

JANUARY 1950

Sunday 1st
Quiet day at home.

Monday 2nd
Bank Holiday, Scotland
Found vermin traps at Muntagganmore Glen Lochay.

Tuesday 3rd
Travelling to Glasgow
Visit to Dave Perry.

Wednesday 4th
Full Moon—7.46 a.m. (G.M.T.)
Travelling back to Peebles.

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Thursday 5th
Travelling to Forest of Dean.
12 hrs.
Very foggy all way down.

Friday 6th
Draining on wet clay soil.
Very little flow. Heywood.
mild, rain at times,
foggy.

Saturday 7th
Lectures on surveying,
plane table.
Very mild morning, sun at
times.

Letter from Xing.
Rabbit control should be planned as
follows: Snaring and long netting in the
autumn, ferreting with purse net or shot gun
in December, and trapping and gassing in
the New Year.

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Sunday 8th
Had a walk East of school.
Heard a jay, saw
mistle thrush.
Mild strong westerly.
Thrushes singing.

Monday 9th
Draining at Heywood.
Springs seem to be too
shallow.

Tuesday 10th
Draining at Heywood.

Wednesday 11th
Last Quarter—10.31 a.m. (G.M.T.)
Draining at Heywood. Mild,
foggy, during afternoon.

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Thursday 12th
Lectures on soil. Division
of mensuration. Prep for
Landscape Ex.

Friday 13th
Most early. Good day, clear.
Species survey of
Churchill wood.

Saturday 14th
Lectures on geology.

Make the most of snow—it shows up tracks.
Vermin do not seem to suspect that it may
conceal a trap, and excellent tunnels can be
made from hard snow alone.

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Sunday 15th
Bicycle with van to
St. Briavels.

Monday 16th
Felling oak at Barnhill.
100-150 yr. old.

Tuesday 17th
Felling oak at Barnhill.

Wednesday 18th
New Moon—7.59 a.m. (G.M.T.)
Felling oak at Barnhill
eye hurt.

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Thursday 19th
Lectures all day.
Ecology, soils.

Friday 20th.
Tour round high
meadows all day.

Saturday 21st
Visit to Ross. Saw 'Hamlet'.
A very cold but sunny
day.
Lectures on levelling.
With a view to increasing game stocks and
improving shoots generally, the advisory
staff of I.C.I. Game Services is always available
to visit estates. No charge is made for this
service.

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Sunday 22nd
Walking around forest.
Letter to Helen.

Monday 23rd
Felling oak all day.
Very frosty, cloud most
of the day.

Tuesday 24th
Felling oak at Barnhill.
Very cold & frosty.

Wednesday 25th
57 cu ft oak felled.
Very cold.

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Thursday 26th
First Quarter—4.59 a.m. (G.M.T.)
Lectures on mensuration
& soil tables.

Friday 27th
Exercise on mensuration
all day.
Very keen frost - sunshine.

Saturday 28th
Lectures on surveying
Levels etc.

Whilst a keeper on his round should rarely
be without his gun, it is his troops that are of
primary importance in the war against vermin.

JANUARY—FEBRUARY 1950

Sunday 27th
Walk round Naghead
nursery. Very raw
East S.E. wind.
Snow early.

Monday 30th
Marking thinning 5 D.F. 55.
Pumped 15,228 sq yds.

Tuesday 31st
Marking thinning all day.
4 acres approx.
Grey squirrel & Redpoll
seen in Shillcastle.

Feb. Wednesday 1st
Marked out one thinning.
Snow & rain early.
Lectures from 11.30.
Another grey squirrel seen.
(Young) short blackbird seen.

FEBRUARY 1950

Thursday 2nd
Full Moon—10.16 p.m. (G.M.T.)
Lectures on soil and den
stem analysis. Wet most
of the day.

Friday 3rd
Stem analysis during
morning. Wet morning.
Trip to Pine-end & Forest, Heywood
factory. Saw Bralagon (Sunny).

Saturday 4th
Lectures on surveying.
Visit to Kyness. Saw differ.
Phoned Helen 1.49.
Wet at night.
If you are in doubt as to whether your
partridges are short of grit, send a few pizzards
from dead birds to our game service laboratory.
No charge is made for examination and
advice.
Haght. Alder, few in full
bloom.

FEBRUARY 1950

Sunday 5th
Walk during morning.
Wet in afternoon & evening.

Monday 6th
Felled Sitka & Douglas fir.
Average bel 11.14 G.
107 cu ft.

Tuesday 7th
Felled 95 cu ft. Douglas &
Sitka. Wet during dinner
time.

Wednesday 8th
Trip to Lymington &
Flooded ories.
Snow showers throughout.
Snowdrops in bloom.

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Thursday 9th
Shoes from Thursday 9th repair.
Last Quarter—6.32 p.m. (G.M.T.)
Lectures on soil & ecology.
Wrote up essay.

Friday 10th
Working plans - lectures.

Mild, rain early.

Saturday 11th
Lectures during morning.
at Glaucoater in afternoon.
Four crows in bloom.
Heavy snow & rain showers.
Not only will grey squirrels kill the young
of both song birds and game birds, but they
have also been known to take a whole clutch
from under a sitting bird.

