

Dr John Crook, archaeological consultant, carried out trial trenching in connection with proposals for a new boiler house to the west of the 15th-century Beaufort kitchen wing and its later 15th-century extension within the Outer Court of the Hospital. The trenching has confirmed the position and alignment of a branch of the medieval drain known as the Lockburn as it passes through the area, serving the Hospital's guest wing. Make up deposits within the garden area were found to contain early post-medieval to early 20th-century ceramics, together with animal bone and oyster shells indicative of kitchen waste.

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This year an intensive study of the timber-framed houses of the four Worthy villages east of Winchester was made (recently published by the Worthys Local History Group as *Traditional Houses of the Worthy Villages*). Before the lockdown made dendrochronological dating impossible, two houses were sampled. Nos. 6 and 7, Mill Lane, Abbots Worthy, is a three-bay house with a central open hall with heavily soot-blackened rafters. The felling date given for its timbers was 1610, making it the youngest by several decades of all the houses with open-halls discovered so far in Hampshire. Dendrochronology was by Dr Andy Moir of Tree-Ring services.

The Old Rectory, Headbourne Worthy, is clearly a house built in at least two phases: an earlier hall range and an adjoining cross-wing which has a large brick side stack and impressive early 16th-century stone fireplaces on each of the two floors. Dr Martin Bridge of the Oxford Dendrochronological Laboratory sampled the timbers which failed to date due to the paucity of tree rings. The samples were then sent to a Leverhulme Trust financed project investigating the potential of isotope-supported dendrochronology. This was successful. The earlier hall range dated to 1402 or soon after. The cross-wing produced a date range of 1411-23, which meant that the brick chimney and fireplaces had been an early 16th-century addition.

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