

Stephen had an interesting life - King Edward was at the Crusades in Jerusalem when he came to Corston. A special tax ^{in 1292} was claimed off the churches including Corston Newton & Englishcombe to support King Edwards campaign against Scotland. This was related to the expulsion of the Jews when 16,000 left, were robbed or were deposited on the Goodwin Sands ~~where they~~ ^{they} were escaping with their money & hired the wrong boatmen. Stephen's stipend was under £3 per year in 1290. About this time - stop press news - the Crusaders were forced to retreat from Jerusalem & evacuated ~~to~~ to Rhodes. ~~What a disaster!~~ In 1308 we have his picture. In 1310 the Landowner changed from ^{Sir} Roger de St L~~o~~ to Sir John Inge. In 1317 the Bath Abbey appropriated the Rectory & made him a vicar. Poor old chap - but perhaps he became too old to collect the tithes and the Abbot took over the job and paid him. In 1321 ~~the~~ Stephen retired - I hope he was able to - and the Bishop rebuilt his vicarage to include a hall and two rooms a garden, a dovecote with an acre and ~~space~~ ^{space} as well to feed his swine on the common field.

The common field was presumably Corston Field to ~~near the~~ the S/West of Corston where the New Glebe was ^{still} in 1890.

Another disaster hit Somerset in 1349 and Bristol became a cemetery. The Black Death took ~~1/3~~ ^{1/3} of the population and 47% of the Bath & Wells clergy. Possibly Corston lost a vicar in 1350 and probably two in 1360 and 1361 when the 2nd epidemic occurred. The Bishop of Bath & Wells sent out a pastoral letter - "The Contagion of pestilence has left many churches without a priest - many are dying without the ~~blessed~~ sacrament of penance - therefore

The earliest record of Corston so far that can be dated is the Corston Beaker - of some 1600 B.C. It was found in 1931 in the old lime kilns 200 yards S/West of Corston. Before this date were many flints - found in the same area and probably based around Stantonbury Camp to the West. These may be associated with the barrows that used to be in the nearby field. The Beaker is a very striking pot nearly 12" high and is in the Bristol ~~Speleological~~ ^{Archaeological} Museum.

There is a very long gap before the next positive date in our progress. ^{found in 1834} Newton S^t Lo ~~at~~ Roman Villa is near the River Avon and was probably the home of the ^{governor} ~~propraetor~~ of the Bath Canton. It was probably built some time ^{early} in the 3rd Century and was still lived in in 408 when the Romans left. ~~all~~ ^{villa} Keynsham - next door - was raided & burnt in the barbarian raids of 367. ~~CORSANTUNE~~ ^{CORSANTUNE} or Corsan tun - the farmstead by the reeds or Corsan stream, was probably a Celtic Roman farm under the protection of the Roman Estate. The Newton estate was ~~7~~ 7 miles across and Corston only 500 yards away. There was an Orpheus

floor - exhibited outside for 20 years by the G.W.R. ~~near~~ Keynsham station & wrecked as a result. Orpheus & his lute, with the animals, were accepted as a Christian motif in later Roman Times ~~in the~~

There are three Anglo-Saxon Charters of the boundaries of Corston - the first in 941 and the others all slightly different but essentially of the same boundaries as nowadays. One of the names imply an earlier ^{Saxon} church and there were

I would enjoin you to confess to a layman or if need ~~be~~, even to a woman". A ~~man~~ thought that seems to have been 600 years in the Committee stage!

In 1450 Sir John Wiggemore the vicar was found to be 'too simple in his knowledge of letters to have a cure of souls'. He only had to read the Hours Prayer and the offices in Latin but he promised to ~~be~~ ^{succeed} next year or resign as vicar.

Just before the Reformation, Richard Horsington was told to do a survey of Corston to tell ~~the~~ King Henry VIII what he could hope to collect. He turns up in our ^{first} parish records only to be buried in 1577. ~~He~~ Soon after the dissolution the Bishop ~~gave~~ was given Corston for his efforts for the king. This survey ~~was~~ ^{was} recently ~~sent~~ sent to me by Michael Coster to read so I shall have to do some careful study ^{first} ~~first~~ ^{to find out how to read}. The Rectory meanwhile, was let out at 40/- per year ~~and~~ in 1540 and many years later there was a Bishop's Law case to get more from a William Horsington & ^{was} lost. 56 years later they were still at it and the next Bishop got an extra 2/7½ rent.

