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SUMMARY

Samples were taken from two foundation beams supporting the bell-chamber floor and from 13 timbers in the bellframe itself. Neither of the foundation beams dated but 11 of the timbers from the bellframe were dated. Two site chronologies were formed which, although of similar date, may represent two slightly different felling events. The 138-year sequence comprises two timbers with a likely empirically derived combined felling date range of AD 1654–86 (*95% confidence*) or a Bayesian based *combined felling date range* of *AD 1658–94 (95% probability)*. The 95-year sequence comprises nine timbers with a likely empirically derived combined felling date range of AD 1658–94 (95% probability). The 95-year sequence comprises nine timbers with a likely empirically derived combined felling date range of AD 1681–1712 (*95% confidence*) or a Bayesian based *combined felling date range* of AD 1681–1712 (*95% confidence*) or a Bayesian based *combined felling date range* of AD 1681–1712 (*95% confidence*) or a Bayesian based *combined felling date range* of AD 1681–1712 (*95% confidence*) or a Bayesian based *combined felling date range* of AD 1681–1712 (*95% confidence*) or a Bayesian based *combined felling date range* of AD 1687–96 (*95% probability*).

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INTRODUCTION

The Church of St Andrew is Grade I listed, and lies at the heart of the village of Whitestaunton, some 5km west of the town of Chard (Figs 1 and 2). Whilst the church has Norman origins, most of the present fabric is of thirteenth- to sixteenth-century origin, although there was a major refurbishment of the building in AD 1882–3. The west tower is in the late Perpendicular style, and is stylistically dated to the early sixteenth century. The medieval church evidently possessed bells, but there are no records of how many or of what size they were. It is thought there were three bells here in the midsixteenth century, of which one remains and one was removed in AD 1908. Dendrochronological dating of the bellframe and associated foundation beams and floor was requested by Jenny Chesher, the English Heritage Inspector of Buildings and Areas, in order to add to the overall understanding of the historic development of the tower, and hence the significance of the bellframe and bell-chamber floor.

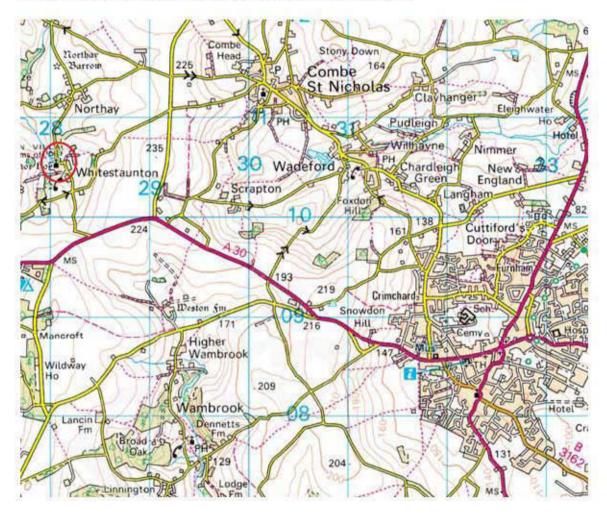


Figure 1. Map showing the location of the Church of St Andrew, Whitestaunton (circled on the left side of the map) in relation to Chard (the town in the lower right of the map). © Crown Copyright and database right 2014. All rights reserved. Ordnance Survey Licence number 100024900



Figure 2. Map showing the position of the Church of St Andrew within Whitestaunton. © Crown Copyright and database right 2014. All rights reserved. Ordnance Survey Licence number 100024900

Pickford (2013) describes the frame trusses in the parallel pits as of similar construction throughout, having sills, diagonal main braces, long frame heads, and end-posts. The end-posts are shaped and stand a little within the overall length of the truss. The diagonal main braces are butted together at the apex. Some of his drawings are used as the basis for figures in this report, showing the locations of the samples taken (Figs 3–5). Pickford contends that the king-posts in the tenor pit do not indicate a different period of construction. The braces are at a shallower angle and the king-posts were included to provide added strength below the bearings. The main braces are butted as in the other trusses. Pickford also points out that the western return section of the frame is different, and may be of later date than the rest of the frame, and proposes that the frame may have been originally built with open-ended pits on the west (ie no lateral bracing above the sills).

