

Notes sent to the Tree Register by Sheila Crowson are as follows: 'The church is the old Saint Bartholomew's church, of chalk and flint, dating from 1256. In a W.I. Book of 1922 it states 'The beautiful old yew in the churchyard is probably a 'Consecration Tree' planted when the old church was consecrated, which would make it over 650 years old'.

The church, now a ruin, is found near Arborfield Hall at SU750680. It is now within Hall Farm.

Lin Carter had recorded a male yew to the south east of the old church with a girth of 16' 9", divided near ground level.

2000: The yews here are certainly worthy of note. As more churches are deconsecrated and fall into disrepair it is unclear what will happen to their old yews. In this instance measures had been taken to try and help the trees by the construction of attractive and solid fences around them. However, without occasional attention, ivy will eventually fill the tree. The larger of the two was so covered that I could get nowhere near the bole, though I could at least see that it was elongated in shape. It was not possible to take any measurements. Although the yew's foliage seemed healthy and thick it seemed only a matter of time before ivy would fill its canopy.

In 2008 Dave Kenny took these photographs of the old yew and the picture in the centre shows ivy at the top of the canopy.



The smaller of the trees (right) to the north of the old church appeared to be about 10'/12' in girth. It had many dead branches.