Obviously our vicars kept a low profile during the difficult years of Roman & Protestant persuasions as we have found no ^{further} records yet. But Corston had some problems as is shown in the Registers 'Christopher Roberts - a soldier - buried 23/1/1644'. He may have been a member of Captain Harringtons Parliamentary Troop from Kelston but this was only a few months after the Battle of Lansdown.

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By chance we heard ^{aka local history meeting} a remark of a neighbour - my great Aunt Sol & Great Aunt Angel remembered a sheep stealer being hung on Cooston tree. With a bit of investigation, the great Aunts would have lived from perhaps 1810 to 1880, ~~and~~ ^{they} might have heard of a corpse in chains being hung on the tree - but most unlikely to have personally seen it due to the repeal of the laws on theft.

no traces of them. About the same time King Edmund gave Corston to the Abbots of Bath. In 955 King Edward gave Corston to Aelfswyde, a court lady, and wouldn't it be interesting to know why.

The earliest record of a church ^{nine hundred years ago} would appear to come in 1084 when "Leofnoth, a serf living at the glebe in Korstune purchased himself from Aelfsige the Abbot of Bath". This is from Bath Abbey chartulary. Where there was a glebe, there must have been a parson and where there was a parson most probably a church. But he may have been a lay brother or a licenced clerk. ~~inhabitant~~

* As a point of interest only, a friend with a pendulum & a greater faith than I, was able to say that the foundation stones of our church were put there in 1070. He had no idea of the manumission ^{that I have} already mentioned and did not know when William the Conqueror lived!

The Domesday Book entry tells us of 10 hides - some sixty inhabitants ~~and a~~ mill and 6 acres of meadow. 10 hides was 1200 acres and is recorded elsewhere as a case of "excessive hideation" ¹⁰⁷⁹ ~~and~~ ^{with} no court of appeal against overtaxation.

It was a great piece of good fortune that Michael Coster during his research noticed a graffiti of our rector 'de Corston de com Somsu' on a document of 1308. He was Stephen Mauward and the Keeper of the Manuscripts ^{British Museum} sent us a photostat of him. He was a tonsured monk with a cowl and was rector ~~from~~ from 1273 to 1321. It is astonishing to find that one can reconstruct his life & times, with a surprising number of contemporaneous references.

In 1666 Corston Church loyally put up a fine Royal Crest over the church door. There is a date of 1662 on the church tower but the tower was ^{probably} there ~~earlier~~ ~~1321~~ so it may have been only a repair date.

There were more problems in Corston in 1685 when Monmouth retreated through ~~the~~ the village from Keynsham. Judge Jefferies may have come through on his Bloody Assize. He hung 4 men in Bath and 11 in Keynsham but he left a unfounded and persistent rumour concerning our Hanging tree, perhaps a very dead unfortunate was hung in chains as a caution. There is even a "headless man covered in tar" ghost story from Whiteway.

→ In 1705 John Clarke applied for Queen Annes Bounty and the communication was very revealing "My church has only very small tithes and the yearly value of my little vicarage 'tis not above twenty pounds". He got his money!

There were Coal mines between Norton & Corston and these were mined from Roman times. Many Corston men worked in the pits according to the registers but the mines were closed in 1840.

M^r Harrington Coal works were on the map of 1742 and the Harringtons were Lords of the Manor.

By about 1780 their Manor - Manor Farm now - became a boys school ~~rented~~ by a M^r Squeers called M^r Flower. Southey & Coleridge had the doubtful privilege of being taught ~~by~~ there. Southey recollects - the tedious service of the summer day and in winter waked & shivered with the cold. Southey may

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The Wesleys were both very much in evidence in Cooston. ~~about the same period~~. Charles was a close friend of John Britton & stayed up on the hill at Prospect Villa while John stayed at Cooston Cottage. - An old lady who was in service as a child on the cottage ^{in 1910} remembers ~~being~~ ^{working} with ~~friends~~ the other maids - Be quiet or the old man will come & get you. When they passed his bedroom door on the way up to bed. Quite a memory over 200 years! John used to preach under the Hangy tree at 5 AM to the miners and sing hymns ~~under the~~ outside the church to drown the sermon - according to rumour.

