

HM SALMON DIARY 1913 (North British & Mercantile Insurance Company)	
Sunday 2 nd March	6.4am. HNS & HMS. Port Talbot to Porthcawl.
Saturday 8 th March	5.45am. HMS. Radyr Quarry & Wood. Found beginning of 1 Thrushes nest and another half finished & partly lined. Wren not started under old tree. Heard Goldcrest. Saw Redwing & Bullfinch.
10 th & 11 th March	Away
Wednesday 12 th March	At Cardigan. Saw 1 Sand Martin.
13 th – 14 th March	Away
Sunday 16 th March	Llandaff xxxx . Saw Mistle Thrush nest in Maplewood.
Monday 17 th March	5.45am. HMS. Coed-y-Gore Brook. Dipper nest started. Saw pair of Mistle Thrushes in tree near bridge. Went through wood by farm but no sign of nests.
Tuesday 18 th March	R [Radyr] Quarry Wood. 5.30am. Bert & HMS. Thrushes nest partly built, not lined at all. Wren nest under old tree. Saw pair of Bullfinches. Heard Greenfinch singing. Thrush's nest (found 8 th) 2 eggs. Saw 4 Black-headed Gulls on river. Went into Maplewood. Robin nest partly built in shed. Saw pair of Magpies. (Sharp frost & some ice about).
Thursday 20 th March	5.30am. Wild Park. Geoff & HMS.
Friday 21 st March	Southerndown
Monday 24 th March	Llandaff. H'd [heard] & saw Chiffchaffs.
Wednesday 26 th March	5.30am. Wild Park. Geoff & HMS. Gt.Spotted [Woodpecker]
Thursday 27 th March	Robin started building in garden. Robin nest (Berts) 3 eggs.
Monday 14 th April	Wet
Tuesday 15 th April	5.30am. Lake. Geoff, HNS & HMS. Went over all the islands & found 13 duck's nests containing from 2 to 18 eggs, about 120 in all. Goose nest 6 eggs. Blackbird nest 1. Couldn't see Magpie nest. Saw 1 male Blackcap. Went into W [Wild] Park. Saw 1 male Blackcap, 1 Willow Warbler. Heard Chiffchaffs.
Thursday 17 th April	5.30am. Geoff & HMS. Newport Rd ponds to photo Swan, but nest robbed so went down along sea wall. Found Carrion Crows nest 1 egg. Saw 3 Wheatears, 1 pair and 1 male, 2 Swallows. Saw pair Linnets building, nest only just started. Saw only 1 Lapwing Rumney side of the river. Saw a fox.
Friday 18 th April	Marshfield. 5.30am. HMS. Went down to look for Carrion Crows nests, but no luck. Saw 2 Swallows, 5 Yellow wagtails (4 males, 1 female), 3 Willow warblers, 1 Chiffchaff. 3 Wheatears, 1 pair and 1 male.
Saturday 19 th April	5.30am. Llanishen Marsh. HNS & HMS. Found 4 Lapwings nests xxxx 4 eggs and one with 1. Put up pair of Snipe. Magpies nest just started to be lined but all wet. Scarecrow in tree near it. Saw many Chiffchaffs & Willow Warblers.
Monday 21 st April	Away. Abergavenny & Hereford.
Tuesday 22 nd April	Away. Gloucester. At Cinderford saw 4 House Martins.
Wednesday 23 rd April	Away Cirencester at M 7 SWJR (?) works. Saw S. (Song) Thrushes nest & young built in a coil of wire in works. 8am small white butterfly. Duck on roof of shelter. 6.30pm Llanishen Marsh. (Geoff & HMS). Found 2 more Lapwing nests; 4 & 3 eggs. Nest that had 1 on 19 th has 4 more. Tent up xxxx at one nest. Heard 2 Cuckoos & 2 Grasshopper Warblers. Saw female Yellow Wagtail, many Willow Warblers & Chiffchaffs. Saw 4 Swifts flying very high, circling over Richmond Rd, 6.15pm. Robin deserted female killed (1/4).
Thursday 24 th April	5.0am. Llanishen Marsh (Geoff, Herbert & HMS). Geoff tried the Lapwing. Found 2 more Lapwing nests, 4 + 3 eggs. Saw pair Yellow Wagtails, several Tree Pipits, many Chiffchaffs & Willow Warblers, 2 Grasshopper Warblers. Went to Magpie's nest. Bird was on & sat close, but no eggs. Nearly finished lines now & dry. Saw $\frac{3}{4}$ Swallows.
