

Exmoor and West Somerset Building Recording Group Newsletter

Our first workshop was held at the Tithe Barn in Dunster and seemed to be a great success. Participants worked in groups with specialists in different fields. Relevant books and computer access were at hand, together with an exhibition supplied by the Somerset Vernacular Building Group (SVBRG)



Maps and information were supplied by Exmoor National Park and SANHS.



After lunch, people worked in larger groups discussing how different aspects of research and measuring could be brought together.



We were paid a surprise visit by Tim Taylor, producer of Time Team, who happened to be working on a "village dig" the same weekend. Tim gave his encouragement to the new group, which is very much in line with Time Team's ethos of involving the local community.

The workshop was introduced and concluded by the SANHS president, Jerry Sampson



Many thanks are due to everyone who helped to make this event such a success.

A practical hands-on follow up workshop looked at the fine 17th century stable block at Dunster Castle. SANHS is grateful to Exmoor National Park Authority, which has also helped with staging an associated exhibition at the Park Centre in September, and with support and grant assistance.



Puzzler

Why were these roof timbers shaped for a curved ceiling in a stable block, which you would think would be purely functional?

Any ideas?

Our small exhibition was staged at the National Park Centre with the kind support of the Exmoor National Park. This also roused a great deal of interest.

Perhaps (with your assistance) this and the main workshop could become a yearly feature?



What Next?

For anyone interested in joining the new group or in having a building recorded, please contact office@sanhs.org or telephone 01823 272429.

