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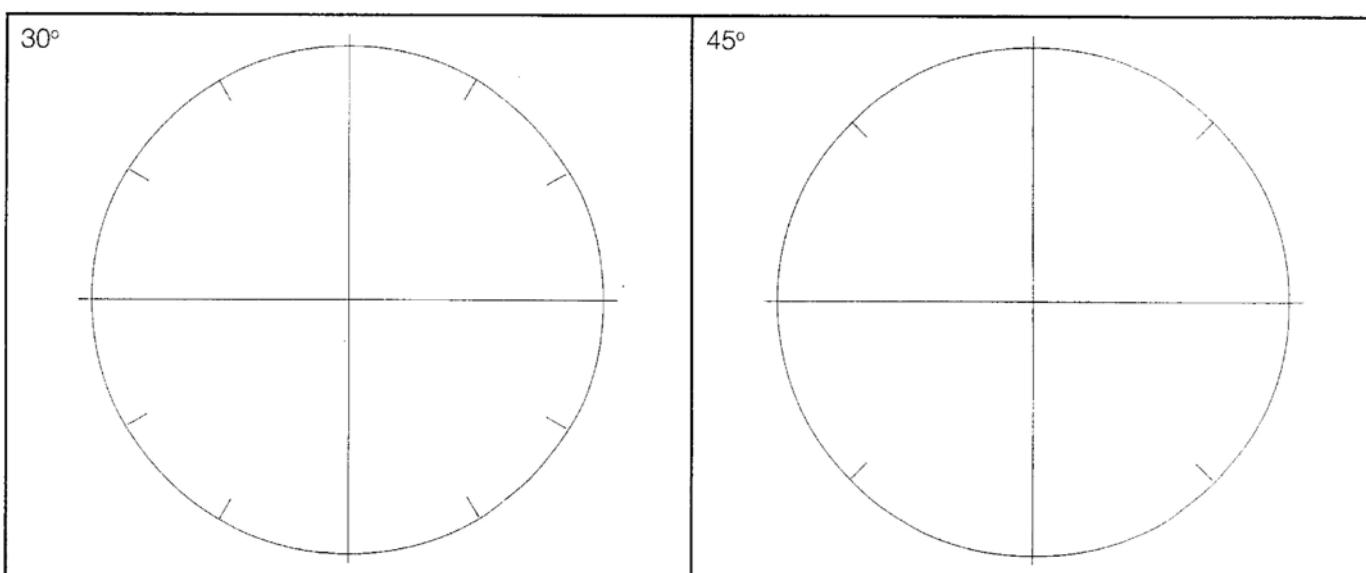
BRITISH SUNDIAL SOCIETY

MDR No.

Mass Dial Record

PLACE		COUNTY	
CHURCH / OWNER		DEDICATION	
(AGE OF CHURCH)		LANDRANGER	O.S. REFERENCE
ON THIS BUILDING (of)		HEIGHT ABOVE GROUND	ASPECT
POSITION		(No.)	CONDITION

DESCRIPTION (ANGLES OF RADII)			NUMBERS R/A	CIRCLES	RADII	POCKS
			OTHER FEATURES			
DIAL RADIUS	GNOMON	GNOMON HOLE :	MORTAR LINE	DIA.	DEPTH	
FURTHER NOTES	(LAT. LONG.)		ALSO :	SUN DIAL(S)	SAXON DIAL	



REFERENCES			
RECORDER	BSS	DATE SEEN	PHOTO

Notes for using the MASS DIAL RECORD sheet

Data

Most of the data items are self evident but the following is for guidance.

The intention is that the sheets are a record only. Consequently there is no Comments box. There is however a Further Notes box which can be used should items of importance require recording. Write on the Back if desperate but put P.T.O.

It is intended to avoid codes wherever possible. The only 'code' which will appear in the Register Table will be a number for references in the bibliography, which I hope will be maintained concurrently.

It is also intended that some data entries will be allowed freedom. They are as follows;

(a) No. of dials. In the box 'ON THIS BUILDING':

Enter: 1 of 3 etc. If doubtful dials are also noted, enter 1 of 3 +1? etc.

Frequently subject to opinion. Recorders should assign numbers at multi-dial locations, the first recording will be used as a basis for the Register.

(b) Use Edward Martin's number code for Position if you have any doubts about the clarity of your description. Position charts are available.

(c) Radius Angles. Presentation of a photograph/drawing will enable members to measure angles in their own systems. If you make an entry in ANGLES OF RADII, please specify system used.

(d) Age of Church. Most churches are a mixture, so only make an entry if you have good evidence. (usually Pevsner)

(e) The box 'CHURCH': Make a note of the OWNERSHIP. Usually Church of England but can be Roman Catholic, Private, Historic Churches Preservation Trust etc.

If the building is NOT a church. Cross out CHURCH and enter as appropriate.

Units.

Units of measurement may be entered in either Imperial or S.I. The Register must be uniform in this respect so S.I. units will appear there. (Conversion @ 10" = 254mm will be made).

Specific Data Entries.

Place. - and address if necessary.

County. Current county or use Sundial Register (latest edition) as a guide. We hope to be uniform in this respect.

Condition. Good, Fair, Poor. If a doubtful dial, indicate '**doubtful**'; doubtful dials can be held for reference against early records. The criteria are listed in the 'Guide to Mass Dial recording'. Also 'Unknown' will be used if a dial is reported but no condition has been indicated.

Height Above Ground. Height above gutter if applicable.

Aspect. = 'Bearing'. Indicate 'Magnetic' (M) or 'True' (T), if you can measure to a degree. The Register will record True.

Circles, Radii, Pocks. Enter 'No. of' each.

Numbers round the Edge. R/A is Roman or Arabic. Circle as appropriate and list them.

Dial Radius. Enter largest radius.

Gnomon. Occasionally there are remains. Sometimes a modern gnomon has been put in. Indicate as appropriate, with measurements.

Mortar Line. Enter 'Horizontal, Vertical or Corner'. If no entry, it is assumed the gnomon hole is in the dial stone. If it is on a separate stone from the main markings, indicate in 'Description' or 'Further Notes'.

Saxon Dial. If 'Yes' (or tick), do a separate entry as well and write 'SAXON' over Mass at the record heading.

Sun Dial. Enter 'No. of' if more than one.

Photo. Tick if you have sent one. Make a sketch anyway, useful for identification when the photos come back.

Position. If you use 'left' and 'right', it is assumed you are outside the church and looking at it.

Distinguish between 'porch entrance' and 'church entrance'. If you are inside the church it is probably safer to use N, S, E and W. Start with principal part of church, 'nave' = nave and aisle(s), 'transept' = transept and chapel.

Latitude and Longitude.

If the dial is outside the O.S. Reference area, this must be entered. Lat. and Long. will appear in the register and will normally be obtained from the O.S. Reference.

BSS This is the BSS Membership No. of the Recorder. NM = Non-member.

Photographs.

Label: (a) TOP. (b) Place and County. (c) Recorder's (name and/or) BSS Membership Number.

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