

HMS Diary 1924	
Saturday 19 th January	Cog. Put down Partridges
Sunday 20 th January	Cog. 9am
Saturday 26 th January	Cog. Large flock Fieldfares & Redwings
Sunday 27 th January	Lake. Starting to empty. 3 Smew, 100 Tufted, few Pochard, 20 Coot. R'voir [Reservoir]. 3 Pochard, 20 Tufted [Duck], 50 Coot. Gulls, BH [Black-headed], Common & Herring.
Friday 1 st February	2, 7383. Petrol 10 galls. Oil. Tank full. 1 gallon A.
Sunday 10 th February	R'voir [Reservoir]. 3 Smew, Pochard, Tufted [Duck], Coot
Sunday 17 th February	Reservoir. 1 Black Neck [Grebe], 1 GC [Great Crested] Grebe, Pochard, Tufted [Duck], Coot. Speedometer xxxx broke 27683. 6 galls Petrol
Sunday 24 th February	R'voir [Reservoir]. Herring, Common, BH [Black-headed] Gulls, 1 LBB [Lesser Black-backed] Gull, 2 Black Necked [Grebes], 1 GC [Great Crested] Grebe. Tufted [Duck]20/30, Coot 60, 2/3 Pochard.
Wednesday 27 th February	2,7683. 3 galls, 6 galls /9 galls.
Saturday 1 st March	St-y-Nyll
Sunday 2 nd March	R'voir { Reservoir }. 2 Black Necked [Grebe], 1 GC [Great Crested] Grebe, 6/7 Pochard, 40 Tufted [Duck], 50/60 Coot. Gulls, H [Herring], BH [Black-headed] & Common. <u>Hensol</u> . 1 male Pintail, many Wigeon, Shovler, Mallard & Teal. 3 GC [Great Crested] Grebes, 3/4 pochard, 1 male Tufted [Duck], Coot. No sign Herons nesting. Fieldfares & many Redwings. (Snow)
Saturday 8 th March	Cog. Fieldfares, Redwings – small flock only
Sunday 9 th March	<u>Reservoir</u> . 2 BN [Black-necked] Grebes, 1 GC [Great Crested] Grebe. Gulls, H [Herring], BH [Black-headed] & C [Common]. 35 Tufted [Duck], 2 Pochard, 40/50 Coot. <u>Hensol</u> . Mallard, Wigeon, Teal, Shoveler, 2 pairs GC [Great Crested] Grebes
Sunday 16 th March	<u>Hensol</u> . Mallard, Teal Wigeon, Shoveler, Pochard, Coot, 2 Herring Gulls. Herons going into Heronry. Photo from hide. Redwings.
Thursday 20 th March	<u>Wild Park</u> . Lake. 6 Tufted Ducks, Many Gulls, C [Common], H [Herring] & BH [Black-headed], 1 LBB [Lesser Black-backed]. Saw Kingfishers & Grey Wagtails. Magpies have new nest, one bird near it. Redwings. <u>Islands</u> . Several ducks nests 1, 1, 3, 4, 10 eggs.
Saturday 22 nd March	Cog. Many Fieldfares & Redwings on moor. Saw Peregrine. Robin building in nest box (R.Rd) [Richmond Road]
Sunday 23 rd March	Firearms certificate Lake. 7 Tufted Ducks <u>Wild Park</u> . Song Thrush 1 egg. Missel Thrush building. (Redwings). Reservoir. 30/40 Coot, 4 Tufted, 3 Pochard, 2 Black-necked Grebes, 3 LBB [Lesser Black-backed] Gulls. Few H [Herring] & BH [Black-headed]. 1 Chiffchaff.
Wednesday 26 th March	HGS, Wheatear Mumbles.

Sunday 30 th March	Hensol. In hide first. Aft [Afternoon]. Geoff in hide. 2 LBB [Lesser Black-backed] Gulls, 2 Chiffchaffs.
Thursday 3 rd April	<u>Wild Park</u> . 6.30am. Duck 5 eggs. S [Song] Thrush building in bamboos. Kingfishers chasing all round houses & wood.
Saturday 5 th April	<u>Hensol</u> . Photo GCG [Great Crested Grebe], Wigeon, Shoveler.
Sunday 6 th April	7.30am Wild Pk [Park]. No Chiffchaffs. Song Thrush on empty nest. Missel T [Thrush] near nest. Duck sitting. 8am Cole [Coal] Tit, Magpie going to nest. Tried Kingfishers from hide. One bird entered nest hole. Creeper [Treecreeper] building.
