

Wharram Percy : The crouched burial, no. 334.

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These were the fairly complete though fragmentary remains of a female aged 25-35⁽¹⁾. Maximum stature was 153 cms. (5'0")⁽²⁾.

The dentition was far from healthy. Three molars had been lost ante mortem and two further teeth were carious. There were two large abscesses and widespread medium to severe periodontal disease and calculus deposits in the molar and premolar regions. The teeth displayed marked overbite and there was a mandibular torus.

The spine showed slight arthritis in the lumbar region. Both lumbar and thoracic vertebrae showed pits due to the presence of Schmorl's nodes, a normal but genetically linked decay of the intervertebral disc material. The left humerus had a perforate coronoid fossa.

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