The survey by Pickford (2013) points out that various dates have been suggested for the Church of St Andrew's bellframe. Massey (2011, 736) suggests that it *"probably dates from the 18th or early 19th century"* and recent reports have tended to follow this view.

Another plausible suggestion has been that the frame might date from AD 1763 when the tower roof was renewed. It has also been claimed that the frame is of mixed dates and that the eastern pit (containing the tenor) is an add-on. Pickford (2013) however favoured a late seventeenth-century origin, probably associated with the addition of new bells in AD 1696/7, and he also proposes that it was most likely built by a specialist bellframer, rather than a local carpenter. A letter from Robert Parker (2013), church bellhanger, to the churchwarden, also supports this view of a late seventeenth-century origin, but suggests that the whole frame was rebuilt, utilising these old timbers and incorporating others, in AD 1763.

METHODOLOGY

Fieldwork for the present study was carried out in May 2013, following an initial assessment of the potential for dating some weeks beforehand. In the initial assessment accessible oak timbers with more than 50 rings and possible traces of sapwood were sought, although slightly shorter sequences are sometimes sampled if little other material is available. Those timbers judged to be potentially useful were cored using a 15mm auger attached to an electric drill. The cores were glued to wooden laths, labelled, and stored for subsequent analysis.

The cores were polished on a belt sander using 80 to 400 grit abrasive paper to allow the ring boundaries to be clearly distinguished. The samples had their tree-ring sequences measured to an accuracy of 0.01mm, using a specially constructed system utilising a binocular microscope with the sample mounted on a travelling stage with a linear transducer linked to a PC, which recorded the ring widths into a dataset. The software used in measuring and subsequent analysis was written by lan Tyers (2004). Cross-matching was attempted by a combination of visual matching and a process of qualified statistical comparison by computer. The ring-width series were compared statistically for cross-matching, using a variant of the Belfast CROS program (Baillie and Pilcher 1973). Ring sequences were plotted on the computer monitor to allow visual comparisons to be made between sequences. This method provides a measure of quality control in identifying any potential errors in the measurements when the samples cross-match.

In comparing one sample or site master against other samples or chronologies, *t*-values over 3.5 are considered significant, although in reality it is common to find demonstrably spurious *t*-values of 4 and 5 because more than one matching position is indicated. For this reason, dendrochronologists prefer to see some *t*-value ranges of 5, 6, and higher, and for these to be well replicated from different, independent chronologies with both local and regional chronologies well represented, except where imported timbers are identified. Where two individual samples match together with a *t*-value of 10 or above, and visually exhibit exceptionally similar ring patterns, they may have originated from the same parent tree. Same-tree matches can also be identified through the external characteristics of the timber itself, such as knots and shake patterns. Lower *t*-values however do not preclude same tree derivation.

Ascribing felling dates and date ranges

Once a tree-ring sequence has been firmly dated in time, a felling date, or date range, is ascribed where possible. With samples which have sapwood complete to the underside of, or including bark, this process is relatively straightforward. Depending on the completeness of the final ring (ie if it has only the spring vessels or early wood formed, or the latewood or summer growth) a precise felling date and season can be given. If the sapwood is partially missing, or if only a heartwood/sapwood transition boundary survives, then an estimated felling date range can be given for each sample. The number of sapwood rings can be estimated by using an empirically derived sapwood estimate with a given confidence limit. If no sapwood or heartwood/sapwood boundary survives then the minimum number of sapwood rings from the appropriate sapwood estimate is added to the last measured ring to give a *terminus post quem (tpq)* or felled-after date.

A review of the geographical distribution of dated sapwood data from historic timbers has shown that an empirically based sapwood estimate relevant to the region of origin should be used in interpretation, which in this area is 9–41 rings (Miles 1997a).

