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[Letter dated March 6th. 98. from W.H. St. Quintin to G. Lascelles.]

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March 6th. 98

Dear Gerry,

I have been very slow I am afraid in sending you the Hawking particulars which you wanted - I now do it, at least I think you must only require what Persimmon did, after George left. (The old Indian Falcon did no good, as she would course and not stoop; so she caught nothing.) I think George left Lowthorpe on the 19th. November.

Nov. 22. "Persimmon" with "Rocket" 1. gull and later on flown with "Starlight" another 2 gulls.

23rd. Nov. "Persimmon" 1 pigeon: was lost.

26th. "Persimmon" brought in.

30th. "Persimmon" with "Rocket" 1 gull.

Dec.6th. "Persimmon" and "Rocket" 1 gull.

Dec.7th. "Persimmon" 1 wood pigeon.

Jan.7th. "Persimmon" with "Starlight" declined gulls.

This was the last time that we flew "Persimmon". We have done very little since we lost "Rocket" in Dec. (6th.Dec.) Only, as I hope , just enough to enter my very nice passage tiercel "Thor". The other one has turned out useless, and I am advertising him in The Field. Edmund Waldo is here for a few days. I am afraid poor Henry Boynton is slowly going down hill; but the doctors say that they cant yet find out anything malignant.

Yours very truly
W.H. St. Quintin

Club 1898.

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List of Hawks. March 1898.

“Danceaway”	Passage falcon	sixth season.	
“Osra”	“ “	second season.	Lost.
“Ancilla”	“ “	second season.	Died.
“Dracula”	“ “	first season.	
“Chloe”	“ “	first season.	
“Actress”	“ “	first season.	Sold to L. Pilkington.
“Paramount”	“ “	first season.	
“Bonnylass”	“ “	first season.	
“Badalia”	“ “	first season.	Sold to J. Boss.
“Thais”	Eyass falcon	first season.	Sold.
“Persimmon”	“ tiercel	first season.	

Of the young passage falcons, one died of frounce during the winter and one was lost the first time it was flown loose at Lyndhurst.

The others were sent up to Everleigh on March 14th.. A very dry season - downs as hard and dry as in April, and bagged rooks difficult to get.

The Hon. Sec. and B.H. Jones opened the campaign on Tuesday March 22nd. Wind variable and hot, but very cold towards evening. Out towards Collingbourne. Slipped “Osra” at a small flock. She fetched them well, put in one or two good stoops, fetched them into a stack and gave up. “Ancilla” and “Dracula” went well over a flock, the young one going fastest and fetching them with a good stoop. “Ancilla” followed up and hit him and the young hawk caught. Old “Danceaway” had a long slip for her first effort of the season, went well over them, but had to ring twice to get over them and sticking well to her work killed after some three or four more good stoops, hitting her rook high in the air and dropping him to the ground like a stone. Such a performance on the part of a rook hawk of such an age is probably unequalled. “Osra” flown with “Chloe” had a very long slip which was too much for the young one to face - but “Osra” went away over them and after a few dashing stoops put into some stacks - there she hunted well till she was blown and apparently gave up - but on the rook breaking away she again rattled over him and after making a feint or two killed him with a most magnificent stoop - a fine flight of over a mile in length. Trained hawks and so home.

1898. March.	22nd.	23rd.	28th.	29th.	30th.	31st.	1st.
“Danceaway”	1		1	1	1	1	1
“Osra”	1			1+	1	1	1+
“Ancilla”							
“Dracula”	1+				1	1+	
“Bonnylass”					1	1	
“Paramount”							
“Chloe”							
“Thais”							
“Persimmon”							
Kills:	3		1	2	3	4	3
Flights:	4	2	3	2	5	5	6

1898. April.	2nd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.
"Danceaway"	1c1	1	2	2	2	2	
"Osra"	1+	1+	1+		1 1c+	1	
"Dracula"		1+	1+	c1+			
"Bonnylass"					1+		
"Paramount"							
"Chloe"							
"Thais"							1*
"Persimmon"							
Kills:	3	3	4	3	5	3	1
Flights:	6	3	6	4	5	5	1

1898. April.	12th.	13th.	14th.	15th.	16th.	19th.	20th.
"Danceaway"	1	2	1			1	1
"Osra"	1			1		1	1
"Dracula"			1	1		1	1
"Bonnylass"			1			1	
"Paramount"	1	1	1	1		1	2
"Chloe"							
"Thais"							1*
"Persimmon"						1*	1*
Kills:	3	3	4	3	0	6	7
Flights:	2	5	3	7	2	6	5

1898. April.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.
"Danceaway"					1	1	
"Osra"	Lost.						
"Dracula"	1+	1c	1	2	1	3	1
"Bonnylass"			1c1			1	
"Paramount"	2	2	2	2	1c1	2	1
"Chloe"				1			
"Thais"					1*		1*
"Persimmon"						1*	
Kills:	3	3	5	5	5	8	3
Flights:	4	5	5	7	6	7	4

1898. May.	29th.	2nd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	9th.	10th.	Total.
"Danceaway"									25.
"Osra"									16.
"Dracula"	2	1			2	2		1+1	29.
"Bonnylass"					1	1	1+2	1	14.
"Paramount"	2	1	1	1	3	2	3	2	35.
"Chloe"						1			2.
"Thais"									4.
"Persimmon"								1*	4.
Kills:	4	2	1	1	6	6	6	6	129.
Flights:	5	4	3	1	7	6	8	6	167.

+ = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. c = crow.

Total: 7 crows, 114 rooks, 8 magpies. 37 days hawking.

March 23rd. Blowing hard from N., cold showers. Out after luncheon towards Upavon. Flew "Danceaway" who got in three good stoops before the rook got in to Beaches Barn. Later tried "Osra" in a heavy gale, who put in one stoop and gave up. Home.

March 24th. Gale from the N.E. and heavy storms of snow: regular blizzards at times. Never got out.

March 25th. Gale continued, heavier than ever, from E. Bitter cold, with almost continual showers of very fine, powdery snow. Hopeless day.

March 26th. Gale continued, but snow turned to rain.

March 28th. Gloomy day - Very little wind from N.E. Collingbourne Rd. Could get no flights, so worked round into Upavon Clumps Country. "Danceaway" went hard and high and caught first stoop. "Dracula" and "Ancilla" had a longish slip, and the old hawk gave up after going a very short way. The young one stuck to it, but seemed very slow, and never got a stoop after a very long up wind flight. "Osra" refused. 1 rook 3 flights.

March 29th. Fine morning. Fresh S. Wind. Heavy squalls of rain and hail in evening. By Beach's Barn to Figheldean country, and back on to Collingbourne Road. Flights bad to get, all the rooks being collected in large flocks, and very shy. "Danceaway" killed easily, second stoop. "Osra" and "Chloe" went high over a flock, but would neither of them stoop, the old hawk making most and the young one fooling about. At last the old hawk came with a grand stoop and caught. Never got another chance from 2 till 6 p.m. 2 rooks 2 flights.

March 30th. Fine day: fresh S. breeze. Across the River at Netheravon and home by Figheldean. "Danceaway" flew a very fine flight, by Saddler's Pit, and knocked him down, second stoop, but he got up and she had to ring hard to get over him. They got up pretty high, and as she went for a wide ring the rook made off down wind for cover. He had a long start, but she overhauled him, hit him hard twice, and caught him close to gorse. The old hawk never flew better. "Osra" and "Chloe" had a longish slip and the latter refused. The old one went high over her rooks, but wouldn't stoop, changing from one lot to another; and at last leaving them for others which had got a long way up wind, (rooks of the same flock she was hooded off at,) she overhauled them in no time and caught in fine form. Flown again, by herself, she was in two minds about going, and rooks got a very long start and got very high: then at last she started and fetched one down from a great height, making two or three magnificent stoops, and driving him right down to the ground, when she left him and went tearing away up wind and across the River; and was lost for some time. Jack found her on a dead, (rotten and stinking,) woodpigeon off which she had got half a cropfull. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" refused. "Ancilla", with "Bonnylass", took after tame pigeons: the young hawk turned down wind, and caught a bad rook in a fold. A disappointing day, after the fine way it was begun. 3 rooks 5 flights.

March 31st. Fine but very thick and hazy. Fresh S.E. breeze. Easton Valley and Collingbourne Rd.. "Danceaway" put into a hedge, hunted like fun, and caught him in the middle. Flown again she put into same hedge, but declined to hunt him. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" put a whole flock into premises: "Bonnylass" hunted well but "Dracula" gave up till the other hawk had gone off with a rook which beat her to a strong gorse: then she put in again and caught one in the buildings. "Osra" and "Bonnylass" divided, the old hawk killing second stoop in fine form, while the young one put into Railway fence, and then had to ring to get over a bad rook, which she killed first stoop. "Ancilla" and "Chloe" refused. 4 rooks 5 flights.

April 1st. Fine and warm. Light N. wind. Crossed the river at Netheravon and home by Figheldean. "Danceaway" picked up a wet rook from a pond. Flown again, (a terrible long slip,) she put into premises, hunted like fun, a long time, then got him away and was beaten to covert. "Dracular" and "Bonnylass" divided, the later cut over Mr. B. who got up under her, the other hawk rang well, and fetched a rook into a gorse, but Mr. B. got up again and drew her away. Flown again they divided again, and put into stacks, where "Bonnylass" again gave up. "Dracula" hunted well, got him out and hunted him into a fold, where she kept at him till both hawk and rook were dead beat, and could fly no more; the rook finally going to ground under a harrow, where he was caught. "Osra" and "Chloe" put into cover without a stoop, and at once raked away at a flock down wind, out of which "Osra" killed one. "Ancilla" (with "Badalia") put into a fold, where the old hawk hunted well, (the young one not persevering,) and would have killed with more help. 3 rooks 6 flights.

April 2nd. Fine day: clouded up in evening. Cool N.W. breeze. Upavon Clumps. "Danceaway" killed easily, second stoop. Flown again she flew a clinking flight at a crow, with six or seven excellent stoops and killed close to gorse. "Dracula" and "Chloe" fetched a single crow in capital form, drove him into gorse and sat on him, but crabbed and let him go. "Osra" and "Bonnylass" never saw the rooks which went off low across a dark plough: but the old one got her eye on them when they had gone half a mile off, tore after them close to the ground, and got in three or four stoops before being beat to the belt. Afterwards the same pair went well over a flock, "Osra" fetching them and getting first stoop, when the young one put in two quick ones, and between them they dropped him stone dead. "Ancilla" and "Badalia" refused. 1 crow 2 rooks - 6 flights.

April 4th. Beautiful day, but strongish N. Wind, dropped a bit in evening. Beach's Barn. "Danceaway" killed a very good old rook, after a very long and severe flight over a strongish gorse: he very seldom put in and she was flying hard all the time. "Osra" and "Bonnylass" fetched a big flock, and the old hawk caught first stoop. Through the clumsiness of B.H.J. the young hawk was scared off the kill, took to the soar and was only recovered when most of the afternoon had been wasted. "Dracula", (with "Chloe",) ran straight into a bad rook. 3 rooks 3 flights.
R. Corbet came.

April 5th. Fine and warm. Light airs from all round the compass. Netheravon and Newfoundland. "Danceaway" killed after a nice flight. Flown again she had a most astonishing hunt over some strong premises, and at last killed, rook and hawk pretty well beat. "Dracula" and "Chloe" put into the same place: "Chloe" gave up, but "Dracula" hunted well and killed. "Osra" and "Bonnylass" had an awkward slip, and never got a stoop and were beaten to trees. Flown again they mopped up a rook after a worry down a wire fence. "Chloe" from a long slip fetched a big flock into a fold, but wouldn't hunt, raked away over the river and was lost. 4 rooks 6 flights.

April 6th. All hands out at daylight to look for "Chloe": but a thick fog came up at 5 a.m. and made it a useless job. Heard of her close to us in the afternoon, but could not find her.
Very warm - W. Wind, strong at times. Netheravon, Longbarrow and home by Figheldean. "Danceaway" fetched in a big flock high over premises, made two rattling stoops, killing with the second. Flown again she put into strong premises, utterly refused to come down to live pigeons; stuck to her rook, hunted like the devil and killed him. "Osra" either refused or did not get sighted. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" had a good worry with a pair of crows, and nailed the old cock in a fir tree. 2 rooks, 1 crow. 4 flights.

April 7th. Dull cloudy morning, bright hot afternoon, light S.W. breeze. Figheldean and Silk Hill. "Danceaway" put into premises and killed easily: flown again she put into premises, and after two or three stoops she chucked it, and went off and killed out of a flock. "Osra" put into premises and

killed cleverly. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" had a ding dong flight and killed well. "Osra" and "Paramount" had a very long slip at a flock of crows on passage: both went hard, but never got up to the crows till they had made their point three quarters of a mile up wind to a barn with fir trees round it. Here they both hunted like terriers, the crow finally driven out, and started to ring: "Osra" made a fine ring and fetched him down, when the young hawk came in and knocked him senseless. A good performance for both hawks. Two brace of Mags. were driven out of the Square, and "Persimmon" had a good stoop at one, but he got beaten into cover. 1 crow 4 rooks 5 flights. J.K. Fowler came.

April 8th. Very strong wind from S.W., warm and dry. Met at Upavon Clumps. Gave "Danceaway" a moderate chance and she put her rook in with some good stoops - would not look at a pigeon but went down wind and killed on the edge of Pewsey Vale. "Osra" went finely over rooks from along slip, put into premises, was served and killed quickly. "Danceaway", second time, absolutely chucked it; reason inexplicable. Two rooks passing on passage just after she was hooded up, she was given another chance. In the flight that ensued she flew as well as ever she did in her life, affording a long and very fine flight with two rings in it and many grand stoops, killing him handsomely in the open. "Osra" was given a similar chance and fetched the rooks in splendid form, but flew slack and gave up. Never flew the young hawks at all, and most of the day it was too windy for them. G. Heseltine came.

April 9th. Gale from S.W. with heavy showers, hopeless for hawking till 4 p.m. when it was still blowing hard. Went out towards Lugershall and flew "Dracular" and "Bonnylass" at a strong rook on passage - a long slip and not a fair chance. They stuck well to him, but never fetched him and left him for a flock which they rattled into the belt near Hougoumont. Found two magpies on May's farm, worked them down the lane and flew "Thais" and "Persimmon", both flew well, and cut down the mag. in style, the falcon catching. R. Chandos Pole came.

April 11th. Gale of wind from S.W. Fine morning, driving showers in afternoon. Much too rough for hawking, but we went out down to Nine Mile Water. Flew "Osra" and "Paramount" at a pair of crows, which they fetched into some old thorn trees and killed him, after a long and exciting hunt. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" had a very poor chance, with cover near down wind; the former hunted well but had to be taken down, cover too strong. The latter raked down wind at a flock, and was recovered with some difficulty. Gave up at 5 p.m. as it was raining great guns and coming on a dirty evening. 1 crow 2 flights.

April 12th. Gale of wind from S.W. Too rough to get out in morning, but ventured out at 3.30 though still very rough. "Danceaway" killed first stoop. "Osra" and "Paramount" had a very queer slip, close to Beach's Barn rookery, premises and gorses. Only as it was late in the evening and impossible to get flights no one would have dreamed of flying in such a place. The old hawk put the flock into premises, hunted well and killed. The young one took on partridges, but came into the premises, took on a rook which had left the premises and killed handsomely. 3 rooks 2 flights. J.E. Harting came.

April 13th. Very strong wind from S.W. Fine. Beach's Barn. "Danceaway" put into gorse and killed after a short hunt. Flown again she hit a rook hard first stoop, and caught him the second. "Osra" and "Paramount" divided, the young hawk killing in very good style: the old one put into gorse, and tried to sit on him after a short hunt, failing which she gave up. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" had a bad, (almost down wind,) slip at crows and were beaten to covert. "Osra" had a very poor chance and was beaten to covert without a stoop. A long but unsuccessful campaign at the Mags in the Square ended up another poor day. 3 rooks 5 flights.

April 14th. Dreadful morning: blowing from S. and driving rain. Wind fell in afternoon, and we got out about 3.30. Steady rain till dark, but not too heavy to fly. "Paramount" (with "Osra") cut over a very wet rook first stoop. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" had a fold hunt; and each killed. "Danceaway" killed another in the same place. 4 rooks 3 flights.

April 15th. Fine day - good breeze from N.W. Went to Upavon. "Paramount" ran straight into a weak rook without even a stoop. "Osra" at same place, met a real smasher of a rook, but got well over him though he went to a great height and finally fetched him into covert with a couple of tremendous stoops. "Paramount" again in the same place, (after luncheon) flew well and put in as "Osra" did. "Bonnylass" and "Dracula" took moderate rooks out of a flock. "Dracula" killed hers in three stoops. "Bonnylass" flew brilliantly, fetching some of the furthest rooks and ringing very well over them. He was a very strong rook and rang very well but just as she was fetching him again Brown rose under her, and she stooped at him. "Dracula" flown alone declined, and so later on did the same when flown together. "Osra" killed a moderate rook in two stoops. Tried a magpie hunt in Upavon clumps without success. Seven flights 3 kills.

April 16th. Very fine day - Wind S. Went out to Netheravon and crossed the river before getting a flight. Then, the lost hawk "Chloe", came out of the clouds at a flock of rooks near a fold. She came well to a pigeon, and George very nearly was able to wind her up - but failing at that, a snare was set and the hawk came well to it but was missed ONCE, TWICE and THRICE, with the old fashioned snare. A detachment was left to watch the snare and put out another pigeon with B.H.J.'s patent Indian snare and to this she came at last and was at once caught. A great triumph for Oriental methods.

While this was being conducted, a detachment went a - hawking. "Paramount" at a flock flew well and put a rook into Shepherd's garden. "Osra" had a good slip on passage, fetched a rook grandly into a stack - tried to sit on him and then flew slack and let him escape to covert.

2 flights 0 kills, but practically no hawking.

April 18th. The Hawks and Establishment moved across to Amesbury, without flying, B.H. Jones and R. Corbet being at Lyndhurst hunting.

April 19th. Fine and bright. Light S.E. breeze. Stonehenge and Longbarrow. "Paramount" killed a rook easily. "Danceaway" made three good stoops and then gave up, went on the soar and killed out of a flock near Stagg's. "Osra" went well over a flock, but wouldn't stoop till they got so far up wind that they beat her to cover. Flown again she left her rooks to kill out of a down wind flock. "Bonnylass", (with "Dracula", who refused,) went well and put into a stack, but Mr. B. got up and drew her off. After putting in Brown, she came back to her rook and put him into a fold, hunted well for a bit before giving up. Then the other hawk which had been fooling about came in and killed. These two afterwards caught a single rook, going keen. A magpie was driven out of Normanton Gorse, and caught by "Thais", after "Persimmon" had done most of the work.

5 rooks 1 Mag. 6 flights.

April 20th. Very light wind from S. Cloudy - rain in afternoon. "Paramount" first time killed prettily in three stoops with but little room. Second time fetched her rook well, put into a stack and caught. "Danceaway" was given a very poor slip and had no chance to kill - soared and put into a hedge, one rook out of a flock a mile away. After a hunt she killed well. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" went very well over a flock but "Brown" took off the later again. "Dracula" stuck well to her rook, put into a fold and killed. Porton firs was then tried for magpies and proved productive, one pair going into Princess' Gorse. After a little trouble they were got away and both brought to bag, one by "Thais" and the other by "Persimmon". "Osra" killed second stoop, fairly well. 5 rooks 2 mags. 5 flights.

April 21st. Rain in night. Cloudy dull day coming on very thick and hazy in afternoon. Out to Yarnbury Castle without getting a flight. "Paramount" went well over rooks, put into premises and being served killed. A second time she flew a pretty flight ringing nicely over good rooks and killing first stoop. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" both went well - the former led and fetched the rooks - the latter killed - scored to "Dracula". "Osra" had a fair good chance - made one stoop - chucked and went off to a flock, put them into a fold - refused to come to a lure and raked away and was lost, close to Shrewton. 5 flights 3 kills - bad day owing to misty weather.

April 22nd. Shrewton X Rds. Fine and warm. Cool breeze. "Paramount" put into gorse, and hunted some out at: at last she had to ring and the rook made off, getting a long start, when she rattled after him and made a couple of smashing stoops, catching with the second. Flown again she had another hunt, and killed. "Danceaway" had a nice chance, inside the Shrewton wire: she checked from one rook to another and finally went off up wind and was lost. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" divided, the former catching a crow just as he put in: the latter had two rattling stoops, hitting him hard the second, but got beaten to a clump. "Persimmon" had a couple of stoops at a curlew, but fought a bit shy, and let him get into cover. "Chloe" went a bit slack and was beaten up wind to cover. 1 crow 2 rooks 5 flights.

April 23rd. Sharp frost at night: hot day, wind N.E.: Yarnbury Castle and Shrewton. "Paramount" caught a poor rook by Yarnbury Castle. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" flown in a valley towards Shrewton, each killed in good form. Met James [Retford], Major Fisher's falconer with Mr. Mitchell who told us that a hawk had been caught and was at Shrewton. Shortly afterwards met William [Billy] Coleman who had "Danceaway" hooded. She had been caught by a shepherd early in the morning near a fold where she had killed. Everyone was glad to see her again. "Paramount" second time in Orcheston Valley flew in a most persevering manner and killed after a long hunt at a fold. "Bonnylass" flown at a rook in the large wire enclosure by Shrewton X Rds. was ringing well when two crows got up beneath her and she killed after several stoops. The hen mobbed and "Dracula" was at once unhooded and flew her very keenly but was beaten to covert. Put a mag. out of Virgo into Normanton Gorse. "Persimmon" was put up but did not sight him and he got away. "Chloe" was flown at a bagman who was too good for her and got home to covert. 5 flights 4 rooks 1 crow.

April 25th. Fine and warm. Wind N.E. Light. Stonehenge and Longbarrow. "Paramount" killed two rooks easily, first stoop each. "Bonnylass" flew hard up wind to a strong gorse, but only hunted a very short time. Flown again she took the wrong rooks, and got beaten to premises. "Dracula" and "Chloe" had a long slip and little room: the former, much the fastest, fetched them and caught first stoop. The other hawk killed another third stoop in nice form. "Danceaway" took the wrong rooks, and got beaten up wind to cover: she went off and put a flock into a gorse, and after a short hunt sat down. Not at all her form. "Dracula" and "Chloe" took the same rook out of a flock, the former fetching them and catching after a ding-dong flight. 5 rooks 7 flights.

April 26th. Wind N.E. , bright. Strong breeze. Went up Beacon Hill. Flew "Paramount" near the Bible, at two crows - which got in without a stoop, but after an energetic blasting and good hard work on the hawk's part, the female crow was bagged. "Dracula" and "Chloe" had a good chance in the deep valley over Beacon Hill. "Dracula" put in a good flight of five or six stoops, but was beaten. "Chloe" checked and was beaten to Wilbury belt, well followed and got by B.H.J. and R.C. "Paramount" checked at plover. Then we took on magpies and found six at Tanner's Gorse - after a very long beat we got four away, but "brown" came in and put us all wrong. Hawks did not do well but after a while we got together and killed a mag far out on Beacon Hill. "Paramount" flew a pretty flight at ... farm and killed well. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" slipped together, took different rooks but "Dracula" killed first stoop and the other came in. "Danceaway" was slipped on a steep hill just

over a huge fold which we could not see. A very devil of a hunt ensued, along the fold, up to a barn, round the corner and back again. For ten minutes it lasted, with "time" called twice to let both get their wind - at last he took courage and made off and was killed in the open half a mile off.

6 flights 5 kills Not a good day.

April 27th. Yarnbury Castle. Fine but muggy: very light S. breeze. "Paramount" turned back from a chance on passage at a rook a long way down wind; she was ringing well at him when she came down at a peewit. Flown again she killed in good form, and afterwards picked up a very bad rook near the Druid's Head. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" divided at a flock, the former killing in good form, the latter putting into a wire fence and giving up. The same two were flown again, and "Dracula" again killed nicely, while "Bonnylass" fetched one into a stack, then had to ring, which she did well, and fetched him into a wire fence, killing after a short hunt. "Dracula" and "Chloe" divided, but the latter left her rook to help "Dracula" to kill her rook which had put into a stack. A magpie was blasted out of Normanton gorse, and "Persimmon" flew him in finest style, and had him coopered when "Thais" joined in and caught. Scored to the Tiercel. 7 rooks 1 magpie 7 flights. G.L. left.

April 28th. Wet morning: dull hot afternoon, with dark stormy clouds: little or no wind. Beacon Hill. A poor day's sport. "Paramount" put into a tree and killed after a short hunt. A magpie was got out of Tanner's gorse, but escaped (when fairly coopered,) through intervention of Mr. B. A pair of crows were then driven out and "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" flown at them: they divided and both got beaten to cover, "Dracula" to the Bible, and "Bonnylass" back to the Gorse. The crow was driven out of the Bible, and "Paramount" flown at him, but he beat her to the cover on the top of Beacon Hill, after some good stoops and rings. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" had a bad chance at a flock; they divided and "Dracula" killed first stoop, "Bonnylass" putting into gorse and coming in to the kill. A magpie was got out of Porton Firs, and after two different attacks, in which Mr. B. led away the hawks, was at last caught by "Thais"

2 rooks 1 magpie - 4 flights.

April 29th. Showery morning: strongish S.W. Wind. Wind dropped in afternoon, and it rained very heavily till dusk. Druid's Head. Large field: Mr. & Mrs. Cholmonley, and Pierrepont. "Paramount" flew grandly in the wind, fetched a rook into a tree and killed. Flown again she flew a beautiful flight with a good ring, and killed close to cover. "Dracula" went well, put into a tree and killed on being served. Flown again (with "Bonnylass",) they divided, and she killed cleverly, the other hawk coming in to the kill. "Danceaway" went hard at a rook, but gave up on finding him a good rook: went on the soar, and came down at a fold full of rooks. Here she hunted a bit and then sat down in a tree: refused to come to a lure, and slipped away low over a cover and was lost. Heavy rain came on and we could do little to find her.

4 rooks 5 flights.

April 30th. B.H.J., R.C. and Falconers out at day-break to look for "Danceaway", saw nothing of her. Gale with heavy rain came on at 7 a.m. and lasted nearly all day. Went out at 5 p.m. by the Stones and Longbarrow. Did not get a flight.

May 2nd. Mm. Pichot, Belvallette, Barrachin and Le Bret arrived from France. Half a gale of wind from the S. occasional showers. Too rough to fly. Stonehenge. "Danceaway" was found sitting in a copse and recovered without difficulty. "Paramount" was beaten to cover. Flown again in a bad place, she was again beaten, and killed a long way down wind. Spent some time finding her. "Dracula" killed a very bad rook easily. "Bonnylass" did not get sighted, and took on the wrong rook which beat her to cover. Most of the afternoon spent sheltering in a barn.

2 rooks 4 flights.

May 3rd. Gale of wind all day: never attempted to get out. Heavy rain at night.

May 4th. Half a gale from S.W. did not go out till 2 p.m. and might as well have stopped in then. About 5 p.m. with a great deal of wind blowing slipped "Paramount" at a rook on passage. A good one would have fetched, but she would have none of it. An hour later she went and fetched a flock well, and after a hunt in some gorse killed prettily. Flew "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" at a pair of rooks. Neither went well but the rooks put in at once to a small plantation where a great hunt ensued with "Dracula", who stuck to him gallantly but was beaten at last. 3 chances 1 kill.

May 5th. Wind S.W. Heavy showers all day with rain storms. Out towards Shrewton. Got one flight in thick rain with "Paramount" - killed cleverly in three stoops. Spent rest of day in a barn! Worst May record.

May 6th. Fine but plenty of wind from N. "Paramount" flown, put a rook, flying well, into a farm where it was joined by about six others - the hawk hunted right well and nearly killed in the trees but at last the flock of rooks went away high in air - she made a fine ring over them, fetched one and killed it a mile away. Second time killed after a pretty flight over gorse. Third time put in with two stoops and rattled off down wind killing out of a flock. "Dracula" flew rather slack and killed over gorse. "Bonnylass" had a fair chance and refused. Tried three hawks in succession at curlews and one and all refused! This is a change from old days when anything was thought good enough for this job. A powerfully organized campaign against the Shrewton magpies worked well - all but the hawks, which would not fly them and so a failure had to be recorded. "Bonnylass" slipped at a curlew went on up wind and killed a rook after a short flight. And "Dracula" and "Chloe" ran into a rook easily. 6 kills 7 flights, but not a good day.

May 7th. Fine and hot. Very light N.W. breeze. Beacon Hill and across the line. "Paramount" put into bushes, got him out, and killed after knocking him down once. Flown again she killed easily second stoop. Flown again she put into a fold, and tried to sit on one in high rape, letting him escape. "Dracula" and "Bonnylass" put into premises, where "Dracula" caught, and "Bonnylass" got away with one and was just beaten to cover. "Dracula" put into bushes, tried to sit on him, and the rook beat her to strong cover: where for some reason he elected to ring instead of putting in. She rang up after him, slow but very determined, and they got up a great height, where she at last mastered him, and killed second stoop, very high up. A real A.1. flight: could not be better. "Bonnylass" and "Chloe" were slipped at a rook on passage: the former did not get sighted, turned down wind to Bulford Rookery, where she picked up a young rook. "Chloe" flew slack and went off to the other hawk, and coming in to the kill she badly crabbed, and made off to the River and was lost. An unsuccessful go at the Tanner's Gorse mags: spoilt as usual by Mr. Brown.

6 rooks 6 flights.

G.L. left.

Sunday May 8th. Wet morning. "Chloe" was found by George, fed up on a rook. She was so wet that she could not escape, though unwilling to be taken up.

May 9th. Bright hot morning: slight shower in afternoon, nice evening. Fresh N.W. breeze. The Bustard. "Paramount" made, (as usual) too wide a ring, and let them beat her to Stagg's Rookery, where she picked up a young rook. Flown again she flew a nice flight with a good ring, and killed. Flown again she had a very long slip at a flock: went hard, and picked up a bad rook. "Dracula" (with "Bonnylass") was beaten to cover, the latter hawk fooling about till too late, and then going off and killing at a rookery. The same two, flown again, took the same rook, and "Bonnylass" killed nicely. She was flown again, alone, and from a long slip, put a large flock into a very small tree, hunted rather slack, and killed. "Dracula" refused a chance on passage, and afterwards let off a rook which she ought to have killed, trying to sit on him at a stack. 6 rooks 8 flights.

May 10th. Dull: thick drizzle in evening. Fresh breeze. Across the line. From a long slip "Paramount" went well over a flock, and killed second stoop. Second flight killed well first stoop. Third flight, she was beaten down wind to the Rookery on the Hill. "Bonnylass", with "Dracula", the former fetched him, the latter killing. Flown again they scored a right and left; "Dracula" in good form, "Bonnylass" choosing her rook to kill out of a flock down wind. "Dracula" (alone) did not like the wind, and gave up when it came to ringing. A tremendous hunt at a mag. out of Porton Firs, lasting one hour and twenty minutes. We had five separate goes at him: twice he was nearly coopered by "Persimmon" when Brown intervened and saved his life: finally "Dracula" was flown at him out of the hood, and the tiercel joining in he was killed. 5 rooks 1 mag. 6 flights.

A bad season, but weather much against the hawks. Twice stopped for nearly a whole week, which was terribly against the hawks being got on. They were on the whole a very inferior lot.

