

Mrs Margaret de Jong,
Churchwarden, All Saints, Corston,
6, Beresford Close, Saltford.

23rd September 1995

Dear Margaret,

The Dereck Richards Collection

Sue and I were pleased that you were able to join us last Thursday to view the various documents, photographs and maps which have been on deposit with us since the display in the village hall some 5 years ago.

As explained to you and others who came along to look at the collection-and as you will have seen- the large volume of material is unsorted and a lot of work needs to be put into sorting and cataloguing it.

This, we are delighted to confirm, John Acton has volunteered to spearhead, calling upon us and others for support as the task progresses. John has had experience in archaeological research and is undaunted by the size and complexity of the task.

When this has been done it is proposed to call in the Somerset County Archivist to advise on the value of the collection and the best way of preserving it.

That done a report will be made to the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council, when a decision will have to be made on where the collection should eventually be deposited and in whose care the various items should be. Much of the material was plainly Dereck's, or such as he had assembled, but we shall look carefully for items which would seem to be more the property and responsibility of either the Parish Council or the Churchwardens.

In the meantime, and as the cataloguing progresses, anyone interested will be most welcome to inspect the collection, and indeed we hope that this may result in additional material coming to light.

Sue will be reporting accordingly at the PCC meeting on Monday 25th September, and of course any comments on the proposals outlined above will be welcomed. I am writing in similar vein to Terry Miller, Clerk of Corston Parish Council

Yours sincerely,

Graham Harrison

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Mr Graham Harrison,
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Dear Graham,

The Derek Richards Collection

Thank you very much for your letter. It is wonderful to know that something is being done to ensure that Derek Richards' work will, in due course, be accessible not only to this village but to others interested in the history of our land and heritage.

Great thanks are due to you and Sue for, in the first place, giving the material a home and then initiating a course for its best use. I do wish John Acton well in his task!

I will be pleased to bring your letter to the attention of the Parish Council and will gladly relay their thoughts to you.

Best wishes,
Yours sincerely,



Terry Miller
CLERK