[Supplementary material]

Reopening graves in the early middle ages: from local practice to European phenomenon

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| Table NL Harly medieva | cemeteries with i | reanening evidence | datasets from each author. |
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| Reference | Site name | Region, country | Years of excavation | Centuries (AD) of site use | Percentage of graves with evidence of probable or definite early reopening | No. of graves with evidence of probable or definite early reopening | No. of inhumations with accessible records |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Aspöck (2005, 2011) | Brunn am Gebirge, Flur | Lower Austria, Austria | 1997 | Sixth | 98 | 41 | 42 |
| | Wolfholz | | | | | | |
| Aspöck (2011) | Winnall II | Hampshire, England | 1957–1958 | Mid seventh to beginning of eighth | Up to 55 | Up to 25 | 45 |
| Klevnäs (2013) | Bradstow School, Broadstairs | Kent, England | 1910, 1911, 1970–1974 | Late sixth to late seventh | 20 | 18 | 89 |
| | St Peter's Tip, Broadstairs | Kent, England | 1969–1971 | Later sixth to first half of eighth | 14 | 54 | 388 |
| | Lyminge | Kent, England | 1953–1955 | Fifth to mid sixth | 16 | 11 | 68 |
| | Half Mile Ride, Margate | Kent, England | 1922–1923 | Mid seventh to late seventh | No data | No data | No data |
| | Monkton | Kent, England | 1971 | Fifth to mid/late seventh | 9 | 3 | 34 |
| | Finglesham, Northbourne | Kent, England | 1928–1929, 1959–1967 | Fifth to late seventh | 7 | 17 | 237 |
| | Ozengell, Ramsgate | Kent, England | 1850s, 1970s, 1980s | Fifth to late seventh | 44 | 39 | 89 |
| | Sarre | Kent, England | 1863–1865, 1980s, 1990s | Fifth to first half of eighth | 13 | 39 | 292 |
| | Old Westgate Farm, Canterbury | Kent, England | 1982 | Seventh | 50 | 1 | 2 |
| | Darenth Park | Kent, England | 1972–1973, 1978, 1981, 1998 | Fifth to end of sixth | 7 | 1 | 13 |
| | Mill Hill, Deal | Kent, England | 1980s | Sixth | 2 | 2 | 76 |
| | Polhill, Dunton Green | Kent, England | 1960s | Sixth to seventh | 2 | 2 | 107 |
| | Eastry, Updown | Kent, England | 1976, 1989 | Sixth to seventh | 2 | 2 | 78 |
| | Horton Kirkby | Kent, England | 1930s | Fifth to seventh? | 4 | 5 | 117 |
| | Hoo Farm, Minster | Kent, England | 1983 | No data | 100 | 3 | 3 |
| | Thorne Farm, Minster | Kent, England | 1984 | Sixth to seventh | 33 | 1 | 3 |
| | Chalk Hill, Ramsgate | Kent, England | 1992–1994 | No data | 100 | 1 | 1 |
| Klevnäs (2013). Sites | Buttermarket, Ipswich | Suffolk, England | 2000s | Seventh | | 1 | |
| in England outside of Kent with reports of | Bloodmoor Hill, Carlton Coville | Suffolk, England | 2000s | Seventh | | 4 | |
| reopened burials. | Chadlington | Oxfordshire, England | 1940s | Seventh to eighth | | 2 | |

