

## HMS Diary 1921

Memorandum	<b>Two drawings of grebes</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	(Cpl) T. Richards, 6 Palace Ave, Llandaff
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Lake 7-9am. About 40o Tufted Duck, chiefly males. 1 Smew probably immature Male. A few Coot only. Many duck left before dawn. Lake nearly empty.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Paper B&G Soc
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am Martin Richards
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Drawing of diver (?)</b>
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan – Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<b>Pencil drawings of wings and bird head &amp; neck (Smew?)</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	5pm
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Lake 7.30. Smew still there. No Tufted Duck at all. Few Coot. Flocks of Redwings in Wild Park 40/50.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	5pm
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	With HNS afternoon. Flocks 30/40 Coot on Reservoir and one male Pochard. Missel Thrush singing.
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Lake 7.30am. Smew still there. Few Coot, no other ducks. Went round top end.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Lecture CNS
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Lake 7.30am. Smew still there. About 6/7 Coot. Went round Wild Park. Geoff photod last year's Garden Warblers nest. Found last year's Blackcap nest 1 egg.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Drawing of tern</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Drawing of tern</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	B&G. <b>Drawing of duck</b>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Scribbles</b>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Morfa. 13 Teal, 2 female Pochard, 2 geese, 4 male, 3 female Tufted, 2 buzzards, mallard, coot. Kenfig: 8 swans, Whooper; Pintail 2 males, 1 female; Goldeneye 1 male; Shoveler 5 males, 2 females; Teal, Wigeon, Tufted, Pochard (few), Mallard 6 pairs, Coot, Golden Plover. Few Redshanks in flocks.
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30am Park with Geoff. Smew on lake, few Coot. Wild Park: Mistle Thrush, Song Thrush and Blackbird building. Kingfishers excavating old hole and new one. Magpie rebuilding old nest in wood. Walked round through Llandaff. Radyr Quarry found 4 Song Thrush nests nearly completed. Wrens nest practically finished.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Radyr Quarry & Wood 6am. Song Thrush 4 & 2 eggs. Heard one Chiffchaff. 6pm Wild Park to put up tent for K'fisher [ <b>Kingfisher</b> ]. Saw Smew on lake, between islands, flew up, circled, returned to party of mallard.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Wild Park 6am. One photo Kingfishers. They have moved further up stream excavating there. No nests with eggs. No sign of Chiffchaff. Teo Song Thrushes building in bamboos, N end.
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Wild Park 6.30am. Kingfishers apparently nesting at both places. Fixed stick nearby (?). Song Thrush's nest moved by Keeper, yesterday 2 eggs. Built on pile of pea sticks.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	To Shiplake by SN (?). HS – 6.45pm <b>[Shiplake is a military college near Henley-on-Thames]</b>

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Shiplake. Heard Chiffchaff around woods. Saw Large & Small Tortoiseshell on River in aftn [afternoon]
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Song Thrush nest 4 eggs. Shiplake. Reading in morning. Henley etc in aft [afternoon] xxxx
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Shiplake. Aft [afternoon] round Henley, Sonning etc. Evening whist drive in
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Shiplake to Windsor & Eton. Home for SN 4.45-10.45pm.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	6.30am Wild Park. Found other Mistle Thrush nest, bird sitting. Hedge Sparrows nest nearly finished in bamboos. Song Thrush in Yew 5 eggs. Moorhen building on Fishponds. Chaffinch building. Woodpigeon bldg. [building]. Blackbird 4 eggs (see Mar 13)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	7pm. Put up tent for Kingfishers.
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	In tents for Kingfishers. I was near bridge. Scott in other. Treecreepers building in last years nesting place, tree by bridge. Female Kingfisher came and settled in Hazel. Male came up from lake & gave her fish. Female went into burrow & stayed 15 mins & then flew up stream. I changed with Geoff & took 4 with his camera and one with Telexxxx ½ sec, F5.4. Heard Chiffchaffs. Nothing else.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	WPK [Wild Park]. 6.30. Sawed off branch at Missel Thrush nest. Young half fledged.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	W [Wild] Park 6.30. Put up dummy camera for Missel Thrush.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	W [Wild] Park. Photographing Missel Thrush.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	W [Wild] Park. Blackbird in wood 4 eggs. Blackbird in fir tree 4 eggs. Stone in Chaffinch nest. Great Tits building. Heard Willow Warbler. Swallows at Dinas Powis.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Wild Park. Greenfinch building also Hedge Sparrow. Many Willow Warblers. Robin in stream bank 5 eggs. Saw flock 50/60 Sand Martins high over lake. About 12 Swallows ditto. 7.45pm. Two House Martins & several Swallows & S [Sand] Martins.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	To Shiplake. Heard Cuckoo.
	Shiplake
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Left Shiplake 9.30 Robin nest in garden Radyr (?). Blue Tit building.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Wild Park 6.30. Hedge Sparrow 1 egg. Greenfinch lining with feathers -See 15 <sup>th</sup> (for both entries). Treecreeper 4 eggs. Heard & saw 2 Tree pipits. Chaffinch (building nest) – See Apr 1.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Started Magpie hide
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Cuckoo – H Evans, Llanishen
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Wet
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	W [Wild] Park. Worked on Magpie hide. Greenfinch 4 eggs, Chaffinch 4 eggs, Duck 6. Song Thrush in wood 3 eggs. Blackbird hatched. Heard Cuckoo. Blackcap singing. Saw C [Common] Sandpiper on lake.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Wild Park. Worked on Magpie hide. Grasshopper Warbler singing. Missel Thrush singing.
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Worked on Magpie hide. Greenfinch 5 sitting. Hedge Sparrow 3 sitting. Song Thrush in wood 3 sitting. Saw several Swallows & 1 Swift.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	W.Pk [Wild Park]. 6am. Hedge Sparrow near shelter 3 eggs. Treecreeper 5 eggs deserted. Many Swifts, few Sand Martins & Swallows. 2 House Martins in Shirley Rd.