However, an alternative method of estimating felling date ranges has recently been developed (Miles 2005) which runs as a function implemented in OxCal (Bronk Ramsey 2009; Miles 2006). Following the methodology set out by Millard (2002), Bayesian statistical models are used to produce individual sapwood estimates for samples using the variables of number of heartwood rings present, the mean ring-width of those heartwood rings, the heartwood/sapwood boundary date, and the number of any surviving sapwood rings or a count of those lost in sampling. These individual probability distributions for the felling dates (expressed at the 95% probability level) may then be combined to produce a highest probability density estimate for the *combined felling date range*. When a timber in a group has no heartwood-sapwood boundary present, but finishes later than the heartwood-sapwood boundary dates of other timbers in the group, this information may be used to truncate the earlier end of the combined sapwood dates used. When carried out within OxCal, this uses a sapwood model that has to be defined. Miles (2005) suggested several such models, of which the one that has been deemed appropriate to apply to the timbers in this case is that for 'England and Wales AD'. This model is based on timbers from throughout England and Wales, with a bias to those in the most denselydated counties of Shropshire, Somerset, Hampshire, Oxfordshire, and Kent, and is thus appropriate for these timbers. Although it has been found that some samples do not fit this particular model well (Tyers 2008), the timbers from this site were considered suitable.

It must be emphasised that dendrochronology can only date when a tree has been felled, not when the timber was used to construct the structure or object under study. Thus the dates derived for the felling of the trees used in construction do not necessarily relate directly to the date of construction of the building. However, evidence suggests that, except in the reuse of timbers, construction in most historical periods took place within a very few years after felling (Salzman 1952; Hollstein 1965; Miles 2005).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Samples were taken from what were considered to be the primary phase bellframe timbers, as well as from some suitable timbers in the category of those considered to be secondary or later repair timbers, although some of this latter category were either of small scantling or were fast-grown and had too few rings, making them unsuitable for sampling. The initial assessment concluded that fewer of the timbers previously considered to be likely later insertions or repairs were actually of a different age, based on the overall appearance and ring characteristics of the assemblage.

Of the four foundation beams supporting the bell-chamber floor, the northernmost was found to be of elm (*Ulmus* spp) and hence unsuitable for analysis, whilst the southernmost had obviously suffered from severe woodworm infestation and access was such that it could not be sampled at a suitable angle. Of the two central foundation beams, the northern one was assessed as probably having just too few rings, but it was nevertheless sampled because of the potential importance of obtaining dating evidence for this floor, whilst the southern one clearly did have sufficient rings to warrant sampling. The floorboards of the bell-chamber floor were assessed, but were considered mostly too decayed to sample, and those that could be seen more clearly were thought anyway to contain too few rings to be useful.

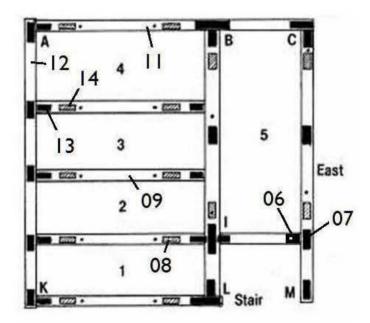


Figure 3. Plan of the bellframe showing the locations of some of the samples taken for dendrochronological analysis, adapted from original drawings by Pickford (2013)

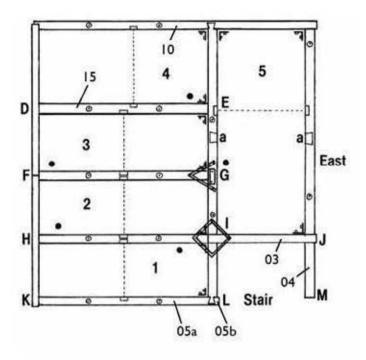


Figure 4. Plan of the upper rails of the bellframe showing the locations of some of the samples taken for dendrochronological analysis, adapted from original drawings by Pickford (2013)

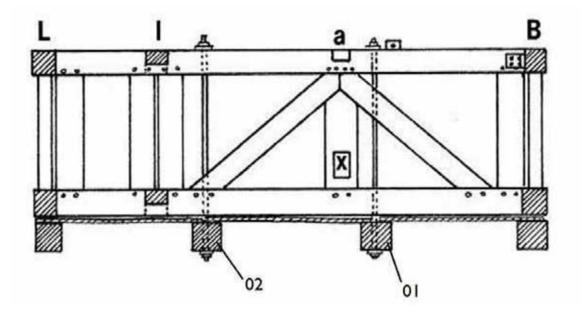


Figure 5. Drawing of one of the cross frames of bellframe showing its form, and also the foundation beams sampled for dendrochronology, adapted from original drawings by Pickford (2013)

Basic information about the samples taken is given in Table 1. Two samples were taken from the top plate on the south side of the frame (aws05a and aws05b), because the first

sample had too few rings to be useful, sample 05a was therefore not analysed further. Two other samples, aws01 and aws13 also had too few rings to be further analysed. One of these (aws13) had a chiselled assembly mark, and was noted at the time of sampling as possibly being either reused or a replacement timber not associated with the main construction of the bellframe. The raw ring-width data for the measured samples is given in the appendix.