B.H. Jones took the Lurganloy shooting, Co. Leitrim, Ireland. A large extent of grouse mountain but very few birds. Eyasses were got from Horn Head, Seaford, and Waterford. One nest (Seaford) produced three very good tiercels and one falcon, one tiercel went to Mm. Arbel, France, and the best of the others, with his sister was lost when being flown to the lure, before the season began. The only reliable old hawk was the tiercel "Persimmon" whose performances at the old grouse (which predominated) were wonderful. He could however not hold more than half the birds he knocked down so that his score was a comparatively poor one. None of the young falcons turned out well and it was no place for ordinary tiercels.

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Hawks. 1899.

“Danceaway”	Passage falcon	seventh season.	dead.
“Paramount”	do do	second season.	dead.
“Chloe”	do do	second season.	
“Camarine”	do do	first season.	
“Assault”	do do	first season.	
“Modesty”	do do	first season.	
“Minette”	do do	first season.	dead.
“Tragedy”	do do	first season.	
“Althea”	do do	first season.	
“Victress”	do do	first season.	
“Elvira”	do do	first season.	
“Banshee”	Eyass do	second season.	
“Persimmon”	do tiercel	third season.	
“Gimcrack”	do do	second season.	dead.
“Gilliver”	do do	second season.	

March 1899.	22nd.	27th.	30th.	31st.	1st.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.
“Danceaway”						1	1	1	1
“Chloe”		1							
“Minette”		1+					1c		1
“Modesty”			1		1		1		1
“Camarine”				1		1	1		1
“Elvira”									
“Victress”									
Kills:	0	2	1	1	1	2	4	1	4
Flights:	3	3	3	4	2	5	5	1	5

April 1899.	10th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	15th.	17th.	18th.	19th.
"Danceaway"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	lost
"Chloe"									
"Minette"			1				1+		1
"Modesty"	1			1					
"Camarine"	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1
"Elvira"			1	1	2	1	2	2	1
"Victress"			1						
Kills:	3	2	5	4	4	4	6	5	3
Flights:	5	6	7	11	6	5	6	7	7

April 1899.	20th.	21st.	22nd.	24th.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	29th.
"Danceaway"	Shot.								
"Chloe"									
"Minette"	1	1	1	1	dead.				
"Modesty"							1+	1	
"Camarine"	1	2	2	1	1c2	2	2	3	2
"Elvira"	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2
"Victress"									
"Gilliver"							1*+		
Kills:	3	4	5	3	5	3	5	6	4
Flights:	7	4	5	3	7	6	6	6	4

May 1899.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.
"Danceaway"										
"Chloe"										
"Minette"										
"Modesty"	1+					1+				1
"Camarine"	2	1j2	2	3	2	2	2	1	3	1
"Elvira"	1c2	2	1	2	1c1	2	2	3	3	3
"Victress"							1+	1	1	1
"Gilliver"		1*				1*+				
"Persimmon"				1*						
Kills:	6	6	3	6	5	6	5	5	7	6
Flights:	6	6	5	6	6	8	7	6	8	9

May 1899.	12th.	Total.	
"Danceaway"		12.	
"Chloe"		1.	5 Crows.
"Minette"		10.	138 Rooks.
"Modesty"		11.	1 Jackdaw.
"Camarine"	1	56.	4 Magpies.
"Elvira"	1c2	49.	1 Curlew.
"Victress"	1	7.	
"Gilliver"		3.	38 days hawking.
"Persimmon"	1.		
"Banshee"	1 sc	1.	
Kills:	6	149.	
Flights:	8	214.	

+ = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. c = crow. j = jackdaw. sc = stone curlew.

March 21st. B.H. Jones, and the Hon. Sec. arrived and found a hard frost, and at midday a heavy snowstorm, which cleared in afternoon but made riding impossible. Went out on foot to try and get a flight but failed to do so. Wind N.W.; bitter cold - hard frost at night.

March 22nd. Bitter frost, but snow melted towards midday. Went out towards Beaches Barn, and flew "Danceaway" near Saddler's pit. She went well over her rooks, and flew a slashing flight, as good as ever she was, till her wind failed her, when she sat down, and disregarding lures went on the soar. Once she came down and killed B.H.J.'s pigeon, but left it and soared again and was lost. "Paramount" and "Assault" flown near Hougoumont. The old hawk went up and made one stoop and gave up, the young one did nothing. "Chloe" and "Minette" at same place - the young hawk went for a peewit and the foolish old falcon followed her. Trained hawks and went home. Bad day. Saw 15 Magpies in a flock near Sidbury Hill.

March 23rd. Hard frost. Snowed heavily up to 2 p.m. in afternoon. Trained hawks.

March 24th. Hard frost: fine day but cold. Out in afternoon about Beach's Barn, but did not get a chance. Country hard and dry as India.

March 25th. White frost. Strong wind and heavy showers in afternoon - Too rough to fly.

March 27th. Strongish wind and showers in morning: fine afternoon. Figheldean country. "Modesty" and "Assault" did little or nothing their first slip, but flown the second time they went well, fetched a rook into trees, and would have caught him with a little luck: They sat down and the rook got off to the Rookery pursued by "Modesty". "Paramount" and "Minette", the old one rattled him, the young one caught first stoop. Gave "Chloe" a bagman which she left after a few stoops and went off and killed a rook out of a flock. Carried and gave much trouble. 2 rooks 3 flights.

March 28th. Gale of wind from S.W. Never got out all day.

March 29th. Gale of wind from S.W. Fine. "Danceaway" was taken up at Beach's Barn by R. Slightam.

March 30th. Fine day, light W. wind. "Elvira" escaped from her block, with leash and swivel on in morning. Tried towards Collingbourne in hopes of finding her. Flew "Minette" alone near Hougoumont. She flew fast and fetched her rooks well, but funk'd stooping at one and let him off. Saw 6 magpies but got no flight. "Assault" and "Modesty" both went fairly, especially "Modesty" who killed second stoop unassisted. Unfortunately the other hawk came in and crabbed her, so that the rook escaped. "Assault" and "Minette" near Hougoumont flew well but met a slashing rook and were beaten, after a pretty flight, to a fold. 3 flights 1 kill.

G. Lascelles and J. Fowler came.

March 31st. Strong breeze from W. Out to Figheldean and over river. Rooks very bad both to find and to approach. Flew "Modesty" at a long slip; she went high, but declined. "Camarine" and "Modesty": the first flew very well, and put her rook in to the gorse on Stagg's down after two slashing stoops. "Modesty" did nothing and then cut over a brown. "Minette" and "Assault". "Minette" went well over the rooks, but after one stoop gave up and followed "Assault" who had fooled down wind. "Camarine" and "Minette" divided and both flew a capital flight, "Camarine" killing well, and "Minette" being just beaten to Mortimer's farm. 4 flights 1 kill.

April 1st. Fine day: light wind from S. Hearing of "Elvira" went towards Collingbourne and Easton Valley. Got one flight before luncheon and one after, and botched one chance, that was all. "Camarine", bothered by too many rooks flew fairly well, but stuck to it and put her rook in to a fence. "Minette" and "Modesty" divided; both hawks going well - "Modesty" killed second stoop, "Minette" put in first to a bush then to farm buildings. Beat out some magpies most successfully to bushes on down near Everley Ashes, but the land was alive with Browns and we could do no good.

2 flights one rook - a very bad day indeed.

April 3rd. Heavy shower about midday, fine later: moderate wind from S.E. Out towards Upavon Clumps. "Camarine" flew a good flight but was beaten to cover, near the rookery. When the rook came out she killed cleverly first stoop. "Modesty" had a good chance near same place, but refused and went off down wind; she was lost sight of for a few minutes but returned and was taken down. "Minette" flown in a rather cramped place near the Clumps, shepherded her rooks in fine style but after putting in four good stoops was beaten to cover. "Modesty" and "Minette" flown near Beaches Barn probably did not get sighted. The latter crabbed in the air. "Modesty" then went off about half a mile down wind and was taken down. "Minette" came in at once. "Danceaway" flown in the valley between Everleigh and Beaches Barn went hard and well over her rook, stooping several times. She hunted him with assistance out of three trees and tried to sit on him in the fourth but he got away above her and she gave up. She refused to come to a pigeon and sailed for some time over Beaches Barn, finally she killed an in-coming rook first stoop from a great height. She carried six times before being taken up.

5 flights 2 rooks.

W. Duncombe arrived in the morning.

April 4th. Figcheldean country. Showery morning, fine afternoon. Strong W. Wind. Blew hard in the evening and after sunset. "Camarine" flew a fine flight, driving her rooks into the wind like an old hawk, going high over them, and killing second stoop: a magnificent down wind stoop from a good height. "Minette" put a couple of crows into a bush, waited to be served, and picked one up at once. "Modesty" went up very high after a flock, but let them get a long way in front of her, waiting (seemingly to let them come back under her - - when she found they wouldn't, she gave up. Flown again, she again went rather slack, but woke up a bit when they had got up pretty high, made a ring and killed one cleverly second stoop. "Danceaway" went quite in her old form, and killed after three or four good stoops, cutting him over.

4 rooks 5 flights.

April 5th. Strong wind W. Could not go out till after luncheon. Towards Figcheldean and back by Beaches Barn. Trailed over a lot of ground and got but a single bad chance. Lots of rooks about but very unsettled. Flew "Danceaway" who put into some farm buildings with trees - hunted merrily and killed - A poor chance and poor flight - but wonderful for a seven season falcon.

One flight one kill. J.K. Fowler and W. Duncombe, Hon. G. Lascelles and J.B. Lascelles arrived.

April 6th. Strong W. Wind and rain in afternoon. Out to Upavon and across river. Got one flight before crossing the valley with "Camarine", who flew in dashing form and killed just as the rook struggling up had got into a fold. "Minette" had a rather long chance in a strong wind and half chucked it but as the rooks started down wind threw herself high over them and killed with a brilliant down wind stoop. "Camarine" second flight put into stacks and let the rooks get rather a start of it and put them in to one of the Charlton down clumps. "Modesty" went high over a flock and killed first stoop, the rook that selected itself. "Danceaway" checked from the rook she was slipped at and went off up wind to a flock near Elbarrow rookery which she filled with terrified birds - finally raked off and luckily killed within the view of J.B.L.

Rained hard - home.

A wild falcon came in at some rooks we were about to fly, and put them into a barn with a fine stoop as well as we could have done ourselves. We got her to stoop at a pigeon but not quite to take it. five flights - four kills.

April 7th. Heavy Gale and rain from N.W. Never got out at all. N. Heywood came.

April 8th. Blowing hard from N.W. frequent storms of hail and snow. Never got out.

April 10th. Blowing very hard from N.W., but as the Club had to proceed to Amesbury, headed out after lunch. To Amesbury via Figheldean and Longbarrow. "Camarine" put into premises and killed in brilliant form, after a short hunt. "Minette" had a long hunt in gorse, and at last gave up. Flown again she got beaten to covert. "Modesty" wouldn't face the wind, but waited till rooks came back to her when she picked one up very clever. "Danceaway" flew a grand flight, with more than a dozen stoops, and killed after putting into a tree. 3 rooks 5 flights.
Was blowing a gale, and too strong for everything except "Camarine" and "Danceaway", who both revelled in it.

April 11th. Fine morning, but again a gale of wind. In the afternoon violent squalls of hail, snow and rain; between the squalls wind moderated, and sun came out. Stonehenge. "Camarine" went well into the wind, fetched her rook into a bush, and then had a hard flight down wind, knocking him down close to covert. Flown again she put into a bush and tried to sit on him. Flown again she put into premises, and after a short hunt again tried to sit on him in a bush, letting him escape. "Danceaway" refused a single rook on passage, went off up wind and killed in a fold. "Minette" never saw her rooks. "Modesty" put into premises and sat down. "Minette" and "Victress" divided, the former getting beaten to covert: the latter put into a fold, and hunted till flown out. Very poor day. 2 rooks 6 flights.

April 12th. Mostly fine and bright: a few showers: fresh breeze from S. Beacon Hill. "Camarine" put into stacks and caught easily. "Minette" went high over a flock and knocked down a poor rook. "Modesty" went slow and never fetched them; she made a ring and put into a fold a long way down wind, and gave up. Flown again she went high over them, but wouldn't stoop, letting her rook get away down wind, when she put him in with a rattle. "Elvira" went hard and high, fetched a good single rook, and killed first stoop. A fine performance for the first time. "Chloe" and "Victress" divided, the young killing first stoop: the old hawk took a bad rook and had several stoops, hitting him hard once, finally leaving him to come in to the kill. "Danceaway", with very little room worked hard at a flock, and killed third stoop. 5 rooks 7 flights.

April 13th. Rain nearly all day, but seldom very heavy. Wind S. to E. Porton Firs and Salisbury Rd. "Camarine" killed in good form. Flown again she was only defeated by a most valiant old rook, who fought away up wind to Princess' gorse in the teeth of a violent hailstorm, and took over a dozen stoops before making his point. A good flight. "Elvira" put into a fold and cracked one over, but unluckily went on with others which beat her to cover. The crippled rook could only just struggle into Porton Firs. Flown again she had little room, she got beaten to cover, getting hold once, but failing to stick to him. Third time she flew a fine flight at rooks on passage, and killed third stoop. "Minette" a bit too keen beaten to cover. Second time, (with "Assault",) she had very little room and got beaten to strong gorse: hunted hard and well for a long time but place too strong. The other hawk fooled off towards Porton and was lost. "Danceaway" killed a poor rook easily. "Modesty" put into a wagon, and had hold, but he got loose and put into stacks: she hunted a little and then sat on the top, while the rook (much blown and alarmed,) hung about overhead. She got off the stack and fooled about and we were just going to take her down, when she determined to take on the rook again, (now a good height up, and some way off,) fetched him easily and killed in

good form second stoop. "Chloe" declined a single rook and went off at a flock which she put into the Rookery. "Victress" put into a stack, and then gave up. 4 rooks 11 flights.
Poor average, but not bad sport.
J.K. Fowler arrived.

April 14th. Beacon Hill and across the line at Allington. Home by Salisbury Rd.. Rained more or less all day, less heavily now and then. Light wind from N.W. Found "Assault" sitting on a stack near Porton Firs, and got her without trouble. "Camarine" got beaten to Wilbury belt, after a fine flight: bothered him once but failed to hold on. Second time she killed a poorish rook easily. "Elvira" knocked one down in the same place. Second time she took the wrong rook, (not her fault, as there were rooks all round,) and after a good flight just nailed him as he went into gorse. "Danceaway" killed after a rat hunt round a cowshed. "Minette" and "Modesty" put into a barn, the former hunted a little and then gave up: the other really never tried a yard. 4 rooks 6 flights.
J.E. Harting arrived.

April 15th. The first really good hawking day this season. Nice breeze from N.W. warm and sunny in afternoon. Stonehenge and across to The Bustard. Home by Enford Brake and then past the Stones. "Camarine" knocked over her rook near some gorse, into which he crept. She tried to sit upon him, but he got away and was caught after a short flight. Second time in the evening beyond Stonehenge caught second stoop. Six mags came out of the Folly and "Persimmon" was said to have put one into a straw stack. Mr. B was certainly there. "Banshee" flew a curlew hard from a bad pitch and was beaten to cover. Flown again late at Curlews did not try a yard. "Elvira" from a very long slip, flew a fair flight neat Mead's Farm, putting in several stoops, all good, and catching with the last. "Minette" and "Victress" flown at a long and almost down wind slip by Enford Bake. The latter flew keenly for a bit, but never fetched her rooks, "Minette" did not try: "Danceaway" flown near Fargo killed well first stoop. Trailed over a lot of ground during the day for very few flights. Rooks very scarce and shy. Found nearly all the wire about The Bustard down. 4 rooks 5 flights.

[1899. George Hotel, Amesbury. April 15. Saturday - Stonehenge and the Bustard. First flight "Camarine" knocked her Rook down by furzes and caught him. 5 magpies showed. Flew "Persimmon" who pursued into a straw stack but it got away in consequence of a partridge getting up at the wrong time. "Banshee" flew a stone Curlew and put it into cover. Was afterwards flown at two more but picked the wrong one and was beaten. "Elvira" had a long slip at a Rook, got over him and put in half a dozen good stoops, killing with the last. "Minette" and "Victress" were flown together, a long slip, but neither did her best, and did not kill. "Danceaway" had a good Rook, which she flew well and killed in good style at the first stoop. Total bag 4 Rooks. Flew the young hawks to the lure. J.E.H.]

[April 16. Sunday. Went over to Wilsford to see A. Newall, and stayed for afternoon tea. J.E.H.]

April 17th. Fine: fresh N.W. breeze. Stonehenge and the Bustard. "Camarine" killed her first rook in her usual form. Second time she did not get sighted(?) turned down wind and killed half a mile off. "Elvira" accounted for two in the best style. "Danceaway" put into premises after a few stoops: got him out but he beat her to covert, close by. She went off and killed out of a flock. "Minette", with "Victress", killed after a hustle round some hurdles. Had a good go at a pair of Mags near the Bustard and very near got one, but they beat us back to the covert. "Banshee" had a go at a curlew but failed to score. 6 rooks 6 flights.

[April 17. To Stonehenge. "Camarine" killed well first flight. Second time, a bad start, turned down wind and killed a long way off. "Elvira" had a long upwind slip, went well over her Rooks and

killed at second stoop. Next flight brought her Rook right downwind and killed at my feet. Flew the tiercels at a Mag and very nearly had him but he beat them to cover. Second flight at a Magpie ditto. "Banshee" flew a stone Curlew. "Danceaway" then had the best flight of the day - A real good Rook which beat her to cover - She would not look at the lure but went off down wind at a great pace, found another Rook for herself and killed it. Rode after her and took her up. "Minette" and "Victress" flew badly, but hustled a Rook and got it between them.

6 flights at Rooks and killed all.

Flew the young ones at lure. J.E.H.]

April 18th. Fine. Light wind from N. Telegraph Valley, up to Bustard and home by Druid's Head. "Camarine" killed two rooks in her usual finished style. "Elvira" unfortunately turned off at a rook coming up to the flock from behind, and got beaten to covert. She afterwards killed two rooks in the finest form. "Minette", as usual, went much too keen, but rang up well, and fetched him into covert with a rattle. Flights were very bad to get in the afternoon, and it was only by great good luck that we got a chance with "Danceaway", and killed a rook after a most exhilarating hustle in the Stones.

5 rooks 7 flights.

April 19th. Fine day. N.W. wind. Shifty. Out on to Beacon Hill and over railway. Flew "Camarine" first who went finely over rooks and killed second stoop as the rook was just putting in. Second time gave us a fine flight of many stoops putting in to a fold and finally into Boscombe village. "Elvira" killed well first stoop from a long slip. Second time put her rook into a bush and sat down herself, but recovered and after a good flight in which the rook was cut over once he escaped into the rookery above Old Lodge. "Minette" went fast and well to a flock, and killed first stoop. "Danceaway" put a flock into a barn - hunted for a while and then soared - came down at a rook which beat her to Old Lodge R., soared again, put in another rook further over the hill, and then was lost. "Modesty" turned down wind and flew slack and bad and she was beaten at Wilbury belt.

Seven flights, three kills

G.L. came.

April 20th. Fine day, S.W. wind - out by Stonehenge to Yarnbury Castle. Near the Stones flew "Camarine" who took things rather easily but showed fine form, the rook escaped after a fine flight. "Elvira" in the same place flew keener, but quite as well and killed fourth stoop. Crossed river and flew "Camarine" again, who again after a pretty flight let her rook escape to a fence, and missed him by sitting on the fence. Third time she killed easy second stoop. "Minette" in a good place flew and stuck to her rook through a long flight, ringing over him and killing him, but not in the best style. "Elvira" then took on an old crow who fairly beat her to covert after a long and fine ringing flight. "Minette" and "Victress" then were slipped at a demon rook who fairly beat them in the air by ringing away from them, though "Minette" stuck well to him and once got above him but made a feeble stoop.

7 flights 3 kills - Not a bad day, on the whole.

Williams left, J.H. Fowler came.

April 21st. Poured all morning. Out at 2.30, cold wind with rain from N.E. Flew "Elvira" near Long Barrow; a long slip, fetched her rook well, put him into gorse, hunted him out by herself and then rang up over him, well fetched him in and killed. "Camarine" at a big flock checked and flew a little shifty, but finally picked her rook and killed easily second stoop. Second time went like a tiger and killed first stoop. "Minette" flown near a fold hunted well, and when at last the rook made off, killed him neatly, but not in the best style.

Four flights four kills - all cock rooks.

April 22nd. Fine and warm. Light N.W. Wind. Beacon Hill and across the line. "Elvira" had a very long slip, but did not like the rooks she was slipped at, preferring a very high rook that was coming in to them. She fetched him, without ringing, into a cart and killed unassisted. Second time she

killed first stoop easy. "Camarine" took it to easy and did not fetch them: she made a grand ring, got over them and fetched them out of the sky into an empty fold, where she killed without help after a good hunt. Second time she killed easily second stoop. "Minette" had a very long slip, and put into premises, killing after a most desperate hunt. "Modesty" went very slow and got beaten to trees, but hunted well, till flown out. A good day. 5 rooks 6 flights.
Count Le Bardeau out.

April 24th. Hon. O. Molyneux, and R. Wynter came down by 9.15 train. Pouring wet day. Out after lunch, Stonehenge and Druid's Head. Hon. J. Maxwell-Scott and three ladies out on Bicycles. "Elvira" killed nicely third stoop. "Minette" cracked over a weak rook easily. "Camarine" killed easily second stoop. Home early, wet to the skin. 3 rooks 3 flights.

April 25th. Half a gale from W. moderated in evening. Showery. Stonehenge and the Bustard. Large field out. Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlain, with son and friend. Hon. J. Maxwell-Scott with three ladies. "Camarine" killed easily second stoop. Flown again (in the teeth of a squall,) she waited for them to come back to her, put one into gorse and sat on him. Third time she had a go on passage at a crow, and killed in great form, second stoop, just as he was putting in. "Elvira" put into gorse and tried to sit on him: he got a long start and she had to make a fine ring, fetching him into gorse a long way down wind, and killing without help. Second time she went high over them, knocked one silly first stoop, and then caught. A fine performance, and in full view of the Gallery. "Minette" had a poor chance and got beaten to covert by a crow: she hunted, on and the crow venturing out she nailed him like a terrier but unluckily let him go in the worry on the ground. Flown again she had another very poor chance at another crow, got beaten to a large covert, (with Farm buildings in the middle, an impossible place,) but then hunted hard for quite 20 minutes. Crow dead beat, and she nearly had him twice or three times, but at last got flown out. 1 crow 4 rooks - 7 flights.

April 26th. This morning was brought in the dead body of poor old "Danceaway"; she was found in a dying state in Wilbury Belt by a labourer on the morning of the 23rd., and died next day, evidently shot.

April 26th. Strong wind from N.W. Out via Stonehenge and Bustard towards Tilshead. "Elvira" near Stones, got beaten after a pretty flight to covert. "Camarine" a good slip on passage, went well over her rook put him in twice and killed. "Elvira" again got beaten after putting in to firs, to a fence, and after a fine flight of over half a mile. She hunted right well, but the place was too strong and we could not move him. "Minette" went right well over a good rook on passage, and put in two grand stoops before he got in to the rookery near the Bustard. We were anxious to kill with her and hunted a long time. At last she made a dashing cut right down to the ground through the trees, just missed her rook and killed herself stone dead against a tree. A sad sight. "Camarine" mopped up an easy rook second stoop. Did not seem to me to fly honest. "Elvira" had a good chance but took things too easy and nearly let her rook off, but ringing well up killed cleverly. Started a magpie hunt which ended in little "Gilliver" killing well. So home, very sad at thinking on poor "Minette", no such accident having ever been recorded in the Club annals. 6 flights 3 kills.

April 27th. Fine and warm. Light wind from S.W. Rooks unaccountably in flocks, bad both to find and to get at. Mr. J. Maxwell-Scott with daughter and a Miss Edmonds: two in number and highly attractive at that. Mr. Jack Mansell and other distinguished persons were out. Went over Beacon Hill, across railway and back to Porton Firs. "Camarine" near Wilbury flew beautifully and killed third stoop. "Elvira" among the juniper bushes, made too little of her rook, and got the worst of it, meeting a real clinker - however she stuck well to him and made one fine ring before she hunted him home to the rookery. "Camarine" had a very long bad slip in the rabbit warren and it was no particular disgrace to her that she was beaten up wind to covert. "Elvira" got a poor chance at a fold

but the rooks left it and she killed in two stoops, a pretty flight. "Camarine" on Thorn's farm had a nice slip and killed after the perfection of a short flight. "Modesty" and "Victress" went well, the former especially so, and after she fetched her rook well, "Victress" got hold second stoop. We then beat Porton Firs, and evicted a heron, a kestrel, a hobby (?) a green woodpecker, 2 carrion crows, 100 wood pigeons, and four magpies. One of the latter was chivvied into Princess' Gorse by "Gilliver", all three eyasses going like blazes. 6 flights four kills, and a mag.

Not a magnificent, but a very pleasing days sport, especially to the junior members of the party, who seemed to find it exciting beyond measure, not hawking all the time perhaps.

April 28th. Dull and warm. Fresh S. breeze. Stonehenge and Druid's Head. "Camarine" killed close to covert, with a pretty flight. Second time she killed fourth stoop, a beautiful flight, in the wire at Shrewton X Roads. Third time she put into premises and killed cleverly, after a nice hunt. "Elvira" went high, and killed second stoop. Second time she cracked one down first stoop. "Modesty" met a good rook, on passage, near the wire beyond Druid's Head. She went well over him, but had to ring after her first stoop, and got decisively beaten up to the bushes. She went on up wind and was lost for a long time. We found her, quite by accident, while going to beat for Mags. She had killed and fed up, but we got her without trouble. 6 rooks 6 flights.

April 29th. Wild and stormy: strong S.W. Wind, and frequent showers. Nine Mile Water. "Camarine" killed second stoop, just below the Bible: an old Crow came out and worried her off the rook, but she soon caught it again. Second time she put into a tree, and at once left him for a flock a long way up wind, which she put down into a cover and managed to catch one. "Elvira" killed first stoop. Second time she had a most dangerous slip, and put her rooks into Amesbury without a stoop: luckily after fooling about a bit she came soaring back and killed in a sheep fold close to us. Better luck than we deserved. Home early. 4 rooks 4 flights.

May 1st. Dull and coldish. Light S. Wind. Shrewton X Roads. "Camarine" picked up a bad rook first stoop. Second time she caught after a nice flight among bushes. "Elvira" had a side wind slip, and took some time to get up to them, but killed easy second stoop, hitting him hard the first. Second time she flew a grand flight; putting a rook into a small covert, she hunted a short time too keen, trying to sit on him. The rook got up high and she rung up after him, and as there was a mile of open ground down wind we expected a fizzer. But his heart failed and before being fairly coloured he dropped into a flock of sheep, where she caught him after a short hunt. Third time she flew a topper, putting several crows into a little covert, and again trying to catch. One crow got a long start and went away high down wind: she made five or six grand rings, got over him and caught first stoop, a long way down wind. An A.1. flight, about the best this season. "Modesty" and "Victress" worried a rook in the Stones. Good day. 1 crow 5 rooks 6 flights.

M. Clarke came.

May 2nd. Fine. Very hot. Light N. Wind. Hon. O. Molyneux came. Longbarrow. "Camarine" was hooded off from a long slip at what we thought were rooks at a plough but which turned out to be a pair of jackdaws: she was some time overhauling them, but killed first stoop when she did. Second time she killed easily first stoop: Third time she had a more sporting slip at rooks on passage, pretty high and 300 yds. off: fetched them all into a small cover, and killed after a short hunt. "Elvira", from a desperate long slip, put into premises, and killed after a nice hunt. Second time she very nearly got beaten up wind; just killing, first stoop, on the edge of covert. "Modesty" flew a nice flight, four stoops to the Rookery, just getting beaten. She went straight on up wind and was lost. Got a pair of mags. out of the covert by the Bustard, and secured with "Gilliver" and "Banshee". Got another pair out of Fargo, and "Gilliver" had hold of him, and pulled his tail out, but he just struggled back into the cover and beat us. 4 rooks 1 jackdaw 1 magpie 6 flights.

May 3rd. Fine. Fresh N.E. breeze. Coldish. In the early morning the Club proceeded to a stack which was being thrashed, and killed one hundred and ninety rats. Stonehenge. George and Bob found "Modesty" with a full crop in the morning, and someone or other stayed with her all day till we got her at 7 p.m. This interfered a good deal with the day's hawking. "Elvira" was beaten down wind, after a nice flight: he only just got in in time. "Camarine" killed third stoop. Second time she put into gorse, and stacks and killed. "Elvira" killed clever first stoop. Third time she got beaten to covert, from a long slip. A go at the Mags. on the Devizes Road failed, the hawks not getting sighted. 3 rooks 5 flights.

May 4th. Cold N.E. Wind but fine and warm in afternoon. Went on to Beacon Hill and round Porton Firs. "Camarine" first time - a pretty flight and killed in three stoops. Second time a nice slip on passage but a weak rook got up under her and was killed at once. Third time near same place a pretty flight and killed second stoop. "Elvira" first flight after luncheon put into gorses near Salisbury Road and killed after a good hunt. Second time in little valley on passage, killed in three stoops but third time checked at a down wind rook and got beaten after three rattling stoops into the valley. "Victress" in same valley flew right well, put into a farm but had no experience of hunting and was beaten. A desperate magpie hunt out of Porton Firs ensued and after the hawks had been taken down three times and the magpie seemed to have the best of it, we at last had one go near the Salisbury Road, at the same magpie and triumphantly killed him. 5 kills 6 flights. one magpie. A good day.

May 4th 1899. The Hon. Osbert Molyneux, proposed by B.H. Jones, seconded by the Hon. Sec. and elected a member of the Club.

May 5th. Fine. Cold wind. Out past Bustard and towards Tilshead. "Camarine" first flight fetched her rook brilliantly and after three dashing stoops killed well. Second time, had a long slip near gorses on Stags down and put in first stoop, but hunted him out herself where-by he got a long start, and she had to make three grand rings to get over him. She made two or three good stoops but the rook was too good to put in and was killed high in the air, just before he got to the rookery. A third chance was too bad a slip even for her and the rooks got [in] without a single stoop. "Elvira" had her first chance at a crow, which she did not see at first and he got a tremendous start in the air, but she fetched him with one fine ring, and caught very high up second stoop. Second time - a long slip at rooks, one of which she fetched well, and tried to kill too quickly, and missing one stoop fell bump to the ground. She was quickly up, and had to ring very hard to get over the rook which fairly took the air. At last she got above him and just took him with a long slanting stoop as he was in the act of putting in to gorse. "Modesty" and "Victress" together, flew slow and slack but, met a bad rook and killed him in three pretty stoops. "Modesty" did not come in and was some little trouble to get back. Had a desperate long hunt at the Bustard Mags. but he could not be worked and the hawks were never hooded off. 6 flights 5 kills.

Osbert Molyneux and W.M. Clarke left. Peace reigned accordingly.

