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Additional material relating to the O.H.C.

A Letter from Duncombe to Lilford re. setting up of the O.H.C. - This letter should be included at the front of the O.H.C. Journal Volume 1.

Hyde Park Barracks
February 28th. 1865.

Dear Lord Lilford,

When I mentioned to you last summer that it was proposed to form a Hawking Association, you expressed a willingness to join it and I now write a few lines to give you an account of our proceedings. The members of the Club, in addition to ourselves, are Newcome, Knox, Salvin and Brooksbank. We have Robert Barr in our employ and have taken some young falcons besides 3 passage hawks I got the years season past from Holland. The hawks are now with Newcome who has hitherto managed the accounts. We each advanced him £20 last year but we are now again indebted to him and it is proposed to pay another sum of £20 each. To avoid future trouble we have opened an account for the Hawking Club with Scott & Company, # 1 Cavendish Square, to who I paid the second instalment of £20 the other day. If you approve of this arrangement perhaps you will pay him £40 which will place us all on an equal footing. The hawks are all well and the old ones have moulted out and are flying to the lure. They will all be moved to The Bustard Inn on Salisbury Plain in about 10 days. It has you will find very fair bachelor accommodations and splendid country. It is advisable to be provided with a horse as there are none rideable to be procured there. The post town of The Bustard is Devizes, and it is 12 miles distant from that station and 11 from Salisbury. Hoping that we may soon meet in Wiltshire and be fortunate in the weather for our sport. Believe me very truly yours

Cecil Duncombe.

[Lord Lilford, the fourth baron, was born on 18th. March 1833 in Stanhope Street, Mayfair, London. Thomas Littleton Powys, the fourth baron, died June 17th. 1896. He was 63 years old, was crippled with gout and had spent much of his later life in a wheelchair. Falconry had long been his favourite sport, he employed his own falconer, formally Paul Mollen and then Cosgrave. His second and eldest surviving son the Hon. John Powys, born 1863, inherited the title and as the fifth Lord Lilford continued his fathers interest in birds and ornithology. His head bird keeper , a Mr. Arthur Moody, who had previously been with H. St Quintin as bird keeper and falconer, (it is possible that St Quintin's falconer was father of the Mr. Moody at Lilford), looked after a very large collection at

Lilford Hall, Oundle. He died in 1967, at an advanced age and was active to the end].

Letter to be included in O.H.C. Journal for 1882.

Invershin - September 2nd. 1882.

Dear Jerry [Gerald Lascelles.]

Just a line to tell you about a capital hare flight that we had this evening with old "Parachute".

We had had a long draw when my setter pointed a hare (blue). As we did not see any chance of getting birds we deliberately "ran riot" and hooded off the old hawk. The hare had left her seat in the mean time and was sitting up in front of the dog as they often do on a hill. We let the old lady get up to a grand pitch and then roused the hare which had squatted when it saw the hawk. "Parachute" came down a driving [stoop] and then shot herself up and came down again and again, perhaps seven or eight times. The hare in the meantime had run perhaps 300 yards. No doubt the old hawk scalped the hare each time, but her movements were so quick that we could hardly see this. But one of the hare's ears was split all the way up. At last she made up her mind to have him and bound on. But the hare carried her some yards before the spaniel Dan came up to administer the coup-de-grace. It was really a very pretty performance. The hare was an old doe and weighed 6 pounds less an ounce. "Parachute" had killed a brace of grouse before this. She has been rather tiresome lately by settling down when first hooded off. She did so today. Then went up and killed her bird. She has killed 20 brace now and three hares. Altogether with the hawks we have killed 67 brace, and by guns and hawks combined 236 brace, besides other things, roe, blackgame, wildfowl etc. My old tiercel killed a strong cock today, rapping him over in his stoop, and then binding on. My other tiercel is still hors-de-combat with the croaks. "Vesta" is flying grandly. She is nearly as sure to kill as "Parachute" "Amesbury" too has improved very much. "Angela" finds her match in the grouse and often fails to score.

Yours etc. W.H. St Quintin

Telegraph Rillington

Scampston Hall,
Malton,
Yorks.
Telephone No. 24 Rillington.
4th. Dec. '32

Dear Lady Poltimore,

I write to tell you that the Missing Diaries, the more recent ones, of the Old Hawking Club, have been recovered. They were, as surmised, in the hands of Capt. Gilbert Blaine; who continued Rook Hawking on the Plain, until it became impossible, owing to the Constant increase of wire enclosures. Bill Duncombe succeeded in finding out Blaine's address, which is now at Bath: and owing to his persuasion, the Diaries were sent to me. Before parting with them, Blaine was, naturally, anxious to know what would be their ultimate destiny.

This is the matter, on which we are anxious to know what is your own, and Lord Poltimore's opinion?

The Records (Diaries) previous to 1904, were as you say, in your letter of Oct. 15th., mostly in your Father's handwriting: and, for that reason, must of course be very precious to you. But, the

whole series, now that it has been, after a very long interval, collected together, contains a complete history of the most successful revival of the ancient sport, that has occurred in modern times. It is certain that this success could never have been achieved, but for the enthusiasm, and devotion, of the Hon. Secretary.

It has occurred to me that these records are too interesting, and valuable, to be permanently deposited in a private Library, where no Falconer, present, or future, would have access to them. Might I, with all deference venture to suggest that they might be presented to the Library of the Natural History Museum, in South Kensington, by yourself, and your Husband, and the surviving members of the Club, as a Memorial to your Father?

By so doing, their future would be absolutely secure, whosoever may follow us in time to come. That they would be greatly appreciated, and cordially welcomed, in South Kensington, I have every reason to believe.

This suggestion very seriously commends itself to Duncombe (my brother-in-law,) whose Father, as you know, was the Founder of the Club.

I know that you will not think that I am taking advantage of your kindness, in letting me see the earliest Volumes of the Diaries, when venturing on this proposal.

Very sincerely yrs. W.H. St Quintin

North Molton,
North Devon.
Jan 11th. 1933.

Dear Mr. St. Quintin,

I am so very sorry to have been so long in answering your letter. I was away when it arrived in London and I also ashamed to say that all the rush of work that I had at Christmas put it entirely out of my head. Then my daughter has been ill ever since Christmas and I was so busy looking after her that it again slipped my memory. Please forgive me. We are so very sorry to hear that you are ill and I hope, by this time, that you are well on the way to recovery.

George and I would be quite willing to leave our two volumes of Hawking Diaries to the Natural History Museum after our deaths, but we both feel that we could not part with them during our lives as we read them so often and talk over the old days in Wiltshire where we used to go hawking with my father. Would it not be possible that the two volumes should be copied, and perhaps even the photographs copied, and we should be quite willing to leave the originals to the Museum at our deaths as they would not have the same interest for our children as they have for us. I do hope that you will not think us selfish to wish to keep the originals during our lives, but, my father I know, wanted us to have them and I do not think he would have liked us to part with them while he lived. I hope you will understand this. Again please forgive this long delay in writing.

Yours sincerely (signed) Cynthia Poltimore

My husband asked me to say that he will immediately accept that these two volumes shall be left to the Natural History Museum after his death.

Letter from Cecil Duncombe to Lowe, The Natural History Museum, Kensington.

Feb. 14th. 1933.
Tel: Helmsley 30

Rievaulx,
Helmsley
Yorks.

My dear Lowe,

With reference to your letter of Nov. 23rd. last addressed to my late brother-in-law Herbert St Quintin. I am writing to instruct Messrs Smith, York, to send you for deposit in the Zoological Library of the British Museum of N.H., the records of the Old Hawking Club from 1904 to 1926 when the Club finally expired.

Both St Quintin and I did our utmost to persuade Lady Poltimore to include with them the earlier records, which came into their possession on the death of Gerald Lascelles, Lady Poltimore's father, but you will see by the copy of a letter from her which I herewith enclose that they are unwilling to do so during their life time. I think that it would be well if a further copy of this letter but typed and placed with the books or, at .. where it would not be lost sight of. Would you kindly let Meade Waldo know what is being done as I feel that it would

C.W. Duncombe

Fed. 24th. 1933.

My dear Lowe,

Very many thanks for yours of Feb.18th. acknowledging the receipt of the records of the O.H.C. 1904 to 1926. I only wish that the earlier volumes could have accompanied them.

Old Hawking Club.
Judicial Record.

Be it remembered that at a Court of and General Gaol Delivery held at the Club Room, Amesbury on Monday 18th. April 1881 before Wood, Club Justice of our Said Club assigned to hold place before the Club itself, the following Indictments were heard and determined.

1. F.d' A.W.C. Newcome was arraigned for that he on the 17th. April 1891, being the Feast of Easter, did at the parish of Wilbury publicly utter to a certain lady then and there present, the following lewd and scandalous words of and concerning a daughter of the said lady, viz. " I shall Be hatti to Evtter her" with intent to deprave and debauch the morals of those present, and especially of the said daughter and with intent to offend and disgust the hearers, especially the said lady; and with various other intents unbecoming a member of the Club. A second court alleged that the said words were boastingly uttered by way of swagger and bluster and that the prisoner failed to fulfil the engagement made by the said words, to the great discredit and prejudice of the said Club. The case was clearly proved. The prisoner in his defence took several technical objections which were overruled by the Court. The prisoner then averred that he was incited to use the said words by the said lady asking him if he would enter her daughter at lawn tennis with his other young entries, but the L.C.J. pointed out that this attempt to implicate another party would not avail him, and that moreover, his words had been emphatic and general and not limited to lawn tennis and must be understood in there ordinary and natural signification. The prisoner was convicted under both counts. The L.C.J. remarked on the horrible character of the offence which he considered

aggravated by the defence set up and he sentenced the prisoner under the first count to pay a fine of 1 dozen pints of champagne, which he stated he should have made quarts but for his desire to prevent the administration of justice from becoming a source of intemperance. (At the request of the prisoner the Court consented to allow a dozen quarts of claret to be paid in lieu of the champagne pints.) Under the second count a further sentence of 1 dozen pints of champagne was awarded, but the Court stayed execution of this part of the sentence until Good Friday 1882 in order to give the prisoner an opportunity of fulfilling his words; in which case his further sentence not to be carried out: otherwise paid.

2. The same prisoner was then further arraigned for that he had wilfully and refused and neglected to carry out the order of the Club given to him in 1878 commanding him to make a proposal of marriage to the young lady mentioned in the last indictment. The prisoner was convicted of this offence also, and the Court issued a m enjoining him to carry out the orders of the Club before the Hawking season of 1882, and if not to pay a fine of a dozen of wine in that year and in every subsequent year which his continues.

3. A charge was then brought against the Secretary for having accepted an office of profit under the Crown, but in the absence of the accused the Court adjourned the case to the next Assizes and ordered a Habus Corpus to be issued to bring up the accused drunk or sober before the Court at its next sitting.

4. W.H. St Quintin was then arraigned for conduct unbecoming a member of the Club in indecently exposing himself to public gaze without clothing. It appeared that the prisoner was in the habit of going about in garments of which the Court could not take judicial notice and the ruled that this was equivalent to no clothing at all, and that the indictment was therefore proved. Sentence one doz. pints of champagne.

HAWKING DIARY. 1872.

“She stoops to conquer”.

The “Bustard”, Devizes, Wiltshire. Came down on Monday the 25th. March, and Cecil Duncombe already established with John Barr, the falconer, his assistant, and four falcons, two tiercels, and two Iceland falcons; these later are not much use, especially one who flies lame. Of the falcons two are good, one, a moulted hawk, being a fair one. One of the best of the others, which are all red hawks, is bad with croaks, and the others are coming on, and may be good. One of the tiercels, a passage hawk, caught here three weeks ago, and already fairly tame, a very pretty little hawk. The other a nestling I don't think much of. I believe he can fly a bit.

One rook was killed today.

March 26th. Went out about eleven in the direction of Elbarrow, and before long got a pretty flight with the blue falcon, who killed at about her fifth stoop. It was not a very good rook though. We then flew her and another falcon, , , which went well at the rooks, but failed to kill, the blue falcon playing away down wind. She was lost for half an hour, but then came out of the clouds at a flock of rooks and killed, near where she had been hooded off. Flew next , and the tiercel, “Rothesay”; the tiercel wouldn't fly but the falcon stuck to it and killed after a hunting sort of a flight. We then tried “Hydra” and, but failed to obtain a flight. Tried the wild tiercel at a train rook, but he was not very keen. In the morning a fine wild falcon flew over the house, and we rushed to the hut, on chance of catching her, but she did not condescend to stop.

Wednesday 27th. A bad morning; C. Duncombe went to meet the hounds near Elbarrow - I stayed in, and spent the morning partly in helping Barr to imp an Iceland tiercel's wings, which he did beautifully in a Syrian method - by running the quill of the feather, cut slightly shorter into the quill stump - sewing it through, with a waxed thread, and securing it by a couple of turns. He likes this plan better than the old needles, as holding better. This tiercel arrived last night from Ireland, with four peregrine tiercels, and an Iceland falcon: They are Mr. Corbet's hawks, and are lent me for the season: one is a passage hawk caught in Ireland, and the others are all nestlings, flown at magpies, and reported to be good. Could not fly in the afternoon for wind - but we put up the lately mended Icelander to a pigeon, but he did not try.

Total: 4 rooks.

Sunday March 31st. Great diversion in the morning caused by the Irish passage tiercel breaking loose; luckily I saw him and called Barr who soon got him down, as he is very obedient and handy. I rode in to Salisbury, and went to the Minster to service. The choir was under repair so I could see all the beauties of the place; The (singing) choir I thought good, but weak. Rode home via Old Sarum, a wonderful, large high old fortification on the river side, consisting of a high embankment, with a large moat on the inside, enclosing about 20 acres of ground - then a second moat, and on the summit a high fortification above all. Saw four curlews.

Monday April 1st. Flew both Mr. Corbet's Icelanders to the lure; they did not do at all badly. Went out to “Prospect Farm”, and flew first the blue falcon, who put in her rook. Then Mr. Simmond's hawk, who gave a pretty flight to cover, and flew well. Then flew the blue falcon again who did very badly, and put in - afterwards soaring away, and giving a deal of trouble - did not get another flight. Day very wet and showery. Trained the tiercels, and mended up one of the Icelanders in the evening.

Tuesday April 2nd. Shocking bad weather again. Could not get out till one o'clock, and at the second attempt to get a flight lost the blue falcon; the brute soared as usual, in spite of bad weather and we lost her in the direction of Stonehenge. Barr stayed out late to look for her, and I came home

and trained the tiercels - they all did well. A very poor day. My mare has got an awful cold and I had to ride C.D's old horse.

Wednesday April 3rd. The boy came back with the hawk about eleven o'clock, having taken her up on a rook about seven miles down wind, right over Stonehenge. Barr did not return till 2p.m. and in the meantime I lured some of the hawks - the Icelander improves fast. We went out in the afternoon and had a feeble flight with Simmond's hawk but did no good. Captain Fisher came in the evening and brought a falcon, a goodish one, and a nice tiercel, an African one, but I think a peregrine.

Thursday April 4th. C.D. expected back about one so we only went out to train in the morning. The Iceland tiercel flew well. Went out at 2 o'clock, and beat the covers for a magpie - after a bit got one out and had a capital flight with innumerable stoops down a long line of hedgerows till the old pie got into a strong cover. Tried the blue falcon at a rook and had an unsuccessful flight.

Total rooks: 7.

Friday Ap.5th. Went out in the direction of Stoke, and flew Capt. Fisher's tiercel and "Limerick", the tiercel flew well, and put in about a mile off- the other didn't try. Then flew the blue falcon and "Miss Simmonds"; the blue falcon killed at the first stoop. Trained the Icelander and then flew the same two falcons, they didn't fly at all well, and the blue falcon as usual soared away, and after being lost for a long time killed a rook after a rattling flight among a lot of labourers, who took her up and took care of her. (All this we heard in the evening, when Barr came back with her.) After this we had a good flight with Fisher's tiercel and "Limerick", and the African tiercel killed after a fair good flight. Then we did some training with the tiercels, but they didn't get on fast, and then flew the Icelander at a wild rook but he didn't try. To finish the day we flew "Miss Simmonds" and Capt. Fisher's falcon, who flew uncommonly well and put into some trees. "Miss Simmonds" put into a barn and did not persevere.

Saturday April 6th. Started towards Tilshead and flew the falcons, "Miss Simmonds" and Capt. Fisher's. First had a very nice flight and put into the rookery; both falcons joined in well together. Dr. Nicholls, Mr. Heathcote and one or two others came out with us. We then flew Fisher's tiercel, "The Moor" and "Limerick" and had a very pretty flight and killed. "The Moor" killed him, but "Limerick" flew very well at another rook and went up high to him. Then we flew the two falcons first flown again, and they had a capital flight all down the valley nearly to the village, sticking together and knocking their rook right well about, "Miss Simmonds" finally killing. After a pause it was the turn of the two tiercels again; "Limerick" didn't try but "The Moor" gave us a rattling good flight down into Candown rookery, making one of the finest stoops, shortly before putting in that ever was seen. An interval of training ensued. The Icelander flew a train rook well. "Limerick" and the Irish passage hawk took one also. Then flew the blue falcon who went up well to a rattling good ringing rook, but never got fairly over him, and cut it. On the way home tried for a magpie but without success: "The Rake" took a jackdaw well and is coming on nicely - will soon be fit to fly.

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Monday April 8th. Very windy. Met Capt. Fisher at Candown but could do no good at rooks, though we had a sort of a flight and put in. Afterwards had a rattling good magpie hunt, lasting about an hour and a half and finally killed. We had "Miss Simmonds" and Mr. Corbet's three tiercels generally all going at a time, but changing magpies often. Total: 1 magpie, rooks 12.

Tuesday April 9th. A lovely day. Flew Fisher's falcon and put in after a nice stoop or two. Then his tiercel and "Limerick", and had a rattling good flight, "The Moor" doing all the work and "Limerick" finally killing just in time to save the rook getting into a sheep fold. Had to go to town.

Wednesday 10th. They had a fair day's sport and killed, two good flights.

Thursday 11th. Nice day, rather windy. Went to Rushall down. Flew first "Miss Simmonds" and Fisher's falcon, who had a nice flight, hunting all among the horses and killing. "Miss Simmonds" doing all the work. Then Fisher's tiercel and "Limerick" a flight which was spoilt by two partridges getting up and taking the tiercel away. Went over the hill flew "Miss Simmonds" and the blue falcon; the latter raked off down the wind, and killed a rook at a great height with one stoop, the rook falling stone dead into a crowd of people, which frightened the hawk and made her play off down wind and get lost. She was found by Duncombe after about an hour on another rook she had killed. (In this flight I got a regular crowner, pony cast on top of me - none the worse). Flew the Icelander but he didn't do much good. Then "Limerick" and Fisher's tiercel - the former got away by himself, and flew right well for a short time: afterwards the other tiercel did the same and gave up after a good flight to a sheep fold. Flew "Miss Simmonds" and Fisher's falcon on the way home; put in to a rookery. Gave the "Red Man" and the Irish passage tiercel a train which they took well, and fed up. Mr. R.(v. pretty) Mrs. Stratton came out, likewise Dr. & Mrs. Nicholls.

Total: Rooks 14. Magpie 1.

Friday Ap.12th. Lawn meet at Tilshead. A deal of quality out. Sir Francis Astley and sons (with a carriage full of lunch) and various militia officers. Flew first "Miss Simmonds" and Fisher's falcon; had a nice flight and killed, in a good valley. Then flew the same two falcons, for the tiercels were not all fit, and Fisher's hawk gave us a good flight down to a small cover, with a pretty ring or two in it. Then we tried "The Moor" and "Limerick", the latter went after a partridge, but "The Moor", after putting in, cut away down wind after another lot of rooks and killed fine, high up in the air. Then flew the blue falcon, and Fisher's falcon. They put in to a whin bush, and the blue falcon soared away again down wind and was lost. She stooped once at some rooks and flew one well to cover, afterwards resuming her soaring and finally being lost. No more good was done. "Miss Simmonds" was flown at a curlew and got beaten, and the tiercels were trained. 2 rooks.

Saturday Ap.13th. Went to Candown, and on Barr's arrival at the rookery we curiously enough found the old blue falcon loafing about the rookery! First we flew Fisher's falcon and "Hydra" (who never tried) and we had fairish flight to cover. Then came the turn of the tiercels, "The Moor" and "Limerick". "The Moor" killed at the first stoop. After a pause flew Fisher's falcon and "Miss Simmonds" and had a fine ringing flight, the rook just getting out by the skin of his teeth into a cover. Then in nearly the same place we flew "Limerick" and "The Moor": the eyass stuck well to a rook, putting into a fold and hunting him well; we got him out, and "The Moor" who had gone after another bird, came back and gave us a grand high ringing flight, with fine stooping. The rook saved himself by putting in, first to ground, and then to the cover, which he reached awfully blown. These two flights were the best we have had, far and away.

we also gave "Limerick" a train, and the "Red Man" a jackdaw, which he took well; and on the way home flew the "Rake" who didn't try. C.D. departed today, so as did Fisher and his hawks.

Sunday 14th. Went to Salisbury - very fine.

Monday 15th. Out at 11a.m. Flew "Miss Simmonds" and "The Red Man" at a rook, and killed in some rape. Beat some covers near Netheravon for magpies, and after a long knocking about killed him; some fine stooping during this flight. Then we beat the covers near the Bustard, and after a bit got five pies out and flew them for a bit, but did not kill. Then went over the hill towards Stoke and had a very nice flight to cover with the blue falcon and "Miss Simmonds". The blue falcon flew very well. Then got a magpie out of cover which we flew for a mile with the Irish passage tiercel, finally losing it in a strong cover. It put in four times; into some rape, some wheat, and a gorse

bush; round which it ran for a few minutes with the hawk after it on the ground: had another of the tiercels joined in we must have killed. A good days sport.

Tuesday 16th. Hunted a rook with the blue falcon. Then had a good magpie hunt - followed the magpie from the Folly down into Netheravon - three whole miles. Corbet's passage tiercel doing most of the work. Then we had a nice flight at a curlew with "Miss Simmonds" who put him in twice and killed in a sheep fold. More magpie hunting resulted in the capture of one, but the hawks fought and let him go; it was a pretty flight. The passage tiercel must have killed during the first flight but a partridge jumped up under him and he took it. He afterwards raked away and killed a rook. We then left for London, finishing the season.

Total: Rooks 23. Magpies 2. Curlew 1. = 28 head. Also 2 partridges which were let go.

The expenses were 100£ paid to Barr who contracted to supply hawks and everything - (such as he could get) for that sum and also £76 paid for the expenses of bringing Corbet's hawks from Ireland and sending them back.

Some Records of the Old Hawking Club.

Notes on Hawking in the spring of 1873.

Club Members.

Earl of Craven Hon. C.W. Fitzwilliam.
Lord Lilford. Capt. Brooksbank.
Hon. Cecil Duncombe. Hon. Gerald Lascelles, Secretary.

Falconer: John Barr.
Under falconer: John Frost.

List of Hawks:

Falcons: Dutch passage falcons, all red hawks

“Vengeance”
“Duck Killer” (Lost at Feltwell.)
“The Queen” (Lost at the Bustard.)
“Dutch Lady” (do do do)
“Leopardess” (Lost at Ashdown.)
“Empress”
“Aurora” (Lost in Ireland.)
“La Rogue” (Dead).
“Countess” (Destroyed)
“Vampire” (Destroyed)
“Hare Killer ” (Given to C.W. Fitzwilliam)
“Baroness” (Lost) A falcon caught at Lilford.
A Falcon of Lord Lilford’s (Dead)

Tiercels:

“The Earl” Passage tiercel, Lost by Barr.
“The Doctor” Passage tiercel, Lost by Barr
“Lavington” Caught at Lavington (Wilts) March 18th Drafted.
“General” Old eyass tiercel Dead.

Commenced Operations March 14th. at Lavington. Weather very bad during the Hawks stay., two days, killed one rook, lost “Dutch Lady” and “The Rogue” (since recovered.). Moved the hawks to Ashdown on the 18th. in their own van, which was found to be an excellent contrivance for keeping the hawks out of the wind. Found the country about Ashdown very good but not so good as on Salisbury Plain, there being many more scattered trees and bushes - on the other hand fewer sheep folds. Went out for the First time on the 25th., lost “Leopardess” and “Vengeance” (since found). In the big rookery near the house, a very dangerous place being large and very scattered

Killed 3 rooks.

26th. Very fine, killed 2 rooks, two fair flights with “Queen” and “Duck Killer” - these are the two best so far. “Duck Killer is a grand hawk and very hardy and gentle - the best I ever saw and very like Mr. Newcomes old “Tall Haggard”.

27th. “Duck Killer” flew grandly 3 times today and killed twice. “Empress “ flew fairly but was very shifty as usual - “Old General” gave a very fine flight with a pigeon - mounting grandly and stooping finely.

28th. Had a magnificent ringing flight with "Duck Killer" - lost him in the clouds. Hawk came back beautifully, the finest flight I ever saw. Nothing else worthy of note, killed one.

April 1st. Rather a nice day. "Duck Killer" flew twice well and killed one. "Vengeance" managed to collar one she had put in. "Empress" flew a rattling flight to cover, and "The Queen" flew three one after another, hard all, putting twice in and killing the third (A carrion crow).

April 2nd. (Tuesday) "Duck Killer" flew fairly and killed one. "Aurora" and "Countess" killed one, "Aurora" doing all the work and killing. "Empress" flew well twice, one flight being a regular rat hunt in a fence - she stuck to it right well. "The Queen" did not behave well. "Vengeance" flew a long hunting flight but could not kill him.

April 3rd. Unsatisfactory. V. windy. "Duck Killer" did not fly at first in her usual form but flew finely later and killed after a hunt in cover. "Queen" behaved disgracefully, refusing to fly and "Empress" declined utterly to look at a pigeon, played away for a great distance and finally killed a long way off. In fact this Ashdown country is not good enough for rook hawking, there is not the space requisite and there are too many little bushes and trees at every turn.

April 8th. At The Bustard. Had a good flight or two - lost "The Queen".

April 9th. Windy. Had two good flights with "Duck Killer", put one in and got the hawk hung up in a small bush after the other flight - luckily she was not hurt. Killed one with "Empress" and "Aurora", both hawks flew well. Attempted a magpie hunt but without success.

April 10th. Very windy and a very bad day's sport. Had one fair flight and spent the rest of the day trying to get a fly at the magpies but could not work it.

April 11th. Flew "Vengeance" at a rook close by in spite of a bad swelled leg she has got. She flew well and put him in. After a long quest had a nice flight with "Duck Killer" and killed. Then a good one with "Empress" and "Aurora" the former killed at the first stoop - oddly enough shaking herself just before making the stoop! Finished the day with a capital rat hunt in a fold with "Empress" and "Aurora", but no kill. I heard a rook today with the croaks!

April 12th. Sat. Went out early, had a flight or two and killed with "Aurora" and "Empress". "Duck Killer" killed twice, one a good flight. "Empress" took a rook with a white wing but let him go as I came up; "Vengeance" killed later in the day.

15th. Tuesday. "Aurora" flew well - killed twice, "Duck Killer" killed too; recovered "Dutch Lady", caught near here - she is now as tame as any we have got after being out just a month.

April 16th. Advertised Meet. Large field - Mr. Bouverie Arundel, etc etc..

"Duck Killer", "Aurora" and "Empress" all killed with fine flights to begin with. "Aurora's" a very long slip and run up - "Empress" a fine high ringing flight. "Duck Killer" again flew well and took in cover after a long flight but lost her rook by being frightened off it by a horse; she killed another very easily later. "Vampire" and "Countess" nobbled one between them and then crabbed badly; "Empress" and "Aurora" flew two good flights to cover, "Dutch Lady" flew three rooks, a real cracker one after another, killing the last at Copse Farm where she was originally lost - rather wild but adroitly snared by Fisher. A capital day - seven Rooks.

April 17th. Bye day at Elbarrow. "Duck Killer" made an example of a curlew in about 100 yards. She killed a rook too., later on, after a great hunt in a cover but she flew well too. "Empress" flew a

rattling good flight to cover. "Aurora" tried twice to kill but had not room. "Vampire" flew very well later on. "Dutch Lady"

Killed a rook after putting in and was pretty tame to take up etc.

April 18th. Tremendous field out - Lords, Ladies, Land proprietors etc etc. sd lib. Weather was bad and for a long time we could not get a flight worth mentioning. At last "Empress" killed well and the "Duck Killer" flew a pretty flight in and out of Stonehenge, finally killing. "Dutch Lady" then flew a similar flight but was alarmed by enormous field either to kill or come to the lure and played away a long way off, killed first one rook and then another before I could snare her.

April 19th. Sat. Last day I shall be here for the present.

46 rooks killed.

May 6th. Lost "Duck Killer" for a space but found her later on her rook - nothing else noteworthy
Killed 3 rooks.

May 7th. Out in the morning about the house with Alan Gardner, found an owl (brown wood owl, called by Barr a bung ward.), caught him with "Duck Killer" and a magpie afterwards with "General", but it came on to rain heavily in the afternoon and we did no good.

May 8th. At Stonehenge flew the tiercels at some bagged pewits on the way and had a nice stoop or two, had a good flight with "Empress", to cover with a jackdaw, and one too with "Vengeance", who flew well. "Dutch Lady" killed after a nice flight and "Duck Killer" caught two curlews. "Dutch Lady" afterwards flew a magnificent high ringing flight after an enormous crow - brought him in from a tremendous height and then killed in cover. - the flight of the season! "Empress" also flew a rattling fine flight down wind (it was rather windy for part of the day) and afterwards killed down in the valley.

May 9th. Lost "Dutch Lady" out of the van and spent the day looking for her with no success.

May 10th. Killed rooks with "Empress" who flew two good flights; with "Duck Killer" who also caught a curlew and with "Vengeance" after a good flight.

Monday May 12th. Had to leave The Bustard because Mrs. Ruddle declared herself to be too ill to cook any longer - the principal difficulty seemed to be a squabble between her and Barr - however we moved down to Amesbury losing "Duck Killer" on the way, but she was brought back next morning in a basket dreadfully knocked about.

May 13th. Killed a rook with "Empress" who flew very well again and caught a rook but let it go on the ground close to cover. "Vengeance" killed a rook well and "Aurora" also took one.

May 14th. Not a good day very hot and none of the hawks would fly well except "Empress" who killed two - this hawk has now arrived at great form and is as good a rook hawk as can be. "Duck Killer" flew but not in great form, after her knocking about and "Vengeance" did not do much though she caught a curlew after putting in a rook.

May 15th. Had a very good flight with "Empress" who killed two rooks and flew three good flights. "Duck Killer" killed two and "Baroness" and "Aurora" nobbled one between them.

May 16th. "Empress" flew as usual excellently and killed two rooks. "Duck Killer" also killed two but not in great form. "Baroness" flew a rattling good flight, but lost in a barn and little "Aurora" brought a rook into a sheep fold and killed him after a rattling hunt.

May 17th. A first rate day for a finish. Had good flights with every hawk one rattler with "Duck Killer" who killed three rooks as did "Empress". "Aurora" flew right well to cover and the day and season wound up by the little tiercel, "The Earl" killing a sound wild peewit in grand form.

A better season or better hawks we shall not soon have - though we were unlucky in losing the best, we had great sport, the tiercels too were very good, though we could not use them much. Of the falcons we keep "Empress", "Duck Killer", "Vengeance", and the tiercel "Lavington". - Barr takes "Aurora", "Baroness", "The Earl" and the "Doctor" and the remainder are lost or sold - Our bills at Amesbury were scandalous and we had to leave without paying them, leaving it to be settled in the future -- They finally acceded to our terms.

Duck Killer	111	111	111	111	111c	111
The Queen	1	1*	1o	1		
Vengeance	1	1	1	1		
Empress	11*1*	11*1*	111			
Aurora	1*	1	1	1	1	1
Dutch Lady	1	1	1	1		
Countess	1*					
Vampire						
Baroness						
The Earl						
General						
(Passage Tiercel)						

* = assisted by another hawk c = curlew o = owl

	Ap.19.	21	22	23	24	25	26	28
Duck Killer	1		1	1	1	1wp	11	1c
The Queen								
Vengeance								
Empress	1	1	1	11	1	11	1	11
Aurora		1*	1*			1*		
Dutch Lady		1	11	111	1	1	11	1
Countess								
Vampire								
Baroness		1*	1*			1*		
The Earl							1bb	
General								
(Passage Tiercel)								

* = assisted by another hawk c = curlew o = owl bb = black bird

	May 6	7	8		
Duck Killer	1	1o	11c		11c
The Queen					
Vengeance					1
Empress	1		11	1	1
Aurora					
Dutch Lady	1		11cw	111	
Countess					
Vampire					
Baroness					
The Earl		1mp			
General					
(Passage Tiercel)					

* = assisted by another hawk c = curlew o = owl bb = black bird mp = magpie

	May 13	14	15	16	17	Total
Duck Killer	1		11	11	111	40
The Queen						4
Vengeance	1	1c				7
Empress	1	11	11	11	111	38
Aurora	1			1		11
Dutch Lady						21
Countess						1
Vampire						
Baroness			1*		1	5
The Earl					1pw	2
General						1
(Passage Tiercel)						
Total						130

* = assisted by another hawk c = curlew o = owl bb = black bird mp = magpie pw = peewit

114 rooks, 4 carrion crows, 6 curlews, 1 owl, 1 magpie, 1 peewit, 1 blackbird, 1 pigeon

Notes on Hawking; Sept. 1873.

List of Club members.