Friday 25 th April	5.30am. HMS. Radyr Quarry & Wood. In quarry Thrush 4 in wood, Thrush 5.4, Blackbird 3. Saw Chiffchaffs & Willow Warblers, many Blackcaps, 2 males, pair Goldcrests. Blue Tit collecting material, nesting in stump in bush. Also pair Great Tits, L.T.T. [Long-tailed Tit] tail curled. Robin with young. Blue Tit bldg. [building] in lamp post. Llandaff N church (?). Saw several Tree Pipits.

Saturday 26 th April	5.0am. Wild Park (Geoff, Herbert & HMS). Female Blackcap sitting – 1 egg. H sp [Hedge Sparrow] building in heather bush. W [Wild] Duck 10 eggs, Aylesbury 7 eggs, H sp [Hedge Sparrow] bldg [building] heather bush W. side. In wood S [Song] Thrush 4 eggs. H sp [Hedge Sparrow] 4 eggs, Robin building. S side – LTT [Long-tailed Tit] about 7 eggs in Barberry Bush. Robin on stream bank. Young & 1 egg. Saw Kingfisher & Swallows - about 12 Sand Martins on lake. Robin 3 young nearly fledged.
Monday 28 th April	5.0am (Geoff & HMS). Wild Pk [Park]. Female Blackcap was sitting. Photo'd her F11, 10 secs (VL). Nest cont'd [contained] 3 eggs. Young Mistle Thrushes near bridge getting pretty big. Blackbird nest in Rhododendron bushes near gate 5 eggs. W [Wild] Duck sitting, 10. Hedge Sparrow in heather finished. H.sp [Hedge Sparrow] in wood deserted. Wren in wood lining. Took color phot LTT [Long-tailed Tit] nest F11 36secs (meter 12 secs) & H'sp [Hedge Sparrow], F11, 40secs (meter 10 secs). Found Hsp [Hedge Sparrow] 4 eggs in xxxx bushes, S. Side. In wood Blackbird 1 egg.
Tuesday 29 th April	5.0am. Wild Park. Geoff & HMS. Saw otter in trap under bridge, alter saw him out. I tried Robin from tent. 2 photos of male, F6.8, 1/10sec (VL) 6.30am. Saw Wood Warbler & 4 Swifts, 1 male Whitethroat outside Pk [Park]. I think there are 4 pairs Blackcaps. Several female Chaffinches were building materials & found one of their nests. Saw Magpies nest in Fir on islands. Bullfinch nests in lake park (2).
Wednesday 30 th April	5.30am. W.Pk [Wild Park]. G, H & HMS. Made hiding tent Found Chiffchaff nest. Duck 9 eggs only. Robins nest in stream bank empty. Saw 4 Swifts, many Sand Martins on lake & saw one enter hole in wall Shirley Rd. Saw 1 House Martin, 2 Swallows. Saw Swifts over Newport Rd 6.30pm.
Thursday 1 st May	5.30am. W.Pk [Wild Park]. G, H & HMS. Blue bldg. [building] in shelter. Fixed up my camera to photo LTT [Long-tailed Tit] but she would not come back. Found Robin nest young fully fledged, others flown. Saw Thrush & several Chaffinches building. Saw pair Marsh Tits & pair Kingfisher at hole. Blackcap nest 4 eggs. Thrush young just hatched, 4 Swifts, pair & male Whitethroats, 1 sandpiper on ponds. Young Mistle Thrushes gone (2 taken) Sandpiper.
Friday 2 nd May	5.30am. Llanishen Marsh. HMS. On Plateau saw 2 male Whinchats. Found only 3 of Lapwings nests found before & one fresh one 3 eggs (2 have been robbed). Saw 1 Sand Martin, pair Yellow Wagtails not bldg. [building] yet. 6/7 Whitethroats, 1 Sedge warbler. Heard & saw Snipe drumming. Magpie nest pulled. Photo'd 2 Lapwings nests F16, Color plates, 8 secs.
Saturday 3 rd May	5.0am. Reservoir Wood. G, H & HMS. Searched whole wood. Found Sparrowhawk nest 1 egg (very finely marked). Saw Jay but couldn't find nest. Saw Whitethroat, Swallows, House Martins & 5/6 Sand Martins. ♂ building near lake, W. Warbler
Monday 5 th May	5.0am. Rumney R. Gardens. Put up stand at Carrion Crows nest, now 4 eggs. Saw 2 pairs Yellow Wagtails, 1 female Whinchat, 1 Wheatear & Swallow & Swifts. Linnets nest not finished yet. H'd [heard] Willow Warbler, Chiffchaff, Sedge warbler (4), Whitethroat.