May 6th. Fine and bright. Hot sun, coldish E. Wind. Stonehenge. "Camarine" flew a brilliant flight from a long slip, and killed among some bullocks. Flown again she put into the farm at the Shrewton wire enclosure, and of course hunted the tame pigeons. Third time she flew a fine flight, catching close to a covert. A pair of crows came out and worried her off, and the rook got into the covert. (Scored to her.) "Elvira" killed cleverly second stoop. Second time she killed after a nice flight in the wire. Third time she was beaten down wind to covert, a wire fence just saving him as he put in. "Modesty" and "Victress" had an impossible slip, and the former was beaten up wind to covert, "Victress" declining. Second time they fetched a rook into the Stones, "Modesty" fetching him and hunting, "Victress" only coming in to kill. Mags. were blasted out of Fargo, and "Gilliver" cut one over after a desperate hunt, the old tiercel doing very little to help him.

5 rooks 1 mag. 8 flights.

May 8th. Very bright and hot. E. Wind, fresh. Stonehenge. "Elvira" went high at a long slip, but unfortunately a flock got up close behind her down wind, and she turned back at them and killed first stoop. Second time she cut over a rook stone dead first stoop: he never moved. She has been slightly amiss since Friday when she came down hard on the ground. "Camarine" went low at a rook which did not see her, missed him and had to ring to get over him: missed him again and again had to ring, killing him within a few yards of cover: a pretty flight. Second time she hunted a rook down some wire, and sat on him, flying bang into the wire once. Third time she had a hard flight in the Shrewton wire at a rook which hung over the bushes and never gave her a down wind chance. She put him in time after time, (cutting out his tail once,) and each time had to ring to get over him again. At last she made too wide a ring, and he got off down wind into a strong hedge. Here she hunted him hard, trying to sit on him all the time, and finally he beat her into high trees in the valley. "Modesty" and "Victress" at a flock: the former fetched them, and the latter, (who had hung back,) disabled one first stoop. Flown again "Modesty" left her rooks for a down wind flock, which she put in and then went on the soar; Meanwhile "Victress" put into a stack, hunted keen, but got beaten to a clump. An unsuccessful attempt on Newall's Magpies finished the day.

5 rooks 7 flights.

May 9th. Dull and warm. Very light airs from N.W. Longbarrow, on to Elbarrow and home by the Bustard. "Camarine" flew shifty, put a whole flock into gorse, wouldn't hunt, went off down wind and stooped at a pigeon. Flown again she went keener, fetched a rook into a bush and killed after a short hunt. "Elvira" went high at a flock, and disabled one first stoop. Second time she killed easily third stoop. Third time she put into a turnip heap and sat on him. "Victress" and "Modesty" divided at a large flock, the former catching first stoop, while "Modesty" got beaten up wind, after a niceish flight of several stoops, to a small covert where she declined to hunt. A mag. was got out of Fargo, and the tiercels had a go at him, but he got back in again unharmed.

5 rooks 6 flights.

May 10th. Very bright and hot: light airs, variable. Stonehenge. "Elvira" killed three rooks in her usual deadly fashion. "Camarine" flew a beautiful flight over the Stones, which were full of people, mostly women, trippers and school feasts. She had four or five stoops before fetching him in, hunted a bit amid the yells of the populace, and then had to ring: he got up a good height, and then she fetched him into the Stones again with a tremendous stoop, and at the sound of her coming women screamed and cowered to the ground. Another short hunt and she had to ring again, but a little of it fetched him this time, and after hunting him a bit more he left the Stones and she ran into him amid intense excitement. George and "Camarine" surrounded by excited females, and photographed from all points. She afterwards killed two more rooks, one of them a nice flight of four stoops, killing within a few yards of strong premises. "Victress" flew a nice flight, going in good form, but getting beaten to premises after three stoops. Flown again (with "Modesty",) at a large flock, she went high, and killed clever second stoop; while "Modesty" had one stoop and then declined to ring. Attacked both the Fargo Mags. also Newall's mags. without any success.

7 rooks 8 flights.

May 11th. N. Heywood left in the morning. Fine and very hot morning. Cooler in the afternoon; a few drops of rain and thunder in the distance. Wind S.E. to S. Very light in morning, fresher in afternoon. Porton Firs. "Elvira" killed three rooks easily. "Camarine" flew a nice flight with her first, killing after four or five good stoops. Second time she declined, and went off after a turtle dove. Third time flew very shifty, put into small covert and wouldn't hunt. "Victress" went up well at rooks, but changed on to a peewit before she got to them. Second time she went hard but slowish at a flock, and killed after a nice up wind flight of six stoops, going in good form. "Modesty" declined the rook she was flown at, took on another that came on behind, but left him without

stooping: then sailed about a bit and finally took on a third rook which she killed easily second stoop. 6 rooks 9 flights.

No weather for hawking. Too hot and ground as hard as iron.

We heard today that at Great Durnford Rookery in the last two days they had shot 636 young rooks. No wonder flights are bad to get. C. Tracy and Cole came to dinner.

May 12th. Thunderstorms with rain in morning. Fine afternoon. Light S. Wind. Stonehenge. "Elvira" killed a couple of rooks, each time just as they were putting in to the same premises. Third time she killed an old crow, after a good flight and a hunt in a plantation. "Camarine" went too keen and had to make a ring to fetch them, when she killed first stoop. Second time she put a whole flock into a small covert, and was hunting well, when Monsieur Le Brun jumped up and was cut over. "Victress" killed a very bad rook first stoop. Second time she had three stoops, and then gave up when it came to ringing. "Banshee" mopped up a curlew. 1 crow 4 rooks 1 curlew.

The Club left May 13th.

A capital season's sport on the whole, though more rooks have been killed. Flights were very bad to get all through the season. The fault of the performance, was that all the sport was obtained with so few hawks. This, to be sure came about partly by reason of the loss of "Minette" and "Danceaway" but there were other hawks in the mews that should have been got on faster, and made a little more of. "Camarine" is one of the best that has been trained for some years, and "Elvira" is not very far behind her but is not so dashing a hawk or one to whom no weather comes amiss, which "Camarine" is.

"DANCEAWAY"

This famous old hawk deserves a line or two in memoriam. She was first trained in 1893 and a fine big dashing black falcon she was, with a ravenous appetite. When in best form she generally ate the breast of two rooks a day. Her style was most brilliant. She could race up over rooks with hardly any effort, but when there, would never make a bad stoop, but frequently made false ones - stooping the rook by a yard or more, and terrifying it mortally, but often not meaning to kill him until her sixth or seventh stoop. She appeared to stoop for sheer love of it, not always to kill, but on nearing covert or if the rook got an advantage her stoop was very difficult to elude. Showing this style of flying she was the perfection of a hawk to show sport though not perhaps the most deadly rook killer that we have possessed. Her temper was perfection, and she was always as tame and gentle as a cat. She killed in her first season no less than 60 rooks - as under.

1893	60.	1897	38.
1894	54.	1898	25.
1895	49.	1899	12 to April 18th.
1896	50.		
Total:	288 rooks.		

The average for her first four seasons was 53, and this is a record unapproached by any other rook hawk. It is not too much to say that up to the middle of her fourth season she never did wrong, but after that time she began to grow rather cunning and after an unsuccessful flight was rather inclined to rake away, and seek for a rook for herself. Latterly the habit became confirmed and she would disregard the lure, altogether, but generally kill a rook in sight. When she did not, she was lost for a few days and although she never got in the least bit wild, yet she stayed out once too often and a miscreant with a gun did to death but luckily did not get [to keep] the best falcon of modern times. She was lost in all seven times,(often only for a night,) but was once out for a whole week.

[December 1st 1899. Went to the Viaduct Station to see the passage hawks arrive from Holland. In charge of George Oser, the Club's falconer. There came 17 peregrines, being 13 red falcons, and one haggard falcon, two red tiercels, and one haggard tiercel, also one sparrow-hawk. Saw there Harting, Studley, Reed, Mitchell and Long. The latter came back and had breakfast with me. He had a red falcon. G.E. Lodge.]

1900.

List of Hawks:

“Elvira”	passage	falcon	second	season.
“Camarine”	do	do	second	season.
“Saucy-puss”	do	do	first	season.
“Vedette”	do	do	first	season.
“Coraline”	do	do	first	season.
“Agnes”	do	do	first	season.
“Fair Helen”	do	do	first	season.
“Gilliver”	eyass	tiercel	third	season.
Mr. Wardell’s	do	do	first	season.
St. Quintin’s	do	do		

Rook hawking 1900.

March 1900.	28th.	29th.	30th.	31st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
“Elvira”	1	1+	1+						1	
“Camarine”			1		1		1	Lost.		
“Saucy-puss”		1+			1				1	1+
“Vedette”					1	1+	1wp			
“Coraline”								1+		
“Agnes”										1+
“Gilliver”										
Mr. Wardell										1+*
St. Quintin										
Kills:	1	2	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	4
Flights:	3	4	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	4

March 1900.	28th.	29th.	30th.	31st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
“Elvira”	1	1+		1+						1
“Camarine”			1		1		1	Lost.		
“Saucy-puss”		1+			1				1	1+
“Vedette”					1	1+	1wp			
“Coraline”								1+		
“Agnes”										1+
“Gilliver”										
Mr. Wardell										1+*
St. Quintin										
Kills:	1	2	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	4
Flights:	3	4	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	4

April 1900.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	17th.	18th.	19th.
"Elvira"	1+		1+	1+	1	1+1		1	1+
"Camarine"									
"Saucy-puss"	2	1		2	1	1	2	2	2
"Vedette"	1	1							
"Coraline"									
"Agnes"		1+			1	1	1	2	2
"Gilliver"									
Mr. Wardell							1+*		
St. Quintin								1+*	
Kills:	4	3	1	3	3	4	4	6	5
Flights:	4	6	2	3	3	4	3	9	8

April 1900.	20th.	21st.	23rd.	24th.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	30th.
"Elvira"		1	2	1 1+	1	3	3	1	
"Camarine"									
"Saucy-puss"	2	3	2	3	2	1	3	2	1
"Vedette"				1			Lost.		
"Coraline"									
"Agnes"	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	
"Gilliver"				1*					
Mr. Wardell		1+*			1+*	1+*1*			
St. Quintin				1+*					
Kills:	4	6	5	9	6	9	8	4	1
Flights:	7	7	6	7	6	8	9	8	1

May 1900.	1st.	2nd.	4th.	5th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	Total.
"Elvira"	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	41.
"Camarine"										3.
"Saucy-puss"	1	2	1	1	1	1		1	3	47.
"Vedette"										6.
"Coraline"										1.
"Agnes"	3	1		2		2	2	1	1c2	36.
"Gilliver"										1.
Mr. Wardle		2+*								8.
St. Quintin										2.
Kills:	6	6	3	5	3	5	3	4	9	146.
Flights:	6	6	6	6	3	6	4	3	9	179.

c = crow. * = magpie. + = assisted by another hawk.

Total: 1 Crow. 132 Rooks. 12 Magpies. 1 Woodpigeon. 37 days hawking.

B.H. Jones opened the season at Everleigh on March 28th. Two inches of snow on the ground, but bright warm morning, and all snow gone by midday. Beach's Barn and home by Lugershall Rd.. "Elvira" (with "Coraline" who refused,) killed first stoop. "Camarine" and "Saucy Puss" both refused a rook on passage, the old hawk going up wind at a big flock, but giving up when she had mastered them. "Coraline" and "Saucy Puss" both declined. Had three goes at a magpie in a grand place, but the tiercels did not half go.

1 rook 3 flights.

March 29th. Sharp frost, beautiful day. Light N. breeze. Easton valley. "Elvira" and "Coraline" both went keen, the old one catching third stoop: crabbed by the young one and they let him go. "Camarine" and "Saucy Puss" had a few stoops, when the young one gave up: the old one put into premises and would not hunt. "Elvira" and "Saucy Puss" both went well, the young one catching. "Camarine" declined. Another unsuccessful mag. hunt. Saw 10 in one place. 2 rooks 4 flights.

Friday March 30th. Sharp frost in morning but bright sun and fine day. Light N.E. wind. Out to Easton Valley. "Elvira" with "Coraline" had a poor chance, as the wind was, and rooks got into folds almost before they fetched them - both hunted well, but neither could quite get hold. "Camarine" and "Saucy Puss" divided, both flew well, the old hawk killed under a stack after several good stoops, the young one flew well but without dash and let a good rook beat her. "Elvira" and "Coraline" had a bad down wind slip - little air at all, and were a long time fetching the rook - both were flown out when the old hawk got over him but after a long flight he beat them handsomely. "Coraline" mooned about and got lost for an hour. Trained hawks without much success and so home.

G. Lascelles came.

March 31st. Hardly any wind - hard frost in morning, bright and warm later. Out to Upavon. Rooks fairly abundant, but in wrong places. Out all day for three flights. "Elvira" and "Saucy Puss" met with a lot of first class rooks which rang up very fast, the young hawk flew fastest and rang best; made a poor stoop high up, then a feint and the old hawk killed at a great height - a pretty flight. "Camarine" and "Coraline" met three good rooks and never got over them. "Elvira" with "Vedette" flew well and fetched her rooks into a farm well, but did not hunt. The young hawk did not try.

April 2nd. Fine. Nice N.W. breeze. Easton Valley. A lot of rooks about in the valley, and could have got many more flights than we wanted. "Saucy-puss", (with "Elvira",) put into a stack, and fold, and killed after some hunting: the old hawk giving her little or no help, seemingly not quite recovered from an operation to her swelled foot on Sunday. "Camarine" and "Vedette" had to ring to fetch them, and the old hawk did not persevere: but the young one flew gallantly, and fetched him into a stack, where he got over her and she had to ring again. She would have fetched him again, but George thought it safer to take her down, as the only horseman was out of sight after "Camarine", who had put in a rook a long way down wind. Flown again the same two hawks divided, "Camarine" killing first stoop, in something more like her old form; while the young hawk put into a stack and then changed on to a weak rook which she ran into. The rest of the afternoon spent in vain attempts to circumvent mags. Saw lots but never got a go at them.

3 rooks 3 flights.

April 3rd. Showery morning: steady rain all afternoon with rising wind from N.W. Easton Valley. "Saucy-puss" went high over rooks, but would not stoop at them. "Camarine" and "Vedette" went keen, the young one got there first and got in two stoops to the old one's one, catching him. The weather came on so bad we never got another chance. 1 rook 2 flights.

N. Heywood came in the evening.

April 4th. Fine. Strong N.W. Wind. Upavon and across the River. "Saucy Puss" and "Coraline" refused. "Camarine" and "Vedette" took down wind rooks, and were beaten down to the River. When last seen the young hawk was still ringing hard at the rooks, at a great height over the River. Later on she was found on a woodpigeon. The old hawk killed a rook near Upavon Clumps, but was scared off by boys, and had to be left out. "Saucy Puss", (with "Elvira", who refused,) went over a flock and then chucked it. A very bad day. 1 rook 1 woodpigeon. 3 flights.

April 5th. Heavy cold storms from N.W., but not bad wind. No news of "Camarine". Went Upavon way without result and worked round onto Strong's farm near Pewsey. Flew "Saucy Puss" and "Coraline", both went up well to different rooks but "Coraline" left her rook and coming to help the "Puss", killed nicely. "Elvira" with "Vedette" refused, and is evidently amiss, but the young hawk rattled away, and after putting into bushes was inclined to rake off, but was taken down by N. Heywood. Got two Mags. well out of one of the Everleigh coverts. "Gilliver" went well and we had a good hunt, but he was not much assisted by the other tiercels and Mr. B. was very interfering.

1 rook 2 flights.

The Hon. Sec. and Jack Lascelles arrived.

April 6th. Wind S.W., fairly strong. Over river at Upavon on quest for "Camarine". No luck. No flight till 1.40. "Saucy Puss" and "Coraline" went finely over rooks, especially the latter - put into stacks and divided. "The Puss" hunted well and killed. "Coraline" took the escaping rooks down wind - fetched one - scraped him but let him get into the rookery. Later the same two at crows got well over them, caught once, knocked him down once, but finally let him escape at the gate in Piss Bottom where we found them on the ground - the crow on the gate. Whether a crab or not is uncertain. No other chance. Travelled 20 miles for two flights.

2 flights 1 kill.

April 7th. Cold showers and wind from N.E. Flew "Saucy Puss" and "Coraline" on Collingbourne Road. "The Puss" fetched them finely but put in short stoops. "Coraline" divided but after a while came in to the other and then had a ding dong chase up to Nuth's with many stoops. The rook escaped. "Elvira" and "Vedette" got fairly over the rooks and the old hawk killed first stoop, flying however but weakly. "Vedette" with another rook put into a fold well but, did not hunt and was a little troublesome to secure. "Saucy Puss" and "Coraline" fetched the rooks well into stacks - the "Puss" doing all the work and the other killing. "Vedette" and "Agnes" were rather beaten by ringing rooks, but checked at some others which they fetched easily after a hunt round a hedge. "Agnes" caught. Had two tries at Magpies and after beating the covert near Collingbourne Ducis, got one away and after "Gilliver" had put him in and hunted him then Mr. Wardell's tiercel went well up to him for a long way and killed high in the air.

4 flights 3 rooks 1 mag.

April 9th. Fine warm morning, dull afternoon, and too dark to fly at 5.p.m. Light S.W. breeze. Easton Valley. "Saucy Puss" took the wrong lot, down wind, and went over the hill towards Burbage, but killed him among the hedges unassisted. Flown again she showed fine form, and killed again almost in the same place. "Elvira" and "Coraline": the young one fetched them and made a feint, driving a rook down which the old hawk picked up first stoop. "Vedette", (with "Agnes", who did not get sighted at first,) went straight at them as usual, and could not fetch them: but some more rooks were on up wind and she killed one of them first stoop. Meanwhile "Agnes" had taken on the original rooks, and flew a very hard flight right over the hill, getting beaten to trees. Had a go at the Collingbourne mags. but we were not in sufficient strength, and could not get them out.

4 rooks 4 flights.

Hon. O. Molyneux arrived at night.

April 10th. Fine. Strong N.W. breeze. Netheravon. "Saucy Puss" went well over rooks, but took a long time to select one: she let one get a long way down wind before she pursued him, killing in a fold. Flown again she either did not get sighted, or else refused. "Vedette" and "Agnes" put into a fold, when "Vedette" at once went off after pigeons, while "Agnes" hunted well but got beaten to a clump. "Elvira" flew in something more like her old form, fetched a very distant rook after a long struggle up wind, and had two or three rattling stoops before getting beaten to a fold: she wouldn't hunt. "Saucy Puss" and "Agnes" had a nice flight, stoop for stoop, the latter killing. "Elvira" and "Vedette" had a poor chance on passage; the old hawk refusing, while the young one never fetched

her rook, and left him for a big flock a long way down wind, out of which she killed. She is a little rogue! 3 rooks 6 flights.

April 11th. Showery. Strong N.W. Wind in morning which moved to the S. in afternoon and blew up into a gale. Easton Valley. "Saucy Puss" went well over rooks and then chucked it. "Elvira" (with "Agnes", unsighted,) fetched them well, and had a couple of good stoops, when the young one joined in and killed. A bad crab on the ground, and the rook escaped, much damaged. Scored to "Elvira". As it was blowing so hard, we had a try at the Collingbourne mags, got them out down wind and flew Mr. Wardle; he failed to get on terms and went off down wind over the line, and was lost. A wretched bad day, both weather and sport. 1 rook 2 flights.

R. Heywood came.

Bob got the tiercel, first thing the morning of the 12th.

April 12th. Fine morning, gloomy afternoon. Strong N.W. Wind. Upavon Clumps. "Saucy Puss" killed third stoop: a poor rook. "Elvira", (with "Coraline" who would not face the wind,) fetched them well and had a nice little flight before the young one joined in and killed. "Saucy Puss" fetched a big flock in fine style, and killed third stoop, a good one. An unsuccessful go at the Pewsey Rd. Mags, resulted in fetching up "Camarine": she sat on the downs close to us, but would not take a pigeon. 3 rooks 3 flights.

J.K. Fowler came in the evening.

Good Friday. Fine, but blowing a gale from N.W. Ventured out after lunch, more with idea of looking for "Camarine" than of any chance of flying. However we found rooks in such a capital place, on the edge of the Pewsey Down, where you could hood off a hundred feet above them, that we were obliged to have a go at them: and here "Saucy Puss" killed easily first stoop. "Elvira" and "Coraline" divided, the old hawk killing first stoop; the young one taking on a good rook, which rang up over the top of the down and beat her to covert. The wind having gone down a bit, flew "Vedette" and "Agnes" near Upavon Clumps, a ding dong flight down wind to a fold, "Agnes" going much the best and killing. 3 rooks 3 flights.

April 14th. Fine. Strong wind from S.W. Out by Upavon Clumps. Rooks very scarce. Trailed to edge of Pewsey Down where we were yesterday and remained there the rest of the day. "Saucy Puss" flown at about 150 rooks, hit him first stoop, he then took shelter in a small tree, out of which she hunted him without assistance and killed. "Elvira" and "Coraline"; the old hawk caught second stoop, when the young one came in and she let him go, but caught again after a short chase. The same flown again later in the day: "Elvira" killed first stoop: "Coraline" flew her rook well for a bit, but he was too good and when he rang over her she gave up. "Agnes" met a very bad rook with some shot in him and killed after a poor flight. "Mr. Wardell and "Gilliver" were flown at two mags which were put out of the covert by the Pewsey Road, but the place was too strong. One got back after a short hunt, and the other was lost sight of.

4 flights 4 Rooks, a good average but rather poor sport.

During the first flight a falcon, thought to be "Camerine" was seen, but went away.

April 16th. Easter Monday. Gale of wind, with showers: bright intervals. Too rough to fly. Rode across the downs to Amesbury, past miles of new Rifle Butts and Camps. On arriving at Bulford were horrified at sight of a brand new full sized Railway, running past Tanner's gorse to Amesbury!

April 17th. Very wet all morning. Strong cold wind from S.W. Flew "Saucy Puss" near the Stones. She went well over them, took a lot of time but killed first stoop. "Agnes" and "Coraline" at same place got a very bad long side wind slip - "Agnes" got well over him but made rather feeble stoops and let him get above her. She made a very fair attempt at a ring and killed well. "Coraline" took no

part in the flight. "Saucy Puss", second time got a sporting slip on passage: She went grandly over them, waited as usual a little long, so that they got a long way down the wind, but then came in ding dong, and, passing over one or two gorses, put in about a mile down wind and sat down. The moment the rook was moved she was out, and up over him in no time and after fetching him in again killed cleverly. A really first class flight. Then we hunted magpies and had a lot of trouble to get a pair out of the plantation on Stagg's Down. At last we moved them and had a splendid chance but the tiercels, all of them flew badly and slack. At last old "Persimmon" was slipped and caught the pie but the others crabbed and Margot escaped. Then a beautiful old wild tiercel appeared and buffeted our tiercels badly - all went badly. At last after we had taken the hawks down twice, we got a fair go at the hustled mag. and Wardell caught him handsomely in the open.

The temperature of the Club seems very high - members present - B. Jones, N. Heywood, J.H. Fowler, O. Molyneux - and as a corrective the Hon. Sec. 3 flights 3 kills and 1 magpie.

April 18th. Fine and very hot: light N.E. Wind. Porton Firs. "Saucy Puss" killed two moderate rooks very easily, both first stoop. "Agnes" had a long slip, but fetched them well and killed second stoop. Flown again she put into a fold and killed cleverly. "Elvira" refused a good chance. Flown again, (with "Coraline" who declined,) she had a couple of short stoops, and then was for giving up: but the rook put into a bush, and she laid into him again, and killed him. "Vedette" (alone) chucked it. Flown again with "Fair Helen", they had a very bad chance at a pair of crows which beat them up wind to Tanner's gorse, both hawks going keen. The same pair, flown again, divided; and both gave up after a stoop or two. A pair of mags. were blasted out of Porton Firs, after one failure and some recriminations among the members: the old tiercel of St. Q's caught him, but let him go, and he sat in a wheat field, where at last we caught him again. 5 rooks 1 magpie.

This day R. Heywood was proposed by N. Heywood, seconded by B.H. Jones and elected a member of The Old Hawking Club.

April 19th. Fine and very hot. Light breeze S.E. Stonehenge. "The Puss" fetched rooks into a gorse, kept ringing high over them in fine style, killing at last with a beautiful stoop. Second time she went well up to a rook, and then turned off at partridges. Third time she did the same, just as she had fetched a pair of real high rooks. Fourth time she could not make up her mind, at last selecting a rook that beat her up wind to cover, without a stoop. She went on and killed at the Rookery. "Agnes" put into gorse and killed after a good hunt. Second time she did not get sighted at first, but when she did, she chased him into a fold and killed without help. "Elvira" and "Fair Helen" knocked a bad rook down. "Elvira" and "Vedette" divided, the old hawk beaten to cover up wind. The young one gave up, and went on the soar. 5 rooks 8 flights.

April 20th. Fine, and very hot. Light S. breeze. Poor day's sport: killed 4 rooks before lunch, but never a one afterwards. Porton Firs. "Saucy Puss" killed a couple of rooks, first stoop each time. "Agnes" put into a fold, let him get over her, and then made a couple of feeble rings, the rook beating her up wind to cover. She went on up wind, and killed out of a flock. Second time she killed third stoop. Third time she put into a fold: got him out after a short hunt, and drove him into a strong gorse, where she left him and went on the soar. (It was VERY hot.) "Elvira" had a couple of stoops and then gave up, clean flown out. Flown again with "Fair Helen" both refused. Two separate assaults on Tanner's gorse, produced mags., and the second time we had one at our mercy but the tiercels refused to help us. 4 rooks 7 flights.

April 21st. Druid's Head. Fine and very hot. Light south wind. "Saucy Puss" fetched them well and killed first stoop. Second time she put into horses and killed. Flown a third time, after making two or three feints killed first stoop. "Agnes" after throwing herself away by a bad stoop ran in and killed an inferior rook. Flown a second time she got beaten to gorse and tried to sit on him. Third

time she unfortunately took after the wrong rook and after ringing and getting above him she chucked it. "Elvira" and "Fair Helen" flown together, the old one flew much more in her old style, putting him into gorse she then killed after a short hunt. The young one never attempted to go. Drew Normanton Gorse for Mags., found it empty. Went on and drew a small beech cover beyond and found two mags, got them well away; they put into bushes and "Bobs" cut one over twice before losing him in Normanton Gorse, drove them out again and all three tiercels coming in, he was killed in handsome fashion by "Bobs". A very fair days sport considering the heat.

5 rooks 7 flights one mag.

Harvey Talbot arrived evening of 21st.

April 23rd. Fine and hot, but a bit cooler than the last two days. Beacon Hill and across the line. "Saucy Puss" put into bushes and killed. Second time she got beaten to the Rookery, went on and killed a rook. "Agnes" was going up well when she saw Mr. B. on the ground. Second time she met a good rook, which began ringing at once. She made a good ring, and then caught sight of a flock down wind: put them in, and went on over the wire and was lost. She was found on a rook by a labourer, and carried to Porton. "Elvira" killed a bad rook easily. Second time (with "Fair Helen",) they divided, the old hawk killing well third stoop, while the young one chucked it before fetching them.

5 rooks 6 flights. Poor day.

April 24th. Warm, but cool N.E. wind. Out past Stonehenge and on to Prospect. "Saucy P" killed first stoop near the Stones. "Elvira" within the wired enclosure killed a rook dead first stoop. "Agnes" put into Bois le Duc bushes, checked at a flock, put into a farm and killed. "Saucy P" was slipped at a rook sitting on the farm. She hunted well for a bit but checked at a flock a mile away and killed by herself cleverly. Not a nice chance to throw away a good hawk upon. A third time on East Down with a long slip she flew finely and killed in the best of style without a yard to spare. "Elvira" and "Fair Helen", near the same place killed with ease, the old hawk going best. "Vedette" was hooded off at a "bungmara" that took a lot of driving from covert, but after flattering us with the hope of a ringing flight raked off and killed near the Shrewton Rookery. Two mags. were beaten out of one of the Bustard coverts and both were killed in the bushes on Shrewton down after long manoeuvring and a short but sharp flight.

7 flights 7 kills. 2 mags. A fair good day.

April 25th. Cold N.E. wind - dull and hazy - a different climate altogether. Up Netheravon road and past Stonehenge Inn. "Saucy Puss" went high over rooks and killed first stoop very high. "Agnes" killed also first stoop cleverly. "Elvira" went in the best of her old form fetching rooks well, and meeting a good one had a rattling flight into Mrs. Fowler's rookery where he beat her. "Saucy Puss", second time tried much the same slip but after an equally good flight and higher ringing killed just before he got in. "Agnes" slipped in the Telegraph valley had to work hard and ring high before she fetched her rook up: at last she did a capital hard working flight, followed the rook, a very good one, working up wind by degrees to a fold. A very long hard hunt ensued, but the hawk stuck grandly to it, was always master of the rook and after many stoops killed him. A fine performance. "Elvira" had a similar sporting slip, fetched her rooks well and from a great height, put into a small covert and killed instantly on being served. Beat Porton Firs for mags., got two away and got beaten by one after a long flight down the ... and more fences. Came back to the other, which lay very close in gorse and killed him. Put another pair out of the Beeches and got beaten again. Picked up a poor little Musket in Fargo with a wing broken against wire netting.

6 flights 5 rooks 1 magpie . A good day.

April 26th. N.E. Wind, but much warmer. To Yarnbury Castle and home by Shrewton. "Saucy Puss" near to the Castle, fetched two rooks into a pond, but started to ring over three others that had not put in. Fetched one well, and put into gorse with a fine stoop. She tried to catch him and sat

down, giving him a long start, and she had to make three fine rings into the sky before she got over him, when he dropped like a stone into thick covert. A desperate hunt ensued and at last she killed him. The finest flight of the season so far, and a real good one any day. "Agnes" met a bad rook and killed at once. "Elvira" flew keen and well, put in to a strong hedge and hunted for herself manfully for a considerable time till the cavalry arrived and helped her to kill. "Agnes" again went well and after a pretty flight of five or six stoops, killed. "Saucy Puss" from a moderate chance went well and after two good stoops put into buildings. Served late but would not go again. "Agnes" in the enclosed wire went beautifully over rooks, put in two stoops, drove him down a rabbit hole, got him out herself and killed. "Elvira" killed cleverly in two stoops - flown again with "Fair Helen", killed cleverly in three stoops, both hawks going well. Beat Fargo for mags. , got out four, very high, and went into Normanton gorse. Beat that with same result. Followed them to covert below and got five out of it. One tried to make Normanton gorse and was well headed off by George and killed. Again followed the rest to the small covert near the Stones, got one away, and Mr. Wardell slipped at him, far and high, went well over him and killed very handsomely.

8 flights 7 rooks (2 mags) and a very good days sport.

April 27th. Cold East wind. Beacon Hill to the Salisbury Road. "Saucy Puss" from a bad slip took the wrong rooks and killed out of sight. "Agnes" flew a good flight and killed first stoop. "Elvira", flying in quite her old form, killed third stoop. Flown a second time she picked up a bad rook easily. "Saucy Puss" flown a second time put them into premises and after a very short hunt killed very cleverly. Flown a third time she killed first stoop. "Elvira" and "Fair Helen" flown together, the young one went keen, the old one killing second stoop. "Agnes" after a ding dong flight killed just before he put into cover. Drove Porton Firs for Mags. without success. "Vedette" flew keen at a rook and then chucked it; she raked away and was lost.

8 rooks 9 flights.

