

HMS DIARY 1920

Monday 5 th January	Richards Dance
Thursday 8 th January	Biological Meeting
Friday 9 th January	Matron xxxx 7.30 25 Glynrhondda Street. 6.45
Tuesday 13 th January	Photographic Meeting
Thursday 15 th January	CNS Meeting
Wednesday 21 st January	Investiture. Nicholl's 7.0pm.
Thursday 22 nd January	Biological meeting . HMS
Tuesday 27 th January	Photographic Meeting
Thursday 29 th January	CNS Lecture. Cory Hall. 7.0pm as steward.
Sunday 1 st February	Badges – examination (?) Miss xxxx Badge Whist Drive xxxx
Tuesday 3 rd February	Forcdike (?) Dance
Thursday 5 th February	Biological Meeting
Friday 6 th February	Sall (?) Lewis Dance
Monday 9 th February	1 ¼ Greace ¼ G Tap xx ½ Greace
Tuesday 10 th February	Photographic Meeting
Wednesday 11 th February	Dance Whitchurch
Thursday 12 th February	CNS Lecture xxx lands
Sunday 15 th February	Troop accom/J Xx Harvey
Thursday 19 th February	Biological Meeting
Friday 20 th February	11.0 Martin Richards
Tuesday 24 th February	Photographic Meeting. xxxx
Thursday 26 th February	CNS Lecture
Thursday 4 th March	Biological Meeting
Saturday 6 th March	Robin commenced building in nest box.
Sunday 7 th March	Wild Park. Duck 2 eggs.
Wednesday 10 th March	Photographic Exhibition
Thursday 11 th March	CNS Lecture
Friday 12 th March	Gorwydd Lodge, Gowerton
Sunday 14 th March	Wild Park. Duck 9 eggs. No sign any nests except a ?Thrush in spruce at N end, partly built. Tufted Duck, Coot & Pochard on lake.
Thursday 18 th March	Biological Meeting
Sunday 21 st March	Wild Park. Mistle Thrush 2 eggs. Song Thrush nest built, no mud yet. ?Blackbird nest built, no mud yet. Duck 13 eggs. Several Tufted Ducks on lake.
Memo	Robin 1 egg in nest box.
Monday 22 nd March	Robin 2 eggs
Tuesday 23 rd March	Photographic Meeting. Robin 3 eggs, sitting 2.0pm. HNS heard Chiffchaff.
Wednesday 24 th March	Robin 4 eggs, not sitting.
Thursday 25 th March	CNS Lecture. Robin 4 eggs not sitting 8.30am. Sitting 2,0pm.
Sunday 28 th March	Wild Park. Mistle Thrush in for tree, E side 3 eggs. Blackbird I Rhododendron 1 egg (beg 21st). Song Thrush 2 eggs. Sparrowhawk (beg 14th). Other Song

