

1914: 'In the churchyard, to the SW of the tower, is a well grown ancient yew'. JC Cox's *Gloucestershire* It also recorded a girth of 20' 6" at 5' from the ground.

This is an example of a yew whose girth has been exaggerated because of the tradition of measuring all trees at 5ft. In 1999 I took several measurements which more accurately portray the shape of this tree:- 15' at the ground, 15' 9" at 2', and bulging outwards to 21' 5" just below 4'.

It is a fine male tree, with branches allowed to sweep down to the ground among the tombstones. A substantial area of growth stretches towards the road, and while this is at the moment well connected to the tree, it could mark the point where it eventually begins to split.

In a tree already carrying the weight of a fine healthy foliage, it was encouraging to see that ivy had been removed. These are specimen trees and should be treated as if in an arboretum.

