

Transcription Notes

if you are most interested in the Photography this starts in 1908 (page 10), before this Morrey was already a keen birder especially with his friend Bert. As of writing this in 2025, the hardcopy of this diary has now been placed into the Cardiff Naturalists Society collections at the National Museum of Wales

My first year from 1903

1903

The following nests were found

Blackbird – several. The first nest I found was a Blackbird's containing 1 egg on the hedge on the side of the Heoldon Road in Whitchurch.

Song thrush - good many.

Mistle Thrush – 1 nest with eggs in the wood near Radyr Quarry and another with 2 eggs on the Rhwbina Rd.

Hedge Sparrow – several

House Sparrow- we had several nests round our house and there were a good many nesting in the trees on the Heoldon Rd towards Velindre. We also found a good many in the high hedges in the field opposite the Foundry at Llandaff Yard.

Robin – we found several nests, 1 was in the hollow tree stump nr Llandaff Cathedral.

Linnet- 2 or 3 nests. The 1st was in some bushes just above the river bridge at Llandaff.

Chaffinch – several

Bullfinch – 1 nest with 5 eggs on Whit Monday June 1st, in one of the trees on the Riverbank in the field past the brickyard at Llandaff.

Greenfinch – several

Great Tit – 1 nest with 9 eggs in the old hollow tree on the riverbank at Llandaff.

Long-tailed Tit – we found 1 nest with eggs in the Mellingriffiths Wood and another on Whit Monday June 1st on the far side of the Garth containing young and 2 fresh eggs.

Wren – we found a nest with eggs in the wood near Radyr quarry.

Yellowhammer – 1 nest with 4 eggs in the Heoldon Road.

Whinchat – found 1 nest with 4 eggs in Radyr Quarry.

Redbacked Shrike – 1 nest with 2 eggs in the High Fields Llandaff.

Sand Martin – 2 nests with eggs in the Brickyard at Llandaff.

Whitethroat – 1 nest with 4 eggs in the Heoldon Road close to our house.

Blackcap – 1 nest with 4 eggs on Whit Monday June 1st, in some lower bushes on the riverbank about a dozen yards up from the bullfinches nest found the same day.

Meadow Pipit – 1 nest on the far side of the Garth containing 5 eggs hand (?) sat, Whit Monday June 1st.

Tree Pipit – 1 nest with 5 eggs on the railway embankment near the new station at Whitchurch.

Spotted Flycatcher – 1 nest with 1 egg in the wood near Radyr Quarry. The nest was made entirely of cotton waste and was built on an old stump.

1904

Saturday March 26th – 2 song Thrush's nests with 3 and 4 eggs at Whitchurch

Saturday April 2nd – Blackbird's nest with 4 young, nearly fledged at Whitchurch.

Saturday April 11th – Blackbird's nest, four eggs at Whitchurch and a song thrush's nest with one egg at Llandaff.

Saturday April 16th – Hedge sparrow's nest with three eggs at Llandaff.

Monday, April 18th – Robin's nest with four eggs built in the side of a haystack at Llandaff.

Saturday, April 23rd – Two Song Thrush's nests with two and four eggs at Llanedarne. (sic)

Wednesday, April 27th – Song Thrush's nest, containing three nearly fledged young ones and a dwarf egg which was only the size of a Hedge Sparrow, it had no yolk. The nest was built in a tree over the river near the footbridge at Llanedarne. (sic)

Saturday, April 30th – Blackbird's nest with 4 eggs over Penylan

Wednesday, May 4th – Linnet's nest with four eggs, and a two Blackbird's nests with three and four eggs at Llanedarne. (sic)

Saturday, May 7th – Starling's nest with three eggs in a hole in a tree and a Hedge Sparrow's nest with one egg at Llandaff in the fields opposite the foundry.

Saturday, May 14th – Greenfinch's nest with five eggs and a Blackbird's nest with two eggs at Whitchurch. Saw a Blackcap.

Saturday, May 21st – House Sparrow's nest containing tree eggs at Llandaff.

Whit Monday. May 23rd – The House Sparrow's nest found on the 21st now has five eggs. In the fields near Radyr Quarry found a Yellow Hammer's nest with one addled egg

and in the wood we found a Wood Pigeon's nest nearly finished, and two Greenfinch's nests with six and three eggs.

In Waterhall Quarry we found a Tree Pipet's containing five eggs.

