

Tre Vychan elm near Penllyn – a sketch of 1865 by David Jones of Wallington, with his handwritten notes (in scrapbook 2, Cardiff Central Library).

May 1st 1865. 'Girth 6 feet from ground over 30 feet.

The Tre Vychan elm - standing in a farm yard near Cowbridge. It is now covered with luxuriant foliage, but has been completely hollow for beyond the memory of any now.

The entrance is on the other side and has a rail across it to prevent cattle getting in.

On showing this sketch to my friend Mr Nathaniel Bird, he told me that he was one of forty eight schoolboys who got inside this hollow elm at the same time. He acknowledged it to be a perfect crush but said that when they got out thirty five men – some of the largest men that were'

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