April 28th. Fine hot day and wind very changeable. Longbarrow and the Stones. "Agnes" had a short flight and after two stoops killed at a hay-stack. Flown again she was unsighted at first but when she did see them she flew well and was beaten to cover. Third time had a very good chance but after stooping once she sat down. "Saucy Puss" slipped at two rooks and changing from the one she first selected she killed at a fold after a very brilliant flight. Second time she was beaten to Fargo by her rook and went away and killed Mr. Browne. Third time left the ones flown at for a lot down wind and after they had beaten her to cover she went for some feeding near a wood one of which she killed well. "Elvira" was beaten to rookery by a big flock. Second time she gave a beautiful exhibition, killing first stoop from a very great height. Normanton gorse was drawn blank.

8 flights 4 rooks and 1 (Mr. Browne).

April 30th. Rain all day. S.W. Wind, light. Stonehenge. "Saucy Puss" was much above herself: went high over rooks and would not stoop, letting them get a long way down wind: when she did come, she got beaten to cover: went on down wind and was lost for over an hour; and only found by great good luck, on a rook and fed up. It came on so wet and thick that we then went home.

1 rook 1 flight.

May 1st. Fine and hot: light N.W. airs. Beacon Hill. "Elvira" killed after five or six good stoops. Second time she flew a grand flight over an empty fold; having to ring hard twice, and killed after a lot of hunting. "Agnes" put into the same fold and stretched him senseless. Second time she killed a bad rook second stoop. Third time she left a good rook on passage and went after a big flock in the distance, killing first stoop. "Saucy Puss" very shiftily: left her rooks to look for a better chance, and fetched a rook into premises, left him, and went away up wind at a big flock and killed.

6 rooks 6 flights.

May 2nd. Fine: P cooler. Wind S. Fresh. Druid's Head. "Elvira" took it too easy, and got beaten down wind to cover. Second time, (with little reason,) got beaten to cover by a good rook. Second flight she went well over rooks, and then went off after a pigeon: put it into a clump, and then came back to the rooks which had put into a fold and killed. "The Puss" put into the same fold and killed after a short hunt. Second time she killed second stoop, in a very awkward place. Got a pair of mags. out of Normanton Gorse, and had a good go at the cock with Wardle and St. Quintin: both worked hard, W. killing The hen went on into the thick cover: got her out and caught her, again with Wardle. 4 rooks 2 mags. 6 flights.

May 3rd. S.W. Gale with showers. No hawking.

May 4th. Half a gale from S.W.. not really fit to fly. Went out past Stonehenge and got a flight in Telegraph valley. "Saucy Puss" went grandly over rooks in the teeth of the wind, fetched them into a stack and killed easily enough. "Elvira" also faced the gale finely, fetched into the same stacks: after a hunt and a ring the rook made his way with many stoops into a small covert, and after a desperate hustle, one of the old hawk's uppercuts nailed him. "Agnes" went well but could not face the gale as the other two did. However she fairly fetched the lot, but the rook she picked dodged her, a regular old "Ringer" - round the telegraph poles and wires, The hawk at her third stoop hit the wires, and seemed hurt. We took her down at once but she was none the worse. "Saucy Puss" had a long slip and checked - a bad job, Brown always in the way. "Elvira" was flown at a fold but the wind carried the rooks away and she put into rape and killed well. "Agnes" did very well her last chance but was beaten a pretty flight to covert.

6 flights 3 kills - a poor day, but in such weather what can you expect.

... J.H. Fowler and G.L. came down, as did H. Talbot when we least expected.

May 5th. Fine. S.W. breeze : fresh. Druid's Head. "Elvira" killed easily second stoop. Second time she put into a tree; and from there after a hunt, she put into strong premises, and killed at last after a severe hunt. "Agnes" flew a nice flight and killed. Second time she fetched a flock into a tree, and killed cleverly. "Saucy Puss" flew a beautiful flight but got beaten down wind to premises by a good rook. Second time she stretched one dead first stoop. An enormous flock of mags was blasted out of Newall's belt. The tiercels put at least eight of them into a patch of gorse near Normanton, but then were such a lot they divided and could nor get together. At last they settled to one, but he just scraped into Normanton, after being cut over twice, 5 rooks 6 flights.

May 7th. Fine and warm: light S.W. breeze. Very bad day: impossible to get flights. "Elvira" flew a nice flight, with a lot of stooping, fetching him within ten yards of cover. Second time she crippled a rook in a fold. "The Puss" had a long slip, and managed to catch him first stoop, close to cover. "Agnes" did not get sighted. The whole evening was spent in an assault on the Newall mags., but they defeated us with ease, and we never got a fair go at them. 3 rooks 3 flights.

May 8th. Hot and thundery. Wind N.E. light. In the afternoon it turned colder, wind went round to W. and rained steadily, driving us home at 5.30. Longbarrow. "Agnes" took the furthest rooks, put in a stack of hurdles and sat down: when he was put out she had to make a couple of rings to fetch him, and killed prettily high up. Second flight, from a long slip, she put into the new Butts, and killed after a hunt down the targets. "Elvira" put into stacks and killed. Second time she was slipped at somewhere about 500 rooks, put one into a roller and killed. "The Puss" put into strong gorse, hunted for some time, and then went off and killed some way off. Second time she got beaten to cover, in an awkward place. 5 rooks 6 flights.

May 9th. Cold and gloomy. Light W. Wind. Beacon Hill. Impossible to get flights. No rooks to be seen after lunch. "Agnes" killed clever first stoop. Slipped again at rooks on passage, she turned off

at a flock and killed close to the Rookery. “Slew Puss” fetched rooks on passage well, but played with them till they had almost got home: she then began in earnest but had to ring, and got her eye on some tame pigeons. “Elvira” flew a good up wind flight, with a lot of good stooping, knocking him down and catching. 3 rooks 4 flights.

May 10th. Another cold gloomy day: fresh N.E. breeze. Stonehenge. Very bad sport. Rooks very scarce, all in large flocks, and nearly unapproachable. “Agnes” killed a bad rook easily, and “Elvira” did the same. “Slew Puss” had a sporting slip on passage, fetched him into a strongly held gorse and killed third stoop. A pair of mags. were driven out of Newall’s belt into a small gorse: the tiercels were short of work, but cut over the hen, which died in the bush and was picked up. The cock was at our mercy but the hawks fooled away. Almost too dark to fly at 6.p.m.

3 rooks 1 magpie. 3 flights.

May 11th. Fine and hot: light airs, South. Longbarrow. “Agnes” killed a wet crow, that had been bathing, first stoop. She afterwards killed two moderate rooks, at two stoops each. “Elvira” gave us a fine exhibition of fancy flying: there was no wind, and the rook hung over our heads, the old hawk ringing high over him, and putting in tremendous stoops, none of which were meant: when she really came at him, (after quite a time,) she soon killed. Second time she killed easily, and third time she got beaten to cover in a very tight place, but luckily saw a rook wide of the cover which could not get home. “S. Puss” was slipped at rooks 500 yards off, and down wind: she just fetched them before they got in, and killed on the edge of cover. Second time she killed in beautiful style, second stoop: and her third go, she killed a young Rook after a real good ringing flight. We got a mag. or two out of the Bustard covers, but they came out in the middle of a flock of pigeons and the hawks took after them. 9 rooks 9 flights.

A fair season. Nothing very wonderful. The number of rooks killed, is the smallest for some years past. But the season was a short one. Percentage of kills above average, but flights much below.

This autumn the hawks went to Larkhill and were flown on land belonging to Lord Sefton, close to Liverpool, at Aintree. Nestlings were hacked at Lyndhurst, nests being obtained from Horn Head, as also from Sutherland, both nests annually sent us. The hawks turned out well, and more of them turned out well than is usual among nestlings.

The ground however, though flat and open, and full of birds, was too thickly populated for sport. Every house had its flock of tame pigeons, and these lad out hawks away time after time. Nearly all were lost that were worth losing; except one first class falcon, and she was lost at Lowthorpe.

List of Hawks March 1901.

“Elvira”	passage	falcon	third	season.
“Saucy Puss”	do	do	second	season.
“Agnes”	do	do	second	season.
“Shelagh”	Haggard	do	first	season.
“Black Jane”	passage	do	first	season.
“Alghitha”	do	do	first	season.
“Fury”	do	do	first	season.
“Amenda”	do	do	first	season.
“Lady Husheen”	do	do	first	season.
“Quadroon”	eyass	do	first	season.

A tiercel lent by Mr. Wardle.

A tiercel lent by W. St. Quintin.

A Barbary tiercel.

The Duke of Portland and Mr. A. Chance both retired from the Club.

The whole of March was very stormy and bitterly cold - very bad weather for training hawks. B.H. Jones arrived at Everleigh March 26th and G. Lascelles on the following day. Bitter cold wind from N.W. Snow on ground in patches and more snow showers.

Out towards Collingbourne. Slipped “Shelagh” at three rooks, but a plover led her off and she never got sighted. “Saucy Puss” and “Fury” both went well, and after putting into a hedge killed cleverly. “Black Jane” with “Agnes” put in a rook to some bushes. Both would not persevere and both sat down. “Shelagh” flown again went grandly over rooks, fetched them into a barn, rang over them in half a gale of wind, put into a fold and finally into covert after some fine stoops, and feathering him once. Home early. 4 flights 1 kill.

March 28th. Fine and bright, but bitter cold. N.W. Wind. Sharp frost. A few snow showers, heavier at night. Upavon Clumps. “Shelagh” went well over rooks, did not mean her first stoop, and then had to ring: fetched him into stacks and killed without help. “Saucy Puss” and “Fury” went hard at a crow, the old hawk fetched him and killed, the young one putting in one stoop. “Agnes”, (with “Black Jane”,) put into a fold and gave up, the young hawk refusing to help.

1 crow 1 rook 3 flights.

March 29th. 14 degrees of frost and an inch of snow. A very rough day: half a gale from S.W. and constant snow showers. Awful cold. Got one flight between the Inn and Beach’s Barn. “Saucy Puss” and “Fury” went well over a flock, but divided: the young hawk flew hard in good form; but too keen, and was beaten down to E. Everleigh. The old hawk was lost for half an hour, and when found at the Beeches, gave a lot of trouble, and was not secured for two hours, finally having to be snared. Gave up and went home.

March 1901.	27th.	28th.	29th.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	8th.
"Saucy Puss"	1+	1c+						1		
"Agnes"								1		
"Shelagh"		1		1	1	1	1	1	1c	1c
"Fury"				1	1	1	1	1		
"Amenda"										
"Quadroon"										
"Algitha"								2st		
"The Major"								1*		
Blaine's tiercel										
Kills:	1	2	0	2	2	2	2	7	1	1
Flights:	4	3	1	4	4	4	2	5	3	1

April 1901.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	16th.	17th.	18th.	19th.
"Saucy Puss"	1		1	1	1	1	1		2
"Agnes"							2		
"Shelagh"	1	1	1	1wp	1	1	2	1	2
"Fury"	1			1	1		1	1	1
"Amenda"									
"Quadroon"				1*					
"Algitha"									
"The Major"					1*		1*	1*	1*
Blaine's tiercel									
Kills:	3	1	2	4	4	2	7	3	6
Flights:	6	3	4	6	4	4	8	4	6

April 1901.	20th.	22nd.	23rd.	24th.	25th.	26th.	27th.	29th.	30th.
"Saucy Puss"	1				1	1	1	1	1
"Agnes"									
"Shelagh"	2	2	1c1	2	2	1	2	3	2
"Fury"	2	2	1	1	1	2	1c1	3	3
"Amenda"								1+	1c+
"Quadroon"			1*						
"Algitha"					1*				
"The Major"		1*	1*						
Blaine's tiercel	1*							1*	
Kills:	6	5	5	3	5	4	5	9	7
Flights:	6	6	3	5	6	6	5	8	7

May 1901.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	Total.
"Saucy Puss"	1	2	1	1	1	1			1	2	27.
"Agnes"											3.
"Shelagh"	2	2	2	2	2	2		2	1	2	54.
"Fury"	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	1c		47.
"Amenda"					1+						3.
"Quadroon"				1*					1*		5.
"Algitha"		1*	2*+	1*					1*	1sc	9.
"The Major"	1bb								1bb		8.
Blaine's tiercel					1*						3.
Kills:	6	7	8	7	8	5	2	4	6	5	159.
Flights:	7	8	7	5	7	6	3	4	3	4	181.

+ = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. sc = stone curlew. c = crow. bb = blackbird. wp = wood pigeon.

Total: Crows 7. Rooks 126. Magpies 20. Curlews 3. Blackbirds 2. Woodpigeon 1, Total 159.

38 flying days.

March 30th. it blew a gale from the N.W. and poured with rain. Never got out.

April 1st. The Hon. O. Molyneux arrived, with B.H.J. by morning train. Upavon Clumps. Bright and fine but half a gale of wind from N.W. "Shelagh" refused her first chance; flown again she put into a fold after two good stoops, and then left him for a rook up wind, which she ran right into. "Fury" first time, she fooled about and let the rooks get a long start, and beat her to cover. Flown again she went in good form and killed first stoop. 2 rooks 4 flights.
Capt. L.H. Jones arrived for dinner.

April 2nd. Still blowing half a gale from S. Out to Upavon Clumps. "Fury" went in first rate style over a rook and had half a dozen rattling stoops, very much in the style of the late lamented "Danceaway". She then had to ring hard, fetched him well and killed. A very good performance for her second time flown alone. "Shelagh" seemed to dislike the wind, and lay off waiting for the rooks to come back to her: when they did she killed handsomely second stoop. (It was blowing very hard indeed.) "Saucy Puss" declined a big lot, turned down wind and was beaten to cover. Flown again, a longish slip, she fetched them and had two good stoops, and then chucked it. She went up wind and gave a lot of trouble, Brown intervening among other things. 2 rooks 4 flights.

April 3rd. Strong wind from S. Dull, but a bit warmer. Rain all night. Collingbourne Road. "Fury" had a very long slip, and then took the very farthest rooks, giving up after a couple of stoops, seemingly flown out. Flown again she killed easily second stoop. "Shelagh" also killed neatly second stoop. "Saucy Puss" went well over a rook, but left him after one stoop, and went off down wind; finally killing Mr. B. She carried and gave a lot of trouble. 2 rooks 4 flights.
R. Heywood came in the evening.

April 4th. L.H. Jones and O. Molyneux left in morning. Another gale from N.W. A wagon loaded with straw was blown over at Beach's Barn. Fine and bright, but cold. Upavon Clumps. "Fury" killed very easily third stoop. "Shelagh" flew a very fine flight, with a lot of good ringing and stooping and killed a mile down wind. Blowing too hard for anything else. Wind dropped in the evening, but we could not get another chance. 2 rooks 2 flights.
G.L. J.K. Fowler and W. Duncombe came at night. Also O. Molyneux and G.L.

April 5th. Good Friday. Fine day, cold breeze from S.E. Out to Figheldean and Netheravon. Flew "Fury" near Beach's Barn - she went finely over the rooks, put in some stoops - made a good ring and killed high up. A good performance. "Shelagh" near Figheldean, went brilliantly over the rooks, put into a small tree, and after a considerable hunt, in the tree, a hedge and a fold, killed very cleverly. "Algitha" went keenly at a curlew and killed him well - she repeated this performance only with a better flight at the curlew's mate in the dusk of the evening. "Agnes" slipped near Stag's rookery at a single rook on passage fetched him well, and rattled him into some high trees from which he was difficult to dislodge. She got over him twice however, but gave up after a good bout of hunting. Ruddle's covert produced a pair of mags. which were driven out after much

trouble. "Algitha" and "The Major" crabbed badly, and a wild falcon joined in the row. When taken down "The Major" was flown with St. Quintin's tiercel at the mags. which had been well held up by the field and after an easy flight killed him. "Agnes" flew well at a flock near a fold, and put in three good stoops, driving her rook into a well, to the bottom of which he went, and there remained. "Saucy Puss" went magnificently over a flock but hung a long time over them without stooping, and let them all get into a fold - when served she hunted well and killed.

7 kills - 5 flights at rooks - a good day's sport.

April 6th. Pouring wet and blowing a gale in the morning. Thick fog all fore noon. Clearing at 2.p.m. we went out but it was blowing very hard, and not really fit to fly. Towards Upavon, flew "Shelagh" at a strong old cock rook, which she mastered in quick time but put him into a strong covert of gorse and thorn trees. Here she hunted magnificently, waiting on in clever style, and fairly caught once, but falling into dense furze let go. At last we voted the place too strong and gave up. Rooks were very wild and unsettled and hard to find. At last got a long slip for "Fury" who began by letting a lot of the rooks get very high. But she soon mounted after and after a magnificent ring fetched them from a great height into the Upavon Clump. Flew "Shelagh" once again and she took on a pair of crows that came out beyond the rooks and flew hard at, and going over them like a swallow, killed the old cock first stoop.

1 kill 3 flights. An almost impossible day.

April 8th. Gale of wind from S.W. Did not venture out until 5.p.m. when it was still blowing terribly strong. Collingbourne Rd.. Flew "Shelagh" at a pair of crows; either she would not face the wind or was not sighted, as she hung over us a long time till George got his lure out. Then she took on the crows, got up to them and killed the cock after a longish flight close to Nuth's farm. He never let her have a single down wind stoop at him.

1 crow 1 flight. No other chance.

April 9th. Still blowing hard from S.W. with storms of rain at times. Not hawking weather. Crossed river at Netheravon and worked nearly to Elbarrow. "Shelagh", first time, got a very bad slip and either did not see her rooks in time or else would not face the wind. Second time she went well and killed third stoop, having cut him down with the first. "Fury" in a rather cramped place, flew very well, putting her rook into some buildings after four fine stoops. She hunted well and might have killed if she had not sat down on a dead rook. Second time she gave us a pretty flight and killed in three or four stoops. "Saucy Puss" went in her old form, fetched rooks from a long slip in fine form, put into stacks, rang over him and killed. "Agnes" went slow, but fetched a rook at which she made clumsy stoops and was easily beaten.

3 rooks 6 flights.

April 10th. Poured torrents in the night; land so wet that no horses could work and as very little spring corn is as yet sown there is nothing to tempt rooks out. Blowing hard; still from S.W. Out to Collingbourne and Easton Valley. Got one chance in morning at crows, but "Shelagh" either refused or did not see them. Later she caught a rook at a bad chance first stoop, very cleverly. "Fury" also had but a poor chance and met a very good rook which beat her with ease and she gave up after flying badly. Not another chance all day. "Algitha! put a curlew into some gorse and was taken down by reason of the great number of partridges about: and a hunt after magpies came to an end chiefly by reason of the strong wind in the wrong direction.

5 flights 1 kill. As bad a day as ever I saw.

April 11th. Heavy rain in morning: showery day. Wind S. veering to N. in evening. Light. Figheldean, across the River and home by Netheravon. "Shelagh" had a long and down wind slip, and was some time fetching them, but killed first stoop. Flown again she put into trees, hunted well, and cut him over three times, very nearly catching, but he just struggled into safety. "Fury" had a

very long slip and gave up. "Saucy Puss" took the wrong rooks and had a long stern chase, killing at the edge of Beach's Barn. Had a try at the Beach's Barn mags, but could never get on flying terms. 2 rooks 4 fl

April 12th. Fresh N.E. Wind. Fair but bad light. Upavon across River and home by Netheravon. "Shelagh" in a bad place was beaten up wind without a stoop: she swung up over the trees and killed a wood pigeon. Second time she utterly refused a fair chance on passage. Third time she went over rooks in a grand place, but wouldn't stoop and went on the soar: luckily recovered some way down wind without trouble. "Fury" had an awkward slip on a hillside below the rooks: she flew badly at first, chasing, only when they got up she began ringing in style, and killed high up a long way down wind. A fine flight. "Agnes" and "Amenda" made it very warm for a crow, but were too near covert to get him. Five mags were found on the Netheravon Road: the first attempt was a failure, the tiercel sticking well and putting in seven or eight rattling stoops, but the falcon went after Brown. The second time we got them into an empty Farm, and killed after a long and desperate flight, both falcons ("Quadroon" and "Algitha",) going well but "The Major" followed another mag away down wind. "Saucy Puss" had a nice chance on passage, put into a hedge, hunted well and killed cleverly. 3 rooks, 1 mag. 1 pigeon. 6 flights.

April 13th. Pouring rain all morning: could not get out till after lunch. Wind N.W. light. Collingbourne Rd. "Fury" killed easily first stoop. "Saucy Puss" put into a tree and killed clever. "Shelagh" was flown at a good crow in the thorn bushes: she fetched him well, and very nearly caught first stoop, but he then started ringing and she never got up to him again. She went off down wind and killed out of a flock. "Saucy Puss" put into a fold and hunted well, but he slipped off down a fence into another fold, and she took on another Rook which beat her to Hougoumont. Two mags were found out in a fence and one was cleverly killed by the "Major", unassisted by "Algitha". 3 rooks 1 magpie 4 flights.

On April 15th. there was no hawking, the Club being at Lyndhurst, Deer hunting. As it blew a gale and rained all day, hawking would have been impossible.

April 16th. Half a gale from N.W. with heavy storms of hail and rain. The wind dropped a bit in the afternoon and we got out about 2.30. B.H.J. and Hussey Freke. Upavon Clumps. "Fury" went high over rooks but chucked it after a couple of stoops: the rook at her mercy. "Shelagh" killed neatly first stoop. "Saucy Puss" flown close to buildings went high over a rook that hung over the roof, and picked him up first shot. "Agnes" and "Amenda" were beaten to a big fold: the old hawk did her best and would have killed, but that the young one did not come in till too late. 2 rooks 4 flights.

April 17th. Beautiful day, bright and warm. Very light breeze. Netheravon and Elbarrow. "Agnes" put a rook into a fold and sat on him. Flown later with "Amenda", she could never fetch them; the young hawk not going. The same two flown again, the young hawk again refusing: the old one went well but could never fetch them: turned off at another flock and killed. "Shelagh" killed a couple of rooks, first stoop each. "Fury" went hard from a long slip, and killed second stoop. "Saucy Puss" put rooks into stacks: nobody could get up to serve her, and they got above her and rang up high. She went up hard after them, and seemed to be well above them, but then gave up. Flown again she killed easily second stoop. "The Major" and "Algitha" both went hard at a magpie, the tiercel catching. 6 rooks 1 mag. 8 flights.

April 18th. Moved camp to Amesbury, via Figcheldean and Shrewton X Rds. Fine and warm: light S.W. breeze. Poor day, flights very bad to get. Began by killing one of the Beach's Barn mags, well hunted by "The Major" and "Quadroon", and killed by the former. The other one escaped on account of the tiercel going on the soar: the falcon stuck to it well but got flown out. "Shelagh" put

into premises, hunted with great judgement and killed. "Fury" flew a capital flight at a strong cock rook, over a stack, and killed him handsomely. "Saucy Puss" had a long slip, and turned away at others which she put into gorse: no one could get up to help her, and she went off at a rook which she put into premises, and would have killed with help: she ended up by catching a black hen, and was knocked off by a game cock. An unsuccessful attack on the Normanton Mags ended up a poor day. 2 rooks 1 mag. 3 flights.

Blaine arrived with two passage tiercels.

April 19th. Bright and warm: strong S. Wind. Stonehenge and back by Druid's Head. "Shelagh" put into a cover, and killed after a long hunt. Second time she killed first stoop, coming in with such a drive that she stretched the rook, and bounced herself off the ground. "Fury" had an extraordinary long slip, and partly down wind: she put into a gorse, hunted him out without help, and put him into a barn: here she hunted hard before any one could get to her: we got him out and she killed him just as he got to the Rookery. A good performance. "Agnes", (with "Amenda", who refused as usual,) flew hard but got beaten to cover. She went off down wind and was lost. We had a good chance at Mr. Ruddle's magpies, and should have killed with the "Major" and one of Blaine's tiercels, only the old hawk chucked it. At dusk we got a mag out of Normanton gorse, and killed him after about half an hour's real hard work, "Algitha" and "Quadroon", "the Major" and Blaine's tiercel all successively enlarged at him. "The Major" went off and could not be found before dark. 5 rooks 1 mag. 6 flights.

Oxer recovered "The Major" next morning: he threw a casting of rabbit's fur.

April 20th. Bright and hot. Strong S. Wind. Stonehenge, Shrewton X Rds and Druid's Head. "Shelagh" put into gorse and hunted well, but tried to sit on him: the rook got up high, but she rang over him and killed magnificently. Flown again she put into premises and killed after a very long hunt. "Fury" killed cleverly second stoop. Flown again she met a good rook, and after several stoops had to ring hard, fetching and killing him close to the river a long way down wind. "Saucy Puss" got taken up wind without a stoop: she went on and killed out of a flock. Flown again she played at her rook, and let him beat her to cover, going fast when it was too late. A pair of mags were blasted out of Normanton gorse, and one of them very cleverly killed by Blaine's tiercel, the old tiercel refusing to help. 5 rooks 1 mag. 6 flights.

April 22nd. Fine, but a bit cooler. Fresh S. Breeze. Porton Firs. "Shelagh" crippled a rook first stoop. Flown again she flew a nice little ringing flight, and killed very neatly. "Fury" killed first stoop. Second time she hit him so hard first stoop that she came flop on the ground, and then had to work hard and ring to get over him again, killing after a longish flight. "Saucy Puss" was beaten up wind, only getting in one stoop. She was flown again with "Amenda" at a fold: both went keen, the young hawk catching but letting him go again. Two pairs of magpies were laboriously blasted out of Porton Firs into Princess' gorse, and out of that. "The Major" was slipped alone and put them down, and killed one single handed, and without any assistance. Had two goes at another of them, first with "Quadroon" and Blaine's tiercel, and then with "The Major" and Blaine's hawk, but each time the hawks failed us when victory was in our grasp. 4 rooks 1 mag. 6 flights.

April 23rd. Fine and very hot indeed. Light S. breeze. The Bustard and Elbarrow. "Shelagh" was not sighted, but took on a crow in the distance, which she put into a clump and killed without help. Flown again, a long slip on passage, she again did not get sighted until too late: she put him into the Rookery, and killed another coming in. "Fury" put into a fold and tried to sit on him: he got over her, and she made a grand ringing flight, up wind all the way, killing him close to the Rookery. Never got another chance at rooks, but got two couple of magpies out of Mr. Ruddle's cover, and killed a couple of them: The hen killed by "The Major", assisted by Blaine's tiercel, and the cock, (after a desperate struggle,) killed by "Quadroon", assisted ably by "Algitha".

2 rooks 1 crow 2 magpies. 3 flights.

April 24th. Breeze from S.E., very hot and bright. A Mr. Duke (U.S.A.), Mr. & Mrs. Tomson out as visitors. Out towards Porton. "Shelagh" from a good slip ran into a bad rook. "Fury" went very well and killed after a pretty flight of some six or seven stoops. "Shelagh" did much the same after putting in to a bush and fence. "Fury" on the side of Beacon Hill had but a poor chance but went as well as possible and after putting in twice was beaten to covert. "Shelagh" flown near the same place gave us the flight of the day, getting grandly over the rooks, putting in the first of stoops but after once touching she was beaten to the same covert as was the last hawk. Beat Tanner's Gorse and got a mag. away, but after Mr. Wardle's tiercel had once fetched him well, he went right off on the sight of another hawk, and the chance was lost. None other was obtained. Half of a good day and no more.

3 rooks 5 flights.

R. Blathwayt and J.B.L. arrived.

April 25th. Fine but a little cooler: fresh S.E. breeze. Stonehenge and Longbarrow. "Shelagh" fetched a rook into a gorse, and killed him stone dead first stoop. Flown again she declined a long slip on passage, went on the soar, and killed out of a flock down wind. "Fury" put into gorse, then into premises, but finally got beaten to the Rookery, after a very good hunt: she had hold of him twice, but let go. Second time she flew a nice flight at a desperate rook, which kept dropping under her, killing neatly. "Saucy Puss" put into stacks, hunted herself and killed. Flown again she fetched a good rook on passage, and got beaten to premises after a very good flight: she hunted a bit but got flown out, the rook got up over her. A pair of mags were ousted out of Mr. Ruddle's cover, and the cock killed by "Alghitha", assisted by "Quadroon".

4 rooks 1 magpie. 6 flights.

April 26th. Fine and hot, but half a gale from N.E. Longbarrow. "Fury" flew cleverly at a good rook which hung in the wind and never gave her a good chance: at last she caught him, but let him go on the ground, then had a long stern chase down wind before securing him. Second time she did the same thing, letting him go after catching him, but soon got him again for good. Third time she flew a very fine flight at a good rook on passage, fetching him grandly, but getting beaten down wind to cover. It was blowing so hard that distances were nothing. "Shelagh" would not face the wind, although she manoeuvred till she was almost master of them. Flown again she killed first stoop. "Saucy Puss" and "Amenda" divided at a flock, the old hawk putting into stacks a long way down wind and killing. The young one, meanwhile, flew capitably but too keen; fetching a good high rook into a fold where she hunted well until flown out.

4 rooks 6 flights.

April 27th. Much cooler: fresh N.E. breeze: a few spots of rain. Stonehenge and Druid's Head. "Fury" flew a very fine flight at a crow, which struggled hard up wind to Virgo, killing him fifth stoop. Flown again she killed easily first stoop. "Shelagh" took it a bit too easy at first, and had to ring hard, getting beaten to a clump: she went hard and killed close to. Second time she put into premises and killed after a short hunt. "Saucy Puss" fetched a rook well, and hit him so hard that he staggered along fairly crippled, to be picked up as if shot. A mag was driven out of Normanton but got back in again.

1 crow 4 rooks 5 flights.

April 29th. Fine: cooler. N.W. breeze, light. The first day that rooks have been really out on the downs. The Bustard and Tilshead valley. A very bloody day, and little sport: rooks making a poor show. "Fury" killed a bad rook after a hustle round a tree. Flown again she killed first stoop. The third time she killed after a short hunt round a pond. "Shelagh" killed first stoop. Flown again she put three rooks into one of the tin sheds on Perham Down, and killed one of them. Third time she put into a fold and killed. "Saucy Puss" and "Amenda" had a nice chance, but the old hawk turned away at a flock, which beat her to the Rookery, where she killed a rook coming in: meanwhile the young hawk got beaten to cover. The same two flown again, both went keen; the old hawk got first

stoop, when the young one came in with a good one and crippled him to be picked up by the old hawk. A pair of mags were got out of Prospect and the hen killed by Blaine's tiercel. A single mag was got out of the plantation by the Bustard and the two falcons had him at their mercy in the bushes N.W. of Fargo, (an ideal place:) unluckily Brown got up in the thick of it and was secured by "Algitha". Followed on after the mag and had another go at him but he beat us into Fargo.

8 rooks 1 magpie 8 flights.

April 30th. Warm and dull: light airs, variable. Longbarrow to Elbarrow. "Shelagh" put into an empty fold and killed easily. Flown again she put into a stack and killed. "Fury" killed second stoop. Second time she had a sporting slip at a high rook on passage: she started to ring after him, and had just fetched him; when some more rooks got from under her at some premises, and she came down and killed one. Third time she cut over a bad rook near a pond. "Saucy Puss" and "Amenda" slipped at a pair of crows: the old hawk got first blow, and the young one came in well and killed. "Saucy Puss" (flown again,) killed in fine form second stoop. Never saw a magpie all day.

Score 6 rooks 7 flights.

May 1st. Fine and hot: N.E. breeze: light. Beacon Hill and across the line. "Shelagh" hit her rook first stoop, and killed in good style the third. Flown again she put into a fold and waited on high: unluckily Mr. B. got up under her, and got cut over, though he went on none the worse. Third time she met a good ringing rook, and left him for a flock in the distance which she put into premises: waited there a long time, but no one could get to her for wire, so she went off at another flock and killed a long way off at a fold. Very luckily O. Molyneux managed to keep her in sight. "Fury" flew a nice flight at a good rook which hung in the wind: it took ten stoops to secure him. Second time she killed on the new line. "Saucy Puss" met a ringing rook and after a couple of half hearted rings gave up. Second time, (with "Amenda",) she killed first stoop. "The Major" caught a blackbird single handed, in fine style.