Tuesday, May 24th – I found a Shell Duck's egg on Sully Island. It was out on the grass some distance from any bushes.

Saturday, May 28th – Bullfinch's nest with six eggs on the river near the brickyard. We also found two Greenfinch's nests with six and two eggs at Llandaff.

The Wood Pigeon's nest found on the 23rd now has two eggs.

Saturday, June 4th – Bullfinch's nest with four young and a greenfinch's nest with five young, this last was up a tree almost thirty feet from the ground in the wood near Radyr Quarry. Greenfinch's nest with six eggs and Wren's nest with young at Llandaff.

Wednesday, June 8th – Swallow's nest with three eggs and a Linnet's nest with four eggs at Llandaff. Saw a Kingfisher on the river.

Friday, June 10th – Saw a pair of Herons fly over here (Cardiff) this evening.

Saturday, June 11th – House Martin's nest with five eggs, Swallow's - three nests with three eggs each and several building. House Sparrow five young. Hedge Sparrow nest with two eggs. Song Thrush's nest with four eggs and a Robin's nest with five young ones and an addled egg. All near St Fagans.

Wednesday, June 15th – Greenfinch's nest with five eggs, Song Thrush's nest with five eggs and a Blackbird's nest with one egg at Llanedarne. (sic)

Saturday, June 18th – Two Wren's nests with six eggs each near St Fagan's. Wood Pigeon's nest with two eggs. Willow Wren's (sic) nest with four eggs and saw a pair of Blackcaps in Waterhall Quarry. House Sparrow's nest with five young and a Linnet's Nest with two eggs at Llandaff.

Saturday, July 2nd – Greenfinch's Nest with four eggs at Whitchurch. Meadow Pipit's nest with five young and a Sand Martin's nest with two young. Quite fledged at Taff's Well.

1905

Wednesday, March 29th – Blackbird's nest containing three eggs in the fields above Roath Park.

Saturday, April 1st – Six Blackbird's nests, two with one, one with two and three containing three eggs each. Also four Song Thrush's nest, one with one, one with two and two with three eggs each; over Penylan towards Llanedarne. (sic)

Wednesday, April 5th – Six Blackbird's nests, one with two, three with three and two with four eggs. Three Song Thrush's nests, two with three and one with four eggs and a Mistle Thrush containing five eggs.

All over Penylan and about Llanedarne. (sic)

Wednesday, April 12th – I received my climbing irons this morning so in the afternoon I cycled out to Llandaff went up to Greenhill Rookery with Bert. On the way up found the following nests: - Blackbirds, four eggs, Song Thrush, four eggs, Hedge Sparrow, four young and a Chaffinch's nest about half built.

At the Rookery, I climbed up a tree first, then Bert went up one, and afterwards I got up another. We found nests with two, three, four and five eggs and a good many with young.

Saturday, April 15th – Six blackbird's nests, two with three and two with four eggs and one with three and another with four young. A Song Thrush's nest with four eggs and a Long-Tailed Tit's nest with two eggs, along the River Ely from Peterstone.

Wednesday, April 19th – Blackbird's nest containing four eggs, a Robin's nest with five eggs and a Song Thrush's nest with five eggs. The Great Tit's nest in the old tree is nearly finished. Along the River from Llandaff to the Melingriffith Works.

Thursday, April 20th – Bert & I went up to Church Village for the day. We found two Magpie's nests with three and six eggs. One or two Jay's nests about half built, two Mistle Thrush's nests with three and four eggs. A Blackbird's nest with four eggs built in a hole in a barn wall over the door; two Robin's nests, one with five eggs and the other just finished; a Wood Pigeon's nest with one egg and a Song Thrush's nest with three eggs. Heard a Cuckoo today.

Saturday, April 22nd – Robin's nest with four eggs, several wren's nest building and a hedge sparrow's nest with two eggs near Radyr.

Easter Monday, April 24th – Went up to Roath Park Lake and saw a nest containing one egg.

Wednesday, April 26th – Chaffinch's nest with two eggs, Blackbird's nest with three eggs and three Song Thrush's nests, two with three and one with four eggs. Llandaff and Radyr.

Thursday, April 27th – I got an addled House Sparrow's egg from Wilkenson's. The nest contained four young and this egg.

Saturday, April 29th – Two Chaffinch's nests, one with two eggs and the other half built and a Mistle Thrush nest's building. Penylan.