The church was enlarged in 1865 to create ~~free~~ seats as the pew rents had driven the poorer folk to the ~~new~~ Methodist chapel. Then the population dropped & the Church became too large. One of the Churchwardens and benefactors was Richard Crawshay Hall. He turns out to have been the son of Big Ben, Sir Benjamin Hall who ~~built~~ the Clerk of works at Westminster.

A local industrialist Friedrich Bartelt came over from Germany in 1870 and quickly became an anglophile and a J.P. He lived at Cooston Lodge for 30 years and left us a superb picture album of his family, house staff and garden. It is a ~~superb~~ photograph memorial of 1894 and the Victorian age. He pulled Cooston into the 20th Century with mains water & gas ^{and gave} ^{and made} Church improvement. We have many photographs of village life from those years onwards showing the patriotism, paternalism and patronage and the ~~many~~ bygone forms of loyalty. We have many pictures of the great men & women of the village before & between the wars and those supporting the ~~church~~ developing church & village. Then many pictures of school groups & wartime England under the Home Guard

meaner but the people who make a church and
a village. We are the inheritors of the efforts &
lives of thousands of people who have lived before us.
Without them, there could have been no church or village
during the past 1000 years and it is our
responsibility to try & continue their example.

Son of Kelston Harrington

John Harrington 1634. m Lady Mary Dymus

William Edward 1634

Mary 1655

John 1640 m Mrs Alice (Harrington)

Benjamin 1673

~~m Elizabeth 1679-1734~~

Phoebe 1666
Jane 1667/7

Vertu 1668

James 1668

Amy 1670

Alice 71

Benjamin 1673

m. Eliz 1679-1734

John 1702-1763 m Mary Bushell.

Abigail 1703 m R. Hudson 1740

Mary 1704 m Elizabeth 1705-80

Elizabeth 1708-94

Stanley Wills lived Royal Cresc. Bath

Capt Ronald Wills. ^{Singh} Corston

~~Thorburn~~ 2 Sons
Wilfred Wills

Golden Bay Gerald Wills
Cambridge Law - London -
Sir Gerald Wills
YMCA. deep pool.

Ivo Peters St Theresa
daughters.

Alan Shearn & Wills Roll Chauffer.

Ronald Wills - Gerald Wills given a Rolls when
he got married at Corston Church.

Labels

Colonel Bill Roberts.

went lunch with Gen & Mrs Bria
Horrocks. Strawberries for lunch
with cream & sugar for the sugar
bowl. It was salt by mistake but
he ate the lot without mentioning it
until B. Horrocks found out who
cursed his wife up & down like a
Trooper.

Peter Sellers mum.

