

Church of St Mary, Breamore, Hampshire.

All photos viewed clockwise from left.

1. General view from south, showing part timbered S porch.
2. Tower, part of nave and south 'porticus' from the south. Note how the porticus is less than the width of the tower, the corner of the tower walls seen rising clear of the adjunct. Note also that the tower is the same width as the nave
3. Rood (defaced) on exterior S face of nave wall, seen from within the south porch.
4. Doorway with double splay window above, E wall, S porticus.



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5. Detail of monolithic W impost, south archway of tower; with cable decoration (archway gives access to S porticus from tower).

6. General view (from tower) of S archway, the only remaining from the original 4 inside the tower. From the form of the letters a date in the second decade of the eleventh century has been arrived at.

7. Detail of the inscription over the archway. Translated it reads "Here is manifest the Word to thee."



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8. Pilaster situate south wall of nave and a little to east of E wall of porch.

9. SW quoin of tower where tower adjoins nave (tower to right).

Note: the pilasters and quoins, laid in irregular long-and-short technique, are of the type where the finished pilaster appears as a raised rib cut on the face of stones which are otherwise only roughly dressed, and are appreciably wider than the pilaster itself. Doubtless the walls were rendered in the usual way and this rendering was carried up to the edge, or outstand, of the pilaster strips.



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10. Chancel & tower from ENE, note the original roof line extant on the east face of the tower, above the present chancel roof. The Saxon chancel therefore has been lowered.

11. The pitch of the roof of the north porticus as seen against the north face of the tower (do not be confused by the more modern stonework to the very right of the photo, this is a Victorian chimney rising from the boiler-house). The NE quoin of the tower has been in large part destroyed due to the medieval buttress (which seen in both photos).

12. Western part of N wall of nave, showing truncated pilaster strip, and also a double splayed window which is one of two in this wall.

Note (in picture 10) the form of the roof of the tower which probably represents (and noted now only from descriptions) major towers that have vanished, such as those at the cathedrals at Selsey (Sussex) and Winchester (Hants).

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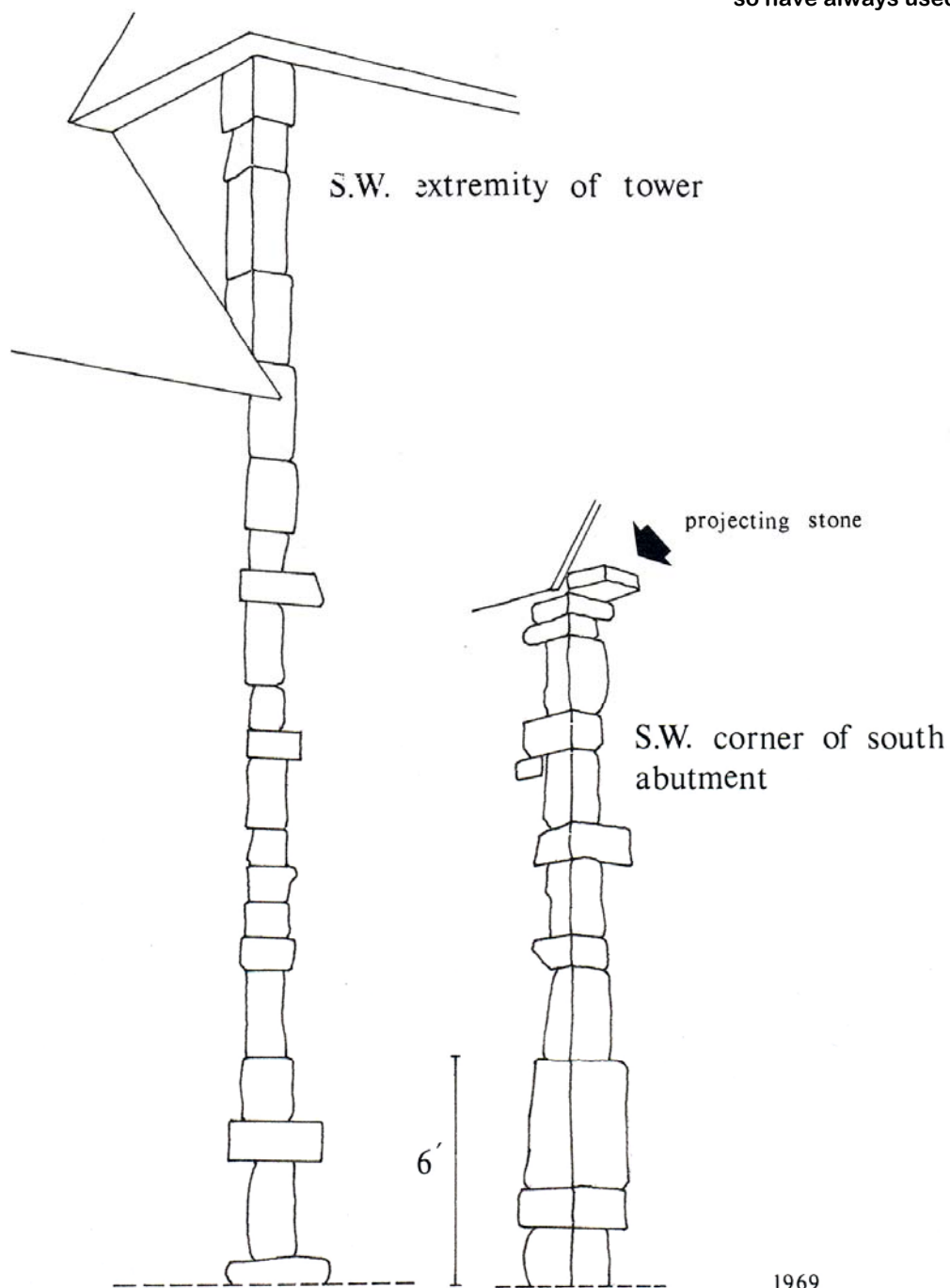
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Detail of 'pilaster strip' at the meeting of nave and tower (south wall), and seen to the right the SW quoin of the transept or porticus, illustrating long & short work.

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Note: the correct pronunciation of Breamore is "Bremmer". I used to live in the adjoining village and so have always used the correct (local) version.



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