

From *The Quiver 1884 Lord Shaftesbury at Home* by Dr. Samuel Kinns, F.R.A.S.:

'A short and pleasant walk through the Park led to the church of St Giles, a venerable pile, but in excellent repair. Before entering, however, Lord Shaftesbury pointed out to me a yew tree, which he thought had stood there for two thousand years, and underneath there were two gravestones, some two hundred years old, erected over the remains of a faithful gardener and butler of the first earl'.

2006: The yew grows ESE of the church. Girth was 22' 5" at 1' and 23' 8" at 4'. Ivy, which fills two huge branches, had been recently cut and will die back. Gaps in the trunk reveal internal growth. Branching begins at about 8', with six large around the huge central branch.

A fine columnar yew, also male, grows SE, its girth 11' 3" at 2'.

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