

The church is Norman, though this is thought to be the site of an earlier place of worship. In 1993 Revd R.N.Mann responded to a questionnaire from the Conservation Foundation. He noted that a Saxon pagan cemetery had been identified to the north of the church, also that the Broad Well from which the village derives its name is a spring about 100m south of the tree, but which was probably originally closer.

In 1914 Cox's *Gloucestershire* described 'an ancient wide spreading and vigorous yew', growing in the south of the churchyard.

In 1938 Mee's *King's England* described 'a giant yew which has kept this spot green for seven or eight centuries. Its trunk is about 8 yards round'.

1998: I recorded a female yew where the removal of branches has led to hollow spaces in which could be seen internal roots feeding on decaying heartwood. There were also small internal stems. The

tree swells considerably above the height of 1'.

At 7'9' its bole appears to flow into a fluted main branch.



photos below by Geoff Garlick in 2005



photos below by Peter Norton in 2014



Girth:

- 1914: About 20' at 5' from the ground - JC Cox
- 1993: 24' 6" at 3'; 25' 10" at 4' - Revd RN Mann
- 1998: 22'8" at 1' swelling to 26' 7" at 3' - Tim Hills
- 2014 22' 6" at root crown - Peter Norton

Peter Norton recorded two further yews, a young male north of the tower and (right) a female close to the north gate with a girth of 12' 6" at 1'.