5 rooks 1 blackbird. 7 flights.

May 2nd. Dull and warm: light N.E. breeze. The Bustard and Tilshead. "Fury" put into gorse and sat on him. Second time she got beaten into the tin houses on West Down. Third time she flew a nice flight, put into a stack, got him out and killed him a long way down wind. "Shelagh" put into a strong covert, hunted well and killed. Flown again she killed first stoop. "Saucy Puss" put into a fold and killed. Flown again (with "Amenda") they each scraped him first stoop, the old one then catching: they crabbed on the ground and let him go. Flown again (alone) she killed at a stack. A magpie was killed by "Algitha", assisted by "Quadron" out of one of the Prospect gorses. A second mag. was got out of the Half Moon, but "The Major" did not get sighted in time.

6 rooks 1 magpie. 8 flights.

May 3rd. Fine and warm, wind N.E. Out past Stonehenge and on to the Bake. Flew "Fury" near Shrewton X roads went fast from a long slip and killed cleverly first stoop. "Shelagh" had a rather similar flight but from a worse slip and killed further away. After luncheon, "Fury" had a good slip at rooks in the open near Stagg's rookery, fetched one which inclined to ring, but after a turn or two she was his master and killed after a pretty stoop or two. Third time, late, she had a very long slip in the open above Piss Bottom and going grandly over the whole flock she had them all at her mercy and making a very fine stoop through the whole flock killed at once. Shrewton Folly was beaten for mags, once unsuccessfully, but a second time four went away to the old premises and fences towards Shepherds garden. A very strong place. The two falcons went well and "Algitha" snapped one up very quickly - this did not improve her flying and after a tremendous hunt both hawks were flown out and "The Major" cut it. All were taken down and an interval allowed. During this, two magpies slipped away and one was left which was again attacked and after another fine hustle was nailed cleverly on the top of the barn by "Algitha". "Shelagh" put into premises and hunted and killed as well as ever. "Saucy Puss" went very easily over a small flock on passage, made a ring or

two over them in the finest style and put in a grand stoop, throwing up high after it and killing next stoop in very magnificent form. "Amenda" had a rather difficult chance and did about as well as a half entered hawk would be expected to.

May 4th. Fine and hot. Light N.E. breeze. Stonehenge and Druid's Head. "Fury" put into gorse, and killed after a short hunt. Second time, she went off at a rook which got up down wind, put him into premises, hunted hard and killed. "Shelagh" waited until one came back under her, and killed first stoop. Flown again she again killed first stoop. "Saucy Puss" put into premises, and went off after a wood pigeon: she killed out of a flock a mile off. A pair of magpies were driven out of the Clump near the Shrewton wire, into the farm buildings by the gate, and both of them secured by the two falcons; each getting one or two good hunts. 5 rooks 2 mags. 5 flights.

May 5th. The Rat and Badger Club proceeded by Route March to Prospect, where they killed 47 rats among the old Bully-beef tins, left by the Army.

May 6th. Cooler, but fine. Fresh W. breeze. Longbarrow and Tilshead. "Fury" put into a succession of gorse bushes, trying to sit on him each time, finally killing. Flown again she took the wrong rooks, and was all but beaten to Shrewton Folly, catching him actually in the cover. Third time she put into a stack and sat on him. "Shelagh" went high over a flock and killed first stoop. Flown again she left the rook she was flown at after a couple of stoops, and took on some down wind which beat her to the Rookery: she went on and put some into a fold; left them and went on and killed out of a flock some way off. "Saucy Puss" played with her rooks, and got beaten to cover. Flown again with "Amenda", (a down wind slip,) both hawks went hard, neck and neck, going a long way before fetching them high up: the young hawk caught in three good stoops. A pair of magpies were got out of Shrewton Folly into the farm buildings. One of them was killed by Blaine's tiercel. The falcons had first chance, but were not keen enough. 5 rooks 1 magpie 7 flights.

May 7th. Cold showers: fine evening: wind W. fresh. Yarnbury Castle. "Fury" mopped up a hen crow pretty easy. Flown again she killed after a nice sharp flight. "Shelagh" killed cleverly first stoop. Flown again she put into a flock of sheep. and killed after a long hunt. "Saucy Puss" put into a fold, and then cut over Mr. B., whom she carried about for quite a long time before we got her: Mr. B. seemed very little the worse. Flown again she again put into a fold and killed. The afternoon was brought to an untimely close by the alarming illness of O.C. Molyneux's horse, which was got as far as Shrewton only with great difficulty and had to be left there. 5 rooks 6 flights.

May 8th. Rain all morning; not out till after lunch. Fine evening. Light N. breeze. "Fury" was flown at a rook among sheep, but took on a jackdaw which she soon left to go at a flock a long way off. She killed at the Rookery at Allington and was not found for some time. Flown again at a rook on passage, she started very slow and got beaten up wind to the trees above the Mill at Amesbury. She went on over Amesbury, and was lost for the rest of the evening: found by O. Molyneux on a rook not far from Stonehenge. "Shelagh" put a rook into a bush, and Brown getting up she promptly laid him out stony. An unlucky afternoon. 2 rooks 3 flights.

May 9th. Fine morning but cold. Afternoon heavy rain showers. Wind N.E. fresh. Trailed right up to Elbarrow and back and only got four flights. "Fury" put into strong gorse, and killed after a short hunt. Flown again she ran right into a rook from a long slip. "Shelagh" cut over a selected bad rook out of a flock. Flown again she met a good rook and promptly chucked it, soaring about high up till a rook came under her near the Rookery, when she killed. Ran across "Agnes", who had just killed

a rook at Stagg's Rookery. Set the snare and Coleman watched her all day, but did not get a pull at her. Saw her twice on our way home, stooping each time into a big flock, but not getting hold.

4 rooks 4 flights. Very bad day.

May 10th. In the morning the Club proceeded to Bulford, where in the barn they killed 137 rats, nearly all big ones. A great morning's sport!

Bright and much warmer. Light N.W. breeze. Stagg's down to Elbarrow. Marched right away to Elbarrow Clump before getting a chance, it being about 3.20. "Fury" was unsighted at first, but when she got sighted soon went well over him: but when she got there she would not stoop, and came back over. The rook did not hurry and after fooling about a bit, she took him on again and easily fetched him, being beautifully placed high over him. Again she looked at him and declined to stoop, and the next moment went hard all at a crow some way off, which she killed first stoop. It was an unaccountable flight. "Shelagh" put into gorse, and cut him over hard, so hard that she bounced herself off the ground and knocked all the fly out of herself. The rook struggled into other gorse, where she tried to sit on him, but failed and the rook went on while she sat down. However he was badly hurt and sat down in a hole: then was seen the most pleasing spectacle of O. Molyneux, running - quarn celerime - carrying the hawk (bareheaded,) in pursuit of the rook; which could not fly and was promptly caught. "Saucy Puss" had a down wind slip at a flock but fetched them well: she took on a remarkably good rook which beat her up wind to the Rookery after seven or eight rattling stoops. She got up high, refusing all lures, and killed a rook coming. The two old magpies at Prospect at last met with their deserts, both being taken by the falcons, after one undecided. "The Major" killed a blackbird with a fine stoop, but carrying it up into a trees, and kept us so long that we had no time to fly our rook hawks.

1 crow, 2 rooks, 2 magpies and 1 blackbird. 3 flights.

May 11th. Fine and warm. Shrewton X Rds. and Druid's Head. Light N. breeze. "Shelagh" had a longish side slip, just ran into her rook close to cover, after a fine chase. "Saucy Puss" had a very similar chance and did much the same. "Shelagh" her second time, flew very slack at a ringing rook, but hurried it when she thought he was going to get in, and killed him close to cover. "Saucy Puss" put into a small tree, and went on at a flock in the distance, killing one of them close down by the River: a close shave of a lost hawk. Got a pair of mags out of Fargo, but "Algitha" took the wrong one which got back in. She went fooling off, and riding after her B.H.J sprung a curlew which she knocked down into cover and killed.

4 rooks 1 curlew 4 flights.

Benjy Jones and other members rented a piece of partridge ground round Beaches Barn from Messrs Notley and Berry. It was a long narrow strip with very little covert upon it, while there were good root fields on either side, so that it was very hard to get at partridges. Two young tiercels were good ones.

Bag: Partridge Hawking 1901.

	Partridges.	Rooks.	Sundries.	
"Algitha"	6	1		
"The Major"	14		2	
"Shaterina"	12			
"Notipher"	38		2	
"Christopher"	7			
Total:	77 partridges,	1 rook,	2 landrails,	2 larks.

The Duke of Portland withdrew from the Club 1902.

C. Garnett Esq. was elected a member. April 1902.

Members of the Club April 1902.

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The Hon. Cecil Duncombe, Senior Member and founder of the Club died May 1902 to the deep distress of all his many friends.

List of Hawks: March 1902.

“Shelagh”	Haggard	falcon	second	season.
“Alghitha”	Passage	do	second	season.
“Fury”	do	do	second	season.
“Lufra”	do	do	first	season.
“Creeping Jane”	do	do	first	season.
“Phillippa”	do	do	first	season.
“Caroline”	do	do	first	season.
“Samia”	do	do	first	season.
“Caterona”	Eyass	do	second	season.
“Roderick”	Passage	tiercel	first	season.
“Random”	do	do	first	season.
“The Major”	do	do	third	season.

March 1902.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	29th.	31st.	1st.	2nd.
“Shelagh”	1+	1c		2	1	1	2	1
“Fury”	1							
“Lufra”	1	1	Lame.					
“Creeping Jane”				1+		1+	1	
“Phillippa”								
“Caroline”								
“Alghitha”								
“Random”								
“Roderick”								
Kills:	3	2	0	3	1	2	3	1
Flights:	4	3	1	4	1	2	6	5

April 1902.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	14th.
"Shelagh"	2	1	1c1	1c	1	2		1	1	1c1
"Fury"						1				
"Lufra"					1			1+		1
"Creeping Jane"			1	1+	1	1+		1+		1+
"Phillippa"				1+	1+	1+	1	1	1	
"Caroline"										
"Alghitha"										1*
"Random"				1+*				1*	1*	
"Roderick"						1+*			1*	1*
Kills:	2	1	3	4	5	6	1	5	4	6
Flights:	6	3	4	4	9	10	5	8	3	7

April 1902.	15th.	16th.	17th.	18th.	19th.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.	24th.
"Shelagh"	1		2	2	2	2	1	2	2
"Fury"			1				1	1	1
"Lufra"		1	1+*		1+		1		
"Creeping Jane"	1c		1+		1+		1	1sc	
"Phillippa"		2	1		1wp		1		1
"Caroline"			1						
"Alghitha"				1sc		1*		1*	
"Random"		1*		1*			1*		
"Roderick"								1*	
Kills:	2	4	7	4	5	3	6	6	4
Flights:	3	5	8	5	8	4	5	4	9

April 1902.	25th.	26th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	5th.	6th.
"Shelagh"	2	1		3	2	2	2	2	2	2
"Fury"				2	1					
"Lufra"										
"Creeping Jane"	1c				1sc1	11+			2	2
"Phillippa"	1		1	2	3	1c1	1	1	2	2
"Caroline"										
"Alghitha"										
"Random"				1*		1*				
"Roderick"				1*		1*	1*		2*	
Kills:	4	1	1	9	8	8	4	3	8	6
Flights:	7	2	1	9	7	8	4	4	7	9

May 1902.	7th.	8th.	9th.	Total.	
"Shelagh"	3	3	2	62.	8 Crows.
"Fury"				9.	125 Rooks.
"Lufra"				9.	24 Magpies.
"Creeping Jane"	1			24.	3 Curlews.
"Phillippa"	2	1		30.	1 Wood pigeon.
"Caroline"				2.	1 Peewit.
"Alghitha"				4.	
"Random"		1*		9.	
"Roderick"	1*		2*1p	13.	40 flying days.
Kills:	7	5	5	162.	
Flights:	8	6	3	211.	

+ = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. p = peewit. c = crow. sc = stone curlew. wp = wood pigeon.

March 25th. 1902. The season opened at Everleigh by B.H. Jones and H. Talbot. Half a gale from N.W. but otherwise bright and fine. Collingbourne Rd. "Shelagh" and "Creeping Jane", flown at a flock, both went high and well, the old hawk catching after a couple of fine stoops. The young one came in and crabbed her, and she let it go. "Fury" and "Lufra" never fetched their rooks and gave up. Flown again they both went keener, and scored a right and left, the young hawk showing excellent form. "Shelagh" turned off at rooks down wind, put them in and sat down.

3 rooks 4 flights.

March 26th. Very cold, half a gale from N.W. rain after 4.p.m. Upavon Clumps. "Shelagh" killed a crow in beautiful style. "Lufra" killed a rook second stoop in capital form. "Fury" (with "Jane", who took after Brown) put into a gorse; took after other rooks, which she also put in, and then sat down flown out.

1 crow 1 rook. 3 flights.

G. Lascelles, J.B. Lascelles and R. Heywood came tonight.

March 27th. Gale of wind from W: ventured out after lunch towards Upavon. Very rough, but flew "Shelagh" at a single rook: she wouldn't face the wind. "Alghitha" was well beaten by a curlew. Spent rest of afternoon training.

Good Friday. Beautiful day. Easton Valley. "Shelagh" killed cleverly first stoop. Flown again she had an awkward, almost down wind, slip; but tore over them and killed with a most brilliant stoop. "Fury" and "Lufra" slipped at a flock: the young hawk hung onto the glove and was thrown on the ground. The old one fetched the furthest rooks and was beaten to covert after only getting in one stoop. The same two flown again, a better chance, the young one caught.

3 rooks 4 flights.

March 29th. Nasty windy stormy day. Figheldean. Got a single mag out of the round clump at Beach's Barn into the gorses, but the wind was too much for us, and hawks did not get sighted. "Shelagh" was beaten to Rookery by a good ringing rook, which she could never quite fetch. She killed another one coming in. Did not get another chance.

1 rook 1 flight.

W. Duncombe arrived in the evening.

March 31st. A beautiful hawking day, fine and mild with fresh W. Wind. Out by Upavon Clumps, crossed the River at Enford, and home by Netheravon. No rooks to be found anywhere. "Shelagh", with very little room, killed cleverly third stoop. "Fury" (with "Jane") went hard, and fetched them well, missing her first stoop: the young one feathered him, but failed to hold: "Fury" misses him again and the young hawk caught with a good down wind stoop.

2 rooks 2 flights. No more chances to be got.

April 1st. W. Duncombe and G. Lascelles left.

Wind fresh S.W. breeze. Easton Valley. "Shelagh" went hard from a long slip over a large flock and killed first stoop, (a smasher,) high in the air. Flown again she put into stacks and killed after a good hunt. "Creeping Jane" fetched a flock nicely, and made a couple of good stoops: she then hung too close to him and he got down wind to a strong fence, where she was very lucky to pick him up. "Fury" and "Caroline" divided at a flock, and both got beaten to cover down wind: a poorish chance. Flown again they again divided and the young hawk refused it at once and sat down; while the old hawk put into stacks, and then let a poorish rook get above her and ring away, when she gave up. "Fury" and "Philippa" caught a very bad rook at a stack, but crabbed and let him go. 2 rooks 6 flights. W. Duncombe left first thing in the morning; G. Lascelles at 4.p.m.

April 2nd. Beautiful day, bright and warm. Light variable airs. Out to Upavon Clumps: the whole of that country blank. On to the Figheldean ground. "Shelagh" was flown at a flock in a very tight place, among gorses etc.. She fetched some into strong premises and hunted well for a long time, but we could not get them out, and at last she gave up. Flown again she killed easily second stoop. "Creeping Jane" flew a very fine ringing flight, fetching him twice after high ringing, but made very poor stoops and let him get to buildings when she gave up. "Fury" feathered a rook third stoop, but failed to hold him, and he got into a strong fold; when she gave up. "Caroline" and "Philippa" flew too keen and put into buildings: "Caroline" hunted well, and would have killed had the other hawk helped at all. got a magpie out of the Beach's Barn Clump, and "The Major" put him down into a gorse, but then went fooling off, and the passage tiercels never got sighted.

1 rook 5 flights.

An unlucky day. There was so little wind that rooks could get in any covert, and we were in a particularly cramped bit of country.

C. Garnett and J.K. Fowler arrived in evening.

April 3rd. Lord Sefton arrived by morning train. Beautiful warm day: fresh S.W. breeze, getting colder in afternoon: shower at night. Easton Valley and Collingbourne Rd. "Shelagh" killed easily second stoop. Flown again she did not get sighted until they had gone some way; then she rattled after them and killed brilliantly third stoop. A nice flight. "Creeping Jane" went keen but slow, put into strong cover and hunted well, but tried to sit on him. Flown again, (with "Caroline") they both took on crows. Flown again alone, (a very bad chance which ought never to have been taken,) she got beaten to the Rookery. "Fury" put in one stoop, and was quite unable to get up to him again.

2 rooks 6 flights. Poor day.

April 4th. Gale of wind from S.W. Fine but cold. Calmed down in evening. Upavon Clumps and Beach's Barn. "Shelagh" fetched a rook well in the gale, but only made one stoop, and then chucked it. Flown again she killed well first stoop, a long way down wind. "Fury" put into a fold and gave up. When the wind dropped we could get no rooks for the young hawks. Had a go at the Beach's Barn Clump mags, but he beat the falcons back to the clump.

1 rook 3 flights.

Fowler left by 8.p.m. train.

April 5th. High wind from S.W. Fine and cold. Beach's Barn and Netheravon. "Shelagh" fetched a large flock in the best style and killed third stoop after hitting him very hard the second. Flown again at a pair of crows she killed one with great ease first stoop. "Creeping Jane" and "Lufra" were slipped at a flock and flew separate rooks. "Creeping Jane" killed first stoop and went fast, the other was beat to covert at Beach's Barn. "Philippa" and "Caroline" were slipped at rooks in a fold and both hunting and flying well for some time were beaten. Found two magpies in Ruddle's Barn and got them well away. "Algitha" went to rookery. From the gorse we got away well but both hawks had to be taken down. Flown again "Algitha" and passage tiercel "Random", went well, the tiercel cut him over but he beat us in the end.

2 rooks, 1 crow, 4 flights.

B.H. Jones left by 8.p.m. train. N. Heywood arrived. C. Garnett left at night. W. Duncombe, G. Lascelles and J. Lascelles left in morning of April 6th.

April 7th. Lovely day. Light N.E. breeze. Crossed the River at Upavon, and home by Figheldean. "Shelagh" had a long side-wind slip at crows; and did not fetch them till close to the ruins at Enford Bake. However she hunted well, and after a lot of blasting killed the biggest old cock crow that ever was seen. "Creeping Jane" and "Lufra" were flown at a flock at a fold, and divided. "Lufra" cut one over and "Jane", leaving her rook, came in and killed. "Philippa" and "Caroline" put into stacks, and ought never to have let them out of it: but they got into a fold, where "Caroline" sat down. "Philippa" hunted well, and cut one over outside the fold so hard that he could not make it back and

went off down wind: and “Caroline” joining in they caught him.. “Fury” was beaten to the Rookery after a long chase, in which she only got in two or three stoops. Got a single magpie out of the Beach’s Barn clump, and flew “Alghitha” and “Random”: both went keen, and the tiercel cut him down and caught, but the fool of a falcon came in and crabbed and they let him go. He was much alarmed and only went to the nearest gorse, out of which he was hustled with “Roderick” and “Random” at him, the latter catching him easily. A hen. 1 crow 2 rooks 1 magpie. 4 flights.

April 8th. Bright but cold: light Easterly breeze. Collingbourne Rd. “Shelagh” killed first stoop. Flown again she feathered a rook twice, but it got into a strong hedge, and flying down it, beat her to cover. “Creeping Jane” and “Lufra” had too long a slip, and got beaten to cover without a stoop. The same two flown again, when “Lufra” took on pigeons: “Jane” put into a stack, hunted well and killed; and the other hawk came in and picked up another cleverly. “Philippa” and “Caroline” flew hard at a flock, the former disabling a rook “Caroline” came in to the kill. Flown again they put a lot of rooks into bushes, and “Caroline” sat on one: “Lufra” hunted a bit with another and then gave up. “Fury” got beaten to cover after four good stoops. 5 rooks 9 flights.

April 9th. Fine but bitter cold. Fresh N.E. breeze. Beach’s Barn and Figheldean. “Shelagh” had a very long slip, and did not get sighted at first: when she did she got up very high, and got higher and higher till the rook had to turn back under her, when she came in with a magnificent stoop and picked him up. Flown again she killed cleverly third stoop. “Jane” flew moderately and got beaten to trees. “Philippa” also did poorly and was beaten up wind to Beach’s Barn. “Jane” and “Lufra” both declined a good chance on passage. “Philippa” and “Caroline” put into premises and ought to have killed, but let him get out and got beaten down wind to stronger buildings. “Jane” and “Lufra” went hard at a flock, “Jane” getting in two stoops before the other got there: we could not see which of them killed. “Philippa” (and “Caroline”) led a long way to fetch into good ones before “Caroline” came in and killed. “Fury” put into a pond, and tried to sit on him: then she flew a nice ringing flight down wind getting beaten to a fold. Flown again she killed third stoop. Drove a pair of magpies out of the small gorse at Silk Hill, and flew the tiercels, but they did not get sighted. Followed them on, and got them into the farm buildings, and flew “Alghitha” and both passage tiercels, “Roderick” catching the cock after a good hunt. 5 rooks 1 magpie - 10 flights.
Lord Sefton left by 8.40.p.m. train.

April 10th. Half a gale from N.E. Fine and bright but quite cold. Did not go out till after lunch, and then went over Collingbourne side. “Shelagh” put into a fold and waited on high over him, putting into or three pretty fine stoops; but finding we could not get him out she gave up. “Jane” and “Lufra” put into same fold and hunted keen for a bit, and then gave up. “Caroline” and “Philippa” both declined, but the latter changed her mind, rattled after them and fetched the whole flock into a very strong gorse, where she hunted hard and caught one cleverly. “Shelagh” put into a strong gorse and hunted keen, but Mr. B. got up and took her off. “Jane” and “Lufra” (flown at a single rook,) went much too keen, and got beaten to the Square after feathering him.

1 rook 5 flights.

R. Williams came at night.

April 11th. Lord Sefton arrived by morning train. Very strong N.E. wind: very cold. Moderated in evening but came on to rain. Beach’s Barn and Figheldean. “Shelagh” had a beautiful chance; but partridges got up just as she was hooded off, and she chased one down. Flown again she went hard into the wind but missed her first stoop, and did not get another till they had got half a mile down wind, when she killed. “Philippa” (with “Caroline”, which refused) flew a grand flight down wind to a sheep fold. Here she hunted him a long time before anyone arrived. When B.H.J. got to her they had a long hunt in a very strong fold: He got out and started ringing; she stuck to him and fetched him into Netheravon. The same two were flown again, and again “Caroline” refused; while

“Philippa” put one into a fold, hunted well, and got him out into strong premises where she cut him over hard, and after some more hunting secured him. “Creeping Jane” and “Lufra” had two ding dong flights, both going rather too keen, but they killed a brace of rooks. “Fury” flew the best flight of the day, with a lot of stooping, getting beaten to the Rookery. Flown again she only put in two stoops and then gave up. “Alghitha” was well beaten by a good curlew. We got the hen magpie out of the gorse at Silk Hill, and caught her easily with the tiercels, “Random” catching her.

4 rooks 1 magpie 8 flights.

April 12th. Rhys Williams left by early train. Dull and mild: no wind. Had rained hard overnight, but there were no rooks to be found anywhere. A shower at lunch time. Collingbourne. Found a magpie at Mr. Roth’s thorns, and after a merry hunt, “Roderick” nailed him, but was crabbed by “Alghitha” and let him go: however the falcon went on and caught him. Later on drove another pair to the same place, and flew both tiercels, “Random” scoring. The other mag. stopped in a fold and we ought to have got him too, but the tiercels did not get sighted. “Philippa” hunted well in a fold and caught. “Lufra” declined in the same place. “Shelagh” had a poor chance and got beaten to cover: she went on to the Rookery at Southgrove Farm, and killed.

2 rooks 2 mags. 3 flights.

April 14th. Fine and warm. Light S.E. breeze. Beach’s Barn and Figheldean. Very poor day, hawks all to much above themselves, and only one rook killed that was flown at. “Shelagh” put into gorse, left him at once and went on and killed a crow first stoop. Flown again at a single rook on passage, she left him as soon as she saw she would have to work; went on the soar and killed out of a flock down wind. “Creeping Jane” and “Lufra” left the rooks they were flown at for a flock farther off, put a bad one into a bush and caught him. “Philippa” also left her rook for a crow and was beaten to the Rookery. Flown again she flew very slack, and after having a rook at her mercy let him beat her to the Rookery: she went on and had another lot under her in an easy place down wind of the Rookery, but let another beat her. Got a pair of mags out of The Wig and flew the tiercels at them, “Roderick” scoring well: “Alghitha” slipped at once, fetched to help the other tiercel and killed the other mag in good style. On the edge of .. got a chance on passage for “Jane” and “Lufra” but “Jane” hung to William’s hand and sat down: “Lufra” pursued the rook very slowly till he put into a gorse, when she hunted a little, but gave up directly he got above her: “Jane” then came up and rattled after him, putting him into another gorse, hunting and killing him without any help. Before this “Jane” and “Lufra” had a nice chance, but the latter refused; and “Jane” put into buildings and sat down.

1 crow 3 rooks 2 magpies. 7 flights.

April 15th. Very wet morning. Wind N.E.; rained more or less most of the day. G. Lascelles and J.B. Lascelles arrived. Club moved across to Amesbury, but weather was too bad to do much. “Creeping Jane” and “Lufra” had a poor chance at crows near Nine Mile Water but “Jane” just nailed him first stoop as he was getting into the thorns. “Alghitha” flew a tremendous flight at a ringing curlew which fairly beat her in the air. “Shelagh” went well over a small lot of rooks and fetched them into a very strong lot of scattered thorns. She waited on beautifully and hunted well, getting hold of him after a desperate hunt. “Philippa” went keenly enough but put in to one of the huge new rifle butts with iron frames, fences and every sort of thing to help the rook, which dodged her till she was beaten and gave up. So for home - cold and wet.

April 16th. Fine day - hot, with West wind - out past the Stones - now all wired in with an Exhibition Turnstile to pass and a shilling to pay in order to hustle out a rook. Flew “Shelagh” on the Knighton side [north] and she put her rook well into thorns - waited well and made some fine stoops having the rook utterly at her mercy - then went on the soar and had to be taken down to a pigeon. Later in the day she precisely repeated this performance over a barn. Washed meat was ordered. “Philippa” again put into a barn which the rook would not leave for a long time but at last he made for a clump close by and the hawk picked him up very cleverly. “Lufra” and “Creeping

Jane” had a perfectly ridiculous slip which “Jane” sensibly enough declined. “Lufra” however tore away manfully and though she did not get a stoop before the rook got into some premises yet on being served she killed very cleverly. “Philippa” put into premises with one stoop, and nailed her rook on the ground very neatly. A long beat of Fargo at last got a magpie out to the bushes towards Stonehenge and after a pretty hunt, “Random” nailed him. A very poor days sport. Lord Sefton left in evening.

April 17th. Bright and fine, but not quite so hot. Light W. breeze. Porton Firs. “Philippa” flew a capital flight over bushes, with a lot of hunting, ringing and stooping, killing after a lot of hard work. Flown again she took after pigeons; and flown the third time she put into a fold and at once gave up. Probably the first flight, on such a hot day, was a bit too much for her. “Shelagh” did not get sighted at a single rook, got up high and fetched other rooks into a fold, and killed after a short hunt. Flown again she again put into a fold and repeated the performance. “Lufra” and “Jane” went hard at a big flock; “Jane” fetched them and got first stoop, “Lufra” killing. The same two were from at crows by the pond, “Lufra” catching first stoop and “Jane” binding to her in the air. “Alghitha” got beaten by a good curlew after a long and desperate flight. “Fury” and “Caroline” divided, the old hawk going hard after a flock, putting them into a fold, and catching second stoop; while the young one ran straight into her rook, showing great speed but no form. Searched the whole country for magpies, (all the rook hawks being fed by 5.p.m.) saw a pair in Tanner’s gorse but could not drive them. Porton was blank. 1 crow 6 rooks 8 flights.
G. Lascelles and J.B. Lascelles left after hawking. J.K. Fowler and W. Duncombe arrived for dinner.

April 18th. Fine and hot: very light S. Wind. Stonehenge. “Philippa” met a good rook, and was beaten to cover, flying rather too keen: she feathered him once but failed to hold him. Flown again she refused a grand chance on passage. “Shelagh” went high, and cut over a rook first stoop: no rook was ever laid out with such a smack! he turned over half a dozen times like a Catherine wheel. Flown again she put into a fold, and hunted well. Mr. B. caused a slight digression, but she came back and killed the rook. “Lufra” refused a single rook. Flown again with “Jane”, they had a wretched chance and got beaten to cover without a stoop. A lot of magpies were driven out of Shrewton Folly into the farm; and “Random” caught one after a good hunt. “Roderick” would have caught another, but stooped into some wire netting, and was knocked out. “Alghitha” was slipped at once, but went on the soar, and was nearly lost: found her by great good luck on a curlew which she had caught. 2 rooks 1 curlew 1 mag. Very bad day.

April 19th. J.K. Fowler left by early train. E.B. Michell arrived for hawking. Rough morning, strong S. Wind and driving rain. Eased up at midday, but rained again hard lunch time but better after that, and not a bad evening. Porton Firs. “Lufra” and “Jane” mopped up a rook in a fold easily. “Shelagh” put into a fold, hunted well: out of that into another, (larger) fold, and then across the railway, killing him a longish way down wind. An unsuccessful attack on the Tanner’s gorse mags., as the wind was all wrong, and he got back home, without the tiercels getting sighted. “Philippa” turned off down wind at once, had one stoop at a rook, and then stooped plumb into a flock of wood pigeons and caught one. “Shelagh” went high and neat and caught first stoop in her usual brilliant style. “Lufra” and “Jane” were flown at a rook in a fold but elected to take on Jackdaws, (and one each at that,) and both got beaten to cover. “Philippa” was hooded off at a rook in the same fold, but never saw him, as he dropped behind a hurdle just as she was slipped. She raked off down wind and took on a pair of jackdaws in the next fold, hunted keen, and fetched one into a cover: she hunted like fun in the cover but it was too strong. “Lufra” and “Jane” slipped at a flock: “Jane” put her rook into premises, and hunted for a bit, but no one was near enough to help her and she gave up. Meanwhile “Lufra” had gone on at the flock, fetched them well, and brought her rook back into the same premises, where “Jane” joined in and helped her to kill. A poor, unlucky day.

4 rooks 1 pigeon 8 flights.

April 21st. Wet morning, strong S. wind. Stonehenge. "Shelagh" was beaten to covert at Normanton gorse, went away down wind killing out of a big flock. Flown again at a single rook at Shrewton butts she killed first stoop. "Lufra" and "Jane" were both beaten to covert by different rooks. "Philippa" flew a fine ringing flight and was just beaten to rookery. The feud with the Shrewton magpies was then renewed and after a long hunt in the old barn with both tiercels and "Alghitha", all sticking to it well, the latter killed.

