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2006 and 2013: This twin trunked yew grows SSE of the church. The smaller trunk is dead and cut off at a height of about 6'. In 2006 a cherry or birch tree was observed that had obviously germinated and grown successfully inside this hollow yew. This too was dead and by 2013 there was no trace of it.

Inside the living part of the yew an acorn must have germinated probably more than 100 years ago. In 2006 a huge oak was trying to squeeze out of its confines within the yew, and in several places oak and yew branches and foliage were mingling high into the canopy. I looked forward to photographing this phenomenon when I returned in 2013, but in the intervening years the oak had collapsed and brought down one side of the yew. Girth recorded on both occasions was about 23'.

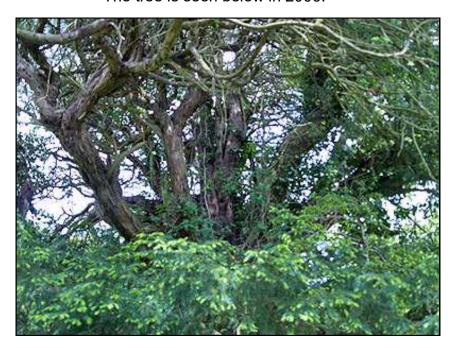


The yew is seen above in 2006 and below in 2013





ESE of the church is a 3 trunked yew from a low bole. One of the 3 is dead. The largest has more recent growth around what were the truncated original branches. A large elder grew up against the yew. Girth of 18' at 1' was recorded in 2006 and 18' 5" in 2013, a figure swelled by brambles etc. The tree is seen below in 2006.



## and here in 2013





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