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Capt. Brooksbank. Capt. F.H. Salvin.
Capt. A. Gardner. W. Newcombe Esq.
Hon. G. Lascelles (Hon. Sec.)

List of hawks.

“Vengeance” old passage Hawk.
“Empress” “ “ “
“Aurora” Old Passage Hawk. (lost at Enniscorthy, Oct 25th..)
“Baroness” Old Passage Hawk. (Lost at Blackpool).
“Vampire” Old Passage Hawk. (Destroyed).
“Lavington” Old Passage Tiercel. (Drafted)
“Favourite” Eyass Tiercel. (Lost at Mt. Henry, Oct 18th..).
“Coastguard” Eyass Tiercel.
“The Duke” Eyass Tiercel.

“Shamrock” Eyass Tiercel. (dead).
“Shillelagh” Eyass Tiercel. (dead).
“Curragh Ranger” tiercel, caught on the Curragh, 1st. Aug. (dead).

September 20th. Kildare. After two unsuccessful days killed a waterhen with “Favourite”. The best ground here except the Curragh is at the Subalterns Bog, north of the Grand Stand.

22nd. We had a better day, killing a rook with “Vengeance” and “Empress” and another magpie with the same tiercel...

23rd. Much the same as yesterday and the same bag - also trained two promising tiercels of Mr. Langley’s that are now coming on fast..

Sept. 25th. Palmerstown. Had a fair good flight or two at a magpie but could not kill him though it was a very near squeak for him. The two old falcons nobbled two rooks between in most sporting and killing style. The country here is not at all bad for magpies but rather strongly enclosed. Flew “Shamrock” and “Shillelagh”. Mr. Langley’s two tiercels from the County Kerry - and they behaved well - the other nestlings came [from]”Favourite” and “The Duke” from Drumlarig and “Coastguard” from somewhere near Brighton.

26th. Had a nice gallop with the Kildare, cub hunting and killed 35 trout with the 35 trout with the Cormorants in the evening. (On Wed 25th. they killed 46.)

27th. A fair days sport at Kill Hill. Caught two magpies after good flights, and a female sparrowhawk - the two he two brothers, “Shamrock” and “Shillelagh” flew in great form - it is hard to pick the best of them - “Aurora” also flew very well but is not so steady as she might be and has been very unlucky about killing.

29th. A very good day with a very large field out. Killed three magpies, two by “Shamrock” and “Shillelagh”, one by “Favourite”. “Aurora” did not behave very well - “Vengeance” and “Empress” flew a rook fairly well into cover. Had a fair mornings work with the cormorant before going on to Kill Hill.

30th. Very windy and rainy. Could do nothing much but managed a good flight with “Shamrock” and “Shillelagh”, the magpie just escaped, awfully cut about. The country all about here is good especially three or four miles off towards the hills. There is good magpie ground at intervals nearly all over Kildare but the banks and ditches are very large and impedes one’s getting up quickly to serve a hawk.

Oct. 1st. Lisduff. Weather very bad rendering it impossible to do any good hawking.

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3rd. Very rainy but went out after magpies and had three capital flights and one kill; also a fair rook flight.

4th. A capital morning at wild ducks in the bog, put up “Vengeance” who knocked down 4 ducks, one after another and also flew a long flight or two at them. - after this “Aurora” and “Vengeance” both went very high and each made a beautiful stoop at a couple that were raised under them, both

knocking over their duck, but “Vengeance” did not secure hers unluckily. In the afternoon we were very unlucky and did not kill or have a good flight at a magpie.

Oct. 10th. Enniscorthy. Were stopped by weather the remainder of our time at Lisduff. On Thursday 10th. had a fair good day near Wilton Castle (Col. Alcock’s) fished the stream first with the cormorants and then hawked. Had a good turn with a magpie and killed then hollowed the hawk on to another and killed him too, a capital flight in the afternoon, which was awfully wet, lost “Aurora” and “Favourite” but got them both again, “Favourite” coming right back to the town and being caught on the 11th. “Aurora” was picked up on a rook and sent to us.

13th. A good day at Enniscorthy knocked down a teal with “Vengeance” but could not get him for want of a dog. - had a great flight with “Shamrock” and “Shillelagh” in which they knocked over the magpie 4 times! But we lost him by a change, in fact we had 3 before us all the time. The same hawks flew a similar and equally fine flight in the afternoon and “Coastguard” killed alone in the most brilliant style. At Mount Henry we had two unsuccessful but sporting days and a very bad one on Friday when we lost “Favourite” and having to leave the country on the Monday we did not find him before leaving.

Sat. 2gth. We had a good day killing two rooks with the two falcons (“Vengeance” and “Empress”) and a magpie with the Irish tiercels, “Coastguard” also flew well.

Oct 21st. Ennis corthy. A capital day Icarawalsh Bridge. Rather windy and bad but in the morning we caught a fine female sparrowhawk with “Shamrock” and “Shillelagh”, then nobbled a rook with the old falcons and later on a fine flight at a magpie with “Coastguard” who killed; and old “Lavington” also flew right well.

Oct 22nd. Too windy to do anything..

Oct 23rd. Met at Adamstown - “Shillelagh” killed very cleverly alone putting in to a lot of sheep and killing well. We then had a tremendous hunt but didn’t kill and then a long hunt with “Coastguard” and “Shamrock” ended in a kill.

Oct 24th. Went out latish (a bye day) to the country just over Vinegar Hill and had a good flight with the Irish tiercels and killed, had an unsuccessful try for some teal and the evening coming on wet we went home, trying “Coastguard” at a magpie on the way; he tried well but without success.

Oct 25th. Had a very good morning with the cormorants at Ballinkeelee, and caught several pike besides trout. After luncheon at Ballinkeelee, moved to the Ballagh and had a very successful rook nobble with the two old falcons - then a nice turn at a magpie with “Shamrock” and “Shillelagh” and then a long turn at one with “Coastguard” but could not kill owing to the number of magpies and the strong country consisted of ditches full of gorse - The Irish tiercels flew a long but tiring flight and killed. After this we flew “Aurora” who had been stiff and amiss since she was last lost and she flew splendidly mounting very high and not getting a stoop at a magpie, raked away after a bit and was lost.

Oct 27th..Went out late to the Ballagh f to look for “Aurora” and met Frost who had been out after her this morning. Hooded off “Lavington” at a magpie but he did not do well but “Shamrock” who was sent to help him found a sparrowhawk and killed him after a good hunt, then we caught a rook after a good hunt with the old falcons in some trees. We then killed a magpie after a capital hunt with “Coastguard” and finished up the evening by a good flight and a fine kill with the Irish tiercels.

Oct 28th. Went over to Arvandraish by train early had a fairish morning with the cormorants and in the afternoon killed three magpies in very rough country and had one tremendous hunt with "Coastguard" but could not kill him. A great ladies day - and altogether fair sport..

Oct 29th. Hawked on the way about Cameross to Rose Garland to stay with Mr. Leigh. Had one or two good flights with the old Falcons at rooks and killed two - one after a nice ringing flight after being put out of a farm. "Shamrock" flew a good flight and killed a magpie. We tried the falcons at a heron but they would not go at him.

30th. Very wet and did nothing. Came home.

31st. Not a very good day. Went to Ballymoty Bridge and had a good rook hunt round a farm and each killed. Then tried a fruitless and foolish hunt after one that was left in the trees - after this had a nice flight and most brilliant kill of a magpie with "Shamrock" and "Shillelagh ". The same two were rather beat by a magpie later on, after knocking him down twice. "Coastguard" also bowled over his magpie but did not kill him.

Nov 1st. Scarawalsh Bridge. Rather windy, killed a magpie with the Irish tiercels and flew "Empress" and "Vengeance" at a crow. They divided and both were lost. "Empress" was recovered a long way downwind and "Vengeance" was found on her rook with a full crop and could not be recovered that night.

Nov 3rd. After all Tuesday in unsuccessful looking for "Vengeance" we went out to Bally carney Bridge for the same purpose but we did not see her or anything of her till too late to do any good - "Shillelagh" flew beautifully in the morning but did not kill though he did well afterwards. "Empress" also killed a rook very well.

Nov 4th. At Scarawalsh Bridge had a good turn at a rook and killed with "Empress", then a first rate flight with the Irish tiercels and killed one magpie. At the end of the flight old "Vengeance" appeared on the scene and after some trouble was snared in triumph - a most satisfactory day.

Nov 5th. Went out but though a nice flight early [on] we were stopped by rain and could do no more and so ended a very pleasant tour, had we lost two hawks it would have been highly successful but altogether it was very pleasant and we had no right to complain.

1873 Sept	20	22	23	25	27	29	4
Favourite	1mp	1wh	1				1
Aurora							1m
Vengeance	1r		1*		1wh		
Empress	1	1*	1*				
Coastguard							
Shamrock				1sh	1*	1*	
Shillelagh				1*		1*	1

* = assisted by another hawk mp = magpie wh = waterhen m = mallard r = rook sh = sparrowhawk

1873 Oct	10	18	21	23	24	25	27
Favourite							
Aurora	1r	1					
Vengeance						1*	
Empress	1*	1*	1*				1*
Coastguard	1 oct13		1*				1
Shamrock	1*	1sh		1*		1*	1*sh
Shillelagh	1*	1*	1*	1	1*	1*	1*

* = assisted by another hawk mp = magpie wh = waterhen m = mallard r = rook sh = sparrowhawk

1873 Oct	28	29	31	1	3	4	Total
Favourite							4
Aurora							3
Vengeance			1	1	1		7
Empress		1 1*	1		1	1	12
Coastguard							3
Shamrock	1*	1	1*	1*		1*	12
Shillelagh	1* 1*				3		13
							54

* = assisted by another hawk mp = magpie wh = waterhen m = mallard r = rook sh = sparrowhawk

28 magpies, 18 rooks, 3 sparrowhawks
2 waterhens and 1 mallard in 29 days

March 13th. 1874.

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Falconer:	John Frost.
Under Falconer:	Alfred Frost.

Hawks:

"Empress"	Old	Passage	Hawk.
"Vengeance"	Old	Passage	Hawk.
"Turquoise"		Haggard	Falcon.
"Diamond"	Red	Passage	Falcon.
"Pearl"	Red	Passage	Falcon.
"Emerald"	Red	Passage	Falcon.
"Ruby"	Red	Passage	Falcon.
"Sapphire"	Red	Passage	Falcon.
"Onyx"	Red	Passage	Falcon.
"Amethyst"	Red	Passage	Falcon.
"The Major"	Red	Passage	Tiercel.
"Rocket"	Red	Passage	Tiercel'
"The Duke"	Eyass	Tiercel.	
"Coastguard"	Eyass	Tiercel.	
"Medusa"		Goshawk.	

March 13th. Commenced at Everley, our new quarters being at The Crown Inn - Had a fairish day.

"Diamond" and "Pearl" each flew a fair good long flight to cover, the first named being a fine high ringing flight. Old "Empress" scored her 51st. rook while teaching "Ruby's" young ideas. How to stoop and "Turquoise" flew a good hard working flight to cover stamping her as a hawk of the highest flight. "Empress" has moulted most beautifully and will I hope soon show her old form. "Vengeance" has not moulted at all well, not nearly finished, but she flew a fair good flight today.

Monday 16th. Went out on the Collingbourne side and flew "Diamond". She flew well but put into a fold - Then "Empress" and "Ruby" flew a nice flight - the old hawk going in grand style and killing before the other got up to her - We then flew "Vengeance" and "Emerald" and after a beautiful flight the latter killed high in the air over a sheep fold and for some unseen reason let the rook go again close to the ground and in the confusion of getting down the two hawks, and in the fold, she was lost sight of and not seen again. "Empress" flew another beautiful flight to cover but could not quite kill.

March 17th. An unfortunate day, lost "Ruby" - early in the day she behaved badly and raked away down wind - "Empress" flew a nice flight and killed and "Diamond" knocked a rook down and broke his wing. "Vengeance" flew a capital flight but "Sapphire" who was given a bagman left it, raked away after a wild rook and was lost..

March 18th. John found "Ruby" early this morning - no news of the other two. "Empress" flew a rattling good flight a real long dodging one and killed. The haggard "Turquoise" flew well but could not put in and "Diamond" killed in a rather slow slovenly way. "Vengeance" flew twice but not to do much good.

March 19th. Terribly windy, could do nothing - flew "Empress" twice or three times and at last she flew a good flight down into Everley and whipped another rook out of the rookery. "Diamond" also flew a good hard working flight into the rookery..

March 20th. A fine day rather breezy. "Empress" flew three flights all fairish ones and killed one. "Diamond" after one refusal flew a capital flight but the Haggard could not fly at all. "Pearl" flew a most excellent flight but failed to kill and "Vengeance" flew a real good one and killed in fine style.

March 21st. Not a very calm day. In the morning "Empress" flew a rattling flight about two miles down wind and killed, they went a great height in the air and the stooping was very fine, altogether it was one of the best flights I ever saw. The old hawk flew a very good flight later on in the day but did not kill. This was nearly all we did as "Turquoise" and "Pearl" (the later very stiff after her long flight of yesterday) could not fly and "Diamond" killed a very moderate rook among some gorse. We could not get flights for the others.

March 23rd A beautiful fine day. Old "Empress" was in great form and killed three rooks all from very good chances and rather pretty flights. "Vengeance" and "Onyx" killed one One between them, not in any great form and "Pearl" in spite of a great stiffness that she has had since Friday, worked and killed a rook in great style.

March 24th. A very fine day, Mr. Hugo Astley and Miss Astley came all the way from Eastleigh to see a flight. We flew "Empress" who put in after a nice flight, and then "Vengeance" and "Onyx" who killed in some gorse, ..after a pause to wait for Cecil Duncombe, we flew "Turquoise" who at last, to our delight flew a brilliant flight and killed one - "Vengeance" flew a good flight with "Ruby" who did nothing and "Pearl" killed after a rat hunt among some thorn bushes - not a bad day.

March 25th. A very unlucky day. Spent the whole morning without a flight and could not get chances enough the whole day to get through the hawks. - most of them flew well. "Empress" killed one rook and flew another good flight but she was sadly inclined to soar. "Turquoise" and "Diamond" also flew well.

March 26th. Went down to Netheravon and had a turn at the old country on that side. "Onyx" flew a fair good flight to cover and killed in it. "Turquoise" flew first one flight and put in then another and refused and lastly a real good ringing flight and killed. "Empress" flew three good flights and killed them all. One a very pretty one. "Amethyst" flew very well but was unlucky in not killing because of the sheepfolds.

March 27th. Very windy indeed and could hardly do anything. "Empress" managed to kill a crow and later on a rook, both very well, in the crow flight she actually caught hold three times before

she finally killed. "Pearl" flew well and killed and this was all we did besides flying "Vengeance" who did O.

March 28th. Terribly windy, did not get out till very late and then flew first "Empress" and then "Pearl" both killed after pretty flights.

March 30th. Still awful weather, did not go out till four o'clock and then had two long flights with "Empress" and "Pearl" but did not kill, both fair flights especially the first..

March 31st. Terribly windy, rain in the morning, Craven and Osbert Craven came over from Ashdown so we were obliged to fly and had a very lucky day. "Empress" flew a great hawk and flew three good flights killing them all. "Pearl" flew well and killed so did "Diamond". None of the others did anything.

April 1st. Flew "Pearl" who put in to Sidbury Hill and was lost, found by a bumpkin, who put her off it [a rook] and we could not find her. "Empress" flew a short flight and killed in a fold.

April 2nd. "Pearl" was found early but it was too windy to do anything.

April 3rd. Windy and showery. Flew "Onyx" and "Amethyst" who was taken up and concealed in a meal-tub by a beastly bumpkin. Could not do much more because of the weather.

April 4th Terribly wet and windy. Flew "Empress" and "Pearl" who both killed. "Empress" after a fine flight.

April 6th. A nice fine day. Had a very good twenty minutes with the Tedworth and a kill in the open in the morning- as fast a thing as I ever saw. Met at Netheravon at 1 o'clock - Flew "Empress" 1st. who killed handsomely and also did the same in the evening - "Pearl" got beat by a ringing rook but picked one out of a fold and "Vengeance" did much the same. "Turquoise" flew well and "Diamond" and "Onyx" badly but the bad weather of the past operated much against the young hawks. We had a large field out amongst them a little boy who tumbled off his pony and broke his arm badly.

April 7th. Fine. "Empress" and "Pearl" flew first and both killed. "Empress" flew a very fine flight later in the day, but put into a cover. "Turquoise" flew a nice flight into a fold and killed but was unluckily frightened off by a sheepdog and let the rook go. "Vengeance" caught one curlew easily and was beaten badly by another; "Diamond" flew a very fine ringing flight but did not kill as an unlucky sheepfold just saved him. Nothing else much. A capital day.

April 8th. Came over to Ashdown by road, 26 miles.

April 9th. Terrible weather, could not go out.

April 10th. Fine. A large party over - including Sir. R. Sutton and Miss Sutton, Mr. G. Johnson, etc. etc. Flew "Empress" first who killed cleverly just in cover. She repeated the performance later in the day and last of all flew a fine flight into a farm and killed after a most tremendous rat hunt, a very good one. "Pearl" flew a nice flight to cover and good stoops and killed at the first stoop later. "Turquoise" put into the big wood and got one among the trees - was hard to take up. "Diamond" flew a nice little flight round a hedge and killed. "Vengeance" cut away downwind when flown and killed away in the Vale was found after a long time by Newcombe - seven rooks.

April 10th. A fine day. "Empress" flew well three times and killed twice, one a very good flight. "Diamond" flew two very good flights and killed once. "Turquoise" flew well and so did "Pearl" but unluckily pulled off a claw but is none the worse..

April 13th. Very windy. "Empress" killed one rook.

April 14th. Came down from town. "Empress" flew well twice and killed each after a put in. "Turquoise" flew also twice and very well, killing the second time. "Diamond" flew a very good flight and brought him in. "Pearl" did much the same. "Vengeance" and "Ruby" flew a nice flight but unluckily crabbed just as they were killing and "Amethyst" and "Onyx" flew a capital flight to cover.

April 15th. Had a good flight with "Empress" who put into the rookery and killed another rook. "Pearl" flew a good flight so did "Diamond".

April 17th. At Everley, rather windy - "Empress" flew a very fine flight and killed high in the air (just like a flight she flew at Tilshead last year.) she also killed two other rooks, one after a nice flight.... "Onyx" and "Amethyst" flew a long flight and killed in a fold. "Diamond" flew well twice and a long one the second time down into Collingbourne Kingston. "Pearl" flew one good flight and put in. "Vengeance" and "Ruby" flew well.

April 18th. "Turquoise" flew well at first and killed. "Pearl" caught a wet rook easily, then "Empress" flew and put a rook into some gorse and unluckily a partridge got up under her which she knocked down and killed - "Diamond" flew a long flight down into the rookery and killed. "Empress" also flew a fine flight later on and killed. "Vengeance" caught a curlew.

April 20th. Frightfully hot, flew first "Pearl" and then the haggard but neither did much else but soar, then "Empress" killed a rook well. "Onyx" and "Amethyst" flew well twice. "Vengeance" and "Ruby" twice badly. "Empress" flew well again and killed a really fine high ringing flight and killed - one of the best of the season. "Turquoise" killed rather well; "Diamond" did nothing in fact flew very badly - like so many big falcons in hot weather. "Pearl" flew very badly too.

April 21st. "Empress" flew one nice flight and killed, also killed a very bad rook late in the day. "Diamond" flew very badly and "Pearl" not well. The haggard raked all over the place and finally killed.

April 22nd. Advertised Meet - but small field. "Empress" flew badly at first but afterwards killed after a long flight. "Turquoise" flew well and "Pearl" also. "Amethyst" killed two very easy rooks.

April 23rd. Rather a better afternoon . "Empress" flew a good flight and killed, "Pearl" flew but moderately but later on killed a moderate rook in grand style - "Turquoise" flew a rattling good flight to cover. "Onyx" and "Amethyst" separated and both flew very well - "Empress" flew a tremendous flight to cover later on.

April 24th. A meet at West Everleigh. "Empress" flew first and killed, then "Turquoise" who flew well but very wild and raked all over the place, finally putting in She flew a fine flight later on and killed. "Onyx" and "Amethyst" flew badly together and "Onyx" went on a long way and was lost but was recovered the next morning. "Empress" flew well again twice and killed each time and "Pearl" flew fairly later on.

April 25th. A bad day - "Empress" killed one fairly at the first stoop and another in a fold. Nothing else flew at all well.

April 27th. Hot day. "Pearl" flew a good flight and put in. "Empress" two short ones to cover and killed late in the day in a thick bush. "vengeance" caught a curlew and flew another very badly. All the others flew very badly..

April 28th. Out towards Beaches Barn. "Pearl" flew fairly and killed after a put in - "Turquoise" flew badly, infamously three times. "Onyx" and "Amethyst" flew rattling well and killed and "Empress" flew very well three times , one a very good flight. She killed twice. Nothing else did O.

April 29th. "Empress" flew two rattling flights one put in one kill - a very fine one indeed - "Pearl" flew badly. "Onyx" and "Amethyst" flew well but separated. "Turquoise" would not fly at all well.

April 30th. "Empress" flew a capital flight and killed and one climbed afterwards but put in - "Onyx" and "Amethyst" flew a rattler but put in and "Turquoise" again refused to fly.

May 1st. Last meet of the season at Exford - a good large field out - "Empress" opened the ball by a moderate flight and a kill. Then "Pearl" flew but badly - "Onyx" and "Amethyst" killed a rook nicely between them - "Turquoise" would not fly, nor would "Diamond" - "Empress" flew three times more killing each time, the last a tremendous high ringing flight, in the midst of which an old cock rook came out right under her and she came down at him and after a severe flight killed him right in a pond and was nearly drowned. "Amethyst" and "Onyx" flew again but separated , the former going well up to a rook in good form and killing - they also killed one between them later.

As will be seen our best hawks lost all their form completely for the last fortnight of the season, whether it was the very hot weather which came on about then or what the cause was I cannot say - certain it is that had it not been for "Empress" our season would have been but moderate yet the new hawks were good enough to do anything. However as it is we had fair sport altogether a good many flights and our score will bear comparison with former years. The Everleigh country is good though there is not the same abundant choice of ground as from the old Bustard - the one or two fields there are close by, are however better than any in the neighbourhood and the rooks are very strong.

The house is an excellent old inn with a capital garden for the hawks and we are very comfortable there.

1874 March	14	16	17	18	19	20	21	23	24
Empress	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 1 1	1
Vengeance						1			1
Turquoise									1
Diamond			1	1		1			
Pearl								1	1
Ruby			1						
Emerald				Lost					
Sapphire					Lost				
Onyx								1*	1*
Amethyst									

* = assisted by another hawk

1874 March	25	26	27	28	31	1	3	4	6
Empress	1	1 1 1	1c 1	1	1 1 1	1	1	1	1 1
Vengeance									1
Turquoise		1							
Diamond					1				
Pearl			1	1	1	1 1		1	1
Ruby									
Emerald									
Sapphire									
Onyx	1								
Amethyst									

* = assisted by another hawk c = crow

1874 April	7	10	11	13	14	15	17	18	20
Empress	1	1 1 1	1 1	1	1 1	1	1 1 1	1 1p	1 1 1
Vengeance	1cl	1						1cl	
Turquoise		1			1			1	1
Diamond	1	1	1					1	
Pearl	1	1	1					1	
Ruby									
Emerald									
Sapphire									
Onyx									
Amethyst								1*	

* = assisted by another hawk c = crow cl = curlew p = partridge

1874 March	21	22	23	24	25	27	28
Empress	1 1	1 1	1	1 1 1	1 1	1	1 1
Vengeance						1cl	
Turquoise	1			1			
Diamond							
Pearl	1	1					1
Ruby							
Emerald							
Sapphire							
Onyx							
Amethyst	1						1*

* = assisted by another hawk c = crow cl = curlew p = partridge

1874 March	29	30	1	Total
Empress	1	1	1 1 1 1	63
Vengeance				7
Turquoise				8
Diamond				8
Pearl				16
Ruby				1
Emerald				-
Sapphire				-
Onyx		1*		4
Amethyst		1 1*		5
				112

* = assisted by another hawk c = crow cl = curlew p = partridge

108 rooks 1 crow 3 curlews

O.H.C.

Old Hawking Club.

List of Members, Hawks in training, Game killed, and general doings. 1874.

Sept. 1874. Club.

Earl of Craven
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Hon. C.W. Fitzwilliam
Hon. Cecil Duncombe
F.H. Salvin Esq.
A. Brooksbank Esq.
F.d' A. Newcome Esq.
Hon. G. Lascelles Hon. Sec.

Falconer John Frost.

N.B. The account of the Club's doings will be found in another volume for 1871, 1872, 1873. G.L.

Ireland Sept. 1874.

Hawks.

"Ruby"	passage	falcon	of '73.
"Onyx"	passage	falcon	of '73.
"The Major"	do	tiercel	1873.
"Rocket"	do	tiercel	1873. dead.
"Coastguard"	eyass	tiercel	1873. dead.
"The Duke"	do	tiercel	1873.
"Prince Charlie"	eyass	tiercel	of 1874.
"Lowlander"	do	tiercel	of 1874. dead.
"Comet"	do	tiercel	of 1874.
"Connaught"	do	tiercel	of 1874, left in England with Lord Lilford.

Sept. 1874.

Hawks in England put down to moult.

"Empress" This hawk has now killed 112 rooks - 2nd year.

"Pearl"

"Turquoise"

Goshawk "Medusa", killed during the summer and early autumn
29 rabbits and 1 young pheasant.

"Onyx" killed one owl.

Sept. '74.	24th.	29th.
"Ruby"	destroyed.	
"Onyx"	do.	
"The Major"	died.	
"Rocket"	dead, diseased lung.	
"Prince Charlie"	1+11	do.
"Lowlander"	dead, sick coming over.	
"Comet"	1+	lost.
"Coastguard"	1	dead, by a boy who caught him.
"The Duke"	to old.	
"Connaught"	3 rooks in Northamptonshire. sold.	
+ = assisted by another hawk.		
"Medusa"	30 rabbits at Lilford.	
N.B. The greater part of the game killed refers to magpies.		

Game killed by each individual hawk.

Sept.24th. Old "Coastguard", one of last years hawks, exceedingly well moulted by Salvin, killed a magpie.

29th."Couladine" had one very long hard flight and just got beat; "Coastguard" and "Prince Charlie" flying, and very well - shortly after "The Major" and the "Duke" killed a magpie among them, all going, and doing their best.

Oct.2nd. Did absolutely nothing but lose "Coastguard".

3rd. Recovered him but could do no good whatever for the weather. "Lowlander" died suddenly, he had been very ill coming over.

6th. Advertised at Oulait; but stopped by weather.

We did not go out many other days, being stopped by weather and by otter hunting. I left Ireland on the 10th, and the hawks had one or two fairish days afterwards.

"Coastguard" was lost again at Davidstown for a day or two, he was pinched by the boy who caught him so that he died.

"Rocket" had been ailing for some time died of a diseased liver, in which was found a worm a foot long.

March 1875.	26th.	27th.	29th.	30th.	31st.	1st.	6th.	7th.	8th.
"Empress"	1	1		1	2			1.1p	
"Pearl"			1		2			1	1
"Turquoise"	destroyed.								
"Onyx"									
"Rowena"					1	1	1	1	
"Atalanta"									
"Formosa"	dead.								
"Sultana"	lost at exercise.								
"Bellona"	shot on Apr.2nd. by a bailiff.								
"Minerva"	destroyed.								
"Diana"					1	1			
"Titania"	died on Apr.4th.								
"The Major"									
"Van Tromp"									
"Vanderdecker"									
"Medusa"									

April 1875.	12th.	13th.	14th.	16th.	17th.	19th.	20th.	21st.	23rd.
"Empress"		2		1	2				
"Pearl"	3		2	1	1	1	1	1	1
"Rowena"			1	1		1			1
"Diana"									
"The Major"									
"Van Tromp"						1wp			

May 1875.	24th.	25th.	26th.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	Total.
"Empress"			1	1		1	1	1	17.
"Pearl"				3			1	2	22.
"Rowena"					1		1	1	11.
"Diana"	1+	1+					4.		
"The Major"					1*			1.	
"Van Tromp"								1.	
Total:									56.

Tuesday 30th. [March]. "Empress" a good ringing flight and put in; killed clever in the afternoon. "Pearl" a long towelling over Sidbury Hill - came back well. "Rowena", a good hard flight, and put in. Again bad luck for her. "Atalanta" flew badly.

Wed. 31st. No wind at all to speak of. A brilliant day in the "Happy Valley" at Netheravon. "Pearl" flew a fine flight and killed at her third stoop. Late in evening she flew a magnificent high ringing flight and killed. "Empress" flew a long flight with many stoops and killed in a wonderful clever way. "Rowena" killed in fine style. "Formosa" flew a long flight and put in. "Diana" was flown with "Onyx", and crabbed her, but afterwards got away and killed a long way off. Gave us some trouble to take up, but was cleverly snared.

Thursday April 1st. "Empress" soared away almost three miles down wind: Then came back. "Pearl" flew a good flight in afternoon, but made a foolish ring. "Rowena" killed in good style and "Diana" flew a magnificent ringing flight, but failed to kill. She came back to the pigeon but refused to be caught. "Formosa" flew foolish and badly.

Friday April 2nd. Did not fly hawks as J. Frost went to Major Poor's to look for "Bellona", who was shot the day before by a bailiff. She was seen to kill three rooks there. "Diana" still at large, killed a rook between Beaches Farm and Everleigh.

Saturday April 3rd. "Diana" caught a rook close when lost and a snare was set on it at 6.30a.m. She was caught at 3.30p.m. "Empress" flew a long flight, put into two large folds and then into rookery at Mr. King's Farm. Strong wind from W.

Monday April 5th. Too windy to fly any hawks.

Tuesday April 6th. First Advertised Meet at Netheravon. Fair congregation. Very strong wind from W. with heavy showers. "Pearl" flew a fine flight in morning in the valley, but failed to kill owing to the wind and a large fold. Would not fly in afternoon. "Empress" refused to fly twice. "Rowena" flew a fine flight near the rookery at Stag's gorse and killed high in the air her third stoop.

Wednesday April 7th. Very nice day for sport. "Empress" flew twice badly, second time caught a bird [Brown?]- third time put a rook into a stack, and killed it in her old style. "Pearl" put into cover

and killed cleverly. "Rowena" killed very well. "Formosa" flew slowly and badly. Flew "Turquoise" and "Onyx" together twice, "Turquoise" would not look at rooks, "Onyx" kind of shuffled after them!

Thursday April 8th. Met at Sidbury Hill. Hot sun and Cold N.E. Wind. "Pearl" soared a long way and killed at Tedworth. Did not find her till she had almost eaten her rook. A. Frost and I got a string round her legs, as she was very shy. "Empress" flew a long rat hunt in a small covert near Beaches's Barn, got tire and soared some way, but came down to a pigeon. Very wet afternoon. Did not fly anything else.

April 9th.& 10th. Very windy and wet.

April 12th. Met at Enford. Stiff breeze from N.E. Lord Craven and Hon. G. Craven and Lord Grey de Wilton came over from Ashdown. "Pearl" flew well and killed her first stoop. Flew her again in evening. She raked away and killed at Netheravon rookery, was frightened off her rook, went and sat in tree, and then killed again at rookery. "Empress" got well above her rooks, then left them for some tame pigeons. Second time flew a fine ringing flight, got very high, and made a magnificent stoop but pulled most of the rook's tail off, and did not get another stoop as they were too near a large young cover. "Rowena" flew well, a pretty flight with several good stoops, but lost in a cover. Second time made one good stoop, but wind was too strong for her and she would not try again. "Formosa" got well above her rooks in good form, put them into a fold and there was frightened by a dog. She soared and sat on the down about two miles down wind. Came to a pigeon all right.

Tuesday April 13th. On Collingbourne Side. "Empress" killed quickly. Second time she soared and killed a rook near Netheravon. Was picked up by a man and kept in a hamper all night, and brought to us in morning. "Rowena" made several good stoops, then took off after a "bird" [Brown], and so lost her rook.

Wednesday April 14th. At Beache's Barn. Hot sun. No wind to speak of. "Pearl" soared very high and killed close by the barn. In evening flew a very good flight between Beache's Barn and Enford and killed fifth stoop. "Rowena" killed quickly and well as usual. "Onyx" and "Turquoise" together would not look at rooks. "Formosa" did not see her rook. "Atalanta" tried hard to get above a good rook, but could not get a stoop. Did not take out "Empress" as she had got half a crop in morning.

Thursday April 15th. On Collingbourne side. Hot sun. No wind. "Pearl" put into a large fold at Hougoumont Farm on the way to Lugershall. "Empress" did the same, made one very good stoop on the way. "Atlanta" got well above her rook but gave up. "Formosa" flew a very long tiring rat hunt in some bushes, then the rook got away to a fold. She flew keenly and well.

Friday April 16th. Nice day. At Netheravon. "Rowena" killed well her second stoop. In afternoon she put well into a stack and engine[threshing machine] and then flew foolishly trying to grab her rook and so lost it. "Empress" put well into the rookery near Stagg's gorse, and then after a long hustle killed a rook out of the rookery. "Formosa" flew slow and stiff. "Atalanta" never got above her rooks. She soon gave up. Did not half try. "Pearl" put into rookery in morning; in afternoon flew a nice flight and killed in a fold. C. Duncombe came back.

Saturday April 17th. On French's Farm. Fine day. "Pearl" took off to rooks at Beaches Barn. Second time she flew a very fine ringing flight and killed. "Empress" killed first stoop. Second time flew a fine flight, put into a roller several times and killed. "Rowena" put a rook well into a fold, and then into a lot of gorse bushes. After that she tried to grab her rook and so lost it. "Atalanta" and "Formosa" got well above their rooks, but gave up after their first stoops.