2 rooks 1 mag. 4 flights.

April 22nd. Lord Sefton left morning of 22nd. Heavy gale from S.W. with torrents of rain all night and up to noon. Rain then ceased but it blew half a gale nearly all day and was not one of the hawking days favoured by "Cardinal Wiseman". Went out at 2.p.m. towards Porton. Flew "Shelagh" at a flock - she put in some rattling stoops but the rook was into covert downwind in a jiffy. "Lufra" and "C. Jane" had a very poor chance and divided at that. "Jane" went finely over her rook and put in two really good stoops before he got to covert in the densest part in which she somehow killed him and was not found till after a prolonged search. "Lufra" flew very fairly but gave up after putting into a hedge. "Shelagh" second time went very well and killed prettily after a hunt in a fold. "Lufra" and "Philippa" had a slip too long and too cramped for such a day. "Philippa" went well and hard, "Lufra" merely following, but she got no stoop before they got into a very big fold. Here she hunted very well for a long time, till she killed just as she was clean flown out. "Lufra" came in with a good stoop while we were serving the other hawk and killed. "Fury" and "Caroline" divided at a flock, the old hawk killed first stoop. "Caroline" put in two good stoops and then rather played the fool, but persevered enough to fetch her rook (1) into a carriers cart on the high road (2) into a fold (3) into a covert - and so was beaten. We beat Porton Firs, blank, for a magpie, and put "The Major" up for a blackbird - but he found a magpie for us in the clump of beeches to the west. We then got the two passage tiercels and after a brief beat, and short flight, "Random" nailed him but "Roderick" fetched him finely.

April 23rd. Fine and bright, but strong S. Wind. Stonehenge and up to Black down. Large field of soldiers from Bulford out. Began by an attack on the curlews which turned up in strong force. "Alghitha" got fairly beaten by a pair, trying both of them. "Caroline" was slipped at another pair, and put one into cover, trying to sit on him. The curlew escaped her, but was marked down and "Creeping Jane" flown at him; she caught him within a yard of the Bustard. "Shelagh" killed two rooks, each first stoop: the second one she cut down stone dead. He never moved. "Philippa" flew badly, giving up a rook she ought to have killed. "Fury" managed to slip up low under the wind, and the rooks got high over her, so that she had to ring to fetch, however there was lots of room and she fetched them a long way down wind, hit him hard third stoop and killed. A pair of magpies were driven out of Shrewton Folly, (the Civil power, being greatly assisted by the Military,) into the Ruins of Enford Bake, and the passage tiercels flown at them. "Roderick" nailed one at once, and "Alghitha" was brought up to help "Random". After a good hunt the falcon caught the second mag. Later another pair of mags were seen near the Bustard, and the tiercels again flown, but they divided and both got beaten to strong cover. "Roderick" raked away and a lot of time was cut to waste finding him: when found it was too late to find any more rooks.

3 rooks 2 magpies 1 curlew 4 flights.

G. Lascelles left after hawking.

April 24th. Fine and hot in morning, cooler in afternoon. Fresh S.W. breeze. Porton Firs and across the line. "Philippa" was flown at a fold, and hunted well till Brown got up and took her off. "Lufra" and "Jane" went hard at a rook, the former catching first stoop: but in a battle Royal on the ground they let him go. "Fury", flown at a single rook, left him for a flock down wind, put them into Wilbury belt; and went on and killed out of another flock. "Shelagh" went high at a good rook on

passage; he struggled on until she had got to a great height and her first stoop was death. "Philippa" (flown in a very bad place,) had one stoop and then left him for the rest of the flock, a long way down wind: she got over them high and put in two good ones, killing with the second. "Creeping Jane" was beaten by a curlew after a long hard flight. "Shelagh" put into bushes and killed after a short hunt. "Fury" had one stoop, went for a half hearted ring, (the rook most obligingly keeping on up wind,) and then turned off after other rooks down wind. "Creeping Jane" and "Lufra" at a par of rooks; "Jane" went hard and put into stacks, where "Lufra" (who had refused,) came in to help. They got him out, when "Lufra" again refused it, while "Jane" stuck to him well and fetched him into a clump a long way off: no one could get up to help her. "Fury" and "Caroline" divided, the old hawk flying a nice flight to stacks, where she sat down. The young one did nothing. 4 rooks 9 flights.

April 25th. Fine and very hot morning: clouded over and much cooler in afternoon. Light S.E. breeze. The Bustard. "Philippa" put a rook into a clump and was hunting well till Brown turned out in force and took her away. Flown again she had a long slip at a flock a good height up, but went well and fetched them all into the hedge of Enford Bake, catching one after a short hunt. "Jane" was at once slipped at the others but declined. "Shelagh" flew a pretty flight at a good rook, that kept working up wind for home. She had three good stoops at him, and then had to ring: got over him again and killed fifth stoop close to cover. Flown again she again had a long upwind flight and stretched one stony dead first stoop. "Fury" was flown at crows, but could never fetch them. She went for a ring but was still a lot below them and then gave up. The crows went and sat among the ruins of Enford Bake, and waited most kindly till we got "Jane", who caught after a good hunt. Beat all the covers round Newfoundland and the Bustard but never saw a single magpie.

1 crow 3 rooks 7 flights.

April 26th. Fine, but half a gale of wind from N.E. Colder. Not fit to go hawking, but B.H.J. and G. Matchem tried out to Porton Firs. Flew "Philippa" at rooks in a fold: she unfortunately took on a jackdaw, fetched well, got him away and had two good stoops: She had to ring and fetched him into Porton Firs, where she went on the soar and we were lucky to get her without any trouble. Sheltered till about 3.30 then, unwilling to go home without blood, flew "Shelagh" at a nice chance, although it was blowing a gale. She fetched them well, and made a good stoop. After putting into a fold she raked off down wind, and she was out of sight in a moment. She was found by extraordinary, (and most undeserved) good luck, nearly fed up on a rook near Winterbourne Gunner. 1 rook 2 flights.

April 28th. Same old gale of wind from N.E. Fine and warm in the Sun. Went out to Porton Firs after lunch. Flew "Philippa" near Princess' gorse, hoping she would fetch them into the fold, but they got above her and she raked off down wind. Found on a rook by Oxer near the Winterbourne Gunner Rd. Stayed out till six p.m. but the wind did not moderate, and we did not venture to fly another hawk.

1 rook 1 flight.

G. Matchem returned for hawking.

April 29th. Nice hawking day: dull and cold in the morning with fresh N.E. breeze. Much warmer in afternoon and wind quite dropped. Stonehenge and Tilshead valley. "Philippa" killed first stoop: flown again at a lot of scattered rooks, she took the very furthest, half a mile off, and flew a capital flight at a good rook that struggled up wind to cover all the way, killing him after seven or eight stoops. "Shelagh" killed easily first stoop. Flown again she killed a bad rook second stoop. Third time she fetched a flock into a hedge, took her time, and picked one up neatly. "Fury" flew right into a rook that never saw her. Flown again at a flock she had one stoop and then had to ring: when she had got over them she left them and went off and killed a single rook half a mile off. "Jane" had a nice chance, but only made one stoop and gave up. Flown again with "Lufra", they divided, and she got beaten to cover; while "Lufra" put into one of the huts on East Down and sat down. Drove a pair of mags out of one of the East Down gorses, and caught one of them with "Random". Saw

another pair in the hedge behind Half Moon, and had a good slip at them. "Roderick" killed the cock single handed, "Random" not getting sighted till too late. "Caroline" was defeated by a curlew.
7 rooks 2 magpies 9 flights.

April 30th. Dark gloomy morning with Strong N.E. breeze. Out to Yarnbury Castle, but found not a sign of a rook in the whole country. Turned up to the North, and found ploughs going in a good place. "Shelagh" unfortunately turned down wind at a rook we had not seen, and laid him out first stoop. Flown again she put into a flock of sheep, waited on patiently and killed cleverly without any help. "Creeping Jane" went well at a Curlew, hit him twice and caught him when he sat down. Flown again at rooks, (with "Lufra",) she caught first stoop, the other hawk not getting up in time to do anything. "Philippa" put into an empty fold, hunted him out and killed well. Flown again she killed easily second stoop. Flown again she had a rattling flight down a gappy hedge, feathering twice and driving him out to a stack where she killed. "Fury" put into bushes and hunted well, but when the rook was put out for her, and she had him settled, she raked off at a flock down wind and was lost. Had an unsuccessful campaign at some magpies, which offered a nice chance, but the tiercel never got sighted.
7 rooks 1 curlew 7 flights.

William Coleman was left out at Shrewton to look for "Fury", and found her kill in a thick hedge, just where she was seen to put the flock in. We must have been within 20 yds. of her many times. Rook scored to her.

May 1st. Dark and cloudy: very strong N.W. Wind and one or two showers. Improved into a fine evening, wind moderated, and dropped with the sun. Out the other side of Shrewton to look for "Fury", but we saw nor heard anything of her. "Shelagh" mopped up a poor rook first stoop. Flown again she put into bushes, hunted him out into a small gorse and might have killed, only that B.H.J. was riding a pulling tough-mouthed brute, and couldn't get round to serve her, the rook getting off down wind to cover. Flown third time she killed in the same gorse, waiting on patiently high up, so as to make sure. "Philippa" flew a capital flight at an old cock crow, round some bushes and into a stack; catching him, he got loose on the ground but she soon had him again. Second time she refused a long slip and went off hunting tame pigeons at a farm. Third time she did not get sighted at a rook on passage, got up high and refused all lures: she rattled off at a big flock, putting them all into a hedge. She hunted some time before anyone could get to her and then took on a rook that had got some way above her. She went ringing up after him into the sky, fetched him with the greatest ease, and caught him second stoop right up in the Blue. Quite the best thing of the season. "Jane" killed a bad rook easily. Flown again, (with "Lufra", who refused and sat down,) she fetched a rook on passage well, and hunted him down a fence, when "Lufra" was kicked up by William and came in to help her to kill him. A single mag was driven out of the belt at the Bushes and fetched into some training fences by "Roderick" when after a lively hunt, killed by him, assisted by "Random". After a lot of blasting another mag was driven out of Normanton gorse, just before sunset. "Roderick" fetched him into the bushes well, but fooled off after a kestrel, and left all the work to "Random" who hunted him well, the other hawk only coming back to join in just before "Random" caught him.
1 crow 5 rooks 2 magpies 8 flights.

Pichot and Belvallette arrived the night of May 1st. Garnett arrived the morning of May 2nd.

May 2nd. A very coarse day. Blowing a gale from S.W. in morning, but heavy showers all afternoon. Not fit to fly a hawk, but we had to go out for the sake of visitors. The Bustard and Tilshead valley. "Shelagh" put into a bush and waited high until she got a certain shot, and then picked him up. Flown again, (in a gale of wind,) she had three good stoops, then had to ring, fetched him again well and killed close to cover. A fine flight. "Philippa" fetched her rooks well and shepherded them as they would not give her a down wind chance: when they did she was at them like a terrier, and caught second stoop, but came down with him so hard he broke loose, and

she had to work hard to get him, only just nailing him within five yards of cover. "Creeping Jane" flew very well but a bit too keen, and got beaten to cover. Got a magpie out of the cover at East Down, and "Random" had a long slip, going hard and fetching him into the Farm buildings below the Half Moon. He then raked away, and we lost a lot of time, but the mag was badly scared and waited in a bush. At him again with both tiercels: unluckily Mr. B. got up with the 'pie and took off "Random", but "Roderick" went on alone and ran into the mag. without any help.

3 rooks 1 magpie 4 flights.

May 3rd. Another poisonous day. Very strong S.W. Wind. many showers. Blew up to half a gale in afternoon and got very cold. Porton Firs. "Shelagh" flew a nice flight of several stoops, catching close to cover. Flown again she fetched a lot of rooks into buildings, hunted a long time before anyone could get to her: when she was served she caught him and fell into a dew-pond, and was found swimming solemnly about, dragging the drowned rook after her. "Philippa" refused a longish slip at a big flock. Flown again she fetched three rooks well and had two good stoops, (the second a fizzer) before putting into some Trainer's premises, where we had the most extraordinary rat hunt, the rook trying every rat hole, and killed him. "Jane" had a nice chance on passage but the rook dipped just as she was flown, and she did not get sighted. Home early, very wet.

3 rooks 4 flights.

Garnett left after hawking. May 3rd.

Lord Sefton arrived afternoon May 4th.

May 5th. Mostly fine, one or two showers. Very bitter cold at night. Strong S.W. Wind. Out beyond Shrewton. "Shelagh" manoeuvred a bunch of rooks cleverly into the wind, and put them all into a fold, catching first stoop when one was put out for her. Flown again she had a long, hard flight at a rook that hung over a hedge, and never gave her a down wind stoop. She was master of him all the time, but had to work hard before she caught him. "Philippa" put into a gorse, hunted well and killed. Flown again she had a nice easy chance, but passed over the rooks she was flown at and took on a flock half a mile up wind. One of these she put into strong premises and we had a cruel hard hunt before getting him. "Jane" went well at a curlew, cut him over and tried to sit on him: he got up and beat her to cover, and she went on and killed a rook out of a flock. Second time she coursed a rook to death, showing great pertinacity but absolutely no form. Third time she put in one stoop and then left him and fooled about the country, passing over dozens of rooks which she could have killed. Got a pair of mags out of the cover by Seven Barrows: the first one caught by "Roderick" after a capital hunt, round frowning cover. The hen went on into premises, "Roderick" ran right into her after a long stern chase from a long slip.

6 rooks 2 magpies 7 flights.

Matcham returned the night of the 5th.

May 6th. Mostly fine: one or two showers. Fresh breeze S.W., bitter cold in evening. Porton Firs. "Shelagh" flew a brilliant flight, killing third stoop. Flown again she had too long a slip, and gave up, seeing they were bound to get in. Third time she fetched a big flock well and killed first stoop. "Philippa" refused a nice chance, raked away up wind, over the hill, into Bulford Camp and hunted a flock all about the horse lines for some time and killed before anyone could get up to help her. Flown again she left a nice easy chance for rooks about half as mile up wind, and just managed to nail one on the edge of cover. Flown the third time she took on a jackdaw, which she fetched into a strong gorse: she hunted a long time, but we could not get him out. "Creeping Jane" fetched a big flock, and killed first stoop. Flown again at a curlew, she had one stoop and then left him. She was slipped again at rook in a very tight place, and got beaten to cover. Flown again she cut over a rook at a stack, and caught him after a hunt.

6 rooks 9 flights.

Hon. G. Lascelles arrived at night.

May 7th. Bitterly cold N.W. wind - half a gale - frequent storms. Went out to Shrewton and on to Tilshead. "Shelagh" flown three times killed each time first stoop, all good performances but only one a good stoop. "Philippa" in long valley near Shrewton checked and turned it up - went down into the valley and was temporarily lost - recovered on a rook by B.H.J. Second time she went in very fine form in a gale of wind - cut him over first stoop and he was little good again. "Creeping Jane" in Tilshead. First time flew well - cut a rook over - hunted him and killed well cutting him over. Second time she refused a rook on passage and played the fool. Third time she met a very good rook of which she was fairly master. He shifted well and as she did not fly in the best form but kept trying to catch him, a long flight ended in the escape of the rook. Beat one or two coverts for Magpies and got two out, one of which "Roderick" whipped up in a second. Then home - cold and starved. On the whole a poor day. 7 rooks 1 magpie 8 flights.

May 8th. Bitter cold morning - milder later on. Not quite so high a wind - same quarter. Out towards Chitterne and Tilshead since "Fury" had been heard of the day before and William Coleman was left out to seek for her. His efforts were fruitless. Flew "Shelagh" at Shrewton X roads who fetched her rook into the fence of the big enclosure there. He dodged her up and down the fence for an incredible time when suddenly she sat down on a dead peewit. But finding her mistake she looked up in time to see her rook making off up wind and making off after him she caught him handsomely three quarters of a mile up wind. "Philippa" unluckily got sighted on to Mr. B. as she was hooded off and killed him. Bad luck. Second time she feathered her rook - put him into covert, disregarded all lures and put into Orcheston rookery. Again disregarded live and dead lures, raked away and killed a mile off with a fine stoop. As bad a performance as possible. "Shelagh" flown twice again killed each rook cleverly and well - not too honestly but she has done a lot of work these two seasons. "Creeping Jane" fetched her rooks well and put in several fine stoops but never tried to get hold at all. At last a starling appeared and she left the rook at once. Lastly we beat Fargo for mags - got them away on the W. side and had a terrific hunt. Unfortunately a curlew took off "Random" for a long time (he flew it well and cut it over with a rattle) so that a very long hunt ensued with one hawk only - the army was dismounted and ... objugating - but at last the victory was caused by the tiercels - "Random" being brought on hand as a reinforcement. 6 flights 5 kil Wardle and friend arrived.

May 9th. Lord Sefton left early morning. Fine and hot for a wonder. Light N. breeze. Porton Firs. "Shelagh" killed first stoop out of a flock. Flown again she got fairly beaten to cover by a good rook that would not give her a down wind chance till the last two or three stoops. Third time she mopped up a bad rook. Beat Tanner's gorse three times. First time they broke back. Second time four came on, we got one with the tiercels, "Roderick" scoring. Beat it again and got a pair out, "Roderick" catching one first go. The other waited in the fir clump and we had both tiercels at him: "Roderick" was hard at him when a peewit chose to mob the mag, and stooped at him just as the tiercel put him into a bush. The tiercel cut sideways at the peewit and nailed him. The other hawk came into the kill and Margaret escaped: a very lucky mag. Knocked off early and did no more.

2 rooks 2 mags 1 peewit 3 flights.

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Hawks. April 1903.

"Shelagh"	Haggard	falcon	3rd.	season.
"Philippa"	Passage	falcon	2nd.	season.
"Clementine"	do	do	1st.	season.
"Gilda"	do	do	1st.	season.
"Hermione"	do	do	1st.	season.
"Josephine"	do	do	1st.	season.
"Ethel"	do	do	1st.	season.
"Brenda"	do	do	1st.	season.
"Roderick"	do	tiercel	2nd.	season.
"Mauser"	do	do	1st.	season.
"Mannlicher"	do	do	1st.	season.

Haggard tiercel caught at Ringwood.

March/April.1903.	25th.	27th.	31st.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	6th.	7th.
"Shelagh"	1+		1	1	1	1	1	1	Lost.
"Philippa"				1+				1c	1
"Josephine"			1		1	1+		1c	1
"Brenda"									
"Gilda"									
"Hermione"									
"Olga"									1sc
"Roderick"			1j						
"Mannlicher"									
"Mauser"									
Kills:	1	0	3	2	2	2	1	3	3
Flights:	1	2	4	2	2	4	1	4	2

April 1903.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	13th.	14th.	15th.	16th.	17th.	18th.
"Shelagh"	Lost at Everleigh.									
"Philippa"		2		1	1	1	11c	2	1	1
"Josephine"					1+	1+	1	1	2	2
"Brenda"							1			
"Gilda"									1	
"Hermione"										
"Olga"		1sc								
"Roderick"							1+*			
"Mannlicher"										
"Mauser"										
Kills:	0	3	0	1	2	2	5	3	4	3
Flights:	3	3	1	2	2	2	5	5	7	4

April 1903.	20th.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.	24th.	25th.	27th.	28th.	29th.
"Shelagh"									
"Philippa"	2	1	1	11+	1	1		1	2
"Josephine"	11+	2	2	2	2	3	1+1	2	3
"Brenda"	2			1	1		1	1+	1
"Gilda"						1+			
"Hermione"									
"Olga"	1+*								
"Roderick"								1+*	
"Mannlicher"									1+8
"Mauser"									
Kills:	7	3	3	5	4	5	3	5	7
Flights:	9	6	5	6	6	8	3	4	6

May 1903.	30th.	1st.	2nd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	Total.
"Shelagh"										7.
"Philippa"	1			1	1	1		2	1	32.
"Josephine"	3	1c1	3	3	3	1c2	1	3	3	57.
"Brenda"			1	1c+1		1		1		13.
"Gilda"	1+		1			1+				5.
"Hermione"	1+				1+	1+				3.
"Olga"							1sc	1+*		5.
"Roderick"									1+*	4.
"Mannlicher"										1.
"Mauser"								1+*	1+*	2.
Kills:	6	2	5	6	5	7	2	8	6	129.
Flights:	6	3	6	6	6	7	3	6	6	158.

+ = assisted by another hawk. c = crow. sc = stone curlew. * = magpie. j = jackdaw.

Total for season: 112 Rooks, 5 Crows, 8 Magpies, 3 Curlews, 1 Jackdaw. 37 days hawking.

March 25th. B.H.J. began the season alone. Blowing half a gale: ventured out about 2.30 and flew "Shelagh" and "Clementine" at a flock; a long side slip. The old hawk fetched them well, (the young one very undecided at first, but came in at once to help.) "Shelagh" hit him hard first stoop, but he gave them a lot of trouble, both having to ring and stoop at him a long way down wind before they put him into a kale field and sat on him. A long time finding the kill, and George walked right on top of "Shelagh" and she carried and gave us a lot of trouble. 1 rook 1 flight. G.L. arrived to dinner.

March 26th. Gale of wind all day. G.L. left in afternoon.

March 27th. Contributed by hearsay by G.L. Day rough, but deemed possible for hawking. Out towards Enford. Flew "Shelagh" and "Clementine" a long slip. The old hawk merely put in. The young one never got sighted and fooled with a rook, was not secured in time - raked off down wind after rooks to Everleigh beeches and was lost hopelessly. Later in the day "Shelagh" was flown alone, and put into a fold, but would not hunt. Taken down to light dead lure, with loose string, she naturally carried and made bad worse. Things looking black for the season. B.H.J. left.

2 flights 0 kill.

March 28th. A gale all morning - pouring wet in afternoon. All hands out, as much as possible looking for "Clementine". G.L. left -(glad to go too!)

March 30th. Gale of wind all day: harder at night. Impossible even to train hawks. Trained hawks out of condition for want of work.

March 31st. A decent day at last. Mild and cloudy with nice N.W. breeze. Upavon Clumps. "Shelagh", from a long slip, went high over a big flock, and knocked one down first stoop. He got up and struggled to a stack, where she declined to hunt but waited on till he was driven away, when she picked him up. "Philippa" and "Josephine" were flown at a very bad rook, and the old hawk promptly went off at a peewit: the young one followed her for a bit and then changed on to the rook which sat down after one stoop. "Philippa" alone, fetched a big flock in her old form, and put one into a small gorse; "Brenda" was slipped to help her but did nothing, and after a long hunt in which she cut him over twice, she got flown out and sat down. With another horseman we should have had him. A rather dishevelled jackdaw was found all by himself digging in a sown field, and "Roderick" and "Mannlicher" were flown at him, the old hawk catching first stoop. Supposed to be the jackdaw which escaped out of our pigeon room. A magpie was beaten out of Grant's Firs, but would not wait for us, and got back home. 2 rooks 1 jackdaw. 4 flights.

H. Talbot arrived in evening.

April 1st. Rained more or less all day: got out after lunch on Upavon Rd. "Shelagh" went hard from a long slip and killed first stoop. "Philippa" and "Josephine" slipped at a big flock, the old hawk going high and then fetching one in fine style: the young one then came in to her and knocked the stuffing out of the rook, the old one cutting him down and catching, but letting him go, and the young hawk caught him. Came on very wet and thick as pea soup and we packed it soon after 4 o'clock. 2 rooks 2 flights.

April 2nd. A fine day but blowing almost as hard as ever from N.W. Went out after luncheon to Easton Valley, and flew "Shelagh" at a big flock. She did not half like the wind but went at last and an easy one came under her and was at once nailed. Waited an hour but it still blew half a gale. Still we unwisely flew "Philippa" and "Josephine" and that on a side wind. Rooks shifted down wind at once - hawks divided, "Josephine" put two rooks into the big tree at the head of the valley and would not be denied but hunted them from bough to bough till she grabbed one. "Philippa" was lost sight of but we followed her down wind, found where she had put in to a fold and eventually found her on the soar and took her down. Did no more, except training - Not a fit day to fly. 2 flights 2 kills. Lord Sefton arrived in evening.

April 3rd. Dull and drizzling. Came on wet in afternoon, and blew pretty hard. Went again to Easton Valley but wind backed and did not serve. "Shelagh" flew a good flight, at first meeting a very good rook, and got beat into valley by Burbage. Second time she was given an absurdly long slip such as she never did take, and simply went high to look about - luckily rooks came part under her, and she killed one at once. "Philippa" and "Josephine" selected a weak rook out of a flock - the old hawk missed, and the young one killed at once. "Philippa" and "Brenda" divided. "Brenda" flew with determination but chased a rook and put it in far down wind. The old hawk flew a most brilliant ringing flight, grandly fetching her rook out of the sky into the same tree as "Brenda". Both hawks got into a rookery below the hill, and the young one was lost for over an hour but finally was found near where she first put in. 2 Rooks 4 flights.

April 4th. Another cruel day: blowing hard with a thick drizzle all day: intervals of sleet. Out on Upavon Rd. "Shelagh" went well over a flock and knocked one down first stoop, he got up again and she had a couple more stoops before catching him. After lunch it came on so bad and thick that we gave it up and went home. 1 rook 1 flight.
G. Lascelles left in afternoon.

April 5th. Good hawking day. S.W. wind. "Shelagh" flown at a flock hit her rook first stoop but was then beaten to covert after a high ringing flight. Flown again she picked a bad one out of a flock and killed first stoop. "Josephine" had rather a down wind slip and was beaten to covert not showing any style. Flown again with "Philippa" she went well at a pair of crows, both killing after a fine flight. The old hawk did not go keen at first. 2 rooks 2 crows, 4 flights.

April 7th. Fine, but very strong wind: too rough to fly with safety, but we chanced it, with disastrous results. Easton Valley. "Shelagh" did not half try at good rooks but followed them down wind and was lost. Spent rest of day looking for her. In the evening on way home, flew "Philippa" and "Josephine" at a small fold on Lugershall Rd. They divided, the old hawk taking on a ringer, fetching him beautifully into another fold down wind and killing after a short hunt. The young hawk had a short flight then let him get off down wind into the second fold where she flew a desperate flight at him, stoop after stoop, all up-winders: the rook all the time working to get above her, and she ringing to keep master of him. At last he was fairly flown out and she caught him. A good performance for a young hawk. In the morning we caught a curlew with the nestling falcon. 2 rooks 1 curlew. 2 flights.

Garnett came, morning of 7th.

April 8th. Fine and bright, but the usual strong N.W. Wind. Out in morning looking for "Shelagh" without success. Out hawking over the line the other side of Collingbourne, having heard that she had killed there last night. A wretched day's sport, everything went wrong. "Josephine" slipped at rooks on passage turned down wind at other rooks coming up behind George, which he had not seen, and got beaten to trees. "Josephine" (with "Brenda", who refused) fetched a rook well, and put into a sheep fold, where she gave up. "Philippa" and "Brenda" divided at a big flock, the young hawk putting in half a dozen stoops and then giving up, just as the old hawk left her own rook and came in to help. She was beaten to covert. "Philippa" and "Josephine", flown at a pair of crows among gorse bushes, never got started. 0 rooks - 3 flights.

April 9th. A nice day at last: warm with light N.W. wind: very thick in afternoon. Upavon Rd. "Philippa" flown at a flock, went through a lot of unnecessary manoeuvres and nearly got beaten to covert up wind, just killing with first stoop. Flown again, (with "Gilda", who did not go) she put into a fold, and though she wouldn't stoop she kept master of them, and nailed one which tried to get off down wind. "Josephine" and "Brenda" went very hard, put into premises and gave up. "Roderick" and "Mannlicher" had a capital flight at a jackdaw in a fold making it very warm for him for a bit, but he finally got up above them and beat them. "Olga" killed a curlew in good form. 2 rooks 1 curlew 3 flights.

G. Lascelles arrived for dinner.

April 10th. Good Friday and the usual dies ira. Fine calm muggy day. No wind to speak of. Out to Netheravon and on to Ruddle's Down beyond. Flew "Josephine" on way to Netheravon. She tried hard, and went but slow and weakened, and gave up. Either very slow or unsound at the moment. Not another chance at a rook all day. Land all laid down to grass and no rooks on it. Got two magpies out of Ruddle's barn and had a series of desperate hunts with the old cock. The young tiercels flew pretty well for a first time but didn't understand sticking to him and we were fairly defeated. To home - a cruel bad day. 0 rooks 1 flight.

J.H. Fowler arrived.

April 11th. Blowing hard again from S.W. a little cold rain. Out to Upavon but it was hardly fit to fly young hawks. Flew "Philippa" with "Gilda". The old hawk fetched rooks from a long slip well and killed second stoop. Young one never came anigh. Second flight "Philippa" with "Brenda" flew a rattling flight putting into a fold then ringing high and well, put into covert a mile down wind. A good performance. "Brenda" took a separate rook, put in two good stoops and gave up. It was with great difficulty that these two flights were got, during five hours. Day got bad so chucked it and trained a little on road. 2 flights 1 rook.

April 13th. Blew hard from N.E. with very heavy rain storms every hour. Calmer between but most bitterly cold. Flew "Philippa" and "Gilda" the young hawk refused. The old hawk went well over the rooks and put into gorse - hunted well, but sat down after cutting her rook over very hard; he made off and she just caught him - nearly flown out. "Brenda" and "Josephine" both went very well, and except for being rather too keen, in good style - they worked their rook stoop for stoop, for some five or six stoops and "Josephine" caught him. Honours easy. Gave "Roderick" and "Mannlicher" a turn at two jackdaws in a fold and they fetched and hunted him in fine style, with beautiful stooping, but at last he got to a larger fold and beat us. A pretty flight. 2 flights 2 kills.

April 14th. Club moved to the Church House, Shrewton. Some difficulty was experienced by the remount Dept., in getting over the downs and the horses were six hours and more in getting across the plain. Flew "Philippa" and "Brenda". The old hawk killed well third stoop. "Brenda" put in three good stoops and gave up. "Brenda" and "Josephine" both went keen and were rather mixed up, but both came in to the same rook, and caught - A bad crab ensued and the rook saved his life. Hooded off at a very bad chance on passage but got no flight - hardly to be called a chance. Went down to Shrewton and unpacked.

April 15th. Strong breeze from N.W. rain in night and morning very cold, but bright later and the best hawking day yet. Went to Tilshead Lodge and ... the old house. On way flew "Philippa" and "Gilda" - the latter flew slack at first but came into the old hawk's rook and flew hard and well but failed to catch; the old hawk killed cleverly. "Josephine" alone went finely over rooks but seemed slack. However she fetched the lot and after a considerable hunt over gorse when she stuck well to him, killed cleverly. "Brenda" alone - fetched rooks well putting in three fine stoops never intending to catch them up. "Philippa" and "Brenda" divided - "Brenda" killed her rook stone dead in the air first stoop and killed easily. A nice chance in a valley presented itself, (though too near to a double fence,) and "Hermione", who has only been flying loose for a short while and has only seen one bagged rook was slipped on the off chance. To our surprise she went over them like an old hand, stooped brilliantly and put in to the hedge, but of course would not hunt. We beat a covert for magpies and with some trouble got one out into an easy place and killed with "Roderick" and "Mannlicher". Five flights 4 rooks 1 magpie.

