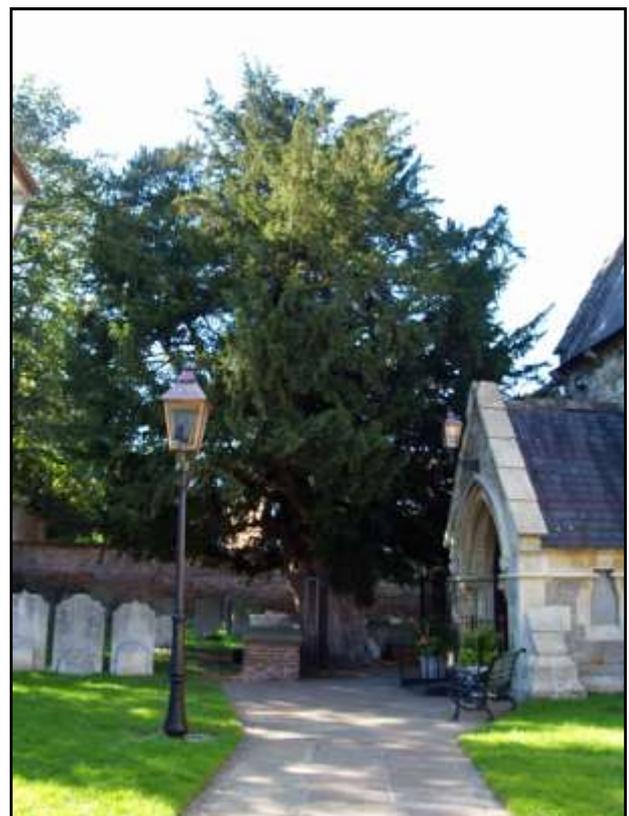


The yew was first noted by Swanton in 1956 and recorded in his *Yew Trees of England*. He described its 'hollow trunk, 13ft in girth at 3ft. There is an aperture 18ins across, and within the hollow a stem 10 ins in girth joined to the trunk at 6 and a half feet. There is new growth on the right hand side of the opening, but not any on the left, nor on the inside stem. Many branches have been cut away, and the diameter of umbrage is only 35 ft. There is a tomb (1828) only 2 ft away from the trunk, and root pruning must have been severe. Here and there on the trunk is spray'.

In 2011 girth of the tree and width of aperture had increased, though no new measurements were taken. It is to be hoped that the present use of the land around the yew is temporary and that bags of dry grasses, tools, tons of stonework, a font and other objects will be removed.

The yew appears to be a typical half shell hollow yew which has been larger. As well as internal growth, it is one of those rare specimens with a single female branch on a male tree.





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