	Thrush (25th) deserted and another partly built near it SW gate. Blackbird nearly finished – Yew bushes. No sign												
Wednesday 31 st March	GCSI heard Chiffchaff & Blackcap W [Wild] Park. Saw Queen Wasp– West Grove												
Friday 2 nd April	Treherbert – Ravens nest & eggs, sitting. Saw Wheatears & Meadow Pipits. Female Ring Ouzel. Merlins. Skylarks.												
Sunday 4 th April	Heard Chiffchaffs in Wild Pk [Park]. Llanishen Marsh – 5 Lapwings nests 4 eggs, one 2 eggs. Many Chiffchaffs. No Yellow Wagtails.												
Monday 5 th April	Bert to Waterhall & Rhyd Laver [Rhydlafa]. No Lapwing nests - only few xxxx 3/4 Snipe.												
Tuesday 6 th April	Wild Park. Heard Willow Warbler on Islands. Blackcap singing in W.Pk [Wild Park] Geoff found Robin building. Another Wrens nest partly built in wood.												
Saturday 10 th April	<table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">O</td> <td style="text-align: center;">O</td> <td style="text-align: center;">O</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">O</td> <td style="text-align: center;">O</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	1	2	3	O	O	O	4	5		O	O	
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Sunday 11 th April	<p>4. Thrush 2 eggs. Mistle thrush 4. Wren seven.</p> <p>5. Woodpigeon 2. Duck 11, 6, 4, 7, 10. Wren. Goose 7. Swan 1.</p> <p>3. Duck 7. Wren.</p> <p>2. Duck 6. Wren building</p> <p>1. Duck 11. 1 Wren. Thrush 4.</p> <p>Swallow & Sand Martins.</p>												
Monday 12 th April	xxxxx Merlins												
Thursday 15 th April	Biological Meeting												
Saturday 17 th April	H. Evans. Nurseries (?)												
Wednesday 21 st April	Wild Park xxxx												
Friday 23 rd April	On header above this date is written Wild Park												
Saturday 24 th April	W.Park												
Sunday 25 th April	N.Jar Wood [Nightjar] with Herbert Short (?)												
Wednesday 28 th April	H. Evans. Yellow Wagtail. Sedge Warbler.												
Friday 30 th April	Wild Park. Sandpiper on lake. Swift On header at top of page is written H.Evans. Nightingale.												
Friday 7 th May	Wild Park. Spotted Flycatcher. Nightingale Wood Lesser Whitethroat.												
Sunday 9 th May	Kenfig. Merlin 3. Duck 8. Corncrake. 2 pairs BH Gulls [Black-headed]. 7/8 pairs Redshank. 1 Teal. Meadow Pipit 5 & 4 eggs. Magpie 2 young. Magenta pink xxxx thrush eggs. Saw Buzzard & Ravens, former mobbed by gull. Pair xxxx.												
Wednesday 12 th May	H. Evans xxxx												
Friday 14 th May	W. [Wild] Park. Lesser Redpolls. Blackcap xxxx 2 eggs												
Saturday 15 th May	To Arranging (?) rooms. Kenfig												
Tuesday 18 th May	Grasshopper 6. Whitethroat 5 & 4. Two pairs Whinchats. Turtle Dove												
Friday 21 st May	Redpoll robbed. Wren. Flycatcher												
Saturday 22 nd May	Porthcawl. Merlin 4												
Sunday 23 rd May	<p>Pipits nest found (5) 9 deserted.</p> <p>BH Gulls [Black-headed] 3 & 2. 5 other nests, 23 pairs.</p> <p>Kenfig (Wren) 3, 3, 3. 3 pairs. Saw Peregrine xxxx.</p> <p>Ringed Plover 4 (in grass). 3 – 4 Oystercatchers ? robbed</p>												