G. Lascelles left morning of 16th.

April 16th. Fine, but bitter cold, and very strong N.W. Wind. Chitterne Rd. "Philippa", by bad manoeuvring allowed her rook to get into an enormous fold: she hunted a long time, and then went off up wind and killed out of a flock. Flown again, (with "Gilda", who wouldn't go,) she put into a stack and killed after a short hunt. "Josephine" went slow over rooks and pulled out a tail first stoop: she fetched him into a hedge a long way down wind, and killed after a severe hunt. "Brenda" was offered a perfect chance, but declined emphatically. "Hermione", flopped at rooks, and found she couldn't fetch them; she made one good ring, and then gave you. 3 rooks 5 flights.

April 17th. Fine: but bitter cold, and very strong N. Wind. Tilshead valley. "Philippa" and "Brenda", a nice chance at a pair of rooks: the young hawk went highest and keen and fetched them back: the old one came in and they had a nice ding-dong flight, the old hawk catching. The young hawk, of course, crabbed and the rook escaped, but was caught again by "Philippa" after a long stern chase. "Josephine" (with "Gilda", who refused,) caught first stoop. The same pair flown again, when "Gilda" refused, while "Josephine" (slow but determined) made a long up wind flight and caught first stoop. "Gilda" had two stoops at a good rook, and then got taken down wind to covert: she went on to the Rookery but luckily did not kill. Flown again she fetched the furthest rook, and had three or four rattling stoops before putting into strong gorses. She hunted in the gorse in a determined way, and killed after a very long hunt. "Brenda" refused a capital chance, and "Hermione" made two stoops and gave up. 4 rooks 7 flights.

April 18th. Fine and warmer; not so much wind. Tilshead valley. "Josephine" was slipped with "Gilda" near the road at a small flock and put one into the fence. Hustled out of that he put into some trees above the pond. "Gilda" made a couple of offers but never really tried. He was got out of the trees and "Josephine" killed 300 yds. beyond. Flown again at a bad chance near the village she was easily beat. Flown again at a sheep fold she hunted well and killed. "Philippa" was slipped near some gorse, declined the chance, raked away down wind and killed. She had had too much of the kirtle" to be flown again. "Brenda" slipped at a nice chance at a big flock and went up very high over them, made two fine stoops but was beaten in a sheep fold, declining to hunt.

J.H. Fowler left evening of the 18th.

April 20th. Beautiful day, bright and warm. Light S.W. wind. Chitterne Rd. "Josephine" killed easily first stoop. Flown again (with "Gilda",) they both gave up after starting well. Flown again the same two went well at a pair of rooks, and worried one down to the road, each getting hold and letting go again. The rook got above them and they both had to ring, fetching him cleverly and one of them holding for a moment. "Gilda" then gave up, but "Josephine" rang up over him again and killed second stoop. "Brenda" was flown at rooks which never saw her and sat down, she catching one on the ground. "Brenda" flown again fetched a flock well, and made two or three good stoops, then chucked it, and after fooling about a bit went off up wind at a flock, and killed one after a fine stoop. "Philippa" flew a fine flight at a flock, hit one hard first stoop, then changed on to another and killed second stoop. Flown again she put into a fold, left it at once for a flock in the distance and killed. "Hermione" went very slack and gave up at once. A pair of mags were driven out of Chitterne gorse and one was easily killed by "Olga", assisted by "Roderick" and "Mauser".

6 rooks 1 mag 9 flights.

April 21st. Dull and cold. Strong E. wind; slowing.

Tilshead Lodge. "Josephine" fetched a rook on passage well, and killed second stoop. Flown again she met a very good rook, and after a lot of ringing and stooping she got beaten to a large fold: here she had hold of him in some high rape, but could not stick to him. Flown again (with "Gilda",) she put into gorse and killed without help. "Brenda" went hard, but a bit too keen and got beaten to a big fold. Flown again she refused. "Philippa" would not look at the rook she was slipped at, went off up wind and took on a flock out of which she selected a jackdaw and flew a rattling flight, hitting him hard once, but getting beaten to Tilshead Rookery. She then went off and killed out of a flock. 3 rooks 6 flights.

G. Lascelles and J.B. Lascelles arrived to dinner.

April 22nd. Bitter cold wind from S.E. half a gale at times. Went to West Down and stayed all day near a plough in a fair place. "Josephine" first flight flew a capital flight with a ring and many stoops - put in to some bushes and gorse and killed there; a severe hunt. Second time flown with

“Gilda” (who refused at first) she put in two good stoops and then made a very good ring and killed with a fine stoop. Meanwhile the young hawk thought better of it and got up to her rooks after a long stern chase, in the very clouds, and put them down into Tilshead with a couple of excellent stoops. “Brenda” first time fetched her rooks very high but was a long time above it, put in three rattling stoops and drove him into a hedge where she might have killed, but put in short stoops and let him get in up wind. A second time she flew an even finer flight but put into a hedge, and though she waited some time the horsemen were not there in time to help and she tried to sit on the rook in the fence with the usual result. “Hermione” was hooded off in this flight but did not take any part in it. “Philippa” was slipped at a rook on passage and went over him but saw that he was likely to beat her to covert and she checked at a big flock a little way down wind of where the rook put in, and of course killed at once. We beat one covert for a magpie but wind was too strong. We got one away down wind, “Roderick” put him in, far off, and got himself lost. Soon found again.

5 flights 3 rooks.

April 23rd. Still bitter cold but not quite so much wind from N.E. Went out past Tilshead towards Chitterne. First flight “Josephine” on passage made two brilliant stoops and cut her rook on to the ground. She thought he was stretched, but when she tried to sit on him he was off and away into the sky. Three brilliant rings she made, the last as wide as ever I saw and fairly fetched him with a brilliant stoop, but he evaded it, and three more deadly ones, beating her fairly to Orcheston rookery. Unfortunately she sighted rooks away on the far side, and going hard killed one. A most brilliant flight. Later in day she fetched a rook into a stack with a threshing machine at work, thence to some premises and killed, after a desperate hunt. “Brenda” with “Gilda” at rooks on passage went up somewhat slowly but fetched the rooks and put into Orcheston after a few nice stoops. “Philippa” given a good chance at two rooks, checked at a flock up wind, and filled a barn with them, waiting and killing well enough when served. “Brenda” was crabbed by “Gilda” at first, but went on and killed first stoop single-handed. “Philippa” and “Gilda” late in day went, both of them very well, at a small flock and killed stoop for stoop in four stoops. Could find no mags but wind was all wrong.

6 flights 5 kills.

G. Lascelles left 24th , a.m.

April 24th. Bitter cold morning with strong N.E. Wind. Got a bit warmer in afternoon but blew harder. Barely fit to fly. Stonehenge. “Josephine” was given an impossible slip, and got beaten up wind to covert without a stoop. Luckily a straggler came up behind her and she killed him second stoop. Flown again she unluckily got her eye on a peewit, and the rook made such good use of his time that she only got in two stoops before he got into covert. She went on and killed out of a flock close by. “Brenda” killed nicely after a short hunt round a fold. Flown again with “Gilda”, they both refused. The same pair were flown at rooks on passage, but never fetched them, though they followed them a long way down wind. They changed on to a flock and “Brenda” put into strong covert after two or three good stoops. She hunted well, but the place was too strong. In the meantime “Gilda” had got beaten to premises and sat down: but refusing to come to a live lure she got up again and took on another rook that was passing and flew a very pretty flight ringing up high, but giving up when it looked like being a good flight. “Philippa” was given a long slip at passage and ran up fast and low behind her rooks, killing second stoop. A magpie was driven out of Fargo into a stack, halfway to Normanton gorse. “Olga” and “Roderick” very nearly had him, but had not quite enough room. “Olga” had a go at a curlew, but he got into the Beeches and we never could get him out again.

4 rooks 6 flights.

April 25th. Fine and much warmer. W. Wind. Fresh. Chitterne Rd. “Josephine” killed two rooks with ease. Third time, (with “Hermione”,) she had a very long slip and never fairly fetched them, but just managed to nail a very ragged rook before he got in up wind: “Hermione”, who had gone high and well, coming in to the kill. “Philippa” was flown at rooks on passage, but left them when a

flock got up to her right front. She put one into a stack, and had a long hunt, then he got away to strong buildings, and we had another desperate hunt, only two Outers being available: from buildings he changed to a hedge then back to buildings, and again out to the hedge where she got him after one of the hardest hunts on record. The rook was absolutely stone cold, the hawk not much better, and the Chasseur (who had done most of the hunt on foot,) dead to the World! "Brenda" and "Gilda" took different rooks, but came in to the same, and had him stretched, when they bungled it and let him get up, when they both chucked it. Flown again they rattled a rook well round a pond, but he put into a bush and they both drove in after him, the rook sailing solemnly away. Flown again they divided, each put into gorse and sat down. Fourth time they managed to worry a rook to death, "Gilda" catching. Bad crab, but luckily did not let him go.

4 rooks 8 flights.

Rained steadily from Saturday 7.p.m. for 24 hours, all Sunday; and more or less all Monday.

April 27th. Drizzly morning: no rain from 2 to 4.30, then very thick drizzle again. S.W. breeze: fresh. Yarnbury Castle. "Josephine" had three good stoops before putting into gorse and catching after a rat hunt. Flown again, (with "Hermione",) they took different rooks and put into the same premises when "Hermione" gave up, and "Josephine" changed rooks and killed. "Brenda" and "Gilda" went keen at a single rook, and had nearly fetched him, when "Gilda" gave up: then a big flock got up in front and "Brenda" left her rook to stoop into them, cutting one over first stoop, but knocking herself almost silly at the same time on the ground. However the rook was badly hurt and she had time to pull herself together and catch him again. The weather came on so thick and wet that we gave up and went home early.

2 rooks 3 flights.

April 28th. Fine till evening. S. Wind, fresh to strong. Druid's Head and back by Tilshead Valley. "Josephine" made a couple of feints, and when she did come at him, she missed him, and had to ring hard to fetch him: they got up high, but she fetched him down into premises, and waited patiently till we could get up to help her to kill. Flown again she put into sheep troughs and out of them into a fence: no one could get up to help her on account of wire, but she managed to kill him without assistance. "Brenda" and "Hermione" had a long slip at a flock, both refused, but "Brenda" thought better of it pursued them up wind, fetching one into a fence hunting well: "Hermione" came in to help and between them they killed him. Got a pair of magpies out of Prospect into the next clump. Flew "Olga", "Roderick" and "Mannlicher" at them, "Roderick" catching. Had a long campaign at the Tilshead Valley mags, but they would only go from covert to covert. The two tiercels had one go and nearly caught one, but had not room enough. Flew "Philippa" at a big flock, just on the edge of dark. She took the very farthest rook, and selected an A.1. specimen, but just managed to secure him before he made the rookery, after a lot of stooping.

4 rooks 1 magpie 4 flights.

Driven home by very heavy rain at night.

April 29th. Mostly fine, a few showers. S. Wind fresh to strong. Chitterne. "Josephine" again began by making silly feints, and had to work hard afterwards, killing at a stack a long way down wind. Flown again she hustled a rook round a pond, and had him apparently beat, particularly after the Chasseur had ridden over him in the ardour of the chase: but somehow he struggled up and got down wind to a clump, where she waited patiently to be served, and then picked him up among the trees, marvellously clever! The third time she put into a fold: had hold twice (once being mobbed over by the whole flock,) and then got him away well and killed him down wind. "Philippa" put a whole flock into a small fold, and hung high over them, making many grand stoops, but not half of them really meant: at last she got sick of it, and went off up wind to kill at Chitterne. Flown again she refused the rooks she was flown at, passing over them to take on a flock a long way up wind, and put into bushes, and killed after a short hunt. "Brenda" and "Hermione" did not get sighted at

rooks that went off low: the rooks never saw them and sat down again; when "Hermione" got a view and started to stalk them, but being foiled by the rooks getting up again she gave up. "Brenda" then took them on, fetched them well, and having any amount of room down wind, flew a really first class flight stoop after stoop, throwing up high after each stoop and taking lots of time: she killed at a stack a good mile from where she was flown. A good flight. A pair of mags were seen in the gorse N. of Chitterne Rd. and "Roderick" and "Mauser" slipped: The old hawk hustled one well, but the young one fooled away and was lost. "Roderick" had the mag in a bush, so we got "Mannlicher" and took him on again, the young hawk catching him in the middle of a bush. "Mauser" was found sitting on a stack after an hour's search. 6 rooks 1 magpie 6 flights.

April 30th. A nasty day, drizzling rain most of the day, S. Wind, fresh. Spent most of our time in a stable, venturing out when it faired a bit to fly at some very handy ploughs. Tilshead. "Josephine" flown at a flock, selected the furthest and killed first stoop. Flown again she hustled round some ploughs and killed easy. But her third flight, was the flight of the Century!!

Flown at three rooks on passage she put one of them, (a very small teg rook, little bigger than a jackdaw,) into some trees. After a short hunt he began ringing and they went up real high, the hawk ringing grandly and fetching him down into Farm buildings with a rattle, after a couple of tremendous stoops. Here she had to hunt him again, and after getting scraped, he went up ringing again. Again they got up high and again she fetched him into a small clump. He wanted no hunting this time but left as soon as we got up, and started up ringing again; but the pace was beginning to tell on him, and she did not let him get up very high. However he made his point, and just struggled into the Covert on the hill S. of Tilshead, with the loss of most of his tail, fetched in with three very vicious stoops. She hung over the covert, although ant number of rooks were about in front of her, and kept the hunted rook mast-headed. B.H.J. tried to take her down to his dead lure, but she wouldn't look at it. Finally H. Talbot rode into the covert and cracked his whip, and the hawk being rather wide, the hunted rook slipped off down wind for Tilshead Rookery. Round she came and after him hard all, running into him close to Tilshead Lodge, the best part of two miles from where she was flown. Four hunts, three different sets of rings. The best flight I have ever seen.

"Brenda" and "Hermione" put into trees, hunted fairly well, got one away and "Hermione" caught. "Brenda" and "Gilda" took different rooks and each put into a fold. "Gilda" tried to sit on her rook: "Brenda" hunted a bit and gave up. Her rook then made off and "Gilda" getting up at that moment made after it, and "Brenda" joining in they caught, "Gilda" catching. "Philippa" was turned loose with rooks all round her and allowed to take her pick: after looking them all over she took a down winder and killed first stoop. We had two goes at Tilshead Valley mags. "Roderick" and "Mauser" had a good go at the first, but he just struggled back to covert. The second time "Mauser" did not go, and "Roderick" had a long hard stern chase by himself, getting beaten to covert after having the mag. down on the downs for several stoops. 6 rooks 6 flights.

May 1st. Rain all morning; steady. Did not venture out till after lunch. Showery till about 4.p.m., and then a fine evening, but strong W. Wind all afternoon. "Josephine" was slipped at a rook on Passage, but unfortunately, changed on to a big flock that got up down wind. She took on a pair of crows, put them into bushes, and killed one without help. Flown again, at another rook on passage, she ran right into him. "Brenda" and "Gilda" put into a small clump, and hunted well for a bit, very fairly catching once: but the rook would not leave and they gave up at last. No more flights at rooks could be got, and we had a long and fruitless campaign against the Netheravon magpies. Never got a slip at them. 1 crow 1 rook 3 flights.

May 2nd. Showery morning, fine afternoon but strong S.W. Wind. B.H.J. alone, on Chitterne Rd. "Josephine" killed 3 rooks, the first a nice flight over ploughs, the other two hunts round bushes.

“Brenda” (with “Gilda”, who refused) took the wrong rook, wide and high: fetched him in fine form, and flew a brilliant flight down wind to cover, stoop after stoop, but unable to catch. Flown again, (alone, in a very tight place,) she luckily met a bad rook and killed second stoop. “Hermione” and “Gilda” had a grand chance and the former fetched them well and made three capital stoops, but chucked it when she had him at her mercy. Meanwhile “Gilda” who had again refused, fooled away and was lost. 4 rooks 6 flights.

“Gilda” was found on a rook the same night, just beyond Yarnbury Castle.

May 4th. Cloudy and hot morning, thunder and showers in afternoon. Light S.E. breeze. Lovely evening. Yarnbury Castle. “Josephine” killed three rooks, the first two both cut over helpless, the last after a short and cheerful hunt down a young plantation. “Brenda” and “Gilda” went well over a pair of crows, “Brenda” fetching them and catching first stoop. Afterwards “Brenda” (alone) killed again first stoop. “Philippa” went hard at a flock and killed second stoop. Spent all the evening looking for magpies, and got one out of Chitterne gorse, but he eluded us, and we never got a go at him. 6 rooks 6 flights.

May 5th. Pouring wet morning. Out after lunch, tempted by bright sun, which lasted till about 3.p.m. after which we had heavy showers, with short intervals till night. Elbarrow. “Josephine” killed two rooks first stoop. The third time she was slipped at a crow which didn’t see her, and she tried to run into him. The crow became aware of her just in time, shifted, and began ringing at once. She made one most magnificent ring, fetched him and had two rattling stoops as he dropped into covert; the second catching him, but he broke loose and got in: Both crows then came out and mobbed her hanging over her. She began ringing again, and we thought would fetch him again, but when pretty high went off at rooks in the distance and caught one. An old crow came and knocked her off, and we found her sitting in a hedge bottom with the rook above her. Hunted him out and killed him. “Philippa” put a large flock into a small stack so that you couldn’t see any stack, and killed easily. “Brenda” put several crows into the Butts, hunted a minute or so, and then sat down. The crows at once made off and beat her into Shrewton Folly, flying a bit too keen. “Hermione” and “Gilda” took the same rook out of a flock, the former catching. “Olga” had a good go at a curlew, put him into buildings, but wouldn’t wait, and when we got him out again she was too far off. An ineffectual go at the Bustard mags: too short handed for the job. 5 rooks 6 flights.

May 6th. Showery all day. Worst in evening. Light S. wind. Yarnbury Castle. “Josephine” killed two rooks and a crow, all easy flights. “Brenda” and “Gilda” at the same rook, and the latter caught. “Brenda” then put a rook into stacks, and had a long hunt, having to ring once: she was very clumsy, but worked hard and caught him at last. “Philippa” put a big flock into premises, and hunted well for a long time: At last she took after some that had slipped away, put them into a fold and killed. “Philippa” and “Hermione” at a flock: the old hawk fetched them, and caught one the young hawk had cut over. They crabbed on the kill, and let the rook go, the young hawk going on and catching him again. 1 crow 6 rooks 7 flights.

May 7th. S.W. Wind. Very heavy rain storms every hour. Went to West Down. “Josephine” a very poor slip on the way out, refused. Second time did the same, checked at a flock in a fold and killed after a hunt. No credit. We then beat out one of the covert for magpies, and with much trouble got three away. “Roderick” went after one, very high to the right. “Mannlicher” put one in to a pit nicely but went off high and fast after the first that came away. A heavy storm came on, both tiercels were lost: “Roderick” was found and recovered with a good deal of trouble. “Mannlicher” was lost. “Brenda” later on had a bad chance, and “Olga” caught a curlew pretty easily. This is one of the worst days hawking I ever saw and considering the time of year as bad as was ever recorded. 3 flights 1 kill 1 curlew.

May 8th. Fresh wind from S.E. "Mannlicher" brought in by William who got him about 10.a.m.. None the better for being out wet through. Out towards Tilshead, and on to Can Down, home by Ellbarrow and Shrewton Folly. "Josephine" near West Down, put in, with three nice stoops, to some trees: a desperate hunt ensued from one tree to another, and up and down an old building, killing at last after more than one cut at him, the hunt lasted about ten minutes. "Brenda" in a nice place killed first stoop. "Josephine" slipped in a bad place, but nearly down wind, killed with a brilliant second stoop, a long way off as was to be expected. "Philippa" went nicely over her rook and put in three or four pretty stoops which were never intended to kill and put in to a clump of trees. She then hunted and waited well, but when her rook left and was at her mercy, she went right over him without stooping, at, first a rookery, and then a big flock away on Market Lavington. These she put into a stack and killed one. "Josephine" next flight put into a fold and after a hunt, drove two away and put them into a strongish clump of trees. Here a terrific hunt ensued, lasting many minutes. The blasting was terrific THE CHASSEUR D'AFRIQUE was more than usually active and comminatory beyond measure - No God-fearing rook dare to remain in any wood with such explosive forces at work. At last the rook left and "Josephine" who had made many brilliant cuts at him nailed him at once. But the Chasseur drew a long breath and continued to emit execrations - of horrible character for some time after the rook was dead and he had to be kindly assured that there was no more need for his strenuous exertions. Then we beat a covert for magpies - no good - and then flew "Philippa" at Ellbarrow. This time she was in earnest and put in good stoops when served and killed all right. We then beat Shrewton Folly for magpies - got some away - two down to the old place - and had desperate hunts. In the first "Olga" caught cleverly enough. - Next essay "Roderick" who did really all the work, killed, but was crabbed by "Olga", and did try at the escaped and sorely scratched mag. "Mauser" caught him again but again "Roderick" did all the work. Then home. 5 rooks 6 flights 2 magpies.

May 9th. Heavy thunderstorms all morning and at intervals all day. Out to Tilshead Lodge, home via West Down. "Josephine" first flight, was a very neat one - fetched her rooks very high - put in a feint or two - then a rattling stoop and a kill. "Brenda" with no wind at all had a moderate chance but flew well, though she was beaten to covert. "Josephine" again, enlarged at a flock with rooks all round, selected the one she could kill best and did it. "Brenda" and "Gilda" had a long slip at some crows, but got well over them, nearly together, and just as a brilliant flight was beginning, Brown intervened - and all was over. No harm was done but a good bit of work was spoilt. "Philippa" had a big lot of rooks quickly into trees and hunted well and honestly, but after a while noticed a rook loafing off, and nailed him with two fine stoops. "Josephine" second time checked, and killed out of a flock. We got a magpie out of a small covert on Mr. Long's land, put him into a small gorse and "Roderick" nailed him well. Late in the day we spent much time in beating the West Down Coverts for a pair of mags., but one beat us fair and square four times. We tried the other, and after much trouble in beating, he went away, and while "Roderick" fetched him, "Mauser" nailed him cleverly.

So ends the 1903 season. The worst for weather ever known, and not a good one for sport. On May 9th. even the downs were very deep to ride over, the driftways axle deep in mud, and water standing in every puddle. In thirty five years, I never saw the like of this in either April or May.

List of Hawks: March 1904.

“Philippa”	Passage	falcon	3rd.	season.
“Brenda”	do	do	2nd.	season.
“Josephine”	do	do	2nd.	season.
“Little Mary”	do	do	1st.	season.
“Rosemary”	do	do	1st.	season.
“Alruna”	do	do	1st.	season.
“Damsel”	do	do	1st.	season.
“Edna”	do	do	1st.	season.
“Mannlicher”	do	tiercel	2nd.	season.
“Robert”	do	do	1st.	season.
“Rattler”	do	do	1st.	season.
“Robin”	do	do	1st.	season.
“Rachel”	Eyass	falcon	1st.	season.
“Rosebery”	do	tiercel	1st.	season.

March/April 1904.	28th.	29th.	30th.	31st.	1st.	2nd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	
“Philippa”	1									
“Josephine”				1+		1	1	1	1	
“Brenda”										
“Rosemary”			1			1+				
“Little Mary”					1+				1+j	
“Edna”										
“Alruna”										
“Rachel”										
“Rattler”										
Kills:	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	2
Flights:		0	2	1	3	1	2	1	1	4

April 1904.	8th.	9th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	15th.	16th.	18th.
“Philippa”				1		1		1	1
“Josephine”	11	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
“Brenda”						1		1+	
“Rosemary”									
“Little Mary”		1	1			1	1	1	1
“Edna”								1+	
“Alruna”									
“Rachel”									
“Rattler”						1*			
Kills:	2	2	2	2	1	6	3	6	4
Flights:	3	4	4	7	1	7	5	8	5

April 1904.	19th.	20th.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.
"Philippa"	1	1	1		1	1+			
"Josephine"	2	2	2	1c	2	2	1	1	2
"Brenda"	1	1+	1+		2+	1			
"Rosemary"	1+	1	1					1+	1
"Little Mary"		1	2			1	1		
"Edna"									
"Alruna"			1+*				1	1	1
"Rachel"			1+*						1+*
"Rattler"									
Kills:	5	6	9	1	3	6	4	3	5
Flights:	7	6	7	1	6	8	6	5	4

April/May 1904.	29th.	30th.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	9th.	10th.
"Philippa"					1				1	1
"Josephine"	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	11c	2	2
"Brenda"			1+					1+	1+	
"Rosemary"	1+		1	1	1	1	1			1
"Little Mary"					1+	1+		1+c	1	
"Edna"										
"Alruna"	1	1		1	1	1		1		1+
"Rachel"	1+*							1b		
"Rattler"										
Kills:	5	3	3	4	6	5	3	5	5	6
Flights:	6	4	6	6	6	6	5	5	8	6

May 1904.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	Total.	Totals:
"Philippa"	1	1	1c	1	17.	5 Crows. 134 Rooks. 1 Jackdaw. 5 Magpies. 1 Tawny owl. 41 days hawking.
"Josephine"	1	3	2	2	61.	
"Brenda"	1	1+1			14.	
"Rosemary"	1+	1+	1		17.	
"Little Mary"	1			1	19.	
"Edna"					1.	
"Alruna"		1+c			12.	
"Rachel"					4.	
"Rattler"					1.	
Kills:	5	8	4	4	146.	
Flights:	5	10	5	5	193.	

+ = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. c = crow. j = jackdaw. b = "Bungwara" (tawny owl)

Everleigh. On March 28th. B.H. Jones opened the campaign. "Philippa" had previously killed a rook on her own, leaving a bagman to take on a flock.

Strong wind, showery and bitter cold. Out to Upavon Clumps, across into Easton Valley, and home by Collingbourne Rd. Did not get a ghost of a chance, and hardly saw a rook. R. Hussey Freke came.

March 29th. Strong S.W. Wind. Heavy showers of rain and hail. Upavon Clumps, and back by Beach's Barn and Figheldean. Saw no rooks, but had two flights at crows. "Josephine" and "Little Mary" fetched a single crow well, and the old hawk cut out his tail about third stoop. He got to

some stacks, both hawks hunted well, and the young hawk caught but being startled by a horse coming suddenly round the stack, she let him go and he got up high and escaped. "Josephine" and "Rosemary" went keen at a pair of crows, the old hawk catching, but they were attacked by the other crow and let him go. 2 flights no kills.

March 30th. Another wild day. Strong N.W. Wind with heavy showers of rain, hail and snow. Rather cold. Cleared up a bit in the evening. Crossed the River at Upavon, on to Elbarrow, and back by Netheravon. Only got one chance. "Josephine" and "Rosemary" divided, the old hawk having a nice flight but getting beat into Netheravon. The young hawk went too keen, and did a lot of chasing, but caught him close to the Rookery. 1 Rook 1 flight.

March 31st. R. Hussey Freke left in morning, and Garnett came to the Blue Lion [Collingbourne]. A nice morning, warmer and light breeze: but turned into a cold afternoon and wind got up. Collingbourne Rd. "Josephine" and "Rosemary" at crows: the young hawk did not get sighted. The old one made one good stoop and gave up. "Brenda" and "Little Mary" started well at a flock, but changed to a peewit before getting up. "Josephine" and "Rosemary" divided, the old hawk flying well, and knocking her rook down twice and putting him into a stack: then the young hawk left her rook and came in to help to kill. 1 rook 3 flights.

April 1st. Blowing very hard from N.W., heavy showers of hail all morning, finer in afternoon but not fit to fly half entered hawks. Out in afternoon, intent on training, to Upavon. One fairly good chance presented itself and we were tempted to fly "Josephine" and "Little Mary". Neither hawk cared about facing the wind but the young one tried hardest. And the rook could face it no better, and swung down beneath the hawks. This gave us a pretty flight, stoop for stoop, till "Little Mary" caught. Frightened by a horse she let go, but the rook put in to a stack, and when the old falcon hunted him out and the young one nailed him again. Tried no other chance, but did a bit of training. 1 rook 1 flight.

April 2nd. Fine in morning but came on to blow nastily at noon and rained hard after 4.p.m. Wind S.W. Flew "Josephine" and "Little Mary". It was blowing very hard and the young hawk took no part - but "Josephine" fetched the rooks very easily and killed high in the air with a slashing down wind stoop. A similar bad chance was taken for "Brenda" and "Rosemary" and again the old hawk flew finely, and fetched rooks in great form, but missing her stoop. The young hawk was down wind in position, put in one stoop and nailed the rook - not much credit to her. Home in the wet. 2 flights 2 rooks.

April 4th. Half a gale from N.W. Some heavy showers, with fine intervals. Warmer. Out after lunch into Upavon Country. Only got one chance, "Josephine" and "Little Mary" flown at a flock, the old hawk fetched them and killed first stoop, the young one, coming in to the kill. 1 rook 1 flight.

G. Lascelles left in afternoon.

April 5th. Same old gale from N.W. Showers in morning, fine afternoon. Out after lunch on Enford Rd. Not fit to fly, but flew "Josephine" at a big flock, and she killed first stoop. Did not get another chance. 1 rook 1 flight.

April 6th. Beautiful day, fine and warm. Wind from N.W., still strong, but moderated in afternoon. Enford Rd. "Josephine" had a long slip and declined. Flown again with "Little Mary", both went slack, but put rooks into a hedge with big trees, and changing to a jackdaw, they managed to catch it somehow. "Brenda" and "Rosemary" had a nice chance at a pair of crows; the old hawk made two good stoops, but getting no help, she gave up. The young one then came in and went after the crow

down wind over the hill, putting in a good stoop or two before he got in. Flew "Josephine", down wind, at a big flock, and she killed first stoop. 1 rook 1 jackdaw 4 flights.
J.B. Lascelles came.

April 7th. N.W. Gale all day. Never got out.

April 8th. Still blowing hard from W. Hardly fit to hawk but an improvement on recent weather. Out to Netheravon and towards Figheldean. There was a fair lot of rooks about, but very scary and wild. First flight we got was a moderate slip at ploughs with "Josephine" and "Little Mary". The old hawk killed a moderate rook first stoop. Crossed River but could get no good chance. Slipped "Josephine" in a very moderate place and she killed second stoop, one yard from covert only. On the way home flew "Brenda" and "Rosemary" at some rooks in trees. A wild enterprise from which nothing resulted. 2 rooks 3 flights.

April 9th. Still blowing hard and blew harder as the day drew on. Went towards Beaches Barn and flew "Josephine" on passage too near a fold. She soon nailed him cleverly. "Little Mary" did much the same from the same place. After luncheon flew "Josephine" at a moderate chance on passage - she was not too honest but might have come in all right had not a loose lady's - no - a lady's loose - handkerchief attracted her eye and gave her an excuse to shut up. It began to blow harder, and was hardly fit to fly at all but we did slip "Josephine" again and with her, by the Sec.'s advice, "Damsel". The slip taken was a long one on passage and a whole procession of rooks was coming up behind George at the moment when elected to slip. This is a first rate way to lose hawks on a windy day and it answered perfectly! The old falcon turned down wind like a swallow and was gone in a moment. "Damsel" did take an upwind rook and made a good attempt at a ringing flight, fetching him well into Beaches Barn - a long way ahead. However she was seen stooping at the rookery but slipped away and was lost. "Josephine" was also lost but well recovered and quickly by B.H.J. who never left her. A very severe lesson to all concerned. Two hawks gone in one moment!!
2 rooks four flights, but there was no fair chance all day.

