

Rough Notes. January/May 31st 1910	
Saturday 4 th January	8am. Saw 8 Wild Gees fly over the house, high up. Wind, due E. they were flying on a N.E. direction. Blackbird singing in trees in Storries garden. Received B&NG card, Sent Hunts (?) to C.S. on "photographing birds which nest on the ground" and "photographing birds on their nests".
Saturday 29 th January	Went out to Llandaff with Bert. Went to Waterhall & through the woods. Lapwing very tame. 8am. After gulls Blackheaded, a good many Jays in the woods, also saw one hawk, probably Kestrel. Photo'd Pond & Drive in xxxx . F16, ½ & 8secs.
January 10 th	Saw a lot of Rabbits & Pheasants in the W'hall Wood & a few in the top wood. Only saw Moorhens on Waterhall Pond. Met Bert & (?) Ansaldo in the evening. He promised to introduce me to MacIntyre, the gardener at Rookwood, middle of March.
Sunday February 13th	Heard Great Tit using "sawing" note this morning. In the afternoon at the lake saw numbers of coot, Tufted Duck, & Wigeon, also 3 Smew. Saw a Redshank and several Little Grebes.
Saturday February 19th	Went up to the lake, but could not see the Smew or Redshank. I tried to photo the Wigeon & Tufted Duck but they were too wild & I couldn't get near them. F.A.Witherby & Co, 326 High Holborn, London. Monthly if Net "British Birds" re things (?)
Thursday March 3rd	Saw two smew and one Shelduck up at the Lake this morning about 8 o'clock.
Saturday March 5th	Cycled out over Penylan to Llanedarne. Under the bridge over Coed-y-Gores brook in the hole where the dippers nest was the year before last, there were a few bits of moss etc so expect they are building again. I rode through Lisvane, Llanishen & Rhiwbina to Llandaff then walked through the Brickyard & over to Radyr Quarry & from there into the wood. As I was passing over the top of the high bit of rock opposite the Signal Box I saw a black rabbit running about in the bushes at the bottom. I searched the road thoroughly, and found what I think are the beginnings of a Song Thrush's & Mistle Thrush's nests. On the way back I saw a Rook hopping about in the trees, near the small rookery close to the river bridge at Llandaff, and pulling sticks off. I only saw 2 Bee Orchis plants in Radyr Quarry. Ansaldo. 83 Kings Road, Cardiff
Thursday March 10th	Went out to Llandaff in the evening to see the nests found on Saturday but I don't think the Mistle Thrush will come to anything. I found two more Song Thrush however, which seem more promising.
Saturday March 12th	Walked out over Penylan in the afternoon. What little bits of moss were in the dippers nesting-hole have gone now. Walked along the river from Coed-y-Gores brook up to Llanedarne & found two Song Thrush nests just started. I saw a pair of wild Duck and several Moorhens on the river. There is nothing under the second bridge where the dipper used to nest. I then crossed the river at Llanedarne & went over to the Llanrumney Rookery. There were no birds sitting however. I then went to look at the old hollow tree where the Brown Owls used to nest. I saw about a dozen pellets, but they were old & had been there for some time. I also picked up some pieces of an owl's egg.
Sunday March 13th	Saw a Sparrowhawk flying over the Parade, City Road end (8am).
Tuesday March 15th	Went out to Llandaff at 5.30am & with Bert went through Radyr Quarry & the wood to see the nests found there. The Song Thrush nest found on 5 th has been partly lined with mud. The Mistle Thrush nest must be an old one. The two nests (Song Thrushes) found last Tuesday have both been added to & and is nearly finished.
Saturday March 19th	Cycled out to Llandaff this afternoon & with Bert walked through the Brickyard & Radyr Quarry & into the wood. What we thought was a Song Thrush's nest near the well is now partly lined with dry grass, so I suspect it is a Blackbird's. There were no eggs in any of the other nests. We then walked over to the Maesllech (?) Wood, saw three Magpies & a stoat xxxx on trees in the drive, and then went through the Waterhall Woods. Saw several Jays & picked two fresh owl pellets. Saw one Little Grebe on the pond. Coming back over the high fields we saw a Goldcrest in the hedge and saw a Heron flying over. We went round the fields opposite the Foundry but did not find anything.
Sunday March 20th	Saw two Sparrowhawks over here (Roath) this morning.
Thursday March 24th	Went out to Rookwood with Ansaldo & Bert in the evening – had a look round. Saw a few Rooks sitting also a Thrush building and two pairs of Woodpigeons. This afternoon Bert found a Thrush's nest with four eggs and a Hedge Sparrow nest half built. I went out after tea to see them in the field behind Island Cottage.

