

1847: In *Favourite Haunts and Rural Studies* by Edward Jesse, he described the church as 'deserted as a place of worship, and fast falling, alas! Into decay', but he also mentioned 'the fine old yew tree, which appears to have flourished through many ages'.

1946: In *The Churchyard Yew and Immortality* Cornish recorded an 'ancient yew near the lych gate of great girth and with spreading branches'.

1958: Swanton found a reference to this yew in the *Little Guides* series: 'A famous yew said to be as old as the church itself.' He visited the tree himself and recorded that 'the yew is only a few feet from the low (3ft.) churchyard wall. The rugged, fissured trunk (no spray) is 15ft. 2ins. in girth at 3ft. from the ground. The umbrage is scanty, many branches having been cut away; it is only about 35ft. in diameter'.

2001: I found a low ball shaped tree with thin branches covering the entire bole, including close to the ground so that its features were hidden. The yew appeared to have been pollarded at about 8' and measured 14' 6" at 1'.

It looked very different when Dave Kenny took these photos in 2008.

