

The river Severn overflows into this churchyard whenever high tides coincide with adverse weather conditions. So Mee's 1938 description is apt, and the Severn must on many occasions have 'washed the feet of the 3 fine yews in the churchyard, little yew 11', middle-sized 17' and big yew 20' round'.

'Big yew' is a grand hollow female growing SE of the church. Its bole bulges considerably above 2' and releases wayward, spreading branches from a height of 8'/10'. The first two photos were taken in 1998.

Girth:

17' 0" at 1' - 2001 - Tim Hills

17' 1" at 1' (where 6 nails were embedded) - 2014 - Peter Norton

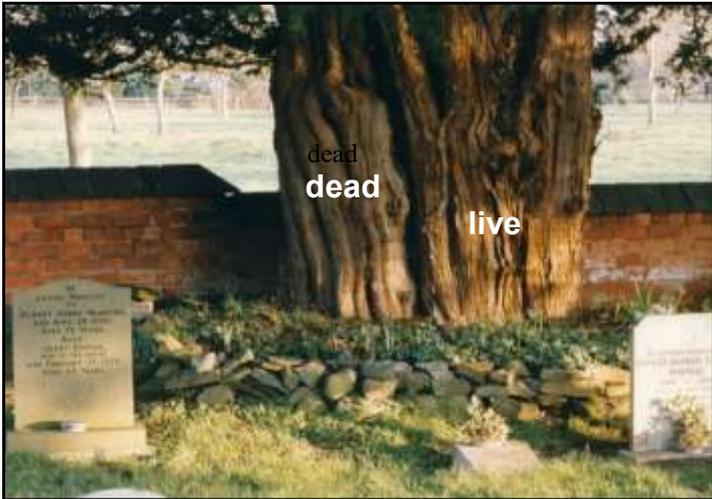


photos below - Peter Norton 2014





'Middle-sized yew' is male, with its elongated trunk a mix of live and dead wood. Girth was 15' 3" at the ground and 17' 3" at 5' in 2001. In 2014 Peter Norton measured close to the ground where a nail had been hammered into the tree and recorded a girth of 15' 9".



Tim Hills 1998
Peter Norton 2014



Peter Norton 2014
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'Little yew' is male and had a girth of 13' 2" at 5' in 2001. It grows NW of the church at the churchyard entrance. In 2014, when Peter Norton took the photos, girth was 13' 10" at 1', 13' 5" at 2' and 13' 5" at 3'.



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