Neither of the two foundation beams could be dated, the first sampled having too few rings (aws01) and the second (aws02) failing to cross-match with other samples from the site and not matching independently.

Comparison of the bellframe samples (Table 2) revealed that two samples, aws05b and aws11, matched each other well, but did not match the other nine measured samples. These two series were therefore combined to form a 138-year long site series aws511m for subsequent analysis, whilst the remaining nine series were averaged together to form a 95-year long site chronology, WHTSTNBF. The dating evidence for these two series is given in Tables 3a and 3b. This group includes sample aws12, which is the sole plate to the western frame, suggesting that this frame is indeed contemporaneous with the rest of the bellframe, and not an addition, as had been suggested by Pickford (2013).

The conventional empirically derived sapwood estimate produces felling dates for the timbers forming the main site chronology, WHTSTNBF, which indicate that the trees used were most likely felled at the same time (Table 1; Fig 1). Using a mean heartwood-sapwood boundary date for these nine timbers of AD 1671 gives a likely combined felling date range of AD 1681–1712 (*95% confidence*), taking into account the unmeasured sapwood rings present on sample aws14.

This group of timbers appears to be an ideal candidate for the application of the Bayesian modelling technique, being a group of timbers likely to have all been felled at the same time, and with none of the timbers showing unusual characteristics. They are also within the geographical range of the data used to create the sapwood model used within OxCal (England and Wales AD) developed by Miles (2005), and being composed of young relatively fast-grown timbers are more likely to give accurate results (Tyers 2008).

OxCal v4.2.3 (Bronk Ramsey 2014) was used to produce the sapwood estimates for each of the eight tree series in the site chronology with a heartwood-sapwood boundary. (Table 1; Fig 7). As the group had similar individual sapwood ranges a Bayesian approach to combining individual sapwood estimates following the methodology of Millard (2002), was used to derive the likely *combined felling date range* (Fig 7). The combined index agreement for this group (A_{comb} 131.2%, A_n =25 %, n=8) shows this to be a coherent group. This methodology derives a *posterior density estimate* for the *combined felling date range* of *AD* 1687–96 (95% probability) for this group of timbers, and construction is assumed to have taken place within months of the trees being felling. It should be noted that this *posterior density estimate* may vary if a different combination of samples was used, but there is no reason in this case to reject any of the samples.

Examination of the variation in date of the heartwood/sapwood boundaries of all 11 dated timbers from the bellframe (Table 1; Fig 6) suggests that it is possible that the remaining two dated samples, aws05b and aws11, were from trees felled a little earlier than the remaining timbers. Only one of these two timbers retained the heartwoodsapwood boundary and hence, other than the fact that they do not match the remaining assemblage well, there is no clear evidence to support this idea. The empirically derived felling dates for these two timbers are AD 1654-86 (95% confidence, aws11) and after AD 1656 (aws05b). Bayesian modelling suggests a likely felling date range of AD 1659–94 (95% probability) for aws11 and felling after AD 1659 for sample aws05b. Thus, whilst it is possible that they were felled slightly earlier than the main group of nine timbers, it is also possible that they were felled at the same time. Since one of them is a sole plate, it seems unlikely that it is not part of the original construction, unless of course the whole frame has been reassembled. The dating evidence for series aws511 (Table 3a) also suggests that the source of these timbers may be different to that for the remaining dated timbers, the dating evidence for which is presented in Table 3b. Both groups of timbers do however appear likely to have come from the south-west of England.

