

Page 179 of the 1893/4 Woolhope Papers carries the following account: 'In the churchyard is an old yew tree, an account of which appeared in the *'Hereford Times'* of March 12th, 1881, written by Rev. S. Jenkins, who was the curate here. He calculated that from its girth of 23ft 3ins at the base it was planted about 825A.D., and, in consequence would be over 1,000 years old, and be growing during the Saxon Heptarchy'.

Mee's *King's England* of 1938 noted 'a magnificent old yew'.

1998: The fine healthy female yew grows northeast of the church. Its dense green foliage contrasted with the delicate blossoms in the surrounding orchards.

Girth:

1881: 23' 3" at the ground - Woolhope

1894: 24' at the height of 5' above the ground - Woolhope - information from Rev Michael Hopton

1998: Approximately 27' between 2' and 3' - Tim Hills



The yew was photographed in 2003 by Geoff Garlick. In five years small amounts of twiggy growth have appeared on the bole.



Twelve years later in 2015 Peter Norton's photos show that much of the bole is now covered with new growth. He recorded a girth of 26' 10" at 18", the height guided by several nails that someone has hammered into the tree.



