An early medieval foundation is thought likely for this site.

The yew was first noted in 1984 when Alan Mitchell recorded it for the Tree Register's data base, giving it a diameter of 270cm (approx 27ft girth).

In The Sacred Yew (Chetan and Brueton 1996) the tree was reported as cut down in 1984.

A 1996 report by the Clwyd/Powys Archaeological Trust said that the old stump had come to life.

In 2005 I visited and the photos confirm that the tree still lives. There are in fact two separate stumps, each between 5' and 7' high and with a well established mass of new growth rising from the base. Though the dead white wood is now wet and decaying the new growth should be strong enough to be free standing by the time the old sapwood is gone. The closeness of the tree to both church and house might provide an explanation for it being so badly treated.

I noted two further pieces of stump close to the yew. If they belong to this tree, their inclusion would add a further 7' to 10' to its already huge 27'.





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