Monday 24 th May	Heard Raven. Photo Merlin. Gulls robbed. RP [Ringed Plover] yesterday now 4. Photo gulls, Kenfig. Snipe drumming. Young Redshank feathers. Meadow Pipit young. Lapwing 4 eggs.
Tuesday 25 th May	Tent at pool {BH Gulls, Redshank, Oystercatcher}. Redshank 4 eggs. Hatched eggshell & broken with young inside.
Friday 28 th May	Wild Park. Treecreeper 2 eggs. Flycatcher 2. Wrens fledged in Yucca. Willow Warbler young, newly hatched. Blackcap ditto. Young Herons. Great Tit young. On header above entry: Bullfinch still sitting. Black Van xxxx
Sunday 30 th May	Kenfig. Photo Redshank.
Wednesday 2 nd June	Clevedon evening. W. [Wild] Park morning. Photo flycatcher F22, 6 secs. Bullfinch robbed.
Friday 4 th June	Coggy (?) 186 Bute Road
Saturday 5 th June	Evening. Shrikes nest 5 eggs
Sunday 6 th June	Photo 1 Shrikes nest. Whitethroat 4 young. Photo Whitethroats.
Tuesday 8 th June	George Wedding
Thursday 10 th June	Thrush on shrike post (?)
Saturday 12 th June	Kenfig. Redshank hatched 1 young dead. Merlin stale (?) eggs, 1 broken. BH [Black-headed] Gull Kenfig 3. PB 2 y [young] 1 e [egg], 3,3,3,4 eggs. Duck sitting. 1 Dunlin.
Sunday 13 th June	Merlin egg moved. RP [Ringed Plover] 3, 1, 4, 4. OC [Oystercatcher] young about. Large waders. Godwit.
Monday 14 th June	Cuckoo passing over R [Richmond?] Road
Saturday 19 th June	Porthcawl. HNS
Sunday 20 th June	Porthcawl. Merlin
Monday 21 st June	Pridgeon Teale. Leeds
Tuesday 22 nd June	Brean Down. Bee orchis
Wednesday 23 rd June	Shrike photo.
Tuesday 29 th June	Young shrikes fledged
Wednesday 30 th June	Geoff Shrike photo. Young flew
Saturday 3 rd July	Porthcawl
Sunday 4 th July	Porthcawl. Merlin, Nightjars
Thursday 8 th July	W. Park. Wrens nest under Flycatchers 6 eggs. Kingfisher in nest hole. Male Blackcap feeding full fledged young. Blackcap & Chiffchaff singing. Merlins flown HNS
Sunday 11 th July	9am. Woods Covert. Saw no Nightjars. Young Jays flying. Young Whitethroats & Garden Warblers. Grasshopper Warbler singing. Turtle Dove nest 2 eggs bird on xxxx moment. Small Pearl Bordered. Pepper Moth.
Tuesday 13 th July	Turtle Dove photo
Friday 16 th July	Merlin 1917 3 eggs, 1 young. HNS
Sunday 18 th July	Wild Park. Blackcap singing
Saturday 24 th July	Young Swift
Sunday 25 th July	St-y-Nyll. Coot 2 pairs - 4 large young brood small, 5 young about 10 days. Grebe & young. 1 Sandpiper. Kestrels at mill probably flown.
Sunday 1 st August	W. Park. Flock Lesser Redpolls feeding on Birches. Young Blackcap about 14 days old being fed. Wren. Flycatcher still eggs. Redstart
Monday 2 nd August	Chiffchaff, Richmond Road. Most of Swifts gone.
Tuesday 3 rd August	Few Swifts screaming round 8 pm

Wednesday 5 th August	Willow Warbler singing R [Richmond] Road
Tuesday 10 th August	Many Swifts 8.30pm
Thursday 12 th August	Last Swift seen
Saturday 14 th August	Flock (small) Swallow passing going SW. 2 xxxx Whitethroat in garden.
Sunday 15 th August	Swallows passing over
Thursday 19 th August	Willow Warbler, Whitethroat, Spotted Flycatcher in garden
Sunday 29 th August	Welsh St Donats. Flock 15 duck. Swan 3 young. 1 pair Coot. 1 L [Little] Grebe. Old Duck with young? Top pond dry. Heard young Coot? calling.
Tuesday 31 st August	Flycatcher R [Richmond] Road. Willow Warbler.
Sunday 5 th September	Landrail [Corncrake] Cog
Monday 6 th September	Mr Richard 2pm
Friday 10 th September	Heard Chiffchaff R [Richmond] Road 8.30am
Saturday 11 th September	Llanishen
Sunday 19th September	Turtle Dove. Swallows, Martins. Cog D.P. xxxx
Tuesday 21 st September	Chiffchaff, R [Richmond] Road
Thursday 23 rd September	Chiffchaff
Saturday 25 th September	Cog. Kestrels. Grasshopper Warblers in clover. Flocks Meadow Pipits in xxxx. Swallows, Martins
Sunday 26 th September	St Brides (Newport). On mud BH [Black-headed] Gulls. Immature Herring & LBB [Lesser Black-backed]. Few Common ditto [gulls]. 1 GBB [Great Black-backed]. Many Shelduck & Mallard. Few small duck. Large flock Lapwing. Redshank. Flock Pied Wagtails & Meadow Pipits. Flock Swallows chiefly young birds.
Monday 27 th September	Chiffchaff R [Richmond] Road
Friday 1 st October	Birmingham
Friday 8 th October	Mr Richards 2pm
Saturday 9 th October	Landrail [Corncrake] at Cog
Sunday 17 th October	There are songs enough for the lovers Who chase love's tender pair I sing for those whose passion Is given all in vain For the hearts that break in silence With a sorrow all unknown For those who need compassion Yet walk their ways alone The Disappointed. Ella Wheeler Welcome V.V. IX
Sunday 7 th November	Lake 7.15. Damp & foggy, no wind. 8 Tufted Duck, 2 males, 6 females on W side & 2 Coots. 8.15am about 30 Tufted Duck. Saw one L [Little] Grebe. Thrushes singing.
Thursday 11 th November	3213 Roath. Swan on Newport Road Pond
Sunday 14 th November	Lake 7.30am. Wind strong SW cold. About 30 (12 male) Tufted Duck & 6 Coot on lake. Saw Rabbit in shrubs E side. Wren islands. Went round Wild Park. Grey Wagtails on stream. Saw few Tits, Blue & Great & 1 Goldcrest. Some of the Tufted Duck apparently in immature plumage
Sunday 21 st November	Lake 7.30am. Wind E cold. 1 L [Little] Grebe showing (?) light colors. Some BH [Black-headed] Gulls on lake flocks passing over. Flock Tufted Duck on E Side, two females on W Side, also 5 near islands, some xxxx on islands. Large flock 100/120 Lesser Redpolls in Alders both sides of islands. Saw old L [Lesser]

