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THE LONDON CONFERENCE 1991

A joint conference of the Society for Medieval Archaeology and the Vernacular Architecture Group was held in London from 14-15 December 1991 on the theme 'Medieval Buildings: New Approaches'.

The opening session, following an introduction by the presidents of the two societies, consisted of papers by Stuart Wrathmell ('Peasant Houses: A View from the North'), Michael Laithwaite ('The Devon Survey: Its Implications and Results') and David Austin ('Peasant Houses in the South West'). After dinner and the society's AGM there were smaller contributions from members of both societies, including those by Richard Newman (Cosmeston, Gwent) and Evelyn Baker (Stratton, Bedfordshire).

The Sunday morning session started with a paper by Christopher Dyer in which he drew out the historical significance of recent dendrochronological dates obtained by the Cruck project. Chris Currie followed with a paper which presented evidence for 13th- and 14th-century dendrochronologically dated buildings in the Thames valley. After lunch there was a paper by Bob Meeson on the archaeological traces left by timber-framed building and one by Sarah Pearson on dendrochronologically dated Wealden Houses in Kent.

The conference afforded a useful opportunity for medieval archaeologists and vernacular architects to meet and compare approaches to two similar lines of enquiry which often use the same data. Organization of the conference was undertaken by the Vernacular Architecture Group with J. G. Hurst representing the Society for Medieval Archaeology. Thanks are due to all involved for a successful event.

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