

1897: 'A remarkably fine tree....a splendid head 30' in height. A central hollow containing a dead trunk about 5' in diameter. A network of roots of good size that have intertwined and coalesced in a striking manner. 6 principal branches, 5' to 8' in girth, each enclosing a dead branch of the original trunk. One or two of the branches have separated from the others'. Lowe *The Yew Trees of Great Britain and Ireland*

1999: A sizeable section of the Stansted Yew is pulling away from the main bulk of the tree. A double row of chains and thin wires in the upper branches are stretched taut in an attempt to prevent it from leaning further outwards. In several places these have been swallowed by new layers of wood.

The centre is filled with large internal stems which help feed the tree's 6 substantial growth areas. Branches from these dip gracefully all around this fine healthy tree. Girth 22' 10" close to the ground.

