

HMS Diary 1923	
Inside front cover	G.J. Handy, 39 Wellfield Road
Sunday 7 th January	<u>Reservoir.</u> Gulls. 1 Black-necked Grebe, 4 Coot, 1 female tufted. Some Gulls. 50 Coot, 3 male Pochard, 1 female Tufted wounded. CHVMS
Sunday 14 th January	Lake. 40 Tufted, 6 Pochard. Thrushes singing. Reservoir. 2 GC [Great Crested] Grebes. No sign of Blk necked [Black-necked Grebe]. 6 Tufted, 50/60 Coot, 2 male Pochard. Common, BH [Black-headed] & Herring Gulls. Crow mobbing gulls over water.
Sunday 21 st January	Lake. 14 Pochard, 40 Tufted, 2 Coot. Reservoir Llanishen. 1 Tufted, 1 GC { Great Crested } Grebe, 4 Coots, 1 Cormorant (caught fish). Large flock gulls, C [Common], BH [Black-headed] & H [Herring]. Lisvane. 4 male Pochard, 2 male 6 female Shoveler, 4 male 2 female Tufted, 50 Coot.
Sunday 28 th January	Lake (Empty). 14 Pochard, 14 Tufted, 2 Coot, 1 male Wigeon. Wild Pk [Park]. Magpies started building. <u>Reservoir.</u> Cormorant, 1 female Tufted, small flock gulls, 2 Coot. Lisvane. 11 Tufted, 4 male pochard, 50 Coot.
Sunday 4 th February	Lake. 20 Tufted, 12 Pochard, 1 male Wigeon, 2 Coot (white xxxx catching (?) fallen) WPK [Wild Park]. 1 Yellowhammer. Flock Redwings. Magpies apparently added a little more. R'voir [Reservoir]. Chaffinch singing. 5 immature gulls, 5 male Pochard, 1 female Tufted, 2 Coot. Lisvane. 50 Coot, 1 male Pochard, 1 Tufted.
Sunday 11 th February	Lake. 8/9 Tufted, 3/4 Pochard, 1 Coot. R'voir { Reservoir }. 7 male Pochard, 3 male Tufted, 2 Coot, 50 Common & BH [Black-headed] Gulls, 1 Herring [Gull]. <u>Lisvane.</u> 50 Coot, 9/10 Tufted, flock 40/50 Yellowhammers near farm
Saturday 17 th February	HM Thompson saw House Martin at Penarth 17 th , 18 th & 19 th .
Sunday 18 th February	Lake. 8/9 Tufted, 2 male Pochard, 1 male Wigeon, 2 Coot. Pair Yellowhammers. <u>Wild PK</u> [Park]. Magpies nest shaped. <u>Reservoir.</u> 5 male Tufted, 7 male Pochard. Lisvane. 3 male Tufted, 1 male Pochard, 40 Coot.
Sunday 25 th February	Lake. 14 Tufted, 2 Coot. Reservoir. 10 male Tufted, 10 male 5 female Pochard. Lisvane. 25 Coot, few gulls.
Thursday 1 st March	Miss Ackland. 10 Bewicks Swans on Kenfig (3 juv [juveniles]). H David, 4 about a fortnight ago Miss Ackland. Pintail at Hensol (Sunday 25 th) Mr xxxx ?Chiffchaff in his garden on Sunday last.
Sunday 4 th March	Fieldfare & Redwings flock 50/60each. Little Owl in tree.