Good Friday March 25th	Went out to Rookwood at 6 o'clock this morning & met Ansaldo & Bert there. We looked round and decided on the tree as good for photography. I climbed up, one nest had five another four, two contained 2 eggs each and there were two empty ones. The nest we thought was in a good position to photograph contained 2 eggs so I exposed two plates (flashlight F22 F. 5secs). It was very cloudy (?). While I was up the tree, Bert & Ansaldo found a Wren's nest but it was not finished. About 10am we started for St-y-Nyll. The old house has been completely pulled down. We went round the ponds. Saw about 20 Wild Ducks & heard a Moorhen or two but saw nothing of the Coots. In the small wood at the far end of the top pond we found a Carrion Crow's nest partly built. We then went back to the Rookery and got up one of the trees containing 5 nests but only one had eggs. This contained two the rest were empty. Before we went to St-y-Nyll we went through Radyr Quarry. The wood the Blackbird's nest near the well seems quite finished and we found several more Song Thrushes nests partly built.
Saturday March 26th	We went to Island Cottage to photograph the Song Thrush's on nest found on Thursday but she would not sit so we went through the Melingriffith Woods, but did not find anything. They have been cutting down a number of the trees.
Monday March 28th	Went out to Greenhill Wood at 7am to photo Rooks on the nest. I put my camera up in one tree & focused on the next tree and it was up all day until 5.30 but the birds would not come back, except two whose nests we(re) on the 'other' side of the tree & the did not xxxx in the photo. In the tree the camera was in there was a nest with 4 eggs.
Tuesday March 29th	Went out to photo the Thrush at I.Cottage but found it was pulled out. The Hedge Sparrow's nest is just finished. Bert & I then cycled to Cwrt-yr-alla. Saw several pairs of partridges. Also a pair of Wild Duck in the wood just above the two lakes.
Wednesday March 30th	Bert says that the Blackbird's nest near the well now contains 4 eggs, and one of the Song Thrush's nests in the wood contains 2 eggs, one of which is very pale & the other pure white with spots of course. We also found a Song Thrush's nest with young in the high part between the wood & Radyr Quarry.
Thursday March 31st	Went out to Llandaff in the evening & xxxx Bert to see the Blackbird's nest & the others. The Song Thrush with the pale eggs now has three & we had a look at the other Song Thrush's nest, which contains two young ones & one egg. The young ones were only hatched yesterday I should think.
Friday April 1st	Went out at 5am & put up a dummy camera at the rookery at Greenhill. The birds are now sitting & were back at the nest to xxxx a quarter of an hour.
Saturday April 2nd	Went out to Greenhill in the afternoon, getting there about 1.45pm. I put the camera up in place of the dummy & during the afternoon took 6 photos, the last about 5.30, all at F11, 100 secs (4-F) (2BSSO). The first two (F) of the tree with the large number of nests in and the remaining xxxx of the other tree, the last two (BSSO) of these were no good as there was hardly any light.
Wednesday April 6th	Went out to Llandaff at 8.30 & went with Bert through Radyr Quarry & the wood. It was very dull so we did not take any photographs. The Song Thrush's nest with the pale eggs is deserted I think as it was all wet & so were the eggs. In the far end of the wood we found a Song Thrush's nest about half built. We also heard several Chiff Chaffs. From the river bridge at Llandaff we saw several Swallows & Martins down river, but they were too far away to tell what they were exactly.
Friday April 8th	Went out at 5.30 to Llandaff & then to Greenhill Rookery with Bert, to put up the two dummy cameras & climbed up & did this (?) and the bird came back immediately. Bert told me this afternoon that the Hedge Sparrow's nest near I.Cottage now contains 1 egg and the other Song Thrush's contains two.
Saturday April 9th	Went out to Greenhill with Bert at 5.30 to put up the camera in place of the dummies. In the afternoon we went out, arriving there about 1-45pm & I took 6 photos of the birds at the nest (F.F11 – 1/50sec). Bert took two photos of the bird.
Monday April 11th	In the morning I went out to Llandaff with Bert through R.Quarry to photo the thrush's nest with the pale eggs (in the wood). I took one with the 3 pale eggs and another with an ordinary blue egg as well, to show the difference (SRO F32, 40secs). The Blackbird near the well sits very lightly. She flies off every time we xxxx.
Tuesday April 12th	Went out to Llandaff at 4.30am with Bert went to the hiding tent. The Blackbird was sitting. I got inside & focused on the nest & Bert shut me up & went away. The hen bird came back in less than five minutes & altogether I took three photos of her sitting, with the Silent Shutter, between 5.30 & &.7.30am (2F F10, 10secs, F11, 55secs) (SRO 12secs FB). I then photographed the nest (F. F32, 20secs, SRO F32, 35secs). Bert found another Song Thrush's nest with 2 eggs & one of

	the nests found previously contains one egg. The former is in a good place to photograph.
Wednesday April 13th	Wet in morning. Went out to Llandaff in the evening & with Bert went to Waterhall taking the waders. We had a good look round & then went on the island & from there saw a Little Grebe's nest, it was in almost the same place as it was last year, but a little farther out. I put on the waders & went out, there were four eggs rather stained, so I should think she had been sitting a few days. Saw several Sand Martins over the pond.
