

# Postscript – RFS North Devon conference

In October 2013 the society visited Sampford Courtenay, Devon, the scene of the start of the Prayer-Book rebellion of 1549 against the service being held in English rather than Latin.

The upper room of the Church house, c. 1500, retains its original massive oak table and benches mortised through the floor to the beams below. The building was modernised in the 19th century to become a schoolroom, clearly evidenced by the graffiti carved into the beautifully patinated table surface. Now that we have a photograph, Society members may like to compare the very different construction of this set compared to that at Landkey Parish Room on our more recent trip.

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Fig. 1 Sampford Courtenay Parish Table showing the construction



Fig. 2 Sampford Courtenay Parish Table, c. 1520