

In his 1814 *Historical, Topographical and Descriptive Account of the Weald of Kent*, T.D.W.Dearn wrote that 'in the churchyard are two fine yew trees'. One of these was lost before 1936, when Mee wrote in *The King's England* that 'For 500 years the church tower on the hill has been looking down on this fair scene, Old Yew looking on most of the time'.

The surviving yew appears in the 1807 b/w photograph of a Petrie watercolour (left) and in the undated postcard, showing the church before it suffered bomb damage in the 2nd World War.



January 1999: The female, horse shoe shaped hollow tree is no taller than 15'20', much as it appeared 200 years ago. Many dead branches jutted through the mixture of ivy and thick green foliage. Measured at its narrowest beneath the bulge, girth was 16' 4".