Monday April 19th. At Sidbury Hill. Light breeze from S.E. In morning "Van Tromp" being flown to the lure went away over Everleigh House and killed a wood pigeon. He was a great trouble to take up, and had to be snared. "Pearl" flew a fine flight in the morning and killed clever in corn. "Empress" flew a fair flight and lost at Beache's Barn Rookery. She soared a little. Second time neither "Empress" or "Pearl" saw their rooks. "Pearl" raked away, stooping at rooks at several folds at Beache's Barn; finally came down to C. Duncombe's pigeon. "Formosa" got well above her rook but gave up after first stoop. "Rowena" FLEW THE FLIGHT OF THE SEASON. Was hooded off in valley at the bottom of Frenche's Farm and after a very fine flight, stooping magnificently all the time, killed close to the school at Everleigh. Mrs. Poore came to see the hawks.

Tuesday April 20th. "Empress" and "Pearl" flew badly, "Pearl" killing in rookery at Everleigh Crown. "Alalanta" never saw her rook. Breeze from S.E. Went out on Collingbourne side. "Empress" laid up with the croaks.

Wednesday April 21st. Wind from S.E. Very wet afternoon. Wind chopped round to N.E. At Elbarrow. "Rowena" put into some trees round a cottage and lost. Second time, after a long hustle in a fold, the rook went off to the rookery. She scratched him, and flew him well but failed to kill. "Empress" put into rookery, but after short hustle she sat on a tree and croaked "horrid". "Pearl" put into the same rookery, and after a hustle, she caught a rook that was coming in from the country.

Thursday April 22nd. Wet day.

Friday April 23rd. At Enford. Very dull afternoon. "Rowena" would not fly at first but soared a little. Second time put into a fold, where she sat down - got up again and after some fine ringing killed in good form on a stack. "Pearl" was flown at three curlews, which she did not see, took off after some rooks which she put into a cover, and after hustling a magpie in it, sat on the ground. Second time she killed a rook in a fold cleverly. "Empress" was fetched up to fly at the magpies; she did not much of a hand at them. "Formosa" sat on the ground and croaked. "Diana" was flown late, and was lost sight of behind a hedge. Whether she killed or not is not at present known 10.30.p.m.

On Saturday she killed a rook near Netheravon, and being driven off, killed a pigeon. On Sunday she was snared by Frost.

Week of April 26th. Nobody at Everleigh. Frost flew "Empress" several times. She killed once.

Tuesday May 4th. At Sidbury Hill. Hot day. "Pearl" raked off and killed somewhere on the left of Sidbury Hill; was disturbed and killed again near Lugershall. Was out all night and killed another rook in the morning in a fold. A shepherd secured her and tied her to a hurdle with her rook. "Empress" killed after hustling her rook in a lane with wattle fencing on each side. "Rowena" flew well, put into a fold, and making a long ring allowed her rook to escape to Everleigh Woods.

Wednesday 5th. At Sidbury Hill. Breeze from S.W. "Rowena" twisted up a rook quickly. "Major" caught a magpie after a long hustle. All the other hawks flew badly. "Pearl" was left at home.

Thursday 6th. Netheravon Down. Strong wind from S.W. No rooks. No sport. "Empress" killed at Stagg's gorse Rookery. "Rowena" caught a rook at same place and brought it through the trees and nearly to the ground but it got away. Drove a magpie a long way, but did not get a flight at it.

Friday 7th. Met at Easton to meet Lady Ailesbury and party who did not arrive. Very windy and stormy. "Pearl" and "Empress" and "Rowena" each killed in fine style. "Empress" flying a fine ringing flight. Only had three flights.

Saturday 8th. Very High Wind and Stormy. Heavy showers. Went out in afternoon on Frenche's fields. "Pearl" put a rook into a gorse covert with a few trees in it, sat down; and then followed a rook out and put it into a gorse bush, and J. Frost promptly secured it. "Empress" was slipped at a rook, but took off after a curlew, which she caught well. "Rowena" twisted up a rook in fine style, as also did "Pearl" second flight. "Empress" was slipped at some rooks, left them and was seen to stoop at something on the left of Everleigh Mill, but has not been seen or heard of up to this time (May 9th. noon.)

Monday May 10th. All the members left Everleigh. Up to 12 o'clock (noon) nothing heard of poor "Empress". I have left Frost at Everleigh to continue the search.

"Pearl" flew in fine form throughout the whole season.

"Empress" at times flew queer, but when she chose to exert herself, her flying was grand. She had a bad attack of croaks, caught I think when we lost her for a night, and she slept in a hamper.

"Rowena" is a very fine tall hawk, and when once in form she never lost it, and I think that if she moults well, will be invaluable to us next season.

"Diana" has been unlucky, having been regularly lost twice. But she flies in a form that few hawks can surpass.

"The Major" caught one magpie.

"Van Tromp" caught a wild pigeon when being flown at the lure.

"Turquoise" having had another fit, we caused to be slain, as she is perfectly useless, as is also "Onyx", and I fear "Minerva" who has had a bad wing the whole time and has not been flown.

"Formosa" and "Atalanta" greatly disappointed us: the former died but the latter may turn out a useful hawk, if taken to Ireland.

"Bellona" would have made a clinker, but was unfortunately shot.

The Barbary flew in very good form to the lure.

The weather was very bad at times, and we have had the greatest difficulty throughout the season in getting near enough to rooks, and so giving the young hawks good chances which accounts for our killing fewer head this year than usual.

“Pearl” heads the list with a total of ;	22.
“Empress” a good second	17.
“Rowena” a fair third	11.
“Diana”	4.
“Bellona”	3.
“The Major”	1.
“Van Tromp”	1.
<u>Total =</u>	<u>59.</u>

The rest nowhere.

A very small total, but the Month of March was left out of the season.

“EMPRESS” (a biography)

The spare leaves of this volume cannot be better employed than in recording briefly the history of “Empress” - one of the best hawks, and perhaps the most useful the O.H.C. have ever possessed. She was a rather long and light red hawk of 1872 and as a young hawk had a peculiar light slaty bloom on her feathers, not very often observed. She had a particularly handsome ragacious looking head, and was remarkably graceful and swift-like on the wing. On being first flown she showed a great fondness for rooks, but was cunning and inclined to soar and seek for her own opportunity, but this habit soon wearing off, she became one of the most persevering, honest and successful rook hawks ever trained. Her first year, 1873 (one for ever remarkable for the extraordinary team of hawks it produced) she killed 47 rooks in Wilts; and going on to Ireland in the autumn she was flown in a most wooded and enclosed country with the most remarkable success, rarely putting in without a kill. It was perhaps here that “Empress” learned that extraordinary cunning, and power of footing which never allowed a rook to escape her, when once well under her. It was in 1874 in Wilts that she was at her best, being flown three or even four times daily, killing the number of 65 rooks. Many of these flights were from tremendous slips and very high ringing ones, but never did she decline to persevere, or if beaten fail to come back from any distance, whether she could see her lure or not, to look for her master. In 1875, though at times the old dash and power displayed itself, she was hardly herself, though in a very bad season of about 50 rooks, 24 were placed to her credit - and on May the *th., after a long flight down to a certain rookery - she was never seen again. It seems incredible that so sensible and well-trained an old hawk should be so completely lost - but so it was. Rook (?)

shooting WAS going on, but the O.H.C. knew nothing but the fact that they lost a most faithful servant. It is remarkable that during the whole of her career during which she killed over 150 rooks, “Empress” was never lost for an hour but for the last occasion. God send us more like her!

1876. Old Hawking Club.

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Falconer. John Frost
Assistant. Alfred Frost

March 1st. 1876.

List of Hawks belonging to the O.H.C.

Falcons:

"Pearl"	sold	3 yrs. old.
"Rowena"	sold	2 yrs. old.
"Regalia"	sold	Red hawk of 1875.
"Bois-le-Duc"	do	do do
"Spinaway"	do	do do
"Pale face"	lost	do do do
"Esmeralda"	lost	do do do
"Bandersnatch"	do	do do do
"Chloe"	disabled-dead	do do do

Tiercels:

"The Flying Dutchman"	died of blain	Red tiercel of 1875
"Naaman"	do	do do
	do	do do
	do	do do
"Boadicea"	sold	Haggard falcon.
"Castaway"	sold	do do

"Medusa" female goshawk 3 yrs. old.

Commenced hawking Feb.29th. at Amesbury, The George Inn (Landlord Mr. Wheeler) - was out late and "Bois-le-duc" put into Stonehenge well. "Spinaway" refused to fly - it was very windy.

March 1st. A very bad morning, but improved later on. "Pearl" behaved like a fresh caught haggard and everything else declined to fly. I was out though from 11.30 till 5.30 and got three chances - two of which were bad ones. Two of the tiercels were taken with the blain - and very badly; it is the first bad case we have had of it. It is a very serious complaint. "Chloe" also, one of the falcons has a terrible swelling on her leg, which seems almost incurable; so we have not had great luck this year.

March 2nd. A very nice day. "Bois-le-duc", the great crack, with a tremendous reputation from the north, again would not fly; but "Regalia" a tremendous great fine falcon flew a really fine ringing flight, after putting her rook in, really fetching him down from a tremendous height. Unluckily she

was too blown to kill him. “Esmeralda” then flew a long but great flight and killed her rook in style just close to Stagg’s rookery. N.B. This is the first time I have known a young falcon kill a rook the first time of asking, except “Empress”, who nobbled one in a sheep-fold her first flight in 1873.

March 3rd. Too windy for anything, but in training the big white falcon, “Pale face”, she misbehaved, and went right away and was lost.

March 4th. Also terribly windy. “Regalia” got very well up over some rooks, but could not stoop. “Esmeralda” flew a rattling flight down wind but missed. Went on to rookery, and tried hard for a long time to get hold - she did at last, but got separated in a fence, and we took her down. “Rowena” flew, but not well.

March 6th. & 7th. Too awfully bad to even go out. Did not fly.

March 8th. do do. March 2nd. to 9th. weather utterly unfit for hawking.

March 9th. Still very bad weather, snowing at intervals. We did go out and flew “Pearl” who tried but could do nothing. “Spinaway” and “Regalia” both missed badly at bagmen and let them go, and “Bois-le-duc” killed a bad rook easily.

March 10th. Very windy. Went out towards the Druid’s Head. Flew “Esmeralda”, who put her rook in after a pretty but hurried flight down wind - checked at another and killed him well. “Bois-le-duc” flew a pretty flight to cover. So did “Pearl”. “Rowena” and “Regalia” behaved badly.

March 11th. Met close to Wilbury having stayed there the night before. Still dreadfully windy. “Esmeralda” flew a capital flight down wind and put into a fold. “Pearl” would not fly in the morning but afterwards flew a rattling good flight, the rook only saving himself in a small fence. “Bois-le-duc” and “Regalia” behaved very badly, but “Rowena” and “Spinaway” killed a bad (wild) rook well between them.

March 13th. A rather nice day. “Esmeralda”, flew and killed a rook well in the morning - and all the rest of the day everything behaved too badly. Nearly all the hawks have been so disappointed and beaten in the rough weather that they are all spoilt. Went up to look at the old Bustard which was in a rather dilapidated condition.

March 14th. A bad morning. Out in the afternoon, but still windy. “Esmeralda” put a lot of rooks in and killed one in the middle of cover. “Pearl” then flew a rattling good flight and put into a fold, it was a great pity to disappoint the old hawk again. The wind got up and could not do much more, except that “Bois-le-duc” flew a rattling good bagman exceedingly well and killed. Really capital flight.

List of Game killed by each Individual Hawk.

March 1876.	2nd.	9th.	10th.	11th.	13th.	14th.	16th.	17th.	18th.
“Esmeralda”	1		1		1	1	1	1	2
“Bois-le-duc”		1						1	1
“Rowena”									1+
“Pearl”									
“Bandersnatch”									
“Spinaway”									
“Regalia”									

March 1876.	20th.	22nd.	23rd.	24th.	25th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	31st.
"Esmeralda"						1		1	
"Bois-le-duc"	1	1	2	3	2	1	2	2	1
"Rowena"							1	2	1
"Pearl"	1								
"Bandersnatch"				1			1	1	
"Spinaway"									
"Regalia"									

April 1876.	1st.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.
"Esmeralda"	1	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1
"Bois-le-duc"	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	1	2
"Rowena"		1	1.1+		1+		1			1+	
"Pearl"					1						
"Bandersnatch"		1		1			1		1		
"Spinaway"			1+		1						
"Regalia"						1					

April 1876.	15th.	17th.	18th.	19th.	21st.	20th.	22nd.	24th.	25th.
"Esmeralda"	1	1	1	1c1	1	2	1		
"Bois-le-duc"	2	3	2	2.1c	2	3	2	2	1
"Rowena"		1		1+				1+	
"Pearl"			1						
"Bandersnatch"		1	1	1+	1.1+	1		1.1+	
"Spinaway"							1+		
"Regalia"									

April 1876.	26th.	27th.	28th.	29th.	May 1st	Total.
"Esmeralda"		2	5	2	1	43.
"Bois-le-duc"	1					60.
"Rowena"						14.
"Pearl"						3.
"Bandersnatch"		1	1+1		1+1	20.
"Spinaway"						3.
"Regalia"						1.
Grand total:						144.

+ = assisted by another hawk. c = crow

March 15th. Too windy for anything.

March 16th. Also terribly windy. "Esmeralda" flew a capital flight and put in, later on killed at the first stoop handsomely. "Pearl" would not fly. "Bois-le-duc" went up after rooks finely - as well as possible - made one or two half stoops - and shut up! with her rooks utterly collared, in fact sailing about beneath her. I have never seen a hawk do this before. "Regalia", who was completely upset by her gruelling on the 2nd. has been in physic and apparently recovered. She took a bagman well.

March 17th. Very windy: almost too bad to fly. Met at the Druid's Head to accommodate Sir. G. and Lady Click [?] who came from town to see a flight. "Esmeralda" flew first and flew well, a long flight down wind. Later she flew a capital flight and killed well. "Bois-le-duc" then flew a ripping flight, put into gorse and killed - a good flight. No more could be done for the weather.

March 18th. A fairish day, snow showers, very cold but no wind thank heaven! "Esmeralda" flew a neat flight into the rookery, and there grabbed one. "Regalia" who was lazy, flew slack and soared a little. "Bois-le-duc" flew a rattler to cover, rat hunted like a terrier, put him out, made a magnificent ring over him, put him in and killed him; a grand flight. "Pearl" then flew a capital flight and put in, hunted him well, but did not collar him - hard luck for the old hawk. After much trouble got a flight for "Esmeralda" at the same place as in the morning, and flew the same flight exactly, killing in the rookery on the top of a tree - of course her jesses got fast, she got frightened, let her half dead rook go, and for a short time was in real jeopardy; but luckily her jesses broke loose and she came in all right. My last day - and the hawks just in form!!

March 20th. Stonehenge way. "Rowena" gave up after second stoop. "Esmeralda" put into a farm house after a fair flight. "Bois-le-duc" flew a clinker and killed after a long flight. "Pearl" soared and kept stooping at rooks under her, but did not persevere - finally caught, but I went up to her too soon and the rook got away; also her, was some trouble to catch. Flew "Esmeralda" again but her attention was taken off at a plover, and she never got above her rooks, and did not persevere.

March 21st. Snowed all day.

March 22nd. Got out in afternoon. "Bois-le-duc" put into a fold and then disappeared and was found about two and a half miles down wind on a rook - had probably kept following rooks down wind - Very windy day. "Esmeralda" put into a hedge - did not fly at all in her proper form. "Pearl" would not fly a bit.

March 23rd. Stonehenge and Shrewton way. "Bois-le-duc" put into a small cover and caught her rook on the ground. Later on flew a very pretty ringing flight and killed handsomely. "Regalia" flew fairly but her rook got above her, and she gave up. Later on gave her a bagged rook. "Bandersnatch" stuck to her rook well and put into a covert. Will make a good hawk I think. Does not stoop well at present. "Pearl" behaved like a beast. "Rowena" stooped twice and gave up. "Esmeralda" flying well put a rook into some farm premises however.

March 24th. Beacon Hill way. "Bois-le-duc" flew a good flight and put into the rookery and caught a rook coming in. Killed her second rook with ridiculous ease. Flew her a third time - she put into a young gorse covert and killed after a good hunt. "Bandersnatch" killed her first rook close to covert. Rather slow. "Regalia" put into a covert of high trees. Flew her again and she put into the same covert. "Rowena" stooped two or three times and put into gorse covert, but did not persevere. Gave her a bagged rook. "Pearl" flew as usual. "Esmeralda" did not seem to be able to get up after her first stoop.

March 25th. Went to Valley between Wilsford and the Druid's Head. "Bois-le-duc" killed her first stoop. Second time flew a very good flight, and killed close to a farm house. "Bandersnatch" was very slow in getting up to her rooks, got two stoops at one, and put it into some stacks close to a fold. Came back very well. "Regalia" and "Rowena" flew very badly.

March 27th. Too misty to go out. Gave "Regalia" and "Bandersnatch" bagged Rooks.

March 28th. Wilbury side. "Bois-le-duc" killed her first stoop. "Esmeralda" hit her rook hard first time, and after a fairly long flight killed. "Rowena" put into a hedge: flew better than usual. "Regalia" got well above her rooks, and put them into a hedge - gave up. However after a long rat hunt had luck for her.

March 29th. Stonehenge and Shrewton way. "Bandersnatch" flew a rattling fine flight, and killed high in the air in fine form about one and a half miles from where she was slipped. "Regalia" would not look at her rooks, nor at a bagged one in afternoon. Later on gave a rook at the foot. Gave "Pearl" one also. "Bois-le-duc" killed easily her first stoop. Second time got up magnificently and killed her second stoop; both stoops rippers. "Rowena" flew well and killed over a small gorse covert. "Esmeralda" put into a farm with trees round and did not persevere. A good day's sport.

March 30th. Rattling days sport in Newton Tony Valley. 6 flights, 6 kills. "Bois-le-duc" killed as usual, handsomely her second stoop. Second time killed a "great old cock" cleverly first stoop close to a large fold. "Rowena" killed a variegated rook clever. Second time flew a rattling flight and killed well after putting into a stack and sitting on the ground three times. "Bandersnatch" flew well. and killed close to a stack after a fair flight. "Esmeralda" after a long flight put into a fold full of sheep close to a double hedged road, and then ensued the longest rat hunt I ever saw; finally ran through a hedge and killed on the ground. Gave "Regalia" a bagged rook.

March 31st. Stonehenge to Shrewton. Bad day's sport. No rooks out, but seven ladies out. "Rowena" killed well her second stoop. Later on would not fly at all. "Bois-le-duc" rather played at first with a good rook and let it get too far. She did not get on terms with it till close to a big covert where she put it in. Her first miss for 17 flights. Later she killed a bad rook easily. "Regalia" would not fly a yard as usual, gave her a rook in a string afterwards. "Esmeralda" saw two pigeons instead of two rooks, and so did nothing. "Bandersnatch" flew well up to her rooks, got up to them fast and put them into an enormous fold a long way from where she was flown. She stooped well at them in the fold, but could not catch hold. Came back well.

April 1st. Between Wilsford and Druid's Head. "Bandersnatch" flew a good flight and put into a clump of high trees. Later on flew well again and put into some farm premises, but refused to rat hunt. Gave her a bagged rook afterwards. "Esmeralda" flew well, nearly caught her rook in the open - put into some premises; long rat hunt there, but her rook got away. Later on killed in style her second stoop. "Regalia" would not look at a bagged rook so gave her one at the foot. Also gave "Pearl" and "Spinaway" ditto. "Rowena" flew very well and put into a large fold, but gave up. "Bois-le-duc" put into some premises and killed quickly. Later on flew a MAGNIFICENT ringing flight - rooks being high up when she was slipped. She went up SPLENDIDLY, fetched her rook, a very good one, went up again in one ring to any height and killed HANDSOMELY, her 20th rook.

April 3rd. Netheravon and Enford. "Esmeralda" killed a very bad rook. Later on got above her rook, but raked a long way down wind and killed a rook close to Netheravon village. Saw her stooping but not the kill. "Bois-le-duc" put into some low gorse bushes and killed. Second time put a rook into some cottage premises before she got a stoop. Third time flew very well and killed in an empty fold. Flew "Rowena" and "Spinaway" together. "Rowena" flew very well and killed handsomely. "Spinaway" sat on the ground but on being disturbed saw "Rowena" kill and came up to take her share. Fed them both on the rook. Gave "Regalia" and "Bandersnatch" bagman. Gave "Pearl" a bagman with a string on which gave us a very fine ringing flight. She caught hold several times, but was I think nervous of the string. Sat on the ground facing her rook about 1 yard off but would not take hold. The rook eventually got away.

April 4th. In Bulford Field. Flew "Rowena" and "Spinaway" together. "Rowena" flew a very good flight and killed high in the air. When on the ground the rook caught her round the throat and she let go. "Spinaway" did nothing. Later on flew the two together again. "Rowena" got well above her rooks, "Spinaway" following. "Rowena" made a good stoop - "Spinaway" followed and then "Rowena" killed with another good one. They were very friendly on the ground together. "Bois-le-duc" flew two good flights and killed each time, the second after a very long rat hunt in a fold.

“Esmeralda” flew handsomely and killed. “Bandersnatch” got well above her rooks, kept well above them and caught her first stoop high in the air in fine form. Gave “Pearl” and “Regalia” bagged rooks.

April 5th. Stonehenge and Druid’s Head. No rooks about, only got three flights. “Bois-le-duc” killed easily. “Esmeralda” put into some trees and killed. “Rowena” and “Spinaway” flew well together, and keenly, stooping alternatively. “Rowena” caught one but on our coming up let go and allowed “Spinaway” to go in and kill on by herself. Gave “Pearl” and “Regalia” bagman.

April 6th. In a good valley between Amesbury and Durnford. 6 flights - 6 kills. “Esmeralda” killed twice very well. Second time after putting in to some farm premises. “Bois-le-duc” killed twice in her own form. “Bandersnatch” flew very well - threw herself up and caught her rook first stoop. “Spinaway” and “Rowena” flew keenly together; “Spinaway” stooped first and hit hard. “Rowena” then got in and killed her second stoop. “Pearl” and “Regalia” took bagman well. Good day’s sport.

April 7th. Met at the Bustard. Hot sun and little wind. “Bandersnatch” got one stoop then she and the rook went ringing almost out of sight - She never got above it, and came down well to A. Frost’s pigeon. Flew “Bandersnatch” again later on and she gave up directly. “Esmeralda” killed quickly. Would not fly second time. Third time flew her rooks very well put into a rookery and killed there. Directly afterwards a rook (mobbed by the others) left the rookery with an injured wing; she had probably hit it hard, and damaged it her first stoop into the rookery. We flew “Regalia” at it and she killed it easily. “Bois-le-duc” killed twice well. Second time left a rook which had got under her, and went a tremendous pace at some rooks which had got from under her down wind and killed well close to a stack. “Rowena” and “Spinaway” were flown together. “rowena” tried hard for some time but finally gave up. “Spinaway” doing nothing. “Pearl” flew a good flight, put well into a rookery and the rooks being hustled out killed well.

April 8th. Beacon Hill and Bulford. Flew “Rowena” and “Spinaway” together. “Spinaway” put into some trees and then went off after some rooks down wind, and killed handsomely. “Rowena” did not fly. Second time “Rowena” put into and hustled about a fold and then took off after a curlew. Third time she killed in a large Rookery. “Bandersnatch” flew two good flights, but unfortunately got beaten each time by good rooks; second time she caught a fine scarecrow. “Bois-le-duc” flew very well twice killing each time handsomely. “Esmeralda” flew a long rat hunt in a double hedge - went twice into the hedge and finally caught in a very thick part. When taken out we found one of her eyes had been pierced by a thorn and I greatly fear she will loose the sight of it. She felt well however - and we bathed it in warm milk and water when we got home. Killed 31 rooks this week. The tiercel found dead in morning: Apoplexy.

April 10th. Too wet and windy to get out. C. Duncombe and Major Brooksbank came down.

April 11th. Blowing a hurricane with snow storms. Went out in afternoon towards Gt. Durnford. “Bois-le-duc” flew grand in the wind and killed twice. “Esmeralda” would not try first time, too much wind. Second time killed handsomely. “Rowena” flew a fair flight and put into some farm premises and trees. “Bandersnatch” flew well and hustled about a large fold, but did not catch hold. Gave “Regalia” a bagged rook.

April 12th. Very windy and heavy snow storms. Lord Forester and Mr. Spofforth came down from London, also Capt. ... out. “Bois-le-duc” killed three rooks with ridiculous ease. “Esmeralda” killed easily. Second time had a tremendous rat hunt round some premises and at last, totally exhausted she gave up; had hold of the rook three times. “Rowena” got above her rooks and got several stoops - but she is a bad footer - and she put into a covert. “Bandersnatch” flew well and killed.

“Spinaway” was flown at a curlew; which funked and sat down at first, and she might have caught hold, only we wanted a flight, and when the curlew got above her she gave up.

April 13th. Hurricane and snow storms. Towards Shrewton. The Wyndhams came up. “Bois-le-duc” flew magnificently, put into a fold and killed. “Esmeralda” raked off just as a heavy snowstorm came on. After some time she was found by C. Duncombe on a rook at Lake Rookery.

April 14th. Went out late in afternoon towards Newton Tony. Very windy. “Bois-le-duc” as usual killed twice handsomely. “Esmeralda” flew well and killed in a straw stack. “Rowena” and “Spinaway” flew together. “Rowena” flying hard and killing well. “Spinaway” did not join in till late, and did not get a stoop. “Pearl” would not look at her rooks. “Bandersnatch” unfortunately went at some BIRDS which got up close under her, but she came to the dead lure after a short flight. Second time flew in very fine form and killed first stoop. Gave “Regalia” a bagman. She would not look at it at first and let it get high above her, then flew hard, a good flight, and killed.

April 15th. Enford Down. Not much sport. “Bois-le-duc” as usual two kills. “Esmeralda” put her first rook into some large premises, and did not persevere. Killed her second rook well. “Bandersnatch” unfortunately missed twice owing to not rat hunting: first rook at a fold, second rook at a rookery. Fine day.

April 17th. Easter Monday. 6 carriages - 16 horsemen - At Druid’s Head. Lovely day. Good day’s sport. “Bois-le-duc” killed three times magnificently; first time a fine flight. “Esmeralda” put her first rook into a fold and gave up. Second rook she put into a small fold and then into a covert, gave up for a short time and then returned and killed. “Rowena” and “Bandersnatch” flew very well (not together) and both killed their rooks. “Regalia” would not look at her rooks, twice. “Spinaway” stooped well twice and then gave up.

April 18th. Wet day. “Bois-le-duc” flew a good flight in the morning, (near Gt. Durnford) and killed after six or seven stoops. Was a little difficult to take up as she carried some way. Second time killed in a fold after a little hunting. “Esmeralda” would not fly at first, but saw some rooks some way off and killed easily. “Bandersnatch” killed a bad rook easily. Total 99. Then we tried hard for our 100th rook. “Rowena” flew hard and well to an empty fold with shed and stack near it, hustled well, but unfortunately saw a rook’s wing on the ground which she “caught”. Flew “Spinaway” in the same place - She hustled for a long time, till the rook put into the shed, and she sat on the top. The rook went away first and she did not try further. Flew “Pearl” as a last recourse near the same place; she flew well and put into the same fold, stuck to it well, and the Old girl finally killed, the 100th. rook of the season after a good rat hunt.

April 19th. Met at Milston. Grand day’s sport. “Bois-le-duc” killed well first flight; magnificently second flight. “Esmeralda” killed well first flight, second flight flew well and put into bushes round the Bulford river, rat hunted magnificently the whole way up the river, and finally went at a carrion crow, which she killed finely. The best flight of the season over two miles and very fast. The female crow got into a clump of trees. We got “Bois-le-duc” after hustling the crow out, unhooded the “duc”; she flew very well and after a put into some bushes, killed in fine form. “Bandersnatch” gave up after third stoop at a rook. Later on caught a curlew well after putting into a stack and the river several times. “Regalia” would not fly at a curlew at all, but “Rowena” caught one in a covert after putting it in on the ground. “Spinaway” killed a bagged rook well.
Total of day’s sport - 3 rooks - 2 crows - 2 curlews.

Friday April 21st. Met at Great Durnford: Mrs. ... and family and Capt. Reilly joined the meet. Our party from “The George” consisted of Messrs. Salvin, Fenwick, and the brothers Harting. All the

members having gone away for a day or two I took command being the only member left. The day was fine, indeed at first we had for some time without wind and rain. Had a fair day's sport. "Esmeralda" killed one rook, "Bois-le-duc" two, and "Bandersnatch" one rook and a Curlew. The rook flights were easy. The Curlew gave a pretty flight after a long slip. A second Curlew gave a good flight but escaped by putting in. Old Barebones ran away with Frost, the Falconer and took some hurdles without leave, after which performance he came to anchor all servine. Fenwick, who is clearly a right good sportsman left by night train.

Total 4 Rooks, 1 Curlew. F.H. Salvin.

Thursday April 20th. Igminton [Idmiston] way. Very wet and high wind. The Phippstons out. "Bois-le-duc" killed three rooks in rare form; the first after a long flight high in the air. "Esmeralda" killed two rooks., the second after a good rat hunt. "Bandersnatch" flew a fine high flight and killed third stoop.

Saturday April 22nd. "Bois-le-duc" killed twice well - second time after a rat hunt. "Esmeralda" flew a very high flight going after some rooks she saw high in the air some way off. Made magnificent stoops, put into some premises and killed in a straw stack. "Rowena" and "Spinaway" flew together well. "Rowena" got first stoop and then "Spinaway" came in and killed clever. "Bandersnatch" flew very well at her rook high in the air, but left go after touching the ground and the rook got away into some trees - hard luck to it. "Pearl" would not fly (a long slip). Gave "Regalia" a chance at Stagg's Rookery to see if she would look at a wild rook - she did not.

Monday April 24th. Towards Druid's Head. Mr. Knox came to stay with us, and Major Fisher. "Rowena" and "Spinaway" flew together and "Rowena" caught it. She left when the young hawk came in and fooled about for nearly three quarters of an hour. "Bois-le-duc" killed two rooks, the second after a very fine though short flight. "Bandersnatch" caught a rook in a covert. "Esmeralda" flew well to a large rough covert, where she put in and would not catch hold. Wet evening.

Tuesday April 25th. Shrewton Cross Roads. A fine day with rather a wind. A rare day's sport but unfortunately only one kill. Flew "Bois-le-duc" first. She took after a jackdaw put it well into an empty fold and got several stoops at it there. It then got away into a small young covert where we had the longest rat hunt we had ever seen. She caught hold of the jackdaw once, but it got away on reaching the ground, minus tail feathers. The hawk tried hard, but finally gave up. Time about 15 minutes. Flew "Esmeralda" next, but some partridges crossed under her, and she took off after them and put them into a hedge. Second time she put a rook well into a hedgerow with high trees, when after a long rat hunt she again had her attention taken off by some birds. "Bandersnatch" went well above her rook, but did not try as there was a hedge underneath. Flew her at a curlew; they both got up to a great height and gave us a very fine flight; she stuck close to her curlew a long way, but tried to grab rather than stoop. "Bois-le-duc" then killed a rook, after a rat hunt in a fold. Mr. Knox and Major Fisher out.

Wednesday April 26th. "Bois-le-duc" soared and killed a pigeon in a ditch close to Normanton Farm. We did not find her till she had a three quarter crop. She then went to Great Durnford, came down to a pigeon there, but would not be caught. She was caught there however at 8.30 on Thursday morning. Mr. Pinckney kindly giving a bed to Frost.

Thursday April 27th. The Bustard. "Esmeralda" killed twice, first time in a rookery, second time after a rat hunt in a fold. "Spinaway" and "Rowena" flew together, "Spinaway" getting two stoops and putting well into a hedge when she sat down not knowing what to do. "Rowena" then followed the rook into a rookery where she made an ass of herself, not stooping at the rooks, and finally caught a dead one in a field. "Bandersnatch" flew a very pretty flight and killed.

Friday April 28th. Great Durnford way. "Esmeralda" got her rooks well under her, made two stoops, then raked off a long way down wind and put a lot of rooks into some trees. When we came up and hustled the rooks, she knocked one down on the ground, which was picked up alive, stooped again and knocked a second rook down dead at my feet; stooped again and killed a third rook which she stuck too - **THREE ROOKS IN ONE FLIGHT**. A second time caught very cleverly over a gorse covert, after putting into a hedge. Third time caught after a rat hunt in a fold. "Bandersnatch" would not fly first time ; not keen. Second time caught a curlew easily. Third time caught a rook second stoop. "Spinaway" and "Rowena" would not look at the rooks. Neither would "Spinaway" at a curlew.

Saturday April 28th. Bulford Vale. "Esmeralda" got well above her rooks and killed finely first stoop. Second time killed after a long hustle in Bulford Farm Rookery. Third time hustled in a fold and then in some high trees, stooped at a cuckoo, and then at something else (I know not what) behind a covert. "Bandersnatch" made one good stoop, and then gave up owing to her thinking the rook would put into the crowd of horsemen assembled. Second time flew her at two wild duck, which left her as if she was standing still; she put however two lots of rooks in well, but failed to kill! "Pearl" had a long hustle at the Bulford rookery but did not catch hold.

