



Somerset Archaeological & Natural History Society

Historic Buildings Group

SANHS Building Research Group (Exmoor and West Somerset)

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The main workshop held in Porlock in November was very enjoyable. We had 3 experts – Jerry Sampson, Jenny Chesher, and Isabel Richardson - looking respectively at mediaeval stonework, mediaeval carpentry and interpretation of old buildings. The three local buildings used by way of example were the Church, Doverhay Manor and Chantry Cottage. The last two named have now been surveyed.



Another training workshop was held in February in Porlock to look specifically at measuring and recording buildings. The small group of us were kindly allowed to use Doverhay Manor for a picnic and for drawing up.

If you missed out on this, but would like such training, please let Mary know.



The updated edition of Pevsner for Somerset South and West has now been published.

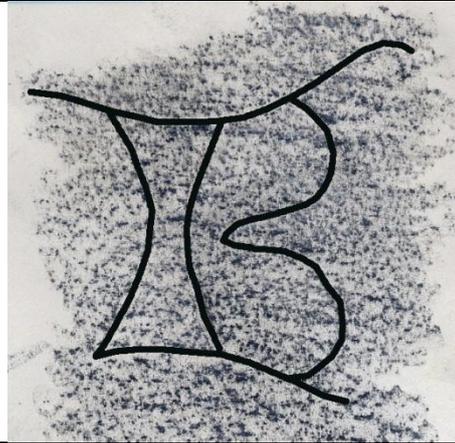
The update author Julian Orbach gave a talk in Taunton in February about his work and a report is on the SANHS website under "March 2015 News Bulletin".

The updated volume is on special offer for SANHS members (contact the office)



Jerry Sampson will be giving a talk in Taunton on March 14th about Somerset Masons' marks. To book for the talk which is at Wyndham Hall, phone the SANHS office on 01823 272429 Tuesday – Thursday or e-mail programme@sanhs.org

In May there will be a follow up visit to Wells.



Puzzler

Any thoughts on what these horizontal holes are for in a 17th century window in Porlock?

The window still has its solid board shutters hung internally.



What Next?

After a short break over winter, we are now continuing with surveys in Porlock. If you know of any buildings (apart from those on our list) where the owners would be happy for us to have a look, please let Mary know on 01823 400633 or mary_ewing@hotmail.com.

Although we are concentrating on Porlock at present, we do have some other properties to look at in West Somerset and all help is welcome with surveys so let us know if you would like to come along.

Similarly, if you would enjoy doing research into the history of buildings or a more general history of Porlock for possible future publication on its buildings, we would be very grateful for any help you could offer.

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