Thursday April 14th	Went out to Waterhall with Bert at 5am. From the side of the pond we could see the Grebe covering her eggs. Bert put on the waders & had a good look round all over the pond and found several Moorhens' nests partly built. I found a Chaffinch's nest just started. We saw several Swallows as well as Sand Martins this morning & also saw a pair of Wild Duck flying over. We had a look in the wood almost 10 minutes & climbed up to several Woodpigeons' nests, but they were all old ones.
Friday April 15th	Went out to Llandaff at 4.30am. Bert showed me a Song Thrush's nest containing one egg, in a bush just over their garden wall. We then cycled to St-y-Nyll arriving just before 6am. On the lower pond we saw a Coot, and when we got to the top pond we saw, from the trees, three Coots and xxxx Mallards swimming about, also several Moorhens. We then went right to the top of the pond. Bert climbed up to the Carrion Crow's nest found on March 15 th . It contained four eggs and the bird was sitting. I put on the waders & had a look round in the water. At the top end of the pond, near the trees which xxxx in the middle I found a Coot's nest with six eggs. I then went further down towards the lower end. When we were walking up on the other side I saw a bird which seem from the distance like a Grebe getting off her nest, so I went out there & found it was a Coot's nest with 6 or 7 eggs. I could not get closer to it as the water was too deep. It was within six feet of the last years nest, but further out. We then started back & saw a Mallard fly out of the reeds near the boathouse on that side. In the laurel hedge close to the old house I found a Song Thrush's quite close to the ground, just finished. On the road side near Waterhall Quarry I found a Blackbird's nest just finished, in the hedge and a little further on I found a Robn's nest with 5 eggs. Bert found a Song Thrush's nest just finished.
Saturday April 16th	Bert and I intended to try to photo the Little Grebe at Waterhall today, so I went out to Llandaff at 5.30am & we went there but it came on to rain very heavily, so we did not stay. Rained till about 10.0am & then brightened. We went out in the afternoon & put the cameras up and the hiding tent, but the birds would not go on the nest. They repeatedly came within 3 feet of the nest and went several times, both birds together, to drive away tame ducks which went near the nest. We found a Blackbird's nest containing 2 eggs, in the hedge near to where we put our cycles & Bert found a Mistle Thrush's nest in the wood just finished.
Monday April 18th	Went out at 5am and cycled up to the Reservoir field to see if I could find a Lapwing nest. In the first field I saw three birds, one was sitting & I found the nest which contained 3 eggs. In the next field there were 5 birds but only one was sitting. This nest also contained 3 eggs. The other birds were about & feeding. Went out to Waterhall in the evening to put up a dummy camera in front of the little Grebe's nest. I also intended to put up the hiding tent on the island but it was too windy & very wet so I did not.
Tuesday April 19th	I thought to go out to Waterhall this am but it was still raining, so I did not. A.L. had 2 wild Ducks 9 & 10 egg Sunday 16 th . Bunny Graham "says" he had Water Rail at Sully I, same day. We heard today that someone had taken Coot's eggs at St-y-Nyll on or about Saturday last so we went out there this evening. On the way out we found that the Robin's eggs had been taken. When we got to the ponds we found that the second Coot's nest found last Friday was alright. This was the one in deep water, but the other one was robbed. The water has risen about 6 inches & the nest was almost under. We then went round to the Carrion Crow's nest and found marks as though some one had been up and the bird was not there, so I suppose that is robbed also. We did not go up as it was so wet. It rained all the time we were out. The Song Thrush's nest in the garden next to Bert's is deserted I think. There are only two eggs now and the nest is all wet. There is a Chaffinch's nest in Arthur's garden nearly finished.
Wednesday April 20th	Wet in the morning, but a little finer in the evening, so we went out to Waterhall to see the Little Grebe's nest was alright. In one of the Moorhens' nests found on

	the 14th I could see eggs, so I waded out to it & found there was five. I then went across to the Grebe's nest & found there were only two now and several pieces of smashed egg shell on the nest & in the water. All the other Moorhen nests are under water.
Thursday April 21st	Went out to Llandaff at 3.30am & with Bert to Waterhall to photo the Little Grebe. I put up the camera in place of the dummy & put up the hiding tent on the island, and got ready about 5.30. We then went through the wood. The Mistle Thrush's nest found last Saturday contained parts of several smashed eggs, probably the work of Jays or squirrels. I went back into the tent about 7.30 & the bird came back onto the nest in about ten minutes but then off again immediately. She did this again a little later & then came on again about 8.30 when I took her standing. She then sat down on the eggs. After changing plates she did not come till about ten o'clock when I took another of her sitting facing the camera. The net time she came back was about 10.45 and I took her sitting, back towards the camera. She did not come back again till 12.20 when she came on and then across the nest and off again. I took her going across. All these at (F8, F1/100). It was too late now to wait for her again so I photographed the nest & eggs (F10, F11/2sec). The Moorhen's nest still has five eggs. Bert photographed the Blackbird's nest found on Sat.16th which now contains 4 eggs
Friday April 22nd	Went out to St-y-Nyll in the evening to put up the dummy camera at the Coot's nest. I got out to it by putting out poles & walking on them (about 8ft deep by the nest). The nest contains 7 eggs.