Monday May 1st. Met at Wilbury Belt. "Esmeralda" flew a very fine flight to Allington, where she put in, and we lost sight of her for almost ten minutes. Second time raked off and killed in Bulford Rookery. Third time put into a clump and sat down. "Bandersnatch" flew a pretty little flight and killed third stoop. Second time flew very well and put into some trees. Third time killed a curlew easily. Fourth time flew very wild and put into a large wood. So ended a very successful season.

Remarks: On the whole the best season on record. For almost the whole of March as will be seen by the diary, the weather was so bad that we could hardly ever get out at all. The effect of this was to completely ruin "Pearl" and "Regalia", two hawks that promised almost the best of any. "Bois-le-duc", who during most of this time would not try at rooks, owing to gross condition, turned out the best hawk by far that the Club has as yet possessed. Possessed of extra ordinary flying powers, she is also generous, temperate and docile and as tame and handy to a dead, as to a live lure. More trouble than usual was taken with the hawks this winter, the weather being rather still and favourable for the most part, and to this was owing the fact that only one hawk was lost. On the other hand, we lost three tiercels from blain! owing probably to excessive cold and frost. Note. "Bandersnatch" a hawk of no remarkable powers, was never flown till favourable weather, hence she turned out well; and did better than other hawks mostly her superiors, that were flown in the wind.

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May 20th. "Esmeralda" killed a rook cleverly among the hedges. "Spinaway" flew a pigeon well.

May 27th. As above in the morning, but was lost in the afternoon - she killed her rook in the distance, but was driven off it by a lout, and never seen again . 3.

June 23rd. Old "Medusa" the goshawk, who has been a long time getting into yarak, killed a rabbit well today - she caught another but it bucked her off in a smeuse. She, as well as all the other hawks, is very backward in her moult. 2.

June 28th. Killed 3.

June 29th. " 2.

Up to July 15th. about 13.

July 22nd. Caught 6 out of 8 flights but let one go (she has let 3 go this year)

Total:	5.
	23.
	3.
	26.

Old "Medusa's" tail being terribly broken we set to work to patch it up, and succeeded fairly - it certainly makes a very great difference to her, in turning. She does not persevere this year, after a first attempt, but is altogether very deadly. She was a great deal more trouble to get into yarak this year than ever before. Hawks certainly get wilder with age instead of the reverse.

J. Todd sent two peregrines from the usual nest at Drumlanrig - one died soon after arrival from having been kept upon hay, a part of which it swallowed, and was unable to cast. This is the second we have lost from this cause.

July 28th.	"Medusa"	rabbits.	6.
Aug. 5th.	"	"	8.
			14.

Peter Ballentine sent us two very nice tiercels and Mr. Langly a fine falcon and tiercel, all just taken up from hack.

Aug.8th. A grand high ringing flight with a female merlin, but put into a clover field.

Aug.9th. Magnificent flight with two merlins. They flew ring after ring high into the air, the male going faster, but the female made the finest rings; At a terrific height the male stooped, followed by the female; both missed and after a wide ring, the female and male came out of the sky one after the other to a cottage garden, when she killed him as he out in! A splendid flight into the very clouds. 1.

Aug.10th. Killed a young lark easily. Flew another pretty flight, put into fence and could not find him. 1.

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Aug.11th. "Spinaway" killed a rook in fine form, greatly assisted by Jackie (terrier) among the fences.	1.
Aug.12th. With two of the merlins had two pretty little flights and killed each time easily. "Medusa" flew badly but killed 2 rabbits.	2. 2.
Aug.14th. The merlins caught two skylarks, but failed utterly with a tit lark. "Spinaway" at exercise caught a partridge.	3.
Aug.15th. Merlins took 2 larks after good flights.	2.
Aug.17th. Merlins killed two larks, put one into a rabbit hole, and had an extraordinary flight after a third, all the birds going clear out of sight although a clear summer evening. They brought him in but did not catch.	2.
Aug.18th. Young Irish tiercel caught a wood pigeon at exercise.	<u>1.</u> 13.
Aug.19th. Merlins took on lark and had a high ringing flight.	1.
Aug.21st. Merlins flew two larks to cover, one just missed as it lay on the ground by the writer. One magnificent flight afterwards and put in.	
Aug.22nd. Killed one lark but not much sport.	1.
Aug.23rd. Caught two larks, and had one pretty ringing flight. C. Duncombe present.	2.
Aug.25th. Merlins killed two larks and "Spinaway" a rook.	3.
26th. Very windy. Killed a lark, and lost the male merlin, who returned home after a few hours and gladly went into the mews and helped himself to a dead pigeon lying on the table! and was there found.	1.
Aug.31st. "Spinaway" 1 rook. The merlins took a lark and a yellow hammer.	3.
Sept.1st. "Spinaway" killed 1 rook.	1.
Sept.2nd. Merlins killed 1 lark.	<u>1.</u> 13.
Sept.7th. The merlins killed a lark after a pretty little flight.	1.
Sept.8th. "Spinaway" took a landrail, easily.	1.
Sept.9th. The merlins one lark easy, and one very pretty flight lost in a hedge.	1.
Sept.15th. Merlins - one lark. A ringer beat them.	1.

Sept.16th. "Spinaway" at partridges put one in to trees but could not get hold. A dog however caught it.

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In October three nestling tiercels, "Spinaway" and "Bandersnatch" were taken to Sutherland. There were however but few grouse in the hills, one of which the Irish tiercel "Cabra" caught. Several long flights took place at Black-game, but none were killed. Many partridges were flown at, on the low ground, but there was no room and none were killed, though many were knocked into various bushes etc. The merlins were enlarged and went away.

Game killed in the Summer of 1876.

Rabbits: 41. Larks: 24. Wood pigeon: 1 Rooks: 7. Partridges: 2. Landrail: 1.
Total killed at Oakhurst: 76.

This autumn John Barr was sent by Capt. Dugmore and Lord Lilford to Norway in order to catch gyrfalcons etc. He returned with ten gyrs, fifteen goshawks and several buzzards. All the gyrs but one were females, and the tiercel died soon after arrival. Two falcons were bought by the O.H.C. One a fine bird, the other, larger, but not well shaped, soon developed signs of the asthma, or "pantas", so fatal to the Maharajah's Icelanders years ago. The catching of these hawks under Barr's management cost £110. He reported the goshawks easy to catch, but seldom found a gyr with an empty crop, though they were very tame. They were caught high in the hills, considerably north of the place where Mr. Newcome took some years ago, and they had two huts out. They differed very little indeed from the dark Icelanders, indeed hardly at all, but they were all dark birds - although certainly there were no adult birds among them.

Nine red falcons, one haggard, and three tiercels were caught and sent to the O.H.C. by Mollen. Six other falcons, as many tiercels and eight merlins were also caught. Among the young falcons were two with yellow (Bright) ceres, also one that had had two feathers struck clean out of her tail, probably by another hawk. These had been replaced by two perfect blue, or adult feathers, giving the hawk a very curious appearance. This hawk died 1/12/76 of apoplexy, and was stuffed by Shaw of Shrewsbury.

The sick Norway falcon died in Dec. and of 11 brought to England six are dead of the fatal consumption. There is therefore no longer a doubt that the Norwegian bird is as great a fraud as the Iclander. The remaining one, a fine hawk, is as much trouble to train as six peregrines, and is not (Jan 2nd.) nearly tame. Four of the falcons are now trained, the first one loose on Dec.23rd. on which day "Bois-le-duc" was taken up splendidly moulted, and in good condition.

1877.

Feb.25th. 1877. All the falcons with one exception are now thoroughly trained, and all except "Juno", the haggard, have taken a rook in the foot - well. Weather for the last three weeks very windy and bad. The Norway hawk yesterday took a live pigeon out of doors - she is a great deal of trouble to manage.

March 23rd. At Everley. Since March 20th, hawks have caught six rooks, being "Bois-le-duc" 3. "Wilbury" 2. "Beeswing" 1. Today "Bois-le-duc" killed handsomely her first stoop. "Beeswing" and "Hebe" each flew hard tiring flights to cover, and "Wilbury" killed easily.

March 24th. "Bois-le-duc" killed twice, grandly, in her best form. "Beeswing" flew very well and killed. "Wilbury" flew moderately. "Hebe" got beaten by a bagman, viz. the first one (a real good one) old "B" had caught. "Spinaway", not having moulted a feather has been sent away; so to has a tiercel with the blain.

March 26th. Heavy raining. Only got one flight with "Bois-le-duc", who killed. The hood off was about 300 yards.

March 27th. A wetter day. A real soaker. Flew in the down pour, first "Bois-le-duc", for whom we found a hood-off too far, and she put in before getting a stoop. On a second attempt she killed in magnificent form. "Wilbury" flew a tremendous ringing flight to cover, where she knocked her rook over. "Beeswing" went well up over rooks but made a bad stoop and the rook got off. "The Witch" slipped at a curlew, which sat down, went down wind and killed a rook.

1877. Old Hawking Club.

Lord Lilford
Hon. Cecil Duncombe
Hon. G.R.C. Hill
Hon. Percy Wyndham
Capt. Brooksbank
F. Newcome Esq.
Hon. G. Lascelles Hon. Sec.

Falconer: John Frost.
Assistant: Alfred Frost.

1877. Hawks belonging to the O.H.C.

Falcons:

"Bois-le-duc"	two years old.	
"Bandersnatch"	do do do	sold.
"Beeswing"	Red falcon	
"Wilbury"	do do	
"Hebe"	do do	
"Cleopatra"	do do	
"The Witch"	do do	dead.
"Penelope"	do do	sold.
"Juno"	Haggard falcon	
"Freya"	Norwegian Ger-falcon.	

Tiercels:

“Aladdin” Passage tiercel now “Plenipotentiary”
 “Snow-drop” do do sold.
 “Cabra” Nestling do

“Medusa” goshawk.

List of Game killed by each individual Hawk: Wilts 1877

March 1877.	to 23rd.	24th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	31st.
“Bois-le-duc”	4	2	1	1	1	2	1+1	2
“Beeswing”	1	1			1	1		1
“Wilbury”	3				1	1		
“The Witch”				1				
“Plenipotentiary”					1	1		

April 1877.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.
“Bois-le-duc”		1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1
“Beeswing”					1		1	1	2	1
“Wilbury”	2			1	1	1		1	1	2
“The Witch”										
“Plenipotentiary”						1				

April 1877.	13th.	14th.	18th.	19th.	20th.	21st.	23rd.	24th.	25th.
“Bois-le-duc”	2		1			1	2		1sc1
“Beeswing”	2	2		1	2	1	2	1	1
“Wilbury”	1	2	1		2	2			
“The Witch”							1+		
“Plenipotentiary”									
“Hebe”									1
“Cabra”									1+*
“Jerry”									

April 1877.	26th.	27th.	28th.	30th.	May1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Total.
“Bois-le-duc”	1		1	2sc	2		3	44.
“Beeswing”	2	1	2		1	1	2	32.
“Wilbury”	1		1pt.	1c		1	1	27.
“The Witch”								2.
“Plenipotentiary”								3.
“Hebe”								1.
“Cabra”				1+*	1+*	1+*	1+*	5.
“Jerry”				1+*		1+*		2.
Total:								116.

+ = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. c = crow.
 pt.= partridge. sc = stone curlew.

March 29th. Met Mr. Wyndham at Bulford. “Bois-le-duc” got beat to the rookery at Ratfyn Farm and failed to score. Later in the day she killed at the second stoop. “Wilbury” got once unsighted at a peewit; second time put in fairly well. The tiercel (“Aladdin”) flew brilliantly and killed his first rook, and by the special request of Colonel Henry Willerby was on the spot renamed “Plenipotentiary”!! “Beeswing” flew very well and killed after a long rat hunt in a fold: and “The Witch” flew a fair good flight to a fold.

March 30th. On the road to Enford. "Plenipo" flew well to a long slip, missed and killed a rook close to a fold. Being badly bitten he unfortunately let it go. "Bois-le-duc" flew twice and killed in splendid form each time. "Beeswing" killed her first flight magnificently, and after a tremendous hunt, during which she knocked the rook down twice, was beat to cover. "Wilbury" killed after a hard flight and hunt at the end of it. "The Witch" put in. "Hebe" wouldn't fly.

On the 29th. as "Beeswing" was flying, she knocked her rook down, and as it flew under H. Wetherley's arm; "Beeswing" seeing him between her and her quarry instantly collared the gallant Colonel, hitting him hard on the ear, and hanging on to his arm - was shook off with some difficulty, when she followed her rook and eventually killed. See above.

March 30th. Went towards Upavon. "Plenipo" had a long slip and missed. "Wilbury" did not see her rooks in time and so missed. "Bois-le-duc" killed an old carrion crow well, and afterwards a very strong rook better. "Beeswing" flew a long and hard flight, but did not kill, and "Wilbury" and "The Witch" flown together took separate rooks, but "Wilbury" killing cleverly, the other joined her but did not crab.

March 31st. Met at Netheravon. Mr. Raikes out, Mr. Nicholls and others. A rather windy day. Flew "Bois-le-duc" first. She killed at her second stoop. Next "Plenipo", who would not fly, and not being taken down immediately as he ought to have been, raked off down wind to Netheravon rookery, and afterwards nearly to Silk Hill, where Newcome secured him. "Bois-le-duc" flew a beautiful flight in to Stagg's rookery, and caught a rook coming in to the trees and "Beeswing" flew a splendid high ringing flight bringing in to a whin patch where she killed. "Bois-le-duc" then had a tremendous flight at a curlew, ringing out of sight in the air down wind over Figheldean, whence she returned without her curlew. There can be little doubt that she put him in somewhere, although of course no one saw the end of the best curlew ever seen.

April 2nd. Easter Monday. Collingbourne. "Bois-le-duc" flew twice; good flights but missed each time. For the first time on record, a member of the O.H.C. preferred his luncheon to a fine flight with the best hawk in the possession of the Club!! Possibly the relaxation of his strictly Lenten diet, at Easter, may be held as an excuse. The case being tried before Judge Wood, (Standing Council to the O.H.C.) and Lord Chief Justice of their tribunal, the culprit was fined ONE DOZEN OF DRY CHAMPAGNE - other miscreants having aggravated the offence. "Beeswing" then flew a long hard flight but at last gave up from want of condition. "Wilbury" flew well, killed one rook at first stoop and another after a nice flight. "Juno" had a fair flight at a bagman, and for the first time we flew "Freya" the gyrfalcon loose - and she behaved well.

April 3rd. A wet windy day. Met the Wyndhams at Bulford Field. Flew "Bois-le-duc" once, who killed in a fold and then rain coming on heavy, gave up.

April 4th. A very wet day indeed. One of the heaviest rain storms in the forenoon ever seen. Cleared at 4 o'clock, when we flew "Freya" to the lure, and then went out with two hawks only. "Wilbury" flew a rattling flight first into a fold, and on to Everly woods; she just caught him by the tail which came out and he escaped. "Bois-le-duc" flew a good flight, putting in to some bushes, and then ringing over him well, and finally killing. Both hoods-off were fine sporting ones on the passage.

April 5th. A very stormy wet day. Met at Upavon. Never got a chance, from the weather till 3.30. Flew "Bois-le-duc" a nice flight into a barn, where she collared an old hen. An hour later got a chance with "Wilbury", who killed a bad rook in bad style. "Bois-le-duc" killed, from a down wind slip, a long way off.

April 6th. Very bad rainy day. Got out at 2.30 when the weather was better. Flew the Norway falcon to the lure - she performed well. "Bois-le-duc" killed a rook third stoop, close to cover. "Wilbury" flew a good flight and killed among whins. "Beeswing" had a splendid chance, knocked her rook down, first stoop, and killed easily. "Hebe" crabbed "The Witch", and a fiasco was the result of a most superb slip. Used up various bagmen and home. Went out by Sidbury Hill, Nuth's Farm, home by Easton.

April 7th. Windy, but fine. Went to Enford. Flew "Juno" but she did not see her rook. Travelled over an immense lot of country without a find. "Bois-le-duc" killed handsomely near the rookery at Enford Farm. "Beeswing" flew a flight down into the rookery. "Wilbury" slipped at a long passage rook fetched him into a barn, out of which he was hustled, got to a small clump, and after a desperate hunt went away again for the barn and was killed just as he reached it. A fine slip, a good flight and a meritorious kill. "Bois-le-duc" flew a long flight into the same clump, and after a great hunt also killed - Alfred with a stone materially assisting. They were two old cock rooks.

April 9th. Fine day - flew "Plenipo" first who put into whins, and unluckily got his eye on a pigeon just as he was served - losing his rook. "Bois-le-duc" made a clever kill close to cover. "Wilbury" flew a tremendous flight, putting into whins, then trees, then trees again and finally losing in a large cover. Later on flew well again but put in to strong cover. "Plenipo" killed at the first stoop, "Bois-le-duc" at the third, "Beeswing" at the second, all in fine style and in the same place. Were round Sidbury Hill all day. 7 flights.

April 10th. Very fine day, but an unlucky one. Flew "Hebe" first who flew a long hard flight to cover, being too eager to catch, she did not kill. "Plenipo" declined to fly twice. "Wilbury" flew a good hard flight to cover. "Bois-le-duc" killed twice, cleverly. "Beeswing" killed at the first stoop well. "Wilbury" then flew a most extraordinary flight, from a bad cross wind slip, then went ringing up after him to an extraordinary height, where, in making a ring she found herself nearly over a lot of rooks near Beaches Barn, and coming down at them killed near to the rookery - a three mile gallop - a tremendous flight, and ended with blood. 8 flights.

April 11th. Good day, very fine. Met at Sidbury Hill. Part of the Wilbury party out. Mr. Studd and others. Flew "Bois-le-duc", a splendid flight of a fine ring and about ten stoops, all over our heads, and all well down and killed him. "Beeswing" killed first stoop - the other side of Tedworth. "Wilbury" flew a splendid flight but lost in cover. "Bois-le-duc" put into a fold., not over well. "Beeswing" flew a fine flight and killed in a fold after knocking the rook down three times. "Wilbury" then flew another fine long flight, with many stoops over our heads, finishing with a grand ring, stoop and kill, almost in cover. "Hebe" went up to rooks made one grab and gave up. "Bois-le-duc" slipped at a bad chance close to Tedworth got two stoops and put in. 8 flights.

April 12th. Met at Netheravon and headed towards the Bustard. Flew "Beeswing" first - killed cleverly in a fold. "Bois-le-duc" put in a rook, and sat down. Was not keen. "Wilbury" flew well, put in and killed. "Beeswing" put in close to the Bustard, which we visited and found it let, and in fair repair. "Wilbury" flew well and killed in a fold. "Bois-le-duc" checked at rooks down wind and killed one a long way off. "Plenipo" put a rook well into a fold but, frightened by the sheep, would not hunt and so missed. 7 flights.

April 13th. Sir Claude de Crespigny stopped here for a couple of hours with a party of ladies and gentlemen on his way to Savernake. They saw the Gyr fly, and the van not being handy, I took "Wilbury" on hand, and killed a rook easily in valley by Easton Firs. After that it rained all day. We however killed two rooks easily above the valley on Savernake down with "Beeswing" and two

with "Bois-le-duc". The weather was very bad. J. Frost did not like to fly "The Witch" with "Cleopatra". Gave bagged rooks to "Plenipo" and "Juno". "Hebe" was discovered in the morning with a stiff wing and so J.F. flew her to a dead lure. She could hardly fly at all at first. A poor day's sport, though we killed every flight. No flights worth mentioning. 5 flights.

April 14th. Bulford Field. A large party out including the Wyndhams, Poores, and Hambros. Flew on left of Nine Mile Water after crossing it. "Wilbury" put into a fold and killed easily. Second time flew a tremendous flight from near the top of Beacon Hill back into the valley, hit her rook after several stoops, but let it go on reaching the ground, went at it again and rung above it and had several good stoops, killed about 150 yards from the Barrows where the target is. "Beeswing" killed two rooks first stoop each time. Flew "The Witch" from the top of Beacon Hill. She left the rook and went at some in the valley beyond, got two stoops at them, and put them into a rough covert. Came back all right. "Bois-le-duc" put her rooks from the top of Beacon Hill into the large belt. Had about five stoops at them. Second time gave her a long slip at some rooks over the Andover Road. She put one of them into the farm with trees round after several stoops - then sat down - and afterwards raked away to Ratfin [Ratfyn] Rookery where she sat down and was captured alright. "Plenipotentiary" had rather a long slip, got above his rooks but gave up. "Hebe's" wing not as stiff. 8 flights.

The party broke up. Returned on,

April 18th. Rev. W. Newcome and Mr. Wigram came down. We went out on Salisbury Road. "Bois-le-duc" killed close to some sheep troughs. Worked round to back of Beeches Barn on Netheravon Road. "Wilbury" killed second stoop. "Beeswing" made one good stoop, but the rook then slipped up wind and down on the road. The hawk tried to run on to it, but finding that of no use got one good stoop in, pulled out four tail feathers, and the rook just beat her into Beaches Barn. "the Witch" put into a tree and sat down there. "Juno" got above a single rook after some fine ringing and put it into a fold, which she did not like. The rook got above her again, and the hawk never fairly got above it although ringing to a great height. She came down to John's pigeon which she killed and left, and fooled about for some time; but at last came too again and was taken up all right. 5 flights.

April 19th. On Amesbury and Andover Roads. C. Duncombe came back in Afternoon. Very high wind. "Wilbury" could do nothing in it. "Bois-le-duc" got well above her rook and made a grand stoop but rook slipped away and although she got several more stoops she could not catch hold, put into some farm premises with trees. "Beeswing" killed grandly first stoop. "Bois-le-duc" had a hustle to Ratfyn Rookery, but failed to kill. Later on flew at crows but they beat her in some bushes, and she got rather stuck in one of them. 5 flights.

April 20th. North of Sidbury Hill. "Beeswing" knocked her rook a cracker on to the ground, first stoop and then killed it easily. Second flight killed first stoop. "Wilbury" got well above her rooks and killed finely, second stoop just over a pond. Flew "Bois-le-duc" at a crow. She left it for some rooks and then finding them too much trouble she returned to the crow, which had by this time got into a covert. Second time she put well into a fence, and then on the rook going out she gave up for some time, and finally changing her mind went after the rook, got above it and managed one good stoop before the rook got into a covert. "Plenipotentiary" refused to fly twice, as did "Juno" and "The Witch" once each, although they went up to their rooks at once. "Cleopatra" made one stoop and gave up. 11 flights.

April 21st. Very wet morning. Did not get out till 3 o'clock on S.W. of Sidbury Hill. "Bois-le-duc" killed easily in a gorse bush. "Beeswing" flew a rattling flight from a bad slip. She got four or five stoops in the open, and put in to thick gorse covert at foot of Sidbury Hill. We could not get the

rook to stir and so she lost. "Wilbury" went at the wrong rooks, then went up very fast and got two clinking stoops, killing at the very edge of a large wood. Later on flew another fine flight, stooping and ringing fine and killed in the open. "Beeswing" caught a rook easily second stoop. Gave a bagman to "Hebe", also one with a long string attached to the Gyr, who took it well and behaved fairly. 5 flights.

April 23rd. Bulford Field. Very blustery day. "Bois-le-duc" killed quickly among some sheep. Second time, did not see her rooks at first, but as soon as she did she went over them well and killed clever in a road. "Wilbury" played the fool first time, but put a rook into covert. Second time she flew hard, knocked her rook onto the ground, but the rook just got into a high clump of trees, we got it out into the bushes, but the hawk did not persevere, looking out for the dead lure, which had been shown her to bring her to the bushes. "Beeswing" killed first stoop. Second time flew a pretty ringing flight, and killed over a barn cleverly. "Hebe" was flown with "The Witch". "Hebe" unhooded first, got up, made a fair stoop, then a grab, when "The Witch" came up and killed. 7 flights. Major Brooksbank and Arthur B. came in the evening, with a Scottish tiercel "Jerry".

April 24th. Under Sidbury Hill and round Beache's Barn. "Beeswing" got a good rook under her, and got two good stoops over a pond, then had to ring, but going rather too wide, the rook slipped away down wind to a covert, later on she killed clever. "Bois-le-duc" cut it directly first flight. Second time tried hard but rook got to covert, she got four or five stoops. "Wilbury" did not see her rook for some time and got beat to a large fold. 5 flights. Lovely day, but could not get near rooks.

April 25th. Figheldean Bridge for the Bustard. "Beeswing", after putting in under a wagon got beat into Figheldean village. Second time put into a gorse covert and killed after having had hold and let go twice. "Wilbury" got beat by a good rook, and did not fly keen and gave up, soared a little. Second time did not see the rook at first. Got only one bad stoop and on the rook flying over a gorse covert gave up. "Bois-le-duc" caught a curlew easily. We let it go afterwards. Second time at a rook clever close by the Bustard. Flew "Cabra" and "Jerry" at a magpie in a small wood opposite the Bustard. "Cabra" killed in form, high in the air. Flew "Hebe" and "The Witch" at a flock of rooks. "Hebe" went up in form, put in two clinking stoops, killing the second one. "The Witch" was going at another rook till she saw "Hebe" stoop and so she joined her on the ground. The Phipps' and Awdreys out. 8 flights.

April 26th. Tedworth way. "Beeswing" killed clever after putting in to some premises and some trees. Second time killed over a fold. "Wilbury" killed after putting into some gorse. She flew well. "Bois-le-duc" flew a good flight to some trees, then to a fold, where he gave up. Second time she waited till the rook got into some gorse and then sat down upon it (the rook). "Juno" played the fool all over the place. Flew "The Witch" and "Hebe" twice together. They gave up each time. Turned a pigeon out to "Cabra" and "Jerry" which they caught in covert. 8 flights.

April 27th. Blowing a hurricane. Flew "Beeswing" under Sidbury Hill (S.W. side). She flew magnificently and caught second stoop. 1 flight.

April 28th. "Beeswing" killed two bad rooks easily, one in a pit, and the second over gorse. "Bois-le-duc" went well above a large lot and killed finely first stoop. "Wilbury" flew a fine flight, put into some premises after some good stooping, then ringing rather too wide, she let the rook slip down wind into a covert. Second time her rooks beat her up wind to covert before she got a stoop. She then raked off and killed a bird [Brown]. "Cabra" and "Jerry" were flown at a cuckoo. They got several stoops but soon gave up. Later on they were flown at a magpie; "Cabra" made a fine stoop at it, and stuck to it well, "Jerry" assisting to a stack where he gave up, and although "Cabra" tried

hard and knocked the magpie over several times he was beat to covert. We met at the Bustard. 7 flights.

April 30th. A curious day's sport in Bulford Field. Total caught: 2 Curlews. 2 Magpies. 1 Carrion crow and NO Rooks.

Flew "Bois-le-duc" at a curlew, which left her nearly standing still; on going up another one got up under her, which she caught first stoop. Second time she fooled about over Ratfyn Rookery. "Beeswing" refused to fly after a carrion crow, second time she fooled about and finally put in a cover near Wilbury corner. There were two magpies in it, which we got out into some bushes, and got "Cabra" and "Jerry". After a hunt "Jerry" caught the first, and "Cabra" the second; both flights good hunts. Then "Bois-le-duc" caught a curlew, making the 100th. kill this season, and her 99th. head in the two seasons. "Wilbury" after fooling about a little caught a carrion crow over a covert high in the air. 7 flights.

May 1st. Mm. Pichot and Mm. Montigny came to Everleigh in the middle of the day. "Bois-le-duc" killed two rooks, one over a fold, and the other over some premises. "Beeswing" killed one rook. Second time fooled about. "Wilbury" after a fine flight put into a gorse bush and sat down. The rook beat her into Beache's Barn. The tiercels had a tremendous flight in Bulford Field and killed a magpie after about five minutes. The second magpie was believed to have gone to ground. Poor "Plenipotentiary" who has been getting worse daily, died during the night.

May 2nd. Met at Sir C. De Crespigny's at Durrington. Lunched there. "Bois-le-duc" flew well at first and put into a fold, then soared a great deal and went and sat in some trees at Amesbury. Came down to a pigeon. Second time put into a flight of hurdles where both sat down; on going up and ringing the rook got away to a wood. "Wilbury" flew a pretty little flight and killed in a fold. "Beeswing" was flown at some rooks not far from Long Barrow. She put into some premises, worked the rook out by herself, and rat hunted down a road with wattle hurdles on each side, then the rook got a start and after some fine ringing she got above it, and killed high in the air second stoop close to Figheldean. A very fine flight. Flew the tiercels at a magpie in a gorse near Stagg's Rookery. "Cabra" fetched it well in, and "Jerry" then got two stoops and a clever kill. Flew another magpie close to the Bustard. It got a long and high start. "Cabra" was unhooded and we had a fine piece of ringing. "Cabra" got above it, and put it into a little clump of small larch, where the magpie did not dwell a minute. Then some good ding-dong stooping with both tiercels, and finally "Cabra" killed clever; a fine performance on the part of the Irish tiercel. 6 flights.

May 3rd. Had a long draw after two magpies in the wood between Everleigh and Sidbury. Although they broke covert several times and the tiercels were unhooded, they did no good. "Wilbury" went after the wrong rooks and killed one in the same wood. Windy afternoon. "Beeswing" killed two rooks in great form, the third time she gave up. "Bois-le-duc" killed a rook in good form: second time killed after a hustle in a fold. Third time gave her a very long slip and the hawk flew a magnificent up wind flight killing second stoop, close to a large covert. We on our return home had one more try after the magpies; got them out into some bushes, and after some good flying, on the part of both tiercels, "Cabra" got hold. We all left in the evening, having had a very successful season's sport.

116 kills out of 194 flights. Not a bad season, and would have been a very good one, but for the scarcity of game. Had we been able to get the flights we have had in former years, we should have killed a great number. The hawks were above the average, for though there were no very extraordinary birds among them, they were all good, and had we lost our best hawks, we had more to fall back upon than ever we had before.

The two nestlings each cast a feather on May 10th., “Bandersnatch” following suit on the 12th. On the 14th. the two tiercels caught a cuckoo - the first on the books of the Club, and on the 15th. caught another by his tail, but he escaped into a wood.

“Medusa” was taken up on the 6th., very fairly moulted and in good health.

“The Witch” sickened of pantas on the 10th. May, and was soon afterwards destroyed.

May 21st. Went to Boynton for a try on the Wolds. The field was between Carnaby and Burton Agnes to Bridlington. There is not much room, but partridges might well be killed there. On the 21st. wind was too high, but on the 22nd. although windy we killed two rooks, one with “Wilbury”, and one with “Bois-le-duc”. “Beeswing” flew three good hard flights, but without a kill. 2.

“Bandersnatch”, “Penelope” and “Snowdrop” were sold to Mr. Martin Gibbs, Tyntisfield, Bristol. “Juno” to Mr. Brodrick. The Scotch tiercel to Mr. Burroughes, Gazely, Newmarket.

June 9th. “Beeswing” killed a rook. 1.

June 8th. “Medusa” killed her first rabbit this year, an old one, and on the 10th., although not in yarak and very troublesome, killed three. 4.

June 14th. Flew finely on the Greystone Hill; killed 1.

June 16th. Flew very badly and sulked a great deal, killed 3.
“Cabra” was sent to Capt. Brooksbank for the present.

June 19th. On Greystone Hill. Killed rabbits 16.

June 21st. Wigton Knolls. “ “ 4.

On 20th. two more but let them go. 28.
Rooks: 3.
31.

June 22nd. “Medusa” sulked awfully. Caught rabbit 1.

June 23rd. Wet evening. 5 rabbits. 5.

June 26th. Wigton Knolls. 5 rabbits. 5.

June 28th. Greystone Hill (hawk flew better) lost 2. 6.

June 30th. do killed one black rabbit; hawk in very bad form, but not sulking. Killed 6.

July 3rd. Wigton Knolls. 4.

July 5th. “ “ 4.

July 7th. Greystone Hill. In splendid yarak. 6.

July 10th. Wigton Knolls. “ “ 3.

July 12th. Greystone “ “ 6.

July 14th. Wigton, pouring wet. “ “ 2.

July 19th. Do 4.

July 22nd. Greystone Hill, killed one with teeth overgrown and about 2 inches long. 8.

July 24th. Wigton Knolls.	3.
July 28th. Greystone.	8.
Aug.4th. Greystone Hill; in famous yarak.	8.
Aug.8th. Wigton Knolls; “ “	4.
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The Club this year got four nests being one from Drumlarrig, yielding one tiercel; one from N. of Ireland of 2 falcons; one of three tiercels from Flambro' Head; and a falcon and tiercel from Mr. Langley, hacked by him. The others were hacked by Peter Ballantine. One tiercel was lost at hack, and two were sent to Ms. Montigny as promised, leaving the Club the three falcons, the Irish tiercel and one of the Yorkshire tiercels. They returned from hack August 1st.

“Bois-le-duc”, who is very violent at the block and smashes herself to pieces was put down to moult about July 15th., and “Beeswing” on Aug.8th. “Wilbury” went to Feltwell to be moulted on August 6th. None of the young passage hawks have as yet cast a feather.

“Medusa” : Sept.10th. was sent to Lord Lilford.

Grand total of rabbits killed between June 8th. and August 12th. 112.

The Norwegian hawk died of a very bad frounce, which appeared to completely fill her head with matter and finally choked her.

Aug.29th. “Beeswing” began her moult. One of the nestling falcons was bought by Mr. Burroughes - price £4.4.0.

The writer paid a visit this year to Lanarks and saw Peter Ballantine at work with his game hawks. The sport was good; we killed about 8 partridges per. day. He had one good old falcon, one very good, but unsteady 2 yr. old falcon, also one young one. A capital young tiercel called “Saddle”; his brother “Bridle”, a fast bird called “The Pope”; all these hawks were A.1. He had also two others. His dogs were fair, and the essence of game hawking is to have good dogs. The old man had his hawks in splendid order and worked them well; although seventy six years old, he is still active, and worth going a long way to see.