Tuesday 6 th May	Wet. At Tredegar. Rooks still building. Hedge Sparrow nest 1 egg. Wren building. Thrush sitting. Many sparrows building. Chaffinch building. Saw female Chaffinch taking wool from sparrow nest.
Wednesday 7 th May	W.Pk [Wild Park] 5.30am. G, S, HMS. Thrush has young. Chaffinch 1 egg in hedge. Hedge Sparrow building. Blackcap W. side building. Wren in wood 6 eggs. Photo'd colour plate F16, 100secs. Blackcap (5) sitting. Saw Goldcrest building in xxxx tree. Found W [Willow ?] Warblers nest. About 15 Swifts, 6/7 Sand Martins, 6/7 Swallows, 2 House Martins, Whitethroat.
Thursday 8 th May	5am. R'voir [Reservoir] Wood. G & HMS. Very dull. Sparrowhawk nest 4 eggs all well marked but blue ground very faded in the others. Found old Jays nest and fresh one in old S.H (Sparrowhawk) nest xxxx small Wood. Tree Pipits building. Heard Grasshopper Warblers. Saw pair Kestrels corner of Wild Pk [Park].
Friday 9 th May	5.0am. Rumney. G, H & HMS. Carrion Crow deserted. Saw 2 pair Yellow Wagtails. Wheatear. 1 male Whinchat.

Saturday 10 th May	5.0am. R'voir [Reservoir] Wood. Photo'd S.Hawks [Sparrowhawks] nest (now 5 eggs) color F16, 40 secs; F11, 30secs; AS F32, 5secs; stereo SR F32, 5 secs. Heard Sedge Warbler in Llandenis Pk [Park]. Aft [ernoon]. St-y-Nyll 1pm. L [Little] Grebe 3 eggs. Moorhen 8, 6. 6, 1, 5, 8, 2. Coots 3 & 5 + 2 young. W [Wild] Ducks 10. Woodpigeon 2. Blackcap building. On road Chaffinch 4, Wren 7. Photo'd young coot. Color F8, 1 sec; VL F11, 1/10 sec. Coots nest & young F10, ¼ sec XS. H'd [heard] Corncrake.
Sunday 11 th May	Swifts in Rxxxx
Monday 12 th May	Wet. 10am. HNS & HMS. Leckwith, Cwrt-yr-alla, Wenvoe, Barry, Sully, Sully I [Island]. Young Rook. Thrush 4, Chaffinch 1, Thrush 5, Lapwing. Sully Island. Linnet 5 & another building. W [Wild] Duck 2 & 12 eggs. Blackbird 4. Saw 3 O'catchers [Oystercatchers], 6 Ringed Plover, 12 Dunlin, 3 / 4 Shelduck. On road. Chiffchaff nest finished. Lapwing with young 7 nests 3 & 1 eggs. Sedge Warbler. 4 Nightingale. Wenvoe (1), Swanbridge (2), Cogan Hall (3).
Tuesday 13 th May	5.0am. R'voir [Reservoir] Wood. Photo'd S.Hawks [Sparrowhawks] tree (15secs, XS, F32). V [Very] dull. Put up 4 sides of hiding tent. Female came back to nest tree. H'd [Heard] male. 5 eggs.
Wednesday 14 th May	6.0am. W.Pk [Wild Park]. HMS. Found Wren building. W [Willow?] Warbler 2, Moorhen 6, Lesser Whitethroat (pair) bldg. [building]. Robin young 1 fledged. L.T.T. [Long-tailed Tit] deserted. Hedge Sparrow young. Blackbird young. Wren 7. Thrush flown. Blackcap young. Chaffinch building. Nest 1 egg deserted. H'd [Heard] Corncrake.
Thursday 15 th Msy	* Geoff found Stonechats yesterday (14 th). 5.0am. R'voirs [Reservoirs]. G & HMS. Went up to try Stonechats & put up my camera & got 10 with elec release. XS F6.8, 1/50 sec. H'd [Heard] Corncrake. Saw S.Hawke [Sparrowhawk]. Linnet nest 5 eggs.
Friday 16 th May	5.0am. G & M. Put in the floor and front of tent. Sparrowhawk came back when I was tying the floor. Aft [ernoon] St-y-nyll (1.0pm). In tent at Grebes. Got 1 color F6.8, 20secs. Waited till 4.30 but only one. Color photo Coot & Moorhens nests F11, 10secs & view F8, ½ sec. found 2 Moorhens 3, 3. Chiffchaff 3. Blackcap young. Coot xxxx.