Saturday April 23rd	Went out to St-y-Nyll this afternoon around xxxx about 2 feet xxxx xxxx. In one of the Blackbirds' nests found on the 15th, there were four eggs and I found another with one egg. When we got to the pond it came on to rain heavily, so we did not put the camera up. I also dropped my release in the water but luckily found it. We made a shelter with the hiding tent & had dinner and then I put on the waders & had a look all round the pond with Bert. We saw a Wild Duck swimming into the reeds with 10 young ones. When we got near the young ones swam into the reeds one way & the old bird went across the pond the other way, flapping her wings as though they were broken. We then searched down the wood side of the top pond, but found nothing. We then went down to the lower pond & in the small patch of reeds in the corner I found a Moorhen's nest with nine eggs. After this we went up the other side of the top pond and just before the first fence I found a Coot's nest with one egg. I also found a dead Coot in the water. It had been there a week or more I should think. We saw & heard a Little Grebe in the reeds. At the top of the pond I found a Moorhen's nest with nine eggs and in the trees Bert found one with ten and I found another containing fifteen eggs. I then went across to where the Coot's nest was, which was robbed last Saturday and found another Coot's nest containing one egg, about 12ft from the old nest. We did not see anything of the Carrion Crows at the first nest though we found another nest just finished on the other side of the pond.
Monday April 25th	Went out to Llandaff at 5am & with Bert through Radyr Quarry to the Wood. The Blackbird's nest by the well has been pulled out. The Song Thrush nest found on the 6th now contains five eggs, and they seem to be incubated, though they were quite cold. The bird is sitting on the other Song Thrush nest found on 12th. There are three eggs. In a bush near the signal box I found a Hedge Sparrow's nest containing two eggs & we then went back to the quarry & had a look for a Pied Wagtail's nest. We saw a pair of birds there & found the nest just started. In the evening I went out to Waterhall & put up a dummy camera in front of the Grebe's nest for Bert to photograph in the morning. I saw the bird go off from the bank, but on wading out I found the nest was empty. After a minute I heard a young one cheeping & on looking round among the reeds I found four so the two of them must have hatched on Wednesday last. The Moorhen's nest contains 6 eggs now but the Blackbird's eggs are broken.
Tuesday April 26th	Went out to Waterhall at 5.0am with Bert & photographed one of the young Grebes (F11, F 1sec). We found a Song Thrush nest with 3 young nearly fledges. Went out in the evening with Bert to Radyr Quarry. The Wagtail, nest has been built up a good deal more. When we went into the wood we found that both the Song Thrushes nests, 3 & 5 eggs, were deserted, the eggs cold & wet. On the way out, on the river bank, we saw a Chaffinch's nest with 3 eggs, but they were gone when we got back. We found a nest partly built in one of the old ovens at Radyr Quarry.

8/1/10	Geoffrey Ingram, 12 Richmond Rd, C'diff Gilbert D. Sheppard. Frank xxxx
10/1/10	Keaton's Lecture. Promised half or whole day off in lieu of Pantomime.
6/1/10	Re. Greenhill Rookery. Who lives there now? Hiding Tents. C.S Vol II, p218 Iron frame 6' high bent, 6 rods 6' bent 1-7ft, 50; tubing, camera 5/6' from tent, lens 18" F16, 1/10 to 1/25 sec, camera xxxx high. Use rungs instead of tapes [drawing] Plates. Monarch & Rapid ISO Photographing Golden Plover C.S. Vol III, p105 Hiding Tent re CS Vol III, p116 [drawing] Hiding Tent. How to use and Illus. C.S. p205, Vol 8, 4' high [drawing]
Wednesday April 27th	Went out to Llandaff in the morning at 5am & with Bert to Waterhall Wood. We climbed up to several xxxx nests all xxxx but none containing eggs. We also found a Mistle Thrush's just finished.
Thursday April 28th	Went out to St-y-Nyll at 5.0am with Bert intending to put up a dummy camera at the Coot's nest we tried to photo last Saturday, but on wading out on the poles I found the eggs had gone. Crows probably. The other Coot's nest contains six eggs now, but the Moorhen's, which contained 15 eggs on Saturday, has been robbed. The Coot on the lower end of the pond was sitting. Heard the cuckoo for the first time this year this morning.
Friday April 29th	Went out to St-y-Nyll & photographed the Coot's nest at the top of the pond (F32, SRO, 6secs). The Moorhen's nest on the bottom pond contains only 8 eggs now, there were 9 last Saturday. Heard the Corn Crake this morning. Had a look in the Waterhall xxxx but there was nothing there. Found a Blackbird's nest at St-y-Nyll with 4 eggs.
Saturday April 30th	Went out to Penarth with Bert at 5.0 this morning to look for Plovers nests. We found two nests with 4 eggs each and I found a Moorhen's nest contains 2 eggs in one of the ditches. In the afternoon we went out & put up the camera to photo the birds, but they would not come back and it being very dull we gave up about 4.30. I had a look for more. We found three more nests with 4 eggs each & Bert found a Moorhen's nest with 8 eggs. I found a Blackbird's nest with 4 eggs.