Our team of nestlings went to Major Brooksbank where they scored as under. The tiercels were very good, and the falcons fair. No doubt tiercels are very superior to falcons for partridge hawking and are much steadier, besides which they cannot so well carry.

	Partridge:	Pheasant:	Pigeon:	Total.
“Captain” Irish tiercel.	19	1	1	21.
“Yorkshire Relish” do	15		1	16.
“Elbana”	1		1	2.
“Erin”	2			2.
				<hr/> 41.

They were not well provided with dogs nor was the country very good. A great number of partridges were knocked down and escaped. “Hebe” and “Erin” were sold to Capt. C. Hamilton. Price £4.4.0 each.

Hawking Notes and Diary of The Old Hawking Club commencing Jan 1st. 1878.

[photo of “Parachute” 1882.]

1878.

The passage of Oct. and Nov. 1877 was perhaps the worst on record. Fewer young falcons, only seven in all, were captured than was ever known to be the case before; Very strong westerly gales prevailed nearly the whole time, this keeping back the hawks, or driving them too far to the eastward. Twenty eight hawks were caught altogether, of which the greater number were caught at the hut at Bois-le-duc, twenty miles to the west [east?] of Valkenswaard. The Old Hawking Club received nine hawks being five young falcons, two young tiercels (of which one was passed on to Major Fisher,) a fine young female goshawk, and an adult male Norwegian Gyr falcon. This bird is one of four that have been captured at Valkenswaard during the memory of man, and is the only one as far as I can learn, ever brought alive to England. All those caught by Barr last year in Norway were young birds. This hawk is well moulted, and a beautiful bird, but has rather small feet: he is a gentle bird, and seems likely to train on without difficulty. These hawks averaged £5.12.0d at Oakhurst near Leeds, including all expenses and their keep while taming. On Jan.1st. all the hawks, excepting one late caught tiercel were sufficiently tame to take a pigeon in the house, and some are nearly ready to begin work out of doors.

Jan.10th. Had the first falcon on the wing. Flew well.

Jan.19th. Flew six falcons including old "Wilbury".

Jan.13th. Took up "Bois-le-duc" beautifully moulted, all but two feathers in one wing.

March 1st. She is flying well, almost in her old form.

The first passage hawk as above, flew on the 10th.Jan. By Feb.1st. all took the pigeon - the ger out of doors: by Feb.10th all were loose.

Hawks left for Wilts., March 5th. All had been flown regularly to the lure and were fit to enter. March 1st. & 2nd. blew a gale. 3rd.(Sunday) a hawking day. 4th. blew hard; 4th. & 5th. blew hard; 6th. a terrific gale; 7th. blew very hard ; 8th. still but wet, 9th. & 10th. blew hard and continued to blow up to the 13th. We then had a few nice days, and then after a gale, a week of capital weather, commencing the 16th. Bagged rooks were very scarce, and the ground harder than it has been for many a year. Very difficult to find rooks or to get flights. Not much corn sown. Rooks are without a doubt becoming far less plentiful on these downs owing to the practise of sowing "dressed", or in plain words, POISONED corn. Unless this practise is looked well after by the land owners both game birds and rooks are likely to be extinguished.

Old Hawking Club - March 1878.

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Major Brooksbank

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F. Newcome Esq.

Lord Londesborough

Hon. Gerald Lascelles Hon. Sec.

Falconer: John Frost.

Under falconer: George Oxer.

Hawks Belonging to the O.H.C. March 1878.

Falcons.

"Bois-le-duc"	Passage	hawk	3 yrs. old.	
"Wilbury"	do	do	2 yrs. old.	
"The Duchess"	do	do	1 yr. old.	Lost.
"Corsican Fairy"	do	do	1 yr. old.	Killed by accident.
"Boarding School Miss"	do	1 yr.	old.	
"Harridan"	do	do	1 yr. old.	Sold.
"Maid of Honour"	do	do	1 yr. old.	
"Erin"	Eyass	falcon		Sold.
"Cabra"	Eyass	tiercel	2 yrs. old.	
"Yorkshire Relish"	do	do	1 yr. old.	Sold.
"Javelin"	Passage	tiercel	1 yr. old.	Sold.
"Adrian"	Haggard	Gyr-tiercel	2 yrs. old.	

Passage Goshawk. 1 yr. old.
Old Goshawk, "Medusa" 5 yrs. old.

Tuesday March 19th. Nice day, killed one rook with "Bois-le-duc".

Wednesday March 20th. do "Wilbury" killed one rook. "Duchess" flew a good flight but got beat.

Thursday March 21st. Killed a magpie close to the Upavon Road with "Cabra" and "Yorkshire Relish" after a long hunt. Killed a rook with "Wilbury", and then flew "Bois-le-duc" who checked, and killed a long way down wind. After a great deal of trouble we snared her. Flew "Maid of Honour" near Beaches' Barn, she put in and wouldn't leave the rooks - continued driving at them till pitch dark and could not be recovered, so was left out. Luckily a jackdaw was brought in, in the evening with which John recovered her at streak of dawn. 8 flights.

March 22nd. A nice fine day, but cold. Flew "Wilbury" first near to Hougoumont Farm; she killed after putting in just over the stream (into which George tumbled on his face) and came down into the water - she and the rook were both nearly drowned, but she stuck to him till Newcome got to her. Then flew "Duchess" who flew a good flight, putting in to a small hedge and killing well. "Bois-le-duc" had a long slip and flew a long flight well, killing in a small cover towards Collingbourne Kingston. "Boarding School Miss" put into a fold, well, but did not kill, and "Wilbury" flew another pretty flight, killing handsomely.

March 23rd. Very cold, rather windy. Snow showers, and a heavy fall at evening. "Wilbury" put in close to where she killed on the previous day. "Duchess" flew a good flight to cover, and "Bois-le-duc" flew a good flight, put into a fold, and gave up just as the rook was beat and she could easily have killed. Bad weather, went home early.

March 25th. Cold and snowy. Heavy snowstorm in the night. Flew "Maid of Honour" who flew a capital flight but tried to catch too much so missed. Spent the rest of the day hunting for magpies and had two good hunts but failed to kill, although in each flight mag. was knocked down twice. Trained "Haridan" and "Adrian".

March 26th. Fine day. Went to Enford. Flew "Maid of Honour" who killed first stoop but tried to carry and getting frightened let her rook go before it was dead, and it escaped. "Duchess" flew slack

and badly. "Boarding School Miss" would not try. "Bois-le-duc" went well over rooks but would not stoop, while "Wilbury" was hooded off at a magpie that got off a stack and after a famous hunt in which the tiercels joined in as soon as they could be got out, killed him in good form.
25 flights.

Game killed by each individual hawk. Spring season 1878.

March 1878.	19th.	20th.	21st.	22nd.	26th.	27th.	30th.
"Bois-le-duc"	1		1	1			
"Wilbury"		1	1	2	1+*		1
"Duchess"				1		1	
"Maid of Honour"					1		
"Boarding School Miss"						1+	
"Adrian"						1	1
"Harridan"							
"Erin"							
"Cabra"			1+*				
"Yorkshire Relish"							

April 1878.	1st.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	13th.
"Bois-le-duc"			1	1	1	11p	1	1	1	1
"Wilbury"		1	1+1	1	1			1+		1
"Duchess"										1
"Maid of Honour"	1	1		1	1	1	2	1	1	1
"B' School Miss"					1+		1+	1+	1+	1+
"Adrian"				1						
"Harridan"				1						
"Erin"										
"Cabra"			1*	1+*						
"Yorkshire Relish"									1+*	

April 1878.	15th.	16th.	17th.	18th.	19th.	20th.	22nd.	24th.	25th.
"Bois-le-duc"	1p	1	1	1	1p1				
"Wilbury"	1	1+	1+*1+	1+*1	2	1	2		1+*
"Duchess"									
"Maid of Honour"	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	
"B' School Miss"					1	1			1
"Adrian"									
"Harridan"				1					
"Erin"									
"Cabra"				2+*					1+*
"Yorkshire Relish"							1+*		

April 1878.	26th.	27th.	29th.	30th.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Total.
"Bois-le-duc"	1							19.
"Wilbury"	1	2o				1		29.
"Duchess"								3.
"Maid of Honour"			1			1b1		24.
"Boarding School Miss"					1+	2	2	13.
"Adrian"								3.
"Harridan"			1b		1sc	1	1sc	6.
"Erin"					1sc			1.
"Cabra"	1+*	1+*	1*	2+*		1+*		12.
"Yorkshire Rel"	1+*	1+*	1+*	1+*	1b	1+*		8.
Total killed:								118.
Flights:								197.

= = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. sc = stone curlew. b = Mr. B. (partridge) c = crow. p = pigeon. o = when at large.

N.B. "Erin" was only flown about three times. "Adrian" only early in the season; two of his kills were the best flights of the season. "Duchess" was lost early.

March 27th. Fine day. Out towards Sidbury Hill, Durrington etc. Flew "Maid of Honour", flew keen, but gave herself no time, and meeting with a strong old crow was beat to cover. Next flew "Wilbury" and "Boarding School Miss" together, who flew a very pretty flight and killed; the young one flew much the best, both for pace and style, but the old hawk did her best and was the one to catch hold first, though the rook was scored to the juvenile in consideration of the greater merit shown. "Duchess" flew rather slack, but killed her rook in a fold, where she ought never to have let it get. "Bois-le-duc" got high over her rooks but would not stoop and raked off as usual - is condemned to physic. We then flew "Adrian" the ger-tiercel - a long slip at a flock; he tore away over them, made a grand ring; declining to make a poor stoop, and then came a "cracker", the rook made for a little fence, but the tiercel had two dinging stoops before the rook put in, throwing himself straight up after each, steeple high, just like a wild merlin; he rat hunted down the fence like a magpie hawk, and killed him under some sticks like a good 'un. It was a great triumph - the first rook as we believe ever killed by a gyr falcon - the first Norwegian haggard ever caught - and after all the immense trouble and difficulty in training him, to meet with success the first time of asking was highly satisfactory.

March 28th. Rained and blew hard all day. Mr. Fenwick down.

March 29th. A terrific snowstorm all night, and snowed hard all day till four o'clock. Six inches of snow on the ground and very cold.

March 30th. Deep snow. Crept out at four o'clock with "Wilbury" and "Adrian" The little falcon flew well and killed after a nice little flight. The ger flew a grand ringing flight putting into a fold and killing after a hunt by himself in grand style. 33 flights.

April 1st. Very cold and blew a gale in afternoon. Flew "Maid of Honour" who killed first stoop, but left her rook (unkilled) and was a lot of trouble to take up. Flew "Boarding School Miss" and "Wilbury" but they would not try; nor would "Bois-le-duc" at all. "Adrian" never saw his rooks at all, and "Wilbury" broke a feather at starting and of course did not persevere. To finish the day while mending her feather (a very awkward break) she got loose and broke two more, while George, by mistake, went and fed up "Maid of Honour" for the second time, spoiling all chance of flying her tomorrow. 38 flights.

April 2nd. A gale of wind. Got out in spite of the weather at 3.30. Flew "Bois-le-duc" who flew very well but put into West Everleigh. Then "Adrian" at a great chance but he did not like the wind and did not try. Then beat the Upavon Clumps for a mag. - found several, and got one away but he escaped us after a famous hunt. Flew "Bois-le-duc" who put a rook in to a stack and then took a rook dead on the ground. Tried her again, and she did not fly so well and put into W. Everleigh; an unlucky day. Fenwick left us this evening. 43 flights.

April 3rd. Poured all day till 4 o'clock. Went out and flew "Wilbury" and "B.S.Miss" together who divided, the former killed, the latter put in to a fold. "Maid of Honour" picked up a moderate rook quickly and "Bois-le-duc" flew hard to cover, but gave up after a bit. 46 flights.

April 4th. Went to Enford. Tried for a magpie on the way but failing to find him had a flight at a blackbird which was killed by "Cabra" after two splendid stoops. Flew "Maid of Honour" who flew a good flight to cover. "Wilbury" and "B.S. Miss" failed the first time being unsighted - the former put a lot of rooks into Enford Farm. Later on they did better the old hawk flying well, and the young one coming in with a good stoop at the finish. "Bois-le-duc" killed at the first stoop in A1 form. "Adrian" flew capitally put a rook in, but then raked off. "Wilbury" put her rooks into a barn, but ringing away well put one into the middle of Sir Edmunds' gorse and killed him there, thick as it was. "Harridan" flew a good ringing flight but tried to grab too much and so was beat. A most beautiful day. The Hon. Sec. got an awful crumpler in the morning and was nearly ironed out. 54 flights.

April 5th. Fine day but showery in the morning - hence the hawks were not weathered, and in consequence some of them did not fly well in the morning as they ought. "Maid of Honour" first did not fly; later flew well and killed easily. "Wilbury" and "Boarding School Miss" flew together, the former killed well, the later never saw the rooks. "Bois-le-duc" would not fly at first, but later, killed a rook well. "Adrian" killed a rook by a stack easily, and we then had a campaign at the magpies on the Upavon road, and after an unsuccessful attempt we succeeded in beating one out and killed with "Wilbury" and "Cabra" well. "Harridan" then got a chance near West Everley and killed first stoop cleverly. 62 flights at Everley.

April 6th. Moved to Amesbury. Hawked on the way and killed a rook neatly with "Wilbury" and "B. S. Miss". "Maid of Honour" a very pretty flight and kill. A long magpie hunt, in which he beat us followed, and "Wilbury" raked off and killed a rook in a fold. "Adrian" declined to fly. "Harridan" shut up and "Bois-le-duc" killed well at her second stoop. Fine day. 6 flights.

Sunday 7th. Cold N.E. gale.

Monday [April 8th.] A very bad day. Went out at 5.390 and flew "Maid of Honour" near Stonehenge and had a capital ringing flight but no kill. 7 flights.

April 9th. Very windy. Flew "M.of H.". First she put in well but did not kill. Later she killed brilliantly and second stoop. "Bois-le-duc" killed after a most extraordinary flight all up wind. The old hawk sneaking along close to the ground, gaining at every yard on the rooks and at last throwing herself over her rooks, putting them into a farm and killing. Also later she killed and in fine style. "Wilbury" and "B. S. Miss" flew a good flight particularly on the part of the latter, but did not kill. "Adrian" would not fly at all; fear he has gone amiss. 13 flights. One of Mr. Wyndham's hunters out today, fell down dead, while walking over a road.

April 10th. Wet and windy. Flew "Maid of Honour" first. She killed after a very pretty flight. Later she killed magnificently first stoop. "B. S. Miss" and "Wilbury" flew together. The young one did all the work and assisted slightly by "Wilbury" knocked the rook hard onto the ground, when the old hawk caught hold. "Bois-le-duc" put in well into some trees round some premises and sat down. Later on she killed handsome, first stoop. 18 flights.

April 11th. A lovely day for hawking. Flew "B. S. Miss" and "Wilbury" near Idminton. A very fine flight, both hawks working and stooping grandly. The young hawk caught; they had about five good stoops each. Later on "Wilbury" knocked a rook on the ground, second stoop, and although it got up again, the young hawk missed and the old one caught. "Bois-le-duc" went after the wrong rooks and got beat to covert. Second time she flew a fine flight, about seven grand stoops, and killed after putting in to some premises. "Maid of Honour" killed first stoop - a very good one - Second time she got her eye on a wild pigeon and flew it into Great Durnford Rookery. "Harridan" unfortunately chose a crow; she flew too keen, after putting in one good stoop and got beat. "Duchess" gave up directly. Gave "Adrian" a good bagged rook, which beat it in a fold full of sheep, and the hawk sat down. 26 flights.

April 12th. Between Gt. Durbford and Druid's Head. "Wilbury" got beat, after a very long rat hunt round some cottages with small trees. Later on flew her and "Boarding School Miss" and the young hawk killed after a short flight. "Bois-le-duc" put into some premises, and then down a hedge and killed in a fold. An old ewe however rushed at her and knocked her head over heels, and the rook escaped. Second time she put well into a stack, after three good stoops, and then started to ring, let her rook get away too far down wind and she was beat to covert and sat down. The covert was about three quarters mile off, and she managed to get three more stoops but would not catch hold. "Maid of Honour" did not see her first rook. Second one she killed first stoop. Flew "Cabra" and "Yorkshire Relish" at some magpies; "Y. Relish" caught one which "Cabra" had put in a bush. He caught it high up [in the bush] and J. Frost caught hold of it but a branch breaking he had to leave go, as his arm got stuck fast. Could not get chances for "Harridan" or "Duchess". Gave "Adrian" a rook in the foot. 33 flights.

April 13th. Wet morning. Got out at 2 o'clock. Very stormy evening. Flew "Wilbury" and "Duchess" together. They separated and each killed cleverly. "Harridan" would not fly, nor would "B. S. Miss" (Too much Wind.) Gave "Maid of Honour" a long high sporting slip from the Andover Road, and we had a grand flight, with many fine stoops, and she killed on the top of one of the trees of the Bulford Rookery. Brought the rook to the ground all right. Flew "Bois-le-duc" twice; both sporting slips on passage. She put in well first time and gave up, and second time killed grandly. 38 flights.

April 15th. Bulford Fields. Flew "Harridan" and "Wilbury" together. "Wilbury" put in well into some gorse bushes and then "Harridan" went and caught the old hawk, and brought her to the ground; they both sat down and "Wilbury" raked off and killed a rook near Tedworth where J. Frost found her. "Bois-le-duc" killed a curlew after a fair flight. "Maid of Honour" flew grandly as usual and killed. Then flew "Duchess". She flew well and put into a small covert some way off, and then raked off and disappeared down the slope of the hill and we could find no trace of her anywhere. 42 flights.

April 16th. The Bustard. Sir E. Antrobus and son and Mr. Raikes out. "Maid of Honour" killed clever in a hedge. Later on did the same in a fold. "Bois-le-duc" brought a rook well into a stack, and then left it for a lot, and killed one grandly within twenty yards of a rookery. "Adrian" went well up and over rooks and then gave up. "Wilbury" and "Boarding School Miss" chose separate

rooks, and “Wilbury” killed when the young hawk came in. Later on they again chose separate rooks and both got beat to covert. 48 flights.

April 17th. Druid’s Head way. Major H.Fisher out. Flew “Wilbury” and “Cabra” at a magpie. “Wilbury” killed clever. Flew them again at another, and had a great rat hunt. “Cabra” took to soaring and the falcon got beat to covert after a great hustle in some bushes. “Maid of Honour” was unfortunately slipped with her leash on, and got beat to a rookery. Later on she did not see her rooks at first, and then flew hard and after a fine flight killed almost in some premises. “Bois-le-duc” put in and raked away and eventually killed after putting rooks in to some Scotch clumps and sitting down. Flew “Wilbury” and “Boarding School Miss” at some rooks. They separated, both flew well but “Wilbury” killed first and the young hawk then came in. 54 flights.

April 18th. Durrington. A grand day’s sport. “Maid of Honour” put into some premises and killed after a very long rat hunt. Later on she flew a grand flight off the down and killed after about three quarters of a mile stooping magnificently. “Bois-le-duc” killed in a small covert first stoop. Later on got beat by a good rook into the Bustard covert. “Boarding School Miss” got above her rooks but would not stoop. “Harridan” caught a rook after a long flight, she flew slow and tried to grab too much, but caught very clever. “Wilbury” killed finely after a fine ringing flight, second stoop. We devoted the rest of the afternoon to the magpies at the Bustard: Had three flights at them; first in the hedges beyond the Bustard, when “Cabra” soared. “Wilbury did all the work in a very long hunt and “Yorkshire Relish” caught hold. The three then hustled a magpie down the Salisbury road, when a blackbird got up which “Cabra” caught, and there was a regular worry. Drove another one down the road and flew the two tiercels; “Cabra” did all the work and killed 10 flights and 8 kills. 64 flights.

April 19th. In Valley between Porton Firs and Gt. Durnford. Good afternoon’s sport. “Maid of Honour” put her rook into a stack and killed directly. Second time put a real good rook into some premises and after a long rat hunt sat down; she saw the rook again, got up and after some fine ringing put it in again; the rook then took to ringing and the hawk ringing magnificently got above it and after a good flight killed. “Bois-le-duc” put rooks into a small Scotch and sat down in it - followed a pigeon out which she killed by herself after a rat hunt in some gorse. Second time killed easily in a fold. “Wilbury” killed two rooks well. “Boarding School Miss” flew in real form, stooping and going up again finely and killed about fifth stoop. “Harridan” refused to fly as did “Adrian”. Later on “Harridan” flew well and put into the premises, after a rat hunt she sat down. 74 flights.

April 20th. Wet morning. Got out in afternoon. “Boarding School Miss” and “Maid of Honour”, each killed easily. “Harridan” flew keen but in bad form and got beat to covert. Flew “Wilbury” and the two tiercels at a magpie in bushes by Nine Mile Water. After about 20 minutes hunt the magpie disappeared, and we lost all trace of it. “Wilbury” raked off and killed a rook by Bulford Rookery, and “Cabra”, at the beginning, when at a great height, stooped magnificently at a wild duck, hitting it very hard into the water. “Bois-le-duc” was found to have broken high up in the quill, the second feather of the right wing, which we mended on the 21st. 78 flights.

April 22nd. The Bustard. Not much sport. “Wilbury” flew well and put into covert, then soared, and killed a rook some way down wind. Later, when being flown at magpies, she went off and killed at a rookery. “Maid of Honour” put into covert and later on killed a rook easily. Flew “Wilbury” and the tiercels twice at magpies; they killed one after a good flight. The Wyndham’s came out driving. 83 flights.

Having heard of “Duchess” Frost went to Tedworth early on the 23rd; but could not find her. She had killed a rook on Saturday evening at Tedworth, also one before under Sidbury Hill.

April 23rd. Bulford Field. A strong wind. Flew "Maid of Honour" at a good rook. She flew well but just got beat into the trees over the River at Milston. She then disappeared, and though we heard vague reports of her, we never found her.

April 24th. Searched the whole country, in the evening J. Frost found her with a full crop at Stagg's Rookery. She took his pigeon, and he snared her early on the 25th. She had killed a rook.

84 flights.

April 25th. "Bois-le-duc" nearly had a fit on being hooded in the morning and again after her first flight, which was a good one, but she got beat in some premises, and sat on the ground. Later on she got her eye on a "bird". "Wilbury" tried hard in a high wind but could not do any good. She then drove some tame pigeons all over the place. She flew a dinging flight at a magpie; just at the finish "Cabra" came in and caught hold. "Cabra" had previously caught a magpie. "Yorkshire Relish" would not try and sat down; was left out all night. "B. S. Miss" killed grandly second stoop.

91 flights.

April 26th. The Bustard. An enormous field out. "Boarding S. Miss" would not try either of two flights. Flew the tiercels three times at magpies. They killed one each. "Wilbury" put in and then soared a long time and killed a rook about three and a half miles down wind. "Harridan" tried hard, and got fairly beat. "Bois-le-duc" had a fit in the morning. She caught a rook that could hardly fly, and was very exhausted.

99 flights.

April 27th. Wretched day's sport. Hot day. Flew "Wilbury" and "Boarding School Miss" together. "Wilbury" soared away and caught a rook the other side of Amesbury, was frightened off by a girl before she killed, and we lost all trace of her. On Sunday morning she was seen at Bulford Rookery, and was backwards and forwards there all day. Frost got her there early on Monday morning. She had killed and eaten two rooks. "Boarding School Miss" later on put in two stoops and gave up. "Harridan" gave up after a fair flight. "Adrian" went straight to a stack and gave up. "Bois-le-duc" still bad. Had two magpie flights with the tiercels from Porton Firs. They each caught one. The first a very good flight.

105 flights.

April 28th. In the afternoon "Corsican Fairy" was found with her right wing badly broken at the shoulder and a piece of slate close to her. She was killed at once.

April 29th. "Maid of Honour" killed after a hustle in some premises. On my coming up she tried to carry and let go her rook. but caught it again after a short flight. Flew "Boarding School Miss" and "Harridan" together. They neither tried a yard, and "Harridan" went and collared a "bird". "Bois-le-duc" tried but could not fly at all. Flew the tiercels at some magpies near the Bustard. "Cabra" put in first stoop and "Yorkshire Relish" coming in well killed. "Cabra" meanwhile caught another mag. after a hustle in the Long fence. Flew them again from Clump on Bustard Road and we drove it through fir trees on lawn at the back of the Bustard and down the fence and after about 25 minutes hard flying with "Yorkshire Relish" ("Cabra" sitting down,) we got finally beat at the farm at the end of the long hedge.

110 flights.

March 30th. Lord Londesbrough was proposed by Major Brooksbank, seconded by Hon.G.Lascelles, and Elected a Member of the Old Hawking Club.

April 30th. "Maid of Honour" changed and got beat to covert. Spent the rest of the day with Magpies under Beacon Hill. "Erin" joined in with the tiercels and worked hard. "Cabra" killed two and "Yorkshire Relish" one after pretty flights.

115 flights.

May 1st. Under Sidbury Hill. "Boarding School Miss" and "Wilbury" flew together. The young one did all the work, though the old one caught hold. "Harridan" and "Erin" each caught a curlew, the first after a good flight. Flew "Maid of Honour" at some crows. She knocked one onto the ground, and it then got into some bushes, where she sat down. The crows then got a long start, and we had a magnificent ringing flight, but when at a great height, J. Frost took her down as there were several large woods about, and it was getting late. The tiercels collared a "bird", when being up for magpies. 120 flights.

May 2nd. A good day's sport on Right of Salisbury Road. "Wilbury" and "Boarding School Miss" flew together, the latter did all the work and killed. Flew them each again separate. "B. S. Miss" killed clever, and "Wilbury" raked away and after soaring killed in Gt. Durnford Rookery. Flew "Harridan" and "Erin" together. "Harridan" flew well and killed. Second time they neither saw the rooks and "Harridan" crabbed "Erin". "Maid of Honour" after putting in to some gorse collared a "bird". Second time she flew very well, putting into some gorse after a fine flight and killed after a good rat hunt. Then the tiercels killed a magpie each. 129 flights.

May 3rd. "Boarding School Miss" and "Harridan" flown together twice. "B. S. Miss" each time caught well. "Harridan" caught a curlew well, and "Erin" flew one well. Had two hoods off at magpies but did no good. 135 flights.

A fair average season - nothing out of the way. There was a good deal of sickness among the hawks during training and afterwards, "Bois-le-duc", "Adrian", "Wilbury", "Duchess" and "Yorkshire Relish" were all bad with serious complaints, and all recovered. Several strangers came down to see the sport, and were more or less lucky. The rook hawks rather succumbed towards the close of the season. One or two were lost under peculiar circumstances, and others went amiss.

"Erin" and "Yorkshire Relish" were bought by Major Brooksbank for his son. "Javelin" was sold to Mr. Lowry, London, and "Harridan" to Mr. Ross, Newton Abbot, Devon. It is remarkable that at the close of the season, "Maid of Honour", "Harridan", "Boarding School Miss", "Erin" and "Adrian" had but two impeded feathers among them, one of which was done in Holland, when first caught. They had also very few lice on them, and altogether I have never seen them in such perfect order. These hawks had flown hard through the season and killed many rooks.

As usual the first feather was cast by a young eyass, "Yorkshire Relish" on May 6th. This date seems to be almost an exact one for the commencement of the moult. "Cabra" and "Adrian" followed suit, the latter throwing four or five feathers almost at once.

"Yorkshire Relish" and "Erin" were taken by Major Brooksbank, he paying £5 for them. "Javelin" was sold for £4, and "Harridan" for £5 to a Mr. Ross.

"Wilbury", who always a delicate hawk had been ailing for a long, died May 26th.

June 13th. The young goshawk which was entered a few days ago killed four rabbits, missing two others. 4.

June 25th. Killed one, Wigton Moor. 1.

June 29th. "Maid of Honour" cast a feather in each wing, being the first of the passage hawks to do so. 5.

July 3rd. Goshawk one rabbit. 1.

July 7th. A great scramble took place for eyasses in Ireland this year. Capt. Dugmore having got all the young hawks the year before, to the exclusion of the Irish falconers; they were determined to defeat him this year. It ended by Mr. Corbet getting (alas!) 36 young hawks, and Mr. Hamilton 8. There were no young hawks at Drumlanrig this year nor at Flamboro' Hd. The O.H.C. got a nest of

three from Horn Head, Donegal; one of two from John O'Groats; two hacked tiercels from Capt. Hamilton. The two former nests hacked by Peter Ballantine.

Also a nest of four merlins from Pape of Newcastle, reared and semi-hacked at Oakhurst. Arrived July 6th.

July 4th. "Cabra" killed a young peewit in great style. 1.

July 5th. Flew well at another but did not kill him.

July 13th. Another nest of merlins, still in the down arrived.

The goshawk is very clumsy and a bad hand at catching rabbits. Has done but little good, except kill a confiding merlin which came down while at hack to converse with her.

July 16th. Two tiercels arrived from Capt. Hamilton, just taken up from hack. Fine birds in good health. One from Loop Head, and one from Arran.

July 30th. Killed two larks with the merlins. 2.

July 31st. Two grand flights but no kills.

August 1st. Killed one lark. 1.

August 2nd. do do 1.

August 5th. A grand flight and kill with two females. 1.

August 6th. Also a good day and killed. 1.

August 7th. One splendid flight, but no kill.

August 4th. Received four tiercels and one falcon from Peter Ballantine, well hacked, in fine condition and without a hunger trace.

August 7th. A Maj. Gordon brought from Iceland an Iceland tiercel, rather knocked about; a nestling of the year.

August 8th. Killed an easy lark and put in a good one with the big female and one male merlin. 1.

August 9th. One lark and one nice flight. Frost today saw one of the merlins at hack catch and eat a large fly. 1.

August 10th. Killed three larks; one with the two females, and two with a male and the big female merlin. Two capital flights "Tactic" very useful. 3.

August 12th. Two capital flights and one kill. The smaller female was left out from carrying the lark. 1.

Aug. 13th. A brilliant flight and one kill. 1.

Aug. 14th. Killed two larks, and one partridge with the tiercel "Sailor". "Tactic" covered herself with glory. 3.

Aug. 15th. One ringing flight but no kill.

Aug. 17th. Three capital flights with the merlins and two kills. Tried the merlins at a snipe but they could do no good with him. 2.

Aug. 20th. A neat flight and kill, and one grand flight, both females ringing high away into the air. Fetched him and killed. 2.

Aug. 21st. Put in one lark - got beat by another. Killed a thrush after a good flight and hunting. 2.

Aug. 24th. Very wet weather. "Tactic" caught one lark, and the merlins another. 2.

On the 12th. these merlins got a good chance at a snipe, they tried hard for a few minutes at him but appeared to have no chance whatever with him. They have flown partridges keenly once or twice and put them in.

All the eyesses; 5 tiercels, 1 falcon are now on the wing, some flying well at pigeons. Aug. 20th.

Sept. 2nd. Two larks with merlins. 2.

Sept. 4th. A brace of partridges with "Cabra"; 1 lark merlins. 3.

Sept. 15th. During the past week 3 larks with merlins. 3.

Total killed at Oakhurst, near Leeds, during Summer of 1878.

Larks:29. Rabbits: 6. Partridges: 3. Plover: 1. Total: 39.

List of Hawks the property of the O.H.C. August 12th. 1878.

“Bois-le-duc”	4 yrs.	old.	Passage	falcon.	In moult.
“Maid of Honour”	2 yrs.	old.	do do	do.	
“Boarding S. Miss”	2 yrs.	old.	do do	do.	
“Cabra”	3 yrs.	old.	Eyass	tiercel.	
“Dreadnought”	1 yr.	old.	do do		
“Dauntless”	1 yr.	old.	do do		
“Driver”	1 yr.	old.	do do		
“John o’Groat”	1 yr.	old.	do do		
“Captain”	1 yr.	old.	do do	Sold.	
“Northern Light”	1 yr.	old.	do	falcon.	
“Adrian”	3 yrs.	old.	Haggard Jer	tiercel (Norwegian).	
Female Goshawk	2 yrs.	old.	Passage hawk.	Sold.	
Two female merlins.	1 yr.	old.			

“Sailor” (eyess tiercel 1st. yr.) and one male merlin sent to Lord Lilford.

These hawks went to Middleton-on-the-Wolds about Sept. 12th; which is a very fair partridge country, though rather short of game.

“Adrian” was most unfortunately lost about Oct. 1st. by escaping from the loft where he was put down to moult. The two merlins were both kept at large at Middleton, and ultimately lost. “Cabra”, who went temporarily amiss also was kept at hack for a fortnight.

They killed as under:

	Partridges.	Rooks.	Grey crows.	Various.	Total.
“Cabra”	2			2	4.
“Dreadnought”	21			1	22.
“Driver”	13				13.
“Dauntless”	11				11.
John o’Groat”	3				3.
“Northern Light”	5	9	4		18.
“Elbana”		9	2	2	13.
“Atalanta”	5			2	7.
“Wild Beauty”			3	3.	
	60	18	6	10	94.

“Alalanta” and “Wild Beauty” were falcons of Major Brooksbank, trained and flown with the Club hawks. “Elbana” was a Club hawk purchased for private use by Major B. This hawk’s real name was “Erin”, her sister “Elbana” was sold, see 1877. In addition to this the tiercel at Lilford killed several partridges say 12.

