THE DEREK RICHARDS COLLECTION

1. Material for Exhibition

- (a) Some loose sheets with explanatory legends for photographs etc, or statements about past history.
- (b) A series of some 20 exhibition cards, 2' x 2½', mounted, with photographs and information. Each card has a theme e.g. 'Second World War', 'Scouts'. Most of the photographs and captions are still attached; a few have evidently been returned to owners, whose names are often noted.

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2. The 1845 Tithe Maps

- (a) 2 Original Maps on linen, in metal tube.
- (b) 'The apportionment of Rent Charges in lieu of Tithes,' dated 1845, and referring to the maps mentioned in (a) 18 hand-written pages(slightly faded but still complete and legible.)

3. Material in connection with the Corston & Newton Scouts

- (a) Some Scout scarves
- (b) Various documents and photographs.
- **4. Various papers which refer to the Church,** including some originals, which are tentatively judged to be the property of the Church Wardens.

5.Miscellaneous Maps

- (a) Photocopied maps of Corston and Newton at various dates. These are often undated and unreferenced; a few are marked up by D.R. with(?) names of owners etc.
- (b) Copies of old county maps of Gloucestershire and Dorset (of the type sold in 'tourist trade' shops) (? Return to D.R.'s family ?)
- (c) Two large-scale maps mounted on linen, taken from an O.S. map of about 1900, and together covering the whole of Corston Parish.

Arrowheads

Two cards with small stones attached, with labels alleging them to be arrowheads, scrapers, etc. Some of these specimens were found locally.

7. Village Hall

Letter from Long's of Bath to Mr J.P. Kirkland re alterations to the Village Hall.

- 8. Documents re listed buildings and conservation (Mainly Corston)
- 9. Material added after Derek Richard's death (includes his obituary)
- 10. 'Bartelt's Flying Machine.' Magazine articles referring to the machine.
- 11.Personal Items (return to D.R.'s family?)
 - (a)Holiday snap: 'Broads 1936'
 - (b) Transcript of broadcast talk in Berkeley Castle in which D.R. took part.
 - (c) See also at No 5(b) above
- 12.Magazines & Material published by Avon County Council & associated bodies
 - (a) Avon Local History Association/Avon Archl Council Newsletters Nos 5,6,12,13,21,22,23,23,24, 25,26, 26,27,29.
 - (b) 'Avon Post', Issues 1,4,6.
 - (c) 'Quest'(Newsletter of Avon Local History Assn):
 Issues 1,3,6,7,8,
 - (d) 'Avon Conservation News' Issues 7,9,12, 13, 13,14,15,16,18,214
 - (e) 'Field Fare' Nos 1,8.

It is not known why these are so incomplete. Were they collected haphazardly, or have some been lost, or did the ones that D.R. kept have some special relevance to Corston or his immediate interests?

13. BIAS (Bristol Industrial Archy Association)

Journal Vols 7,8. Remark above applies.

14. Leaflets advertising University of Bristol Extramural Courses (Mostly relevant to local history; useful for names of 'experts')

- 15. Misc Docs and Pics not apparently relevant to Corston or Newton St Loe (Much of this is relevant to other parishes in the vicinity.)
- 16. Docs and Pics apparently entirely relevant to Newton St Loe(I cannot exclude the possibility of references to Corston.)

17. Histories of Corston

- '1) By T. Humphries 1951.Complete. 22 typed pages and bibliography.
- (2) Miscellaneous printed & typed articles
- (3) Reminiscences of inhabitants.
- 18. Papers relevant to Saxon Charter of 941, granting Corston, and containing a description of the boundaries.
- 19. The Corston Beaker & Cyst. (principally an authoritative article thereon in 'Proc of Spel'al Socy' No. 2 Vol 4.
- 20. Saxon Medieval Britain. Material thereon, including some on Corston.
- 21. World Wars I and II. Papers, pics etc(Much local and/or Corston.
- 22. Roman Britain. Misc material(Includes Newton Mosaic)
- 23. Letters rec'd referring to Corston history
- 24. Miscellaneous Material not obviously immediately relevant to Corston or Avon history- e.g. Wartime recipes, advts for picture collection, a few general articles about historical records recording parish histories etc.
- 25. Land Holdings in Corston.

Photocopy of a Survey(Note says M.C. dates this 1620)

26. Survey of Corston. Photcopy(assigned to 1530 by D.R.)

- 27. Vicars/Rectors of Corston: (refs.medieval) Relevant papers
- 28. Local Coalmines: Relevant Papers(Includes handwritten list of Corston Coal Miners c 1820)
- 29. Royal Wedding 1981. Photos taken at Corston celebrations.
- 30. Recent correspondence re D.R. Collection(from Sept 1995)
- 31. Corston Church: Historical material. (See also 27)
- **32.** A white-covered Album of Photographs (Many with captions and many local)
- 33. Photocopy of 1568 Register and some other Miscellaneous Church records (In a brown ring file).
- **34.Lords of the Manor:** Material re Horsington, Cox and Harington families.
- 35.Uncaptioned pics.
- 36.Unsorted Newspaper cuttings
- 37. Corston School: Docs and pics.
- 38. Newton & Corston Garden & Allotment Society.
- 39.Corston Lodge(St Theresa's): Pics and docs incl Peters, Bartelt families.
- An. Wills family: Some Peters family also shown
- 41.Manor Farm
- **42.Corston houses, views, people:** Pics etc-all having some kind of caption.
- 43.0ddments relevant to Corston.
- 44.Unsorted, handwritten notes & jottings: (apparently by D.R. himself: much material about Corston, at first sight very interesting but very unorganised)
- 45. The Corston Club Banner (Friendly Society)

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46. Material received since 1995 and only partially sorted.