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Sunday 12th
bleased cycle.
short walk.
Rain all day from 11.30 am.
chaffinches in spring song.

Monday 13th
Felling D.F. & 55. all day
at Shillcastle.
6 men 200 cu ft. 35 cu. on.
mild spring like.

Tuesday 14th
Marking thinning.
Larch & oak mixture.
3 men - 5 acres approx.

Wednesday 15th
Marking thinning all day.
mostly D.F. & 55. 55. diseased
and thuya pumped.

mild & FEBRUARY 1950
Thursday 16th
New Moon—10.53 p.m. (G.M.T.)
Lectures on surveying am.
Lectures during afternoon.
chaffinches in spring song.

Friday 17th
Tour to Tynbar Forest and
Belwick Bog.
Saw two buzzards.
Sunny day, very warm.

Saturday 18th
Lectures on Plainmiles.
Visit to Lodelford.
Sent Reids & Watkins.

Records for nearly 100,000 eggs incubated
naturally by wild partridges show an average
hatch of 23%." From Partridge Stocks and
Mortalities—No. 13 in the game advisory series
of booklets.

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Sunday 19th
Walk up Maseley Green,
rain from 3 o'clock.
Very foggy morning.

Monday 20th
Saw 2 men.
Marking thinning all day.
Rain most of am, Betti
& sunny periods later.

Tuesday 21st
Thinning 20. 30 yds. 21st old oak
not heavy. Thinning 20 ft
Chaffinches in song.
Saw 2 men.
Foggy day, slight
frost early. Saw young
flower also E.H. flower out.

Wednesday 22nd
Thinning all day. Frosty early.
Sunny afternoon.
61 per cord, 61 per acre clear.

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Thursday 23rd
Yield tables, soils &
Ecology all day.

Friday 24th
Working plans in
Churchill wood all day.
Rain early, good day later.

Saturday 25th
First Quarter—1.52 a.m. (G.M.T.)
Working plan ops till
11.30. Surveying after.

Records from a very large number of nests
in different counties show that the average
clutch of a partridge is 14.6 eggs. It is almost
certainly unwise therefore to overload a nest
with much more than this number. While
it may work in a good season, it frequently
fails in a bad one.

Larch showing signs of pushing.
FEBRUARY—MARCH 1950

Sunday 26th
Visit to Symonds Yat
in afternoon. Very good.
Sunny day but frosty.

Monday 27th
Frost keen. Good day &
much sunshine.
Thinning nat. oak in
Naghead. 1/2 acre. 2 men.

Tuesday 28th
Thinning oak in Naghead
all day. 1/2 acres - two men.

March Wednesday 1st
Frosty (keen) good day, cloudy.
St. David's Day again.
Thinning Naghead. 2 men.
stakes 2/6 per 35 bundle.

MARCH 1950

Thursday 2nd
Ecology & soils during am.
Working plan later.
Wet since all afternoon.

Friday 3rd
Visit to Golsop. Saw
buzzard, 2 larks, 2 larks
in bloom.

Saturday 4th weather.
bicycled to Golsop.
Saw buzzard, 2 larks and
2 larks. With 2 larks in
bloom. Buzzard nearly so.

Last season our broodies were dusted with "Gammexane" insecticide and the nests were still completely free from lice and fleas when the chicks hatched three weeks later.

Moss behaver's nest.

Sunday 14th

Walk to Meltham.

cold Easterly winds
slight shower, little sun.

Monday 15th

Thinning J.L. in S3/6.

cold east wind.

Tuesday 16th

Thinning in S3/6.
averaging 100-120 cu. ft.
per day.

Wednesday 17th

New Moon—12.54 a.m. (G.M.T.)

Thinning in S3/6
20 cu. ft. in pm.

MAY 1950

Thursday 18th

Ascension Day

Thinning S4/5.

Friday 19th

bleating, thinning S4/9 in
morning.

Revision of Antl. Cues in P.M.
lovely morning S4 to W. wind

Saturday 20th

Lectures during morning.

some frost, mist early.

A partridge is erroneously referred to as an
"insect eater". In actual fact, after a
partridge chick is three weeks' old its diet
never averages much more than 3% animal
food throughout the year. It is during its first
ten days of life that the chick is almost
wholly an insect eater, and very largely so
during the next ten days.

DEC. 1950—JAN. 1951

Sunday 31st.

Jan. Monday 1st

Bank Holiday, Scotland

Last Quarter—5.11 a.m. (G.M.T.)

Tuesday 2nd

Wednesday 3rd

Leamington

MEMORANDA

Mid-elder - Hartburn.
Gobbinshaw - near
Quehengray, Barnworth.
Lonsdale, Elvanfoot.
Beckett's, Denwood.
Locksley, Lynta.
7, Walsley, Rockliffe.
Lonsdale, Southwark.
Premith, Shep. Lamsale.
P. Stn, Fairington.
Keyland, Lippell, Wigan.
Acton Bridge, Leve.
4.9, Willaston.
Wanworth, Wankbury.
Whitchurch, Shrewsbury.
Hereford.
Shots 54%
S. mens. 48%.