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Re-roofing the upper end of the house.

Well we talked in the shippon about the oldest truss in the house, but in the later medieval period, that's some time between 1450 and 1550, this end was rebuilt. This is the second phase of medieval roofing over the hall, and clearly was a three-bay roof taking in the inner room chamber. It's on two oak trusses which are a very different construction from the cruck in the shippon; these are a kind of variant of the jointed cruck but they're really A frames on posts set into the wall, cambered collars, and here we have a diagonally set ridge piece.