Wednesday May 4th	Cycled out over Penylan in the morning at 4.45am. I had a look in the quarry on top of Penylan Hill. I saw a Moorhen leave her nest in the middle of the pond and a minute or 5.20 after I saw a young one get out and xxxx away. In the hedge xxxx Coed-y-Gores farm I found a Chaffinch's nest, just finished, & further xxxx xxxx xxxx on the other side of the farm I found a Whitethroat's nest about half built and a Wren's nest under the roots of a tree which had blown over. In the wood I picked a Robin's & a Moorhen's egg both broken. I then cycled round through Llanedarnae to the reservoir. I do not think any of Peewits have eggs. I saw no birds sitting, though they were driving off several Carrion Crows. Just before I was leaving I saw a pair of Magpies in the wood close to the reservoir keeper's house. So I went across & found the nest, quite finished, though there are no eggs. Sully I. Evening. Plover young on road side " 4 Island W.R 11 " Saw Ringed Plover H 2 " Curlew Photo F.F16, 3.5 min. 8.0 Dark
Thursday May 5th	Morning wet. Evening Sully I. Photo W.R. Small (?) (SRO) F22, 12secs, F32, 24sec Close F22, 8Sec, F32, 16sec (F) Saw O. catchers number of Shelduck K 2 still
Friday May 6th	Morning wet Evening Sully I. Saw Hedgehog, W.R. taken by rats. Saw rat. 1 whole egg xxxx catching rabbits Saw pair Ducks leave marsh. Saw O.C, Curlew.

Saturday May 7th	Sully Moors. Ried photo Plover. No good. Photo nest (F) F32, 6sec. Wild Duck 4 addled eggs. F.F32, 10secs, F16, near 5secs. Moorhen has young. Nest with 2 deserted. 1 eaten rats.
Monday May 9th	Went out to Penarth at 4.0am. Went through the Golf Wood. I found what I think is a Blackcap's nest just started, & what may be a Sparrowhawk nest also just begun. A Blue Tit's nest in a hole in a tree, the bird was sitting but we could not tell whether there were eggs or young. We then went to Rogerwood (?) Wood. Found a Hedge Sparrow's nest with 4 eggs. I photographed this (F32, S.R, 6secs) Bert says the wagtail in R.Q. has 5 eggs, there is a Great Tit's nest with 2 eggs in the old tree.
Tuesday May 10th	5.0am. Went through sand (?) bridgewood. Saw Grasshopper Warbler, xxxx Whitethroat's nest building. Reservoirs found Plover 4 eggs. Chaffinch building. Went out in the evening to RQ to see wagtail's nest. I found 2 Chaffinch's partly built, Radyr Quarry camera at Plover.
Wednesday May 11th	Went out to reservoirs at 5.0am but plover would not come on. Magpie's nest, 3 eggs, then went through Wood. Sparrowhawk perhaps building. Coed-y-Gores, Wren 2, Thrush 4, Whitethroat deserted. Went out to Llandaff in the evening intending to put up the hiding tent at the Hedge Sparrow's nest Bert found on Monday. But when we got out we found it was deserted only 2 eggs, cold. Went to Llanilterne & looked through the wood.
Thursday May 12th	Went out at 5am & photographed the Swan on the Penarth Road. Very dull, wet (F1 F11, 5secs) 2. In the evening went out to photo the thrushes' nest in the wood near Coed-y-Gores (SRO. F22 11/4 mins). Found a Blackcap building.
Friday May 13th	Went down to Sully I. at 4.30am to photo the Kestrel's nest. The bird sat till I got down. 5 eggs. Blowing gale (F.F11, 5/6secs). (E) went out to St-y-Nyll to put up dummy camera at Moorhens nest 8, 11, 6 eggs & both Coots sitting. Found another Coot's - 4 eggs. Starling 3 in xxxx tree.
Saturday May 14th	Went down to Sully at 4.30. Kestrel 5 photo (SR.SRO. F16/32, 25secs) (F.F32, 40/45secs). St-y-Nyll in afternoon. Moorhen would not come back, one had 11 has 12. Found Blackcap finished. Moorhen 1 gone. Put dummy camera up to Coot's.
Monday May 16th	St-y-Nyll 6.0am. Coots not come back. Found Moorhen & saw Reed Bunting & young ducks. Blackcap 5, Chaffinch 3, 2 ready. Wagtail 1, Thrush 4 & 3 Moorhens, Wren 6, Starling 5 & young in tree. Kestrel (?) xxxx , Blackbird 4 in wall. Saw Nightjar (F.F22, 15,20secs). Picked up broken Pheasant egg.
Tuesday May 17th	Cefn. 2 pipits, 4 xxxx . Saw sandpipers, hawks, Whitethroat Bldg [building]. Wren nearly finished. F32, 3secs.
Wednesday May 18th	I went out to the Reed Bunting nest. 4 eggs. She has been sitting about a week. Thrush young & Greenfinch 3 eggs.
