

In 1791 a 'very fine, large, ancient yew tree' was recorded by Collinson in his *History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset*.

In 1940 Mee wrote in *The King's England* that the 'fine yew' was 'probably five times as old as the church, for the church is hardly a centenarian yet, and the yew, about 25' round must have been a sapling at the time of Agincourt'. Since Agincourt was 1415 it is possible that this yew was already a few hundred years old at that time.

In 1999 the interior of this large hollow male had been badly burnt or blackened by the smoke of fires lit in its hollow. It did not appear to have affected the vigorous growth on its numerous branches. Girth was 25' 2" recorded between the ground and 1' and 29' 2" at 3' (over ivy).

On visits during the following years I found the hollow space filled with stones, pieces of metal and dead branches.

In 2012 Peter Norton recorded a girth of '25' 7" at the ground on the south side of the tree and at the root crown on the north side where this is a natural waist line'.



In 2013 I recorded girths of 25' 6½" at or close to the ground and 29' 7" at 3'.