

1850: "In the churchyard, under an old yew, stands an ancient stone font, removed from the church and green with exposure; under the same yew lies buried the sister of the late Dean Stanley. Alderley is worthy of note having been connected with the Stanley family since the fifteenth century." *Notes and queries*

1938: "In the churchyardare old yews, one a veteran with great spreading branches." *The King's England*

1999: Both new leafy growth and gall on this male yew were so prolific that branches seemed to bend under their weight. The bole retains its large girth for a considerable height. One hole, about two and a half feet high and 8" across reveals a large internal stem which becomes part of the tree's main branch. Large sections of wood flowing around sawn off branches are a notable feature of this yew.

Growing nearby are 2 further yews; (A) grows tall and straight and is possibly layered from the parent tree. (B), which is fallen and twisted, is female.

Girth: I omitted to measure the yew. Meredith's *Gazetteer* in *The Sacred Yew* 1994 gave it a girth of 18'.