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Wild Park 6.30. Whitethroat several. Geoff in tent for K'fishers [ <b>Kingfishers</b> ]. No luck. Remains of 3 gudgeon in tent. Chiffchaff building. Chaffinch robbed. L.T.T. [ <b>Long-tailed Tit</b> ]. Nightingale H.Evans.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Corncrake (H Evans)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	RB Shrike [ <b>Red-backed Shrike</b> ] H Evans.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	W Pk [ <b>Wild Park</b> ]. Spotted Flycatcher. Moorhen 3 eggs. Worked on Magpie hide.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Wet. Evening to H Evans, Llanishen. Linnets 3, 4 & 4 eggs, 2 young nearly fledged. S [ <b>Song</b> ] Thrush 4, 4, 5 eggs. Greenfinch 4 eggs. Hawfinch (?) sitting eggs.
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30am Reservoir Fields & Woods Covert. Saw Ivory Gull with flock immature Black Headed, Common etc. Snipe drumming. Pair Sedge Warbler. Tree Pipit prospecting. Turtle Dove, Nightingale, Garden Warbler. Chaffinch sitting.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSI. Greenfinch hatched. Hedge Sparrow, 1 young, 2 eggs. Chiffchaff 3 eggs. Wren in bamboos 2 eggs. Great Tits ?hatched.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Wild Park 6am. Worked on Magpie hide. Treecreeper robbed. Chiffchaff 4.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Wild Park. Marsh Tit. Chiffchaff 6 eggs.
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	To Gower
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Gower
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Gower
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Gower. Kenfig. Redshank nest 3 eggs.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	W [ <b>Wild</b> ] Park. Magpie hide
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	W [ <b>Wild</b> ] Park. Finished Magpie hide.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	W PK [ <b>Wild Park</b> ]. Marsh Tit & Magpie photos.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Magpie. 6.25, 6.40 even 2 <b>xxxx</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Magpie. Chiffchaff hatching
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Each day says Mag [Magpie] (?)</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Junior Section paper
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	W Pk [ <b>Wild Park</b> ] Mag [ <b>Magpie</b> ] photo
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Wood Warbler Pk [ <b>Park</b> ]. Garden Warbler 6 eggs
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	W [ <b>Wild</b> ] Park. Young Magpies flying amongst tree tops. Photod Garden Warblers nest. Lesser Whitethroats nest. Kenfig. Redshank hatched ? Merlin <b>xxxx</b> Gulls in Pyle Brook gullery.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	WPK [ <b>Wild Park</b> ]. Evening Shrike nest 6 eggs.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Photod shrike nest. Photo Magpie hide from ground
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Photo Magpie hide from next tree.
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Bryncethin (?). Woodlarks, Wood Wren, Brown Owl, Gt [Great] Spotted Woodpecker. Redstart nest & young. Spotted Flycatcher 2 eggs. Pied Wagtail young.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	B & G Section. Sully Island. Saw Ivory Gull with BH [ <b>Black-headed</b> ] & immature HG [ <b>Herring Gull</b> ]. Eye dark, bill dark but not black, ?green, legs lead, tail long & wings rather long & appear very pointed, larger than BH [ <b>Black-headed</b> ]. Oystercatchers 1 pair, Ringed Plover, no sign of Kestrels. Rock Pipit young.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Shrike hatched probably yesterday. Woods Covert. Turtle Dove nest.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Put up tent at Shrikes morning
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Shrike photos. Afternoon.