	<p><u>Kenfig</u>. 10 Bewick Swans, 3 juv [juveniles], neck & head dirty grey. Slightly grey wings. Lapwing & Golden Plover. Redshank.</p> <p><u>Sker (?)</u>. Tufted, Wigeon, Mallard, Shelduck (pairing), Coot, 1 female Goldeneye. 2 (?) Scotor, all black & white secondaries.</p>
Sunday 11 th March	<p>Lake. Nil</p> <p>Wild PK [Park]. Magpies nest nearly completed. Old nest dismantled except mud. Kingfishers excavating.</p> <p><u>Reservoir</u>. 2/3 male Pochard</p> <p>Lisvane. 20 Coots, 1 male Tufted.</p>
Saturday 17 th March	Chiffchaff Rhiwbina (HW Evans)
Sunday 18 th March	<p>Lake. Nearly full. 1 male Pochard, 1 male 4 female Tufted.</p> <p>WPK [Wild Park]. Grey Wagtails in holes in xxxx bridge. Redwings singing.</p> <p>Reservoir. 1 Cormorant, 2 GC [Great Crested] Grebes, 1 male Pochard.</p> <p>Lisvane. 1 male Tufted, 20 Coot. Carrion Crow nest half built in wood.</p>
Sunday 25 th March	<p>Lake. 1 male 3 female Tufted, Missel Thrush building in fir tree. 1 Little Grebe, spring plumage.</p> <p>WPK [Wild Park]. Song Thrush, Missel Thrush, Robin, Blackbird building. Many Redpolls. Kingfishers at hole by bridge. Grey Wagtails under bridge.</p> <p><u>R'voir [Reservoir]</u>. 1 GC [Great Crested] Grebe, 1 BH [Black-headed] Gull (?hurt). 4 Coot. Chiffchaffs everywhere.</p>
Friday 30 th March	Not out
Saturday 31 st March	Not out
Sunday 1 st April	<p><u>Ystradfellte</u>.</p> <p>Llin (?). Ravens nest complete. Bird left, no eggs. Saw pair Peregrines. 4 Ring Ouzels. Meadows Pipits, Crows.</p> <p>Purple Saxifrage in flower</p>
Monday 2 nd April	<p>Not out. (car).</p> <p>D.Sibley Jones. C [Common] Sandpiper on <u>Honddu</u></p> <p>Swallow evening, H.David.</p>
Tuesday 3 rd April	Not out (car)
Saturday 7 th April	Marjorie birthday
Sunday 8 th April	<p>Lake. Nil. Heard Willow Warbler. Missel Thrush just finishing. Duck eggs. Swan building.</p> <p>WPK [Wild Park]. Second Willow Warbler. Robin 4 eggs. S [Song] Thrush nil. Blackbird 2 unspotted. Missel Thrush 4 eggs. Duck 4 eggs.</p> <p>Reservoir. Few Common Gulls. 3 GC [Great Crested] Grebes. Hundreds Sand Martins. 2 LBB [Lesser Black-backed] Gulls. (saw fish hatching).</p>
Sunday 15 th April	<p><u>Henso</u>l. 6 pairs GC [Great Crested] Grebes. 3 nests in by reed bed, one with 3 eggs. 1 Little Grebe. Mallard with little ducklings. Moorhen several ?7 eggs in willow with 9 eggs. 2 male Wigeon, about 20 Teal, 1 Curlew, Swallows, Sand Martins.</p>
Thursday 19 th April	<p>WPK [Wild Park] 6.30. Saw Brown Owl (with dead thrush). Male Blackcap singing. Kingfisher hatched eggshell. Blackbird 1 egg only others gone. Robin sitting (4). Missel T [Thrush] (4) xxxxsted. M.T. [Missel Thrush]</p>

	building in oak & has (?) xxxx near shelter (pulled later out), also start in elder. Blue Tit in old Marsh Tit nest hole. 1 House Martin.
Sunday 22 nd April	<u>Lake</u> . Few Mallard (?), Sand Martins (many), 1 Swift, 2 xxxx <u>WPK [Wild Park]</u> . Missel Thrush in oak 1 left. Magpie partly lined. Song Thrush young & not hatched. Treecreeper (by bridge) sitting 5 eggs. Duck 10 eggs. Hallett heard Cuckoo, Corncrake (Lavernock) <u>R'voir [Reservoir]</u> . 2 LBB [Lesser Black-backed] Gulls, 4 GC [Great Crested] Grebes. Some Swallows, many Sand Martins, 2 Sandpipers, 1 male Yellow Wagtail. Carrion Crow 3 young 1 egg. Song Thrush young week old. Tree Pipit singing. Brimstone & Green-veined white B'flies [butterflies] <u>Woods Covert</u> . Grasshopper Wblr [Warbler] & Blackcaps.
Tuesday 24 th April	T Carrion Crow nest, fixed base. Bird brooding. Woods Covert. Heard Grasshopper Warbler. Saw xxxx. Cuckoos, Many Whitethroats. Heard Garden Warbler. R.Rd [Richmond Road]. Saw Small White B'fly [butterfly]
Thursday 26 th April	To Carrion Crow nest. Put up dummy. Xxxx GN
Friday 27 th April	To Carrion Crow nest. Put in dummy lens. 4 Shelducks on reservoir.
Saturday 27 th April	To Carrion Crow nest. Tied down branch. Put up tent. 2 Shelducks, 2 GC [Great Crested] Grebes, 6 LBB [Lesser Black-backed] Gulls on reservoirs.
