Note on Pricing

Historical prices are converted into 2012 prices using indices produced by the Office for National Statistics, which go as far back as 1750. For prices before that point, the Phelps-Brown and Hopkins index of the price of consumables, which goes back to the thirteenth century, before Winchester’s foundation, is used to calculate the 1750 price. This is then converted into today’s prices using the same method as prices for 1750 onwards.* The indices used to arrive at today’s prices are far from perfect, but they are the best available.