Thursday May 19th	Went out at 4.30am to photo the Reed Bunting's nest then went to Reservoir. Plover 4 alright. Magpie robbed.
Saturday May 21st	Went up to Cwmtaff. Saw grey wagtails, Sandpiper. Wren has 2, Pipit 5.C xxx Brook. Left for Cefn xxxx 1.15 for the trains & drove from there took our baggage to Cardiff (Tredegar xxxx). Had a wash and brush up, Ham, egg, tea & then went up and interviewed Alec Jones the C.C.C.W.W. Keeper & the under Keeper. We went across the reservoir & through the Wood as far as A.& C. Tredegar's place & then worked upstream to the reservoir again. Found a dipper's nest half built and saw Head & Back blue, wings dark grey, breast yellowish, tail white, edges around root of tail bright yellow.
Sunday May 22nd	Went round bottom reservoir upstream to reservoir. In afternoon up Crew Brook. Saw Buzzard, Kestrel in rocks. 5 Ravens.
Monday May 23 rd	Bottom reservoir. Whitethroat 1. Grouse hatched. Pipit 4. Evening Merlin 5. Photo Merlin on nest. Pipit 4.
Tuesday May 24th	Photo Merlin nest. Found dipper's nest & young. Photo stream.
Wednesday May 25th	Dipper photo.
Thursday May 26th	Photo Keeper. Dipper photo.
Friday May 27th	Meadow Pipit at nest. Picked up Emperor (Saw Buzzard in evening).
Saturday May 28th	Photo Whitethroat & pipits. Saw Raven. Nantddu Brook. Dipper young. ----- Monday x1 2 SP x3 F x4

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Monday May 30th	Went out to St-y-Nyll in the evening with Bert. The Pied Wagtail in the old house has now 5 eggs which are of course well incubated. We then went to see the Blackcap's nest found on Whit Monday. The eggs had hatched & the young flown. (Thursday May 31st) In this little wood I found a Blackbird's nest with young just hatched and a Wren's nest with 5 eggs. In the reeds in the corner of the lower pond we found a Moorhen's nest with 14 eggs. The eggs in the Chaffinch's nest have not hatched, xxxx is also one egg which I think addled. About 12ft from the Chaffinch nest we saw a nest in a bush about 8ft from the ground. The bird which flew off looked rather like xxxx Blackcap. However, in a few minutes both birds were flying round close to us & we saw they were Garden Warblers. There were 4 eggs very like Blackcap's but with underlying marking of grey.
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Wednesday June 1st	Oystercatchers 3, Ringed Plover 4, young plover, Kestrel gone, Three Archs 5.
Thursday June 2nd	Marked eggs. Sully.
Saturday June 4th	Graden Warbler 4. A nest 1 Kestrel not hatched, Wagtail hatched. Greenfinch deserted. Blackcap young Waterhall Quarry. Hedge Sparrow 5. Young Thrushes. Blackbirds frown from nest found Whit Monday. Wren young. xxxx young.
Thursday June 9th	Cycled out at 4.0am to photo the Garden warblers nest at St-y-Nyll. We carried the step ladder from Llandaff. When we got up to the nest we found that three of the eggs were hatched, so we photographed the nest with young & the one egg. F.F32, 8secs, SRO, F32, 12secs. The young Chaffinches have now flown and the addled egg left. The Quail's nest found on Saturday now has 2 eggs.
Saturday June 11th	Cycled down to Porthcawl with A.Farnena (?) & Bert & about 8.0pm went out to Sker. The first nest was an Oystercatcher's with one egg I found, nearly opposite where the one was last year on the path, but on stones. Then we went on to the Tern Colony. Bert found the first nest, a L.Tern's with 4 eggs and then Alec found a Ringed Plover's with 3 eggs and I found another Oystercatcher nest with 3 eggs. We afterwards found seven more Terns nests, 5 with 2 eggs, 2 with 1. Put up a pile of stones at the Oystercatcher with 3.
Sunday June 12th	Cycled out to Sker about 8.30 & started to photo terns, Bert & Alec working with the release, and I put up my tent about 3ft from a nest. The bird came back immediately. I took 3 photos of the female bird and about 12 o'clock the male bird came on and I took 3 photos of him, on the nest & walking to it, very bright. F.F12/16, 1/100. Both birds, several times after then had been sitting about ten minutes would get off the eggs and walk round picking up small pebbles & shells & throw them over towards the nest. I then changed plates & put up the camera at the Oystercatcher's nest but she was disturbed by people passing and I did not get a photo till after four o'clock. I took one then and another about 5 o'clock (F11, 1/50F) but it was not so bright. Alec found another Ringed Plover's nest with two eggs. I photographed the Terns with 4 eggs F (F45, 3secs. F32, 11/2secs). 6.0pm bright.

Monday June 13th	Cycling home from Porthcawl I found a Willow Wren's nest with young about a week old, on the roadside on the top of the "crack".