Sunday 29 th April.	6.30am WPK [Wild Park]. T creeper [Treecreeper] sitting. Missel Thrush in oak sitting. S [Song] Thrush young nearly fledged in wood. Robin young dead. Kingfisher bringing fish. Chaffinch building in tree top 40' high. Goldcrest building in wood. <u>R'voir [Reservoir]</u> . 4 GC [Great Crested] Grebes. Hd [heard] Grasshopper Warbler. Male Orange Tip. Carrion Crow photo pair 10.15. Female 1.0. Geoff 2 and 3.15. Pair GCG [Great Crested Grebe] on Lisvane. Hd [heard] Lesser Whitethroat. Linnets nest 4 eggs. Geoff hd [heard] Sedge Warbler.
Monday 30 th April	Landrail (Dinas Powis)
Thursday 3 rd May	Wild Pk [Park]. Missel T [Thrush] in oak sitting. Creeper [Treecreeper] young. Magpie near nest. Fledged Blackbird young. Robin sitting in hole in tree by Kingfisher.
Saturday 5 th May	6.15am. 5 Carrion Crows. Young noisy. Heard Land rail. Field near reservoir. Saw male Whinchat. Put up tent.
Sunday 6 th May	6.30am. Lisvane. Rook, 4 GC [Great Crested] Grebes. Heard Nuthatch (?), 1 male Tufted. Carrion Crow 4 photos, 1 male, 3 female. Feeding first female then male, immediately after female only. Sparrowhawks nest 2 eggs. ?Hd [heard] Turtle Dove. Butterflies. Many Orange Tip, Brimstone male & female, Whites, Peacock & S [Small] Tortoiseshell.
Wednesday 9 th May	6am. R'voir [Reservoir] field. Whinchat, Tree Pipits, 2 Snipe, 1 drumming, Skylarks, Whitethroats no Grasshoppers [Warblers?].

	WPK [Wild Park]. Both Blue Tits with eggs. Goldfinch 8 eggs. Creeper [Treecreeper] young gone. Robin sitting. Missel T [Thrush] feeding young. No sign of Magpies. Saw 1 Spotted Flycatcher.
Saturday 12 th May	6.15am. To Carrion Crow. Put up tent. Went up to nest.
Sunday 13 th May	<u>6.30am</u> . Woods Covert. Heard Turtle Dove. R'voirs { Reservoirs }. 4 GC [Great Crested] Grebes, 3 Shelduck, some gulls & LBB [Lesser Black-backed Gull]. Carrion Crow only one bird, 4 eggs. Photo'd young one. Swifts killed on pipeline.
Saturday 19 th May	To Builth
Sunday 20 th May	<u>Builth</u> . Sandpipers, 4 & 3 eggs, on island. 4 eggs near path (?). Wood Warbler woodland. Curlews nest 4 eggs.
Monday 21 st May	Point 607 on Llandrindod Road. Photo'd Curlew. Found Curlews nest 4 eggs.
Tuesday 22 nd May	To Llanafon (?). Buzzard nest 2 eggs.
Wednesday 23 rd May	To Radnor Forest. Black xxxx , Meadow Pipit 1 egg. Dippers nest xxxx eggs fresh. Young Ring Ouzels fledged. <u>Elan Evan (?)</u> Carrion Crow 4 eggs. Buzzard.
Thursday 24 th May	<u>To Pwll Du</u> . BH [Black-headed] Gulls. Meadow Pipit 5 eggs. <u>Aft [afternoon]</u> to Coed xxxx . R [River] Irfon for P [Pied] Flycatcher. Carrion Crow 4 eggs. Magpie young. To Allt-y-Gest (?) via Builth. Pied Flycatchers nest 1 egg. Jackdaw young.
	Not sure if Allt-y-Gest is correct although there is such a place on the south end of the Epynt at SO 001 361.
Friday 25 th May	To Allt-y-Gest (?) via Beulah. Jackdaw photo. Jackdaw nests with young & hatched eggshells & 1 fresh egg. Pied Flycatchers nest with 2 eggs. Redstart nest. 3/4 pairs Pied flycatchers. Saw KITE.
Saturday 26 th May	To wood on R [River] Irfon and to island in Wye G.Partog (?). Sandpiper nest.
Sunday 27 th May	To Caio. KITE
Saturday 2 nd June	<u>Steep Holm</u> . Gulls. Heronry, east side. West side, LBB [Lesser Black-backed Gull], 1 pair GBB [Great Black-backed Gull]. Ravens with young fledged. No sign Peregrines. Swallow, H [House] Martin, Linnet, Robin, (Wren?), Blackbird, Rock Pipit, Meadow Pipit, Skylark, (?Kestrel)
Sunday 3 rd June	With Geoff & Alec to Kenfig. Pool very full. BH [Black-headed] Gulls over pool. 1 nest near pool 3 eggs. Merlin young just hatched. Little Grebe (?) young just hatched. Killed,
Friday 8 th June	6am. <u>Wild Park</u> . 2 nests Willow Warbler. Redpoll young. Magpie second nest found (?). Removed hide.