| | Edix Hill, Barrington | Cambridgeshire, England | 1990s | Fifth to seventh | | 4 | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---|-----|------------|-----|
| | Melbourn | Cambridgeshire, England | 1950s | Sixth to seventh | | 1 | |
| | Minerva, Alwalton | Cambridgeshire, England | 1999 | Sixth to seventh | | 3 | |
| | Nassington | Northamptonshire, England | 1999 1940s | Fifth to seventh | | 2 | |
| | | Norfolk, England | 1940s 1970s | Fifth to sixth | | 2 | |
| | Spong Hill St Mary's Stadium, | Hampshire, England | 2000s | Seventh to eighth | | 1 | |
| | Southampton | Hampshile, England | 20008 | Seventin to eightin | | 1 | |
| | Westfield Farm, Ely | Cambridgeshire, England | 2000s | Seventh | | 1 | |
| | Winnall II | Hampshire, England | 2000s 1960s | Seventh to eighth | | At least 4 | |
| | Worthy Park, Kingsworthy | | 1960s | Fifth to seventh | | At least 4 | |
| Zind (2010) | | Hampshire, England | | Second half of sixth | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| Zintl (2019) | Burgweinting-Kirchfeld Ost | Bavaria, Germany | 2002, 2003 | | 9 | 1 | 11 |
| | Burgweinting-Nordwest II | Bavaria, Germany | 2008, 2009 | Second half of fifth to early sixth | 33 | 5 | 15 |
| | Burgweinting-Schule | Bavaria, Germany | 2005, 2006 | Early sixth to late seventh | 93 | 53 | 57 |
| B | Burgweinting-Villa | Bavaria, Germany | 1999–2001 | Seventh to beginning of eighth | 23 | 11 | 47 |
| | Burgweinting-Ost | Bavaria, Germany | 1986–1993 | Late seventh to beginning of eighth | 70 | 16 | 23 |
| | Harting-Ost | Bavaria, Germany | 1979–1981 | Late sixth to late seventh | 40 | 36 | 89 |
| | Harting-Katzenbühl | Bavaria, Germany | 1982–1985 | Mid seventh to beginning of eighth | 56 | 74 | 132 |
| | Harting-Römerbad | Bavaria, Germany | 1983–1985 | Second half of seventh | 60 | 6 | 10 |
| | Geisling | Bavaria, Germany | 1986–1991 | Late sixth to beginning of eighth | 69 | 110 | 152 |
| | Obertraubling-Köstlmeierfeld | Bavaria, Germany | 2000 | Mid seventh to third quarter of seventh | 100 | 1 | 1 |
| | Thalmassing | Bavaria, Germany | 1996 | Late sixth/early seventh | 100 | 1 | 1 |
| van Haperen (2017) | Broechem | Antwerp, Belgium | 2001–2003, 2007–2008 | Fifth to seventh | 24 | 104 | 431 |
| | Bergeijk-Fazantlaan | North Brabant, Netherlands | 1957, 1959 | Late sixth to first half of eighth | 24 | 28 | 117 |
| | Dommelen | North Brabant, Netherlands | 1980–1987 | Late seventh to mid eighth | 8 | 2 | 24 |
| | Meerveldhoven | North Brabant, Netherlands | 1955, 1975 | Late sixth to seventh | 16 | 9 | 54 |
| | Borgharen-Pasestraat | Limburg, Netherlands | 1995–1999, 2008–2009 | Mid sixth to seventh | 6 | 1 | 16 |
| | Posterholt-Achterste Voorst | Limburg, Netherlands | 1983–1984 | Late sixth to first half of eighth | 42 | 33 | 78 |
| | Oegstgeest-Rhijngeest | Zuid-Holland, Netherlands | 2004–2014 | Sixth to seventh | 12 | 1 | 8 |
| | Lent-Lentseveld | Gelderland, Netherlands | 2011 | Fifth to sixth | 10 | 5 | 50 |
| | Wijchen-Centrum | Gelderland, Netherlands | 1991–1992, 1996 | Fifth to seventh | 7 | 22 | 302 |