The passage this year was a fairly good one, but as only few hawks were ordered, Mollen did not stay long at the huts and caught but few. Eight red falcons were brought over for the O.H.C., two for Major Fisher, and three tiercels, two haggards, and a rather nice male goshawk were taken by

Mr. Harting. The O.H.C. team are a rather small, but nice, level, lot of falcons; without any very remarkable ones in it; two of the falcons mute like goshawks, in a rather peculiar manner, throwing nearly across the mews.

Old "Bois-le-duc" was taken up at the beginning of Dec. very well moulted, and "Boarding School Miss" was taken up at the same time, with a feather in each wing to cast.

The two year old female goshawk was sold Dec. 15th. to Sir John Dillon, of Lismullen, Co Meath.

Dec.25th. All the passage falcons take the fowl in the house readily. All are good tempered and good to the hood.

The average cost of the hawks, at Oakhurst was, this year, £5-15-10d.

Dec.20th. "Northern Light"; eyass falcon, took a rook, and flew another well to cover. 1.

A list of the game killed by the O.H.C. hawks, was published in The Field, only 1877 & 1878 were given. The list is annexed. A return was sent to each Member.

	1876	1877	1878.
Rooks:	138.	108.	108.
Crows:	4.	2.	6.
Magpies:	-	7.	20.
Partridges:	2.	37.	75.
Rabbits:	41.	112.	6.
Larks:	24.	-	29.
Sundries:	11.	7.	20.
Total:	220.	273.	264.

Scores of previous years, with notes.

	1872	1873	1874	1875
Rooks	23.	132.	108.	54.
Crows:	-	4.	1.	-
Magpies:	2.	29.	5.	1.
Partridges:	-	-	2.	1.
Rabbits:	-	-	30.	-
Various:	1.	16.	4.	3.
Total:	26.	181.	150.	59.

In 1872, only a little hawking was done in the spring with one or two eyasses. Before /77 no attempt at game hawking was made at all. In 1875, hawking was only carried on during April and not at all in the autumn. Three sparrow-hawks were among the sundries in 1873.

1879.

During Jan. "Northern Light" killed four rooks. The winter is one of the most severe ever known. Since the 1st. Dec. to Jan. 27th. the weather has been one continued severe frost, mostly with deep snow and exceedingly cold. Two days hunting only were obtained during this time, during brief thaws. This weather has thrown the hawks sadly backward; from having been the most forward lot we have yet had, and nearly all fit to fly on Jan. 1st they now are the most backward. Not a hawk has yet (Jan.27th.) been on the wing though one and all are ready for it, as soon as the snow clears off the ground.

"Boarding School Miss" an excellent hawk but bad to the hood was sold to Mr. Borwick for £5.

"Maid of Honour" was taken up Jan. 18th. well moulted with her two first feathers about half way down.

List of Hawks belonging to the O.H.C. Feb. 1st. 1879

"Bois-le-duc"	Passage	falcon	4th.	yr.	
"Maid of Honour"	"	"	2nd.	yr.	Lost.
"Amazon"	"	"	1st.	yr.	Lost.
"Boomerang"	"	"	1st.	yr.	Killed.
"Wheel of Fortune"	"	"	1st.	yr.	
"Hollandaise"	"	"	1st.	yr.	Sold. £5.10.0
"Swiftsure"	"	"	1st.	yr.	
"Shooting Star"	"	"	1st.	yr.	
"Princess"	"	"	1st.	yr.	
"Queen of Sheba"	"	"	1st.	yr.	
"Northern Light"	Eyass	falcon	1st.	yr.	
"Cabra"	"	tiercel	4th.	yr.	
"Dreadnought"	"	"	1st.	yr.	Died.
"Dauntless"	"	"	1st.	yr.	
"Driver"	"	"	1st.	yr.	Sold. £3.3.0
"Sailor"	"	"	1st.	yr.	Sold. £3
"John o' Groats"	"	"	1st.	yr.	Sold. £2.10.0
"Medusa"	Female	goshawk	7th.	yr.	Died.

The weather gave a little about Feb. 4th. and by Feb. 10th. the snow was all gone, and we had the hawks on the wing, but on the 18th. the snow came back and on the 23rd. was a regular hard frost with 4 inches of snow! The hawks are of course as backward as ever. Major Brooksbank left on the 10th. for Ireland with G.Oxer and the eyasses, he stayed first at Kilkenny, but found the country there quite impractical for hawking. At Clonmel he did better.

March 2nd. The snow was gone on Feb.27th. and the hawks were got out and on the wing as soon as possible.

On March 1st. Major Brooksbank returned with the eyasses having only killed: 10 rooks. 6 magpies. 1 wood pigeon. Total: 17.

From Kilkenny they went to Kildare where there is but a bad inn and a poor country; had they gone to Newbridge it would have been far better. The hawks were a good deal knocked about and

“Driver” had a dislocated knee joint. He has now been turned out in a loose box, and it is hoped will recover.

“Cabra” and the falcon “Northern Light” did most of the work, and both flew very well. “Dauntless” and “Dreadnought” also did well.

March 16th. Sold “Sailor” to Mr.StQuintin, £3.

“Maid of Honour” was lost while flying to the lure, having raked off at a pigeon. A sad loss, the worst for many a year.

Frost left for Everley on the 18th March, but up to date (26th.) there have been very few hawking days; and there is now deep snow on the ground. There has not been a week without snow since Oct.26th. or thereabouts; surely such a winter was never known.

March 27th. Mr.W.H.StQuintin, Scampston Hall, Rillington, Yorks. was proposed by Major Brooksbank, seconded by F.H. Salvin, and Elected a Member of the Old Hawking Club.

April 8th. At Everley. The hawks have done well the last two weeks, but found flights very difficult to get.

April 10th. “Princess” developed a bad swelled leg: either sprained or pricked by a whin-thorn. Saw a martin. “Queen of Sheba” had a fit while flying, and is now very ill. “Princess” completely recovered - leg suppurated freely.

April 14th. “Boomerang” who has had a stiff wing for some time was today put down.

At Everley we got 72 flights and 32 kills, in 23 days. We had great trouble in getting flights and often had to travel miles before unhooding a hawk. Moved to Amesbury April 14th.

April 22nd. Seven days of excellent sport killing 38 rooks. Among the flights some splendid ones with especially, “Bois-le-duc”, “Amazon” and “Princess”; also “Hollandaise”: It being a late spring, all the hen rooks are sitting, and among the rooks there were not more than three or four of that sex. There was magnificent ringing in some of the flights which I have never seen equalled.

Total head killed to date : 73.

Season ended May 6th. Scores given below. “Amazon” unfortunately lost on April 21st. A capital season but a short one.

	Rooks.	Crows.	Curlew.	Magpie.	Sundries.	Total.
“Bois-le-duc”	28		1			29.
“Princess”	25				25.	
“Amazon”	27				1	28.
“Wheel of Fortune”	16					16.
“Shooting Star”	16	1				17.
“Hollandaise”	4				1	5.
“Eblama”	4					4.
“Northern Light”	5		2	6		13.
“Dauntless”				5	1	6.
“Driver”				2		2.
Total:	125.	1.	3.	13.	3.	145.
Number of flights at rooks at Everley 72. Kills:32. Days:18.						
Number of flights at rooks at Amesbury 121 “ 89. “ 20.						
Totals:				193	Rooks:121	38

Diary for the Season.

Passage Falcons:

“Bois-le-duc”	4 yrs. old.
“Wheel of Fortune”	1 yr. old.
“Princess”	1 yr. old.
“Shooting Star”	1 yr. old.
“Amazon”	1 yr. old.
“Swiftsure”	1 yr. old.
“Queen of Sheba”	1 yr. old.
“Hollandaise”	1 yr. old.
“Bomeramg”	1 yr. old.

Nestling:

“Eblama”	Falcon.	2 yrs. old.
“Cabra”	Tiercel.	3 yrs. old.
“Dauntless”	Tiercel	1 yr. old.
“Dreadnought”	Tiercel	1 yr. old.
“Driver”	Tiercel	1 yr. old.

“Medusa” goshawk 6 yrs. old.

Season: 1879.

March 1879.	27th.	28th.	29th.	31st.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.
“Wheel of Fortune”	1>	1					1	1
“Princess”		1	1		1	1	1	
“Shooting Star”				1				
“Bois-le-duc”				1		1		1+
“Eblama”				1	1>			
“Amazon”								1
“Hollandaise”								

April 1879.	5th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	14th.	15th.	16th.
“Wheel of Fortune”	1	1		1	1		1		1
“Princess”	1							1	1
“Shooting Star”		1+		1			1	1	
“Bois-le-duc”	1+	1	1st	1		1+	2	1+	1
“Eblama”									
“Amazon”		1	1	1	1			1	2
“Hollandaise”					1				

April 1879.	17th.	18th.	19th.	20th.	21st.	22nd.	24th.	25th.
“Wheel of Fortune”	1	1	1		1	1		
“Princess”		1	1	2	1	2	1	
“Shooting Star”	1	1		1	1	1		1
“Bois-le-duc”	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
“Eblama”	1		1>					
“Amazon”	1	2	1	2	3	3	1	2
“Hollandaise”		1			1	1		
“Driver”	1*	1*						
“Dauntless”		1s					1+*	
“Northern Light”					1+*	1+*		

April 1879.	26th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.
"Wheel of Fortune"					1				16.
"Princess"	2	1	1	1	1	1		1	25.
"Shooting Star"	1c	1		1	1			1	17.
"Bois-le-duc"	1	1			1				29.
"Eblama"									4.
"Amazon"		2	1	11p					28.
"Hollandaise"	1s								5.
"Driver"									2.
"Dauntless"	2+*	1+*						1+*	6.
"Northern Light"		1+*	2+*	1sc			1>	1+*	1sc 9.

+ = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. sc = stone curlew. p = pigeon. s = sundries. > = when at large.

Season 1879. Everleigh.

March 25th. Came down in Middle of day. All the hawks have had bagged rooks. Flew "Bois-le-duc" twice, first time she stooped at a "bird". Second time did nothing. Too stormy to fly young hawks. At Lower Everleigh. 2 flights.

March 26th. Chisenbury gorse and towards Beeches Barn. Flew "Bois-le-duc" who did not try a yard. Did not get another chance at rooks. Flew "Cabra" and "dauntless" at a magpie. After a good hunt in gorse got beat. Mag went to ground. 2 flights.

March 27th. Towards Collingbourne. Flew "Wheel of Fortune". She flew well but raw. After some time she thought better of it and started off for a wide ring and got three quick stoops but got just beat into Everleigh, by Nuth's House about one mile. She then raked off and disappeared. Frost saw her soaring over Chisenbury gorse in afternoon and took her down. She had caught something somewhere as her crop was half full. Did not get another flight. Next morning "Wheel of Fortunes" casting was more than half rook. 1 flight.

March 28th. Between Enford and Elbarrow. Flew "Princess" who flew well and after about one mile, in which she made one grand ring, she put into a fold and killed after a rat hunt first time of asking. "Shooting Star" flew hard and put into a clump of trees. Then went after the wrong rook and got beat to a small rookery. Had a good rat hunt there till she was tired - went off and soared a little but came down immediately to the lure. Then flew "Bois-le-duc" and "Eblama" together at rooks near a fold. They nearly caught and rooks eventually beat them in some premises. Second time they neither of them tried a yard. "Wheel of Fortune" flew very well pulled half the rooks tail out once, and finally killed, a fine stoop on some straw. 5 flights 2 kills.

March 29th. North of Sidbury Hill. Flew "Princess". She went up straight and came down a dinger. Then we had some magnificent ringing and stooping for about two thirds of a mile, when she caught well but let go on reaching the ground, then went on again in the same form and killed high up in about half a mile. "Shooting Star" flew well and put into a fence, where both sat down; then she went on but got beat to covert. Flew "Bois-le-duc" and "Eblama" twice. They did nothing either time. "Amazon" flew raw trying to follow up the whole time and got beat to covert. "Wheel of Fortune" never saw her rooks. Gave "Bois-le-duc" a bagman. 6 flights.

March 31st. Rathwer windy; at Elbarrow. "Wheel of Fortune" put into a fold close by and would not rat hunt. Second time flew a very good flight for about three quarters of a mile, put into same fold; beat again, would not rat hunt. "Princess" never saw her rooks. "Shooting Star" after a good

flight put into Elbarrow Rookery and killed clever outside. "Amazon" gave up then went on again and went very fast, got a real good stoop just before Elbarrow rookery, when George took her down. Flew "Bois-le-duc" and "Eblama" together close to a fold. They both rat hunted well and each killed. Gave "Amazon" a real good bagman.

6 flights 5 kills.

March: 20 flights; 7 kills; 6 days.

April 1st. Towards Upavon and back of Beeches' Barn. "Shooting Star" went after wrong rooks and got beat to covert. Then had a long draw after a magpie. Found in gorse by Enford road. Flew "Cabra", "Driver" and "Dreadnought". After a very long hustle got beat. "Princess" killed after a long rat hunt in a fold. "Amazon" did not try. "Bois-le-duc" and "Eblama" divided and "Eblama" put into Everleigh and raked away. No sign of her at present. Gave "Queen of Sheba" a bagman. 4 flights at rooks.

April 2nd. George caught "Eblama" in Everleigh at 6.30 a.m. She had a full crop and her casting was rook.

Went out W. of Sidbury and round Beaches' Barn. "Wheel of Fortune" took wrong rooks and just got beat to covert. "Princess" killed clever in some gorse. "Bois-le-duc" slipped first led "Amazon" all the way and killed first stoop, "Amazon" joining in in the worry. Gave "Hollandaise" a bagman.

3 flights.

April 3rd. On Lugershall Road. "Wheel of Fortune" killed finely third stoop. "Shooting Star" would not fly first time. Second time went after them but not keenly and put into Hougoumont Farm then into some trees. "Queen of Sheba" would not fly at first; then just got in one good stoop and got beat to Hougoumont Farm. "Hollandaise" did exactly the same. "Bois-le-duc" and "Amazon" flown at different rooks divided. The old hawk put into Hougoumont and then into a fold. She then went and bathed. "Amazon" flew a fine flight with many stoops, but rather too eager and got beat to covert. "Princess" went at wrong rooks and got beat to belt at E. of Sidbury Hill. She went on and we found her on a rook just the other side of Tedworth Village. A good day's sport.

7 flights.

April 4th. Figheldean and Syrencot. Flew "Bois-le-duc" and "Shooting Star". They started well and put into a small tree, when "S.S." sat down and the old hawk did not persevere. Second time the old hawk got well up and "S.S." put well into a bush, when the old hawk came in and killed. "Wheel of Fortune" killed second stoop. "Queen of Sheba" put well into a fold and premises; she made several good stoops there, but gave it up. Did not like a dog I think. "Eblama" and "Hollandaise" flew well at first, the young hawk putting into a bush, the rook then got away and the young hawk did all the work, but flew too keen, the old hawk merely following. Then got beat to covert. "Amazon" flew in fine form and keeping her rook well in command killed about fifth stoop.

6 flights; 3 kills.

April 5th. Very wet and windy. "Bois-le-duc" and "Shooting Star" in valley on way to Collingbourne Kingston. The old hawk put into hedge where all sat down. The old hawk away first and killed in hedge. "Princess" would not try at first. When rooks were some way off, she went a buster and after a fine flight killed close to covert. Flew "Wheel of Fortune" in valley by Easton, she flew in rare form stooping and ringing and killed after rat hunting by herself in some premises.

3 flights 3 kills.

During week including March 31st. had 29 flights and 15 kills making total of 44 flights and 19 kills.

April 6th. G. Lascelles came down.

April 7th. Very windy. "Wheel of Fortune" and "Princess" would not or could not fly at all. "Bois-le-duc" flew in rare form going up very fast and putting into a fold, but there she sat on a dead lamb. 3 flights.

April 8th. At Netheravon. A nice day. "W. of Fortune" flew a good flight down to the Netheravon rookery and killed. "Princess" flew badly. "Bois-le-duc" killed well as also did "Amazon". "Queen of Sheba" had a fit when flown. "Hollandaise" and "Shooting Star" flew badly, but the latter killed when assisted by "Bois-le-duc". 8 flights.

April 9th. Round Everley, Nuth's Farm and killed a curlew with "Bois-le-duc"; had three flights at rooks and killed one. "Princess" all amiss and clean out of form. "Amazon" flew well. No rooks at all in country. 3 flights.

April 10th. Through Enford to Elbarrow. A cold N. wind and driving rain occasionally. As before very few rooks out. "Wheel of Fortune" killed once and second time flew hard but awkwardly, and was beat. "Bois-le-duc" killed first stoop in the old form. "Amazon" checked once, and second time killed an easy rook at once. A poor day. Too windy to fly half trained hawks. Saw a martin. 5 flights.

April 11th. Nuth's Farm and Easton. Rather windy in morning better afterwards. "Bois-le-duc" flew awkwardly and failed. Repeated the offence later. "Wheel of Fortune" flew badly at first, and then killed, but did not fly well. "Hollandaise" flew A.1., put into gorse, hunted hard and killed. "Shooting Star" also killed. "Amazon" flew too keenly at first, then flew a good flight, out into a fold, and blundered on to the ground: got up, and after a tremendous high ringing flight fairly killed in the open high in the air. A real good one. 8 flights.

April 12th. Snowed nearly all day. Took out "Bois-le-duc" and "Shooting Star". Flew them together and the old hawk killed. 1 flight.
28 flights during week. 13 rooks killed.
Total: 72 flights and 32 kills at Everley.

April 14th. Moved to Amesbury. On the way flew "Hollandaise" twice, first time she did not see the rooks, second time flew hard, but eagerly to cover. "Bois-le-duc" flew twice and killed each time. "Amazon" flew badly, and "Wheel of Fortune" played the fool down wind, got lost, and killed a long way off, had her rook taken away by a shepherd and was a lot of trouble to catch. 6 flights.

April 15th. Fine but showery. "Hollandaise" flew twice; badly each time; "Amazon" flew a grand ringing flight, putting in to Stonehenge and killing. "Bois-le-duc" flew two fairish flights and then with "Shooting Star" killed well. "Princess" put into some ploughs, but apparently feared to get hold, because of her leg; afterwards raked down wind and killed. "Shooting Star" flew badly, raked away and killed. Tried to hustle some mags, but it was late and wet. "Wheel of Fortune" flew badly. 9 flights.

April 16th. Fine day, but cold. "Amazon" flew well twice, killing both times. "Bois-le-duc" killed one, and missed one. "Hollandaise" flew badly. "Princess", a first rate flight and killed. "Wheel of Fortune" an easy rook and killed. "Shooting Star" picked up a rook at the rookery, after putting in. 8 flights.

April 17th. Very fine day. Met at Stonehenge. Flew "Princess", a grand flight, put into the Stones, and then on to cover. "Amazon" a similar flight but killed. "Wheel of Fortune" killed a bad rook

well, later was beaten by a good one. "Bois-le-duc" and "Shooting Star" flew together, separated and each killed. Beat out a magpie, and had a severe hustle and killed one; ought to have got two.
6 flights.

April 18th. Very fine day. Good sport but all rat hunting. Met at the Bustard at 1 o'clock. "Amazon" killed twice, "Bois-le-duc" twice, "Wheel of Fortune" once well. "Princess" missed once, killed once. "Shooting Star" killed after a tremendous hustle as also did "Hollandaise". The tiercels killed one magpie and missed one, but killed a "bird".
9 flights.

April 19th. Cold wind. Out towards Bulford. "Princess" flew a high ringing flight and killed. We then spent a lot of time messing after magpies, and ought to have killed one, but the hawks did very badly. "Amazon" flew a very good flight; she was hooded off a long slip at rooks on the passage, and took after one down wind, that had been mobbing us and croaking overhead for a long time; luckily he tried to get in to the rookery (Melsome's) up wind, and after a magnificent ring, she put in to a house and some trees near the rookery, where after a desperate hunt we killed. "Bois-le-duc" flew twice splendidly and killed each time; one was an awful slip. "Wheel of Fortune" did not fly very well but killed.

During Wk: 44 flights for 31 kills.

April 21st. On Salisbury Road. "Princess" flew moderately and killed. Second time flew a very good flight but not quite "honestly". "Amazon" flew twice well and killed. "Wheel of Fortune" not well, and missed. Old "Bois-le-duc" killed in a fold well. Second time put into some bushes, and after some magnificent ringing the rook made off down wind, while the falcon was engaged in making a tremendous ring. She caught him however, and killed about a mile off, at second stoop, in great form. One of the best I have seen in many a day. "Hollandaise" flew very hard and had a long rat hunt but was beat after catching once and letting go in a bush. "Shooting Star" flew an easy flight and killed in a gorse bush.
9 flights.

April 22nd. Capt. F.H. Salvin joined the Club bringing with him his well known, and thoroughly trained stud of kites and kestrels and including the well known lanner "White-headed Bob". "Amazon" flew three flights, and killed each time well. "Bois-le-duc" twice, killed once, flew a hard long flight second time and was beat in a barn. "Hollandaise" killed well after a hustle. "Shooting Star" flew a tremendous fine ringing flight, but was beat in a fold at last; Second time killed first stoop. "Wheel of Fortune" had a hard ringing flight, and killed an easy one close to her. "Princess" flew well twice and killed once. Two good flights. Had a good flight at a mag. and killed. "Northern Light" flew well.
11 flights.

April 23rd. G.Lascelles went away early. Towards Idminston. A great day's sport. "Princess" killed easily and second time put in and had a rat hunt in gorse and caught hold; let go on reaching the ground, and the rook got away. Then had some magnificent ringing, higher than any this year, put in a terrible stoop, into gorse again and killed after a rat hunt. "Amazon" killed three times, last time a very long slip. She never saw them and wheeled round, when the rooks had nearly a quarter of a mile start. She then tried hard and flew her best got above them and killed fourth stoop high in the air. "Bois-le-duc" flew well and killed twice; first stoop, long slips. "Wheel of Fortune" killed after a rat hunt not in good form. "Hollandaise" flew well and killed after putting in to some premises. "Shooting Star" flew hard and put in; after a rat hunt she raked away and killed. 10 flights. 10 kills. Then had a go at magpies and "Northern Light" killed after a good flight in the open.

April 24th. Bulford. Figheldean and Syrescot. "Amazon" killed after rat hunt. "Bois-le-duc" the same. "Princess" killed in rare form. Second time got beat to rookery after putting into two different

folds. "Hollandaise" and "Shooting Star" each got beat after rat hunts and "Wheel of Fortune" got beat into some osiers and sat down. Hustled a mag with "Northern Light" and "Dauntless" and the tiercel caught. Major Brooksbank came. 7 flights.

April 25th. The Bustard. Windy and wet evening. "Princess" after a good flight got beat to covert. "Amazon" killed twice and "Bois-le-duc" once after rat hunts. "Shooting Star" put into covert and raked away killing in a small covert. Had two hustles after magpies but did no good. 5 flights.

April 26th. Durrington. "Princess" flew a rattling flight into Durrington then went and killed a rook coming in. Second time killed clever. "Amazon" did not see her rooks at first, then flew hard, but when high in the air turned off at some pigeons and got beat. "Bois-le-duc" killed clever. "Shooting Star" killed a crow easily. "Wheel of Fortune" never saw her rooks and "Hollandaise" caught a bird! Had two good hustles with "Northern Light" and "Dauntless" at magpies; and the tiercel killed each time. 6 flights.

48 flights for 35 rooks, also 1 crow, 5 mags. and one sundry. Total of week 42 head.

April 27th. "Eblama" who raked away on the 19th. was recovered today. The Tedworth head-keeper had heard that a shepherd had taken her off a rook at a fold on the 20th. and got her and kept her for us. Frost went over for her on the 27th.

April 28th. On Salisbury Road. "Amazon" killed twice in a fold. "Bois-le-duc" went into a bush after a rook which got away first with a long start: she then went on and we found her some time afterwards in an empty lambing fold almost one and a half miles down wind. She no doubt killed the rook she was flown at, as we lost sight of her not far off the place, high in the air following the rook. She had to be snared. "Princess" killed well third stoop. "Shooting Star" would not rat hunt in a fold and raking away killed about two miles off. "Hollandaise" got beat into gorse by a good bagman, the gorse so thick we could not get it out. Drew Porton Firs for mags. Two broke and we had a good hustle at each and killed. 5 flights.

April 29th. "Northern Light" moulted 7th feather in each wing. Stonehenge and Druid's Lodge. "Princess" killed well third stoop. "Amazon" after a good flight ditto. "Shooting Star" flew very well but got beat to coverts. "Bois-le-duc" flew weak and got beat to covert. "Wheel of Fortune" flew very well but got beat after a good flight. Had two good hustles after mags with "Northern Light" and "Dauntless" and the falcon caught hold each time. 5 flights.

April 30th. Bulford Field. "Northern Light" caught a curlew. "Princess" killed well. "Shooting Star" put in and killed another rook coming in. "Amazon" killed easily. Second time flew her at a crow, which gave us a magnificent ringing flight. When at a very great height she took after a pigeon flying under her and missing it, soared a little and killed something in a covert. We did not find her until quite late when she had a cropfull and would not look at a pigeon. 3 flights.

May 1st. Spent the whole day looking for "Amazon". We found where she had killed a pigeon the previous afternoon in a belt under a bush. She stooped twice to Frost's pigeon in early morning but then had a full crop. Heard of her in afternoon at Bulford Rookery but she did not try and kill anything.

May 2nd. No signs of "Amazon". Went out towards Porton. "Princess" put in to a small covert and sat down. Rook got a long start and we had a fine flight to Porton Rookery where she put in and killed a rook coming in. We were some time finding her as a man had got her and rook under a basket in which she finished up the rook. "Bois-le-duc" killed well. "Shooting Star" after putting in did not persevere but raked off and killed a young rook at the rookery. She carried up on to an elm

and sat there eating it. A ladder, F.H. Salvin and a long pole hustled her off at last, but she was some trouble to get up to. "Wheel of Fortune" put into gorse and not caring to rat hunt let the rook get away. Then she went in earnest and we had a magnificent high flight, killing about a mile off.

4 flights.

May 3rd. Found where "Amazon" had killed and eaten a rook. At Durrington. "Princess" flew a magnificent ringing flight, and had several stoops at the end but got beat into Durrington rookery. She went on and killed a rook at Bulford, was driven off by a boy who tried to catch her, and was some trouble to catch. "Bois-le-duc" played the fool and soared and had to be snared. "Shooting Star" killed well. "Wheel of Fortune" flew fairly but was beat to covert. "Hollandaise" would not try a yard. Flew "Northern Light" and "Dauntless" at some mags. They both soared and the falcon raked away and was lost.

5 flights.

22 flights for 16 rooks during week. Etc also 1 pigeon, 1 curlew, 4 mags and lost two hawks.

May 4th. "Amazon" had killed and eaten a jackdaw before 5.15 a.m. when Frost found her. She disappeared again.

May 5th. "Northern Light" was captured by George Oxer early in morning. She killed a rook the previous day.

The Bustard. "Princess" flew two clinking flights and killed each time. "Bois-le-duc" sat down after a very long rat hunt. "Shooting Star" flew badly and gave up but killed at a rookery. "Wheel of Fortune" would not rat hunt. "Hollandaise" did not see a curlew, went to a rookery, and gave up after a bit of a rat hunt. Killed two magpies with "Northern Light" and "Dauntless".

5 flights.

May 6th. Beacon Hill and Bulford. Windy. "Princess" got beat upwind to covert. A long slip. "Bois-le-duc" played the fool; raked away and killed in a fold. On Frost's approach she left her rook (dead) and going off to Bulford Rookery made two stoops and then soared to a great height, and putting in a tremendous stoop killed a rook coming in. Had to be snared. Toby turned up very lame during flight. Had a very long blank draw on foot after a magpie and caught a curlew with "Northern Light".

2 flights.

72 flights for 32 rooks at Everleigh.

121 flights for 89 rooks at Amesbury.

193 flights for 121 rooks : Total.

Out 37 days.

The diary for this season [above] is kept in another smaller book. The principal days sport and flights were: On April 11th. with "Amazon" in Easton Valley; also round Stonehenge on the 15th.; also after the croaking rook on the 19th.; on the 23rd. when this hawk flew a great many rare good flights, and was a very good one. Old "Bois-le-duc" flew many A.1. flights, but as a rule footed too well to give long flights. She went up to some rare slips, and flew one most terrific flight on April 21st. killing a mile or two off.

"Princess" was the best of the young entry, and flew many good flights; on April 17th., 23rd., and many other days. This was a rare good hawk, but a rather delicate one, with a great liability to swelled feet; on the whole, the best trained for some time. "Shooting Star" was an honest little undersized hawk, with capital style, and so gave us some very good flights indeed; her flight on April 22nd. was one of the best and most persevering of the season.

On May 25th. "Shooting Star" killed a rook at Oakhurst and one on May 29th. "Bois-le-duc" did ditto after a desperate rat hunt. On the 30th. she raked away at exercise and was lost for more than two hours, but came in at last.

This week (May 27th.) witnessed the break up of the Falconry Club, a split between the Master and Secretary taking place, and the thing being found impractical to be carried on.

June 6th. "Shooting Star" killed a rook.

July 12th. Eyasses: Two were bought from Mr. Mackenzie of Tain, two from Mr. Stewart of Horn Head; F.H. Salvin also got two for Brooksbank. These hawks were hacked at Middleton.

"Cabra" died during May; "Dauntless" July 2nd.

July 28th. Took up the eyasses at Middleton, nicely hacked.

No Merlins were got for the Club this year owing to some misunderstanding, and the goshawk being dead there was no summer hawking as usual.

August 7th. Got two Merlins from W. Swaysland, West Pier, Brighton: nice birds, and wonderful to relate in good plumage!!

"Shooting Star" was sent to the Curragh during June, and killed two rooks, was lost and recovered by A. Brooksbank.

Eyasses 1879 - Two tiercels from Horn Head. Falcon and tiercel from Tain, Sutherland. Two tiercels and falcon (the latter maimed and useless,) from Capt. Hamilton. Two tiercels of Major Brooksbank.

"Bois-le-duc" and "Princess" were sent to Feltwell to moult.

Balance sheet 1879; fairly favourable, showing an increased credit balance on previous year. Credits much the same; debits increased owing to one additional member. Total of years expenditure about £280.

Aug. 15th. Received a young male eyass goshawk imported from Norway by F. Newcome. Not much use, returned to him in Sept. Lord Wharnccliffe failing to supply us with grouse this year for the farmers, the Club was obliged to buy in Leeds Market, at an average cost of five shillings and six pence per brace, and a total expenditure of £18. 4. 6d.

The falcon sent from Capt. Hamilton was seized with cramp, being from the first in a diseased state - she was destroyed. The tiercel also, from Tain, caught a cold and died rapidly of lung disease.

Sept. 4th. "Wheel of Fortune" killed a rook.

Sept. 6th. All the tiercels well entered, killing pigeons well, but not an ear of corn cut, and hardly a young partridge in the country. Went to Middleton about Sept. 13th.

Hawks belonging to the O.H.C. Sept. 1st. 1879.

“Bois-le-duc”	4th season.	Passage	falcon,	turned in to mew.
“Princess”	1st season.	do	do	turned in to mew.
“Shooting Star”	1st season.	do	do	in Ireland.
“Wheel of Fortune”	1st season.	do	do	
“Northern Light”	2nd season.	Eyass	falcon.	
“Morna”	1st season.	Eyass	falcon,	worried by mad cat.
“Buccaneer”	1st season.	Eyass	tiercel,	worried by mad cat.
“Bushranger”	1st season.	do	do	
“Meteor”	1st season.	do	do	
“Mercury”	1st season.	do	do	

Male goshawk 1st season, eyass.

Female Merlin 1st season.

One live heron.

“Shooting Star” killed seven rooks in Ireland and was returned here to moult, with all her feathers broken.

The hawks remained at Middleton a fortnight, and then went to Lowthorpe Nr. Burlington, where there is better country. Partridges were terribly scarce all around this year; not 10 brace being shot at Londesbro’ for 100 the previous year. The total killed was 54, about 22 brace of partridges. On Oct.20th. the same hawks went over to Ireland with StQuintin and Brooksbank.

Nov. 9th. The hawks returned from Ireland after a most successful tour. They stayed at Strand House Hotel, Curragh and Sheriffs Hotel, Fermoy. “Buccaneer” and “Meteor” proved themselves invaluable hawks, killing in 13 days, 44 magpies. “Morna” also flew right well at rooks, and was a very superior eyass. The total killed was 58.

A sad accident took place the day before they left Fermoy. A cat, apparently mad, attacked the hawks on the lawn in broad daylight. Frost standing by, kicked it away again and again. It succeeded in seizing every hawk of the six but one, (“Meteor”.) “Morna” had her wing severely mangled and poor “Buccaneer” received several scratches. He flew well that day, but died the day following, and on dissection a great amount of inflammation was seen to have set up just under the skin, all over his body.

Accounts: O.H.C. 1879. (Include in Volume 1 O.H.C. Journal).

The Old Hawking Club Accounts 1879.

Opening:	£.	s.	d.
Cash in hand 7/1/78.	38.	14.	10½
Cash at bankers.	51.	18.	11.
Subscriptions.	280.	0.	0.
Sales of draft hawks.	31.	11.	0.
Sale of cloth to Members.	31.	9.	6.
<u>Interest on deposit in bank.</u>		<u>15.</u>	<u>3.</u>
Total:	£368.	5.	9.