Sunday 18 th May	Porthcawl
Monday 19 th May	5.0am. G & HMS. Stonechats. Got it & photo'd bush. Saw S.K. [Skylark?]. 6.30pm. Photo'd young Stonechats in nest & bush, F16, 2secs XS AS. Photo orchis F11, 3secs; F8, 1sec, AS. Saw S.H. [Sparrowhawk?].
Tuesday 20 th May	5.0am. Sparrowhawk robbed. W.Pk [Wild Park] Moorhen. Hedge Sparrow gone. Lesser Whitethroat 5 eggs. Greenfinch 2 eggs.
Wednesday 21 st May	5.0am. Cleared canvas from Sparrowhawk tent. Out n the open part I found Whitethroats nest 5 eggs. Grasshopper Warbler 6 eggs. Geoff found Tree Pipits 5 eggs. No sign of Nightjars. Reservoir side. Geoff found Grasshopper Warbler ready.
Thursday 22 nd May	5.0am. went up & photo'd Whitethroats, AS F45, 10secs; F22, 80secs. Grasshopper AS F45, 10secs; F32, 4 mins. Tree Pipit; AS F45, 8secs; F22, 40secs; F22, 2secs. Saw the pair of hawks flying around mobbed by Mistle Thrush. Saw 1 Jay. 7.0pm. Went up & put egg in S.Hawks nest. No sign of Nightjars at all. Saw one Hawke on stump in newly cut path in wood.
Friday 23 rd May	5.0am. wet. Reservoir field. 2 young Stonechats in nest but gone by time I got camera. Linnets just hatched. Found another Linnets nest 5 eggs fresh. Photo at AS F22, 3secs.
Saturday 24 th May	5.0am. Wild Park. G & ???. Photo'd Lesser Whitethroats nest 5 eggs (F32, 15secs), (F45, 30secs) AS. Color F16, 4 mins. Greenfinch 2. W. [Willow?] Warbler 6. Wren 1 (found 14 th).
Sunday 25 th May	Stand (?) for Aft [ernoon].
Monday 26 th May	Away. Geoff found (?) Nightjar.
Tuesday 27 th May	Away. Yeovil. G.Warbler 4.
Wednesday 28 th May	Away.

Thursday 29 th May	5.30am. Reservoir Wood. Geoff had found Jay's nest, so went up with him this morning & he photo'd the nest & young. One much smaller than the rest & no feathers showing. Whitethroat hatched.
Friday 30 th May	5.30am. W.[Wild] Park. Tried Lesser Whitethroat but no luck. Eggs still. Greenfinch robbed.
Saturday 31 st May	Moorhen young. Towyn.
Sunday 1 st June	E[arly] morning Greenfinch. Morning Terns, Sandpiper. Took view in aft[ernoon]. Evening boat xxxx .
Monday 2 nd June	E[arly].morning. Islands. Morning. Watched Redshank. Found Redshank xxxx Aft[ernoon]. Saw young Redshank. Evening. Island.
Tuesday 3 rd June	E[arly].morning & morning – shore. Aft[ernoon]. Skylark. Even[ing]. Round xxxx
Wednesday 4 th June	Reed Bunting morning. Pool aft[ernoon]. Found sandpiper nest.
Thursday 5 th June.	E[arly] morning. Wet. Morning. Stayed in. Aft[ernoon]. Shore. Photo'd sandpiper & Redshank. Put up tent at Sandpipers
Friday 6 th June	E[arly] morning. Wet. Morning & aft[ernoon]. Bird Rock. Evening. Pool
Saturday 7 th June	Morning – sheep. Foxglove.
Monday 9 th June	Jays, Pheasants. 70secs, F6.8. Captured xxxx out of tree. Whitethroats gone.
Tuesday 10 th June	Lesser Whitethroat. 12 snaps 1/10, F6.8. Head movement of young.
Wednesday 11 th June	Wet.
Thursday 12 th June	Not out.
Friday 13 th June	Nightjar 2 eggs. Tree Pipit. Grasshopper flown – color photo. Park. Lesser Whitethroat gone. Photo'd them.
Saturday 14 th June	Park. Lesser Whitethroat flown. Nightjar.
Sunday 15 th June	P'cawl [Porthcawl] with Bert. 19 birds.
Monday 16 th June	R'voir [Reservoir] Wood. N'jar [Nightjar] in tree.
Tuesday 17 th June	Not out
Wednesday 18 th June	Not out
Thursday 19 th June	Put up tent. Saw Garden Warbler
Friday 20 th June	Not out
Saturday 21 st June	R'voir [Reservoir] Wood. 1 st egg hatched. Young dead. Moved tent nearer.
Monday 23 rd June	R'voir [Reservoir] Wood. xxxx egg hatched. Heard Cuckoo. One from tent.
