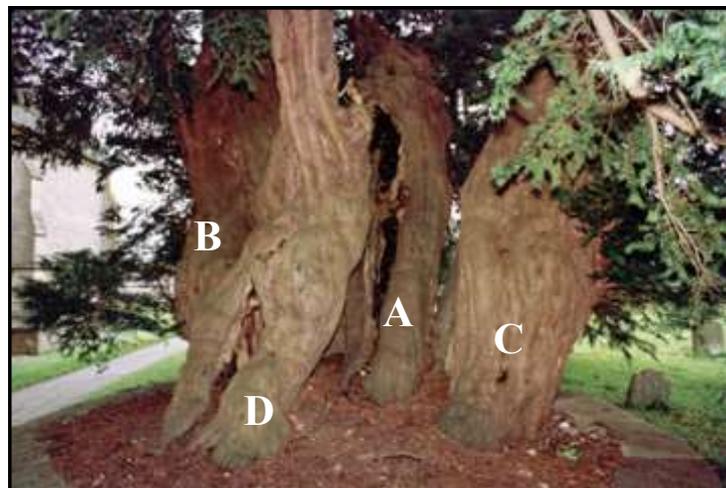


In 1944 Canon Goddard sent information to Vaughan Cornish for his book *The Yew Tree and Immortality*: 'An ancient yew in front of the S door has a split trunk and spreading branches'.

In 1954 Revd F.R.St.John sent information to EW Swanton for *The Yew Trees of England* : 'One of the branches is supported by props, and some by chains attached to the main trunk, which is surrounded by a massive stone seat'.



The female yew is seen above in 2003. It grows just outside the church's south porch, with a neat circular wall about 18" high around its fragmented bole. The whole tree leans towards the east and the elaborate system of chains and props is still in evidence. Fragment (A) is supported on three props, having split from (D) as it leaned over. (B) supports a tall fluted branch while at (C) there is considerable lateral growth. Much of the foliage was brown.

The tree's lean, its spreading roots and bristly growth all affect girth, but in 1998 I recorded 23' 1" at the ground and approximately 27' at 3'. The photos below were taken by Peter Norton in 2010.



A second significant yew, male, also grows here, close to the building on the west side. A sizeable branch close to the ground has been removed creating a large hollow filled with internal growth. Photographs are from 2010 by Peter Norton.

Girth:

2003: 14' 8" at 1'; 16' 7" at 3' and 15' 2" at 5' - Tim Hills

2010: 15' 0" at 1'; 15' 10" at 2' and 16' 7" at 3' - Peter Norton

