

1847 – *Summer Excursions in Kent* : 'In the churchyard, a couple of rather ancient yew trees are to be seen.'

1897: 'In Shorne churchyard are two yews of good size, each in its way well illustrating the effects of pollarding. The first, on the east side of the churchyard, is 12 feet in girth at 2 feet from the ground, and has the original trunk still standing, though long since dead. At seven feet from the ground it bifurcates, the two stems reaching a height of nearly 20 feet. These show very clearly that their tops were broken comparatively early, as the stems are thickened near their summit, and display over their whole surface a series of short spurs, varying in diameter from 1 to 3 inches, and all pointing directly upwards, a condition only produced by pollarding, all ordinary branches being given off at a much larger angle. An incomplete outer ring of growth has formed, and one trunk about a foot in diameter is about 20 feet high.'

'The second of these trees, on the west, which has a girth of 17 feet at 3 feet from the ground has the original trunk still remaining, and although dead, it is fairly sound. The secondary growth of wood is also dead. A third ring has formed over about one-fourth of this second ring, and has grown into a stem of a foot in diameter, with a fine spreading top. At one other point of the trunk there is an attempt to throw out new branches, but such is the density of the shade that these cannot attain much size.'

*The Yew Trees of Great Britain and Ireland* - Lowe

2000: Here are two female yews. The larger girthed yew (left) grows NE of the church. It leans heavily away from the church. Its bole bursts into growth of new branches at a height of about 12'. A decaying section at the base of the tree suggests that its girth was once larger than its present 16' 7", measured between the ground and 1'.

The tree (right) grows just inside the entrance to the churchyard, NW of the church. It is probably a fragment of a once much larger tree. It develops two main branches at about 7'.

