



# Somerset Archaeological & Natural History Society

## Historic Buildings Group

*SANHS Building Research Group (Exmoor and West Somerset)*

### Newsletter 4: June 2015

A local history group has been set up in Milverton and in connection with this, we are starting to investigate some of the buildings here. There are extensive historic documents available on the town and this is likely to be a long term project.

To date we have initially visited 2 houses and one has been surveyed with the report in preparation.



We have now surveyed 5 houses in Porlock, with another 5 to be recorded. One report is ready at present and the others are in preparation. If you help with a survey, you will receive a copy of the report of that building.

We are also looking at 2 houses in Dunster.

If you would like to help with surveys and have not been asked yet, please contact Mary.  
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Currently there is a small display on the group's work running at Porlock visitor centre until 2nd July when there is to be an evening on the follow up to "Dig Porlock" including work so far on the buildings.

The Meeting on the 2nd July is from 6.30pm until 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

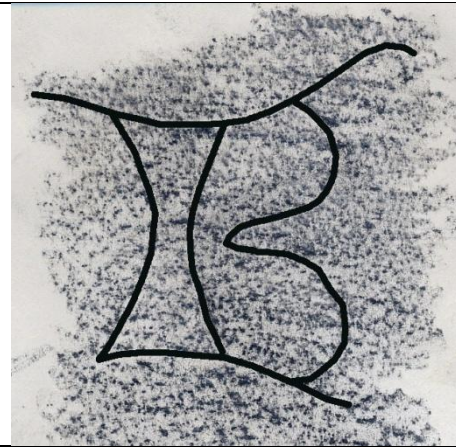




We have now completed a full survey of Doverly Manor, including a few return visits! It has been difficult to draw up because the walls are battered (wider at the bottom than the top) and at odd angles and hard to match measurements. However we now have many details and drawings are ready. Further opinion is now being sought from John Dallimore who helped to set up the Somerset Vernacular Building Research Group (SVBRG) in the 1980s. His extensive experience should be useful in analysing the work that has been done.

Jerry Sampson who helped with the main workshop in November 2014, will be guiding a visit to Wells Cathedral, following on from his talk in Taunton. This visit will be on Saturday 18th July at 11.00am. Contact SANHS office for more details (01823 272429 Tuesday – Thursday) or to book, e-mail [programme@sanhs.org](mailto:programme@sanhs.org)

We are planning a series of talks with Jerry. Venue to be confirmed, and probably starting in the autumn



### **Puzzler**

*This chimney stack at first floor level has these 2 recesses as well as another on the return wall set into it. Any ideas on what they might have been used for? The building was a farmhouse at one time.*

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