

1850: Brayley's *topographical history of Surrey Vol 4 states that* 'in the church-yard are two yew trees; one of which is very large'.

1865: In *A handbook for travellers in Surrey, Hampshire, and the Isle of Wight*, R J King refers to a 'grand old yew W. of the church'.

1880: In a paper read to the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society on December 15th 'two yews' were noted by Straker, this one WSW of the church with a girth of 19' 6" at 5' and a smaller yew NNW with a girth of 8' 6" at 5'. He estimated the ages of these trees to be about 850 and 290 years.

1994: Fookes recorded a girth of 19' 2" at 4'.



2000: The large female yew presents two faces. The one shown is open and visible, with a knobby appearance similar to that seen on the Dartington and Ibstone yews. This occurs as the yew recovers from the removal of many small branches. Its other face was obscured by twiggy growth which is seen in much of the tree. From its bole of about 6' develop three main areas of growth. Girth was 17' 4" at the ground and 19' at 4'.

While it was commendable that action had been taken to prevent ivy from filling the tree, the good work was undone by storing a dust-bin and churchyard waste beneath it.



I found no trace of the yew NNW of the church, but a millennium yew planted in this position (a cutting from the Newington Yew) was perhaps planted to replace it.