Monday, May 1st – Found five Hedge Sparro's nests, one with two eggs near Penylan, and four nests at Whitchurch, one containing one egg, two with three, and one with five eggs.

Saturday, May 2nd – Bert & I went out for the day. In the Brickyards at Llandaff we found a Pied Wagtail's nest about half built. We then crossed the river by the railway bridge and went along the river bank. About halfway between the bridge and the entrance to Radyr Quarry we found a Redstarts nest in an old tree containing four eggs.

In the Quarry we found we found a Pied Wagtail's nest with three eggs and then went into the wood where we found a Wren's nest with three eggs, a Chaffinch's nest with two eggs each and two Song Thrush's nests with three and four eggs and a Long-Tailed nest with young. Coming back through the quarry we found a Starling's nest with three eggs in one of the old buildings.

Wednesday, May 3rd – Bert, and I went by train to Caerphilly and walked towards Rudry. On the way in the hedge by the roadside we found a Hedge Sparrow's nest with four eggs, which were covered over with dead leaves, the eggs were fresh, and the nest was quite new. In a tree close to the Old Mill at Rudry we found a Wren's nest and a Wood Pigeon's nest but neither had eggs.

Friday, May 5th – Went out to Llandaff in the morning and found a Hedge Sparrow's nest with one egg. In Radyr Quarry we found a Chaffinch's nest with one egg and a Lesser Redpoll's nest containing three eggs.

In the afternoon went out over Penylan and found a Song Thrush's nest three eggs and a Blackbird's nest with five eggs.

Wednesday, May 8th – Howard, And I went out over Penylan as far as Cefn Mably Park. We found three Chaffinch's nests, one with two and the other with four eggs and another just finished, two Blackbird's nests with two and three eggs, a Greenfinch's nest about half built, a Long-Tailed Tit's nest just finished and a hedge Sparrow's nest with three eggs.

Tuesday, May 13th – The Chaffinch's nest found yesterday at Llanedarne now contains one egg.

Saturday, May 13th – Found a colony of Sand Martin's in the bank of the Rhymney River just below Llanedarne.

We counted about seventy holes, and many contained, one, two, three, five or six eggs.

We also found a Greenfinch's nest with one egg.

Saturday, May 20th – We went out to Llanedarne and found that someone had been digging out the Sand Martin's nests wholesale, we only found one nest with eggs. This

contained three. We found a Wren's nest with six eggs, a Greenfinch's nest half built and about a dozen House Sparrow's nests in a haystack.

There were nests with three, four, and five eggs and some had young.

Monday, May 22nd – In the quarry at the top of Penylan Hill I found a Robin's nest nearly finished.

Saturday, May 27th – The Robin's nest found last Monday now contains two eggs.

Wednesday, May 31st – Bert & I went over Penylan in the afternoon, we found a Blackbird's nest with four eggs, a Song Thrush's nest with one egg, a Hedge Sparrow's nest with two eggs and a Wren's nest with one egg and another Wren's nest about half built.

We visited the Sand Martin's colony and found several nests containing one egg each.

Wednesday, June 17th – Bert & I went up to Church Village for the day.

We found a Jay's nest with three young in the wood close to Church Village and we found a Blackbird's nest with four eggs in the hole in the barn wall in the same place as the one found on April 20th. We then went over towards Efail Isaf where we found a Wren's nest with five eggs, pure white without any spots. We also Swallow's nest with five eggs, a Magpie's nest with six young and a Sparrow Hawk's old nest.

Tuesday, June 20th – Went out with Howard and ... in Radyr Quarry. We found a Pied Wagtail's nest with five eggs and another old nest containing two addled eggs.

A little further on towards Radyr, we found a Red-Backed Shrike's nest with five eggs and in the fields around Radyr we found two Greenfinch's nest, one with five eggs and the other with three young and two Song Thrush's nests with two and three eggs.

Saturday, July 1st – At Peterstone, I saw a pair of Yellow Wagtails carrying food to their young but could not find the nest.

Saturday, August 5th – Went out through Llandaff and Radyr Quarry to Radyr. We found two Greenfinch's nests with three eggs each also some Swallow's nests, one with four and another with three eggs and several with one egg each.

August during Second Week, 7th to 12th – Found several Sand Martin's nests, some with eggs and some with young at Porthcawl.