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Merthyr Mawr CMA. Merlin 1 young 7/10 days. 2 pairs Corn Buntings. P [Pied] Wagtail young Llantwit Major.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Geoff in tent Shrikes. Morning photo young
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	HMS in tent Shrike morning. Photod young Tits
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Drawing of diver/grebe</b>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Merlin, Little Owl
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Guernsey
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	To Jersey evening
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Jersey. La Rocque. Billiard Moth (?)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	St Brelade
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Tennis evening
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	La Coupe
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Home
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Flycatchers, Willow warbler, Chiffchaffs in garden
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	6 Snipe going S [south] 7pm, Newport Road
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	50 Swifts over R [Richmond?] Rd 8pm
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Fontigary
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Porthcawl
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Several Swifts R Rd [Richmond Road?] 8.30pm
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Llantwit Major
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	? Wilfred Banbury, 15 Boverton Street, <b>xxxx</b>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Reservoir. 1 Great C [Crested] Grebe, 1 Little Grebe, 1 male Tufted Duck, 1 Coot. Gulls: Herring, Common, B'Hd [Black-headed], Wagtail, Grey & Pied, ? White; Meadow Pipits
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Reservoir. 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Coot, 2 male & 4 female Mallard, 1 Dunlin, 1 Little Grebe, Spotted Flycatcher,, 2 Green Sandpipers
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Reservoir. 1 Coot, 2 male & 1 female Mallard, 3 male Pochard, 6 LBB [Lesser Black-backed] Gulls, 2 Green Sandpipers, 1 Common Sandpiper.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Bert
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Reservoir. 1 Coot, 2 male & 5 female Mallard, 3 female Teal, 1 female Goldeneye, 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 ?Snipe, 1 Black Tern immature.
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Reservoir. 2 Coot, 3 male & 3 female Mallard, 2 Green sandpiper. Kenfig. Some Tufted, many Mallard, Pochard & Coot. Some Teal, Wigeon & Shoveler. Lapwing, Golden Plover, 1 Common Sandpiper
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Reservoir. 21 Pochard (18 male), 1 Coot, 6 Mallard, Tufted Duck 3 females, 1 female Teal, 2 LBB [Lesser Black-backed] Gulls.
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Kenfig. 1 Cormorant, 1 Black necked Grebe, 1 Bewicks Swan, Pochard (many), 6/7 Shoveler, 40/50 Teal, few Wigeon, many Mallard, few Tufted, 2/3 Goldeneye, ? immature male, Many Coot, Lapwing, Golden Plover
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Reservoir. 60 Pochard (40 male, 20 female & 1 juvenile male), 8/9 Coot, Great Crested Grebe. Gulls: BH [Black-headed], Common & Herring. 1 Heron, 3 male & 1 female Mallard. Lake. 2 male & 2 female Tufted, 1 Little Grebe.
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Reservoir. 7 Pochard, 4 male & 3 female; 1 male Pochard probably wounded, 1 female Pochard, 1 female Goldeneye, 15 Coot, 1 LBB [Lesser Black-backed] Gull. Lake. 2 male & 1 female Tufted, 1 female Pochard.
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Reservoir. 25/30 Tufted Duck, 150/200 Pochard, 50/60 Coot

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<u>Reservoir</u> . 1 female Tufted, 40 Pochard, 40 Coot, GN [ <b>Great Northern</b> ] Diver, 1 Black Redstart, 1 male Wigeon.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	B&G. Camly (?)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	<u>Reservoir</u> . 2 Tufted, 6 Mallard, 60/70 Coot.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Photo Section Committee
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Council CM [ <b>Committee Meeting?</b> ]. Officer Meeting.
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Dinas Powis
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	CNS Lecture
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Wet
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<u>Reservoir</u> . Pair Reed Bunting, 1 female Teal, 1 Tufted, 1 male & 3 female Mallard, 1 male Pochard, 40/50 Coot
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<u>Reservoir</u> . 2 female Mallard, 12 Pochard, 40/50 Coot
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>Timed records spread over all the pages.</b> 7.5 Male fed young from behind (?), removed pellets 7.10 Very agitative female 7.30 Male to front <b>xxxx xxxx</b> 7.35 Pair male meal 7.40 Male bee 7.45 Female 7.49 Male insect. Geoff 7.57 Female insect 8.00 Female insect 8.5 Female insect 8.4
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Kenfig
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Kenfig. 1 female Scaup
<b>No other diary entries. In appendices at end names, accounts etc</b>	