

The present church was built mainly in the 12th and 13th centuries but it is believed that there was a church on the site in Saxon times. The yew's girth suggests that it is most likely to be coeval with the present church, and while it might be older still, there is no evidence to substantiate the estimated age of 2000 years, found in Meredith's *Gazetteer* in *The Sacred Yew*.

1911: 'A large ancient yew tree north of the church' was described in Horsfield's *Sussex*.

1999: A male yew, a hollow shell with two large gaps and inside the hollow a small internal stem attached to the side of the tree at a height of 4/5'. The separated sides of this yew have grown together by 8/10', where a main branch is formed. Another thick truncated branch suggests that much of the crown above 20' has been removed. Recent building work to extend the church hall has not only resulted in root disturbance, but also leaves the yew very close to the building.



Girth:

1998: 9x216 @ 0.8m Owen Johnson *The Sussex Tree Book*

1999: 22' 4" at 2' and 23' 4" at 5' - Tim Hills

2012: Girth at 1' 6' the height of 4 embedded nails - 22' 9" - Peter Norton