1906

Saturday, March 17th – Cycled out to Llandaff and met Bert. We went first to "Hazelhurst Garden" where we found a Song Thrush's nest with three eggs and then to the wood near Radyr Quarry, going through the brickyard and quarry. Here we discovered another Song thrush nest with five eggs. Afterwards we went through the

nest wood and Radyr and returned via the Melingriffith Woods but did not find any more nests.

Saturday, March 24th – Went out to Llandaff and met Bert. Going along the road alongside the railway above Radyr Railway Station we found a Mistle Thrush's nest with four eggs which were slightly incubated. Then we went towards Melingriffiths and through the gardens at Velindre where we found a Song Thrush's nest with four eggs. We then went through Melingriffith Woods where we found a Song Thrush's nest just finished and a Mistle Thrush's nest with one egg.

Tuesday, March 27th – Went out in the evening and met Bert. The Song' Thrush's eggs in the nest in Velindre gardens were hatched but the Mistle Thrush's nest in the wood had been pulled out.

Wednesday, March 28th – We found another Mistle Thrush's nest building .

I heard yesterday that the Dipper had a nest under the Bridge over the Coed-y-Goras Brook, so went out at 6.0 am and found it, contained two eggs.

Thursday, March 29th – Went out to have a look at the Dipper's nest early in the morning, but found it had been pulled out.

Saturday, March 31st - Went to the Greenhill Rookery at 6.0 am with G. Clarke. I climbed up one tree with nests but there were only 3 eggs altogether, one in each of three nests.

In the afternoon, Bert and I rode to St-y-Nyll and found a Song Thrush's nest with one egg.

We saw Rooks and Jackdaws sticks to their nests.

Thursday, April 5th – Up at the Roath Park Lake this morning, early (fishing),

I saw Swallows, House Martins, Sand martins.

Bert found a Stock Dove's Nest with two eggs near Llantrythyd.

Saturday, April 7th – Went with Bert to Greenhill Rookery. Bert climbed one tree and I went up another but only four nests had eggs, one had four, another two and two had one each.

Good Friday, April 13th – Went to Llantrythyd with Bert, in a small copse in the park we found a Woodpigeon's nest just finished but nothing else. When we got back to Llandaff we found a Song Thrush's nest with two eggs.

Saturday, April 14th – Went out to Llandaff and with Bert went first to "Hazelhurst" where we found several House Sparrows' Nests just finished. Then we went to Radyr Quarry and found a Song Thrush's nest with three eggs built in one of the roof supports

in the iron shed. It was about five feet from the floor and the beam about two inches from the wall.

Easter Monday, April 16th – Went to Llandaff to Berts and left there with him at 6.0 am and cycled to Church Village.

The first nest we found was a wren's nest, half built about mid-way between Upper Boat and Church Village.

We arrived at C.V. at 7.00 am, left our cycles at Mrs S's house and went across the road to the little wood opposite, where a Carrion Crow's nest with four eggs, slightly incubated. Then went back and after breakfast started for the bigger woods where the first find was a Magpie's nest nearly finished and then we found a Squirrel's Dray in which there were two young ones, a few days old.

We saw three Sparrow Hawks flying about, two were fighting and the noise they made flying amongst the trees was like someone rushing about and hitting the branches with a stick. Then we went across the fields to Efail Isaf and watched the Plover for nearly an hour but did not find any nests.

Then we went into the small wood near Efail Isaf Station where we found a magpie's nest quite finished and a Chaffinch's nest about half built. We then followed the stream as a lot of big trees grow along it and found a Carrion Crow's Nest, just finished. After I got down from this nest, I saw a bird fly out of a small wood about half a mile away. We watched it through the glasses and found a Carrion Crow's nest with two eggs, rather small ones.

We then went over six or seven fields but as we found nothing we turned back towards Church Village and after going a little way found a Magpie's nest not four feet from the ground in a very thick Hawthorn Hedge, it contained two eggs. Further on, we found two more Magpie nests, just finished both in hedges but rather higher up and another with 3 eggs built in a tree, after tea at Mrs S's, we cycled home arriving about 7.00 pm.

Tuesday, April 17th – Went to Nantgarw in the afternoon to the Rookery there; it had been raining in the morning and the trees were covered with thick green slime.

However, I climbed up one, there were several nests but only one contained four young, just hatched, I thought the young had flown from the other nests. We also found a Hedge Sparrow's nest containing one egg and saw a Common Sandpiper on the river.

Saturday, April 21st – Rode to Church Village with Bert in the afternoon just past Upper Boat, we found a Blackbird's nest built on some rocks on the roadside, it contained three eggs.