Tuesday 24 th June	R'voir [Reservoir] Wood. Nothing from tent. One on stump.
Wednesday 25 th June	R'voir [Reservoir] Several from tent.
Thursday 26 th June	R'voir [Reservoir] Wood. Nothing from tent. Foxglove color. Color photo stump.
Friday 27 th June	RW [Reservoir Wood]. 1 in tree.
Saturday 28 th June	RW [Reservoir Wood]. Meadow Brown
Monday 30 th June	RW [Reservoir Wood].N'jar [Nightjar] in tree.
Tuesday 1 st July	Yellow Wagtail. Saw Snipe.
Wednesday 2 nd July	Yellow wagtail with HNS.
Thursday 3 rd July	Wagtail with Geoff.
Saturday 5 th July	Birmingham
Monday 7 th July	Dull
Tuesday 8 th July	Shifted tent. Saw young Cuckoo.
Wednesday 9 th & Thursday 10 th July	Dull
Friday 11 th July	Dull. Put up tent in evening.
Saturday 12 th July	Yellow Wagtail hatched about xxxx . 10 photos AS 1/10, F6.8
Monday 14 th – Thursday 17 th July	Away.

Friday 18 th July	Wet
Saturday 19 th July	Not out. Yellow Wags[Wagtails]. Possible Heron (?). Geoff heard (?) Wren.
Sunday 20 th July	Porthcawl & Sker. Female Merlin Sker.
Monday 21 st July	Wren
Tuesday 22 nd July	Wet
Friday 25 th July	Pheasant. WP [Wild Park ?]
Sunday 27 th July	Porthcawl. RP 4 {Ringed Plover}
Tuesday 29 th July	H'd [Heard] Willow Warbler.
Saturday 2 nd – Saturday 9 th August	Camp
Tuesday 19 th August	Owls
Saturday 30 th August	Mouth of Rhymney. Gulls, Curlew, Sandpiper, Redshank, Shelduck, Ringed Plovers, female larger than Redshank. Clouded Yellow.
Sunday 31 st August	P'cawl [Porthcawl]
Sat 6 th September	Chiffchaff
Mon 8 th September	Nightjar
Tues 9 th September	Spotted Flycatcher. 7 Dabchicks on lake. Herons flying over at night.
Wed 10 th September	Chiffchaff
Friday 19 th September	Photod Rheas.
Mon 22 nd – Friday 26 th September	[Illegible]
Friday 3 rd October	Chiffchaff. 8am. Cole [Coal] Tit
Monday 13 th October	32' 2" x 7
Thurs 16 th -Saturday 18 th October	[Table of added up figures and costs of something]
Tuesday 28 th October	Annual Meeting Photographic Section
Sunday 9 th November	Starling, part yellow bill. Pied Starling.
Monday 10 th November	Radstock. Skylark singing.
Tuesday 11 th November	Sherborne. Thrush & Blackbird singing.
Sat 22 nd November	Thrush singing. NR [Near?] Llanishen.
Mon 24 th November	11 Eaton Place
Thurs 27 th – Friday 28 th November	List of name/ places [?] Lomas ✓ Whitney ✓ W Sharp Roost [?] ✓ Spxxxps ✓ Rxxxx ✓✓
Monday 8 th December	Nov 16 1912 240 Sept 27 1913 285 Nov 8 1913 291
Saturday 13 th December	List of something. Possibly train times.
Friday 26 th December	Mouth Rhymney. Snipe over Newport Rd. Redshank, few small waders. Langeflechfalls (?) sewer few duck in dark. Pigeon eaten by hawk.
Saturday 27 th December	Hawke over Bute Rd.
	Rest of diary consist of notes about items, costs etc, but not clear. Inside back page: 23 Clarendon Road, Lewisham, SE.
HMS Notes 1913 (separate note book)	
Monday 17 th February	At Aberavon (?). Heard Chaffinch singing.
Wed 26 th February	At Bridgewater. Saw a Black-headed Gull with complete hood & Mistle Thrush eating holly berries.
Sunday 2 nd March	HNS & I went down to Port Talbot 6.4am train. On the xxxx before coming to the colliery we saw several Curlew, numbers of Redshank & a few Ringed Plovers & Lapwing. Around the ponds we saw large flock of Wigeon, about 100 or more, & many Teal, Pochard & Mallard, also Coot & Shelduck. Some Black-headed Gulls &

	numbers of Snipe. 1 Cormorant (white patch on side at top of leg). On the sand hills between Colliery & sea found a dead GBB [Great Black-backed] Gull (mature). Had been there some time.
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