Sunday 13 th April	Lake. 3 Tufted, 1 male & 2 female. Wpk [Wild Park]. 1 Chiffchaff. R'voir [Reservoir]. 3 Coot. No gulls, 1 Wheatear. W [Woods] Covert. Many chiffchaffs
Friday 18 th April	Not out. In bed. To Bert's aft [afternoon]
Saturday 19 th April	W.P. aft [Wild Park afternoon?]. Robin 4 eggs
Sunday 20 th April	<u>Lake</u> . 1 female Tufted [Duck], Blackcap, Swallow. 9.30 Wpk [Wild Park]. Blackcap, Willow Warblers R'voir [Reservoir]. 2 GCG [Great Crested Grebes], 5 LBB [Lesser Black-backed Gulls], 1 immature, 1 Coot, 1 C [Common] Sandpiper, Cuckoo, Tree Pipit. <u>Woods Covert</u> . Many Willow Warblers, several Grasshopper [Warblers?], Cuckoo, T.P [Tree Pipit] S [Small] White, Peacock, Brimstones
Monday 21 st April	Hensol. 1 sandpiper, Swallows, 15/20 Wigeon, 3 male, 2 female Shoveler, several pairs Teal. Heard Grasshopper Wbls [Warblers], C [Common] Whitethroat. Kestrels at old Magpies nest. 3 grebes nests with eggs & 2 others. Hide transferred to E [east] side.
Tuesday 22 nd April	Little Garth. Saw 1 pair Jays. Sparrowhawks. <u>Llanwonno</u> . M [Meadow] Pipits, Skylarks, 1 pr [pair] Lapwing, Grouse? droppings,
Thursday 24 th April	6pm to Hensol. Moved reeds in front of grebes nest.
Saturday 26 th April	To Llanwonno. 1 pair Curlew. 1 pair Grouse. C [Common] Whitethroat at Nant Fawr. Garth to Rhxxxxsia (xxxx)
Sunday 27 th April	Passing Park. Swifts. 8am Hensol. 5 grebes nests with eggs. Moorhen 9 eggs in tree (NE). Moorhen eggs on stream near bridge. Swifts, House Martin, Sedge Warblers, 1 female Pied Flycatcher, 2 sandpipers. No shoveler, 8 Wigeon, 12 Teal, no Coot.
Saturday 3 rd May	Swifts in Richmond Rd. Wild Park 7am. 1 Wood Warbler
Sunday 4 th May	<u>Hensol</u> . Grebes nest washed away. 1 fresh in big reed bed young, eggs in others. Moorhen 10 eggs. (Fox)
Sunday 11 th May	Wild Park & Reservoir. 1 GC [Great Crested] Grebe, pair Shelduck. Magpies nesting. Spotted Flycatcher. Treecreeper young.

	Heronry Cog. Aft [Afternoon]. Southerndown. Peregrines.
Saturday 17 th May	Pair Peregrines at Bulwark. House Martins nests.
Sunday 18 th May	<u>Southerndown</u> . Peregrines seen. <u>Cowbridge</u> . RB [Red-backed] Shrikes pair. Kenfig Pool very full. 2 pairs BH [Black-headed] Gulls, no sign nest. Redshank xxxx in old nest. No sign Merlin nestlings. Male seen. Nightjar male, Partridge male.
Saturday 24 th May	Merthyr Mawr, Southerndown – (both) CNS
Sunday 25 th	Aft [afternoon] Cog.
Saturday 31 st May	Fonmon Castle
Sunday 1 st June	Southerndown. Peregrines nest located. Merthyr Mawr. Photo Birds Nest Orchis. Very wet
Sunday 8 th June	Gower – Whiteford Burrows. Merlin 5 eggs. 4 Sanderling, 2 Dunlin, 4/5 Ringed Plover pairs. Flock of Oystercatchers. Xxxx & Burry Holm. Herring Gulls nest eggs & young.
Monday 9 th June	Beulah & Builth. Pied Flycatcher 5 eggs.
Tuesday 10 th June	Q [Quennie?] Birthday
Sunday 15 th June	Kenfig. Merlin 5 young, 16/17 days old? Oystercatchers 3 eggs. Oystercatchers young on bare sand. Ringed Plover 3 eggs. 3 young Redshanks. Yng [Young] Wheatears fledged.
