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1828: 'A remarkably fine yew' is described by T. Grimshawe in A memoir of the Rev. Legh Richmond.

1863: 'Passing through the churchyard after a long survey of the beautiful church-spire and pictorial yew-trees.....' *The Illustrated Magazine* 

This would not appear to be the remarkably fine yew described 200 years ago, which we must assume to be a lost yew.

The churchyard has a tradition of yew planting. This is certainly the oldest, twin trunked with one hollowed out and filled with internal stems.

In the churchyard are three further yews with girths between 2.4 and 3.0m, as well as six smaller yews.

2007: The following girths were recorded in 2007 for a Derbyshire tree survey:

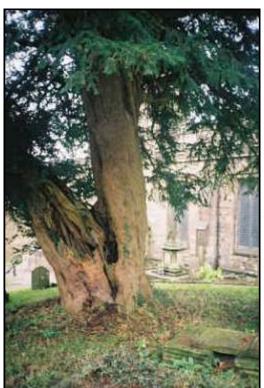
at 30 cm - 4.86m

at 60 cm - 4.76m

at 90cm - 4.96m

The tree is a female.

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