

In the past:

1850: 'The church-yard is distinguished, on its south side, by a large and beautiful old yew-tree'.  
*A topographical history of Surrey Vol 4* by Brayley

1865: 'The church, which stands in a field far from any house, is modern, very small and very mean. In the churchyard is a grand old yew'.  
*A handbook for travellers in Surrey, Hampshire, and the Isle of Wight* by King and Murray

1875: A 'large, beautiful and ancient' yew was described in *The Penny Post* .

I visited in 1999 and 2008. In that time one of the large dead stems at the entrance to the tree's hollow was removed. Two huge sapwood stems guarding the entrance to a hollow yew made this tree unique. Each had been cut off at a height of about 9'/10' and behind them a new branch rises alongside remnants of the old main branch to a height of about 16'. There is much upright and lateral branching providing pleasant shade on a hot summer day. The female tree grows south of the church.

The following girths have been recorded:

1880 14' at 2' E..Straker

1994 19' 3" Gwyneth Fookes

1999 16' 8" at the ground 19' 4" at 3' Tim Hills