Tuesday 17 th June	To St Davids. Buzzards with 3 young
Wednesday 18 th June	Put up hide, Buzzard. Saw Chough.
Thursday 19 th June	Photo Buzzard
Friday 20 th June	Ramsey Is [Island]
Saturday 21 st June	1.30 am first start for Grassholm. 10.30. 2 nd start for Grassholm.
Sunday 22 nd June	CMA in Buzzard hide. To marsh
Monday 23 rd June	Chough in morning. To marsh aft [afternoon]. Wet. Short Eared Owl.
Tuesday 24 th June	To marsh morning.
Thursday 26 th June	Mr Richards 9.30
Sunday 29 th June	Reservoir, Wood Covert. Nothing. T.D. [Turtle Dove] 2 eggs.
Sunday 6 th July	Hensol (with Bert). 5 prs [pairs] grebes. 1 pr [pair] with 2 young. 1 odd bird seen, striped neck, tufts on head. Young heron flying about. GSW [Great Spotted Woodpecker] & young. Jays & young.
Friday 11 th July	TD [Turtle Dove] deserted.
Saturday 12 th July	BBC 8.45.
Sunday 13 th July	Woods Covert. C [Common] Whitethroat 4 eggs.
Sunday 27 th July	Reservoir. 14 C [Common] Sandpipers.
Saturday 2 nd August	Cog. 12 brace pigeon. Saw one Turtle Dove.
Sunday 3 rd August	Reservoir. 12 C [Common] Sandpipers. Photo Wood Helleborine.
Saturday 9 th August	Cog. Numerous Turtle Doves.

Sunday 10 th August	Reservoir. 10 C [Common] Sandpipers. 1 female Pochard, female Redstart. 1 LBB [Lesser Black-backed] Gulls, some immatures. Swallow 3 eggs.
Monday 11 th August	Swifts Richmond Rd
Sunday 17 th August	Reservoir
Sunday 24 th August	<u>Reservoir</u> . 2 sandpipers. Swallow probably feeding newly hatched young.
Tuesday 26 th August	<u>Cog</u> . Swifts
Saturday 30 th August	Whitethroats. 1 Turtle Dove, Swallows, Sand Martins, <u>many flocking</u> .
Sunday 31 st August	Not out
Sunday 7 th September	Reservoir. 1 Coot, 2 Sandpipers.
Sunday 14 th September	Reservoir. Sandpipers
Sunday 21 st September	Reservoir. 2 Sandpipers
Saturday 27 th September	BBC 9pm. Last of migrants
Sunday 28 th September	Hensol. Mallard, 9 GC [Great Crested] Grebes including 2 pairs. Chiffchaffs.
Saturday 4 th October	Cog. 2 Landrails
Sunday 5 th October	Lake 6 Pochard. <u>R'voir</u> [Reservoir]. 4 males, 1 female Pochard flew in. 20 BH [Black-headed] Gulls, 1 Common? [Gull], 1 C [Common] Sandpiper. Caerphilly Rd. Chiffchaff.
Saturday 11 th October	Cog. Swallows. Numbers flying south all afternoon.
Sunday 12 th October	Lake 6 Pochard. <u>R'voir</u> [Reservoir]. 1 Common Sandpiper, 8 LLB [Lesser Black-backed] Gulls, Common Gulls 2/3.
Saturday 25 th October	Visitors to gallery. Rtd [returned?] to xxxx then 8.0
Saturday 1 st November	Visitors to xxxx show (?) to xxxx then 8.30
Thursday 6 th November	CNS lecture
Thursday 13 th November	<u>Cog</u> . Jack Snipe. No Fieldfare or Redwings.
Saturday 22 nd November	Morfa. 2 ad [adult], 1 juv [juvenile] Bewicks [Swans]
Saturday 29 th November	BBC. 6.45. Wild Duck in Winter
Monday 1 st December	3/3360 2 galls
Saturday 13 th December	BBC. 6.45. Winters toll of the unfit.
Tuesday 16 th December	Lecture to xxxx church
Sunday 21 st December	<u>R'voir</u> [Reservoir]. 1 GC [Great Crested] Grebe. Tufted [Duck], Pochard, Coot.
Friday 26 th December	Hensol
Sunday 28 th December	Reservoir Lisvane. 1 BN [Black-necked] Grebe, 1 female Goldeneye, 1 GC [Great Crested] Grebe.
Rest of diary full of accounts and petrol usage etc,	