

1768: *Registrum Roffense* John Thorpe: 'This little church is remarkable for its situation in the centre of a wood of about fourscore acres and in the churchyard are two yew trees, the least of which is twenty-two feet and a half in girt.'

This information is repeated in the 1797: *History and Topographical Survey of the county of Kent*: vol 2.

1936: *The King's England*: 'The little Saxon tower, standing in a wood of nearly 80 acres, has an old friend on each side of it, two yews, one that may have been here when the pilgrims came this way, and one a little younger.....to sit in the nave with the west door open .....and seeing Old Yew peeping through the door, is one of the simplest ways we know out of this busy world and down the centuries'. If the 2nd yew still exists we failed to notice it in our haste to avoid the traffic leaving Brands Hatch.

1999: This sturdy male grows west of the church. It is hollow, with one of its gaps filled with concrete. A feature of many old yews is that of bulging outwards between 3' and 5'. In this yew the feature is present in about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of its girth. It is many branched, with its two main branches dividing from the bole at a height of about 14'. It carried thick foliage.

Girth: 24' 7 close to the ground; 25' 3" at 3'; 22' 9" at 5'