Because a cat
has kittens in the
oven it doesn't mean
that they are biscuits

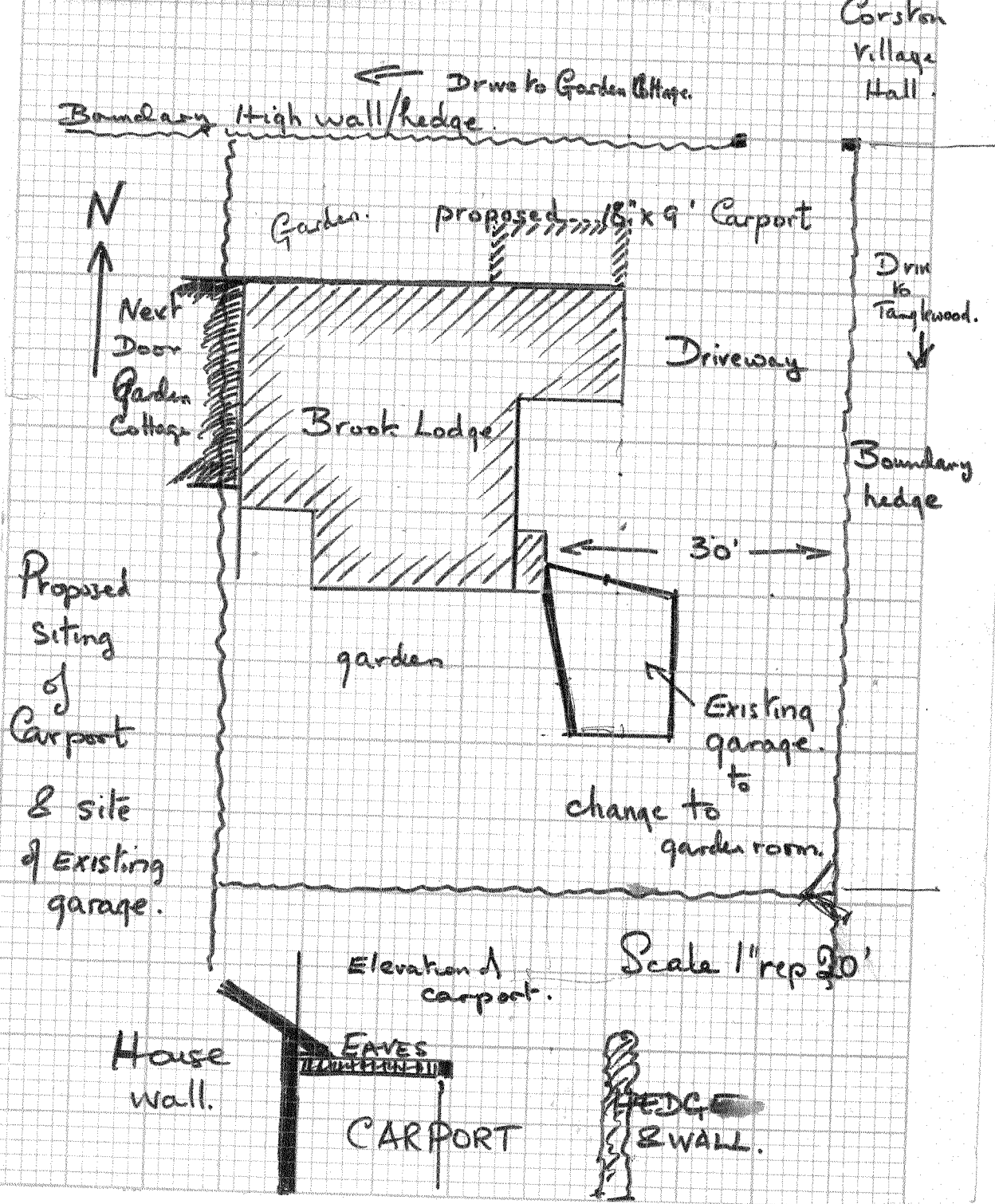
Archbishop Temple

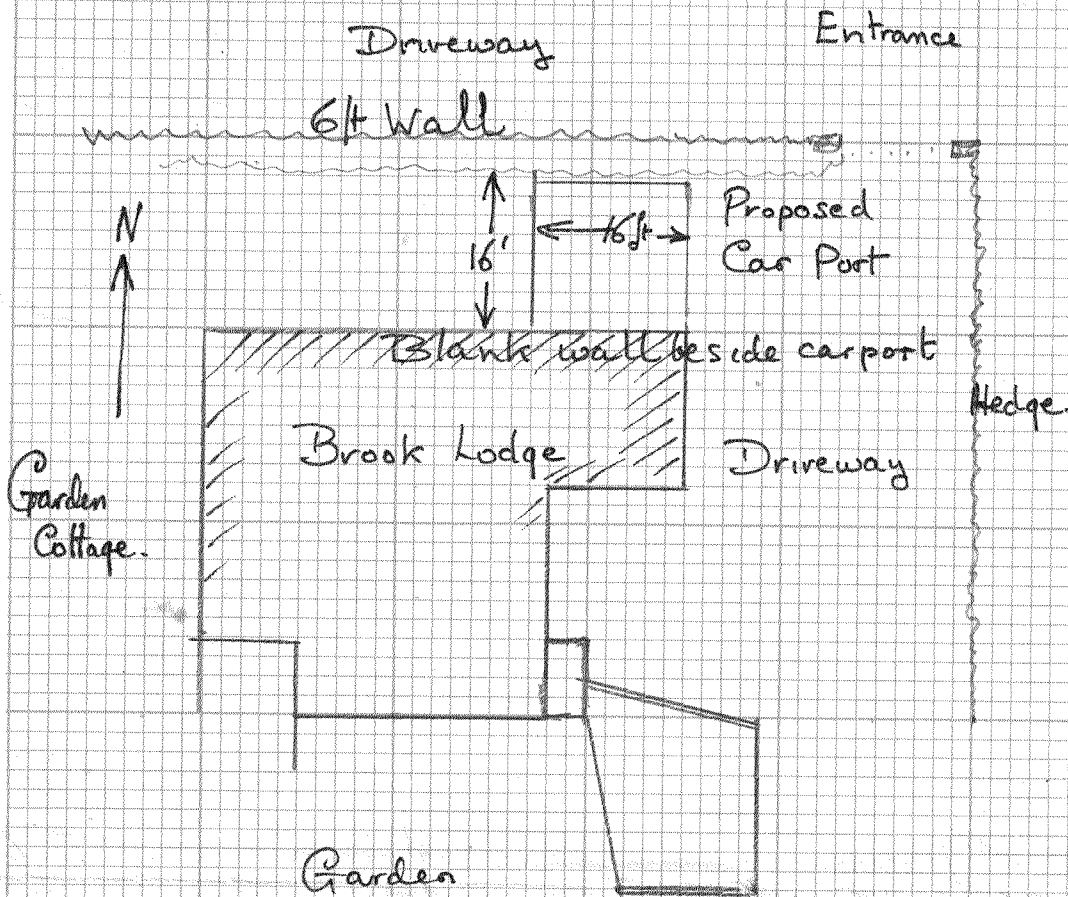
When I pray.
Coincidences happen
& when I don't pray
nothing happens

God/Jem/Makishi is
Lennon. A mighty
power for good or evil
and all inside you
to develop as you will

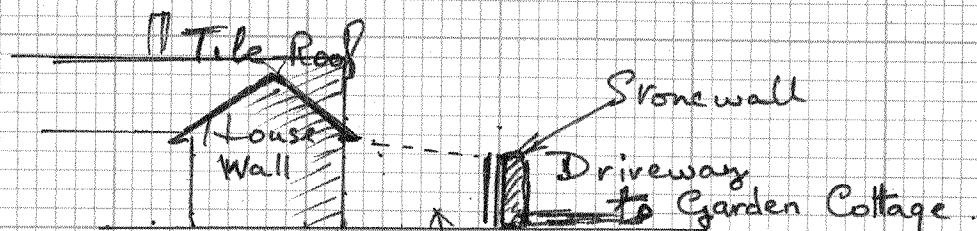
Bern Horstman When St Therese's was first
established He went round with the Sister in charge
& looked at the new Nursing home. Outside was the
Swimming pool & a statue covered over with a sheet. He
lifted the sheet & saw rather a handsome nude figure.
He said its rather good & was it for sale. The
sister said that it was, but they could only sell
it to a doctor for obvious reasons. July '86.

Tom Allen where we dried the clause of course
D. K.





1" rep 20ft



Elevation . Proposed site
for carport

Completely concealed from
neighbours by high stone wall.

Proposed Car port 16 x 16 to the North
of Brook Lodge

Rats = Bubonic Shivering
 Fleas = Plague = Boils Delirium & Death in a day. = $\frac{1}{3}$ of Everybody

Aug 1348 - Plague arrived in Weymouth.

Sept " Bristol unable to bury their dead.

1350 Death of our vicar & 47% of our clergy

1361 2nd plague epidemic

Death of our vicar.