Tuesday June 14th	Went to Sully I. in the evening. The Oystercatcher's nest found on the 1st is alright but only contains 2 eggs and the Ringed Plover's also has only 2 eggs but these latter may be hatched, as it is a fortnight since we found them. Saw no sign of young Lapwing & only saw the old birds from a distance. I saw a pair of Stock Doves and climbed down to the Kestrel's nest and found in it a few sticks etc which I should think were taken there by them. I was walking back to watch an Oystercatcher which I thought had a nest near the Ringed Plover's, when I saw some on the edge of one of the bushes near the little lookout shed & on going nearer a Shelduck flew out. I found the nest which contained 8 eggs & stone. I also saw several Curlews about and a flock of five Oystercatchers flying down channel. Saw one lot of young Lapwings a day or so old & several that could fly on the road home.
Wednesday June 15th	Went out to Waterhall in the evening with Bert. We saw several Moorhens' nests out in the reeds. I was sitting, but no sign of grebes.
Thursday June 16th	Went down to Sully I. at 5.0am and photo'd the Shelducks' nests F44, 12secs SR. The Oystercatcher and the Ringed Plover still have 2 eggs each. On the way back saw a Chiff Chaff carrying a feather & found the nest, partly lined.
Friday Morning June 17th	Went out at 4.30am with Bert to St-y-Nyll. The Garden Warbler's are alright, but the Woodpigeon's is robbed. We went to the top pond but only saw one Coot. The young Wagtails in the old house have flown. We then went up to the mill. As we went in the mill the Kestrel flew off bringing one of the young ones with it. It fell right down to the bottom & was of course killed. It was only hatched about a day or two. There were five or six young Jackdaws & Starlings in the bottom of the mill all dead. On the goods-line embankment I found a Willow Wren's nest with young.
Saturday June 18th	Cycled down to Porthcawl with Bert and went straight out to S. and met Alec there. Two of the Terns nests found last week have been spoilt by a cart coming over for sand. One with two eggs was smashed and the other (1 egg) the horse turned the nest over with its hoof but did not break the egg. The Terns nest nearest the oystercat did the eggs are hatched & the young gone and the Ringed Plover's 3 eggs near the Oystercatcher have also hatched & the young gone. The Tern's nest with 4 eggs, these are not hatched yet, neither are the nests with two and one eggs. Farther out, but of the two nearest in, in one the eggs are chipped & the young are cheeping inside and the other hatched this afternoon. I photo'd these (F.F16, 1/4sec) about 6.30, bright. The other Ringed Plover now has four eggs. We cycled further along the coast towards the K.S. where we found 2 Terns nests last year. Here we saw 22 Terns flying round and on looking about found 15 Terns nests, some with 3, 2 & one egg and one with 1 youngster and an egg. We also found two nests disturbed & deserted, one the eggs being dented & swelling badly and also a single egg with holes in it which looked as though a bird had been pecking it. I also found the remains of a dead tern. It had probably been there several months. We also found a Ringed Plover's nest 3 eggs and an Oystercatcher's with one egg. Coming back we started up a young lapwing that could not fly.
Sunday June 19th	Went out to S. after breakfast & put up my camera to photo the Ringed Plover. I took 2 photos of her in the morning and 3 in the afternoon, sitting and walking to the nest (F.F16, 1/50th, bright sun). She would not come back at all for an hour and a half from 12.30 to 2 o'clock. ----- Alec found 8 more terns nests in the K.colony on Monday 20th.
Wednesday June 22nd	Cycled out to St-y-Nyll at 4.30 this morning. As I was going down the hill past Waterhall Quarry, near the new little quarry, I saw a Turtle dove in the road. It flew up round to the back of the quarry. I went on to the old house & found a young Blue Tit that could not fly & then went across to the Garden Warbler's nest. The young have flown. Then went back & had a look at the young Willow Wrens found on the 17th. They all flew up when I was a couple of yards from the nest. I went on to the quarry where I saw the Turtle Dove & had a good look round but did not find the nest. I saw a family of young Blackcaps & another Whitethroats both fully fledged.
Monday June 27th	Cycled down to Sully Island at 4.30am. The Oystercatcher's eggs are hatched. I could tell by the behaviour of the old birds, though I did not actually see them. I stayed too long looking for them & got caught by the tide & had to wade back.

	There is nothing further in the Kestrel's old nest. The Shelduck nest now only contains 7 eggs. The bird was not there but the eggs were warm. On the way back I looked well for the Chiff Chaff's nest found on the 16th. Could not find it. I found a Whitethroat's nest with 5 young about a week old, and saw a Willow Wren feeding its young which were fully fledged.
Thursday June 30th	Mill morning.
Saturday July 2nd	Mill morning & afternoon.
Saturday July 9th	R.Plover 1 smashed egg 1 just hatched 1 young RP 1 addled egg ----- Tern 1 smashed Tern 2 buried, 1 smashed 1 smashed out of xxxxx T smashed
Wednesday June 29th	Cycled to Sully in the evening. The Shelduck's nest now contains only four eggs, quite cold & wet from the rain this afternoon and two are cracked so I took them. I then watched the Oystercatchers. They were down on the mud & seaweed close to the water. I noticed that one bird stays in the same place so went down there and after working round for a few minutes I found one young one. It was about the size of a Song Thrush & photographed it crouching on the seaweed (F.F16, 1sec) (8pm rather dull).
