

The churchyard at Cooling is thought by some to be the setting for the opening of *Great Expectations*. The now redundant church is beside the long distance walk known as the Saxon Shore Way.

The B/W photo of Petrie's painting (1807) suggests that this was one of Kent's largest yews.

Mee (*King's England*-1936) describes the glorious view across the Thames when 'standing by the old yew'.

A visit by Owen Johnson in 2008 was to discover an 'ancient and much decayed tree'. What remained of its hollowing trunk had a girth of 3.39 at 30cm.



While the tree can be seen in both of these images, there is no recent photograph of the yew.