Bath & Wells Diocesan letter. Jan 1349

The Contagion of the pestilence hath left many churches without curate or priest. Many are dying without the sacrament of penance

Therefore I would exhort you to confess
 to a layman (if no priest available)
~~or if no layman~~
 or if need be to a woman

Spacy on boards

1 distance top

$1\frac{1}{2}$ " sides

2 " bottom.

William Wilberforce

1783. Quakers took a lead in forming the Association
for the relief & liberation of Negro Slaves in the W. Inds
and the discouragement of the Slave Trade on the
Coast of Africa. 1st Recognised Society.

W.W. made acceptance of the Cambridge Latin Prize
dissertation of 1785 of a subject set by the
Vice Chancellor (Arminius Abbott) A

"An liceat inuitos in servitutem dare.

Clarkson & Wilberforce and another committee
formed 22/5/87 under Granville Sharp.

Bristol surrendered with bad grace having made its
money but Liverpool went on.

1807 No vessel shall clear out for slaves

from any port in British Dominions & no slaves
to be landed in the colonies after 8/3/1808

Abolition of Emancipation Margaret Stoen
The Sun is my undoing.

Larousse.

Neolithic 3000 BC.
metal 2500 BC. & Thessaly.
1865. Trade 12th Egypt Dynasty

Byblus. Crete Cyprus
Hebrews Return from Babylon 1700 BC
(Semitic 3000 BC).

Hittites 1760 BC.

1650 Crete Political power Chama
Mallia & Phaistos.

Excellence in ceramics trade
to Ugarit Cyprus Byblus.

1850 BC. Minoan? Boetia &
Peloponnese invasion of
Ionians & later Achaeans.
& end of 1700 due into Crete
Destruction of 15th palaces.

Who were Sea peoples who invaded
Egyptian Delta in 1250 BC.
Achaeans? & 1163 BC

According to the bible the
Philistines came from Crete.
the Farmer. Resettled by Ramesses
in Canaan.

Long headed people.
Beaker peoples.

Larnakes chests or bath tubs
coffins

Minoan pit burials had many handles.
serpentine - eye handles
snake motif. conquest of death
& of resurrection.

Fire to dry corpses per burial.

Evidence of cremation in Late Mycenaean

Models of female monuments with
bare breasts & arms raised

Thera pit burials to 600 BC
Ugarit. Alphabetic script.
Astarte/Astarte/Aphrodite Cult
from Cyprus Peloponnese.

Bull sacrifice

the Farmer.

Cadogan Bath lined gypsum
with no water. Phaistos.

Oil stored in pithoi.

Cedar oil preserves bodies

Silos for corn Mallia.

Zakro waterworks no gypsum
lime mortar.

Thamnia Kastelli Hill
on E side.

Early M II to Late M III B.

2 hooks

Heard The Minoan 1971 Potash pays

Pendlebury Ther. Ach. Crete

Herodotus 500 BC.

In the 3rd Gen. after the
death of Minos came the
Trojan war.

'Palaces for the dead.'

Why no bodies found?

Cretean Cedars on mountains till 800 BC
Embalmed in cedar oil?

Bones turn to dust after exposure to air
Mycenae.
Bones several feet deep

Found in entrances. Quote

the Farmer.

Worked in
Cretan mace
1960
Prof. of Class.
Arch.
Cincinnati

Potash pays

Funeral shrines in the palace
Honey-moon trade - not wine as
only poor wine produced!
Heracles captures the Bull of Minos
Minos underwrote judge of Dead
in Greek Myth.
Dates on Parian Marble Minoan Parian
1218-1209 B.C. Troy.
End of Minoan palaces 1364 B.C.?
Gods Demeter or Sita.
Cult traditions in Delphi double
are men. Traditions of cremation
& no burials found?

Greek archaic chorus on wall
in Knossos.

Philomena? pottery
Minoan

Potash pays

Cadogan. Palaces of
Minoan Crete

'Wheel' & Copper Bronze
Gold granulation Tubular
drill & hollow vases

Tombs at @ Karyolakkos
Mallia

Fourni. Arkha.
Kamalar. Phaistos
Gypsades. Knossos.

