



# How old is that house?

## A ONE-DAY WORKSHOP IN WINGRAVE OPEN TO ALL-COMERS Saturday 9 October 2010

Dating historic houses is a puzzle. There are obvious clues (does the building have a jointed oak frame?) but also pitfalls (is it really 16th-century or a clever Arts and Crafts copy?). Come to Wingrave to follow the clues and, hopefully, avoid the pitfalls, for a day when we'll be looking at and dating a series of local buildings from medieval to modern.

Is the dating of historic buildings an art or a science? Dendrochronology – the dating of timbers by their tree-rings – offers a scientific approach, but brings its own set of pitfalls. We'll be exploring this with the help of dendrochronologist Andy Moir, who will be taking core samples from one or more houses on the day.

But we'll also look at how changing building styles and features, both structural and artistic, can 'map' a historic building – how the artistic approach may succeed where science fails.

### The Details:

**DATE:** Saturday 9 October  
**TIMES:** 10am – 4pm  
**PLACE:** Wingrave Methodist Schoolroom, next to the Methodist Church in Nup End Lane  
(Wingrave is six miles north-east of Aylesbury)  
**COST:** £5.00, to cover room hire, tea, coffee and other refreshments. Bring your own lunch.

### More information from:

**ORGANISERS:** Andrew Muir (Wingrave) 01296 681513  
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### Book your place now...

By sending a cheque for £5, made payable to 'BAS', to:  
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