Thursday June 30th	Went out at 4.0am to Llandaff & with Bert to old mill to put up a dummy camera. The young Kestrels have grown a good deal since I was up last and have now brown feathers in their tails. The old bird (female) was very much put out & flew round all the time uttering an alarm call.
Saturday July 2nd	Went out to the mill at 4.0 to put up the camera ready in place of the dummy. Had quite a chapter of accidents. A stone fell on the camera & partly broke the release & then a lot more fell on me. We did not get up until 4 O'clock in the afternoon as it had been raining heavily till then & blowing a gale nearly so I took the camera down. The young ones have now brown feathers all down their backs.
Saturday July 9th	Went down to Porthcawl with the outing walked across to Sker about 1.30. When I got to the first Oystercatcher nest the egg was gone. I should say the young one was about very close to the nest judging by the way the birds flew around. When I got near the Tern colony there were a few birds flying overhead and all the eggs were gone except the single one in the centre. This was smashed. The Oystercatchers were also hatched & the young were down on the rocks. When I went to look at the Ringed Plover's nest I found it contained 2 eggs. One had a dent in the side & was bad, but the other was only just hatching. There was a hole in the shell & the young one was cheeping inside. This seems to have taken a very long time to hatch it being 26 days from the time the last egg was laid. I went a little distance away to watch the bird and after about 10 minutes I saw one of them with a little one following it. A little later on I tried to find this young one but could not though I found another Ringed Plover's nest with one addled egg about 8ft from the other one. I then went over to the other Tern colony here. I saw no sign of any terns at all though there were a good many Ringed Plovers about with young I should think. I had a good look round & found about 15 of the terns nests that we had marked. Of these 4 contained broken eggs and one contained two eggs, one of which was buried completely in sand & the other almost covered. I also found a smashed tern's egg in the pebbles (away from any nest at all as far as I could see) and a Ringed Plover's nest with one broken egg. This one we had not found before & it looked fairly fresh. I saw a pair of Oystercatchers flying back & fro from the Sandhills, close to where we found the nest with one egg – so I expect there is a young one near.
Monday July 11th	Sully I. Shelduck eggs 4 " " " hatched in burrow Saw Nightingale young.
Wednesday August 17th	Saw Swifts last Richmond Road.
Thursday August 25th	Willow Wrens. Last Sept 30 (F)
Thursday October 25th	M singing 7.20am ----- Swan Blackcap

	Litte Grebe Tits Garden warbler Kittiwake Raven P.Skua Little Grebe Linnet & color tinted Tits not so Starling family xxxx ducks Color Young ducks running about & color Kittiwake color Lesser B.B.color Wren Puffins color Raven color Waterfall Buzzard
Monday November 14th	Photo'd Blue tit on coconut (F8, ¼ Z) ----- Rotary, Moorfields, London ?? ----- xxxx Morris 1 group Morgans 1 “ “
	Inside the last cover is a plan/map of nests, possibly at Sker
Third Diary for 1910	
Monday December 27th	Went for an all day ride starting about 9.30. Went first to Hensol. The mill pond is now full. Saw a few Coots there as I passed. Then I cycled round to the back of the Heronry. It is only a field away from the road. While I was looking over the Park Wall I heard the birds rise from the field on the other side of the road behind me, making a noise just like grouse. I ran across the road & looked through the hedge, but only got a glimpse of them in the distance. They were reddish brown color just like grouse or partridge. I rode on to Welsh St Donats & after hunting round a bit, found the ponds. There were a large number of Duck on the large pond, 150/200, but I could not distinguish what they were, though I heard Teal & also, I think, Wigeon whistling. I walked over to the smaller pool, which is a little way from the road & saw a number of Duck there, so I stalked them through the dead bracken, & got within about 30ft of a dozen or so Teal without them seeing me. There were also a number of Mallard there. I then went back to my bike & was just starting off when I saw a Cormorant fly over, only about 30ft above me. Then I rode back through Peterson to St-y-Nyll & walked round the pond. Saw a few Moorhens on the lower pond & on the top pond several Mallard but no Coots. While walking round the top of the large pond I saw a large white bird fly, as though from the water, behind the trees. I stood still against a bush, looking for it & wondering what it was when it appeared again & I saw it was a Barn Owl. I stood still watching it through the glasses & it flew slowly towards me and without seeing me, I had a fine view. It was then about 4.15 and quite light. I then went back had a look round the old ruins at the back of the farm. Saw five Wrens flitting about under the eaves round an old Martin's nest, where they would probably roost. While hanging on to the walls, they did not carry their tails erect, as they usually do, but pressed flat & spread out against the wall similar to a Woodpecker. Saw a few xxxx in the trees round the old house & several Jackdaws on the mill. There are only one or two Rooks nests in the trees, the others have probably been blown down.
N/D	Drawing of some sort of camera fixing
May 9th	SSO SR SR NF NF

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