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In 1830 the 'venerable yew tree' was described in the Gentleman's Magazine part II p393 of 1830.

In 1938 Mee's *The King's England* described an 'old yew about 15ft round'.

In 1990 Meredith recorded a girth of 17ft.

2003: The healthy male yew grows at the perimeter of the churchyard above a 10' drop to the lane below. The tree leans outwards over the wall. Many new branches are attached to the lower part of its bole, some becoming thick and swelling its girth to the 16' 10" we were able to record close to its base. It has a large central branch with a long split, revealing its decaying interior. Both on the land below the church grounds and in an adjacent garden were several more yews.

The photos were taken by Peter Norton in 2014







Sadly these are the last photos of this fine ancient yew, for during a fierce storm in February 2020 it came crashing down onto the road below, demolishing a large section of the wall and blocking the lane.