

September 2009: The female yew grows south of the church and only 6 metres from the porch. With its solid 12' high bole topped with numerous thick branches, it has a formidable presence in the churchyard. I found one hollow space, about 5' up on the west side and extending about 2' into the tree.

The yew was first noted in 1946 in Cornish's *The Churchyard Yew and Immortality*. Cornish was given details of a yew with a girth of 'about 15ft' by H.Gardner. Sixty three years later in 2009, the lowest girth I was able to obtain was 18' 11" at 3'. This would mean an increase in girth of almost 4' in 63 years, an unusually rapid growth rate in a mature yew. It suggests that Gardner's 15ft was an estimate.

