

In 1944 Canon EH Goddard sent information to Vaughan Cornish for his book *The Churchyard Yew and Immortality*. He described 'an ancient yew SW, now a hollowed trunk, but with young bark over the old wood'.

2000: The yew shown here grows ESE of the church, so either Canon Goddard was describing a tree even more ancient than this one, and which has since been lost, or he didn't know east from west!

This yew consists of about a third of the shell remaining of what must have once been a substantial tree. In spite of its considerable lean it gave the appearance of great strength and has not yet needed a supporting prop. A large internal stem grows against its trunk.

In summer it is probably hidden behind elder, while all the year round it competes with ivy. There is much twiggly growth, especially on the upper part of the bole.

The old squat tree looked very green next to a young yew three times its size, but with foliage almost brown in comparison.

Girth of this fragment was 12' 4" at the ground when I measured it in 2000 and was unchanged when Peter Norton measured it in 2012.