"Damsel" killed a rook on Sunday morning near Collingbourne Woods. Oxer found the kill and lay by it all day, but although she had only eaten very little, she never came back to it, having no doubt killed and fed on Saturday night. On Monday nothing was seen or heard of her.

April 11th. At last a fine day. Bright and warm, with light N.W. breeze. B.H.J. alone with G. Oxer, Slightam having been left at Collingbourne to look out for "Damsel". Went out by Saddler's Pit then round the Square to Hougoumont, on into the Easton Valley and back by Saddler's Pit. Except round Beach's Barn, not a rook in the country. "Little Mary" put into a fold, had one stoop and refused to hunt. Flown again, (a down wind slip,) she went slow but determined, had four good stoops, all pretty close, and killed. "Josephine" flew a nice flight, putting into stacks, and killing without help. "Brenda" fetched a rook on passage well, and put into a stack with two fine stoops, but then gave up. 2 rooks 4 flights.

April 12th. Beautiful day, but strong S.E. Wind. Moved camp across to Shrewton. The Convoy was not able to parade at the hour ordered, on account of an attack of Gripes to half the baggage animals; it was only owing to the strenuous exertions of Commissary General Moyser, and a liberal use of ginger that it was started at last. Hawks marched via Enford. "Josephine" had no room and only got in one stoop before being beaten to a clump. It was blowing pretty hard. Flown again, (in a grand place,) she fetched her rooks well, and then suddenly gave up! Flown a third time she killed fourth stoop, a nice flight. "Little Mary" was flown at a rook on passage, but either she couldn't act in the wind, or else she was terribly slow, as she never gained an inch on him, and he put in up wind with ridiculous ease, the hawk flying hard all the way. "Brenda" and "Rosemary" had a nice

chance, and the young hawk went much the best, fetched them, and caught first stoop. B.H.J. went up to her with the greatest caution, but she let the rook go, and as the other hawk had been taken down, it escaped. "Brenda" and "Little Mary" had a very poor chance, took different rooks and got beaten to covert, the old hawk only putting in two stoops and giving up. "Philippa" and "Edna" also divided, the young hawk never being able to fetch her rook: while the old one flew hard at the very farthest rook, and just picked him up close to safety. 2 rooks 7 flights.
A flock of Wild geese came over us by Prospect.

April 13th. Wet windy morning: cleared up into a fine day, but blew half a gale from the S.W. Chitterne Rd. and Yarnbury Castle. It was not really fit to fly, but we could not resist a nice chance and "Josephine" flew a brilliant flight, killing third stoop, but with but little room to spare. It came on to blow harder and harder, and after sheltering some time we gave it up. Rain again in the evening. 1 rook 1 flight.

April 14th. A beautiful hawking day. No sun, warm without being hot and nice S.E. breeze. Tilshead. "Josephine" killed a bad rook second stoop. Flown again she took the wrong rooks, (a lot getting up we had not seen,) and killed second stoop. "Little Mary" got beaten to cover. "Rosemary" did nothing but chase, but began to fly better just before putting into premises, when she sat down. "Little Mary" and "Edna" had a long slip, but were going to fetch them, when the former got her eye on Mr. B. "Edna" followed her, down among a lot of fowls, and began hunting a big black hen round a threshing machine, finally catching it among the machinery. Alarms, Excursions. Dragged off the hen by the Chasseur, good at need! Meanwhile "Mary" had gone off up wind, getting higher and higher, and after two rattling stoops at a kestrel she killed a rook at a fold first stoop. "Brenda" and "Rosemary" divided at a flock, the old hawk turning down wind and killing first stoop. So many rooks were about she can hardly be blamed. The young hawk put in one good stoop, but then started chasing, putting into a stack and sitting down. "Philippa" and "Edna" divided, the old hawk fetching them well into a stack, hunting well and killing, while the young one flew too keen and chased a rook into Tilshead. Found a pair of mags. near the Robber's Stone. "Rachel" and "Rattler" flew them as if they had never done anything else, the tiercel catching the cock. 5 rooks 1 magpie. 7 flights.

April 15th. Steady rain all morning. Cleared about 1.30 and turned into a lovely evening. Light S. breeze. Out after lunch on West Down. Flights rather bad to get. "Josephine" killed two rooks, each first stoop, in her usual deadly style. "Little Mary" behaved like "A rogue in grain". Flown at a big flock in a good place, she went high over them, had a good look round, and then went off down wind to a Rookery, where luckily she did not kill. Flown again, last thing in the evening, she left her rooks for others on a side wind, flew a very pretty flight, getting beaten to covert, and then went off hunting, refused every sort of lure and at last went right off to the Half Moon Rookery where she killed. "Rosemary" was flown at a flock in a perfect place, and refused! A waste of such a lovely chance was maddening. Flown again with "Brenda", both refused and went off after a pigeon. 3 rooks 6 flights.

On our way out in the morning we came across a cream coloured Jackdaw, among several others, at a stack. Flew "Rachel" and "Rupert" at him, but they took on one of the others, and did not persevere at that.

April 16th. Beautiful day, bright and warm. Light breeze. Chitterne Rd. Large field out. Mr. & Mrs. G. Thursby, (the latter in a Motor.) Mr. Mrs. & Miss Garnett, and Capt. ...
"Josephine" had a couple of stoops before putting into strong bushes: hunted well and killed cleverly. Flown again she killed third stoop in her best form. "Little Mary" was a long time fetching her rooks, put into some hurdles; there she tried to sit on him. Then she had to ring and they got up

high, but she fetched him and had two fine stoops: he was such a good rook he refused to put in, although there were lots of stacks below him, and after trying to ring over him again, she gave up. Flown later, she easily killed a wretched bad rook. "Brenda" and "Rosemary" had a coursing match at a poor rook, the old hawk killing. "Philippa" and "Edna" went keen. The old hawk hit him and the young one caught. "Philippa" was flown at a big flock, but after fetching them, she left them for another lot down wind. These she crowded into a small gorse, hunted well and killed. "Brenda" had a long slip at crows, but put one into bushes. However no one could get up in time to help her and she got tired of waiting. A pair of mags put out of Fox Covert as nice as could be, but the ardour of the field prevented hawks getting a go at them. Marked them down and drove them into a hedge near the Road, where "Rachel" and "Rattler" had a good go at them, the latter pulling the tail off one: but the cover was too neat and he struggled back into it.

6 rooks 8 flights.

April 18th. Chitterne Road. Wind light S. but veered to North at once. No rooks until we reached the top where "Josephine" killed first stoop in her cleverest style. "Little Mary" flown at a small flock made several stoops round a plough and then put into premises. After hunting a short time she changed and changing again twice killed a mile beyond Chitterne. A very lucky pick up. Lunch: when the horses stampeded except one, owing to thoroughbreds passing. One and a half hours lost. They were caught between Tilshead and Shrewton. "Josephine" flown again hit her rook hard and put into a small bush, and bowled him over when served. "Little Mary" flown again fetched her rooks, changed twice and played the fool. Taken down to lure. She is becoming a confirmed rogue. "Philippa" at a flock flew in style, fetching them high and killing third stoop. "Rachel" and "Rattler"? at a mag. well away from the Fox Covert kept at him hard in the hill gorse, but he finally slipped away across the road, over the hill to a good place, where they gave him a tremendous dusting, and were taken down blown. Flown again he finally beat them up a wire fence and made his point, Bushes Farm. He could not fly the last five yards and just beat C.G.[Garnett]. to covert on his legs and belly. A really good mag hunt.

5 rook flights 4 kills. Mag. flight nil.

April 19th. Beautiful day. Cooler. Fresh N.E. breeze. Tilshead. "Josephine", with very little room, had three good stoops, and then ran into him just as he made covert. Flown again she killed a bad rook easy. "Brenda" and "Rosemary" put into stacks, where the young hawk sat on him. "Little Mary" put into a stack and sat down. "Philippa" never could fetch her rooks, and only got in two stoops before they got in upwind. She went on and was lost for a bit, being found on a rook near the Tilshead Rd. "Brenda" and "Edna" took different rooks, and the old hawk killing first stoop, the young one came in to her. "Philippa" and "Little Mary" had not much room, and the old hawk only got in three stoops before putting in up wind. Meanwhile the young hawk had turned back down wind, and put rooks into premises some way off, and was very luckily found sitting down and recovered. Drove some mags, but hawks didn't get sighted.

5 rooks 7 flights.

April 20th. Fine, but cooler. Fresh N. breeze. Very hazy and thick in afternoon, and bad to see anything. Colder. To Tilshead, on nearly to West Lavington and round home by Imber. Nearly all new country. Flew "Josephine" at a big flock on the Tilshead Rd, she cut one down stone dead first stoop. Later on she killed another first stoop. "Rosemary" took on the wrong rooks, which we had not seen, but killed cleverly first stoop. "Little Mary" crippled her rook first stoop, and then chased him down. "Brenda" and "Edna" had a grand chance, but the old hawk did not get sighted, (the light was shocking bad). The young hawk fetched them well, and had two or three stoops in better style than she had previously shown, when the old hawk joined in and caught. "Philippa" was flown among a lot of rooks, and allowed to suit herself. After some hesitation she put into a stack and killed without help.

6 rooks 6 flights.

A lot of grand new country surveyed.

April 21st. Cold wind from N.E. with a dark blight, blowing hard. Out towards West Down, wind moderating towards mid day. "Josephine" went high and killed first stoop. A second time at a very long slip fetched her rooks finely, but seeing another close by sneaking into a fold she followed him and quickly killed. "Little Mary" went honestly and killed a moderate rook very quickly. "Brenda" and "Edna" from a long slip went keen - the old hawk very well, the other not high enough. After alternate stoops the old one killed. "Philippa" went in quite her old form and killed second stoop. "Rosemary" went keen and in good form and killed first stoop. "Brenda" and "Little Mary" got a long slip at two crows, the old hawk had been jumping a lot and could not go; the young one began to ring over them but had no chance and followed them down to Shrewton Folly, went and killed a rook on the far side. Beat a pair of mags. out of the Folly and flew "Rachel" and "Robin". After a fairly good hunt "Rachel" killed the cock. Both flew well. Then tried "Rachel" and "Rosebery" at the other. After much hunting the tiercel sat down - then we slipped "Rupert". The mag. was now very cunning and difficult to shift. At length "Rupert" caught fairly, but was knocked off by the falcon coming in and mag. escaped. Took hawks down - rested them (and the mag.) a while then flew "Rachel", "Rosebery" and "Rupert" all in turn and hunted again till every hawk had done its best and sat down - nothing would move the mag. more than a few yards at a time - then we tried "Alruna" (first time at a wild quarry), she went well, but we had to bring up the pumped out "Rachel" to help and at last "Alruna" nailed the mag. for the second time. At least an hours hunt, and a wonderful Margot.

April 22nd. Rough S.W. wind. Came on thick and wet about 1.p.m. Out to Yarnbury Castle and met A. Newall and Mr. McMinnies. Flew "Josephine" at a flock of crows. She went finely over them in the teeth of a gale, fetched them into a barn with one fine stoop, and picked one up with her second before they got safely hid. Home at 3.p.m. it being very wet and wild.

April 23rd. Blowing very hard from N.E. moderated a little in afternoon. Out over West Down and on past Candown and New Copse. Gave "Josephine" a long awkward slip at some ploughs. She got over them brilliantly but met a good rook and put in some rattling stoops before she killed a full mile down wind. After luncheon, in the same place (behind a plough) she repeated the performance but killed second stoop. "Rosemary" at the same rather cramped place started slow and let her rook get in up wind. "Little Mary" flew well, put in a couple of rattling stoops, and then had to ring, and got over her rook just as he escaped to a fold. She tried to sit on him and failed - the rook was up first and away. "Philippa" had an awkward slip on passage, checked at other rooks, put into New Copse, then into a fold and slipped away low, killing over a brow not far off; but it took half an hour to find the cunning old toad. "Little Mary" was flown at a pond with only a little room - put into a fold - then took on a passing rook and cracked him over well, but when he rose and just struggled into a fold in front of her she again tried to catch on the ground and got left. Did no more. All left in the evening and early morning for Sunday. 6 flights 3 rooks.

April 25th. Fine and bright, but fresh and cold N.W. wind. Chitterne Road to Imber. "Josephine" had very little room, and only got in one stoop before putting into strong bushes. B.H.J. alone could not blast him out but she waited well to George arrived, and we got him down again, she killed second stoop, under the noses of a team of astonished Byles. "Rosemary" put into a heap of straw, and incontinently gave up. "Brenda" and "Edna" ran straight into a flock of very confiding rooks, and mopped up one at once, the old hawk catching. "Little Mary" could not fetch a rook on passage, which got into a fold in front of her. However another rook came under her and she killed first stoop. "Philippa" declined the rooks she was flown at, took on others and put into bushes: she hunted a bit, but gave up when it came to ringing. She got up high, refused all lures, and went off a long way, putting a big flock into gorse, and was taken down. "Brenda" and "Rosemary" at a very bad slip, all up hill, but the young hawk fetched them, and after an exchange or two the old hawk (who had gone much the highest,) killed. Finished up with a good flight with "Philippa" and

“Alruna”, stoop for stoop, the old one catching after “Alruna” had feathered him first stoop; she had. 6 rooks 8 flights.

April 26th. Fine, but strongish W Wind. Cold. Yarnbury Castle. “Josephine” was flown at a crow on passage, had three grand stoops, then had to ring, and had three more banging stoops getting beaten to a clump. A fine flight, and must have been a great Crow. Flown again she put rooks into the small trees on Hunt’s rabbit warren, hunted like a terrier and killed. “Little Mary” had an awkward uphill slip, and never fetched her rooks: but she was ringing to get over them when the usual spare rook came under her and got caught. “Brenda” (with “Edna”, who declined,) flew nicely, killing third stoop. “Philippa” put into a stack, and then got beaten to bushes. She wouldn’t wait a moment but went straight off up wind, had a go at rooks at a fold, and then went on and was lost. Spent all afternoon looking for her. Late in the evening flew “Brenda” and “Alruna” at a single rook, the old hawk putting him into bushes and trying to sit on him, with the usual result. The young hawk got her eye on a flock at a fold, hunted a bit, (without help,) got one away and had three good stoops, before putting into premises. She then left him and went off on her own, killing first stoop, out of a big flock. 4 rooks 6 flights.

April 27th. Fine and warmer, but strongish S.W. Wind. Yarnbury Castle. Major C.B. Templer arrived in time for hawking. Captain Salkeld, 10th Hussars and party from Wilton. “Josephine” was short of room, and got beaten to covert by a good rook after some rattling stoops, the last of which feathered him. Flown again, she cut over a rook at a barn, but let him up again, and away down wind to bushes where she hunted well and killed. “Brenda” and “Alruna” divided, the old hawk getting beaten to trees, after a nice flight; while the young one went nicely, *(though a bit too keen,) and killed after five or six stoops. “Rosemary” and “Little do” at a big flock; the former fetched them and had first stoop, “Mary” then hit him hard, and “Rosemary” killed. At this place we found where “Philippa” had killed a rook, certainly not more than two or three hours before. We found his head and feathers, but either she had carried the body, or else she had been picked up by someone. Wasted a lot of time with some magpies: had two unsuccessful goes at them. In the evening flew “Little Mary” and “Rosemary” at a flock. “Rosemary” went well, and had three real good stoops before putting into a fold, where she hunted a little and sat down. “Little Mary” never took on the rooks, but went straight to the fold, hunted a bit, and then went off on her own: put rooks into a farm, went on again and was lost. 3 rooks 5 flights. Poor day.

“Little Mary” was found by Oxer at 6.a.m., 28th on the Tilshead Rd. Apparently she had not killed. April 28th. Gloomy and cold. Strongish N.W. Wind: moderated in evening: slight drizzle at dusk. Out on Chitterne Rd. and home by Tilshead. Flights hard to get. Rooks all in large flocks, and hopelessly nervous and unapproachable. “Josephine” had three or four good stoops, cutting him down the last one, but he struggled into a gorse, where she killed after a short hunt. Flown again she caught first stoop. “Brenda” and “Alruna” had a long slip at a flock, and the old hawk thought it not good enough and gave up. The young one flew a really fine flight, fetched them well and put in two fine stoops: she then began to fly too keen, and again and again she had to ring after giving herself away with a silly stoop. At last the rook lost heart, and tried to drop into some hurdles, (from a good height,) and she nailed him just as he put in. A great exhibition of determination by a hawk that had only killed one rook (alone) previously, and a fine flight with any hawk. “Rosemary” ran straight into a rook as he put into a fold. A mag was driven out of the small covert near the Robber’s Stone, and “Rachel” and “Robin” flown. He was a real good mag, and although there was not the smallest cover to shield him for half a mile down wind, he very nearly beat them: luckily “Rachel” just cut him over on the ground after a tremendous long hard flight with any amount of stooping by both hawks. 4 rooks 1 magpie 4 flights.

April 29th. Dark and windy, strong from S.W. Drizzle of rain for about an hour in afternoon. Cold. Shrewton X Rds. "Josephine" flown in the wire put into the farm, hunted keen and killed. Second time she cut a rook over first stoop, feathered him the second and caught the third. "Alruna" seemed puzzled by a big flock, flopped about a bit, and finally took a rook that came under her, killing second stoop. "Rosemary" took the wrong rooks, and got beaten to covert. Flown again at rooks on passage, she fetched them well, put in three or four stoops and gave up. "Brenda" and "Rosemary" had a ding-dong flight at a flock, the young one fetching them and catching. Got a magpie out of the Shrewton X Rds wire, down into the Farm at the bottom. "Rachel" kept him quiet, waiting on high, and when we got at him "Rupert" joined in well, and we caught him easily, "Rachel" nailing him.

4 rooks 1 magpie - 6 flights.

April 30th. Rather a better day. Warmer. Fresh S.W. Wind. Chitterne Rd. Just outside Shrewton old "Philippa" came over us, and went and sat down on hill towards Winterbourne Stoke. She took a pigeon, and we got her with a little trouble. "Josephine" flew a brilliant flight killing third stoop. Flown again at a fold she left her rooks for a flock that had got some way off up wind, fetched them grandly and killed first stoop. "Rosemary" had a long slip at a flock, fetched them in style, and had five or six good stoops but got beaten to premises. "Alruna" took on pigeons, which got up in front of her, but changed on to her own rooks, and put them in to premises: she would not hunt, and went off up wind. The rooks left the buildings and she came back at them with a rattle, put them all back into premises and scraped one so hard he sat down in the gutter, out of which she picked him, very clever.

3 rooks 4 flights.

May 2nd. Rain all morning: cleared up about 2 o'clock, and came on to blow strongish from N.W. Out after lunch to Elbarrow. Cold. "Josephine" killed easily in a fold. "Rosemary" fetched rooks well, and put into small bushes. She hung over him a long time, but refused to hunt and was taken down. "Alruna" was then flown at the same rook, but would not hunt at all. We then flew "Brenda" at him: she hunted well, but was getting flown out when "Little Mary" was produced to reinforce her, and with this help she killed. "Rosemary" killed a poor rook that would only hang about some straw heaps. "Brenda" and "Little Mary" divided, the young hawk, putting into gorse, trying to sit on him. and getting left. The old hawk did just the same.

3 rooks 6 flights. Poor day.

May 3rd. Nice day moderate west wind. To Chitterne. "Josephine" in a very cramped place put in to a hedge then hunted beautifully and killed. Second flight cut a good rook over second stoop, but he got up and after some more she bowled him over with his wing slit open from end to end. "Alruna" went well but too keen, but threw up finely after her first stoop and killed a moderate rook handsomely. "Rosemary" first time went fast and well over a flock of rooks a long way and fetched them well into farm premises where a windmill pump was covered with them. She made a stoop or two and hung about but only half hunted and was taken down. Second time she went a bit too keen, but fast, after beginning very slowly, and killed third stoop. "Brenda" and "Little Mary" were hooded off down wind at a lot of rooks, close to a fold and covert. So foolish a slip cannot be reckoned a flight, neither hawk attempted to go, and we nearly lost the young one who went and searched everywhere for a decent chance but luckily found none. Later the same two hawks were flown at a rook on passage, but they went very slow and let him get into farm buildings. Beat out several coverts for mags but could do no good.

May 4th. A fine warm, oppressive day. V. light wind from W., which failed in afternoon. Out to Chitterne and Imber. "Josephine" a long slip, but with no wind at all to serve, had a stern chase but fetched the rooks well, and after two fine stoops put an extra good rook into premises with a windmill which served the rooks well as a refuge during a very long hunt. At last the hawk appeared to give up although keeping her pitch and the rook making away was easily overhauled and put into two stacks - but being happily served by Mr. Martin leaving racing telegrams, the hawk

killed triumphantly - A very long hard flight. Second time, unwisely flown much too soon, she appeared to give up, some thought she got her eye on a plover, but though it looked like it, it was improbable in the case of so experienced a hawk. However she went on again when an easy rook coming under, she killed at once. "Alruna" had what would be a good chance if there had been any wind, but as it was they got in in front of her, a good way off, and she went on and killed at a fold before she could be served. "Rosemary" had a real gilt edged chance at a stack - went as well as could be and killed third stoop. "Brenda" and "Little Mary" a worse chance in the same place, divided at first, but "L. Mary", high placed for her first stoop, came in at the old one's rook and killed - let him go however and the old one caught again. Scored to "L. Mary". "Philippa" had a fine chance at a big flock of rooks - easy enough for any hawk but must needs check at another big flock that rose half a mile off. She put into a barn and when served, killed. A sad, shifty performance. A curious thing occurred in "Alruna's" flight. She went hot haste after rooks, across a valley - passing over all of them, right over the heads of two rooks, feeding in the valley bottom. Neither party was ever aware of the presence of the other - the hawk could have killed instantly, had she seen them - the rooks never took alarm. A lesson to those who look for lost hawks at times. Beat for a magpie, and put him in, but he slipped off while forces were organized.

May 3rd. W.M. Clarke and G. Lascelles arrived and Cynthia Lascelles came for the day, per motor. "Josephine" killed her 100th. rook today.

May 5th. Strong wind from S.W. Not a very nice day. Out to Shrewton X Roads and Staggs Down. "Josephine", in the wired in plot killed first stoop and lifted, giving a little trouble. "Rosemary", hooded off at a little flock, let them ring away from her and hung, indecisively over three rooks that would not ,(unlike all rooks,) pay any attention to a hawk on the wing. We had to kick them up before the hawk flew them, then she put in two stoops and killed. "Josephine", in open ground had a very long slip on passage, put into bushes, but the Champion Blaster, (the Chasseur,) was there with the pace of a race horse, and soon had the rook out. "Alruna" had a similar chance, but cut it, and not being promptly taken down (as should have been done) went all over the country flying flock after flock of rooks, but at last followed and taken down by B.H.J. Then we spent a lot of time over a pair of magpies with a contrary wind, but we did no good and wasted two hours for nothing. Flew "Rosemary" near Virgo. She flew but foolishly, though she showed both pace and style, and after putting in would not wait a moment. "Brenda" and "Little Mary" took a good chance on passage and flew well, killing a very good rook after a pretty flight. "Brenda" did the best of the work but "Mary" killed. G. Rendle and a daughter came out, also Parson Walshe. W.M. Clarke left. A very moderate days' sport - spoilt by preventable mishaps.

May 6th. Cold rough wind from S.W., frequent storms and rain between - a beast of a day. Out to Druid's Lodge and Berwick St. James. "Flew "Josephine" at rooks at a stack - put in with one good stoop and killed with another. Second time at a plough, took it too easy and got beaten. Third time, same place, had three good stoops, made a wide ring and killed cleverly. - None too much room. "Rosemary" near same place went very well, and killed second stoop in good form. "Brenda" and "Little Mary" at same place unluckily divided and neither was good enough to kill in a bad place on a bad day. Both put in. Home at 5.p.m., too bad weather to persevere.

May 7th. Fine but V. cold N.W. wind. Out to Candown and Elbarrow. "Josephine" had a fair chance, but rooks rose behind her down wind and she took them, luckily killed first stoop. "Rosemary" had a long slip and finding after two ineffectual stoops that she had taken a very first class rook, chucked it. In a barn where we lunched was a tawny owl, or "Bungwara". Slipped "Rachel" at him - she went keen but he just kept above her and did not hurry - but as he put into covert she nailed him. There was a lot of shrieking and pulling out wool but she released him not much the worse. It is 31 years since the Club caught a "Bungwara". See Vol.1. Next flew

“Josephine” at a pair of crows near to gorse, they were very game and would not put in but tried again and again to ring over her. A beautiful flight ensued; the best of the season, but at last the cock caved in and put in to gorse and we soon had him. “Brenda” and “L. Mary” also had a good chance at a pair of crows, but met a different sort of customer and after a put in they nailed him, but it was hard to say which of the three flew the worst. “Alruna” in the Tilshead valley went over rooks and made an indifferent stoop; had to ring, which she did well, but the rook when fairly fetched dropped into a fold. She was inclined to hunt well, but only one of the field was left and she could not be served, went on the soar and killed near Tilshead Road. 5 flights 5 kills.

May 9th. Fine and bright. Fresh breeze W. Mr. & Mrs. G. Thursby and W.M. Clarke motored over and came out hawking. Chitterne. “Josephine” killed first stoop out of a flock. Flown again at a rook on passage, she turned off down wind at a rook we had not seen and killed second stoop. “Rosemary” flew a feeble flight at a good rook, that disdained to put in, passing over premises, trees and hedges, and signally defeating her. “Alruna” and “Rosemary” were flown at a flock, and “Alruna” put them all into a fold and gave up. “Rosemary” had turned off down wind and put a flock into premises, hanging about over them. “Alruna’s” rooks all came into the same place, and she went out to meet them and had two good stoops, but did not kill. The same two hawks were flown again at a flock and both refused. “Brenda” and “Little Mary” flown at a flock, the old hawk had two stoops before the young one came in and killed. Flown again they put into a small fold, when the old hawk gave up, and went on the soar. The young one had two good stoops at the fold, scraping a rook and having him at her mercy, then she must needs leave him and follow the flock, which of course beat her to covert. She went on down wind and killed at Tilshead Lodge. “Philippa” fetched a flock well, put one into bushes, hunted well and killed. A magpie was driven out of the Fox cover, and we had him in the bushes, with “Rachel” and “Robin” hard at him. They hustled him well for a bit, and I counted him dead, but they both fooled away and let him escape. 5 rooks 8 flights.

May 10th. Showery, but warmer. Light airs all round the compass. One heavy shower in the evening. Bright and hot in the intervals. Candown Farm and Elbarrow and home by the Bustard. “Josephine” killed first stoop out of a flock: a young rook. Flown again she had a merry hunt in gorse and small trees and killed. “Rosemary” went high over a single rook and killed first stoop. “Brenda” and “Alruna” had a long slip, and never fetched the flock till they had reached home: here “Alruna”, who had led all the way, got in a stoop, and the old hawk came in and killed. “Brenda” and “Little Mary” had just such another flight, the old hawk just catching on the edge of covert, another young rook. “Philippa” was flown at a big flock near a big rookery, and picked up another young rook. Drew all the East Down coverts for magpies but all blank. Found a pair near the Bustard, and got them out into the double hedge of the road, with “Rachel” and “Robin” at them. But a heavy storm of rain came on just then, and beat us. 6 rooks 6 flights.

May 11th. Beautiful day, fine and warm. Fresh S.E. breeze. Clouded over in the evening. Druid’s Head. Flights very bad to get: rooks scarce and shy. Began with a flight at a curlew. “Rachel” put him into a pond with a rattle, but then ran after him on the ground, and he got up first and beat her. “Josephine” had a fine hunt at bushes, and had to ring once, killing him after it. “Rosemary” and “Alruna” had a nice chance at a flock, the former catching. “Philippa” put a rook into a wire-netting fence, and had a terrific hunt, just getting beaten to the Rookery. At the end the rook was reduced to footing it, and I could have killed him easily if I had had a whip. She went on over the rookery and killed a rook coming in. “Brenda” and “Mary” were flown at an enormous flock, the old hawk killing first stoop: the young one got beaten up wind to covert. “Mary” (alone) had a very bad slip, up hill and down wind, and had to ring to fetch them. She did well (luckily a baddish rook) and killed second stoop. 5 rooks 5 flights.

May 12th. Fine but close and thundery; very little wind from S.E. Out to Yarnbury Castle and Chitterne. "Josephine" flown three times killed each flight in about three pretty stoops - once after a short hunt in premises. "Alruna" and "Rosemary" slipped at crows a good way off. "Alruna" went hard and fetched them but both hawks joined in a scramble in gorse. Scored to "Alruna". A useful plough was going near Chalker's (who was out) farm and gave us several flights. "Brenda" and "Little Mary" met a bad rook and killed in three stoops. Then "Alruna" and "Rosemary" got a good chance and both took after a starling and spoilt the flight. A nice flight was given by "Alruna" and "Rosemary" at a rook on passage. He put in to a barbed wire fence and dodged down it as if it were a quick fence, but was cut over by one hawk and caught by another after a pretty flight. The only other flight worthy of note was the filling of a fold with rooks as full as ever I saw one, by "Philippa". She flew very honest and killed her own rook very handsomely. 8 rooks 10 flights. R. Blathwayt and Mr. Cowley came on the 11th. G. Lascelles came by motor on the 12th.

May 13th. Nice day, cloudy, breeze from S.W. To West Down, Elbarrow etc. Rooks scarce. "Josephine" flown twice at good chances killed each time first stoop cleverly. "Brenda" and "Rosemary" divided, the former turning down wind at rooks we were just going to move. She tried however to come to "Rosemary's" rooks, but seeing the latter kill first stoop she took on the rest of the flock and scraped one severely, but he got in in front of her. "Philippa" was slipped rather too close to four crows that began ringing desperately at once. She had to make three grand rings before she could fetch them but at last got fairly over them, and put in three desperate stoops, killing with the third in a deep valley out of sight. When we found her she was being desperately mobbed by the crows and, as we took it too easily to get down to her she let go and the crow got to a tree close by. It was our fault and the kill is scored. "Alruna" and "Rosemary" had an absurd and futile slip at a crow which got in in front of them. Could find no mags. nor more rooks but the artillery practise interfered with as much. 4 kills 5 flights. F. Cowley left.

May 14th. Beautiful day, strongish W. Wind. Yarnbury Castle. "Josephine" put a large flock of rooks into a small flock of sheep and caught one first stoop. Second time she put into an old fold and caught easily. "Rosemary" and "Alruna" had an impossible slip, and both were beaten to covert. "Brenda" and "Mary" at a big flock, the young hawk killing third stoop, while the old one took the furthest rook and got beaten to premises. "Philippa" left the rooks she was flown at for a flock at a sheep fold: hunted hard, without ever changing and killed. A magpie was driven out of the small clump near the Robber's Stone, and "Rachel" and "Robin" flown at him, but he beat them (stoop-less) to the next covert. 4 rooks 5 flights.

Gull hawking Aintree September 1904.

				Parts.	Gulls.	Vars.	Total.
2nd.	Eyass	falcon	"Rachel"	6		1+	7.
1st.	Eyass	falcon	"Tetbury"	29			29.
2nd.	Passage	tiercel	"Mannlicher"		2		2.
1st.	Passage	tiercel	"Rupert"		14		14.
1st.	Passage	tiercel	"Rattler"		12	1*	13.
1st.	Eyass	tiercel	"Samson"	8			8.
				43	28	2	73.

+ = pheasant. * = missel thrush. "Rupert" lost 22.10.1904.