

Earliest records of a church on this site date to 1234. In his *King's England* series c1940 Mee wrote: 'It has been a small, inhabited place for at least 800 years, and strange sights its old yew has seen: we measured it and found it 7 yards round the trunk'.

1999: This noteworthy female yew, seen below in 1999, grows east of the church. The size and extent of remains of its original bole is matched in few other ancient or veteran yews. This dead wood is not only of great girth but also rises between 15' and 20'. Recent growth was vigorous, providing thick foliage. Twiggy growth restricted access to the other side of the bole, but does not hide the buttressing or the considerable bulging outwards at 3'.



Girth: 1999: 22' 4" at the ground allowing the tape to rise above spreading roots - Tim Hills

2008: 6.86 @ 0.1m (22' 6") - Dave Kenny

2013: 22' 9" at the ground level from the top of the slope - Peter Norton

The next photos were taken by Peter Norton in 2013





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