthest spread from the bole to a branch tip is 36ft 6ins. From Pat Thompson 2009