| Noterman (2016) | Allonnes | Centre-Val de Loire, France | 2012 | Sixth to eighth | 28 | 28 |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--|----|-----|
| | Artzenheim | Grand Est, France | 2013 | Second half of sixth to late ninth | 25 | 12 |
| | Banneville-la-Campagne | Normandy, France | 2009 | Sixth to beginning of seventh | 16 | 11 |
| | Cutry | Grand Est, France | 1973–1991 | Late fifth to late seventh | 21 | 57 |
| | Didenheim | Grand Est, France | 2008 | Mid sixth to mid seventh | 50 | 4 |
| | Falaise | Normandy, France | 2008–2009 | Mid seventh to beginning of eighth | 11 | 6 |
| | Gaillon-sur-Montcient | Île-de-France, France | 1994–1996 | Fifth to eighth | 20 | 46 |
| | Goudelancourt-lès-Pierrepont | Hauts-de-France, France | 1982–1987 | First half of sixth to beginning of eighth | 57 | 261 |
| | Harfleur | Normandy, France | 2011-2012 | First half of sixth to seventh | 8 | 54 |
| | Houplin-Ancoisne | Hauts-de-France, France | 2010 | Late fifth to mid seventh | 45 | 29 |
| | Ichtratzheim | Grand Est, France | 2011 | Late sixth to late ninth | 20 | 11 |
| | Illfurth | Grand Est, France | 2005, 2015 | Late sixth to late eighth | 49 | 100 |
| | Kolbsheim | Grand Est, France | 2010 | First half of sixth to beginning of eighth | 47 | 10 |
| | Kuntzig | Grand Est, France | 2007, 2009 | Mid sixth to seventh | 53 | 37 |
| | Lagny-sur-Marne | Île-de-France, France | 2010–2011 | Late fourth/beginning of fifth to late eighth | 5 | 16 |
| | Longroy | Normandy, France | 1998 | Late fourth/beginning of fifth to late seventh | 44 | 32 |
| | Louviers | Normandy, France | 2000-2005 | Beginning of fifth to mid eighth | 38 | 51 |
| | Manerbe | Normandy, France | 2005–2007 | Sixth to seventh | 5 | 6 |
| | Marquette-Lez-Lille | Hauts-de-France, France | 2005-2006 | Mid fifth to eighth | 45 | 61 |
| | Matzenheim | Grand Est, France | 2006 | Beginning of sixth to late sixth | 47 | 15 |
| | Melun | Île-de-France, France | 2010 | Third to eighth | 19 | 23 |
| | Metzervisse | Grand Est, France | 1995 | Seventh to ninth | 1 | 1 |
| | Niedernai | Grand Est, France | 1995 | Fifth to sixth | 37 | 12 |
| | Noisy-le-Grand | Île-de-France, France | 2008–2009 | Sixth to seventh | 12 | 26 |
| | Odratzheim | Grand Est, France | 2010 | Late fifth to eighth | 51 | 60 |
| | Osthouse | Grand Est, France | 2006 | Late sixth to mid seventh | 80 | 12 |
| | Quiéry-la-Motte | Hauts-de-France, France | 2003-2009 | Late fifth to late eighth | 63 | 80 |
| | Réguisheim | Grand Est, France | 1997 | Sixth | 64 | 9 |

| 28 | 28 | 100 |
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| 25 | 12 | 48 |
| 16 | 11 | 66 |
| 21 | 57 | 271 |
| 50 | 4 | 8 |
| 11 | 6 | 54 |
| 20 | 46 | 231 |
| 57 | 261 | 458 |
| 8 | 54 | 650 |
| 45 | 29 | 64 |
| 20 | 11 | 55 |
| 19 | 100 | 204 |
| 17 | 10 | 21 |
| 53 | 37 | 69 |
| 5 | 16 | 287 |
| 14 | 32 | 73 |
| 38 | 51 | 132 |
| 5 | 6 | 113 |
| 45 | 61 | 134 |
| 47 | 15 | 32 |
| 19 | 23 | 117 |
| 1 | 1 | 59 |
| 37 | 12 | 32 |
| 12 | 26 | 219 |
| 51 | 60 | 118 |
| 30 | 12 | 15 |
| 53 | 80 | 126 |
| 54 | 9 | 14 |
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| Ræschwoog | Grand Est, France | 2010 | Late sixth to late tenth | 15 |
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| Saine-Fontaine | Hauts-de-France, France | 1963–1984 | Second half of fifth to eighth | 35 |
| Saint-Marcel | Grand Est, France | 1999 | Seventh | 23 |
| Saint-Parres-aux-Tertres | Grand Est, France | 2005-2006 | Sixth to seventh | 11 |
| Saint-Sauveur | Hauts-de-France, France | 1986–1987 | Second half of fifth to beginning of eighth | 10 |
| Saint-Vit | Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, France | 1995–1999 | Late sixth to beginning of seventh | 52 |
| Sissonne | Hauts-de-France, France | 1985–2001 | Mid sixth to late seventh | 16 |
| Vendenheim | Grand Est, France | 2011 | Beginning of sixth to late seventh | 37 |
| Versailles | Île-de-France, France | 2007 | Sixth | 8 |
| Vicq | Île-de-France, France | 1976–1987 | Second half of fifth to second half of seventh | 27 |
| Villeneuve-d'Ascq | Hauts-de-France, France | 2011 | Fourth to sixth | 20 |
| Vitry-la-Ville | Grand Est, France | 2013 | Fifth to seventh/eighth | 33 |
| Vitry-sur-Orne | Grand Est, France | 2010 | Beginning of sixth to late seventh | 49 |

| 6 | 39 |
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| 287 | 823 |
| 4 | 17 |
| 9 | 83 |
| 39 | 376 |
| 98 | 189 |
| 82 | 500 |
| 27 | 73 |
| 9 | 109 |
| 580 | 2141 |
| 2 | 10 |
| 42 | 127 |
| 62 | 125 |

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