Pithoi - old burials
New Palace 1625 onwards.
Middle Minoan III - Late Minoan I

is Knossos near rich farm land
or not.

is it wet or dry for timber
Altar base in entrance!

All indications are of
the Farmer. a religious temple

Keftiri 1500 B.C. painting
Thebes. also in Mari
various Kamases bowls.

Cretan priests & embalmers?
for Egypt. Magic powers
of life after death.

Tholoi Round brick huts -
round stone huts -
buried stone tholoi.

Graves at Thorikos. Aphidnae
& Fuvys in Pithoi.
Argina.

All shaft graves of a sort!

Kuertes NePhaistos Beehive tomb
99 beehive graves Mycenae.
at Kato Pagadi " "

Potash pays

Mycenaeans were Achaean Greeks.
Homer said Mycenae in
Crete in 1200.
Idomeneus leader of Cretans
attacking Troy. ~ 1200 BC.

Hans Georg.

Wunderlich The Secret of Crete

Mallia unguis plan.

Sakoria 1450 BC. Knossos

1440-1380 BC. Free "

1200 Empty.

Dion wrote of Egypt. Crete & Etruria

labyrinths or the labyrinth
palace of "

(His Linear A been Read yet.)

Labyrinth Amenemhat III
Egypt 1800 BC.

Potash pays

1500 burial vaults 30 x 6.
rooms doubled. 1 above & 1 below

no defensive wall

Door jambs for sliding gypsum
stone slabs at Knossos

Niri Chani. Similar to
Cerketeri Etruscan.
homes for the dead.

Mallia is near good soil

Phaistos, Knossos & Mallia are
on stony soil

Principal entrance for W the
road. the sunset side of death

water cisterns or water offery shafts
Etruscan pozzi Chiuvini.

the Farmer.

Zeus

Eros

Minos

King Asterios
of Crete

Paniphae (daughter of Helios).

Atreus Deucalion Glaukos Andropus
delightful / son
Aerops in King Atreus of Mycenae
Father of Agamemnon & Menelaus.

Polyeidos / doctor / snakes staff

Asiarche
of the Koni

Phaedra
m. Theseus.

Minotaur

Durability of Alabaster as a floor.
changes to gypsum plaster with heat + oil
burnings from oil (olive)

Oil burning on top of marble

Dust dropping on marble

Marble Paros
(Parian)

causes without air.

would suppress the fire

Potash pays

the Farmer.

Malhia Cisterns one end
when wells the other?

James Mavor 'Atlantis'

Kamars ware Bronzed
pottery 2000 BC.

Curiously sham world
in Heraklion museum.

Magna Triada Sarcophagi
(no water on Mt) /
'Bath' kb was a sarcophagus
Pithoi were vertical "
shoulder width?
Potash pays

Pentecost.
The Bull of Minos Leonard Cottrell

Thera explosion 1525 B.C.

Final destruction 1375 B.C.

Old Temple built 2000.

All temples destroyed 1700 B.C.

Knossos / Hagia Triada / Phaistos 1450.

Prof Blegen Nestor

Pylus Tablets Linear B. 1400 BC

Prof Wace.

Marinichos (Crete & Mycenae).

the Farmer.

Marble for Paros.

Onyx / Alabaster / Gypsum
heated to 1400 = Calcite

Calcite is plaster.

Rainwater channels & Baths
of alabaster wear out.
made of slate at Naxos Chari.

Pithoi buried to the tops in
the floor

no doors.
No windows no fireplaces

Timber pillars & cedar
in walls of well shafts?

Potash pays

1400 BC Knossos lowest level

Ayia Triadha museum
than Mycenae floor.

{ 1600 BC Mycenae shaft grows
but Mycenae?
walls probably 1200?

Cerveteri Etruscan 8 Shields
shape

Why did Queen live 3 stories down

" no kitchens or hearths
or hearth stones
or hypocausts.

Pithoi. Has to fill house & empty.
" why in Queen's bedroom

the Farmer.