Closing:			
Cost of hawks.	47.	15.	6.
Wages of falconers.	7.	19.	0.
Butcher's account.	45.	10.	0.
Pigeon & fowl account.	14.	17.	7.
Carriage account.	1.	11.	11.
Horse hire.	21.	6.	0.
Rent.	3.	18.	6.
Advertisements.	3.	0.	0.
Men's clothing.	3.	2.	6.
Carpenters repairs etc.	3.	18.	9.
Subs. keepers.	5.	3.	0.
Sundries.	2.	2.	4.
Game to farmers.	13.	12.	10.
Cash in hand, 7/1/79.	5.	6.	8.
<u>Cash at Bankers.</u>	<u>77.</u>	<u>12.</u>	<u>2.</u>
Total:	£368.	5.	9.

[These accounts do not add up; in the closing account there is a missing £111. 9s. 0d. However there would appear to be a mistake in the wages as listed for the falconers. In the opening account the total should read £434. 9s. 6d.]

Memoir of Peter Ballantine.

This excellent falconer was born at Dumfries House near Cumnock, Ayrshire, about the year 1800. His father was an indoor servant in the employ of Lord Dumfries, who afterwards became Marquis of Bute. When this event took place, the establishment at Dumfries House was broken up and old Ballantine, who had always been fond of hawks and familiar with their management, went for a short time into the service of the Earl of Eglinton (Archibald) as falconer. Lord Eglinton employed three falconers and was himself very keen. Before long however Ballantine returned to Dumfries as steward and caretaker. The family were seldom there, and he had abundant leisure to train and fly hawks. About this time Peter was born, and his father always having hawks, began to carry one as soon as he could run about. John Anderson at this time lived at Ochiltree, two miles off, in the service of Sir Alexander Donne: he was a firm friend of old Ballantine, and between the two Peter had no difficulty in learning the rudiments of falconry. Anderson however left Ochiltree when Peter was very young and entered the service of Mr. Fleming of Barochan, Master of the Renfrewshire subscription hawks. At about the age of twenty or thereabouts Peter was placed under John Anderson at Barochan. Mr. Fleming had then been dead some years, and his son lived abroad, but the Club kept Anderson on as falconer for some years and he resided, and flew his hawks at Barochan. Peter remained with him until he retired at the age of about 82, on a pension, which was obtained for him when Oct. '70, he presented a cast of hawks to George IV at his coronation. Anderson's last place was at Dalmahoy with Lord Morton, whither Peter accompanied him. Peter Ballantine then entered the service of Lord Carmarthen, afterwards Duke of Leeds, under old John Pells; this was in 1832. Pells was then an old man, he was falconer to Napoleon I, who wanted (so he said) him to enlist in his army, whereupon Pell promptly escaped to England and entered the service of the Didlington, or High Ash club. He was afterwards employed by Lord Carmarthen, and removed to Huntly Lodge in Aberdeenshire. Here Peter first became acquainted with the Dutch methods of making hoods, of using a swivel and longer jesses in place of varvels, and of the management of the passage hawks a few of which were kept at Huntly for flying at herons. Peter adopted the swivel and other methods, which had been unknown to his old teacher John Anderson, but has always adhered to his early education and remained a game hawker employing eyasses alone.

At Huntly Lodge their hawks were entered and used on Aug. 12th., and continued to fly game till late in the season, when they turned their attention to woodcock hawking, and continued to fly them right into March. This according to Peter is the finest sport which can be obtained, combining the single fine stoop of a game flight with the ringing and mounting of a heron or rook flight. At that time the woods which now clothe Deeside were young plantations; woodcock were very plentiful and easily marked down in the open country.

Peter remained five or six years at Huntly and then entered the service of Sir James Boswell of Auchinleck, where he had charge of a kennel of greyhounds, but always also trained a cast or so of hawks. He lived with Sir James for twenty five years, and it was during this period that he visited Amesbury in Wiltshire, to which country he gives the palm over all others for hawking.

On Sir James Boswell's death he was employed, as falconer by Mr. Ewen of Ewenfield, Ayr, a keen and excellent sportsman. During the time he was in this gentleman's service, Peter distinguished himself highly, by the great quantities of game he killed, and the many fine hawks he trained. His scores are recorded elsewhere - the best was 367 head, and the best hawks he ever had were, "The Imp" and "Rantin Robin", which tiercel he moulted ten times. On Mr. Ewen's death in 1875 Peter was employed by Mr. Oswald, of Auchincruive, and has continued to show good sport up to the present date 1879. The best hawks he has trained for Mr. Oswald have been "Saddle" and "Pearl", which he has flown four seasons.

Peter says he is eighty years old - he walks all day and cheers his hawks with a voice like an otter hound. He has no assistance, but his son of his by his third wife, now nine years old! And last year he went over the cliff to take a nest out of the rock.

He combines all the gentleness and clever handling of the Dutch falconers with the keenness and good qualities of the Scotch school, is a beautiful hooder, very neat and tidy in the mews, and in all respects an excellent falconer.

Game killed by hawks during summer and autumn of 1879, at Oakhurst, Middleton, Lowthorpe and in Ireland.

	Parts.	Rooks.	Magpies.	Pheas.	Sund.	Total.
"Bois-le-duc"		1				1.
"Wheel of Fortune"		2			1 seagull.	3.
"Morna"		8				8.
"Northern Light"		5	2		1 peewit.	8.
"Meteor"	20		20	2		42.
"Buccaneer"	12		24	1	1 peewit.	38.
"Prefect"	8		1			9.
"Prince"	1		1			2.
Merlin					1 lark.	1.
"Shooting Star"		11				11.
	41	27	48	3	4	124.

Hawks out 12 days in Ireland, and about three weeks game hawking only, partridges very scarce and not two brace of young birds killed.

Cost of passage hawks this year £5.4.10d each.

The spring of 1880 was the worst season on record. From various causes the Sec. was unable to give any supervision to the training of the hawks, and when they first appeared on the downs they were but half fit to enter. Bagged rooks proved very difficult to secure, and on top of this came the general election, and each Member of the Club was busily employed during the last part of the season. Excepting for a few flying visits the hawks were not put into continuous work until the middle of April, and they had suffered much by this delay.

Old "Bois-le-duc", whose flying was apparently in no way impaired by age, was rather shifty, and having been insufficiently handled was not easy to take up, and so had to be snared several times. This ruined her completely and during all the best part of the season she was kept at home on the block. "Princess" was by far the most useful hawk, but she was lost early in April. None of the young hawks were above mediocrity.

A pair of ravens bred this year in Tedworth Park. A pair of hobbies were constantly seen near the Druid's Head and it is supposed bred there. On April 29th. we saw a pair of dotterel on the downs near the Bustard.

The weather was dry but windy for most of the season. Members who attended; F. Newcome, StQuintin, Brooksbank, Salvin, G.Lascelles (for a few days,). Sport on the whole very bad.

List of Hawks March 1880.

"Bois-le-duc"	Passage falcon.	5th.	season.	
"Princess"	do	do	2nd.	season. Lost in Wilts.
"Azrael"	do	do	1st	season. Sold Col.Brooksbank.
"Bonnibell"	do	do	1st	season. Lost at Oakhurst.
"Makeshift"	do	do	1st	season.
"Satanella"	do	do	1st	season.
"Enchantress"	do	do	1st	season.
"Guinevere"	do	do	1st	season. Lost in Wilts.
"Cockatrice"	do	do	1st	season. Sold StQuintin.
"Virago"	do	do	1st	season. Sold Mr.Evans.
"Catapult"	do	do	1st	season. Sold Mr.Evans.
"Candace"	do	do	1st	season.

"Virago" & "Catapult" sold to Mr.Evans for £5.5.0. each.

List of Game killed by each Hawk.

	Rooks.	Magpies.	Sundries.	Total.
"Bois-le-duc"	5			5.
"Princess"	13		1 jackdaw.	14.
"Makeshift"	27			27.
"Cockatrice"	16		1 blackbird.	17.
"Candace"	5			5.
"Azrael"	7			7.
Salvin's tiercel	4		1 blackbird.	5.
"Telegram"		3		3.
"Guinevere"	1			1.
Total:	74.	7.	3.	84.

March 19th to May 8th.1880.

The young falcons procured for the Club were (1) a tiercel from the usual Drumlanrig nest. (2) two falcons and two tiercels from the Horn Head nest of Mr.Stewart's. (3) a falcon sent by Salvin and partly hacked at Lyndhurst. This hawk, the Drumlanrig tiercel were lost or injured at hack at Scampston. In addition to this StQuintin and Brooksbank each procured two or three eyasses. Very bad luck was experienced with the hawks, and none of them turned out particularly well. Score up to Oct.9th. is appended.

Property of W.H. StQ.

	Parts.	Pheas.	Landrail	Rook.	Total.
“Telegram”	32	3	1	1	37.
“Adjutant”			1		1.
“Aide de camp”	6			1 pigeon	7.
“Cockatrice”				3	3.
“Ariel”	1				1.
Property of Col. Brooksbank.					
“Junna”				4	4.
“Javelin”	10				10.
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	49.	3.	2.	9.	63.
Property of apt. Salvin					
“Spiteful”				2.	2.
“Highflyer”	1.				1.
Property of Club.					
“Rifleman”	4.				4.
“Sharpshooter”	2.				2.
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Grand Total:					74.

Six merlins were hacked at Lyndhurst for Mr.Dodd. Two were retained and did fairly well in Yorks..

Old “Bois-le-duc” was lost early in Oct. at Middleton while flying to the lure, having done five seasons of excellent work for the Club: she was as good as ever, but rather shifty. After living out for three weeks or more the old hawk was recovered, but was rather knocked about. She was soon afterwards given to the Rev. W.Willmott of Cornwall, who kept her in training.

A successful trip was made by the hawks to Ireland this year. Members present; Col.Brooksbank. F.H. Salvin. Frost accompanied them. The score was:

Rooks:	12.
Magpies:	43.
Various:	2.
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	57.

- in 13 days hawking, the venue being the Curragh, and Fermoy. The hawks that flew were : “Rifleman” & “Mrs. Bagot” (the Club). “Junna” & “Javelin” (Col. Brooksbank). “Highflyer” (F.H. Salvin).

Quarry killed in 1880.

Rooks:	97.
Magpies:	50.
Partridges:	56.
Pheasants:	4.
Sundries:	8.
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	215.

1881.

Jan. 10th. Seven young falcons, one haggard, and a haggard goshawk, a very fine bird, were sent over by Mollen for the Club. In early Nov. a falcon called "Guinevere", lost by the Club near Winterbourne Stoke in Wilts. was trapped by a gamekeeper and sent to the Sec. Unfortunately her leg was so much injured that she had to be destroyed. A week later, a very nice red falcon was captured by one of Sir E. Antrous' keepers with but slight injuries, and is now in training and likely to turn out well. The goshawk was sent to W. St Quintin to train.

March 18th. Old "Bois-le-duc" was shot in Cornwall, on a rook which she had killed some distance from where she was flown. She had done some good work and had been kept almost at hack by her owner.

The haggard goshawk was successfully trained by W. St Quintin and entered at rabbits, taking her first rabbits on 25th. Feb., since which time she has killed 13 rabbits.

Hawks 1881 March 23rd.

"Candace"	Passage falcon	2 yrs old.	
Haggard falcon,			killed by goshawk.
"Amesbury"	Passage falcon	1 yr old.	
"Heroine"	do do	do	Taken by St. Quintin.
"Myra"	do do	do	Lost.
"Morgiana"	do do	do	Killed.
"Capsicum"	do do	do	Dead.
"Termagant"	do do	do	Dead, Col. B.
"Gitana"	do do	do	
"Mrs. Bagot"	Eyass	falcon.	
"Rifleman"	Eyass	tiercel	Went blind; killed.
"Sharpshooter"	do	do	Died.

Haggard goshawk, probably 3yrs. old.

1881. Game killed by each individual hawk; March 1881.

March 1881.	17th.	22nd.	24th.	26th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	31st.
"Amesbury"	1	1	1	1	1	1+	1	1+
"Candace"				1+	1+	1	1+	
"Heroine"				2#				
"Morgiana"					1+			
"Gitana"								1#
"Capsicum"								
"Myra"								
"Aide de camp"	1+*			25th.				
"Creole"			1+*	1+*	1+*			

April 1881.	5th.	6th.	8th.	9th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	15th.
"Amesbury"	1	1	1	1		1		1+	1
"Candace"	1	1	1+						
"Heroine"					1		1+		
"Morgiana"									
"Gitana"	1		1	1	1	1	1.1+	1	2
"Capsicum"		1+	1+					1+	
"Myra"			1+	1	1+	1	2+	1+	1
"Aide de camp"			1+*		1+*				
"Creole"		1#				1+*		2+*	

April 1881.	16th.	19th.	20th.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.	25th.	26th.	27th.
"Amesbury"		1+	1	2	1		2	1	1
"Candace"		1	1	2		2	1	1	2
"Heroine"						1+1	1		
"Morgiana"	1+			1					
"Gitana"	1.1c	2	1	1	2	3	2	2	2
"Capsicum"									
"Myra"	2+	1#			1				
"Aide de camp"			1+*						1+*
"Creole"				1sc			1sc		

April 1881.	28th.	29th.	30th.	May 2	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
"Amesbury"	2	2		1	2.1+		1.1c+	2	1
"Candace"	1	2						1	
"Heroine"				1+				1+	
"Morgiana"									
"Gitana"	2	2	1	2.1	1#		2	3	2
"Capsicum"									
"Myra"									
"Aide de camp"				1t		1*	1+*	1s	
"Creole"		1wd						1*	

May 1881.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.			Total.
"Amesbury"		1+	1.1+		39 rooks.	1 crow.	40.
"Candace"		1	2	1	24 rooks.		24.
"Heroine"					9 rooks.		9.
"Morgiana"					3 rooks.		3.
"Gitana"		2	2	2	49 rooks.	1 crow.	50.
"Capsicum"					3 rooks.		3.
"Myra"					12 rooks.		12.
"Aide de camp"			1*	2*	10 magpies.	2 var.	12.
"Creole"			1v	2*	9 mags	1 rook	14.

Total: Rooks 140. Crows 2. Mags. 19. Various 6.
 += assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. v = various. c = crow. sc = stone curlew. # = when at large. wd = wild duck.

1881. On the 16th. March

W.H.StQuintin came down to Everleigh. The hawks with J.Frost and G.Oxer having been down about ten days.

On 17th. "Amesbury" flew very well and caught her first rook. One magpie caught by "Aide de camp" with help.

Weather very bad, did not go out till 22nd.[March] on which day G.Lascelles came down. "Amesbury" flew a very fine flight, and caught hold first stoop but let go; then after some fine ringing caught high in the air. "Morgiana" flew hard to a fold and got beaten there.

On 23rd. did not get out. F. Newcome came in evening.

On 24th., towards Enford on Upavon Road. "Amesbury" caught after a long rat hunt in some gorses. Flew "Aide de camp" and "Creole" at a magpie. "Aide de camp" did most of the work, "Creole" raking away at first, but joined in and effected a kill. "Candace" gave up after two stoops. "Morgiana" gave up directly. "Heroine" got one stoop then raked off after rooks and got beaten at Beache's Barn, and then entirely disappeared. Very windy.

25th. No trace of "Heroine". Wind very strong. Went out late in afternoon. "Aide de camp" and "Rifleman" had a good hustle after a magpie but got beat to covert. "Aide de camp" and "Creole" killed a magpie after a great hustle in some gorse. "Candace" got beat to covert by a curlew.

March 26th. On Andover Road. Nice day. Had a very fine flight and kill with "Amesbury"; she put into some stacks, and then the rook went away ringing to a great height and the hawk got in a fine stoop but the rook got up again, and we had some more very high ringing. The hawk then got well above and having her rook beat killed second stoop, her first a very fine one, close to trees by Mr.Nuth's House. She got beat twice afterwards, the first time by going off wide to ring, she allowed the rook to beat her to covert. Second time put into a fold, and then again got beat to covert. "Candace" and "Capsicum" flew together and the old hawk caught hold. Later on "Candace" and "Morgiana" flew together and got beat by playing the fool, the young hawk once catching hold, and leaving go. G.Lascelles went away. We then had a long draw for magpies, but did no good.

March 27th. We heard in the morning that "Heroine" had been seen on a rook in the rookery under Sidbury Hill. Frost and Oxer went out early. In the afternoon we went out, and StQuintin saw the hawk from a distance on the bank of water close to Hougoumont Farm. We threw out a pigeon which she stooped at, and then she went to the Rookery, where G.Oxer got her down to his pigeon and snared her. He was out all day and we left him on Sidbury Hill to watch - a good performance on his part.

March 28th. Foxhounds at Everleigh in Morning. In afternoon we went out towards Beache's Barn. Flew "Amesbury" and "Gitana" together. "Amesbury" killed first stoop. Flew "Candace" and "Morgiana" together. They both worked hard and the young hawk caught. Flew "Candace" and "Capsicum" together. The old hawk did all the work and killed in good form. Flew "Creole" and "A.D.C." at a mag. We had a very fine hustle both hawks working hard. At last "Creole" killed high in the air. A very pretty afternoon's sport. 3 flights.

March 29th. Flew "Amesbury" and "Gitana" in the valley between Sidbury Hill and Hougoumont Farm. "Amesbury" did all the work and knocked the rook hard to the ground. "Gitana" joined in with a stoop or two, and they caught between them close to covert. Flew "Candace" and "Capsicum" in the valley on the Collingbourne Road. "Candace" did all the work and killed. Later

on “Capsicum” would not look at a rook under her, and played the fool. “Amesbury” flew a good flight at a crow, she caught it, but let it go after having it on the ground for about half a minute. Drew Easton Valley blank. Trained “Myra”, who fooled about and got into the Everleigh Rookery.
4 flights.

March 30th. Very windy day; got out late in afternoon under Sidbury Hill, Tedworth side. “Candace” and “Morgiana” killed a rook. “Amesbury” and “Gitana” put into Rookery upwind, and “Amesbury” killed a rook that was coming into the Rookery.
2 flights.
St Quintin’s tiercel, “Aide de camp” threw a feather.

March 31st. Very high wind. Flew “Amesbury” and “Gitana” on Salisbury Road. They both went well up but “Amesbury” got first stoop, and killed high in the air. “Candace” put into some gorse, but would not rat hunt, and “Capsicum” flown with her did nothing. Flew “Amesbury” and “Gitana” together. They both flew well and put into a small bush and then into some premises; during the rat hunt “Gitana” slipped off and disappeared.
3 flights.

April 1st. Frost found “Gitana” in Bulford Field in the morning, early, with a full crop. He followed her all day and snared her at 5.45 p.m. in Bulford Rookery. Very high wind. From “Gitana’s” casting there is no doubt she killed a rook, and we have strong reasons to believe she killed the rook she was flown at, as it disappeared with her.

April 2nd. Blew a hurricane all day. We did not get out.
Only 12 flights at Rooks during week; 9 kills.

April 4th. Blew very hard. Did not get out. J.Gladstone came in evening.

April 5th. Rather windy. Enford, Elbarrow and Netheravon. Flew “Amesbury” and “Gitana” together. “Amesbury” went after some rooks down wind, but after a good flight got beat to covert. “Gitana” killed in very poor form, one of the rooks she was flown at. Flew “Amesbury” and “Myra” together. “Amesbury” killed high in the air first stoop, and “Myra” got beat into some trees, but flew well. “Candace” killed in real fine form. “Morgiana” did nothing: “Heroine” went very well at first, but getting too keen, got beat to covert, she made one fine stoop at a great height.
5 flights.

April 6th. Bulford Field en route to Amesbury. “Gitana” and “Capsicum” flew a good flight, the former doing most of the work, but the latter joined in and killed. Flew “Creole” and “A.D.C.” at a mag. After a long hustle “A.D.C.” sat down and “Creole” turned over a curlew, who however escaped on the ground, a wild tiercel also joining in and stooping at the hawks. Flew them again, when “Creole” raked off, and disappeared. “Candace” flew a very pretty flight, and killed her rook and nearly herself on the ground. She hit the ground a buster and the rook never moved a feather again. She was a little trouble to take up. “Amesbury” flew a very fine flight on Amesbury side of Bulford Rookery. She first put into a tree where both sat down. Being hustled out we had some fine ringing and stooping, eventually she killed after hustling the rook through some trees and down a fence on the Grately Road.
3 flights.

April 7th. “Creole” was brought in about 10 o’clock by a miller at Milston who had caught her with a pigeon. She had killed a rook. Her wing is, I am afraid stiff. Too windy to get a flight, though we went out for a short time in the afternoon to shoe Gladstone one more flight before he left.

April 8th. Good days sport on Salisbury and Devizes Road. Flew “Gitana” and “capsicum” together. They got in stoop for stoop and “Capsicum” killed. Later on “Gitana” got beaten to covert,

as she did not see the rook for some time - and in the evening "Gitana" and "Heroine" were flown together, but separated at once, "Gitana" killing very well, and "Heroine" being just beat to covert, after along flight, during which she showed very much better form than she had done before. Flew "Amesbury" and "Myra" together. "Amesbury" killed first stoop, and "Myra" got beat to covert. Flew them again together at one rook at the corner where the Amesbury Road comes in. They first put under the rails of the pond, and then the rook went off ringing to a great height, both hawks ringing also, and getting in several stoops high in the air. The rook then tried for the young scotch plantation on the down towards Winterbourne. "Amesbury" got in two quick stoops high in the air, and then "Myra" came in with a tremendous rattle and caught close to covert. About the best flight of the season. "Candace" got beat into trees by a crow. Later on flew her with "Morgiana". They both flew keen, and "Candace" caught among some young trees. "Morgiana" came in and caught the old hawk who left go, but we score the rook to her. "A.D.C." assisted by "Creole" and G.Oxer killed a mag on the down. 7 flights.

April 9th. A rotten days sport. Bulford field and up to Porton Firs. Flew "Gitana" and "Capsicum" who put into a fold and then took after a bird [partridge.] "Amesbury" and "Myra" put into a large fold and after a rat hunt "Amesbury" killed; "Myra" sitting on the down till a rook came low, over her which she went and killed. "Gitana" killed a rook first stoop, "Capsicum" also flying. "Candace" got well above her rook, and then gave up. 4 flights.
19 flights during the week: 14 rooks killed.

April 11th. At the Bustard. The Wyndhams and Hambros out. J.Gladstone came down to Amesbury. "Amesbury" got beat to covert after putting in to a small clump of larch. Later on flew her with "Myra"; the latter caught. "Gitana" killed high in the air, second stoop, "Capsicum" going off and sitting down. Later on flew "Gitana" and "Heroine" together at some rooks on the passage. "Heroine" got a very fine stoop close to some sheep, who ran over her and she let go. She caught again but let go on my coming up, then "Gitana" joined in from somewhere and finished off the rook. "Heroine" was a little trouble. Previously we had flown her at a rook, but she gave up after one stoop. Had two rare hustles after Mags round the Bustard. "A.D.C" killing the first one at the end of the double fence on the Road. The second one beat us after a long hustle. 5 flights.

April 12th. Over Beacon Hill. Very Rotten day. "Amesbury" got beat to Bulford Rookery. Later on "Amesbury" flown with "Myra" flopped onto a bad rook who would not get up. "Myra" and "Morgiana" flown together; "Myra" caught but not in form. "Gitana" and "Capsicum" flown together twice. First time they hustled some crows round some trees and then "Gitana" rang to a great height over one but would not stoop, and played the fool. Second time "Gitana" killed easily. "Candace" would not stoop at all. "Creole" killed a magpie in good form, and we got beat by another. 6 flights.

April 13th. A good day's sport round the Druid's Head. Capt.Digby and H.P.Mildmay came down from London for the day. "Amesbury" flew a very good flight, some high ringing and stooping and just got beat to covert. Second time got beat to some premises after flying hard. Her foot is more swollen and we think she is afraid to lay hold. Third time flew her with "Myra" and the latter caught. "Gitana" killed prettily first stoop. Later on flown with "Capsicum" they flew after different rooks, and "Gitana" flew a rattling flight and just got beat into the Rookery on the hill by Druid's Head. She then killed a rook easily that was coming in. Flew "Myra" and "Morgiana" and the former caught. Flew "Myra" and "Heroine". "Heroine" caught "Myra" first and then after a pretty little flight she caught a rook. "A.D.C" got beat by a mag. who however would not go far from covert. 7 flights.

April 14th. On Salisbury Road. "Gitana" killed clever from a long slip, after a put in to a barn. "Amesbury" and "Myra" flown together, divided and "Myra" killed; "Candace" flew but moderately and gave a lot of trouble to take up. "Gitana" and "Capsicum" flew well at a long slip and the latter killed. "Amesbury" and "Myra" flew a capital flight in the open, the former killing. We had two good magpie flights with "Creole" and "A.D.C" killed both, the tiercel flying very well. In the second flight the falcon got in a stoop, from no great height, and killed the pie stone dead on the ground. "Heroine" would not stoop. 6 flights.

April 15th. Druid's Head to Bustard. "Gitana" killed after a long rat hunt in an empty fold. "Morgiana" got beat to covert. "Amesbury" flew a rattling flight, putting in to some premises, then a fine ring and put in again, but ringing again gave up. "Gitana" and "Capsicum" put into some premises, and then got beat to covert, "Gitana" doing all the work. "Heroine" never tried a yard. "Amesbury" and "Myra" each killed a rook, the former in very good form. "Gitana" and "Capsicum" got beat to covert by some crows. "Gitana" raked off and was lost. Just at dusk she was seen to kill at Stagg's rookery by Lascelles and StQuintin and was promptly snared. (arrival of the L.C.J. N.W. Wood) 7 flights.

April 16th. Round Porton Firs. "Gitana" killed after a pretty flight. "Myra" and "Morgiana" flew rather badly but "Morgiana" caught hold. "Amesbury" flew well at first, putting in some very good stoops, then there was some high ringing but she gave up, when the rook was just being beaten. "Gitana" and "Heroine" flown at some crows. "Gitana" killed in good form but "Heroine" coming in crabbed her and let crow escape. "Heroine" caught hold but was driven off by other crows before we could get up. "Candace" and "Morgiana" flew disgracefully. "Myra" and "Heroine" managed to kill close to gorse the former doing the trick. "Candace" and "Amesbury" flew well and put into some big premises, which were too much for them. "Gitana" gave up a long slip at crows. "Gitana" and "Myra" put into some gorses, the latter killing. Blank draw for mags. 9 flights.

During week 40 flights; 23 rooks; 1 crow and also 4 magpies.

April 18th. Went out to Bulford Field but too windy to fly. Hooded off "A.D.C" to stoop at magpies, but we could do nothing in the wind.

April 19th. A party went out from Wilbury. It was very windy but we went out to Andover Road. "Gitana" killed easily. "Amesbury" and "Myra" hustled a rook down a fence and killed. "Gitana" killed in good form after putting in to a small covert. Flew "Candace" and "Myra" in Durrington country. "Candace" killed well after a fair flight. "Myra" separated and flew hard but in bad form and got beat to covert, and was lost. Was seen by StQuintin at Stagg's Rookery on the morning of the 20th and after some time was caught on a dead rook, that "Mrs.Bagot" had had a turn at on the ground in her flight. 4 flights.
[On the 20th.] "Gitana" flew a very smart flight, killed third stoop. "Candace" and "Amesbury" also killed, the latter, very cleverly. A good magpie hunt also resulted in a kill. 3 flights.

April 21st. The Bustard and Elbarrow. "Gitana" flew a very good flight, but got beat to Virgo. Second time killed in a small gorse covert. "Amesbury" gave up. Flew her twice with "Heroine" and she killed each time, the second time raking away till she did so. "Morgiana" killed a bad rook. Flew "Candace" and "Myra" together. "Candace" flew in very good form and killed twice, "Myra" raking off second time. Got beat by a magpie at the Bustard. 8 flights.

April 22nd. Bulford Field. "Gitana" killed twice, the first time very clever and the second after a rat hunt. "Amesbury" killed well. Flew "Myra" and "Heroine" together. They would not try, and "Myra" raking off killed over the river. Was disturbed by a rustic and lost. Got beat by a mag.
4 flights.

April 23rd. No signs of "Myra". Went out on Salisbury Road and round Porton Firs. Good days sport. "Gitana" killed three times in good form and "Candace" twice. "Termagant" flown once with "Gitana" did nothing. "Amesbury" and "Heroine" flown together twice. "Heroine" killed each time, the second time unassisted, and "Amesbury" got beat to covert. "Creole" was beaten by a mag.
7 flights.

26 flights during week.

April 25th. Major Fisher, F.H. Salvin, Mr. Angelo, Mr. Willimot and Major ... arrived. The haggard falcon found in the mews this morning killed by the goshawks, the former having got loose. On Salisbury Road. "Gitana" killed twice in very good form and "Candace" once. "Amesbury" killed likewise, and got beat after a long flight by a mag. Then flew "Amesbury" and "Heroine". The latter did not try much, and "Amesbury" flew a rattling ringing flight and got in two dinging stoops close to Porton Rookery, and either killed her rook or another one (probably the latter,) close under the rookery. "Heroine" disappeared.
5 flights.

April 26th. "Heroine" found by Frost at Allington on morning of Apr.26th., she having killed a rook. She was snared at 5 p.m. "Gitana" killed easily, second time flew a fine flight with much stooping, and getting beat in a fence raked off and killed at Porton Rookery. "Amesbury" killed well. "Candace" hit a rook very hard and the ground harder, and did not get up at once. Later on she killed a rook first stoop.
5 flights.

April 27th. From Stonehenge to the Bustard. G.Lascalles came. Killed a mag. close to the Stones. Later on got beat by one into Virgo. Killed twice afterwards in good form. "Candace" killed first stoop, after a long run up from a long slip. Killed well again afterwards. "Amesbury" killed easily over some sheep. Second time flown with "Capsicum" got beat after a rat hunt near the Bustard.
7 flights.

April 28th. Druid's Head. 1.30p.m. "Candace" and "Gitana" ran riot twice. "Amesbury" killed. Had eight flights altogether and five kills with no very remarkable flights. Found a wild duck's nest with eleven eggs on the open downs near the Druid's Head, one mile and a half from water.
8 flights.

April 29th. Bulford etc. "Candace", "Gitana" and "Amesbury" each killed twice, all in good style, and each with one flight that was good. "Heroine" put a rook in once well, and second time did not fly well. "Creole" was hooded off at a magpie, put him in and some ducks were seen on a pond. The hawk put them in twice, then caught the duck (which was let go.) We then had a long hunt at the magpie which escaped for want of another hawk. "Gitana" was beaten into Bulford; a very long slip.
9 flights.

April 30th. Spent the morning at Brigmerston with the Cormorants. 3 trout and two eels. One eel released. Very stormy afternoon. G.Lascalles left. "Gitana" killed in very good form first stoop. "Amesbury" was beaten by a crow after a good flight. "A.D.C" hustled some mags well while "Creole" had some fun with a duck.
2 flights.

36 flights during week.

May 2nd. Stonehenge to the Bustard. Col. Brooksbank and Rev. Higgins came in evening. "Gitana" killed twice well, and "Amesbury" once. "Candace" gave up first time. Second time flew really well, a ringing flight, and just got beat to some premises after two stoops. Was some trouble to take down. "Amesbury" and "Heroine" flown together, the latter killed. Had a hustle round the Bustard after a mag. "A.D.C" collared a thrush thereby letting mag escape. "Gitana" flown again went after wrong rooks, (a long slip,) and just got beat to covert; raked off and was lost. 7 flights.

May 3rd. "Gitana" was seen on a rook beyond Shrewton by Frost. She was watched all day by Frost and George in the afternoon. She came down at 8pm. but was frightened off by children. George slept at Shrewton and got her early on the morning of 4th.

May 4th. We hawked in afternoon. Shrewton way and the Bustard. "Amesbury" killed in good form. "Candace" flew fairly well but would not rat hunt hard and just got beat to covert. Had a tremendous hustle after a mag. round the Bustard, who beat us in the end. "Amesbury" and "Heroine" got in several stoops, when the latter gave up, and "Amesbury" killed in a fold after a very wide ring. The sheep knocked her over and she raked away and killed out of sight; was lost for the night but secured by Frost early in the morning of the 4th. 3 flights.

May 4th. "Amesbury" and "Gitana" were left at home. "Heroine" gave up, and "Candace" got beat to covert, a good flight. "A.D.C" killed a mag. 2 flights.

May 5th. The Bustard and Elbarrow. "Gitana" killed twice, the second rook in very good form. "Amesbury" once. "Amesbury" and "Heroine" flew a very pretty flight at a crow, the former killing. "Candace" got beat by not rat hunting hard. Had two hustles at mags. The former escaped owing to some wire netting, and the second mag. was well killed. 6 flights.

May 6th. A Rattling day's sport round Porton Firs and Salisbury Road. "Gitana" killed three times in rattling form, and "Amesbury" twice. "Amesbury" and "Heroine" flew very well together, the latter killing, and "Candace" killed close to Bulford Rookery after about one and a half miles, a very high flight. "Creole" killed a mag. and "A.D.C" a sundry. (We saw a hobby.) 7 flights.

May 7th. A very hot day. "K.O.Wang" had a good fish in the morning. 6 rouch and 1 eel. "Gitana" killed twice. The second flight a very good ringing one. Third time she got beat into Virgo after a rat hunt in premises. "Amesbury" got beat, soared and killed near Durnford Rookery. Second time got beat to covert and soared again. "Heroine" gave up after first stoop. 6 flights.

30 flights during week.

May 9th. "Gitana" flew twice and each time killed quickly. "Amesbury" flew twice, the first time she gave up over a sheep fold, the second time assisted by "Heroine", she killed. "Candace" flew once in good style and killed.

May 10th. "Gitana" killed twice; good flights. "Candace" was flown twice and killed each time; "Amesbury" killed by herself and also assisted by Heroine". The nestlings killed a magpie, after some interesting and cunning proceedings on the part of the magpie. Altogether the day was one of good sport and an exhibition of high character in Falconry.