The dendrochronological results obtained provide clear dating evidence for the construction of the bellframe and hence address the various dating opinions set out in the introduction of this report. It seems that more of the bellframe structure is a coherent group of contemporaneous timbers than previously interpreted, and that it does indeed date to the late-seventeenth century, as some recent interpretations would have it, but it is slightly later than the re-roofing of the tower in AD 1673, to which some had also linked it.

| Table 1. Details of the samples | taken from the Church | n of St Andrew, Whitestaunton |
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| Sample | Timber and position | Total no | Mean | Dates | h/s | No of | Mean | Felling date | OxCal-derived |
|--------|---|--------------|-------|-----------|----------|---------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| number | | of rings | НW | spanning | boundary | Sapwood | sensitivity | ranges (AD) | felling date |
| | | - | ring | (AD) | (AD) | rings | - | (95% | range(AD) (95% |
| | | | width | | | | | confidence) | probability) |
| | | | (mm) | | | | | | |
| aws01 | Northern of two central foundation beams | <40 | NM | - | ?h/s | - | - | - | - |
| aws02 | Southern of two central foundation beams | 65 | 3.50 | - | - | - | 0.18 | - | - |
| aws03 | Top plate, south end of pit 5 | 73 | 1.61 | 1592-1664 | 1664 | h/s | 0.18 | 1673–1705 | 1674–1702 |
| aws04 | Top plate, east side frame | 87 | 1.27 | 1589–1675 | 1675 | h/s | 0.20 | 1684–1716 | 1686–1716 |
| aws05a | Top plate, south side frame | <40 | NM | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| aws05b | Top plate, south side frame | 115 | 0.93 | 1533–1647 | - | - | 0.20 | after 1656 | after 1659 |
| aws06 | Post, south-east corner of pit 5, internal | 55 (+7NM) | 1.73 | 1608–62 | - | - | 0.23 | after 1678 | - |
| aws07 | Post on east frame, south end of pit 5 | 51 | 2.20 | 1624-74 | 1674 | h/s | 0.18 | 1683-1715 | 1683–1707 |
| aws08 | East diagonal brace, pit 1–2 | 57 | 1.50 | 1616-72 | 1672 | h/s | 0.16 | 1681–1713 | 1682–1710 |
| aws09 | Sole plate, pit 2–3 | 64 | 1.89 | 1608–71 | 1671 | h/s | 0.24 | 1680–1712 | 1680–1706 |
| aws10 | Top plate, north side frame | 90 | 1.48 | 1587–1676 | 1676 | h/s | 0.18 | 1685–1717 | 1686–1715 |
| aws11 | Sole plate, north side frame | 136 | 0.82 | 1510–1645 | 1645 | h/s | 0.20 | 1654-86 | 1659–94 |
| aws12 | Sole plate, west side frame | 81 | 1.18 | 1582-1662 | 1662 | h/s | 0.17 | 1671-1703 | 1673–1704 |
| aws13 | Vertical post at west end of frame, pit 3–4 | <40 | NM | - | h/s | - | - | - | - |
| aws14 | West diagonal brace, frame pit 3–4 | 44 (+4NM) | 2.19 | 1633–76 | 1673 | 3 | 0.33 | 1682–1714 | 1682–1705 |
| aws15 | Top plate, pit 3–4 | 122 | 0.85 | - | - | 13 | 0.19 | - | - |

HW = heartwood; h/s = heartwood-sapwood boundary; NM = not measured

| | | | | | <i>t</i> -values | | | | | |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sample | aws04 | aws06 | aws07 | aws08 | aws09 | aws10 | aws12 | aws14 | aws05 | aws11 |
| aws03 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 1.7 | 2.6 |
| aws04 | | 4.1 | 3.6 | 5.7 | 3.4 | 9.6 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 0,8 | 2.1 |
| aws06 | | | 5.6 | 1.8 | 8.5 | 4.3 | 1.6 | 5.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| aws07 | | | | 1.7 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 2.9 | 5.7 | 3.4 | 0.3 |
| aws08 | | | | | 1.5 | 6.5 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 1.8 |
| aws09 | | | | | | 4.1 | 2.1 | 6.6 | - | 0.9 |
| aws10 | | | | | | | 7.1 | 7.5 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| aws12 | | | | | | | | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.4 |
| aws14 | | | | | | | | | 0,8 | * |
| aws05 | | | | | | | | | | 6.0 |