In a little wood near Efail Isaf Station we found a Carrion Crow's nest containing four eggs, rather incubated but the Magpie's nest had no eggs in it yet. The Carrion Crow's

nest in the tree on the stream (found on Monday last) has now three eggs, very fine ones, very pale bluey green with only very fair, rather streaky markings. The other Carion Crow's nest found on Monday which had two eggs then contains three more, also small ones.

Close to this, on the edge of the wood we found another magpie's nest, just finished.

The other two Magpie nests, which had no eggs on Monday, now contains five and four eggs respectively.

Saturday, April 28th – This afternoon I cycled to Taff's Well (by myself, Bert has gone back to school) and walked over the Little Garth to the iron mines; just as I got there a very heavy storm of snow, hail came on, and this made it very cold and slippery climbing about afterwards.

However, I got to several Jackdaw nests, one was empty but three contained three, two and four eggs respectively. In the latter nest the eggs were very peculiar, two were not very extraordinarily marked but had very thin and rough shells., another was quite ordinary in markings but only the size of an ordinary Blackbird's egg and the last one was the usual size but with a very rough shell, and no markings except on the large end where there was a thick patch of very fine "pepper salt" marking.

Tuesday, May 1st – Cycled to Taffs Well in the evening with G. Clarke and G. Hodge and went over the Little Garth to the mines. On the way up through the the wood we found a Jay's nest with one egg. The Jackdaw's nest, which had no eggs on Saturday, now contains two and we a Stock Dove's nest next in a hole in the rock, containing one egg, it was over three feet in.

On the way back we saw a Green Woodpecker flyout of a hole in a tree but did not have time to see if there was anything there.

1908

Sunday, Feb. 23rd – Saw several House Sparrows carrying straw to nests, near Roath Park, in houses.

Saturday, March 7th – Went out with Bert through Radyr Quarry. In the wood found a Thrush's or Blackbirds nest just finished.

Saturday March 14th - Went over Penylan. The Dipper's nest under the bridge by the Tea Gardens is about half finished and the other under the bridge near Llanedarne is just started.

Also saw several Blackbird's and Thrush's nests partly built and we saw a Robin carrying Moss but could not find its nest.

Sunday, March 15th – Took a photo of the bridge with the Dipper's nest (F16 5 secs) this afternoon, it was rather dull.

Wednesday, March 18th - Went out at 7 a.m. to photo the dipper's Nest, there had been a good deal added since Sunday. I took a photo from under the bridge (F11 7 secs) & while I was focussing, one of the birds flew up, when it saw me it turned back & dropped into the water below the bridge.

Saturday, March 21st – Went out & photographed the Dipper's nest again (as the last one was underexposed) just before 8 a.m. (F11 2 & 3 minutes) (1A in the afternoon Bert & I went to Greenhill. We got up to the Rooks' nests and I took four photos of a nest (F11 3-1 secs)(2A) There were nests with three and four eggs. In one of the old nests I photographed there was a dead Rook and on the ground we found another. I suppose they were poisoned as there were no shot marks.

It was rather dull all the afternoon.

Saturday, March 28th – Went up to Greenhill wood with Reg Bowles and climbed a tree each. In the two trees there were thirty-three eggs, including one or two very fine specimens. Reg took one which was coloured just like a large Missel Thrush's egg. We then went right across to Radyr Quarry. In the wood we found a Song Thrush's nest with one egg and a Missel Thrush' about nest half built.

Sunday, March 19th – Saw a small flock of Sand Martins at Roath Lake. 3 pm. Wind S.W. and saw 6 Thrush's nests in the Wild Park.

Wednesday, April 1st – Went to Llandaff in the evening. I saw a Hedge Sparrow's nest nearly finished in the field opposite the foundry.

In the garden at island Cottage we found a Robin's nest nearly completed and a Song Thrush's nest with three eggs, with a Blackbird's nest not two feet away ready for eggs.

Bert said that the Missel Thrush's nest found last Saturday contained two eggs.

Wednesday, April 4th – Went out over Penylan in the evening. In the field below Coed-y-Goras Farm, I found two Song Thrush's nests with four eggs each, both birds sitting; also, a Long-Tailed Tit's nest about two thirds built in the hedge alongside the road. No eggs in the Dipper's nest yet.

