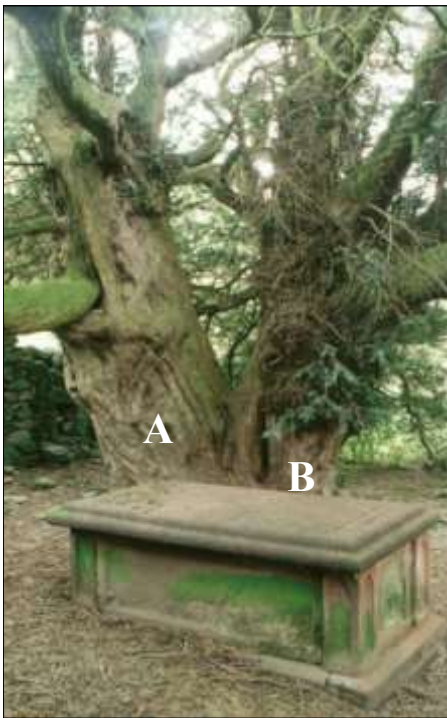


1839: William Ford was the first to record this 'picturesque yew-tree' in *Description of Scenery in the Lake District*.

2002: This is one of the finest churchyard yew settings in England. The female tree grows NE of the church, and although the photograph suggests prolific greenness, foliage was so thin that bird nests could be seen in its branches.

Its twin trunks are joined for the first few feet. That furthest from the church (A) is a hollow shell with thickening at the opening. It develops many small branches, including one at 6' which dips to the ground with the potential to become embedded, perhaps producing new growth as well as helping anchor the tree. The trunk nearest to the church (B) was covered with adventitious and twiggy growth. It has a small hollow enclosed by thickening growth, with an internal stem. It too carries many branches, including one that dips to the ground.

Age estimates of between 700 and 2000 years have been given for this tree. Its twin trunks and girth of 19' 5" at 1' would suggest the lower end of these estimates.



Photos below taken in 2007 were taken by Janet Wedgwood

