

INDEX OF TREE-RING DATED BUILDINGS IN WALES

COUNTY LIST approximately in chronological order, revised to VA51 (2020).

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1450-1499

Median number	Felling date range	County – historic (later)	Placename	Address	VA ref; lab (other ref) <i>Coflein</i>	Description / keywords	NGR
1450	1449 /50	Rad (Powys)	Newchurch	Great House	27.108 Oxf (1)	Timber-framed. 2 bay hall open cruck truss has arch-braced collar with numerous pegs, cusped V-struts at apex. Lower end hall truss tenon-jointed tiebeam & collars, upper end hall truss lap-jointed tiebeam & collars. 3 tiers of trenched side purlins + ridge-purlin. (Also see 1661).	SO 216506
1456	1455 /56	Brec (Powys)	Llanfihangel Cwmdu Nr. Crickhowell	Tretower Court (Cadw)	41.112 Notm Oxf	Courtyard plan. (This fdr for W range supersedes 1432 -67 in VA26.49). Hall roof has arch-braced collars, cusped V-struts, 3 tiers of (trenched?) side purlins + ridge purlin, curved & cusped wind braces. Close-studded partitions under tiebeam, 5 struts, cusped decorative bracing in panels, collar, cusped apex with V-struts. Also tiebeam & collar trusses with raking rafter struts & crown struts. (For roof of N range see 1446 -81).	SO 185211
1460	1448 -71	Brec (Powys)	Llanfihangel Cwmdu Nr. Crickhowell	Tretower Court (Cadw)	41.112 Notm Oxf	Courtyard plan. (This fdr supersedes 1454 -89 in VA26.49). W range kitchen screen. (For hall roof see 1455 /56, for N range see 1446 -81).	SO 185211
1460	1458 & 1460	Mont (Powys)	Castell Caereinion	Ty-mawr	27.107 Oxf (2)	1 base-cruck open hall truss has arch-braced tiebeam, cusped struts, collar, V-struts; curved braces to arcade plate, straight wind braces to trenched side purlins, ridge purlin. Intermediate truss. 5 aisled box-framed trusses, including spere truss. (For inserted floor see 1594, for smoke hood see 1630 -31).	SJ 172043
1460	1445 -75	Pembs (Dyfed)	St Davids	St Davids Cathedral	39.142 Oxf	Nave roof ceiling boards yielded 2 felling date ranges – 1434 -74 & 1445 -75: (Both are earlier than the supporting roof structure, for which, see 1501 -34 & 1544 -74).	SM 751254
1463	1462 & 1463	Rad (Powys)	Presteigne	White Hall	30.113	Box-framed 2-bay hall with louvre & 3-bay upper end wing with cusping.	SO 314643
1464	1446 /81	Brec (Powys)	Llanfihangel Cwmdu Nr. Crickhowell	Tretower Court (Cadw)	26.49 Notm (3)	Courtyard plan. Roof over N (accommodation) range. 8 arch-braced collar trusses in which principals are tenoned into upstands on splayed post-heads; cusped apex with V-struts. Tiebeam collar trusses with triple struts, 2 tiers of side purlins & ridge purlin.	SO 185211
1465	1450 /80	Brec (Powys)	Llanfihangel Cwmdu Nr. Crickhowell	Tretower Court (Cadw)	41.112 Oxf	Re-used timbers in barn.	SO 185211
1466	1466 +	Monm (Gwent)	Skenfrith	St Bridget's Church	43.106 Oxf	Wagon roof over S aisle (replaces primary roof of 1280 + qv).	SO 465203
1468	1468 & 1465 -90	Angl	Llanfaethlu	Trefadog	Oxf (4)	Hall house retains 3 smoke-blackened trusses. Open [jointed ?] cruck truss with arch-braced collar. 2 tiers trenched side purlins + ridge purlin.	SH 293860

