

## **John Thorp**

### **Raised cruck truss.**

This is the oldest part of the building, a single cruck truss with its curving main timbers curving down into the walls there, and stylistically, that's to say by comparing it to other roof trusses that we've recorded and other people have throughout the south west, it is old, that's to say amongst the oldest, basically because, well the size of the timber is one factor, it's made of very large timbers going up to the apex where the main principle rafters don't actually join, but are held together by a small yoke which supported, originally, a square-set timber running along the ridge, supporting the top of the roof there. Roofs of this kind have been dated by dendrochronology elsewhere in Devon to the first half of the 14<sup>th</sup> century.