Saturday, April 4th – Went out to Llandaff. The Hedge Sparrow's nest had one egg. In another part of the field I found a Song Thrush sitting on three eggs and a little further along another nest with four eggs. We then went over to Radyr Quarry, via the dingle, where we found a Blackbird's and a Song Thrush's nests, both nearly finished. In the quarry we found a little nest built behind some ivy growing against a rock.

We then went into the wood, and I photo'd the Missel Thrush's nest (F16 4 secs) which now contains four eggs, one of which was very finely speckled, like a Blackbird's egg.

We found two Song Thrush's nests with one & two eggs respectively; & in the brickyard, on the way back, I found a Blackbird's nest quite finished, but no eggs.

Over by the reservoir on Penylan Hill, I found a Chaffinches' nest about half built and in the Wild Park a Long-Tailed Tit's about finished.

I was in a small bush close to the path. Saw a Swan sitting on her nest on one of the Islands in the lake.

Monday, April 6th - Bert told me that the Robin's nest in Island Cottage Garden had four eggs and he had found another in the lane close by.

Tuesday, April 7th – Went out to photograph the Robin's nest at Island Cottage Garden about 7:30 pm. (F22 12 mins). There were five eggs.

The other one in the lane had been pulled out. We found a Magpie's nest on the way back, but it was not lined.

The Blackbird's nest in the brickyard has two eggs. Alec had an egg from the Dipper's nest.

Friday, April 10th – Went out at 6:30 am with Alec to Photograph the Lapwings nest with four eggs. He had found it in the field by Llanishen Reservoir. (F16 4/5 secs) We saw another bird sitting but did not have time to find the nest.

Found a Magpie's nest in a small copse not far away, quite ready for eggs.

Saturday, April 11th – Went out to the reservoirs and round about but found nothing except a Blackbird's nest with four eggs.

Photo'd the L.T. Tit's nest in the Wild Park (F8 6 secs, F16 10 secs) Wet all afternoon.

Wednesday, April 15th – Went out to Radyr Quarry. The little nest found on the 4th is practically finished.

Found a Song Thrush's nest with three eggs built up against the rock in a small bramble bush.

Good Friday, April 17th – Went over to Penarth with Bert, starting at 8 am. The Swan on Penarth Road was sitting. We walked from Penarth towards the commons. Found a Blackbird's nest with four rather small eggs, built in the bank of a stream. We found two Lapwings nests, each with four eggs, one clutch was the usual type but the other were very long and also well marked.

They were not placed as they usually are, one of the eggs lying sideways in the nest, not pointed upwards. I photo'd this nest exactly as we found it. (F16 4 secs)

We then went on to Sully Island where we met Alec. We saw only a few birds, a Ringed Plover, two Rock Pipets and a pair of lapwings and three Shelduck flying over. We found the Lapwing's nest in amongst the stones close to the marsh; there were four eggs and they were almost exactly the same as those we had found near Penarth, being long and also only three of them with points to the centre. I also photographed this nest. (F16 4 secs) In the side of the cliff 'opposite' the island I found a Robin's nest with five eggs and on the way home we found a Missel Thrush's nest nearly finished.

Saturday, April 18th – Went out with Bert to Waterhall and waded about in the reeds; found only a Moorhens nest nearly finished.

We then went through the wood and climbed up to a number of Woodpigeon's nest but found none with eggs.

We went across tolech Wood, where we found a Missel Thrush's nest with three young.

Hanging on the Keeper's "larder" were several Magpies, Carion Crows, two Jays, number of Rats and Weasels, one stoat, bunches of Hawk's legs on wires and eleven cat's tails.

Coming back down one of the drives, we found a Goldcrest's nest almost finished in a small fir tree. On the way home past the pond I saw a pile of weed which we thought was an old nest but did not go out to it as it was rather late.

Easter Monday, April 20th – Bert & I started for Church Village at 6 am. The first find was a Robin's nest in Mrs S's Garden with hard set eggs. We went first through the top wood but found nothing. A couple of fields past the far side we found a Carion Crow's nest with four eggs. We then went down through the lower wood and as we came out we started up a flock of about twenty Jays. The next find was a Carion Crow's nest with one egg and then we towards Efail Isaf. In the fields below the station Bert found a

Lapwing's nest with four eggs. It was very easy to find, being almost touching a large stone.

On the edge of one of the small woods, we found a Carion Crow's nest with four eggs and a Magpie's with five. On the way back we found another Carion Crow's nest with four eggs in a large fir tree.