

St Garmons or St Germanus is 'an ancient and spacious building. About 40 yards west and within the cemetery is a large oblong tumulus. On the summit of a hill within a mile of the village to the NW, is an extensive circular encampment'. Lewis's *Topographical Dictionary of Wales* (1834)

1998: At the entrance to this churchyard is found one of the finest examples of a male/female pair of yews growing either side of the path leading to the church. The male (left) has a fluted bole, and a limb which has all but separated from the tree. Girth at the ground including the limb was 25' 6", excluding it was 20' 9". Photos, with one exception, are from summer 1998.

The yew was also measured in December 1983 by Reg Wheeler, who recorded a girth of 752cm (24' 8") at the ground.



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The female, noticeably redder in colour, is more complex and has been considerably larger. One side of the tree has been lost, giving a clear view of its internal growth. Above this rises a tall main branch, while another stretches away from the bole and a further two are dead.

Girth: 25' 6" at the ground in 1998.

It was also measured by Reg Wheeler in 1983. He recorded a girth of 708cm (23' 3") at the ground.



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St Garmon

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Measured 21-12-1983

..... 20 metres nearest
60 feet