	Redpoll nest in top of alder NE corner of lake & cut it down. Nest built of grasses on foundation of alder twigs & cones. Mixed few hairs, feathers & (?). 4 Coot among islands. Great Spotted Woodpecker among willows E side. Saw 3 Pochard, 1 male, 2 females which flew round & settled on lake. Also one or two Wild Mallard arrived. I saw xxxx xxxx . Flock of Jackdaws in the Wild Park
Tuesday 23 rd November	Photographic Section
Thursday 25 th November	Biological Meeting
Friday 26 th November	Theatre
Sunday 28 th November	Lake 7.30. Mild. About 60 Tufted Duck scattered and 2 male Pochard. Small flock Linnets & Redpolls in alders NW and a few ? Siskins in alders NE side. 6 Coot. Saw 2 grebes both light colored.
Sunday 5 th December	Lake on islands
Wednesday 8 th December	Evans
Thursday 9 th December	Biol
Friday 10 th December	Theatre
Sunday 12 th December	Lake on islands. Scaup.
Tuesday 14 th December	Photographic
Wednesday 15 th December	Da xxx Penarth
Thursday 16 th December	Conversationsione. Mierodon (?)
Friday 17 th December	16 Welch Division (?)
Sunday 19 th December	Ice on lake. Tufted many. Pochard 9. Smew 1 female. ? Scaup 3. Many Coots.
Sunday 26 th December	Lake. Few Tufted Duck & many Coot in middle
	From 22nd – 26th many odd notes of materials written upside down across all pages followed by travel accounts for HMS & HTS in accounts section. In a little flap at the back f the diary are a number of very small photographic prints, many of which are indiscernible.

Written on brown envelop inserted in diary:

MAY

Th. 18 Probable date of 1st egg

Sat 20 2 eggs (CMA)

Sun 21 2 eggs (HMS)

M. 22 Probable date of 3rd egg

Sat 27 4 eggs (HMS)

JUNE

Sun 4

Sun 11

Sat 17 4 eggs (HMS)

Sun 18

Fri 23 30th day's from date of last egg

Sun 25

Th. 29 3 young ringed (CMA)

JULY

Sat 1 Put up hide

Sun 2 First photographs from hide. 9 days from 30th day after last egg

Sun 9 Second day photographing. 10 days from 30th day after last egg

Sat 15 Visited nest (no photographs). One young away

Sun 16 Third day photography

Sat 22 All young flying. 29 days from last egg