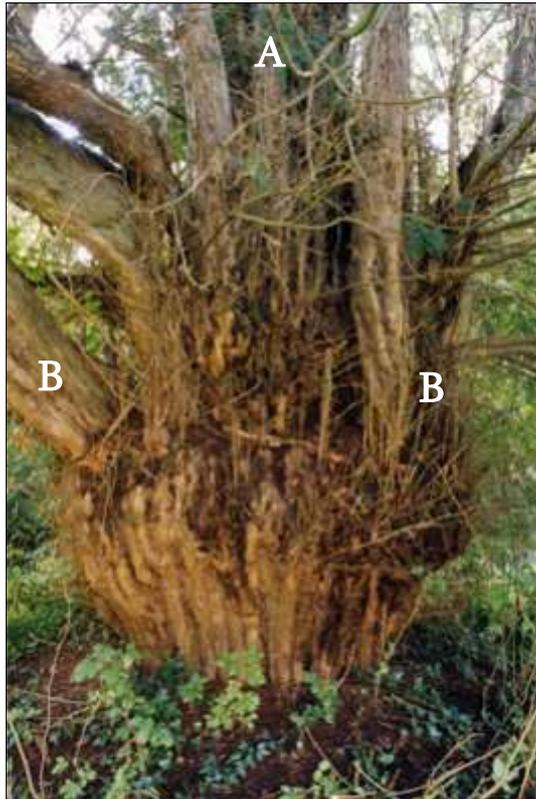


On the north wall in the nave is a tombstone memorial to a Second Augustan Legion soldier marked D.M.—Dis Manibus 'To the gods of the underworld.' He was buried early in the 2nd century AD and the tombstone was later dug up in the churchyard.

This male yew has not been here quite that long! It grows south of the church and is a classic example of a vase shaped bole, swelling from 16' 6" at the ground, recorded in 1999, to 761cm (25') at 1m, recorded in 1986 by J.Daryll Evans in *The Churchyard Yews of Gwent*. He described the bole as 'relatively solid for a tree of this size, though with hollow areas'. The main branch (A) rises from the centre of the tree, while upright and angled branches (B) grow from a shelf all around the edge.

The yew has also been recorded as female so it is possible that closer examination might reveal both male and female branches.



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