The most Noble order of the Garter
Order of St George of England. Patron Saint of Christian warriors & England
in 1355 Garter dropped by Princess Joan of Kent at a dance
Calais & picked up by the King Edward Honi soit qui mal y pense

Black Prince

Fear of the Plague

- George died 303 Soldier Diocletian

Shrines at Lydda for Crusaders ✓

Andromeda & Perseus. ✓

Golden Legend. ✓

Perseus Greek rescued Andromeda who was
chained to a rock for dinner from a great
sea serpent. ✓

in

The Queen's cousin Princess Joan dropped a
garter at the dance in Calais King Edward
picked it up & said 'Honi soit qui mal y pense'
2 months after K.E. made the noble order
of the Knight of the St George Knight of the Garter
Truth have Freedom & Courtesy 1348.

Lebrary Headquarters Slide

1695 Middle Road

Wethman Spinners Dutch 28 family.
Soft Spanish wool = 1654. —

1679-79 Lanyer B/Mells/Western/Devon
Bertalby/E. Harpree/Killyhoun/
Wemy England cloth if purchased.

1675 Almo Horses -

Red Cowbe (sunt) 1794 Wood.

Back by Jones on January 1894.

Draco Will Ho.

Dutch Barten 1725 T Wethman.
ST of ST - Wemy ST
Passenger loads on Kewer Aven Canal

Wells 8 Son. Wemy Mill
Kewer Rogers

Wemy Rogers

Church the Mr Horton. Cotton 1680.
Look up Bridge not dug.
Tory.

Bradford engraving - fossil.
11" - 1/4"

Chauncy House up to Henry III

Good Hall, Wall Family. 1610.
Bradford 1850 Date of Kings 1802
Moulton 1840.

Thomas Open Parish Clerk House.

Lezley Grange.

Kedgwell Western Long Building (top).
Middle Bank.

Large Farm
Gallipoli oil

1800, Rust. cutting the. Scilly Made Road Bar.
1500/1800 Bradford.

Square dug by Tower. Arundell.

Rackford? Tent-hooks

Hand & House. Teasles. dug in handle
on teasles

Gleeland, 1/10 till Great

Ray Rectory.

Manor place

Main road down line St. Worsley

Sally a the Barn 1790.

Army by Stoke Road 1830 4 months
Road to Bath ~~Tested~~

Bradford West Testford. Middlebury

E View of Corston by Tim - Harry E E Garden & My Children

E Scout Camp. E Webber.

Deeds of old Houses. Allens.

Next Door.

D Taylors Church Cottage.

Little Bob Bailey

Photo of School 1950 - 60 - 70 - 80?

Bailey

Rose Cottages. ?

B

Bert. Brain - Maltster

B

Butler - Malt. Ho.

B

D. Hitchens House, Mth/tall? perfect look? M^{rs} Bailey

ask

Church Farm proper.

Reg.

Cottages up Ashton Hill.

~~Down the High. Blackmore Nelson View~~

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Upside down flagstones outside chancel door?

(2)

Photo Church Farm Ho.

Check the 1850 Tithe Map for cottages
in Corston Street & old roads.

List of Field Names again.

(1)

~~Photo of old Ash tree in back~~

Arch in back wall Rowsepp.

Farm on corner of Corston / Harry Tree Hathaway

Nicholas Farm? Shepherd

2 Cottages Railway/Nicholas.

(3)

Logth graves in churchyard & photo stones

Old Roads pre Turnpike Trust 184-

Go down to stream (Cossan)

(1) One road up between old houses and corner at G. Hanhams / No 1 Fontaine cottage. (Wheatcroft).

(2) Old road suspected beside brook to West round John Hodge's house and across field below church to Manor Farm. Another road came across from Church Tower to Manor Farm & joining it (Southey's Recollections & Pictures Sherbourn Library.)

(3) Old Wells road went from Hargy Tree past Manor Farm & then West. (Thorpe).

(4) Old Newton Road went on past Manor Farm to old Domesday Mill possibly near lower pond. - Could have been millpond but not researched at all. ~~Map~~. The old road came down past the Newton Workshops thro' the trees, across the drive & to the lower pond. (Thorpe's Map 1742)

(5) Old track for heavy horses through field to Church Farm from top of Hill.