

Hampshire Treasures Volume 6 (1979/86) recorded that in this churchyard were 'very old yews, one said to be over eight hundred years old'. This is an exaggerated age and the yew on the churchyard boundary is probably closer to 500 years.

In 2000 I discovered that the oldest yew here grows in a hedgerow at the far end of the churchyard, adjoining open countryside. It was a complex tree that I thought was female, with thick foliage but also many discoloured leaves. Girth was 15' 3" at 1'.

In 2015 Peter Norton considered it to be a male yew, since there was no sign of seeds on the ground, or the early stages of the arils in the foliage. He described it as 'definitely in the church grounds, as a fence on the far side of the tree clearly delineates another property's boundary'. It is clearly hollowing and there may be internal stems. Bramble and holly obscured the east side of the tree. Monty's memorial stone lies beneath the yews canopy. Girth at around 1' from the top of the raised bank was 15' 8".

In *Monty: Final Years of the Field-Marshal, 1944 - 1976* by Nigel Hamilton, is the following Google snippet '...Binsted, beneath a 250-year-old yew tree that Monty was to be buried....'



In 2000 I recorded this yew that grows west of the church. It was a neat and compact tree with thick and a rich green foliage and particularly red bark. Many branches had been removed and girth was 13' 7" at 1' and 13' 11" at 3'.

In 2012 Peter Norton took the photos below and described that two yews grow west of the church, the largest being close to the church comprising two leaders of which one is rotting. A female tree with a girth of 13' 11" at both 1' and 2'.



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