Sunday 10 th June	<u>8.30am to Hensol</u> . Grebes nest (Wood) left. Many feathers there. 1 young in near patch of reed middle, half grown. Moorhen 5 eggs. 5 pairs with young, 1, 2, & 3. Pair on E [east] side with 2 small young on back. Moorhen young. Some Mallard, 1 brood half grown. Heronry 5 nests with

	young, mostly fledged. 1 nest small GSW [Great Spotted Woodpecker] young.
Friday 15 th June	<u>Reservoir Field</u> . Orchis incarnata. Tree Pipit fledged young. Pair Snipe. No sign Whinchat. Turtle Dove in Woods Covert.
Sunday 17 th June	<u>Morfa</u> . Tufted 7 young on path, 1 egg left in nest. Tufted sitting 9 eggs <u>covered</u> , sitting 7 eggs fresh. 1 male Shoveler, no male Tufted, 2/3 male Teal. Teal & young. Mallard & young. Reed Warbler nest 4 eggs & young xxxx . Coot. Sedge Warbler fledged young, 1 nest 5 eggs.
Wednesday 20 th June	Woods Covert. Turtle Doves nests just started. Bird sitting on each cooing.
Sunday 24 th June	Not out
Wednesday 27 th June	Woods Covert 7am. Female Turtle Dove sitting.
Friday 29 th June	<u>Woods Covert</u> 6.20am. Female TD [Turtle Dove] sitting. Photo'd one on tree. Heard Nightjar churring. Grasshopper Wblr [Warbler] singing.
Saturday 30 th June	<u>Woods Covert</u> 2.30pm. Female TD [Turtle Dove] sitting. Went off. Put up screen. Photo'd nest, 7". Saw GSW [Great Spotted Woodpecker] feeding flying young. Young TD's [Turtle Doves] flying. Grasshopper Warbler singing.
Sunday 1 st July	<u>Woods Covert</u> 7am. Photo'd female TD [Turtle Dove] sitting. Aft [Afternoon] Welsh St Donats. Bog Asphodel [and annotated drawing of petals]. Willow Warbler nest 2 young, 2/3 days old.
Saturday 7 th July	<u>6am</u> . Woods Covert. Grasshopper [Warbler?] singing. Geoff photo'd female TD [Turtle Dove] sitting.
Sunday 8 th July	8am To Sker. Lapwing 2 young, photo. 5 pairs Lesser Terns. 3 nests, 1, 1 & 2 eggs. Probably no young. Flock 30 O.C. [Oystercatchers]. Some RP [Ringed Plover] with (?) young & possibly one nest.
Wednesday 11 th July	<u>Woods Covert</u> . Female TD [Turtle Dove] brooding. Hatched young appeared couple of days old. Heard Lesser Whitethroat singing.
Saturday 14 th July	<u>Woods Covert</u> . Put up tent at TD [Turtle Dove]. Female brooding.
Sunday 15 th July	<u>Woods Covert</u> 8am. In tent 8.50. Female brooding, preening young. Photo brooding. 9.55 male cooing near (like Quail). Female answered. Male to branch belonged (?) nest. Female left. Male cooed to young & fed, brooding preened young. 10.45 fed again. Yellowhammer nest 3 young, 4/5 days old. Saw Adder & Grass Snake. Nightingale & young flying. Female Sparrowhawk with prey. Adder & Grass Snake & sloughed skins.
Wednesday 18 th July	5pm. Woods Covert. Geoff in hide TD [Turtle Dove] to 8.0pm. Birds not returned. Jay. Yellowhammer 2 young only. Hedge Sparrow 1 egg. Photo'd Rosebay. Saw Adder. Young TD [Turtle Dove] showing feathers through yellow down.
Saturday 21 st July	Woods Covert. 2pm. Grasshopper [Warbler?] singing. Yellowhammer – remaining two young <u>gone</u> . Saw another feeding fledges young. Saw Adder again. Saw pair Nightjars. Hedge Sparrow 2 eggs.
Sunday 22 nd July	Woods Covert 8pm. In hide TD [Turtle Dove] 8.30-12.45. Disturbance through young one falling out.

Tuesday 24 th July	Woods Covert 7am. One young one dead in nest. Other on branch beyond nest.