Table 2. Cross-matching between the dated series from the Church of St Andrew, Whitestaunton. Values of t greater than 3.5 are statistically significant

* = overlap equal to or less than 15 years, no value calculated; - = t-value equal to or less than 0.0

| Table 3a. Dating evidence for the site sequence aws511n | n, AD 1510–1647 |
|---|-----------------|
|---|-----------------|

| Source region: | Chronology name: | Publication reference: | File name: | Span of | Overlap | <i>t</i> -value |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------|-----------------|
| Ū | | | | chronology | (years) | |
| | | | | (AD) | | |
| Regional reference chroi | nologies | | • | | | |
| South Central England | South Central England | (Wilson <i>et al</i> 2012) | SCENG | 663–2009 | 138 | 7.4 |
| Wales | Welsh Master Chronology | (Miles 1997b) | WALES97 | 404-1981 | 138 | 7.3 |
| Hampshire | Hampshire Master Chronology | (Miles 2003) | HANTS02 | 443-1972 | 138 | 6.8 |
| Oxfordshire | Oxfordshire Master Chronology | (Haddon-Reece <i>et al</i> 1993) | OXON93 | 632–1987 | 138 | 6.6 |
| Somerset | Somerset Master Chronology | (Miles 2004) | SOMRST04 | 770–1979 | 138 | 6.4 |
| Individual site chronolog | ies | | • | | | |
| Somerset | 8 Market Place, Shepton Mallet | (Miles 2002b) | SHPTNMLT | 1518–1677 | 130 | 7.9 |
| Wales | Tredegar House, Newport | (Miles and Bridge 2011) | TREDEGR1 | 1397–1688 | 138 | 7.2 |
| London | White Tower, Tower of London | (Miles 2007) | WHTOWR7 | 1463–1616 | 107 | 7.1 |
| Sussex | Warhams, Rudgwick | (Miles <i>et al</i> 2009) | WARHAM3 | 1342-1606 | 97 | 7.0 |
| Somerset | St Matthew's Church bellframe, Wookey | (Miles and Bridge 2012) | WOOKEY | 1481–1603 | 94 | 6.8 |
| Oxfordshire | Wadham College | (Miles and Bridge 2010) | WADHAM | 1426–1610 | 101 | 6.5 |
| Oxfordshire | Manor Farm, Stanton St John | (Miles and Worthington 1998) | STNSTJN4 | 1480–1646 | 137 | 6.4 |

Table 3b. Dating evidence for the site chronology WHTSTNBF, AD 1582–1676

| Source region: | Chronology name: | Publication reference: | File name: | Span of chronology (AD) | Overlap (years) | <i>t</i> -value |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Regional reference chro | nologies | | 1 | | | |
| South Central England | South Central England | (Wilson <i>et al</i> 2012) | SCENG | 663–2009 | 95 | 8.1 |
| Oxfordshire | Oxfordshire Master Chronology | (Haddon-Reece <i>et al</i> 1993) | OXON93 | 632-1987 | 95 | 7,1 |
| Hampshire | Hampshire Master Chronology | (Miles 2003) | HANTS02 | 443-1972 | 95 | 6.4 |
| Somerset | Somerset Master Chronology | (Miles 2004) | SOMRST04 | 770–1979 | 95 | 6.2 |
| Individual site chronolog | ies | · | • | | | |
| Shropshire | Buildwas Abbey | (Miles 2002a) | BUILDWS3 | 1563–1687 | 95 | 7.6 |
| Gloucestershire | 100 Church St, Tewkesbury | (Nayling 2000) | TEWKES2 | 1484–1664 | 83 | 7.5 |
| London | Breakspear House, Harefield | (Arnold and Howard 2010) | HFDBSQ01 | 1574–1694 | 95 | 7.5 |
| Dorset | Wolfeton Riding House | (Bridge 2005) | WOLFETN2 | 1583–1719 | 94 | 6.8 |
| Oxfordshire | Old Clarendon Building, Oxford | (Worthington and Miles 2006) | CLRNDNOX | 1539–1711 | 95 | 6,5 |
| Wiltshire | Salisbury Cathedral | (Miles <i>et al</i> 2005) | SARUM12 | 1556-1703 | 95 | 6.3 |
| Berkshire | Maidenhead Bridge | (Miles <i>et al</i> 2003) | MDNHEAD2 | 1605-1750 | 72 | 6.2 |
| Hampshire | Gilbert White's House, Selbourne | (Miles <i>et al</i> 2004) | SELBRNE2 | 1620-1722 | 57 | 6,1 |

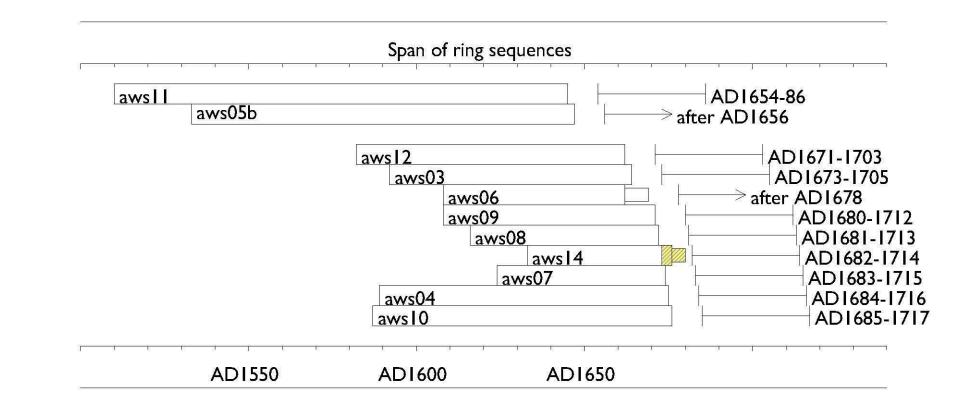


Figure 6. Bar diagram showing the relative positions of overlap and the empirically derived likely felling date ranges for the dated samples from the bellframe of the Church of St Andrew, Whitestaunton, Somerset. White bar – heartwood; yellow hatched bar – sapwood; narrow section of bar – additional unmeasured rings

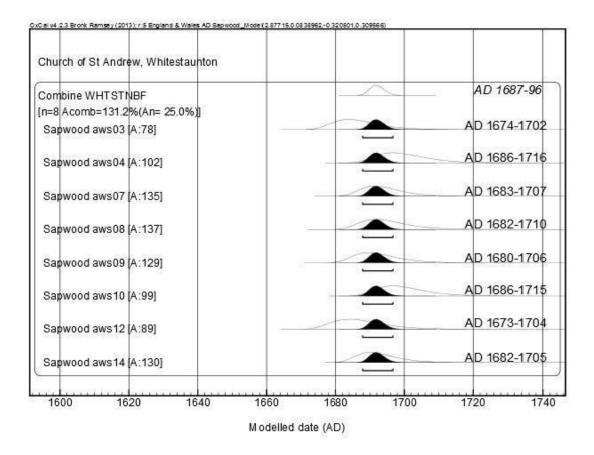


Figure 7. Church of St Andrew, Whitestaunton: combined felling date range and individual felling date distributions for timbers from the bellframe with heartwood-sapwood boundary included in the site chronology WHTSTNBF. Individual felling date distributions are shown in outline and the 95.4% probability individual felling dates ranges are listed. The 95.4% probability combined felling date range is shown in black and italic text.

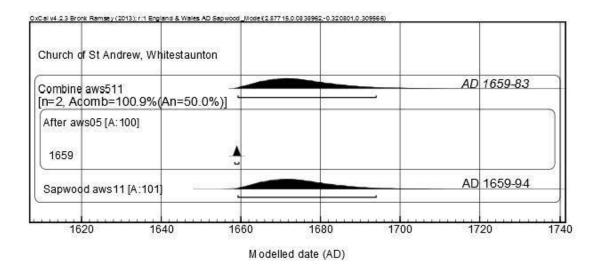


Figure 8. Church of St Andrew, Whitestaunton: combined felling date range and individual felling date distributions for samples aws05 and aws11. Individual felling date distributions are shown in outline and the 95.4% probability individual felling dates ranges are listed. The 95.4% probability combined felling date range is shown in black and italic text.

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APPENDIX

Ring width values (0.01mm) for the sequences measured

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