

I visited the site of Llanganten church, in the parish of Cilmery/Cilmeri, on 20th August 1999. The yew, which grew SW of the church, was recorded with a girth of 15' 1" around the base. Its bole height was about 5', above which the tree narrowed before sprouting new growth in all directions. A vigorous and healthy yew was noted, confirmed by the photos below taken in 1999 and 2005. Height of the tree was about 25'.



1999 - Tim Hills



2005 - Geoff Garlick

In 2009 I was informed that 'the yew has been felled recently....., it is a tiny church in a very out of the way place and we could see no reason for it'.

In 2012 I took these photos of the stump. The only information I have is that a group of parishioners complained that the yew cast too much of a shadow on that part of the churchyard. I was also told that the tree feller gave assurances that because it was yew it would regrow from the stump.

It is another instance of the needless destruction of our yew heritage. This church is one of the Llangammarch Group of Parishes, the same parish responsible for allowing the destruction of the Llanlleonfel Yew in 1999.



2016 Paul Wood considered this a well kept churchyard, with ground that was extremely boggy even after weeks with no rain. He noted the stump still in situ to a height of three feet and thought that any chance of new growth springing from the old tree was limited by its burial deep in nettles, brambles and weeds. He thought that the yew was cut and cleared because it collapsed or fell.

He observed that a very young yew appeared to be growing on the boundary at the NW corner of the church and is so far untouched.



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