1470	1470	Mont (Powys)	Machynlleth	The Parliament House	35.112 Oxf	4-unit plan, 3-bay open hall. Upper end truss set forward over dais canopy. Roof has tenoned purlins & ridge piece: principals expand to receive tenoned collar. In hall, principals have shaped feet, 2 tiers of wind braces.	SH 747008
1472	1470 to 1472	Denb (Clwyd)	Llansilin	Tyddyncynar	34.119 Oxf (5)	Longhouse? Outer room (cow house), 2-bay hall, inner rooms. Originally timber-framed. Full cruck arch-braced open truss. Dais partition (jointed cruck ?) post & panel to ground floor, struts up to collar, 2 tiers trenched side purlins, ridge purlin. (Also see 1609 /10).	SJ 212304
1472	1471 /72	Rad (Powys)	Norton	Old Impton	29.129 Oxf (6)	Downhill-sited stone-built medieval core of what is now a complex house. (For main additions see 1542 /43).	SO 292670
1474	1474	Glam	St Hilary	Old Beaupré Castle	41.116 (Oxf)	Lintels (re-used timber) dated from 1474 to 1536-66.	ST 008720
1476	1476 +	Caern (Gwyn)	Criccieth	Pennarth Fawr, Llanstumdy	23.45	Aisle post in stone-walled open hall house.	SH 419376
1479	1478 & 1479	Mer (Gwyn)	Ffestiniog	Plas Pengwern	34.121 Oxf	H-plan stone house. Upper wing primary phase has smoke-blackened 4-bay roof – tenoned purlins, ridge piece, 2 tiers of cusped wind braces. (Timbers used for roof repairs & alterations 1493, 1517-47, 1526-56. Ex-situ floor joist in kitchen range 1483+).	SH 699430
1480	1477 & 1479 /80	Denb (Clwyd)	Llanarmon Mynydd Mawr	Ty-draw	34.119 Oxf (7)	Longhouse - inner rooms, 2-bay hall, cow-house. Large rectangular panels, mid rail. Cruck-framed. Hall open truss – cruck blades, arch-braced collar, cusped V-struts. 2 tiers trenched side purlins + ridge purlin. In dais partition, cruck blade & cruck stud joined by slip tenon; tiebeam, 2 struts up to collar, king strut supports block at apex. (For repair phase see 1641 /42).	SJ 128279
1480	1480	Mer (Gwyn)	Llanaber	Llwyn-du	50.116 Oxf NPRN 41704	Cruck phase. 1 cruck truss + 1 blade, packing piece dated. (Various other timbers of 1548/49, 1571, 1671-1701).	SH 600185
1483	1482 /83	Angl	Beaumaris	34 Castle St	42.110 Oxf	Originally timber-framed, wing to lost hall range? Roof – arch-braced open truss. (Also see 1709).	SH 605760
1485	1485 c.	Brec (Powys)	Llanigon	Wenallt Isaf	9.32 11.22 Sh (8)	Cruck-framed. Tiebeam, crown strut, collar. (For inserted ceiling beam see 1608 -18).	SO 220389
1485	1483 -87	Denb (Clwyd)	Llansilin	Pen-y-bryn	44.108 Oxf (9)	Timber-framed gentry hall range with close-studded walls. 4 closed aisled trusses + spere truss + base cruck with arch-braced tiebeam, cusped principals & V-struts, cusped arcade braces, arcade plates. Tenoned cusped windbraces & tenoned side purlins. Louvre. Note – only 1 sample dated.	SJ 201270
1486	1485 /86	Angl	Beaumaris	32 Castle St	41.111 Oxf	This date is for front range – a box-framed wing. (Also see 1549).	SH 605761
1486	1471 - 1501	Caern (Gwyn)	Dolwyddelan	St Gwyddelan Church	42.111 Oxf (10)	Nave roof. Principals, arch-braced collars, cusped wind braces, side purlins.	SH 735522
1486	1480 -92	Flint (Clwyd)	Holywell	Basingwerk Abbey	44.108 Oxf	Floor & partitions inserted into abbey guesthouse (c. 1385 qv).	SJ 196774
1488	1486 /87 & 1487 /88	Rad (Powys)	Evenjobb	Old Burfa	29.128 Oxf (11)	Cruck-framed hall. (For solar wing see 1502).	SO 279613
1489	1487 to 1488 /89	Denb (Clwyd)	Llansannan	Nant-uchaf, Groes	42.113 Oxf	3-unit house with 2-bay open hall. Open arch-braced central cruck truss, yoke, purlins.	SH 989639
1490	1475 - 1505	Brec (Powys)	Glasbury	Old Gwernyfed, Felindre	48.119 DM Cof 25947	Central hall range roof re-uses roof trusses of 1475 -1505. (For main house for see 1582 /83 to 1585 /86).	SO 182365
1490	1490	Monm (Gwent)	Abergavenny	Priory Church of St Mary	49.145 MB DM Cof 377	Lewis Chapel roof. Wagon roof survives above the plaster barrel vault – 25 arch-braced coupled rafter trusses. Cyma reversa mouldings. Evidence for infill laths.	SO 301141

1490	1475 - 1505	Monm (Gwent)	Newport	St Woolos Cathedral	42.116 Oxf	Wagon roof over N aisle. The felling dates for the aisle roofs overlap, but they may belong to separate campaigns. (For nave roof see 1402 -32. For S aisle roof see 1496 -98).	ST 309876
1490	1475 - 1505	Rad (Powys)	Nantmel	Cefn-ceido	29.128 Oxf (12)	Stone & timber-framed. Hall range & S wing. In 2-bay hall open truss the cruck-blades are shaped & combined with curved collar to form a semi-circular arch. King post on collar. Closed cruck truss with type 2 apex has post & panel partition, tiebeam & collar halved across blades, packing pieces. 2 tiers of trenched side purlins + ridge purlin.	SN 982682
1491	1489, 1490 /91	Card (Dyfed)	Llanbadarn Fawr	St Padarn Church	42.113 Oxf	Wagon roof over chancel.	SN 599810
1491	1476 - 1506	Monm (Gwent)	Abergavenny	St Mary's Church	31.113 Oxf	Choirstalls, probably of 2 phases (also see 1487 -1517).	SO 301141
1492	1491 /92	Rad (Powys)	Gladestry	Lower Hengoed	30.113	Cruck-framed hall house. 'Arch-braced & quatrefoiled' central hall truss.	SO 266533
1495	1494 -95	Caer (Gwyn)	Beddgelert	Oerddwr-isaf	38.134 Oxf (13)	House of crogloft type; upper-end chimney, cruck-truss across open hall, re-set partition truss originally with a tenoned collar.	SH 590454
1497	1496 - 98	Monm (Gwent)	Newport	St Woolos Cathedral	42.116 Oxf	Wagon roof over S aisle. The felling dates for the aisle roofs overlap, but they may belong to separate campaigns. (For nave roof see 1402 -32. For N aisle roof see 1475 -1505).	ST 309876

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