May 11th. A very bright sunny day, such as hawks delight to soar in. Flew "Gitana" twice who killed each time. Drove several magpies out of Virgo. The nestlings flew hard and keen killing four in three flights. Rooks were scarce and the other hawks were not flown. Thus ended the Rook hawking season of 1881.

"Heroine" was sold to W.H.StQuintin, and "Termagant" to Col.Brooksbank.

Game killed Autumn 1881.

	Part.	Ph.	Rook.	W.duck.	Rab.	Total.
"Parachute"	46	5			1	52.
"Vectis"	3					3.
"Vanquisher"	13	1				14.
Goshawk		1	1 spar.hawk	1	38	41.
	62.	7.	1.	1.	39.	110.

Game killed by Club hawks with those of private members when all flown together.

	Part.	Ph.	Rook.	Rab.	Wild duck.	Sundries.	Total.
	128.	7.	10.	39.	1.	1.	186.
Wilts score:			142.		1. 19 Mags.	6.	
	128.	7.	152.	39.	2. 19.	7.	354.

N.B. 12 partridges killed by "Parachute" after the date of this return, in Jan. 1882.

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The passage was a fairly good one, about 16 hawks were taken and eight young falcons were sent over to the O.H.C. An extraordinarily mild winter enabled the hawks to be trained rapidly and by Feb. 10th. all of them were flying loose, and were moreover weathering out of doors bare headed and having the ordinary bath.

Feb. 7th. "Amesbury" was taken out of the mew well moulted.

Feb. 13th. "Candace" arrived from the Feltwell mews, splendidly moulted and in grand condition; on the 15th. this hawk (a very large one) was weighed, being perfectly empty but in the heaviest possible condition; her weight was 2 lbs. 12 3/4 ozs.

March 1st. "Gitana" sent from Feltwell straight to Amesbury, well moulted.

Hawks in training Feb. 1882.

Passage hawks.

"Candace"	3 yr. old	Died Feb. /82.
"Amesbury"	2 yr. old	
"Gitana"	2 yr. old	Lost in Wilts.
"Olivette"	1 yr. old	
"Patience"	1 yr. old	Died May /82.
"Lady Jane"	1 yr. old	Sold £10.
"White Lady"	1 yr. old	Lost in New Forest.
"Angela"	1 yr. old	Sold, Col. Brooksbank £3.
"Griselda"	1 yr. old	Died apoplexy Aug./82.
"Manola"	1 yr. old	Sold £3.10.0.
"The Rogue"	1 yr. old	Sold £1.10.0.

Female goshawk 4 yr. old.

Eyasses.

"Parachute"	1 yr. old	
"Valeria"	1 yr. old	Sold £3.0.0.

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"Vanquisher"	1 yr. old	Sold £5.
"Peter"	1 yr. old	Died at Amesbury.

Game killed by each individual hawk Spring 1882.

March 1882.	9th.	10th.	11th.	13th.	14th.	15th.	16th.	17th.	18th.
"Amesbury"	1+	1+	1+	1+1	1+2			1+1	1
"Olivette"		1				1+			
"Griselda"						1	2		1
"Gitana"							1	1+	1+
"Patience"								1	
"Lady Jane"									
"White Lady"									
"Angela"									
"Creole"			1+*						
"Aide de Camp"			1+*	1*					
"Belfry"				1*		1+*	1*		
"Vanquisher"									
Total:	1	2	3	4	3	3	4	4	3

March 1882.	20th.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.	24th.	25th.	27th.	28th.	29th.
"Amesbury"		1+	1+	1+			1	1.1+c	1+
"Olivette"				1+			1+1		
"Griselda"		2		1	1	2	1	1.1+c	1
"Gitana"	1+	1+	1+	1	1+c	1	1		
"Patience"		1+		1+		1			
"Lady Jane"	1+					1+			
"White Lady"									
"Angela"									
"Creole"									
"Aide de Camp"								1+*	
"Belfry"								1+*	1+*
"Vanquisher"									
Total:	2	5	2	5	2	5	5	6	3

March/April.	30th.	31st.	1st.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	10th.
"Amesbury"		1				1+		2		
"Olivette"					1+	1	1+	1	1	1
"Griselda"	2	1	1>	1	1		2	2	1	2
"Gitana"	1			1+1		2	1+	2		1
"Patience"										
"Lady Jane"								1		
"White Lady"	1+	1		1+		1+	1	1	1	1
"Angela"	1					1+			1	1
"Manola"										1+
"Creole"										
"Aide de Camp"	1+*		1+*			1+*				
"Belfry"			1*1+*			1+*	2+*		2+*	
"Vanquisher"									1+*	
Total:	6	3	4	4	2	8	7	9	7	7

April 1882.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	15th.	17th.	18th.	19th.	20th.
"Amesbury"	1		1+				1c1+		1
"Olivette"		1					1+	2	2
"Griselda"	1	2		2		1	1	1	1
"Gitana"	1	1				1			
"Patience"									1
"Lady Jane"								1+	1+
"White Lady"	1	2	1c	2	1		2	2	2
"Angela"									1
"Manola"	1								
"Creole"									
"Aide de Camp"	1+*	1+*	1v	1+*				1*	
"Belfry"	1*	1+*						1v	1v
"Vanquisher"			1*				1+*		
"Black Prince"							2+*		
Total:	7	8	4	5	1	2	10	8	9

April/May.	21st.	22nd.	24th.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
"Amesbury"	1	1	1+			1				1+1
"Olivette"	1	1			2				1+	2
"Griselda"	1	1	1		1c	2	2	1		
"Gitana"										
"Patience"										
"Lady Jane"	1+					1+	1+		1+	1
"White Lady"	2	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	3
"Angela"										1+
"Manola"										
"Creole"										
"Aide de Camp"	1+*		1sc+		1+*	1+*	1sc+		2*1sc	
"Belfry"		1+*							1*1v	1+*
"Vanquisher"					1+*					1+*
Total:	7	6	5	1	7	6	7	3	8	11

Rook hawking '82. Total.

"Amesbury"	31 rooks	2 crows.	33.
"Olivette"	24 rooks.		24.
"Griselda"	43 rooks.	2 crows.	45.
"Gitana"	21 rooks.	1 crow.	22.
"Patience"	5 rooks.		5.
"Lady Jane"	9 rooks.	1 m. thrush.	10.
"White Lady"	39 rooks.	1 crow.	40.
"Angela"	6 rooks.		6.
"Manola"	2 rooks.		2.
"Creole"	1 mag.		1.
"Aide de Camp"	15 mags.	3 curlew.	1 various. 19.
"Belfry"	17 mags.	3 various.	20.
"Vanquisher"	5 mags.		5.
"Black Prince"	2 mags.		2.

Totals: 180 rooks; 6 crows; 40 mags.; 3 curlews; 1 thrush; 4 various: 234.

+ = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. sc = stone curlew. c = crow. > = when at large. v = various.

Hawking was commenced on March 9th. by W.H.StQuintin at Amesbury. Owing to the recent burning down of the old Everley Manor House the Inn there was full and we had to commence at Amesbury. The young hawks had had no bagged rooks and consequently were rather backward at entering.

March 9th. "Amesbury" and "Patience" killed. 2 flights.

March 10th. Porton Firs. Amesbury" and "Griselda" flew well. Then "Amesbury" and "Olivette"; the latter killed. "Gitana" and "Bella Donna" beat to covert. F. Newcome came to Amesbury. 3 flights.

March 11th. The Bustard. "Amesbury" and "Olivette" flew well. "Creole" and "A.D.C." each killed a magpie. 1 flight.

March 13th. The Bustard. "A.D.C." and "Belfry" both killed magpies. "Amesbury" and "Patience" beat in gorse, later killed. The old hawk and "Olivette" killed later. 3 flights.

March 14th. Beacon Hill. "Amesbury" flew three times, killing each time, on the first occasion assisted by "Griselda". The other hawks did but little. Found a magpie but were beat after a long flight. 4 flights.

G. Lascelles came in morning.

March 15th. Bulford Field and Beache's Barn. "Griselda" killed third stoop, after a rattling flight. "Amesbury" and "Olivette" flew twice together; second flight "Olivette" killed. "Patience" would not try and "Belfry", assisted, killed a mag. 4 flights.

March 16th. Salisbury Road. "Griselda" killed well. Flown again with "Gitana", they each killed. "Patience" would not look at rooks. Flown again with "Amesbury" they both flew very hard but got

beat in a fold. “Amesbury” and “Olivette” divided and both got beat, “Olivette” raking off and bathing. “Belfry” killed a mag and the tiercels got beat by a second one. 5 flights.

March 17th. Druids Head. “Patience” flown with “Griselda” killed first stoop. “Amesbury” and “Olivette” killed after a rat hunt. “Gitana” and “Griselda” killed easily, as also “Amesbury” and “White Lady”. “Griselda” got beat to the rookery after a rattling flight. 5 flights.

March 18th. Staggs Rookery and Elbarrow. “Amesbury” and “Olivette” both were taken off from rooks. Later on “Amesbury” killed in real form, “Olivette” flying another rook got just beat to the Rookery. “Griselda” killed very well; “Patience” who had been flying another rook also well, coming in and robbing her. “Gitana” and “Patience” flew fine a long slip and put into some premises and after a good rat hunt the old hawk caught hold clever. 4 flights.

March 20th. Shrewton X Roads. “Amesbury” and “Olivette” separated at crows. “Amesbury” put into Virgo and “Olivette” did ditto after a tremendous ringing flight and two stoops. “Gitana” and “Patience” killed in a hedge. “Griselda” got beat to some premises after flying well. “Lady Jane” and “Amesbury” killed easily, “Lady Jane” her first rook flown at. 4 flights.

March 21st. Very windy indeed. Snow showers. “Griselda” flew very finely twice. “Gitana” and “Patience” killed between them. “Amesbury” and “Lady Jane” divided; both flew well, the old hawk killing and the other putting in. The same thing happened with “Olivette” and “patience”; the latter killed, but “Olivette” flew best. 5 flights.

March 22nd. A gale of cold N. wind. Went out late. “Griselda” flew a good flight to covert. “Olivette” and “Gitana” flew well the latter killed. “Amesbury” and “Lady Jane” also killed. A long magpie flight from Virgo. Mag beat us down wind. 3 flights.

March 23rd. Weather finer. At Elbarrow. “Angela” flew well with “Gitana” who killed. “Griselda” flew two good flights. “Amesbury” and “White Lady” flew well together stoop for stoop, the old one killing. “Olivette” and “Lady Jane” flew a similar flight, and “Patience” and “Olivette” killed after a desperate hunt round a barn. Tried to kill a magpie but could not get on terms with him.

March 24th. Towards Druid’s Head. Wet and Windy. Had a rare hustle after a mag. from Normanton gorse. “Gitana” and “Amesbury” killed a crow, “Griselda” a rook and “Lady Jane” would not look at rooks. 3 flights.

March 25th. Round Porton Firs. Very windy. “Lady Jane” and “Olivette” were flown close to Amesbury on the Wilbury Road. They each took a rook, and rang to great heights, “Lady Jane” giving up after three rattling stoops over Beacon Hill, and joining in with “Olivette” who had flown equally well, caught hold with a dashing stoop close to the clump on the hill overlooking Wilbury. “Griselda” killed well first time, second time got beat to covert and rattling on killed close to Porton Rookery; was found by StQuintin. “Gitana” killed easily. “Amesbury” gave up, and “Patience” and “Amesbury” killed. 6 flights.

March 27th. From Druid’s Head to the Bustard. “Lady Jane” and “Olivette” flew a very pretty flight, both getting up high. “Jane” got first stoop, and “Olivette” killed with a rattler. “Amesbury” and “White Lady” killed easily. “Gitana” and “Angela” got beat to covert. “Griselda” killed well. “Patience” would not fly. “Lady Jane” got beat to covert. “Gitana” and “Manola” flew, the former killing got her crabbed by the young hawk and let go; the second time both had to be throttled off. “Olivette” and “Angela” killed after continually putting into gorse bushes near Staggs Rookery, the former working very hard and doing the trick. 8 flights.

March 28th. Bulford Field. Good day's sport. "Amesbury" and "White Lady" flown at rooks. The former killed one on the ground, "White Lady" ringing well and getting beat to covert. "Griselda" killed well. "Griselda" and "Amesbury" killed a crow, and "Amesbury" and "Olivette" did the same. "Belfry" and "A.D.C." assisted by "Vanquisher" killed each a mag., the second after a good hunt; during the first flight "A.D.C." amused himself by hustling up a plover. (6 kills in 6 flights.)
4 flights.

March 29th. Very windy and wet. By Beeche's Barn. "Amesbury" and "White Lady" killed. Also "Griselda". Had a rare hustle after mags. down the Nine Mile Water from Bulford and killed (the three tiercels flown.) (Killed our 50th. rook.) (3 kills in 3 flights.)
2 flights.

March 30th. Fine day at Elbarrow. "White Lady" and "Jane" killed. "Amesbury" and "Angela" gave up after a long rat hunt. "Griselda" killed twice, the second time after a rattling flight and about ten good stoops. "Gitana" killed well. "Patience" and "Olivette" got beat to covert. "Angela" killed, flown with "Amesbury", who separated and got beat to covert. "A.D.C." assisted by "Belfry" killed a mag. high in the air. They got beat the second time into covert.
7 flights.

March 31st. In valley beyond Beacon Hill. "Lady Jane" got beat to covert, "Gitana" likewise. "Amesbury" and "White Lady" divided and both killed well. "Griselda" got beat to covert, raked away and killed, was robbed, and disappeared. No trace of her the whole afternoon.
4 flights.

Up to the end of March we have killed 58 rooks and 3 crows with 8 hawks; also 10 magpies. Total 71 head. We have only lost one hawk (unfortunately our best today,) but we hope to recover her.
83 flights at rooks and crows.

April 1st. Frost caught "Griselda" the Everleigh side of Sidbury Hill in the middle of the day. We went out late round Virgo; killed three magpies between Amesbury and Virgo with the three tiercels. Could not find a rook. N.B. The tiercels were not taken down during the three flights.
0 flights.

April 2nd. "Griselda" threw a rook casting, with which she is credited.

April 3rd. Fine day. Round Sidbury Hill to Hougoumont Farm. "White Lady" and "Amesbury" killed well; a high flight. "Griselda" got beat by a crow to Beache's Barn; fine flight. "Gitana" and "Angela" killed quickly. "Lady Jane" gave up after one stoop. "Griselda" killed in fine form second stoop. "Gitana" rang to a great height up to a single rook on the passage, saw some rooks under her, and put in, put in again at Hougoumont Farm, and killed after a rat hunt in some trees by the Collingbourne and Tedworth Road. "Amesbury" and "Lady Jane" never saw a rook sitting down, finally got beat. "Olivette" and "Patience" both times got beat easily by a crow. Blank draw for mags.
8 flights.

April 4th. Hot sun. At Durrington to Stagg's Rookery. "Olivette" and "White Lady" killed. "Amesbury" and "Lady Jane" got beat to covert, the old hawk soaring. "Griselda" put in and soared to a tremendous height, and with a long stoop disappeared. No trace of her.
3 flights.

April 5th. John F. found "Griselda" close to Stagg's Rookery on a Clump, and got to Amesbury with her a little after 6 a.m. She had no doubt killed when she stooped, in some high rape, where we could not find her. She threw a rook casting. G.Lascelles, R.Hardy and E.Stuart Nortley came in morning. On Salisbury Road. "Gitana" killed twice. "White Lady" and "Olivette" killed on a stack. Had a rare mag. hunt with two kills. The first mag. was knocked down dead by "Belfrey".

6 flights.

April 6th. Fine day. "Griselda" flew very well twice - long slips - "Olivette" and "Gitana" flew a fine flight, the young one killed. "White Lady" flew pretty well and killed. "Lady Jane" and "Gitana" flew a good hustle in a fold; "Gitana" killed and "Lady Jane" flew a fine flight to covert and was lost. Lord Wenlock, Mr.W.Wood and E.C.Newcome came in evening. 6 flights.

April 7th. All the hawks flew well except "Gitana" who checked twice and was lost second time, but found on her rook near Durnford and after a good deal of trouble taken up. "White Lady" flew well and also "Lady Jane". ("A.D.C." threw two feathers, the 7th. in each wing.) 9 flights.

April 8th. Beacon Hill and Round Porton Firs. Two real good flights with "Griselda" and "Olivette". The former killed high in the air third stoop. The latter flew keen and tried to grab and then changed her form and rang above her rook, killing well. "Amesbury" refused to fly twice, having jumped herself silly. "White Lady" killed once; got beat second time, flying very well. "Angela" killed after a long hustle. "Griselda" got beat to a covert. Killed a mag. from the Bible and two in gorse on left of Salisbury Road ("Vanquisher" killing the first; and "Belfry" the two latter.) 7 flights.

39 flights during week - 30 rooks killed, also 7 mags.

April 10th. A good day's sport. Round Sidbury Hill to Everleigh. "Griselda" killed twice from long slips, each time high in the air first stoop. "White Lady" killed first time, second time got beat to covert. "Gitana" got beat to covert. Second time flown with "Angela" they each killed high in the air. "Olivette" killed easily. "Manola" and "Patience" killed. "Amesbury" and "Lady Jane" divided and each flying hard and well got beat to covert. H.O.Wakeman came to Amesbury in evening. 9 flights.

April 11th. Round Stonehenge and towards the Bustard. "Olivette" got beat to covert. "White Lady" did not see her rooks, second time she killed after a good rat hunt. "Griselda" killed well. "Gitana" and "Angela" divided, the former killed and the latter got beat to a fold. "Amesbury" and "Lady Jane" did the same, the latter giving up. "Manola" and "Patience" had a long rat hunt, when the former raked off and killed in Durrington. Killed two mags with the tiercels. Col.Brooksbank and A.H.Johnson came to Amesbury. 7 flights.

April 12th. Windy and very wet. Left off early. On Netheravon down. "Griselda" killed twice, the first time a good flight. "White Lady" killed twice well; "Gitana" once. "Olivette" left her rooks and killed one a long way off. Killed two mags with the tiercels. 6 flights.

April 13th. Very windy and wet. Got out late in afternoon round Stonehenge. "Amesbury" and "Lady Jane" killed easily. "White Lady" flew a rattling flight and killed a crow after nine ding dong stoops. About the best flight of the season. "Vanquisher" killed a mag, while the other two tiercels were discussing a sundry quietly by themselves. 2 flights.

April 14th. Very high wind and wet. Went out late. "White Lady" killed twice, first time a very fine flight. Second time after a long hunt, and after putting into Druid's Head Rookery. "Griselda" killed twice, second time after putting in, she raked away and killed high in the air (another rook). "Gitana" got beat after a long flight. "Angela" and "Olivette" flown together did not see rooks. "A.D.C." killed a mag, assisted. 6 flights.

April 15th. On right of Andover Road. Bad days sport. "Lady Jane" flew hard, but after stooping at three different rooks gave up. "White Lady" after a long rat hunt in Melsom's premises soared. Second time flew a rattling flight, got beat in low Belt, sat down, then rang after rook to great height, and got beat to trees on Porton Road, soared, and killed a quarter of a mile beyond Porton Station. "Amesbury" and "Angela" divided and both got beat to covert. Could not persuade a magpie to leave covert in bottom near Wilbury in spite of about three quarters of an hour draw.

4 flights.

April 16th. B. Heywood Jones arrived at Amesbury.

April 17th. Very wet afternoon round Sidbury Hill. "White Lady" got beat to covert. "Griselda" killed well. "Gitana" got beat to covert, raked off, and killed the other side of Collingbourne. Found where she killed and set a snare. "A.D.C." also raked off in the rain. Very unfortunate day. Col. Cherry and F.H. Salvin arrived.

3 flights.

April 18th. "Amesbury" and "White Lady" killed a crow and a rook, and "Amesbury" and "Lady Jane" a rook. "White Lady" killed well and "Griselda" got fairly beat by a rook who rang over her, she killed a rook some way off down wind, a fine flight and very high till she changed. "Olivette" and "Angela" killed high in the air. The tiercels killed three mags. "Black Prince", a tiercel of Salvin's killing two of them. A very good day's sport on Mr. Hambro's ground in Bulford Field. "A.D.C." came up directly after "White Lady's" flight, and was immediately taken down. No tidings or signs of "Gitana".

6 flights.

April 19th. A good days sport round Druid's Head and the Bustard. An enormous field out. "White Lady" killed twice, the second time a good flight. "Griselda" put in well, and then raked away and killed. "Olivette" killed twice. "Lady Jane" and "Amesbury" killed. "Manola" and "Patience" both got beat. "A.D.C." killed a mag out of Virgo. Gerald Hardy arrived at Amesbury.

April 20th. Mr. B. Heywood Jones of Larkhill, Liverpool - 6th Dragoon Gds. (Carabineers) was proposed by Col. Brooksbank and seconded by F.d'A. Newcome and Elected a Member of the Old Hawking Club.

A very good days sport under Beacon Hill and Salisbury Road. "White Lady" killed twice very well. "Griselda" once very finely. Second time got beat to covert "Lady Jane" and "Amesbury" killed; also "Angela" and "Lady Jane", the former killing in a very thick holly hedge. "Olivette" killed twice and "Amesbury" one. "Patience" and "Manola" killed. The Rev. W.C. Newcome came to Amesbury. The Rev. W. Willimot with us the last three days.

10 flights.

April 21st. Round Sidbury Hill. "White lady" killed twice very well. "Griselda" got beat to covert. Second time killed after a fine flight, and rat hunt round some premises. "Lady Jane" and "Amesbury" killed. "Amesbury" and "Angela" divided, the former killing after a long rat hunt, the latter being beaten by a crow to covert after a good flight. "Olivette" flew a rattling flight from Barn on Everleigh road opposite Sidbury Hill. There was some very high flying and fine stooping till she put into some trees in the gorses between Beeches Barn and West Everleigh. About one and three quarters of a mile point. She and the rook sat in a tree till she was assisted and after a short rat hunt she killed. "A.D.C." and "Vanquisher" killed a mag. "Manola" got beat by a yellow legged various.

7 flights.

April 22nd. Wet morning. Got out afternoon round Bustard. "White Lady" killed twice and well. "Griselda" once. "Olivette" once after a hustle in a fold. "Angela" got beat into the Bustard; flew well. "Amesbury" flown at a yellow legged various, gave up, and raking away killed a rook. "Belfry", assisted by killed a mag.

6 flights.

April 24th. Bulford Field. Very windy. "White Lady" killed twice, well. "Griselda" once and once took off after a sundry (after putting her rook into some premises.) "Amesbury" and "Lady Jane" killed. "Olivette" got beat to covert. "A.D.C." assisted by "Belfry" collared a curlew, which was presented to Mr. Hambro for his garden. Rev. W. Higgins came to Amesbury. 6 flights.

April 25th. Very wet and windy. Got out in afternoon late. "White Lady" killed well. Drew Virgo, but did no good. C. Tracy came to Amesbury. 1 flight.

April 26th. A good day's sport. Druid's Head to the Bustard. "White Lady" killed twice. The second flight a very good one. "Griselda" killed a crow in rare form. "Olivette" killed twice. "A.D.C." and "Belfry" killed a mag from Normanton gorse, and "Vanquished" and "A.D.C." a mag. from the Bustard, a very long flight about one and a half miles. Frost caught a hawk of Fisher's and we saw another of his, which afterwards killed a rook, and a snare was set. 5 flights.

April 27th. Fine day. At Elbarrow. "Griselda" killed twice, the first a rattling flight from a very long slip. "White Lady" killed well, the second time never saw rooks, and got beat to Elbarrow rookery. "Amesbury" killed in a fold. "Lady Jane" and "Amesbury" killed. "Olivette" got beat to covert; "A.D.C." assisted by "Belfry" and "Vanquisher" killed a mag. after a very long flight. 7 flights.

April 28th. Very windy day and heavy storms. Capt & Mrs. Hussey came out. Under Beacon Hill. "White Lady" killed three times, each time in rattling form. "Griselda" killed twice. "Lady Jane" and "Amesbury" killed well; second time got beat to Bulford Rookery. "A.D.C." and "Belfry" caught a curlew after a good flight. 7 flights.

April 29th. Blew a hurricane. The first day this season we did not get out at all.

May 1st. Very windy day; under Sidbury Hill. "White Lady" killed twice, the first time a very good flight. "Lady Jane" gave up over gorse. "Griselda" put in after a fine flight, raked away, and from what we can assume, killed a rook close to Collingbourne Kingston. She was seen later on flying over the rookery then with a full crop, no doubt. 4 flights.

May 2nd. Fair day under Sidbury Hill. "White Lady" killed as usual very well. Second time did not see her rooks. Third time got beat by a crow in Bulford Field, as after putting in she changed. "Olivette" and "Angela" killed. "Amesbury" and "Lady Jane" had a long hunt over gorse, and finally "Lady Jane" killed a missel thrush. "A.D.C." caught two mags. and one curlew and got beat by another. "Belfry" killed a mag. and caught a bird. "Griselda" came and stooped at some rooks we were about to fly "Olivette" at - she sat down on a wattle fence, and took a pigeon, was caught immediately by Frost without being snared. Good days sport. "Griselda" threw two large castings, one a rook and the other a white pigeon in which was a toe. 5 flights.

May 3rd. Beacon Hill and Salisbury Road. Very good days sport. "White Lady" killed three times in rare form. The second time from a very long slip. "Olivette" killed twice well. "Amesbury" and "Lady Jane" killed; the second time they divided and both killed. "Angela" and "Amesbury" killed, and "Manola" and "Patience" gave up. "Belfry" and "Vanquisher" both killed a mag, and were beaten by another one. Our last day, 9 rooks in 9 flights and 2 mags. 9 flights.

Total flights: 240.

A very successful season indeed and one of the best teams of hawks we ever trained. The loss of "Gitana" was a severe one but fortunately other hawks were ready to take her place. The whole season was spent at Amesbury and sport was obtained nearly all the time although some long distances were gone.

May. Lord Lilford sent two Barbary falcons (*F. punicus*), a falcon and a tiercel, both very bad with frounce, and a good deal knocked about. The falcon was put into the moulting loft and cured after repeated dressings, the tiercel was more easily cured and was turned out to hack July 10th, with two young falcons taken from a nest at Culvercliff on June 1st.

July 6th. Lost "White Lady" flying her at a heron. She caught the heron a long way off, beyond some boggy ground so that we could not get rapidly to her. The heron kicked her off, and the disappointed hawk sulked away.

A week after "Griselda" was seized with apoplexy and after lingering half unconscious for a few days died.

July 24th. Took up hack hawks.

During the summer "Amesbury" killed three rooks.

No other young hawks were taken for the Club. The Drumlarrig nest failed, the one at Horn Head was not taken, a man being killed on the cliff there, and Beachy Head nest was not taken and St Quintin's Welsh nest was also allowed to fly.

August 5th. The hawks left for Invershin, Sutherlandshire under charge of St Quintin and Brooksbank, for grouse hawking. "Olivette" was sent to Feltwell to be moulted.

The return of the sport which was obtained is on the following page - probably the score was never equalled. "Parachute's" feat in killing three blue hares is also a remarkable one. She stuck to them and after repeated stoops bound to them, being keen for blood. This hawk was in tremendous form both at grouse and afterwards at partridges in the low country. A better game hawk cannot be trained.

A list of partridges killed will also be found on the following pages, and the season of 1883 [1882] will ever be remembered as an extraordinary one for both descriptions of hawks and hawking.

List of Game killed at Invershin, Sutherlandshire: Aug /Sept 1882.

August.	12th.	14th.	15th.	16th.	17th.	18th.	19th.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.
"Parachute"	2	2	2.1*	1.1*	1	2	5	2	5	3
"Angela"	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		3	1
"Creole"	1	3	1	3	1	1	Lost.			
"A.D.C"				1	1	1	1		1	1
"Amesbury"	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2
"Vesta"				1	1	2	2			1
"Virginia"										1
"Belfry"	1				1	1				

Aug/Sept.	25th.	26th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	31st.	1st.	2nd.	4th.	5th.
"Parachute"	4	2	1	2	1		1	2.1*	3	2
"Angela"	1	3		1		1		1	1	2
"Creole"	Lost.									
"A.D.C"	3	1		1	1			1	1	
"Amesbury"	1	2		1	1	2	1	2	2	1
"Vesta"	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	3	4
"Virginia"	1	1								
"Belfry"										

September.	6th.	8th.	9th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	Total.
"Parachute"	2	2	2	3	1	3	1	3 hares. 57.
"Angela"	2	2	2	2				36.
"Creole"	Lost.							10.
"A.D.C"		1		1				16.
"Amesbury"	1	2	2					32.
"Vesta"	2	1.1#	3	2	4		1 duck.	43.
"Virginia"								3.
"Belfry"								3.
Total:								200.

Total killed 204 head. * = blue hare. # = wild duck.

Total of Game killed in Autumn 1882 & Jan/Feb.1883.

	Grouse.	Part.	Pheas.	Hares.	Rabbits.	Sund.	Total.
"Parachute"	57.	76.	5.	3.		5.	148.
"Vesta"	43.	18.				1.	62.
"Angela"	36.						36.
"Creole"	10.						10.
"A.D.C"	16.	9.				1.	26.
"Amesbury"	32.						32.
"Virginia"	3.	1.					4.
"Belfry"	3.						3.
"Alecto" Goshawk.		1.			7.	1.	9.
"The Garrotter"							
Goshawk (F.H. Salvin)			1.	2.	18.	5.	26.
Totals:	200.	185.	6.	5.	25.	13.	354.

Sundries above: 1 wild duck.
1 landrail.
6 moorhens.
1 thrush.
2 stoats.
2 pigeons.
Total: 13.

Rooks etc. killed in spring: 237.
Add Game etc.: 354.
Grand total 1882. 591.

Letter to be included in O.H.C. Journal for 1882.

Invershin - September 2nd. 1882.

Dear Jerry [Gerald Lascelles.]

Just a line to tell you about a capital hare flight that we had this evening with old "Parachute".

We had had a long draw when my setter pointed a hare (blue). As we did not see any chance of getting birds we deliberately "ran riot" and hooded off the old hawk. The hare had left her seat in the mean time and was sitting up in front of the dog as they often do on a hill. We let the old lady get up to a grand pitch and then roused the hare which had squatted when it saw the hawk. "Parachute" came down a driving [stoop] and then shot herself up and came down again and again, perhaps seven or eight times. The hare in the meantime had run perhaps 300 yards. No doubt the old hawk scalped the hare each time, but her movements were so quick that we could hardly see this. But one of the hare's ears was split all the way up. At last she made up her mind to have him and bound on. But the hare carried her some yards before the spaniel Dan came up to administer the coup-de-grace. It was really a very pretty performance. The hare was an old doe and weighed 6 pounds less an ounce. "Parachute" had killed a brace of grouse before this. She has been rather tiresome lately by settling down when first hooded off. She did so today. Then went up and killed her bird. She has killed 20 brace now and three hares. Altogether with the hawks we have killed 67 brace, and by guns and hawks combined 236 brace, besides other things, roe, blackgame, wildfowl etc. My old tiercel killed a strong cock today, rapping him over in his stoop, and then binding on. My other tiercel is still hors-de-combat with the croaks. "Vesta" is flying grandly. She is nearly as sure to kill as "Parachute" "Amesbury" too has improved very much. "Angela" finds her match in the grouse and often fails to score.

Yours etc. W.H. St Quintin

[Letter]

Portnalick.
Aug. 24th. 1882.

Dear Jerry,

I have not sent you a "report" very lately. I will begin by telling you I have lost Creole, for good this time I fear. She went on the soar from a grand pitch on Friday, and has not been heard of. She had killed a grouse in good style earlier in the day. She was second on the list, bracketed with Parachute when she was lost, so we have lost a useful hawk in her, and I am miserable as I only have two tiercels now, and one of them has the croaks. We have killed 40 and a half brace and two hares in ten hawking days. The last three or four days have been stormy and the birds have been wild and hard to find. Parachute is flying grandly, quite in her old form, and twice, as you will see on the other side, she has killed five birds in one day. She is marvellously steady, and keeps on the wing any time, almost always at a splendid pitch. Angela is very useful, but flies in no form. Vesta promises well, the last two days she has gone up very well indeed, and she has a lot of pace. Amesbury is very slow at seeing her birds rise under her, and loses a lot of time. The birds now are able to take every advantage of a good start. We see lots of peregrines. Yesterday a young falcon followed a pigeon which I threw out when a few hundred yards from the house, until it put in under a poultry house right under the windows of the Inn. On Tuesday I saw a tiercel knocking a grouse about (I missed seeing the stoop), and my retriever got the bird, the hawk waiting on just over head all the time. John is bent on snaring one with snares on a pigeons back. Today Lady Fitzhardinge and * other people (!) came over from Lairg to see the hawks, but we were out. The hawking has made rather a sensation hereabouts.

Yours W.H. St Quintin

P.S. Newcome comes to Lowthorpe after Doncaster.

1882 Aug.	12.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	21.	22.	23.
Parachute.	2.	2.	2.H	1.H	1.	2.	5.	2.	5.	3.
Angela.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2		3.	1.
Creole.	1.	3.	1.	3.	1.	1.	-----			
A.D.C.				1.	1.	1.	1.		1.	1.
Belfry.	1.				1.	1.				
Amesbury.		1.	1.	2.	1.	2.	2.		1.	1.
Vesta.				1.	1.	2.	2.			1.
Virginia.									1.	
Total:	6.	8.	7.	11.	8.	11.	12.	2.	11.	7.