Wednesday 25 th July	Woods Covert 6pm. Removed hide. Young one on branch above nest. Grass Snake.
Sunday 29 th July	<u>Woods Covert</u> 8am. Young TD [Turtle Dove] on tree near nest (photo). Camera xxxx ssed on old Yew. TD's [Turtle Doves] at 10.30 & 11.30. S Hawk [Sparrowhawk] – young one flew into Yew. Photo. Hedge Sparrow still sitting eggs.
Sunday 5 th August	<u>Woods Covert</u> . Heard Turtle Doves. Xxxx Willow Warbler singing. Hedge Sparrow 1 dead young & 1 egg chipped. <u>Reservoir</u> . Herring & LBB [Lesser Black-backed] & BH [Black-headed] gulls. 1 young GCG [Great Crested Grebe]. Lisvane. 12 C { Common } Sandpipers. Dead young crow in nest. Sparrowhawk flown. 1 eggs left. ? White Wagtail.
Monday 6 th August	Willow Warbler in garden.
Wednesday 8 th August	Swift round houses.
Thursday 9 th August	<u>Cog</u> 6pm. Juv [juvenile] Cuckoo. Swifts. Turtle Doves.
Sunday 12 th August	7am. <u>Reservoir</u> . 1 GCG [Great Crested Grebe]. Some gulls, 2 LBB [Lesser Black-backed]. Many Sandpipers on Lisvane. Female Teal on ponds. Turtle Dove.
Thursday 16 th August	Saw Swift (Rhiwbina)
Saturday 18 th August	<u>Cog</u> 2.30pm. 1 Swift. Many Turtle Doves. Some (?) Whitethroats.
Sunday 19 th August	R'voir [Reservoir] 7am. 6 LBB [Lesser Black-backed Gulls]. Some Herring & BH [Black-headed Gulls]. 2 juv [juvenile] GCG [Great Crested Grebes]. Cormorants on to bank with gulls. <u>Lisvane</u> . 2 Cxxxx , 1 Green sandpiper, Tree Pipit. Many Sand Martins. Turtle Dove on pitching.
Saturday 25 th August	<u>Cog</u> . Turtle Doves several. 1 shot juv [juvenile]. Juv [juvenile] Rook shot.
Saturday 1 st September	<u>Cog</u> . Partridge. Young pheasants. Some Turtle Doves. 1 Swift. <u>4650</u>
Sunday 2 nd September	To Gower. <u>Pwll Du</u>
Monday 3 rd September	<u>To Port Eynon</u> . Saw Swifts in evening. Turnstones, OC [Oystercatcher], Curlew.
Tuesday 4 th September	At Port Eynon. Saw Shags & young.
Wednesday 5 th September	On Worms Hd [Head]. Sand Martins nested. Young Cormorants in nest not able to fly. GBB [Great Black-backed Gull] & young on middle. Saw 3 Shags. Kittiwakes, Oystercatchers, Curlew, Turnstones. Scotors in parties of 5/6, about 20.
Thursday 6 th September	Fishing. Col Smits (?) down.
Friday 7 th September	<u>Rhossile</u> . Aft [Afternoon] to Llanmadog.
Saturday 8 th September	<u>Llanmadog</u> . Fishing. Saw 3 Sanderling. Col Smits (?) home (?).
Sunday 9 th September	To Gowerton. & home
Monday 10 th September	Chiffchaff in garden
Sunday 16 th September	Lake 7am. 1 male Pochard. Common Sandpiper, Swallows, H { House } & S [Sand] Martins. Chiffchaff. 4 Little Grebes, 1 young Coot.

	R'voir { Reservoir }. 2 female Teal, Herring & BH [Black-headed] Gulls, 1 Kittiwake, 2 C [Common] Sandpipers. 1 Little Grebe on ponds.
Saturday 22 nd September	<u>Cog.</u> 3 Turtle Doves, ad [adult] and juv [juvenile]. ? <u>Quail</u>
Sunday 23 rd September	Swallows in R. Rd [Richmond Road]
Saturday 29 th September	<u>Cog.</u> Swallow, Sand Martin
Sunday 30 th September	Lake 7am. 3 Coot. Reservoir. Foggy. Nil, BH [Black-headed] Gulls. <u>Little Owl Church (?) Farm</u>
Monday 1 st October	<u>5180</u>
Sunday 21 st October	Drawing of diver
Memoranda	Drawing of gull
Notes	IGL Vaughan, 334 Croxted Rd, West Dulwich, SE24 Chas M Lloyd, Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich