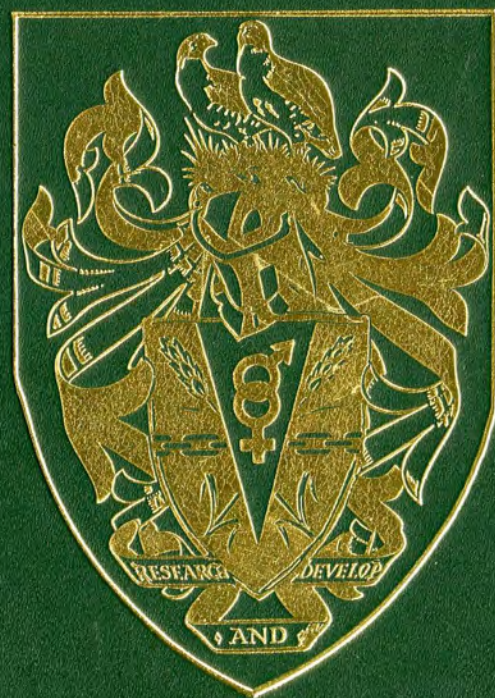


# SHOOTING 1980-81



GAMEBOOK 1980 - 1981

PART II - PRIVATE SECTION

Bill  
Jacob



SHOOT STAFF 1980/81 SEASON

Bill Jacob 1941 -  
Bob Johnson 1946 -



Bob Johnson

KEEPERS

ROTHWELL

Alan Farmery

Beat That part of the Rothwell Estate bounded by the Cuxwold Road in the North and the Binbrook Road in the South East. Also Lings Farm Croxby, Roman Holes, Thoresway Grange, Manor Farm and Stone Farm

Ian Garfoot

Beat The land within the boundaries Thoresway Road field to the South West, Chapel Field to the East including all the land at Cabourne and the farms previously held by Mr. Addison and the Earl of Yarborough. Also the Rothwell glebe land farmed by Mr. Ormond, and Glebe and Grange Farms, Nettleton, incorporating Tugdale.

Eddie Hassall

Beat The land to the West of the Rothwell to Binbrook Road bounded on the West by the High Street and on the North from the northern boundary of Badger Top field through to the Rectory.

Graham Whitehead

Trainee - "floating"

KIRMOND-LE-MIRE & LUDFORD

Dickie Davies

KELSEY, INC. CHERRY VALLEY

Frank Wolsey

TEALBY

Wally Cawdron

STAINTON

Walter Tirrell

READS ISLAND

Peter Jackson

STEAN MOOR

Joe Freeman

STUBLICK MOOR

Tom Davison (Helper on shoot days: Walter Rutherford)

WEMMERGILL/HOLWICK MOORS

Head Keeper: Peter Fawcett

Under Keepers: Peter Bartram, Nigel Winter, Jim Bush, Stuart Glendinning

KEEPERS (Continued)

NOMBELA, SPAIN

Head Keeper (Guarda Mayor): Santos (Age 48, at Nombela 18 yrs.; beat: La Heredad)  
Under Keepers: Pablo (Age 53, at La Ronca 16 yrs., beat: Los Trozos)  
Pedro (Age 62, at La Ronca 16 yrs., brother to Pablo & Tino, beat: Los Prados)  
Jesus (Age 35, at La Ronca 1 yr., beat: La Rana)  
Paco (Age 48, at La Ronca 14 yrs., beat: La Parilla)  
Tino (Age 50, at La Ronca 14 yrs., beat: Barranco La Nava)

Domingo was Head Keeper to Leo Biaggi for 27 years but now retired. Still maintains authority over the 6 keepers.

Loader Spain: Senor Manuel Abad - Manolo

LOADERS

Bill Jacob	Joe Woodcock (Dog Handler, Rothwell)	
Ben Jacob (brother to Bill)	Douglass Smith (JN's Chauffeur/Valet)	
Benjy Jacob ) (Bill's sons)	John Grave (formerly JN's Head Keeper, Wemmergill, now self-employed contractor)	Morgan Lynch
Will Jacob )		Harry Hope
		Doug Hind

PICKERS UP

Father A. W. Jacob - Head Keeper at Rothwell for 28 seasons, now retired, father of Bill  
Mary Keal Cliff Chase Alan Smith Brian Wall

Tom Farmery  
(occasionally)



Father Jacob

1980/81 SEASON

Keepers' Wages

Farmery, Garfoot and Hassall each received £75 per week plus £5 for every shoot attended, plus £308 tips each. In addition Farmery received a £250 bonus for hatching and rearing.

Graham Whitehead, the trainee, received £50 per week plus £5 for every shoot day attended, and £161 in tips.

Wally Cawdron had £77 per week, plus £170 from tips and £5 for attendance on shoot days.

Frank Wolsey received £75 per week and the Kelsey shoot tips, also £8 attendance on shoot days.

F. R. Davies wage was £75 per week and he received £140 from tips, plus £5 attendance on shoot days.

Joe Woodcock received £75 per week plus £5 attendance on shoot days and personal tips from J.N.

Loaders pay was £9 per day (exception Ben Jacob - £10)

Beaters pay:     £8 per day over 16  
                  £5 per day under 16

Joe Freeman at Stean received £71 per week, plus a £6 non-taxable dog allowance.

Harrison the shepherd was paid £27 per week with a £4 dog allowance.

Tom Davison at Stublick was paid £73 per week.

Beaters at Stean and Stublick were paid £6.50 per day.

The rate for casual labour on the Moors varied depending on age from £1.20 - £2.20 per hour.



VEHICLES USED ON THE SHOOTS 1980/81

RANGE ROVERS : GEE 1            also  
                  : UEE 7T            1981/82

LAND ROVERS : AJV 376W  
                  : BDM 923S  
                  : BUA 558S  
                  : DGU 466T (Tealby)  
                  : VFU 677V (Stean)  
                  : SWT 565L  
                  : YUJ 525T  
                  : YVL 954S

LORRY : UFU 596J

DODGE VAN : SBE 887T

DOG VAN : RFU 96S

T. THIESS'S  
TRACTOR : UVL 83W



TEALBY 12.4.80.



1980/81

HANDLER: Joe Woodcock

D O G S

Alloch Ben  
Meg  
Pat  
Jane  
Jan  
Samantha  
Cid  
Sally  
Ben

Black labrador dog	b. 29.10.74
Black labrador bitch	b. 7.5.73
Liver/white spaniel dog	b. 22.7.76
Liver/white spaniel bitch	b. 22.7.76
Black labrador bitch	b. 1.7.77
Black labrador bitch	b. 10.12.76
Yellow labrador dog	b. 2.4.78
Black labrador bitch	b. 21.2.76
Liver/white spaniel dog	b. 15.2.78







Price of gamefood 1980/81 season:

Chick crumbs were £205 per ton, and grower pellets £183 per ton.

The price of feed wheat varied from £114 per ton in July 1980 to £103 per ton in January 1981. (Lincoln market prices)

Total spent on pheasant feed: £36,099

Sale of game:

Pheasants sold to Franz Buitelaar (through J. Buckner, Cherry Valley) - Gamedealers of Wyberton, Boston made £3.50 a brace in late October, £2.50 in late November, £2.40 by the end of December and £2.60 at the end of January.

Father Jacob, Bill Jacob, Mary Keal

Sale of Grouse 1980

Ex Stean:

Aug. y: £1.65 - £2.00  
o: £1.00  
Sept./Oct. y: £2.00  
o: £1.00

Ex Stublick:

Aug. y: £1.70 - £2.00 (£3 first week)  
o: £1.00 (£1.50 first week)

Sept. y: £1.90  
o: £1.00

Oct. y: £1.80 - £2.00  
o: £1.00



21. 10. 80.

# MEMORANDUM TO CHAIRMAN

**From** I Curd                      **Copies to** MK                      **Date** 29.1.80                      **Ref.**

**SUBJECT** DOG FEED

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

1. As requested, details of feed purchases year ended 31.12.79

ICC/JN 30.1.80

Dog Food invoices must be paid as dog food and a percentage put through the books.

	Av price per kg	Value £
2000 Spillers special dog meal	29p	580
525 Dried meat	55p	291
360 Omega dog food	37p	132
300 Purina chow dog food	50p	150
200 Flaked maize	21p	41
<u>3385</u>		<u>1194</u>

*✓ paid  
% Private A/c*

2. On basis of 15 dogs kept	kg	Value £
per dog per annum	226	79.60
per dog per day	0.62	0.22

3. Budget 1980

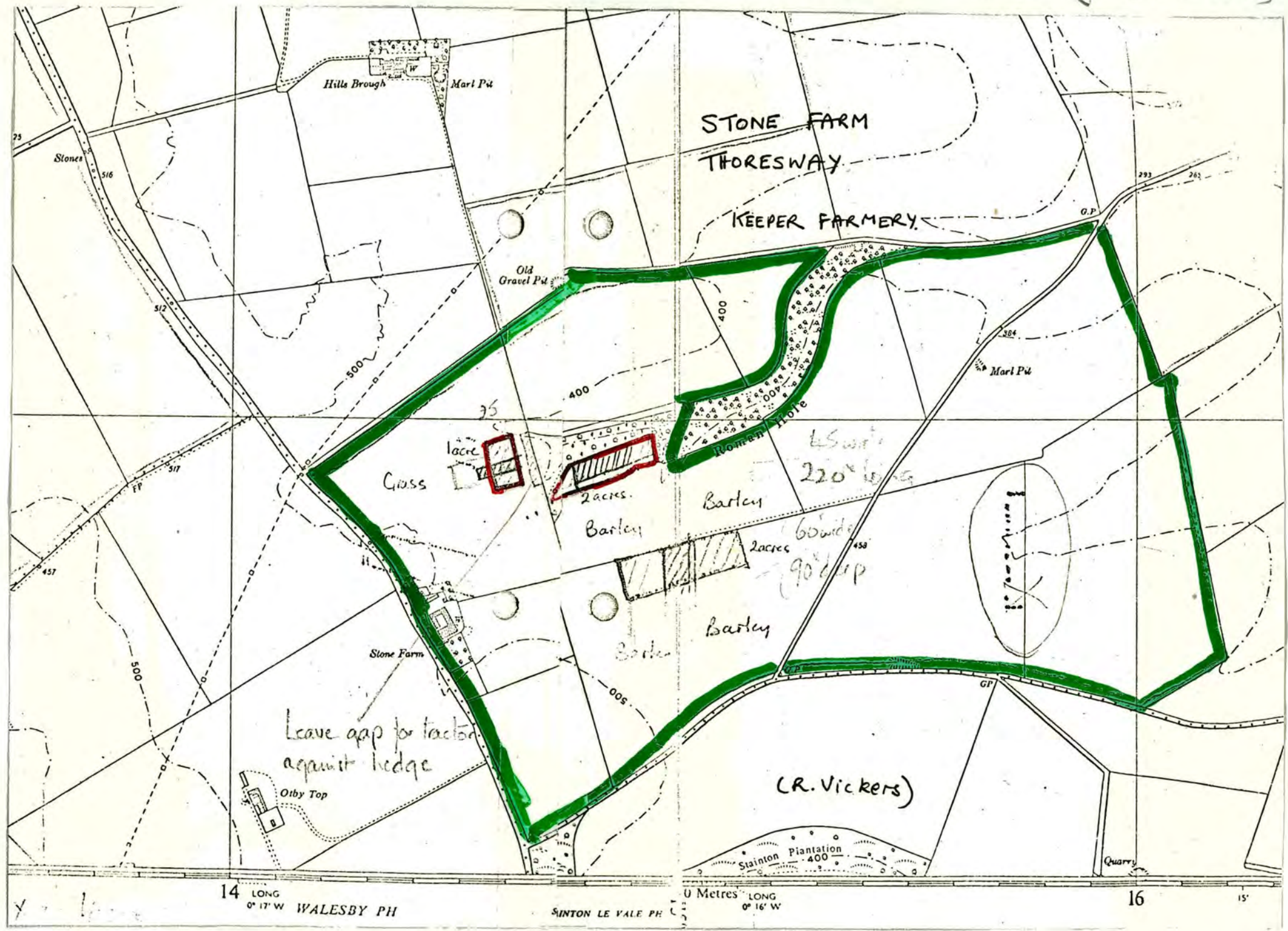
Value of feed used 1979 as above	1194
add 15% for inflation	<u>179</u>
	<u>1373</u>

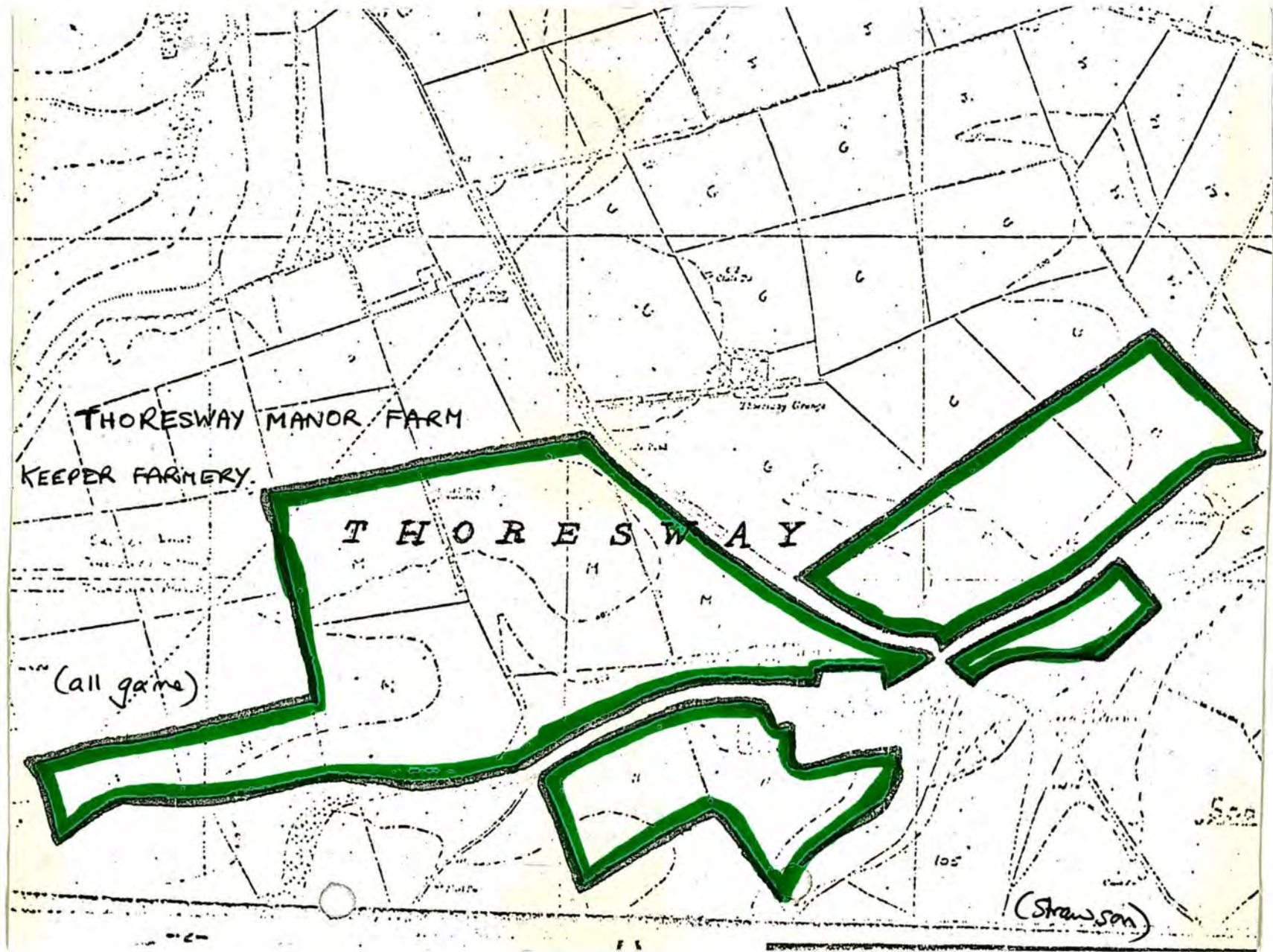
Say 1400

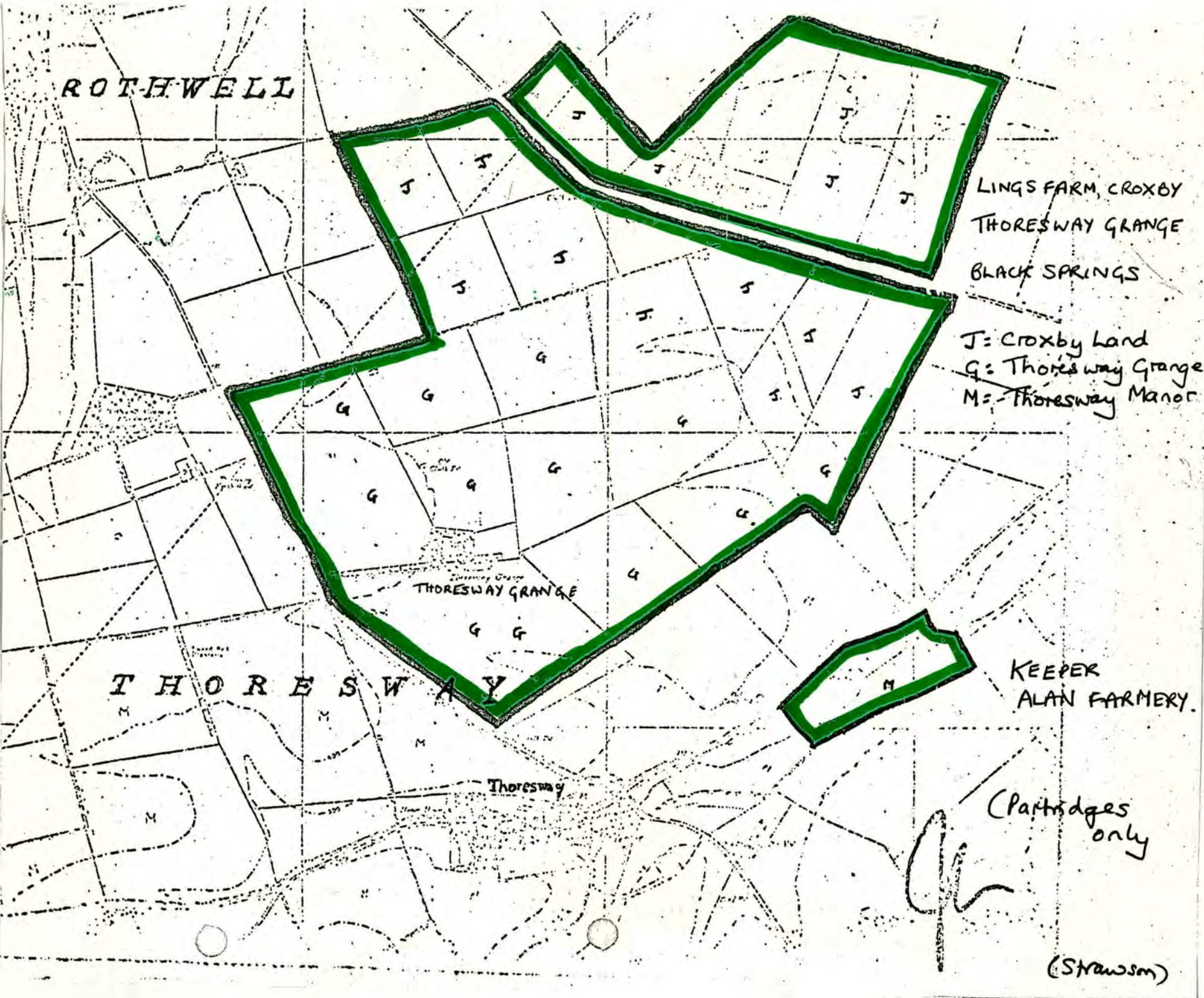
A figure of £1700 was included in the Budget - this was overstated due to poultry food having been invoiced together with dog food.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Bob Johnson preparing large map of all  
Lincolnshire shooting (June 1987)







ROTHWELL

LINGS FARM, CROXBY  
THORESWAY GRANGE  
BLACK SPRINGS

J = Croxby Land  
G = Thoresway Grange  
M = Thoresway Manor

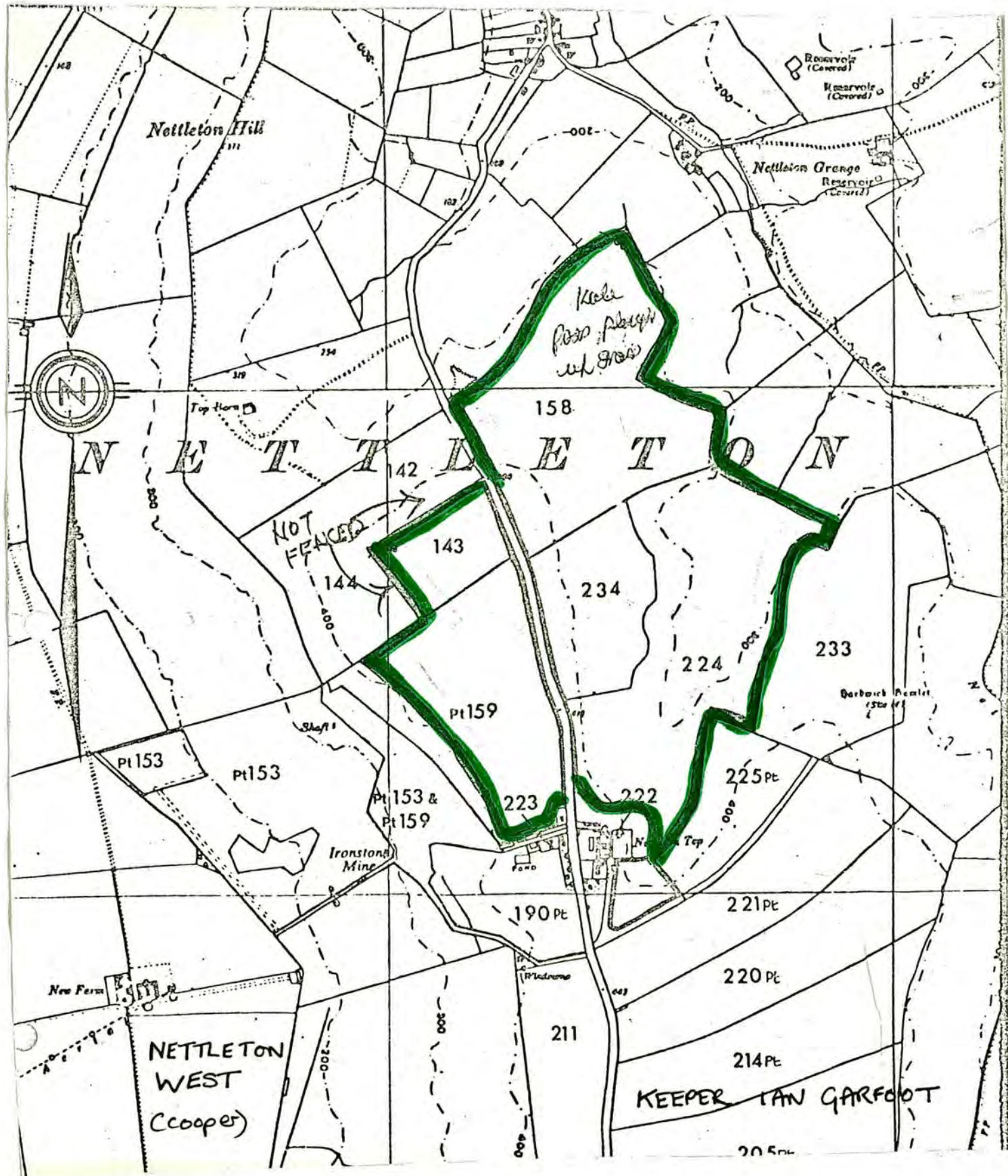
THORESWAY GRANGE

THORESWAY

KEEPER  
ALAN FARMERY.

(Partridges only)

(Strawson)

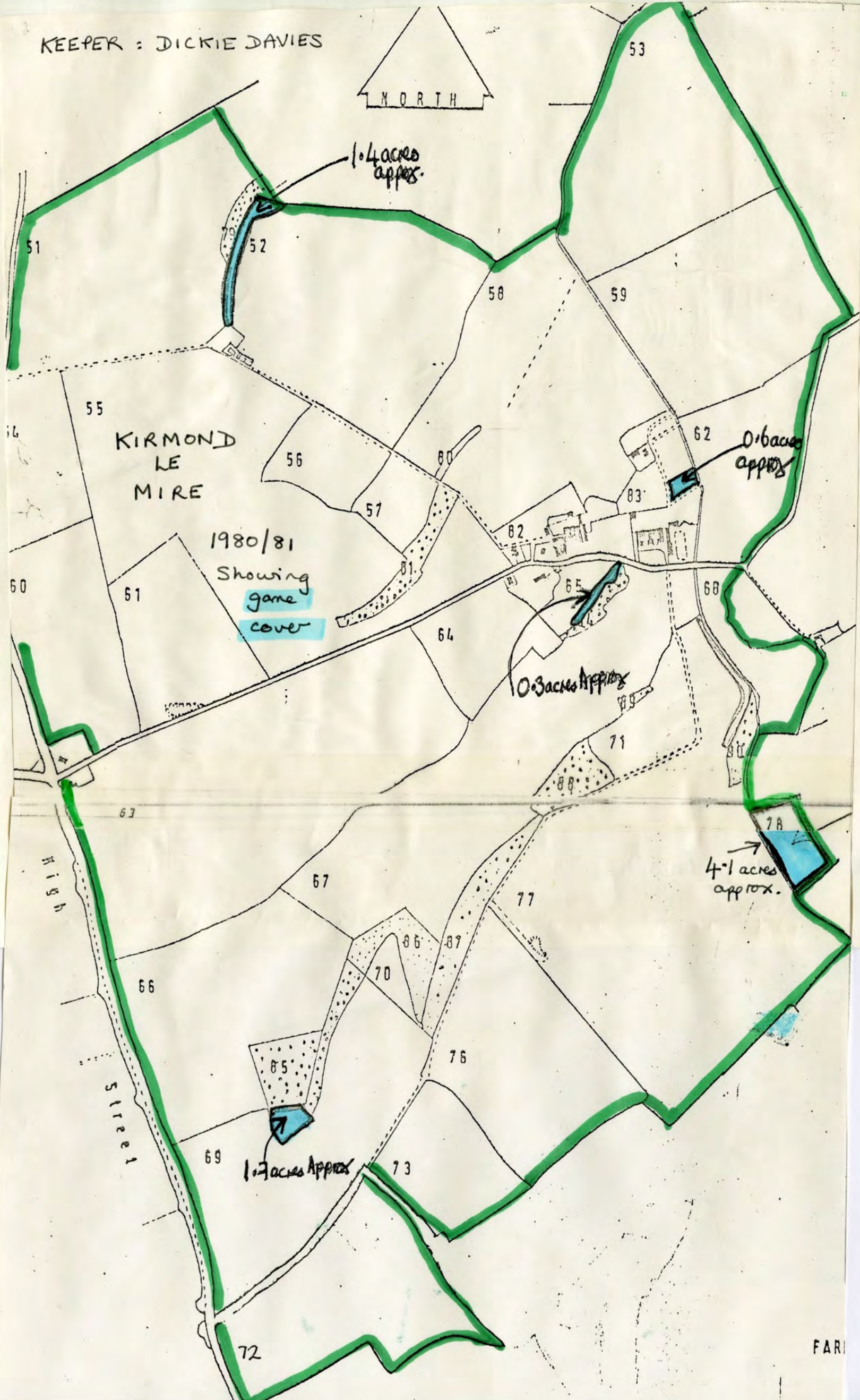


KEEPER : DICKIE DAVIES

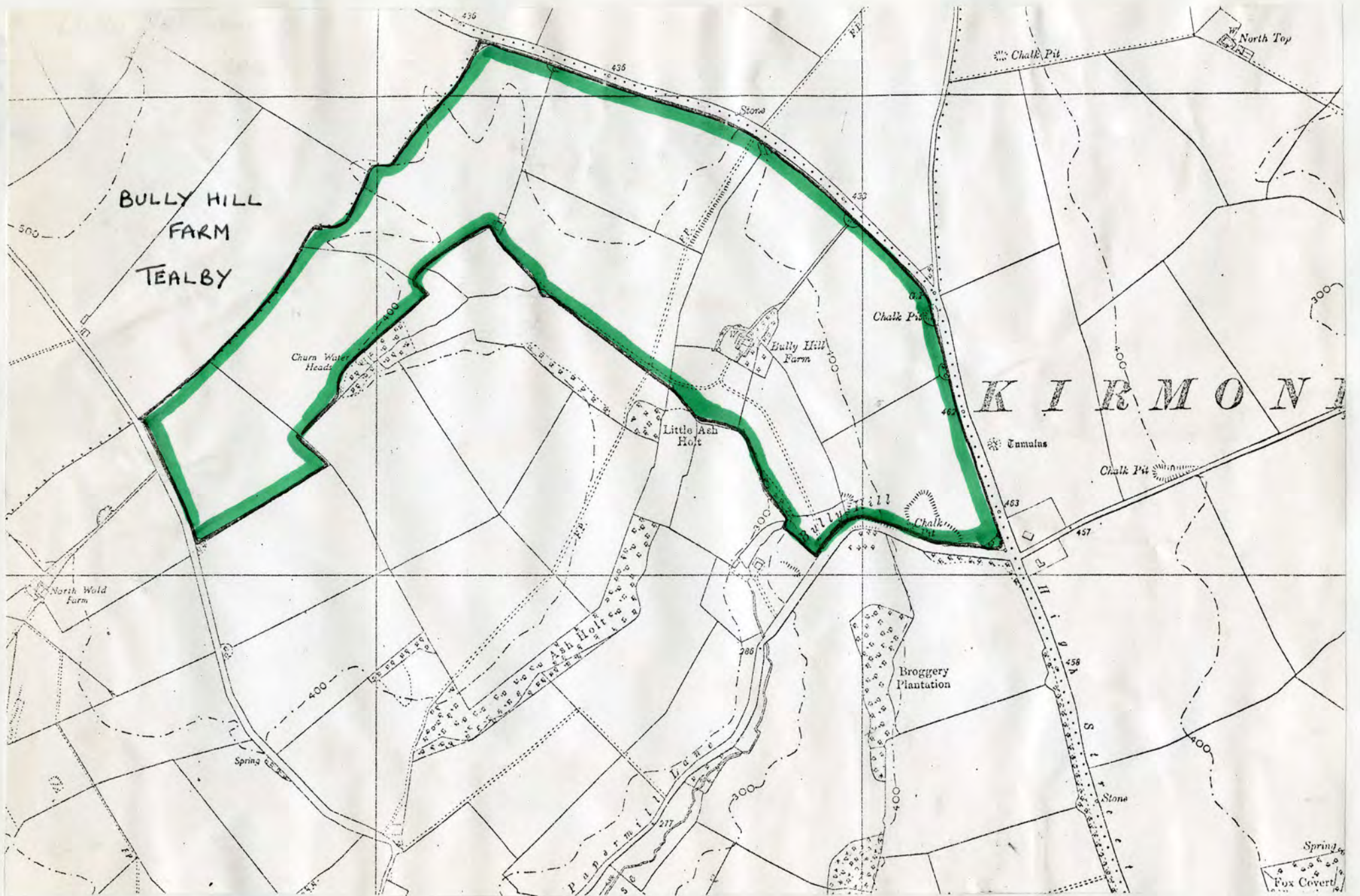


KIRMOND-LE-MIRE

Showing game  
cover areas  
1980/81



FAR



Keeper 1980/81: Wally Cawdron

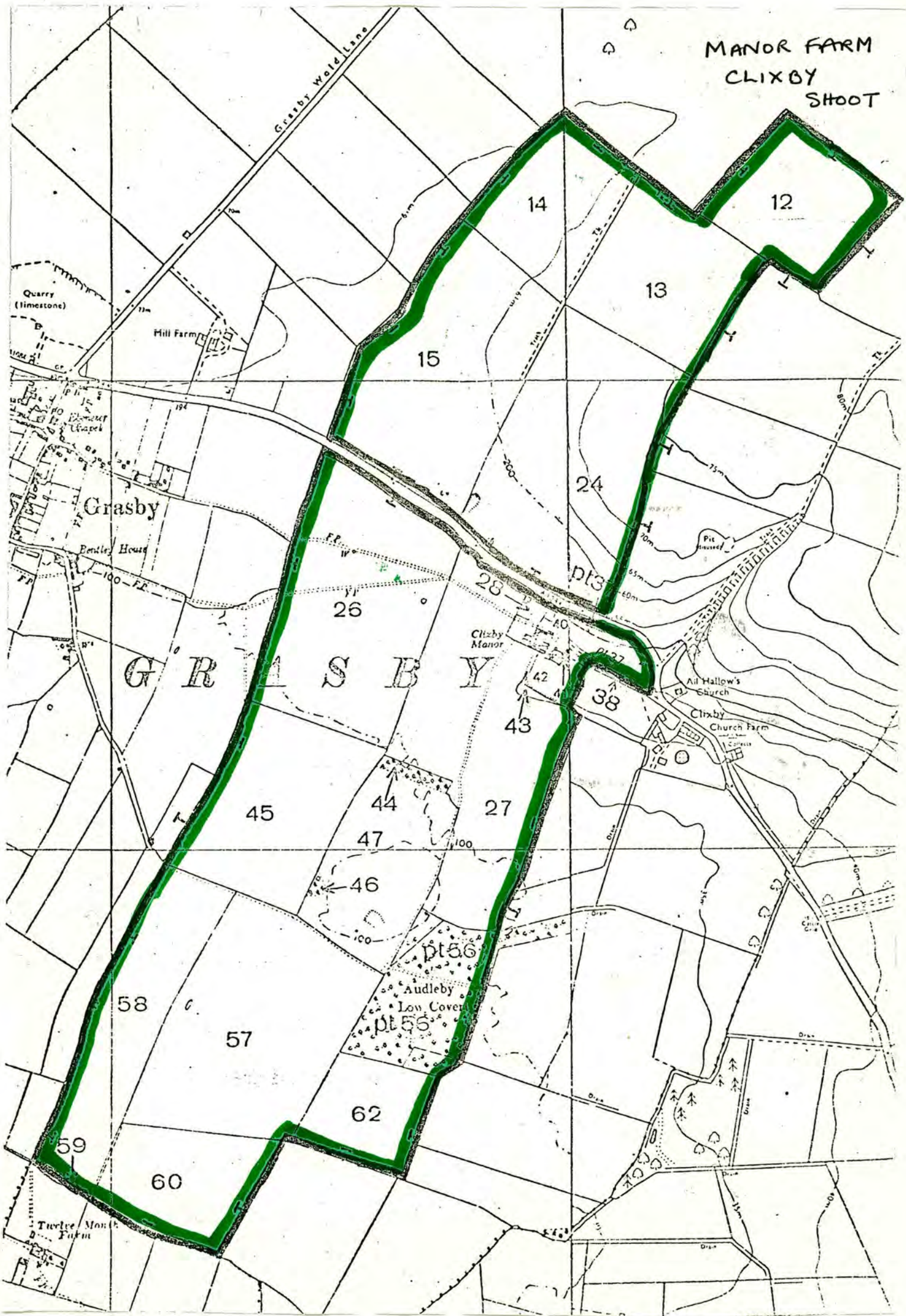


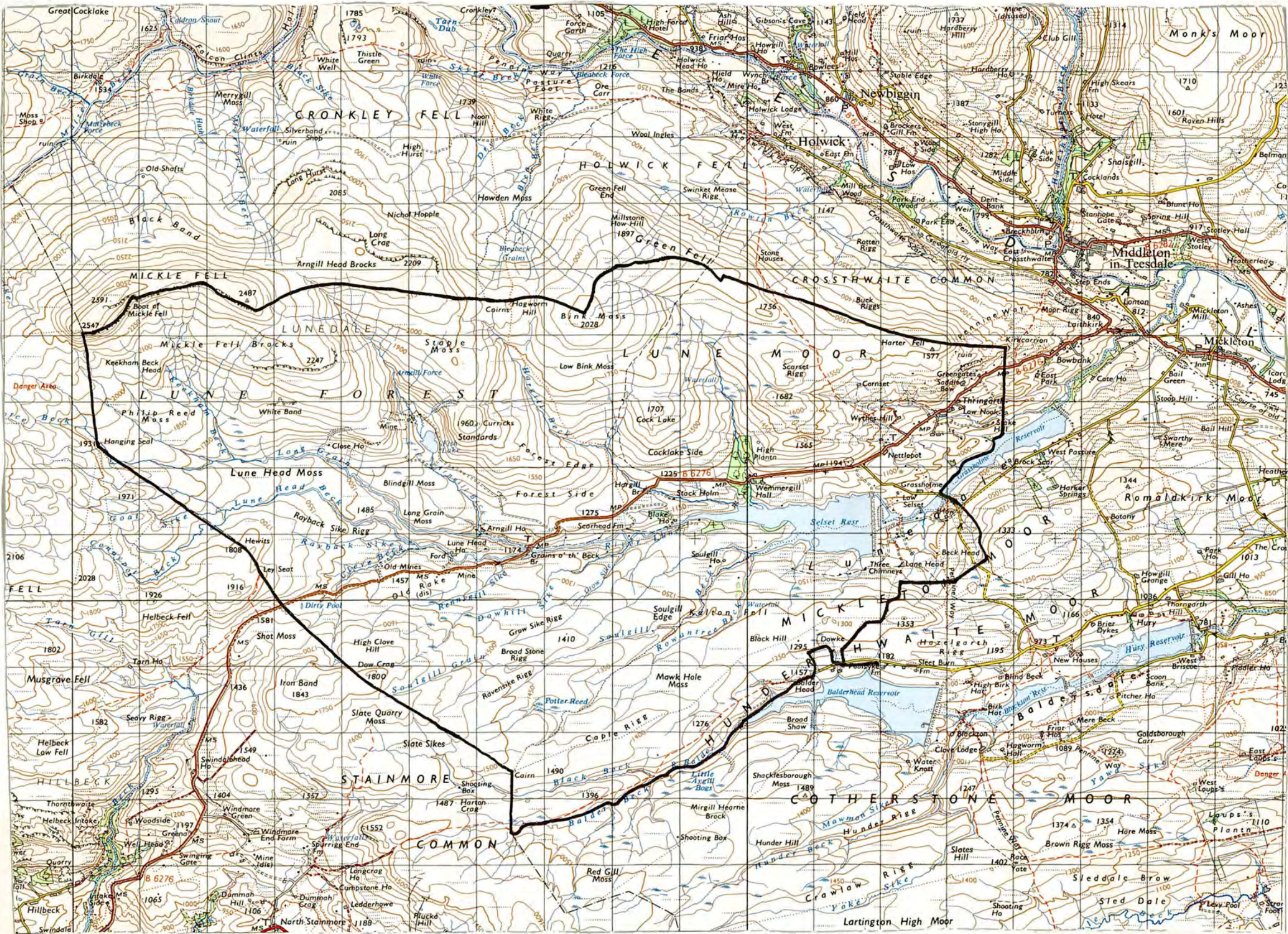
Scully Safari 12 April 1980

Ren bagged down

Chrup.

MANOR FARM  
CLIXBY  
SHOOT





WEMMERGILL MOOR

WEMMERGILL MOOR - TENANTS - 1893 TO PRESENT DAY

1893 - 1899	Lord Westbury
1901 - 1914	Mr. Charles Hunter
1915	In hand
1916	Mr. Munroe
1917 - 1929	Lord Rochdale
1930	Colonel Briggs and Mr. Hawkins
1931	Mr. Baruch
1932	In hand
1933	Mr. Trevor Benson
1934 - 1935	Sir Ian Walker
1936	Sir F. Graham
1937	Mr. Smith-Bingham
1938	Mr. Riley Smith
1939	Captain Fielden
1940	Unlet
1941	Lord Joicey
1942 - 1944	Mr. K. A. Fox
1945 - 1946	In hand
1947 - 1951	Sir Ian Walker
1952 - 1958	Partnership: JN, SN, RFD, PKD
1959 onwards	Mr. Joseph Nickerson

COPY OF WEMMERCILL AGREEMENT COVERING  
THE PERIOD 12TH AUGUST 1980 TO  
10TH DECEMBER 1990 BETWEEN  
THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF STRATHMORE & KINGHORNE  
AND MR. JOSEPH NICKERSON

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for JN & MH

Glamis Castle,  
Forfar,  
Angus,  
Scotland.

Dear Mr. Nickerson,

This letter is supplemental to the Agreement between us, dated 1980 relating to your enjoyment (and that of Mr. Charles Joseph Nickerson in the event of your death) of certain sporting facilities, on parts of Wemmergill and Holwick Moors.

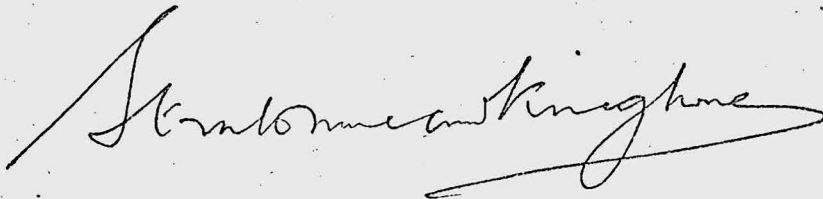
It is in addition agreed between us on the basis of a gentleman's agreement as follows:-

- (a) that each party will co-operate in implementing any reasonable proposal put forward by the other party for minimising that other party's tax liabilities.
- (b) you confirm and in the case of this paragraph on a legally binding basis, that you have no further right or interest whatever, in the premises, the subject of the expired Sporting Lease which expired on 2nd February 1980 and that as far as you are concerned, Strathmore Estates have vacant possession of all the premises the subject of the said Sporting Lease, at the date hereof.
- (c) the main Agreement is of course restricted to grouse shooting but there would be no objection to your shooting occasional pheasants and partridge, that may be presented on the grouse days.
- (d) you may receive but entirely ex gratia at the discretion of our side two brace of young grouse per gun per person enjoying shooting facilities on your days. For technical reasons, no contractual or other enforceable right to these can be included in the Agreement.
- (e) You will have the right whilst in the vicinity to use the Moor roads, and also to walk and picnic on the Moors, as a guest of mine, ensuring no clash with any organised Shoot.
- (f) on your days I or my Agents will be present only by invitation, unless the Head Keeper is ill or otherwise incapacitated in which case my Agent may deputise for me.

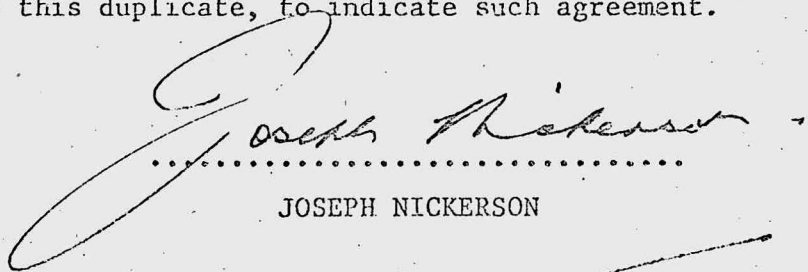
(g) it is preferred that in normal circumstances shooting should be restricted to a maximum of 8 guns.

(h) Your close association with Wemmergill Moor for the last 28 years will be taken into account when deciding on a fair division of the sporting opportunities and availability of stock.

Yours faithfully,



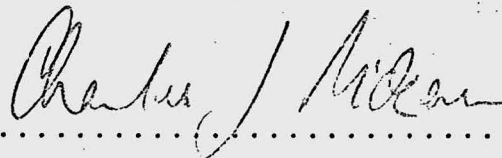
I confirm that I agree to the contents of the above letter, and have signed this duplicate, to indicate such agreement.



.....

JOSEPH NICKERSON

I confirm that I agree to the contents of the above letter, and have signed this duplicate, to indicate such agreement.



.....

CHARLES JOSEPH NICKERSON

THIS AGREEMENT is made the                      day of                      1980

BETWEEN THE RIGHT HONOURABLE FERGUS MICHAEL CLAUDE SEVENTH EARL OF STRATHMORE AND KINGHORNE carrying on business under the style of BOWES UPLAND ENTERPRISES care of 28 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2

(hereinafter called "the Enterprise" which expression shall include its successors in title and assigns) of the first part and JOSEPH NICKERSON of Rothwell House near Caistor in the County of Lincoln (hereinafter called "Mr. Nickerson") of the second part and CHARLES JOSEPH NICKERSON of Binbrook Hill Lincolnshire (hereinafter called "Mr. Charles") of the third part.

WHEREAS the Enterprise provides sporting facilities in the area hereinafter mentioned and pursuant thereto has offered Mr. Nickerson such facilities as more particularly hereinafter appears.

WHEREBY IT IS AGREED as follows:-

1. Mr. Nickerson shall be entitled to enjoy certain of the grouse shooting facilities provided by the Enterprise over the Moors specified in the First Schedule hereto (hereinafter called "the Moors") during each season commencing on the 12th day of August and ending on the 10th day of December in any year commencing on the 12th day of August 1980 until the 10th day of December 1989 when the period of this Agreement shall end, but subject to and otherwise on the terms and conditions hereinafter contained and subject as hereinafter mentioned.
2. The Enterprise will use its best endeavours to protect and preserve the grouse on the Moors and will employ such competent men as may be necessary for that purpose.
3. The Enterprise will use its best endeavours to provide equal opportunities for grouse shooting facilities for Mr. Nickerson and his guests on the one hand and others authorised by the Enterprise on the other hand as hereinafter appears it being hereby confirmed that Mr. Nickerson's facilities do not extend to game birds other than grouse.
4. The shooting days will be arranged in a fair and sportsmanlike manner to give half the shooting opportunities to Mr. Nickerson as more particularly specified hereafter.

The "big days" available to Mr. Nickerson and his guests and those available for other clients of the Enterprise are to be settled by

agreement between the Enterprise and Mr. Nickerson in January of each particular year (the days for the 1980 season having already been settled) and confirmed by the beginning of July in such particular year.

"Small family days" are to be settled by agreement when required (and the Enterprise thereafter can arrange for others to shoot on its remaining available days as and when it desires) and will be arranged at short notice if necessary providing they do not clash with "big days" as hereinafter defined.

5. It is hereby agreed that the Enterprise and Mr. Nickerson shall respectively have the right to terminate this Agreement at the end of every second year such notice of termination to be given in writing to the other party or its Solicitors not later than 31st October in any year. It is further agreed that in the event of the termination of this Agreement by the Enterprise pursuant to the preceding provisions of this clause before the end of the tenth season, no base sum shall be payable by Mr. Nickerson to the Enterprise for the season at the end of which such termination takes effect. For the avoidance of doubt it is expressly agreed that the provisions of this paragraph shall apply to any termination of the Agreement by the Enterprise pursuant to the provisions of this clause whether during the lifetime of Lord Strathmore or after his death. It is further nevertheless agreed that in the event of the death of Lord Strathmore at a time when two full shooting seasons would elapse before this Agreement could be terminated pursuant to the preceding provisions of this clause, then the Enterprise or its successors in title may terminate this licence by not less than three months written notice to expire at the end of the shooting season immediately following Lord Strathmore's death. It is hereby further agreed and declared that in the event of this Agreement being terminated by Mr. Nickerson in accordance with the provisions of this clause, Mr. Nickerson shall pay to the Enterprise (by the end of the next following season) a sum equal to the base sum which would have been due for the season immediately following the date on which the notice of termination expired less the amount for which the rights granted

to Mr. Nickerson hereunder are made available to a third party or third parties in such following season (or if for any reason the Enterprise chooses not to make available such rights, the amount for which they might have reasonably have been so made available). In making/such rights available the Enterprise shall use its best endeavours to secure the best price reasonably obtainable and shall keep Mr. Nickerson fully informed of all circumstances relating to the making available of such rights. The amount in question is to be agreed between the Enterprise and Mr. Nickerson and in default of agreement settled by arbitration as provided herein

6. Subject to the provisions of the preceding clause Mr. Nickerson hereby agrees to pay a base sum in the first season of £36,000 plus a premium of £15.00 per brace over 1,500 brace of grouse shot by Mr. Nickerson and his parties in the first season and Mr. Nickerson agrees to pay subsequent base sums and premiums as hereinafter mentioned. One-half of any shortfall below 1,500 brace in a season shall be carried forward to set against an excess over 1,500 brace in future years subject to a non-cumulative maximum carry forward of 750 brace from any one year to the next year only. It is hereby agreed that no premium will be payable on any excess over 4000 brace in any one season.

The base sum of £36,000 payable for the first season will thereafter be subject to an increase of 10% per annum over the initial base sum for each subsequent year in accordance with the table set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

It is hereby further agreed that the said premium of £15 per brace over 1,500 brace will be fixed for the first five years of this Agreement and thereafter will increase by £1.00 per brace per year.

The base sum of £36,000 in the first year and the subsequent increased base sums as hereinbefore mentioned will be payable as a single payment in advance in the first third fifth seventh and ninth years of this Agreement but as a single payment in arrears in the second fourth sixth eight and tenth years of this Agreement such payments to be due and made on 1st February in each year (other than in the first year) whether due in advance or arrears, whether invoiced or not.

It is hereby further agreed that the said premiums will be payable on 1st February in each year following the end of the season to which they relate.

It is hereby further agreed that should any base sums, premiums or other payments due under this Agreement not to be paid by the respective due dates Mr. Nickerson or his personal representatives, as the case may be, shall also pay interest on any unpaid amounts of the same, at 3% above the base rate of Barclays Bank Limited from time to time on a day to day basis, until such base sums, premiums and other payments have been made in full.

7. It is hereby agreed that Mr. Nickerson will be allowed to take in paying guests on his own days.

8. It is hereby further agreed in regard to the running of the grouse shooting facilities as follows: --

(1) Subject as hereinbefore mentioned a provisional division of the grouse shooting facilities will be agreed between the Parties hereto in January of each year and confirmed when a more accurate idea of the season's prospects is available, each party giving as much notice as possible. Seven days will be kept in reserve to be used as substitutes by either party in the event of cancellation of any days because of bad weather on any day or days allocated. Mr. Nickerson and his guests are to shoot in areas and otherwise as directed by the Head Keeper or (in his absence) his Deputy after prior consultation with Mr. Nickerson on the day's plan.

Subject to sufficient birds being available and in the interest of the Moors, it is agreed that there will also be two "Keepers days" but that neither of these will be taken before 25th October, unless otherwise agreed.

(2) It is further agreed that Mr. Nickerson may have some "small family days". There will be the same number of "small family days" available for other clients of the Enterprise or alternatively Mr. Nickerson will have fewer "big days" to balance the larger number of "small family days" and the total number of "small family days" will be limited so as not to disturb the game unduly. It is agreed that when Mr. Nickerson has "small family days" he will be responsible for any increase in the total costs of employing beaters on Mr. Nickerson's days. If more "small family days" are held to balance the "big days" remaining available to the Enterprise keeper's tips will be increased

if there are fewer guns. It is further agreed that any "small family days" must not interfere with any large outing which may have been arranged on the same day. "Big days" are those basic days which are to be settled in January of each year as mentioned in this Agreement.

(3) It is further agreed that the Head Keeper or (in his absence) his Deputy, will be in charge, and although the programme will be discussed with Mr. Nickerson in advance the Head Keeper's (or Deputy's) decision will be final. If Mr. Nickerson feels that he has been unfairly treated by the Head Keeper or his Deputy, either he or his Agent will telephone Lord Strathmore or his Agent to discuss any problems on the evening of the day in question or as soon after as possible.

9. It is hereby agreed:-

(a) that the Enterprise will be responsible for the costs of running the moors and that all game will remain the property of the Enterprise;

(b) that Mr. Nickerson will have the opportunity to buy any additional game offered by the Enterprise from time to time on a first refusal basis at the going wholesale ex-moor rate;

(c) that the Enterprise will maintain the control of vermin, provide grit, burn heather and maintain drainage roads and butts on the moors to the present standards.

10. It is hereby further agreed that all base sums or other payments and the premiums mentioned in this Agreement are exclusive of VAT at the appropriate rate or rates applicable thereto which VAT shall be payable in addition to such base sums other payments and premiums mentioned.

11. The Enterprise shall ensure that it shall carry on its own sporting activities fairly and properly and in a sportsmanlike manner, and Mr. Nickerson agrees that he shall similarly exercise his facilities hereunder fairly and properly and in a sportsmanlike manner. Mr. Nickerson also in consideration of his facilities under this Agreement hereby agrees to indemnify the Enterprise fully and effectually from and against all damage or injury to any person

(including his guests) or thing (including his own property and that of his guests) done caused or permitted or omitted by him or his guests or any of them or in connection with or as a consequence of the enjoyment of his facilities hereunder providing the same shall not have been caused by the negligence of the Enterprise or its servants or agents and Mr. Nickerson further agrees to effect and keep in force at his own expense sufficient indemnity and public liability insurance to cover against all such liabilities and to produce the current insurance policy or policies and premium receipts to the Enterprise on demand, from time to time.

12. Mr. Nickerson hereby agrees declares and confirms that he has no legal estate interest or right whatsoever in the land over which he may enjoy his shooting facilities other than his personal contractual rights arising by virtue of this Agreement.

13. If either party is in substantial breach of any of its obligations hereunder and does not remedy such breach within 28 days of receiving written notice from the other party requiring it to do so, that other party may terminate this Agreement by a further 28 days written notice given within 14 days of expiration of the first notice. Any termination of this Agreement pursuant to this clause will not affect:-

- a) any obligation of either party to make any payments to the other party which will remain payable notwithstanding such termination;
- b) all other rights or remedies which the party giving such notice of termination may have.

14. It is hereby agreed and declared that this Agreement and the rights hereby given to Mr. Nickerson cannot be assigned licenced sold or dealt with in any other way whatsoever than as specifically and expressly permitted by this Agreement. It is hereby further agreed and declared that in the event of the death of Mr. Nickerson the facilities hereby granted shall be enjoyed by Mr. Charles on the terms contained herein and in particular the provisions for termination contained herein shall be exercisable by or against Mr. Charles in the same way as they are exercisable by or against Mr. Nickerson during his lifetime. Mr. Charles and his estate shall be responsible for the payment of all base sums premiums and other payments due after the

death of Mr. Nickerson. In the event of the death of Mr. Charles during a close season this Agreement shall then be automatically terminated forthwith and Mr. Charles' estate and his personal representatives shall be responsible for the payment of all outstanding base sums premiums and other payments due up to the date of termination with interest until payment as in this Agreement provided, but any payments made in advance shall be refunded. Mr. Charles hereby agrees to make all payments and observe all agreements and conditions in this Agreement as from the date he takes over the same. Mr. Nickerson agrees that he and his estate will be responsible for all payments and the performance of all conditions of this Agreement other than those which will be the responsibility of Mr. Charles.

15. If any dispute or difference shall arise as to the rights or liabilities of the parties hereunder including any claim by either party in respect of damage indemnity or otherwise and any questions as to the right of the Enterprise or Mr. Nickerson to determine this Agreement the same shall be referred to two umpires, one to be appointed by each party, who shall attempt to settle the matter. If they are unable to do so, the matter shall be referred to a single arbitrator under the Arbitration Act 1950 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof. In the event of the parties hereto being unable to agree on an arbitrator the same shall be appointed by the President of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

AS WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.

The First Schedule above referred to

(Description of Area)

All those parts of Wemmergill and Holwick Moors in the County of Durham to which Lord Strathmore is beneficially entitled but excluding buildings and their curtilages let to or otherwise occupied by third parties and any areas where permanent or temporary access is not available, and any areas over which sporting has not been excepted and reserved and any area which may in the future be required for underground or open-cast mining or quarrying provided that if the use

of any area for such mining or quarrying shall make a material difference to the facilities afforded to Mr. Nickerson hereunder, a fair adjustment shall be made to the base fee payable under clause 6 hereof

The Second Schedule above referred to

Table of annual base sums

1st Year	£36,000	6th Year	£54,000
2nd Year	£39,600	7th Year	£57,600
3rd Year	£43,200	8th Year	£61,200
4th Year	£46,800	9th Year	£64,800
5th Year	£50,400	10th Year	£68,400

Signed by the said )  
JOSEPH NICKERSON )  
 in the presence of: )

*Joseph Nickerson*

*Charles Selwyn*  
*12 St. Charles Walk*  
*Buck*  
*S. Humberston*

Signed by the said )  
CHARLES JOSEPH NICKERSON )  
 in the presence of: )

*Charles J Nickerson*

*The Brantwells*  
*Villa Office*  
*Rothwell,*  
*Leicestershire.*

Memorandum

For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby confirmed that this Agreement is subject to the provisions of a Licence dated 18th March 1977 made between James Martin Haldane, James Haldane and Francis George More as Executors of the late Earl of Strathmore of the one part and the Secretary of State for the Defence of the other part and to the provisions of all notices and byelaws issued in connection therewith or in respect of the Warcop Principal Training Area and to any effect that these documents may have on the shooting arrangements in any way. It is hereby also confirmed that a copy of the said Licence has been produced to Mr. Nickerson and Mr. Charles on or before the date hereof and that the facilities granted by this Agreement are subject in all respects to the provisions of the aforementioned documentation insofar as they affect shooting facilities.

It is also confirmed that all the parties and their guests will conform in all respects with the provisions of the said Licence and other documentation above mentioned.

STEAN ESTATE - BALANCE SHEET, 4th. JANUARY 1981

1979			£	£
£	£			
5,183		Valuation		7,273
3,253		Cash		3,172
( 567)		Debtors/(Creditors)		-
<u>7,869</u>		Net assets		<u>10,445</u>
6,688		Capital Account - brought forward	7,869	
<u>7,814</u>		capital introduced	<u>11,348</u>	
14,502				19,217
	3,705	<u>Less: Drawings - Farm Loss</u>	6,389	
	2,646	Net cost of shoot	2,383	
<u>6,633</u>	<u>282</u>	Stublick expenses	-	<u>8,772</u>
<u>7,869</u>				<u>10,445</u>

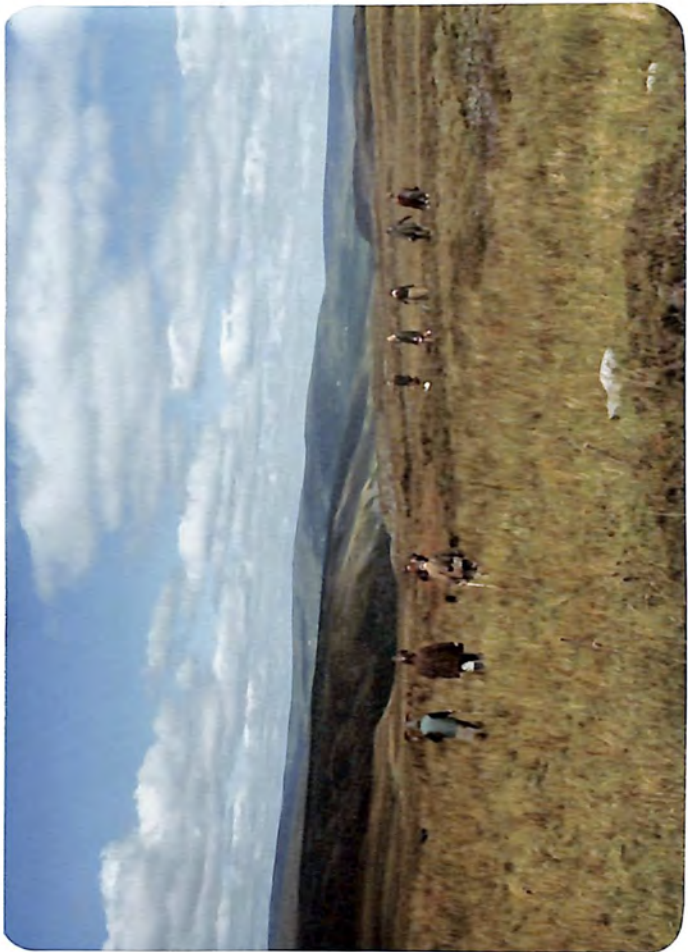
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FARM PROFIT and LOSS ACCOUNT

	Actual 1980	Budget 1981
	£	£
Livestock - Sheep	1,860	2,140
Wool	<u>203</u>	<u>200</u>
	2,063	2,340
Purchases	( 50)	( 70)
Increase/(decrease) in valuation	<u>645</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase in valuation of tenant- right, etc.	1,445	750
Grazing income	3,429	3,805
Hay sales and sundry income	185	200
Deposit interest	135	100
Wayleaves and rents	<u>-</u>	<u>1,037</u>
	<u>7,852</u>	<u>8,162</u>
Wages, less recoveries	3,582	4,650
Recruitment and removal expenses	330	60
Feed	104	140
Fertilisers and sprays	3,051	3,400
Vet and medicine, shearing and dipping	471	650
Machinery hire and contracting	652	800
Vehicle running expenses	2,153	1,550
Property repairs and fencing	1,783	2,100
Rates	198	250
Light and heat	466	680
Telephone	207	230
Pest control	42	30
Tools and equipment	544	550
Cottage furnishing	397	100
Legal fees re cottage vacation	59	-
Donation - Village Hall	50	-
Farm sundries	152	72
Unallocated VAT written off	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>14,241</u>	<u>15,262</u>
<b>FARM LOSS</b>	<u>6,389</u>	<u>7,100</u>

SHOOT ACCOUNT

Keeper - part wages and N.I. clothing and licences	1,250 83	1,400 50
Beaters and butt building etc.	1,842	£,050
Grouse grit and sundries	-	250
Moor fencing and rush spraying	98	600
Traps, cartridges, etc.	<u>166</u>	<u>200</u>
	3,439	4,550
Sale of game	<u>1,056</u>	<u>1,200</u>
NET COST	<u>2,383</u>	<u>3,350</u>



S T E A N     E S T A T E

END OF YEAR SETTLEMENT WITH GAIT HOLDERS, ETC.

1. GAITS RENTED from J. NICKERSON, ESQ.

Summer gait £1.50  
Full gait     3.00

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUMMER</u>	<u>FULL</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
Palmer	40	40	£180.00
Stevenson		25	75.00
Walker	35		52.50
Verity		40	120.00
	<u>75</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>427.50</u>

2. LAND RENTED from J. NICKERSON, ESQ. at MOORHOUSE FARM.

COST - Cow and calf     £47.00  
         Cow                 42.00  
         Heifer                38.00

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRAZING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Stevenson	6 cows and calves @ £47.00 2 heifers @ £38.00 less £10 for 1 week's grazing Partially missed	£282.00 76.00 <hr/> 348.00
Walker	9 heifers @ £38	<hr/> 342.00 342.00
Harker	12 cows and calves @ £47 2 cows @ £42.00 3 heifers @ £38.00	564.00 84.00 <hr/> 114.00 762.00
Verity	15 cows and calves @ £47 1 cow @ £42.00	705.00 <hr/> 42.00 747.00

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W. & E. Harker & Son	1	£21.00	210.00
R.D. Metcalfe & Son	2	125.00	125.00
R.W. Palmer	3	18 acres @ £26 per acre	468.00
			<u>468.00</u>
			<u>3012.00</u>

### APPENDIX

1. W.J. & E. Harker & Son took rough grazing on a weekly basis.
2. R.D. Metcalfe & Son - as 1.
3. All graziers were given the opportunity of either taking grazing on a headage basis or on acreage. R.W. Palmer was the only one to use the acreage basis.

### 3. APPORTIONMENT OF SHEPHERD'S WAGE.

29.5 weeks @ £27.40 = £808.30  
 Total gaits = 1161.5  
 Price per gait =  $\frac{£808.30}{1161.5} = £69.59$

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GAITS LET</u>	<u>GAITS OWNED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>APPORTIONMENT</u>
Nickerson	-	140	140	97.47
Harker	-	165	165	114.87
Walker	35	-	35	24.37
Stevenson	25	40	65	45.25
Verity	40	460½	500½	348.45
Nowell	-	176	176	122.53
Palmer	80	-	80	55.70
	<u>180</u>	<u>981½</u>	<u>1161½</u>	<u>808.64</u>

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4. SETTLEMENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GAITS</u>	<u>RENT</u>	<u>SHEPHERD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Palmer	£180.00	£468.00	£ 55.70	£ 703.70
Stevenson	75.00	348.00	45.25	468.25
Walker,	52.50	342.00	24.37	418.87
Harker	-	762.00	114.87	876.87
Verity	120.00	747.00	348.45	1215.45
Nowell	-	-	122.53	122.53
R.D. Metcalfe & Son	-	210.00	-	210.00
W.J. & E.	-	125.00	-	125.00
Harker & Son	-	125.00	-	125.00
	<u>427.50</u>	<u>3012.00</u>	<u>711.17</u>	<u>4140.67</u>

5. R.W. PALMER - SETTLEMENT

All work for J. Nickerson, none for H.F.I. Ltd.

DEBIT

Grazing, gaits, shepherd hire (as above)	£ 703.70
Purchased 185 bales hay @ £1.00 each	<u>185.00</u>
	888.70

CREDIT

Spreading tillage - 31 acres @ £2.30	£ 71.30
Hire of tractor to keeper	50.00
Gathering lambs for Pasturella injection	16.00
Clipping 18 sheep @ 40p	7.20
Cutting, turning and rowing hay	90.00
Baling and carting 545 bales @12p	65.40
Collecting sheep from Grassington	6.00
Haulage sheep to market	13.00
Purchase 4 stone nails	7.50
Taking lamb to vet	3.00
Purchase 1 gallon oil	1.25
Purchase tup	50.40
Leading gates and posts to moor	10.00
Miscellaneous items	46.40
Purchase tin of fluid	<u>6.00</u>
	<u>443.45</u>

BALANCE PAID

445.25

6. SUMMARY

The total sum paid into the J. Nickerson Stean account was therefore £4,140.67 less £443.45 (ie. R.W.Palmer credit) plus £185.00 (ie. R.W. Palmer hay purchased) giving £3,882.22.

# LOFTHOUSE MEMORIAL HALL

Secretary's Address

'Scar House'  
Lofthouse,  
Harrogate  
HG3 5SW.

RECEIVED  
13 SEP 1980

12th September, 1980.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing on behalf of the committee to ask you to thank Mr. Nickerson for the extremely generous donation towards a new billiard table for the Memorial Hall, and to say the gesture is greatly appreciated and will help our fund considerably.

Our committee is small but very hardworking, and dedicated towards preserving and improving the amenities of the Memorial Hall, and we do thank Mr. Nickerson for contributing to our billiard table project.

Yours sincerely,

*Joan W. Blow*

Secretary.

J.N.

sent £50. Made President April 1981.



with some care and place posts at each of your proposed butt sites so that you can discuss them with <sup>M</sup>r. Nickerson when he next comes on October 15th. Butts should be 45 yds apart. These butts will be close to the road and should be made of stone. A straight wall butt, similar to some of those on the Moss drive, will be adequate, but the walls should be a bit longer than those on the Moss. All the new butts should be concreted as should all the butts on the Meugher drive. You must start this work as soon as possible (i.e. in the next two or three weeks) and do not leave it until March or April next year when the pressure will be on. Let me know if you require any implements for stone cutting, etc.

f) increase the size of the platform on one of the Moss butts. I suggest you try and do this before October 15th.

## 2. Paths

Mr. Nickerson has requested that we lay some stone across the tussocky land that the guns have to walk over on the approach to the Peat Moor, Moss and Meugher butts. This will necessitate you chopping off all the tussocks and laying some small stone to make a path. I did ask you to make sure that the contractors rolled these sites with the crawler before they left and if they had done, this would have reduced your work here by 99%.

## 3. Fences

You must proceed with this work at the earliest date and you should certainly have started before October 15th. This will not be an easy job and the quicker you start the better. Putting it off will just result in a mad rush next year.

## 4. Burning

Take every opportunity. On my way home on Thursday I noticed at least four different moors carrying out heather burning. Use as much casual labour as you require, but make sure they know what they are trying to achieve.

## 5. Beating

Please make sure that the outside man at each end of the line has a large red flag for every drive. Also the flankers must be made to use the whistles that you have given to them. This as with, for example, your daily supervision of the work undertaken of the road contractors, revolves entirely around man management and it is a most important aspect of any keeper's job and one which few fully appreciate. You must think about this very carefully and learn how to make people do what you want them to. This is a lot harder than, for example, erecting a fence or spreading grit, particularly in this day and age when people are not so used to being disciplined into doing something in a particular way. They must all be made to understand that you are the head man and that in matters of this nature it is you and not, for example, Ronnie Palmer, Herbert Walker or someone else, who runs the show. Also a lot of them will not be very pleased to start with, but you may rest assured that at the end of the day this will improve your standing greatly if you can make a success of it.

6. Immediately after October 15th please send me a copy of all the bag records for this year together with a breakdown of the old young ratio for each drive. I think it was a good idea of yours to keep such a

detailed record in the first place and we should definitely keep it up.

7. Road

Please clean out all the offsets on the road from Stodfold Farm to Moorhouse. ICI owe us 10 loads of stone and I shall have them deliver these as soon as possible. You could lay some of this stone on the poorer section of the road and we will put part of the rest of it at the various gateways through Moorhouse Farm. The remnant can be used for repair work on the Moor road in the future.

8. I enclose a few blank cards which you will keep and use specifically for keeping Mr. Nickerson informed as to how the shoot is proceeding. I understand that he requires a break down of young:old at lunchtime and also at the end of each day. He also requests that you tie up two brace of young grouse for each gun at lunch time, at this will save time and trouble at the end of the day.

I have also written to you recently on September 8th and September 1st and you will know as well as I that there is a great deal to do. Grit, burning, fencing, butt building and one or two other smaller items are of immediate concern. Please contact me if you have any problems.

Yours sincerely,

*J. H. Thompson*

STUBLICK SHOOTACTUAL COST 1980 and BUDGET FOR 1981

	<u>Actual 1980</u>	<u>Budget 1981</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Keeper - wages and Nat. Insurance	3,836	4,000
clothing, licences and dog keep	159	200
Beaters	1,764	2,100
Grouse grit	283	480
Tractor hire for butt building and machinery hire	673	500
Butt building materials	554	75
Casual labour - heather burning etc.	157	720
Motor vehicle expenses	1,042	1,050
Repairs to shoot boxes etc.	721	750
Pest control	34	50
Rates	1,923	1,980
Water	54	60
Telephone and postage	86	165
Contingencies/sundries	-	1,040
	<u>11,286</u>	<u>13,170</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Sale of game	1,378	1,600
Bank Interest	18	50
	<u>1,396</u>	<u>1,650</u>
<u>NET COST</u>	<u>9,890</u>	<u>11,520</u>

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TOTAL BAGS AT NOMBELA

Information from Domingo & Santos via Tom Gullick 1981

75/76		8,617	14 days
76/77	ca.	6,200	14 days
77/78		8,395	15 days
78/79		7,321	14 days
79/80		5,014	12 days
80/81		3,320	8 days & very short lines

1980 Partridge Bags Nombela

1 November	La Parilla	457	6 guns
2 November	Los Caleros	665	6
4 November	Los Prados	287	6
5 November	La Rana	263	6
7 November	Barranco la Nava	562	6
8 November	La Heredad	225	6
10 November	Arroyo la Parra	570	5
11 November	Various beats	291	3

TOTAL: 3,320 partridges (1,660 brace)

Total Bag of Partridges Spanish Shoots 1980, including Los Quintos

4,660 (2,330 brace)

Details of Bags at La Ronca since 1967 when J.N. first shot with Leo Biaggi

<u>1967:</u>	23 November	Sierra Alta	526 partridges	13 guns
	24 November	San Francisco	912	12
	25 November	Aldeaencabo	1361	13
<u>1968:</u>	21 November	Nombela	1306	12 guns
	22 November	"Mountains of the Bull"	238	12
	23 November	Mesegar	864	12
<u>1969:</u>	10 November	Mesegar	710	12 guns
	11 November	La Ronca	1427	13
	12 November	Hinojosa	362	12
<u>1971:</u>	13 January	Hinojosa	305	12 guns
	14 January	Nombela	499 (La Parilla)	12
	15 January	Nombela	851 (La Heredad)	12
	18 January	Sierra Alta	542	11
	19 January	Hinojosa	307	11
<u>1972:</u>	10 January	Hinojosa	649	11 guns
	11 January	Paredes	379	12
	12 January	Sierra Alta	563	11
	13 January	Almorox	619	11
<u>1973:</u>	11 January	La Ronca	868	6 guns
	12 January	Hinojosa	488	12
	13 January	Almorox	440	11
	14 January	Hinojosa	404	11
	15 January	Nombela	745	12
	16 January	El Real	147	9
	26 November	La Ronca - no bag cards received.		
	27 November	JN's personal bag for the 3 days was 379		
	28 November			
<u>1974:</u>	11 January	Hinojosa	497	11 guns
	12 January	Aldeaencabo	912	12
	13 January	Paredes	636	12
	29 October	Aldea	1082	12
	30 October	Almorox	1468	12
	31 October	Paredes	737	12
<u>1975:</u>	7 January	Sierra Alta	742	10 guns
	8 January	Almorox	882	10
	9 January	Nombela	1065	9
	11 January	Nombela	954	10
(CJN)	5 November	La Ronca	748	5
	6 November	Almorox	1167	12
	7 November	Aldeaencabo	1051	11

Details of Bags at La Ronca since 1967, continued

<u>1976:</u>	12 January	Aldeaencabo	532	7 guns	
	13 January	Almorox	739	11	
	14 January	Sierra Alta	604	12	
	16 January	Nombela	1004	9	
	19 January	Hinojosa	241	11	
	20 January	Nombela	582	11	
	5 November	Aldeaencabo	698	7	
	6 November	Almorox	718	8	
<u>1977:</u>	11 January	Nombela	446	7 guns	
	12 January	Nombela	304	7	
	13 January	Almorox	533	8	
	14 January	Sierra Alta	340	8	
	2 November	La Ronca	674	8	
	3 November	Almorox	781	7	
	7 November	Almorox	736	9	
	8 November	Sierra Alta	620	8	
	10 November	Mesegar	364	7	
	11 November	Nombela	770 (Barranca la Nava)	8	
<u>1978:</u>	1 November	Nombela	320 (La Parilla)	8 guns	
	2 November	Mesegar	579	8	
	4 November	Nombela	645	8	
	5 November	Mesegar	501	8	
	7 November	Nombela	409	8	
	8 November	Mesegar	424	8	
<u>1979:</u>	2 November	Nombela	452 (La Parilla)	7 guns	
	3 November	Nombela	535	8	
	5 November	Nombela	330	8	
	6 November	Mesegar	681	8	
	8 November	Almorox	691	9	
	9 November	Almorox	489	8	

Nombela bag card dated  
17.1.76 borrowed from CJN  
gives bag as 819 -- 12 guns  
(not JN)

Copy of J.N.'s Notes on First Impressions of Shooting Partridges in Spain, dated 28.11.67.

(Original in  
1967 Gamebook)



Leo Biaggi & JN



La Ronca

1967



JN/JM

SN for info and return to JN please.

Joe,  
most interesting  
sounds to me  
a place I can  
SPAIN 2-1-67

Spanish Fito

28th November, 1967.

Well this is another experience, I'm going to put on record some of the things which I think might be of interest.

The French partridges that we know in England are extraordinarily similar to the ones we've shot in Spain, effect to anyone except a most careful observer no doubt all the English people who've been, and the majority of them anyway, I think 99 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of them would say they were the same bird, and they are 99% the same bird but one percent they're different. They have no pale tip on the outer primary to denote the difference between the old and young, and some of the birds on the underside of the tail have got black spots on the Rufus feathers. The Spaniards call these the "pack leaders", I don't suppose there's any thorough research on the subject at all, and I regard this as being rubbish. Very few of the birds approach the line directly, it's quite unusual to see a partridge coming 200 yards away straight towards you, in fact the majority of the shots are oblique shots, angling shots and slightly crossing shots. When the partridges see you they begin to rise, I would think this is the old cocks and the old hens, they can quite accelerate and rise as they see you. Apart from this, it's a fairly simple operation to kill these partridges compared with shooting the English grey partridges, certainly it was for J.N. It was nothing for me to kill over 30 birds at a stand, and 4, 5, 6, or 7, at the maximum 8 birds is all we ever missed at one stand. I'm recording this after the second day, I don't know what the third day will bring. They <sup>come</sup> of course singly or in twos and threes, we saw an explosion of one covey on the first day only, and the second day there were several more coveys, birds. The beaters blow horns, shout, and kick up a hell of a row from some distance away, the birds obviously run forward as the ground is very dry, gritty, sort of sandy soil. The birds run forward, it's covered with a very sparse, short vegetation, indeed most of it is not more than a centimetre high, the birds run forward until they get quite close to the guns and the majority of them rise there. There are, of course, birds that rise further back. They blow the horn and shout to make these birds run forward, and then there's a suppression of shots rather like a grouse drive. The birds are coming all the time, but the buff of the birds come like grouse do, during 10 or 15 minutes of the drive. The performance starts by leaving the house at 8-30 or 9 o'clock in the morning, and we are shooting until 6 o'clock almost until it's dark, and then the journey home to the wonderful house which every modern convenience is the centre of the shooting. Shooting extends to 50,000 acres and he has twenty game-keepers. The amount of magpies and jackdaws, and other things we saw, jays, rooks, it's quite impossible to describe the numbers. Magpies are shying off, of course, when they saw the guns. At one stand I killed four of them, and really I've never seen anything like the amount of birds in my life. The butts are quite a long way apart, which is a good thing, 45 to 50 yards, giving plenty of room to operate, and the instructions are to shoot all angling birds, going to anyone else it doesn't matter. It would be Mr. Sam's paradise from this point of view. Metal shields on either side of you, I think it's quite practical because you're often standing in terrible scrub, bushes and trees. I was shooting partridges through trees, it is not all that easy for an experienced shot to know where the front is. The first day was among most mountainous territory, in fact there were rocks and ravines and really mountainous stuff, how the beaters got across it, I don't know. They seem to drive the partridges where they've made the temporary butts irrespective of the wind, and they tried to drive them several times against the wind, some of them came forward rather more than expected. Generally speaking the standard of shooting is not bad, not up to the Rothwell first team at all, quite a lot of girls shooting 3 or 4 in the line. There are 12 guns in the line, but that doesn't mean anything because some of them are absolute duds. In my opinion, and I don't want this to be taken as being swell-headed, I found them extraordinarily easy to shoot. I think that without any doubt at all that we were quicker, I had Bill Jacob of course loading for me, and there was no-one there getting a number of cartridges off, no-one had such a good loader, and no-one moved so quickly with their reflexes, without any doubt at all there was no-one who could hold a candle to us, and this isn't swank either.

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The house is beautifully run, the cook is an Italian, and the macaroni and cheese pie, no not a crust on it, but it was served in a mould, very hot and it was absolutely excellent. The Persian caviare and the French hand-made Foie Gras, the whole of the cooking was absolutely superb, and didn't upset my stomach at all. The bull's blood and rice made into a sausage was something I'd never had before, I enjoyed that immensely and the Anisette, half sweet and half dry mixed together as a liqueur was jolly good. The loaders and the secreteriers were extremely well fed, quite generously with everything they wanted, that included cigars and brandy. I was rather worried that Billy wouldn't be getting enough to eat, however I was soon put right on this when I went to ask him.

We haven't seen Count Tabor shooting, but I know from the secreteriers that we had with us, that they had never seen anything like what we put up. He's worth something like five million pounds, sixty million Swiss francs is Count Tabor, but apparently he's a mean and miserable person and economizes on everything possible.

I like very much a man called Rousseau who lives in Rheims who gave me a watch and who's in charge of the metallurgical works making all kinds of parts for the whole of the French motor-manufacturing industry. Mr. Hennebique, whose family started a concrete business, who knew Mr. Clugston and was also a great friend of Andre de Vilmorin, one of his closest friends actually in Paris. We had five ..... business manager and the thing and his assistant, and as the secretarios brought the number of birds that they had picked up for each gun on a huge sheet to the number of that gun.

SPAIN Cont./3

There's something over 50 beaters, some of the game keepers on horses, and as I say they blow these horns you think you're in the hunting field. The beaters are a pretty keen lot, there are some boys and some men, and I think by large they do the job very well. Some of the guns that are jealous have three or four secretarios each, we were allocated two, and of course Billy and I weren't as fast runners as most of the young Spaniards, and so that we didn't get everything picked up that we shot by any means. The guns themselves were, generally speaking, not jealous, and several occasions I was given birds, or said even if I didn't have the birds given to me, I was told that they picked up all they wanted, in fact that happened nearly every drive.

We saw the most enormous flocks of pigeons that either Billy or I had ever seen in our lives, in fact they rather looked like some of the starlings coming into roost, you've never seen anything like it, hundreds of thousands of pigeons. We saw something like three buzzards and we had a wonderful view of four ravens, and we heard them talking and their wing beats quite distinctive. The noise they made with their wings when they turned, they were over us and wheeling about, and it was extremely interesting to see those ravens. There were vast quantities of jackdaws. At one stand I killed a rabbit, at another I killed a rabbit, and I killed one hare, it was obviously an old buck because I examined him, but he'd weigh about half the quantity of our English brown hares, but from what I could see of him he was exactly the same animal. The blue jays have got a tail as long as a magpie, and they've not red on them at all, they're blue all over, and they don't fly very high or I didn't see one fly high, sneaking through the bushes, and they're quite light-weight birds. We saw a very large number of wood-peckers, several wood-peckers of varying sizes, some quite small, and they were talking quite a lot, it was interesting to hear the wood-peckers, and one wood-pecker a very big one, I think he's the same as I've seen when I've been ski-ing in the Swiss Alps.

The performance of the Citroen cars on the roads, is something to be seen to be believed. Leo, had chains on the front wheel drive wheels, the two wheels on his car, and he just seemed to go anywhere like a tank, almost.

One paid the secretarios, they're the two pickers-up we had, 200 pestas a day. The first day there was no tips for the keepers, but the second day I gave 400 pestas like everyone else, it's collected by the youngest person present which I think is not a bad idea, so that was about £2 10s. each from 12 guns, it meant £30 for the keepers.

The first day on the way home we stopped in a most squalid village, couldn't imagine such squalor really for people to live in, of course, we were in the mountains, and Leo made the road up the year before to enable shooting to take place there at all. We stayed with the Mayor with an enormous pot of Dewars whisky which we all drank, the Mayor had one but nobody else seemed to have one, there were twenty children all standing round open mouthed watching what we were doing. The Mayor had a white horse and rode out with us on the shoot during the days performance.

This is the third season that Leo has had his house here, he's bought nine hundred hectares of land, and as I said earlier I think rents twenty thousand acres for shooting, and he's got 14 first days. He spends as a rule, a week during the Spring when the birds are nesting and then he spends about a fortnight in January. So that in all he's here something like 11 or 12 weeks in this house. He shoots 130 days a year himself, starting from the last Sunday in August with snipe and teal, shooting right through until 1st April, where he shoots wild ducks, snipe, game and teal, in Spain and in Italy.

If we're going to have him over to shoot, therefore we'll have him soon after the 12th August, so that it will lengthen his season a little.

There were a large array of Landrovers and Japanese copy of the Willey's large jeep, they copied all the faults as well and it was pretty unreliable thing, he said he had done 70,000 kilometres with it, but he didn't like it very much.

We use these green Italian cartridges 65 millimetres, and Italian number 6 size shot, I think that means English 5, anyway it didn't half wallop the partridges. As I said earlier we were shooting among trees, trees seemed to be the feature of the shoot really, there were trees everywhere we went, these evergreen trees, oaks, and the pigs apparently eat the acorns which seem to be the main crop of the oaks. There is a certain amount of wheat grown, and the land is cultivated with a drag, a cross way on to the side of the hill, the idea of it is to stop the water running away, and to hold the water there whenever it rains. Water of course being the thing which is of the shortest supply for their agriculture.

There was a herd of goats in the village, black cows and bulls seemed to be wandering about all over the place. It was on the shoot that Count Tabor was gored by the bull, I've got the full story about that.

As far as numbers in Spain are concerned there was a shoot where they did kill 4,800 partridges in a day with 12 guns that included shooting a lot of low birds I'm told, and shooting a lot of them on the ground, and I think Franco was there. Franco says one of his Purdeys blew up and knocked his hand off, he doesn't shoot as well as he did and he's getting a bit older. Leo doesn't ask him, because if he does and he accepts, then the next season the shoot owner gets a letter from the dictators' secretary saying on which day he will be shooting on that particular owners property, and he builds his own diary up, and maybe the shoot owner won't be there, and it's not convenient for the shoot owner, so for that reason Leo hasn't asked him. There's also been another shoot that shot over 3,000 partridges in a day but that's gone down too, and Leo thinks it's gone down because they put a lot of tame pheasants on it. Last year he killed 2,800 partridges on his shoot, which was his best day on the land he has in hand, that's the 900 hectas round his house. This year he killed 1,900 birds on that beat, he had Niarcos and Prince Bernard and the whole lot of them, this year not so many. They had a very big storm in the Spring and the first nests were washed out. The ground that we are going on tomorrow, they killed 1,900 on first time over, so we will see how we get on there. He doesn't want to kill any more than he is doing because he doesn't want to make people any more jealous of him, particularly as he's not Spanish, but he's Swiss although he lives in Italy, and doesn't want to upset the Spanish people by killing far more than they pay in total, and so a bird for over 400 brace is what people are prepared to pay.

BENJY JACOB'S REPORT ON HIS VISIT

TO NOMBELA - MAY 1980

Copies to: JN, Berjy, Sanchez, file  
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REPORT OF BEN JACOB'S VISIT TO NOMBELA MAY 1980

1. KEEPERS

(1) Six keepers are officially employed, one of whom acts as chargehand. An additional person is retained - Domingo - who was formerly Head Keeper for Leo Biaggi for 27 years - he is extremely powerful and it would be unwise to do anything to upset him.

(2) Keepers' Salaries Domingo is paid a total of 40,000 pts per month, of which J.N.'s share is 10,000 pts per month (N.B. the Spanish system demands that all employees are paid for 14 months per year - 2 in July and 2 in December). All other keepers are paid 30,000 pts per month, and an additional 1,800 pts insurance is paid.

(3) Vermin All keepers are encouraged to kill vermin and a bounty is paid for everything killed, whether by trap or gun. Baited traps are not used, and in general J.N. will not pay for cartridges. The keepers use homemade snares and gins - B.J. suggests sending them some self-locking snares.

The rates of bounty are as follows:-

Lizard, snake, jay or little owl	20 pts
Rat	15 pts
Weasel or eagle	25 pts
Magpie	30 pts
Cat	40 pts
Crow	100 pts
Fox	300 pts

J.N. has given instructions that an additional bonus of 50 pts should be paid for magpies during the three weeks following B.J.'s visit, and 500 cartridges should be supplied for the keepers (action already taken by Sanchez).

(4) Keepers' Clothing Each keeper is entitled to one suit every two years and a pair of trousers and shirt each year. Suits are due in 1980. B.J. has instructed Sanchez to buy the trousers and shirt as usual; J.N. should instruct Sanchez concerning the suits as soon as possible, in particular regarding any change of style or material.

(5) Terriers It is understood that J.N. gave the keepers some terriers a few years ago. They have asked for a further three or four.

(6) Transport Two keepers use horses, four motorbikes. Three of these motorbikes are owned by Senora Biaggi, and one belongs to the keeper himself. Only one, Santos', is reasonably new. Of the others, one needs to be replaced urgently, and possibly a second. A motorcycle costs about 40,000 pts. J.N. to instruct Sanchez re replacement/ <sup>J.N. pays for petrol.</sup> One of the horse-mounted keepers has asked for assistance to purchase a new horse, and the other a saddle. Both receive assistance with fodder.

(7) (i) Domingo Head Keeper to Biaggi for 27 years but now retired - powerful in the area and worth not upsetting him to ensure his co-operation. Receives a pension shared equally between J.N., Senora Biaggi, Fauri and Spreafichi. He evidently maintains authority over the other six keepers. He lives in Nombela - to find his house, take the second turning to the left in Nombela coming from Escalona and his bungalow is the first on the right.

Domingo has a son who is tall and bald and who speaks with a slightly high-pitched voice and may be slightly simple.

(ii) Santos The foreman who records monthly the vermin killed and is directly responsible for purchases, etc. on the shoot. He is 48 years old and has been at Nombela for 18. He has three children (girls). He uses a small motorcycle which is new and belongs to Senora Biaggi. He has 30 traps. His house

is 150 yards past the second turning on the left coming from Escalona and is on the right hand side of the road.

His beat is La Heredad, the easternmost beat, and he reported catching two or three foxes each month and a great many magpies, rats and reptiles.

- (iii) Pablo (brother of Pedro and Tino), 53 years old, of which he has been at La Ronca for 16 years. He has three children (two girls, one boy). He runs a very, very old motorcycle belonging to La Ronca and has 25 traps. His beat is on the western side - Los Trozos.
- (iv) Pedro (brother to Pablo and Tino), 62 years old, of which he has spent 16 at La Ronca. He lives in Nombela with two boys and a girl. He rides his own horse but needs a new saddle. He has 13 ordinary traps and 3 large traps for foxes. His beat is the north westerly one, although the extreme north west corner is not kept; the mountainous parts are much more difficult to keep, with many foxes and reptiles. He caught 115 magpies in April.
- (v) Jesus Thirty-five years old with only one year at La Ronca, although he had previously been a keeper. Lives in Nombela with two boys and a girl. He runs his own motorcycle which is very old - J.N. pays petrol only. He has 30 traps and 5 large traps. His beat is La Raña at the south eastern corner of the shoot and B.J. saw an eagle and got to within 25 yards of 3 little bustards nesting.

He also saw over 60 magpies hung on a fence, and several partridge.

- (vi) Paco Forty-eight years old, of which 14 have been at La Ronca. Lives in Nombela with one boy and one girl. He has 15 traps and drives a small, 14 year old motorcycle belonging to La Ronca. Reported having killed 36 magpies, 45 rats, 2 crows last month.
- (vii) Tino (brother to Pablo and Pedro), 50 years old, of which 14 have been at La Ronca. Lives in Nombela with one boy and three girls. Has 20 traps and rides his own horse, which is very ancient. Also needs a new saddle. Both he and Pedro are paid 1500 pts per year for fodder. His beat is Barranco La Nava, immediately to the south of Nombela, and he reported very little vermin on this ground; nonetheless, last month he killed 20 magpies, 17 reptiles, 2 foxes and 2 crows.

2. PLAN OF THE DRIVES(1) Day 1 - La Heredad - Keeper Santos - 600/700 birds

- Drive 2: 3, 4 best on right hand side,  
difficult birds
- Drive 3: 3, 4, 6 best. 6 very good, fast, difficult
- Drive 4: 5, 6, 8 not high or difficult.  
Landrovers to middle of line.
- Drive 5: 2, 3 best, not high ) Butts
- Drive 6: All equal. Good drive. ) 10 m.  
Not difficult. ) apart

(2) Day 2 - Barranco La Nava - Keeper Tino - 500/600 birds

- Drive 7: 4th from left very good. )  
4, 5, 6 best. ) Drive 7
- Drive 8: Another possibility of )  
Drive 7 if wind wrong. ) or 8 -  
depending  
on wind
- Drive 9: 4, 7 best. Good drive.  
Fast, not high.
- Drive 10: 4, 5, 6 best butts.  
Very many partridges.
- Drive 11: Good place, 6, 7, 8 best.  
Must walk because of corn.
- Drive 12: 5, 6 best.

(3) Day 3 - Los Prados - Keeper Pedro - 200 birds

Drives 15 and 4 to the group of butts numbered 16.  
Very difficult terrain - only 2 drives possible  
with vehicles. 16: 4 lines of butts very close  
together. Small day.

(4) Day 4 - Los Caleros - Keeper Pedro

- Drive 13: 4, 5 best ) R.H.S.
- Drive 14: Mrs. J.N. on J.N.'s right up bank) best
- AND Los Trozos - Keeper Pablo - 400 birds
- Drive 17: No. 1 from right. J.N. has stood  
as No. 2. Very good & difficult.
- Drive 18: J.N. has stood semi punta L. 1st drive  
after dinner. 4, 5, 6 best.
- Drive 19: J.N. 4th from left, killed several high  
pigeons last drive. 5, 6 best.

(5) Day 5 - Los Trozos - Keeper: Pablo - Drives 20-22

AND La Parilla - Keeper Paco - Drives 23-25

400 birds

Drive 20: 3, 4 best. Good drive. Diffu) Need to  
Difficult in trees. ) cross  
Drive 21: 3, 7. Good drive, fast birds.) river  
between  
drives.  
Drive 22: Best 2, 7. Easy birds butt 7,  
high and fast. Good drive.  
Drive 23: 5, 6. Good fast birds.  
Drive 24: 5, 6 best. ) Butts in  
Drive 25: 1 butt across road. ) same line.  
3, 4 best. Good birds.)

(6) Day 6 - La Parilla - Keeper Paco - Drives 26 - 30

300 birds

Drive 26: 5, 6 best. Good drive. Not  
difficult. Very many birds.  
Drive 27: Small drive, 5, 6 best. Not  
difficult. Access with Landrover.  
Drive 28: Small drive. Best 3, 4, 5.  
Drive 29: Small drive. Best 4, 8.  
Drive 30: Not very good. 4, 5 best.

(7) Day 7 - La Raña - Keeper Jesus - Drives 31 - 35

300/400 birds. Normally only 1 day during the  
season on this beat. N.B. Access by Landrover  
is particularly easy. Birds generally low.

Drive 31: Best 5, 6.  
Drive 32: Very long drive. Not very good -  
low birds. Best 6, 7.  
Drive 33: Best 3, 4.  
Drive 34: Best 5, 6.  
Drive 35: Best 3, 4. Highest birds of the day.

3. ADMINISTRATION

(1) Sanchez Sanchez visits Nombela one day a week and charges approx. 15 pts. per km. for traveling. He expects to make all arrangements for the shoots, but needs to know in September how many vehicles will be required. He also must be informed one week in advance which beat will be shot so that arrangements can be made for the butts to be built (if constructed too soon they are damaged; B.J. asked for larger, flatter bases to be made for the butts).

(2) Programme

## NOVEMBER

1st	}	J.N. Nombela
2nd		
4th	}	J.N. Nombela
5th		
7th	}	J.N. Nombela
8th		
10th	}	J.N. Nombela
11th		
14th	}	Fauri - Almorox
15th		
16th		
22nd	}	Spreafichi - Mesegar
23rd		

Senora Biaggi expects to shoot 2 days in November.

## DECEMBER

12th	}	Fauri - Almorox
13th		
14th		

Programme - continued

JANUARY

4th		Spreafichi - Mesezar
5th		Spreafichi - Paredes
10th		" "
11th		" "
14th	)	J.N. - Nombela
15th	)	
17th	)	J.N. - Nombela
18th	)	
23rd	)	
24th	)	Fauri - Almorox
25th	)	

N.B. Spreafichi has Mesezar for 5 years and Paredes for 3 years.

Fauri has Almorox for 1 year, but an option for a further 5 years.

(3) List of Guns One month before shooting, Sanchez will require a list of guns with photocopies of passports and the number and makes of guns in order to obtain permits. If advised of the day and date and time of arrival he will arrange for transport and for the import permits to be at the airport.

(4) Shoot Staff Sanchez will organise 35/40 beaters from Nombela (1,800 pts/day each) and 2 secretarios for each gun (1,800 pts each - paid by individual guns). The staff from La Ronca will be available if J.N. requires for loading and picking up - a reasonable amount of notice is required. Sanchez reports that everything will operate in exactly the same way as if J.N. were to be a guest at La Ronca. Tractors for the beaters can be hired from Senora Biaggi or from the village and it is expected to be possible to hire Senora Biaggi's caravan or a tent for lunches. Lunch could be arranged and be provided by the Hotel El Cazador at Maqueda and it could be taken out first thing in the morning or brought by someone later; the Hotel could provide a waiter if necessary - only one hour is available for lunch.

(5) Hire of Landrovers Biaggi normally hired 4 or 5 Landrovers. The cost is at present 5,500 pts per day, plus 1,000 pts for the driver for working outside Madrid and if he sleeps in Escalona. There is no mileage limit, within reason. If the party is staying at Maqueda, a minibus would certainly not be necessary (Maqueda to Nombela minimum 17 minutes).

(6) Equipment It will be possible to use La Ronca equipment if required - pantallas, cartridges boxes and dogs. J.N.'s equipment at La Ronca consists of:

- 1400 Winchester 20 bore
- 2400 Italian (green plastic) 20 bore
- 2500 Spanish (brown paper, old) 20 bore
- 4 pantallas
- 1 walking stick
- 2 shooting sticks
- A sealed box of champagne from 1979
- 1 cartridge bag and clip
- 1 kit bag
- 2 J.N. gun slips
- 2 Mrs. J.N. gun slips
- 2 game carriers

N.B. Some of the cartridges belong to CJN - B.J. thought there were some 12 & 28 bore, but these are no longer in evidence.

(7) Nombela Fête Senor Biaggi was in the habit of giving Nombela 50,000 pts. annually for their fête - please advise if Sanchez is to continue this (the village has asked).

(8) Sale of Game Birds are sold in Madrid and last year fetched 215 pts. each; a higher price is expected this year but it is not at present known. Senor Encabo buys all Senor Sanchez' partridges and apparently gives the best price obtainable.

(9) Accounts These are paid on the first of each month. Sanchez will prepare and send J.N. an account during the second week of each month. Sanchez will evidently be writing to J.N. concerning a problem with the February accounts. Sanchez gave B.J. accounts covering the period of J.N.'s occupancy up to the end of April.

(10) Walkie-talkie System A new walkie-talkie system is to be used at La Ronca and Sanchez has asked whether J.N. wishes Nombela to be included. The idea would be for each keeper to have a set which costs 60,000 pts (approx. £385), although a discount may be available for quantity. The system is a professional F.M. one, and Sanchez maintains that it will be very much in the interests of everyone to use them during the shoot. There is also a problem with poachers shooting from cars and radio contact might help in preventing this. By TDF - it may be worth investigating whether it is possible to use the sets which can be bought in this country for £400 per pair.

(11) Private Signs Several new "Privado Coto De Caza" signs are required. Benjy suggests that the keepers should be asked to make these at minimal cost.

(12) The route from Madrid to Maqueda has been much improved and, by November 1980, approximately 90% is expected to be dual carriageway.

#### 4. HOTELS

##### (1) El Mirador, Escalona.

This is a small hotel with two single rooms, one double room and seven twin rooms, brand new, with bath and toilet. Cost is 500 pts. per head per night, plus 100 pts. breakfast, plus 400 - 500 pts. dinner. Very good for loaders.

(2) El Cazador, Maqueda

A hotel in the style of a motel. The present management is extremely willing and would doubtless do everything possible to suit. B.J. understood that it is for sale (45 million pts.) Whilst clean and tidy, B.J. reckoned it had a slightly scruffy appearance and thought that J.N. would not be particularly impressed. Its main advantage is that it is accessible and handy for the shoot.

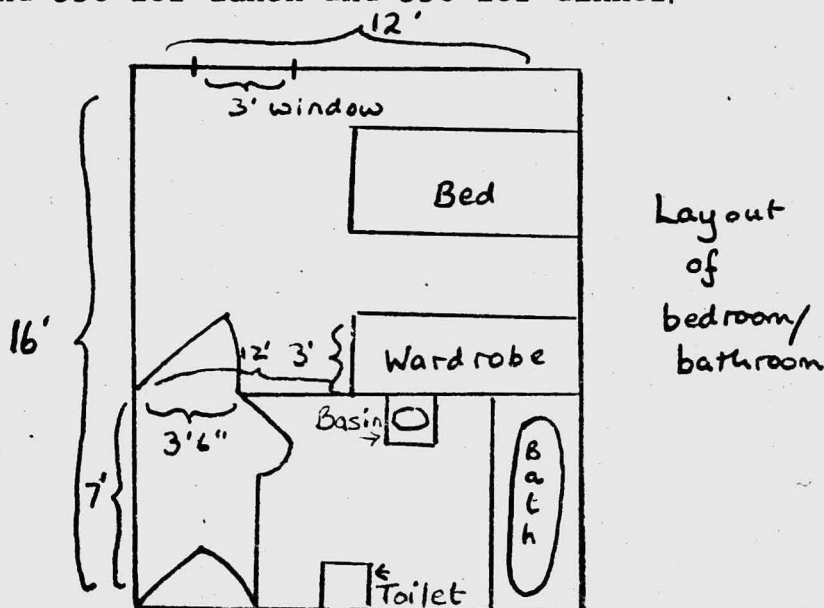
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10th November

Eight rooms have been reserved, plus two specially arranged 3-room suites. There are two possibilities for a private bar and dining room - one alternative would be within the main building - a 25 sq. metre bar and 40 sq. m. dining room next door; the other alternative outside the main building would provide a similar sized bar and a rather larger dining room.

Other facilities include ample parking and cleaning and drying facilities.

The hotel has night staff and, if informed in advance, could provide picnic lunch with a waiter if required. They would be prepared to cook anything given 24 hours' notice; a copy of the wine list is available. B.J. reported that the kitchens are clean.

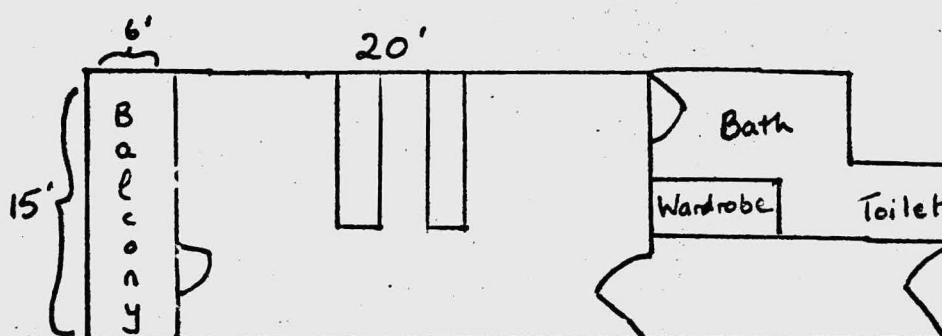
Layout of all bedrooms is similar, with bathroom, toilet and central heating. Cost is 1380 pts per night for a double room, plus 110 pts for breakfast and 550 for lunch and 550 for dinner.



(3) Parador Nacional, Conde de Orgaz, Toledo

Approximately 45 minutes drive from La Ronca. No telex available but the telephone exchange is automatic: Toledo 221850 or 221854.

The hotel is far more luxurious than El Cazador and much more likely to be suitable for J.N. B.J. has reserved one whole floor, consisting of 10 double rooms and 2 singles, one of which might conveniently be used as an office. All double rooms are laid out the same and have balconies with a good view over the countryside.

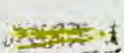





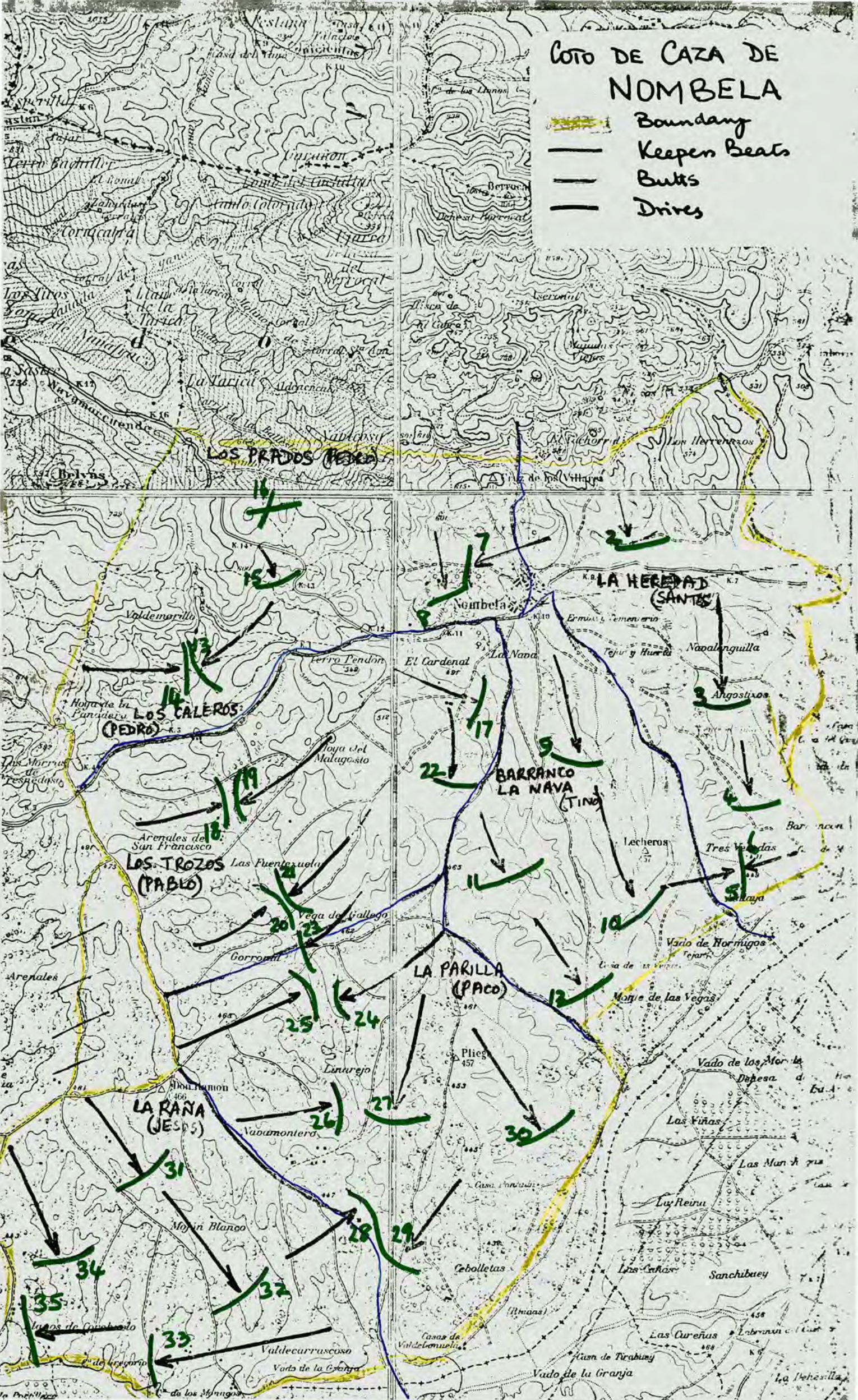
It would not be possible to arrange a private dining room, but a special menu could be prepared, given sufficient notice. Facilities include ample parking and a twenty-four hour laundry service (except over the weekend).

Prices are 2475 pts per night per double room and 1500 pts for each single room.

Luncheon and dinner are 710 pts or à la carte.

# COTO DE CAZA DE NOMBELA

-  Boundary
-  Keeper Beats
-  Batts
-  Drives



VERMIN RECORDS - NOMBELA - 1980

BOUNTY PAID TO GUARDAS (KEEPERS) FOR VERMIN CAUGHT 1980/81

Fox	(Zorras)	}	300 ptas.
Wild cat	(Gatos Montes)	}	
Crow (Cuervos), Pole Cat (Turon)		}	100 ptas.
Civet Cat (Ginetta)		}	
Cat	(Gatos)	.....	40 ptas.
Magpie	(Urracas)	.....	30 ptas.

Weasel (Comadreas), Hedgehog (Erizos),	}	25 ptas.
Eagle (Aquilas)	}	
Lizard (Lagartos), Snake (Culebras),	}	20 ptas.
Little Owl (Mochuelos), Jay (Arrendajos)	}	
Rat (Ratas)	.....	15 ptas.

SPANISH SHOOT 1980/81 SEASON -

Analysis of receipts and payments to 27.2.81  
compiled by I. C. Curd from information  
received from Senor Carlos Sanchez.

SPANISH SHOOT 1980-1981 SEASON

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

DETAILS RECEIVED FROM SPAIN TO 27TH FEBRUARY 1981

<u>Not</u> <u>Analysed</u> <u>£</u>		<u>PESETAS</u>	<u>£</u> <u>STERLING</u>
	Keepers' Wages and Expenses:		
	February - no analysis received	175,674	1,062
	March and April - Wages	420,000	2,538
	National Insurance	29,890	181
	Vermin Control Payments	33,865	205
	Housing Expenses	3,500	21
	Motorcycle Expenses	8,398	51
	Horse Feed	240	2
	May and June - Clothing	31,500	190
	Cartridges	8,500	51
	<u>No analysis received</u> - May	232,912	1,407
	June	234,733	1,418
	July	439,634	2,656
	August	234,018	1,414
	September	248,650	1,502
	October	229,069	1,384
	November	231,405	1,398
	December & extra	394,649	2,385
	January	218,730	1,322
	Payroll tax	60,050	363
	Bonuses/Overtime	437,200	2,642
	Accident Insurance	213,451	1,290
	Local Taxes	91,400	552
	ICONA Taxes	64,350	389
	Rent	6,519,874	39,395
	Landrover Hire and Running Costs	1,115,208	6,738
	Travelling and Airport Expenses	225,950	1,365
	Meals and Sundries	27,050	163
	Stationery and Maps	6,415	39
	Telephone, Cables, Postage	79,884	483
	Office Administration Expenses	54,000	326
	Share of Pension - Domingo	120,000	725
	Payment for Damage to Grapes on Vines	50,000	302
	Collection and Transport of Dogs	11,067	67
713	Visit to London - Snr. Sanchez	118,000	713
	Visit to Spain - B. Jacob	18,000	109
	Spanish Keepers' visit to Rothwell	102,160	617
	Payment on Behalf of JN and Guests (see schedule attached)	594,380	3,591
3,838	Shoot Expenses - <u>no analysis received</u>	635,225	3,838
	Administration 1980/1981	1,400,000	8,459
	Christmas Gratuities and Tips	113,867	688
19,437	Carried forward .....	15,232,898	92,041

Not  
Analysed  
£

PESETAS

£  
STERLING

19,437 brought forward ..... 15,232,898 92,041

Capital Items:

Keepers' Motorcycles 73,450 444  
Radio Equipment 250,000 1,511  
Notice Boards 44,413 268

15,600,761 94,264

Transfers ex UK 12,533,000 75,728

Cash received in Spain from JN 600,000 3,625

Sale of Game 600,000 3,625

Spanish Deposit Account Interest 39,900 241

Balance brought forward at beginning  
of Season 2,078,282 12,558

19,437 15,851,182 95,777

Balance in Hand following Transfer of  
2,583,000 pesetas on 27th February  
1981 (including 250,000 pesetas to  
cover February Salaries) 250,421 1,513

SPANISH SHOOT 1980/81

Return for October/November 1980 - Payments on behalf  
of JN and guests

(ex Carlos Sanchez)

SPANISH SHOOT - RETURN FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1980

PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF JN AND GUESTS

	<u>PESETAS</u>	<u>£</u> <u>STERLING</u>
Shooting Licenses	12,000	72
Permits to carry arms	1,000	6
Beaters/Guards for JN	2,400	14
Mr. Yates' Travel Expenses	12,208	74
Meals and Accomodation - Hotel El Mirador	168,585	1,019
Beaters for Messrs. Forte and Yates	3,600	22
Shoot Meals	36,000	218
Meals and Expenses Sra ?	122,057	737
Hire BEFACIO - 8 @ 10,000	80,000	483
Ham and Bacon/Pork	27,400	166
Hire of Tourer Mercedes	40,000	242
Various Expenses - Toledo	18,430	111
Guide Expenses	48,000	290
Shoot Secretaries	19,200	116
Hotel Tips	2,000	12
Tips	1,500	9
	<u>594,380</u>	<u>3,591</u>
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NOTE:

Average conversion rate of transfer  
ex UK 165.5 pts = £1 has been  
used for all conversions

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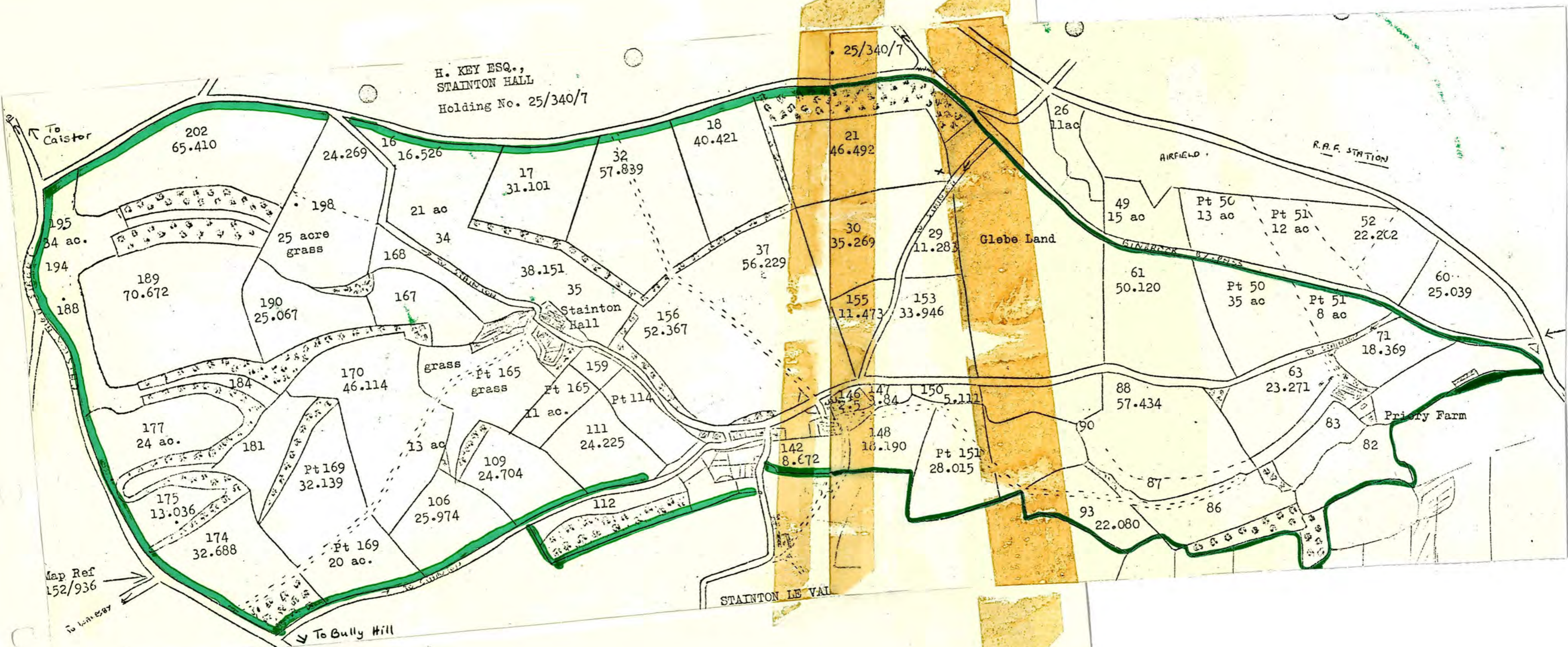
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To Bully Hill





READS ISLAND 1980



MR. PETER JACKSON

MRS. J. NICKERSON

EXTRACT FROM ORDNANCE SURVEY SHEET SE 82/92 SECOND SERIES

SCALE 1 : 25 000





Peter Jackson with  
deer on the Island  
January 1981



READS ISLAND  
SEPTEMBER 1980



Young Kestrels -  
2 boxes on the  
Island, 3 flying  
from each box

BEST ANNUAL PARTRIDGE DAYS AT ROTHWELL

Date	Bag				
	Partridges	Pheasants	Hares	Various	Total
5th November 1942	37	2	12	11	62
2nd October 1943	181		52	4	237
24th October 1944	160	1	40	5	206
29th September 1945	307		84	10	401
26th September 1946	275		26	2	303
25th September 1947	545		139	28	712
30th September 1948	184		63	5	252
26th September 1949	518		190	39	747
2nd October 1950	1091	42	114	13	1260
1st October 1951	1208	14	74	13	1309
3rd October 1952	2119	56	151	16	2342
1st October 1953	826	15	83	52	976
1st October 1954	616	15	56	59	746
5th October 1955	815	16	115	174	1120
1st October 1956	508	27	131	173	839
2nd October 1957	1045	47	187	6	1285
3rd October 1958	523	20	182	29	754
1st October 1959	1877	55	87	46	2065
1st October 1960	1697	46	52	145	1940
2nd October 1961	1463	53	32	756	2304
1st October 1962	723	10	52	1219	2004
3rd October 1963	318	3	23	13	357
6th October 1964	614	2	24	19	659
5th October 1965	538	2	18	15	573
11th October 1966	416	30	7	139	591
11th October 1967	523	49	6	27	605
15th October 1968	332	15	23	33	403
18th October 1969	372	25	24	29	450
15th October 1970	1211	13	15	22	1261

BEST ANNUAL PARTRIDGE DAYS AT ROTHWELL, continued

Date	Bag				
	Partridges	Pheasants	Hares	Various	Total
5th October 1971	1102	12	21	39	1174
28th September 1972	1063		11	51	1125
29th September 1973	622	7	6	38	673
30th September 1974	674		4	20	698
1st October 1975	506	12	12	21	551
5th October 1976	602	16	28	3	649
24th October 1977	257	5	3	5	270
4th October 1978	191	6	4	20	221
2nd October 1979	169	12	5	9	195
1st October 1980	213	8	4	1	226

Distribution: JN  
 WHJ  
 RJ  
 ICC

Position as at ~~1980~~  
7.7.80

GAME FARM-1980/81

EGG PRODUCTION (PHEASANT) PER CENT LAY

Week End Date	Rothwell 1979	Rothwell 1980	Tealby 1980	Rothwell/Tealby Total
13/4	21%	6%	14%	9%
20/4	57%	34%	54%	41%
27/4	74%	60%	71%	64%
4/5	68%	73%	74%	74%
11/5	70%	75%	76%	75%
18/5	70%	74%	75%	74%
25/5	65%	65%	68%	66%
1/6	48%	53%	54%	53%
8/6	-	49%	38%	45%
15/6	-	-	27%	-
Total Eggs	33143	28019	18570	46589
No. of Hens	1000	820	495	1315
Av. per Hen	33.14	34.16	37.5	35.42

HATCH (PHEASANT) PER CENT

Thurs. date of set	Mon. date of hatch	1979		1979		1980		1980		Total 1980	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
17/4	12/5	1830	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24/4	19/5	2606	70	-	-	2044	69	1718	66	3762	67
1/5	26/5	2654	71	1056	65	2644	71	1805	70	4449	70
8/5	2/6	2614	71	1500	73	2664	72	2038	79	4702	75
15/5	9/6	2400	72	1107	68	2628	71	1938	75	4566	73
22/5	16/6	2358	71	1160	70	2626	71	1698	75	4524	72
29/5	23/6	2193	65	-	-	2535	68	1880	73	4415	70
5/6	30/6	2205	66	-	-	2300	62	-	-	2300	62
	7/7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1640	65	1640	65
Total Day Old		18860		4623		17441		12917		30358	
Hatch Average			70%		69%		69%		72%		70%

RJ/BS

Distribution JN  
WHJ  
RJ

Position as at 9-6-80.

SHOOT 1980/81

EGG PRODUCTION (PHEASANT) PER CENT LAY

Week End Date	Rothwell 1979	Rothwell 1980	Tealby 1980	Rothwell/Tealby Total
13/4	21%	6%	14%	9%
20/4	57%	34%	54%	41%
27/4	74%	60%	71%	64%
4/5	68%	73%	74%	74%
11/5	70%	75%	76%	75%
18/5	70%	74%	75%	74%
25/5	65%	65%	68%	66%
1/6	48%	55%	54%	53%
8/6		49%	38%	45%
Total Eggs	33143	28019	18164	L A 1 D (46183) Set 43,000
No. of hens	1000	820	495	1315
Eggs per hen	33.14	34	37	35

*last hatch 2nd July* HATCH (PHEASANT) PER CENT

Week End Date of set	Mon. date of hatch	1979		1979		1980		1980		Total 1980	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
17/4	12/5	1850	71%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24/4	19/5	2606	70%	-	-	2044	69%	1718	66%	3762	67%
1/5	26/5	2654	71%	1056	65%	2644	71%	1805	70%	4449	70%
8/5	2/6	2614	71%	1500	73%	2664	72%	2058	79%	4702	75%
15/5	9/6	2400	72%	1107	68%	2628	71%	1938	75%	4566	73%
22/5	16/6	2358	71%	1160	70%						
29/5	23/6	2193	65%	-	-						
5/6	30/6	2205	66%	-	-						
	7/7										
Total Day Old		18860		4823		9980		7499		17479	
Hatch Average			70%		69%		71%		73%		71%

*Last hatch due 1st July about 19,000 day old*

*22,000 DA fresh up to Monday 16 June To Hatch 13,000 eggs*

*Red. Notes to 24.0.80 (last for 22)*

/JH

**NICKERSON ORGANISATION**

**MEMORANDUM TO CHAIRMAN**

From R. Johnson Copies to WHJ

Date 14/7/80 Ref. RJ/BS

**SUBJECT**

PHEASANT TO RELEASE PENS

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Reared at</u>	<u>Rearing Loss</u>
3/5 July	Silver Hills	1020	Cabourne	16%
	Horse Walk	2144	Cabourne	16%
10/11 Jly	Stone Valley	2402	Grange 9 Units	9%
	Tealby, Manor Wood	1649	Manor Buildings	9%
Total at 14/7/80		7215		

PHEASANT 1980 : Birds to Ground, nett of 5% release loss

<u>Rothwell</u>		<u>Tealby</u>		<u>Stainton</u>	
Silver Hills	969	Manor Wood	1900	West Hills	855
Horse Walk	2037	Manor Orchard	1970	Fox Cover	855
Stone Valley	2282	Bayons Wood	707	Black Holt	339
Bogle Hill	2349	Big Ash Holt	950	Kale near yard	190
Long Pltn	2242				
Charles Pltn	1663		* 5527		2239
Rookery Top	413				
House Tops	950				
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	12905	<u>Kirmond</u>		<u>Others</u>	
Roman Holes	834	Badger Wood	950	Kelsey	238
Tugdale	1178	"Over" Road	285	Strawson	100
	<hr/>	"Duck" Wood	950		338
	14917,				
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\* 450 Hen ) Breeder stock  
40 Cock) to ground

TOTAL: 25,206

RJ/BS/21/8/80

JN WHJ ICC RJ

P.T.O.

PHEASANT 1980

Breeder Hens	1315	<u>Breeding Stock</u>					
Eggs Laid	46589	Rothwell 800 Hens	Total Eggs	28019	Eggs per Hen	34.16	
Eggs per Hen	35.42	Tealby 495 Hens	" "	18570	" " "	37.51	
Eggs Set	43342						
Day Olds	30358						
Hatch	70.04%						
Poults Reared	26533						
Rearing Loss	13%						
Birds to Ground	26533						
Deduct 5% release loss	25206						
Ratio eggs set birds to ground	58.2%						
		<u>Incubation/Hatching</u>					
		Rothwell eggs set	25310 Hatch	Min.62% Max 72% Av.68.90%	D.C.	17441	
		Tealby " "	17965 " "	Min.64% Max 79% Av.71.90%	D.O.	12917	
							30358
		<u>Rearing</u>	No. of day olds	Lowest loss	Highest loss	Average loss	Poults to to release
		C.Valley	10953	5%	13%	10%	9841
		Cabourne	5034	15%	18%	16%	4275
		Grange Field					
		Units	4812	9%	13%	10%	4349
		Tealby/ Kirmond	9559	9%	19%	15%	8118
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			30358	5%	19%	13%	26533


**NICKERSON ORGANISATION****MEMORANDUM TO CHAIRMAN**

From R. Johnson Copies to WHJ

Date 12/12/80 Ref. RJ/BS

**SUBJECT** PHEASANT 1980/81 : POSITION AT 12/12/80**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Location	Bag to Date	Ratio
Rothwell	1496	12%
Kirmond	503	23%
Tealby )	1089	20% (Excludes released breeders)
)	1089	18% (Includes released breeders)
Tugdale	211	18%
Roman Holes	226	27%
Kelsey	216	86%
Stainton - no information yet.		



TO JN

Copy WHJ CD

From R. Johnson 22/12/80

PHEASANT 1980/81 (up to 20-12-80)

<u>Location</u>	<u>No. Out</u>	<u>Bag to Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Yield in 79/80</u>
Rothwell	12905	3165	25%	50%
Kirmond	2185	606	28%	41%
Tealby	5527	1666	30%	36%
Tugdale	1178	425	36%	69%
Stainton	2239	683	31%	46%
Roman Holes	834	352	42%	64%
Kelsey	238	216	91%	-
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Total Head shot to date 9303 (all game)

To JN

Copy to WHJ Mrs. C. Denny

PHEASANT 1980/81 (up to 8.1.81)

<u>Location</u>	<u>No. Out</u>	<u>Bag to Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>No. to achieve 50%</u>	<u>1979/80 Yield</u>
Rothwell	12905	5210	40%	1242	50%
Kirmond	2185	606	28%	486	41%
Tealby	5527	2427	44%	336	36%
Tugdale	1178	532	45%	57	69%
Stainton	2239	1156	52%	-	46%
Roman Holes	834	417	50%	-	64%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24868</b>	<b>10348</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>2121</b>	<b>49%</b>

\* Tealby ratio excludes released breeders (490)

Up to 14.1.81:

<u>Location</u>	<u>No. Out</u>	<u>Bag to Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>No. to achieve 50%</u>	<u>1979/80 Yield</u>
Rothwell	12905	6500	50%	-	50%
Kirmond	2185	606	28%	486	41%
Tealby	5527	2427	44%	336	36%
Tugdale	1178	605	51%	-	69%
Stainton	2239	1156	52%	-	46%
Roman Holes	834	417	50%	-	64%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24868</b>	<b>11711</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>49%</b>

\* Tealby ratio excludes released breeders (490)

Bill Jacob reported to J.N. after Keepers' Shoot 24.1.81 that the pheasant total Rothwell bag yield was 55% and the average overall 50%. The average excluding Kirmond was 53%. All these figures exclude catching up.

LINCOLNSHIRE

SHOOTING RENTS 1980

: TOTAL £9,233.47 (£8,922.60 + £310.87 VAT) Made up as follows:-

Location	Amount	VAT 15%	Date Paid	Remarks
Clixby	485.10	-	31 Jan.	Mr. Dow. Annual 1st Feb. to 31st Jan. RJN deals with. Extra for kale.
Nettleton Field	20.00	-	31 Jan.	Mrs. Nettleship - sub-let WHJ
Tugdale	750.00	112.50	28 Feb.	Glebe & Grange Farms, Nettleton Mr. Hair - 433 acres sporting rights
Tugdale	595.00	-	28 Feb.	Kale - 7 acres @ £85 per acre
Black Holt	250.00	-	March	Velcourt Ltd. Binbrook Top Farm.
Nettleton Pond	500.00	75.00	March	Season March 1 to 30 September
Bully Hill	300.00	45.00	March	Annual via Mr. Geoff Cooper, plus Herring's field. CDCP deals with this
Hair Agr. Land	800.00	-	May	58 acres agr. land. £1500 from 6.10.80 for 3 yrs (pd. 6 months arrears, 6 months advance).
F. Strawson	172.50	25.87	1 Aug.	Thoresway Manor Farm Related Retail Price Index
J. Strawson	150.00	22.50	25 July	Lings Farm Croxby
H. Strawson	200.00	30.00	25 July	Grange Farm Thoresway and Black Springs
R. Vickers	250.00	-	27 Aug.	+ £145 free trading and road maintenance
J. Ormond	275.00	-	1 Sept.	Annual
Kirmond	2720.00 1455.00	- -	1360 Jly 80 1500 - 1315 Jan 81	Kale land in 1980

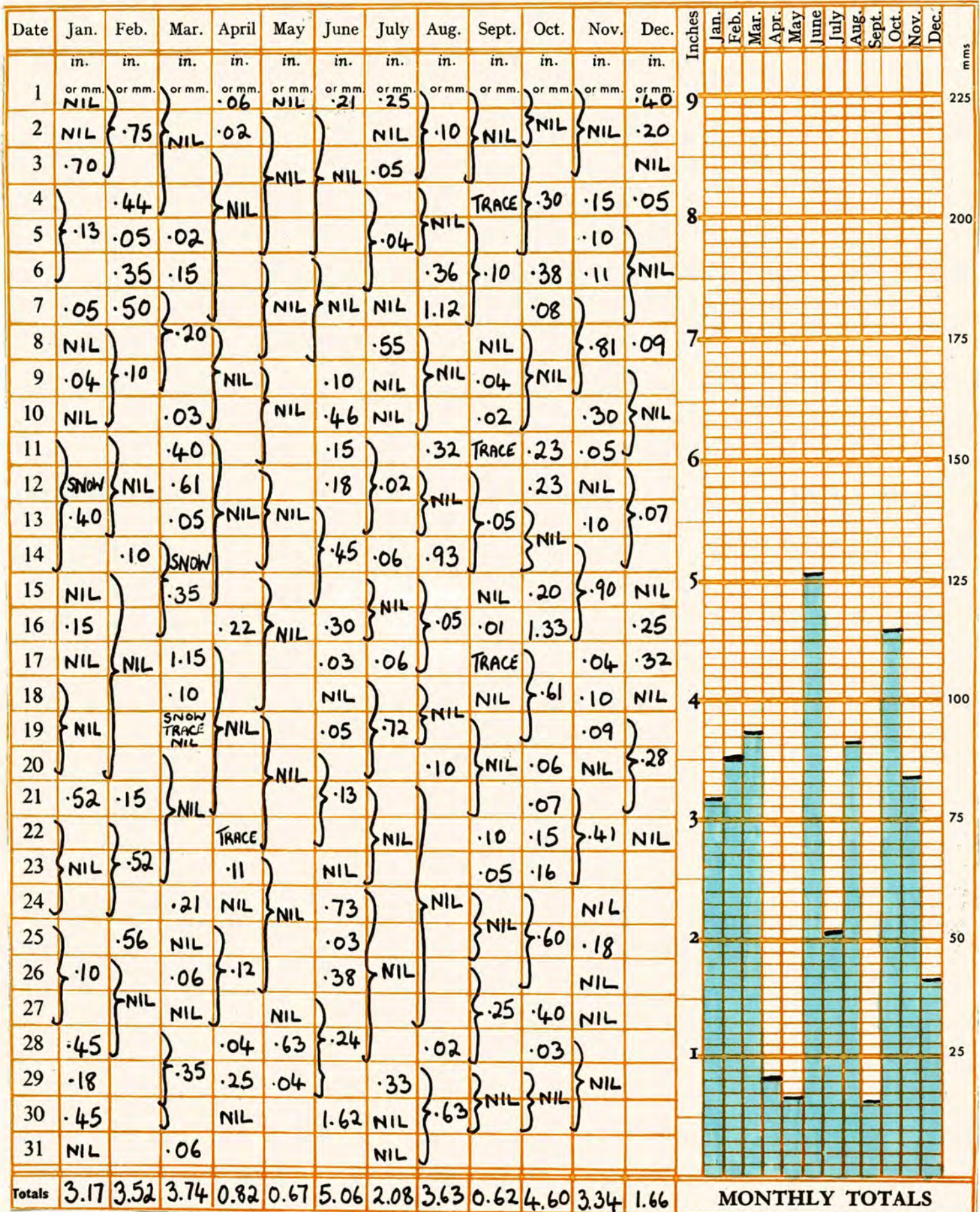
# RAINFALL CHART

YEAR 1980

Kept by JOSEPH NICKERSON (Mr. O. Bates) At ESTATE OFFICE, ROTHWELL

Time of Observation 9.00 a.m. County LINCOLNSHIRE.

Rules for Observing Rainfall will be found on the back of this Chart



TOTAL FOR YEAR: 32.91



VERMIN CONTROL

1978

Stoat	112
Rat	471
Squirrell	6
Crow	18
Weasel	56
Rook	52
Hedgehog	107
Toby	29
Jackdaw	11
Tab	8
Badger	1
Owl	2
Ferret	2
Mole	37
Jay	1
Magpie	8
Total	<u>921</u>

Area Covered:

All J.N.'s Lincolnshire  
shooting ground

1979

Tab	64
Rat	642
Stoat	141
Weasel	66
Rook	517
Magpie	39
Hedgehog	162
Mole	9
Moorhen	71
Jackdaw	79
Jay	13
Squirrell	12
Toby	78
Badger	9
Crow	82
Gull	3
Waterhen	23
Owl	1

1,804

1980

Tab	60
Stoat	217
Weasel	87
Rat	653
Magpie	20
Hedgehog	230
Toby	93
Jay	6
Squirrell	14
Jackdaw	154
Crow	47
Rook	369
Gull	6

Total	<u>1,956</u>
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VERMIN CONTROL

(all J.N.'s Lincolnshire  
shooting ground)

VERMIN CONTROL FIGURES

For period January 1978 to February 1981

(all J.N.'s Lincolnshire  
shooting ground)

Stoat	517
Rat	1883
Weasel	225
Squirrell	27
Crow	188
Rook	1060
Mole	46
Hedgehog	500
Ferret	3
Owl	2
Toby	211
Badger	13
Jackdaw	221
Jay	19
Magpie	63
Tab	160
Waterhen	30
Moorhen	158
Black Back Gull	9
Total Vermin	<hr/> 5335 <hr/>

NORTH ORMSBY TOTALS 1980/81 SEASON

GUNS

DATE

1980 - 1981

Partridges 943

Pheasants 3435

Hares 340

Rabbits 39

Woodcock 78

Pigeons 70

Moorhens 17

Mallard 946

Canada Geese 10

Collared Doves 16

Snipe 1

Various (Pintail,  
Pochard, Grey  
Squirrels, etc.) 11

WEATHER

DRIVES

Total 5906

HISTORICAL NOTES RELATING TO NORTH ORMSBY MANOR.

The 1961 census shows that Robert Walkinton and family occupied the Manor House and farmed 1300 acres of land, employing 48 men, 11 boys and 10 women.

Old Manor House:-		Age:-
Robert Walkinton	Farmer	59
Sarah Walkinton	Wife	46
John B. Walkinton	Son	18
Sarah Walkinton	Daughter	7
Harriet Taylor	Servant	40
Ann Vinter	Servant	20
Eliza Coggle	Servant	20
Sarah Abbot	Servant	16
W. Chapman	Groomsboy	19
Joseph Chapman	Farm Bailiff	
Elizabeth Chapman	Wife	
Joseph	Son	8
Mary Ann	Daughter	7
William	Son	5
Samuel	Son	4
Richard	Son	2

Robert Walkinton was also a partner in the engineering firm of Robey & Co. of Lincoln.

The son, John, was later a partner in the Louth Brewery firm of Walkinton & Toder, which ceased to function in the early part of this century.

Edwin Nickerson bought the whole estate in 1934/5.

J.N.'s PRIVATE RECORDS OF  
1980/81 SEASON

AND SUMMARY OF 1970 - 1980



J.N. & C.J.N. at Nilo February  
1980

1980:

14th, 15th and 16th February (2½ days) - Nilo Plantation

J.N.'s bag was 45 Quail and 1 White Oak Runner snake with 92 shots.

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20th February - Merrily Plantation

J.N.'s bag was 11 Quail

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21st February - Merrily Plantation

J.N.'s bag was 4 Quail and 1 Fox Squirrel

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J.N.'s Notes on his visit to Nilo

Valentine's Day 1980 and I am with John Olin on the wagon and setting forth for Course 8 at exactly 2.30. At 3.15 have fired 3 shots - 2 barrels at the first quail and 1 at the second. Cotton has fired 1 shot and there are 3 quail in the wagon. I shot at 1 bird a mile away. A crowd got up under my feet but I was unloaded. Killed 3 out of the last covey. Lost 1 runner, ought to have had 3 by now - 3 more. Five now. Frogs making a tremendous noise here. The birds with tiny fawn spots on the inner primaries are young ones, and the males can be told from the females by the head. Rubye and Jack down now - 5.00 p.m. 16 birds. Course No. 2, 15th November. Sandy and Beal down, started work 9.20. At 10.35 we have 16 birds, 10.55 - 20 birds - 9 all and 2 shared. At 11.30 we have 22 birds, 10 all and 1 shared each. A White Oak Runner snake shot by me, though he looked more like Red Oak to me. It is now 3.50 and we have one White Oak Runner and 13 quail, we lost one which had been marked by me. Now 4.15 and killed 14 birds - 7 each by my reckoning, and I have lost 1.

It is now Saturday morning, 16th February and was very damp to start with so we are all kitted out with waterproofs. The sun is coming up now at 9.45 a.m. We are on Course No. 1, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Williams, CJN and JN. Been down and one bird jumped and Charles killed it. Williams has been down, one bird jumped and he killed it. We got down again, but nothing. They got down, one shot one bird. So the score is 2 Williams' and 1 Nickerson's and it is 9.45. At 10.10 JN fired one cartridge. Three birds all by 10.15 - Williams 3, Nickersons 3. I have fired the massive sum of 4 cartridges by 11.15 and shot at 3 different birds, killed first 2 first barrel and missed the other - just got one feather out of it!



Mr. & Mrs. Gene Williams

1980:

J.N.'s Notes on his visit to Nilo, continued

It is now nearly 11.20 and the Williams have shot 9 birds and us 8. So far not lost a bird. Isaac and the mules doing a very good job and this dog, Solo, getting better every year. Could sincerely say he's been a great success, possibly the best labrador I have seen on the wagon here since we started coming. It is now Saturday afternoon and raining a bit. At 3.50 there are 11 birds in the wagon of which we have killed 7 and the Williams's 4. I have had only 9 shots up to now since lunch. The rain stopped earlier, but now it is heavy and with the strong wind it's much colder. We have 19 birds. It's 4.30 and Williams's have just been down and fired off a lot of cartridges. Charles has 5 and I have 5 and they have 9 between them.

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J.N.'s Notes on his visit to Merrily

Got up exactly at 7.30 on 20th February and went out of my door exactly at 8.00. As I went out of my bedroom door I met Mr. Lauder, who got out of his shooting brake. He is the Station Superintendent in charge of the whole place. His family came from near Darlington in England, but he has been brought up on the Plantations from being a child. They sold their farm near Darlington as recently as last year. He lives on the Parker course, which is where we started. For breakfast we had scrambled eggs, which were very good, though the sausage and rissoles were inedible, and I ate the Philadelphia Strapple: a flat bread like fried bread but with pork and goodness-knows-what in it - something a bit suspicious I would think by the way they were looking at each other. Still it was quite eatable, washed down with coffee. There are three tables side by side in the dining room, but we sat on a stool at the counter where they had got a deep fryer, a cooker, a 'fridge and a washing up place, the whole thing behind this bar. Very practically, they had a telephone on the bench and I was able to speak to Dawn at 8.20 while they were doing the eggs and she gave me all the market information - gold is dropping, and the pound is dropping against the dollar - both in the right direction as far as I am concerned.

Our host, Senator Bill Flowers, has something like 4,500 acres which he has put together gradually. It is not all adjoining, a bit disjointed really, some bits in Florida and some in Georgia. In fact we actually slept in Florida - the Merrily Plantation's house. Bill Flowers suggested that my wife might like to find out a bit more about quail shooting by going to a clay pigeon trap on the way where they have an all-electric simulated quail rise. I have never seen anything so complicated for a clay pigeon trap in my life. Standing behind there they let the first clay off, and Mrs. Nickerson hit it bang centre of the pattern, and the next one the same and the next one already came out in bits and she banged the biggest bit down first class. Altogether she had all the 7 clays that came out. She broke them all, though she took 10 cartridges to do it, she was very quick with the second barrel. He was very



Mr. & Mrs. J.N. at Merrily  
February  
1980

1980:

J.N.'s Notes on his visit to Merrily

impressed that the 7 clays that came out were all broken and I was absolutely delighted and wagging my tail and very pleased with her. On we went, and he told me they have an allotment of 97 acres of peanuts and they grow these 50/50 with a farmer. I asked him if he could grow two crop soya, or wheat and soya and maize, and he said no, they were not able to do double cropping yet, but that is what they would like to do. There is a place next door there, we rode through it, it took about 20 minutes from where we slept to find the shooting place which is called the Parker course and was in a northerly direction. We arrived at the Parker Farm and were shown Mr. Lauder's house. He is a very nice man and has gone off to bring me a couple of pairs of shooting trousers - I was measured on the wagon. Well, we have come across a broken down lot of old horse boxes and pick up trucks pulling them and apparently it is a registered fox hunt of which two of the daughters (the Flowers have four daughters) and their husbands are Joint Masters. They are actually hunting very close to where we are looking for quail. We finally met up with the people in white coats and one of them had an advertisement for a Remington shotgun on his hat, and Flowers foods. Robert is the driver of the mules, a pair of greys called Jessabelle and Annabelle (left and right), and we have a black labrador retriever called Cut. He looks a very fit and useful animal, but so far I have not seen him do anything. It is now 10.10 and we have been hunting for 45 minutes. When we first came into a cover we saw a single bird get up, and another single bird, and the dog man told us to get down, which we did, and called the dog up to hunt close to us, but he did not put anything else up. So it is 10.10 and we have not had a shot. We have had one dog down called Joe and a man called Shenker, in the German way, has been banging it about. I have seen him chastise it three times very cruelly and also heeled it: that's a very bad start as far as I am concerned - I do not like anybody that kicks a dog. They picked Joe up after 45 minutes, but he ran all wild, miles from anywhere. Now we have a bitch called Dot down - a very nice looking bitch indeed.

The total bag for this Plantation is something like 1,500 birds and Mr. Lauder said it might be better if they could kill 2,500, but you can never kill enough. Mr. Flowers likes to shoot them down much more than a lot of other people, but about 1,500 is what he can get off 4,500 acres. He thinks someone from Atlanta has bought this other shoot of 8,000 acres which cost 8 million pounds, including dogs, kennels and all the equipment. He thinks they would be very busy if they got 2,000 quail, and the farming timber operations would probably just about break even, or might make just a little bit.

May Haw jelly: I have never had any of that before, and we ought to try to get some in England. In fact Mrs. Nickerson might make some if we could get the fruit - I'm not sure what kind it is. To the Americans a "haw" is a kind of plum. Mr. Lauder has just told me they grow on this particular course so he is going to show me one of the trees. This cypress wood came out of a kind of a swamp and they logged it down and sank or something - it had been under the water a long time and now he has had it sliced up and made a firstclass job of the panelling. We have now seen the May Haw trees: they are deciduous, about 12 feet high. Apparently they are always ripe the first week in May. They boil the haws, strain the jelly,



The hunt at Merrily

1980:

J.N.'s Notes on his visit to Merrily

and add pectin. The gum trees are in beautiful red bloom at the moment. In the last quarter of an hour we have found birds, and it is now 10.30 and I have killed 3 quail. One was a good shot a fair long way off and I have got something every time I have shot - the first barrel three times. It is now 45 minutes later, 11.15 and I have not had another shot, just three birds between 10.15 and 10.30. It is just coming on to rain, and we have just seen the pack of fox hounds. The Master, one of Bill Flowers' sons-in-law, came over and told us they had had a five mile point and were going home then. Some of them had got spare horses, he said, so they were hunting again tomorrow, and they also had a spare pack of hounds. On the way to us, within a few yards, a fox jumped up right under someone's feet, in fact he screamed out and it got up under my feet. It is the first time I have ever known anyone not to hunt a fox that jumped up as closely as that. The hounds were all controlled and never moved a yard, just trotted off for home.

I have just been hearing about this wire grass which is a very good cover for nesting. Wherever the ground has been tilled, wire grass will not grow, so Mr. Lauder says. Mr. Flowers goes shooting with Lord Linlithgow at Leadhills, and the Keeper's name is Wilson. Wilson has been over for two weeks to stay with Lauder at his house here, and he told Lauder that August 1979 was the worst season on record: I would agree with that, it certainly was for us with our grouse.

We are down to our third covey at 11.35. I got a double and Jennie got her first quail, so that is 6 birds by 11.35 - 4 cocks and 2 hens, all old birds. 12.05, we have picked up and are within 100 yards of Mr. Lauder's house and we are going back. The total bag for the morning is now 8 quail - 6/2. Mr. Lauder has kindly taken us a different way home to show us the duck pond - it is a declivity in the ground which they can drain dry and they plant maize corn on it. Then they have a high speed pump and flood all the ground with the growing maize on it. You are not allowed to bait ducks from the sack, but you can grow a crop so they flood this field: it is a pond really. This morning I estimated about 3,500 ducks, and he said he thought 3,000 so our ideas were surprisingly close, because it is not easy to guess a big number. The birds are a ring-neck, which is something like a lesser squawk - they have a lot of white underneath and a black neck with rather a wide head. They flew over with some widgeon and an odd mallard or two, a fantastic sight to see all these ducks. The ring-neck has a dark beak like a squawk, but it has a light stripe on it unlike the squawk - I don't think we have ever seen one in Britain. This is a very early spring - it must be 65 - 70 degrees this morning, very hot: it is an unseasonable spring he says.

Back to Parkers - we left the house at 2.30 after half an hour's siesta and a very good barbeque lunch in the garden with a Mr. Brian who is a lumber man. Chops down trees and farms, grows 270 acres of peanuts too. A wonderful tall man. I got my telephone call during lunch, and Mrs. Flowers said "You always get one at lunch I suppose."



Lunch at Memily

1980:

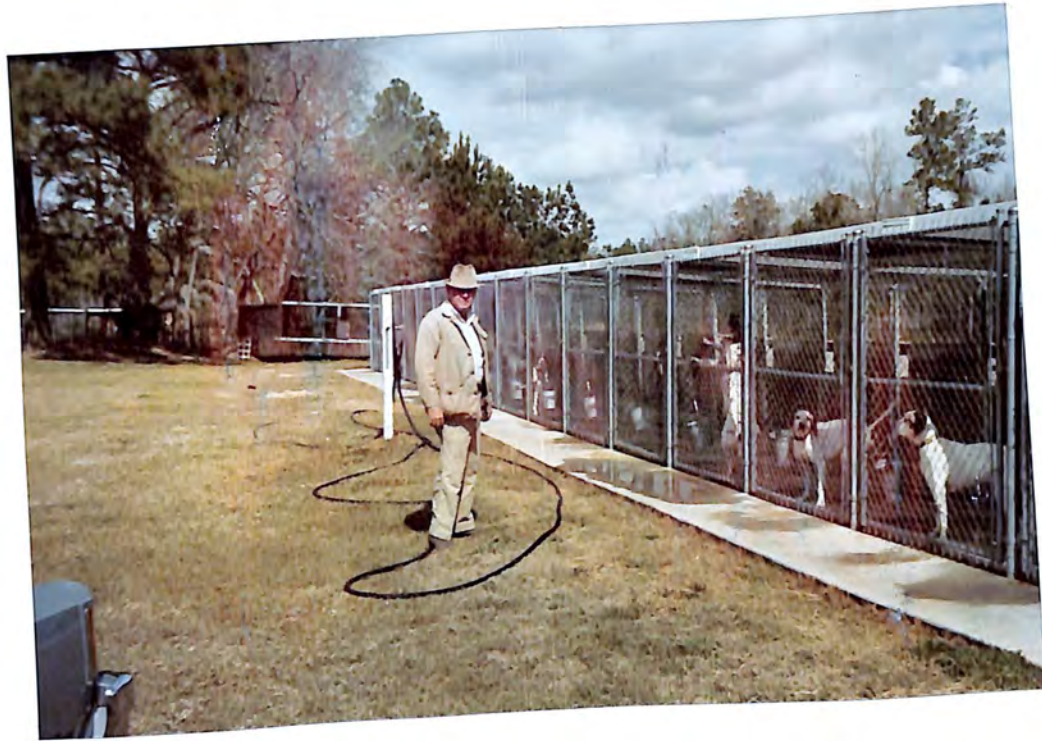
J.N.'s Notes on his visit to Merrily

It is 3.40 and we have seen 6 single birds and 1 covey we have just been down to. We killed 4 out of it - 2 each. Just getting up now. It is 3.55 and we have been down to the second covey when we knocked 3 birds down but only picked up 1 as we each had a runner. That is 7 birds down and only 5 picked. Now 4.55 we have 14 birds and 2 knocked down not picked up. Now 16 birds picked up for the day and 3 lost making 19 down for the day at 5.15. Picked up the dogs and it is cooling down a little bit now at 5.45. We have just been down to the last covey. Jennie killed a bird out on the left - we changed sides and she clobbered that - and I killed one dead straight in front. That means 20 birds on the wagon and 3 runners. A good day was had by all.

We got onto the wagon at 9.30 on 21st February and started off again on Parker's course nearest Lauder's house. He kindly brought his lifesaver mints and brought them all aboard. We have a male wagon dog called Cup on board, and we have George Shenker back who had a bug yesterday afternoon. The day is fine, bright and beautiful. We have got a dog called Bill and a black and white dog called Bark - aptly named as he barks such a lot. We have just been allowed to shoot a fox squirrel up in the top of one of these big short-leaved pine trees - right at the top he was. I plugged him and he jumped and I hit him in mid-air again and he landed. He came down the side of the tree and ran and I had to give him two barrels on the ground, he was running and jumping through the bushes. The second barrel bowled him over and killed him. A fox squirrel eats about \$20 worth of pecans in a year and Robert, the driver of the mule wagon, is going to eat him tonight with a bit of rice. He can cure the tail and get about \$1 1/4 for it.

It is 10.15 and we have been down to a covey. Jennie's second barrel misfired, but I managed to get a right and left out of it - that is 2 birds. At 10.45 Jennie knocked a bird down, and the little brother to Cup, the black labrador, had it in his mouth and lost his tail. He let the damned thing get away and we did not pick it. Another one jumped up which was pointed by the labrador and Jennie hit him in the thigh. He got away and nobody marked him down so we did not even go after him. So it is 10.45 and I have shot into one covey and that is all, and Jennie has shot at these two single birds. Two lots of action in 1 1/2 hours. There is a liver and white bitch called Fran, only 18 months old. She was very staunch at that covey this morning: she should have a great future - very good for a bitch at that age.

Went inside Mr. Lauder's house and met his wife, a very charming person. They have three children at home. There are some beautiful old pine floors in the old part of the house. His first job when he started work was as kennel boy - his father was a trainer and there are photos of him with his father, who will be 81 next year: he looks a wonderful old man. The white oak and red oak tree grow here a lot, and the cypress which grows round the wet places sheds its needles in the winter. Apparently when you clear a forest the first time, the wood from it lasts much longer than the wood from the regenerated forest which comes after you have felled the first time: I thought that was most interesting as I did not know that.



Mr. Lauder & the Kennels  
at Merrily

1980:

J.N.'s Notes on his visit to Merrily

I took some photos of the kennels. The floors are very steep so that you can spray them out with water. He has a high pressure hose with a booster pump and just walks along removing all the dog droppings which are flushed out into an open drain at the back, all concrete, and they go down with all the pelting of water into a septic tank. Very efficient: it was the fall of the floors that seemed to do it - certainly a lot of labour saving there. They do have snakes here, a rattlesnake and two other kinds of poisonous snakes. Eight years ago one bit one of the horses, which died. They carry on the wagon the antidote for the dogs, but they don't seem to carry anything for the humans. I think it is worth remembering if we come again to these funny places that we ought to carry our own serum in our bag - we carry so many other things! You have to get into hospital within half an hour - that is the best thing to do apparently, and you can do that from where the Plantation is. We were taken to see the stables which have a hayloft over quite a high passage down the middle, probably about 30 feet wide, and the boxes open onto a central passage which the air runs through - 6 boxes, not very large, on either side. I saw lavatories for the staff there, and a tack room which looked rather neat. George Shenker, of course, lives near the dog kennels, and they have an electrocutor for mosquitoes which has an electric eye - it comes on as soon as it gets dark and goes off when it's light. It is a huge thing stuck up on the corner of the dog kennels about 4 feet high and about 1 foot across. This kills about every mosquito within an area of half a square mile, and is an absolutely marvellous thing.

We had lunch of rice and cotti-cum-carne beans, but I made my lunch of rice and butter and two biscuits, so-called buns, baked by Flowers. They last in the deep freeze for a whole year, and in the fridge for two weeks. Bill Flowers says that you usually lift 40% of the coveys that you have in your Plantation in a normal days hunting. You should raise from 16 to 24 coveys a day if you are raising 40% of them. Some days of course you will raise more, perhaps 35. I think the record for the Plantation is that Flowers and one friend killed probably 80 quail, and of course they hunt down the quail and shoot more of the single birds than the other person does where we have been.

It is now 4.30 and I have shot at and killed two single birds; Jennie hasn't really had a chance the whole afternoon, which is only really from 3.30. So in one hour's shooting I shot a couple of barrels at one 40 - 50 yards off and knocked a feather out of his bottom. That is all we have had. One covey jumped up behind us and we had not got any dogs down. They say that we raised 12 coveys yesterday and we picked up 20 birds and lost 3, so that is 23 birds down. Today we saw one covey during the whole morning, and I got a couple out of it, that's all.



MERRILY

1980:

J.N.'s Notes on his visit to Merrily

It is the last covey rise of this evening, and I have spent 10 minutes looking for the same bird. I got a right and left and we have not got it. Jennie has knocked two down we have not picked up, so that is 3 lost altogether. I think we have 9 birds picked up, so that is 12 birds for the day compared with 20 picked up and 3 lost yesterday. We have now packed up and are hacking back to the car which is parked about 500 yards away from the last point and then we are going to the airstrip at Thomasville to get a Lear Jet which is due to be in the air at 6.30 - it is now 6.10. We are going to meet Mr. & Mrs. Kerrigan at Palm Beach for dinner, hopefully.

We are now in the air in a Lear Jet at 7.05 p.m. - it is just dark. They have promised us a smooth ride. We had a few sandwiches and coca-cola while we were taxying down the runway. This is 50 minutes after shooting at the last covey of quail that I got a right and left out of. It has not been a very good day for my wife - the birds have not come for her very much and they have got behind the trees. It has been very difficult for her today. She shot very well yesterday. Really we have not seen all that great number of quail, but it has been idyllic sitting on the wagon, just the two of us together, and riding round with a few others in the lovely forest, which is of course almost completely untouched since the world began.

1980:

Extract from Francis Frazier's Report on the 1979/80 Bobwhite Quail Season at

Mr. John Olin's NILO Plantation:

After the four afternoon hunts of November 21, 23, 26 and 27 1979 it was decided to discontinue hunting until December 27, 1979 due to an appreciable number of late hatch, immature juvenile quail being sighted during the November hunts. With plenty of quail foods available on all the hunting courses, this interim of time of thirty days gave most of the late hatched juveniles an opportunity to "fill out".

During January and February of 1980 we encountered some weather conditions inclement toward good quail hunting, especially for morning quail hunting; on the other hand, some afternoons, excellent for quail hunting, were not taken advantage of for various reasons; notwithstanding, the total kill of 1013 quail for the 167 hours hunted (6.06 birds per hour) reflects that the guns did quite well during the time spent afield.

Mr. Olin commented in a letter to J.N. of 15th July 1980 which accompanied this Report:

We had a good quail season although the weather again was against us quite a bit of the time. We had a great deal of rain, cold and unacceptable weather and poor scenting conditions. We carried over quite a few older birds from the previous year and we had a very good hatch, but not early. In late July last year we had about five inches of rain which drowned out a lot of nests so the renesting process gave us a great many immature birds at the beginning of the season. As a matter of fact, I stopped all shooting at Thanksgivingtime so the late-hatched birds could mature.

Our season in December, January and February was very good but weather conditions resulted in a lack of tight coveys we usually experience here, causing the dogs to make innumerable false points. However, we evidently had a very good quail population and, as we had fewer guests shooting during the season, we should have a good carry-over for next year. We ended up with a kill of 1,013 birds, a ratio of 68 juveniles to 32 adults.

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March 1st - Hare Shoot - Binbrook Hill

Hares	95
Rabbits	8
<u>Head:</u>	103

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Ian Braithwaite  
Lawrence Chambers  
Mervin Clark  
Peter Coppin  
John Howard  
Owen McConnell  
Derek Mills  
Roy Nichols  
Mick Overson  
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1980:

Notes Dictated by J.N. in Morocco, May 1980.

May 1st - and my first introduction to a new sport - tortorel. We went and stood on a sand track about 15' wide and on one side was a 12' high hedge - varying between 10' and 14' I should think, made of very long spikes, 2 - 3" long with a yellow flower at the end.

We went out from the Hotel Gazelle d'Or in Taroudant. This is one of the best hotels I have stayed in in my life: beautiful gardens, with a very long (90' at least) unheated swimming pool. We went off in the direction of Agadir, then turned off south, through a town beginning with "Seph" then turned down a sandy lane. I must have fired close to 300 cartridges between five o'clock and seven o'clock Morocco time. Ben Jacob was loading for me. We only took 2 of our set of 3 Purdey 20 bores. They had come back from Purdeys only 3 days before we came away after a thorough overhaul. However, the front trigger of one of them conked out very early in the proceedings - the firing pin I mean - the main spring - anyway, the first barrel wouldn't fire.

These birds come at all heights, the majority of them very high and downwind, sidewind, gliding, soaring, twisting: they are like snipe, woodcock, partridges, grouse, pheasants, every kind of shot that you could possibly think of is simulated by the flight of these birds here. A lot of them are like snipe. They are great sport, I mean really high. Although they are small birds you are apt to misjudge things, but a lot of birds I was killing were a full 40 yards, and I killed some at 50 and the occasional one at 60 yards with a pellet in the neck or head. They were really the greatest possible sport. I fired about 300 cartridges, I should think, for 98 birds, not counting any doubtfuls. It was beautiful weather. I was just wearing a cotton shirt, cotton vest, skeet jacket, pair of safari trousers, Spanish shoes and silk socks, camouflage hat - although the birds don't seem to take any notice of people at all.

Sometimes we had an audience of 10 or 15 Moroccans of all ages, and herds of goat and sheep mixed together were driven past with great regularity down this lane, girls on donkeys with huge loads of cut greenstuff as big as the donkey. One of them capsized and the donkey was lost from sight altogether. The girls had to lift the enormous load back on again. The whole world seemed to pass by, these donkeys, one cart with a mule, old broken down vans and trucks, bicycles without any mudguards - it seldom rains here - and in fact quite a procession, almost a caravan, came past the whole time.



HOTEL GAZELLE D'OR  
TAROUDANT

1980:

Morocco - continued

The turtle doves don't seem to mind an awful lot what's happening and obligingly fly over. According to our informants, but I don't think they know very much about anything, these birds go something like 6 km. further than where we were standing to feed, then they fly back to their living quarters which were supposed to be about 10 km. behind us. Apparently you can shoot them every day from the same place, it doesn't seem to make a lot of difference - 10 or 15 days or more. The season is quite good now - not at its best at this time of the year, but good enough. It gets better every day now for another three or four weeks. It will probably be at its peak in three weeks time. A fellow called Laraichi is in charge, and there's a lot of idle people helping him, chiefly boys, and disinterested men who don't take much notice of what's going on.

The second day we went to the same place where I killed 98 and my wife 43 the first day, and Claude Foussier killed 90 using four tens. We went to where they had been yesterday. I shot better today and got 111 down for 240 shots, and I shot at everything, high and low. One I had four barrels at and shot it. I shot at a large number of very, very high and wide swingers. They are not easy to hit.

We are back at the Hotel now and Benjy is cleaning the guns. It is about 7.45 and I am having a glass of whisky before having my bath for dinner at 9.00 p.m. The party here consists of Hubert Pantz, who is Austrian, Peggy Foussier and her daughter who are American, Claude Foussier who is French, and our host Francois Riocour. His wife is called Dominique, and he has a daughter aged 12. Then there is Colonel Dominique somebody - he was with us in Scotland, and a man called Marechal Crespa, the most decorated man in the French armed forces.

The dust blows here, there is always a strong wind, and the sun. I don't know whether the wind comes from the desert or the mountains or where, but it makes these birds a lot of fun. You have really got to wake yourself up if you want to kill any quantity of them. We started shooting at about 4.30 and by 5.00 I had only 8, and by 6.00 11. I had 84 in total so must have killed 76 birds in 71 minutes. We then shot until 6.45 - another half hour - and I got 27 birds making a total of 111, very happy.



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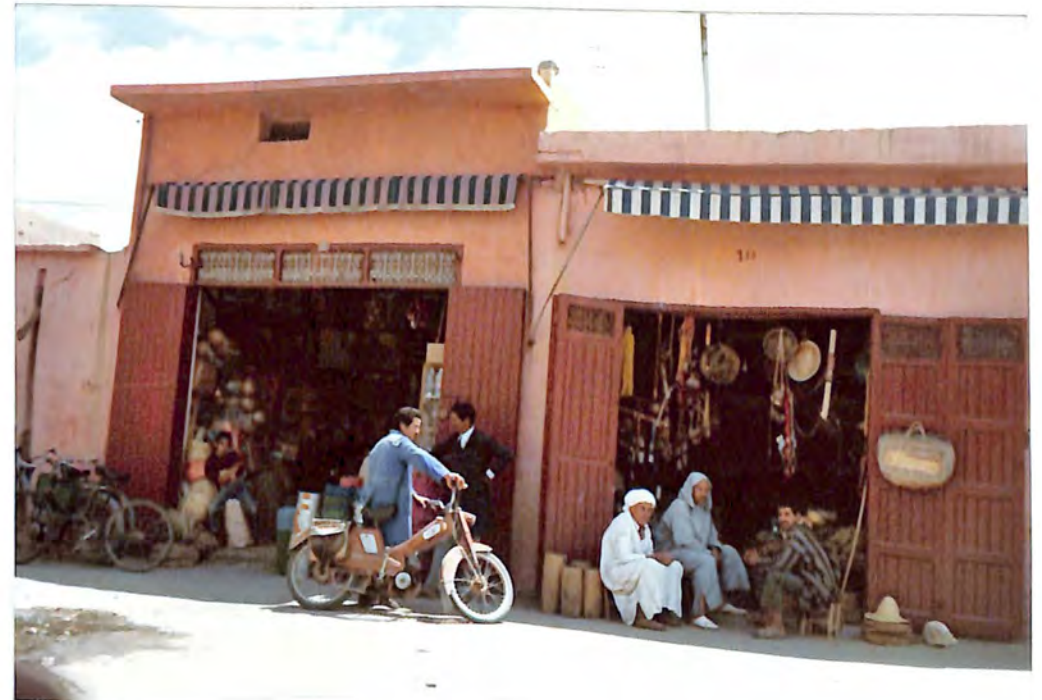
Morocco, continued

Today is Sunday, 4th May, the fourth day we have been shooting the tortorel. There was a good wind again. We were in position by 4.40 and started shooting and shot till 6.40. I was so pleased that my wife killed over 100 turtle doves and 1 starling. I got her in the right place. I moved her away from where she'd been the last 2 or 3 days onto a row where she could catch them at the right angle, and sent Benjy to help her. The wind makes this kind of shooting, there is no doubt about that. I had a hell of a lot of cartridges. I got one of the local boys to stuff a few in for me and let Benjy go to look after my wife. You absolutely want to know exactly what you are doing. It isn't easy. The first three days I'd been missing the birds that were crossing and angling away on my left, but today I tried to miss them in front and got them in the head - and I had thought I'd been swinging like mad before. I really did clock those birds today. I was getting a bit depressed. Everywhere else I was hitting them, so yesterday, that was the third day, I killed 151 birds with 270 shots. That was the best I had done, a long way the best. I had 114 of those birds in 70 minutes, and 100 of them in an hour, so that was very good. We fired 1900 cartridges, the two of us, in the four days. I've killed 509 birds, and my wife has killed 225, so that's 734 for 2000 cartridges, and I would say my wife has had more shots than I have.

We had a look at the town today. It is all inside a wall. It's the oldest town, far older than Marrakech. It is the oldest town in southern Morocco where all the merchanting was done. They are delightful people and the hotel is delightful too. It is run by an Italian who has been here for five years. There are 20 little bungalows - 10 divided into two, semi-detached, but you don't know you've got a neighbour. There are also 28 rooms in the hotel. They have a tent, beautifully lined, fairly permanent, like they have up the whole time in the desert. Fantastic colours inside. We had two lambs cooked whole inside a huge clay kiln that was broken open to get them out. They were full-length on a couple of sticks with a bucket underneath to catch the drips. They make the clay kiln so hot with wood, then they've got a metal top that opens and they slide the lambs in wired up on a couple of strongish stakes about 2½" through with a V on the top of the wood. They are wired up to that and the stake goes through the carcass - the whole thing is cooked complete except for the head. It is then brought out and put on a huge long silver tray in a squatting position. It is decorated with very large and long sticks of mint and put on the table with a good deal of ceremony. Then you eat it with your hands if you want to. I found that the best meat was from the areas that had some fat, though the lambs didn't have a lot of it of course. There were some very succulent pieces around the shoulder and breast, but the loin and leg were very dry I'm afraid. You eat it with couscous - these funny beans, carrots and semoule. It doesn't give you indigestion at all. The cheese is all goat cheese, and they seem to make what they call a tangene with everything. They cook the rice very well. The sweet Moroccan pastries are very strange: I have not had them before



TAROUDANT



1980:

Morocco, continued

but they are very, very good indeed. Of course the oranges are fresh from the trees and the orange juice is beautiful. The gardens are full of birds whose song is lovely and there are a tremendous lot of wild flowers and a terrific lot of frogs. It is really a heavenly place. The pool is cool and very refreshing. I think this is probably one of the best hotels I have ever been to in my life - you couldn't find any fault with it. The staff are very clean and very willing - not subservient but very, very polite and they just do everything for you. They don't try to talk to you, they just get on with their job. They clean your shoes in your room, they take your laundry to be washed and bring it back. They remove all the old newspapers and everything that is lying about. It is almost like being in Hong Kong from the point of view of service: delightful. There is a '76 red wine and a white wine - both local. It hasn't upset my stomach at all - I drank a good lot of it in the evenings but not during the day, and I am sure that is the secret. I have felt very well. The olives are really beautiful. I have eaten some after having a bath and drinking my whisky before dinner now. The charm of this place is that it is so completely different. Lots of roads around the country are just dust roads across farms - places like between Rothwell and Thoresway would have a sand road. The main roads are all tarmaced, but they are not very wide. On the side there is a kind of shoulder made of soil, and they grade it off with a small pathdozer. It is very pot-holey of course, and the secret is to drive straight towards the other fellow on the narrow tarmac, then it depends on whose nerve holds the best as to who has to get off the road to let the other pass. It is a bit hair-raising until you get used to it.

There is a huge population of donkeys here, and swarms of bicycles too. The town is unbelievable. I took a lot of photographs this morning. Everyone lives inside this walled city. There isn't an inch wasted. The shops have got their warehouses behind them - it's one room, the width of a garage and about twice as high as a normal garage would be with a steel door coming down from the top which I suppose acts as a security at night. They have got a workshop at the back of this room, and there is a bit of a place where they sit and sell at a stall. The butcher's shop is unique. A lot of the poultry and the rabbits are sold alive and so you see these old girls dressed in their Arabic costumes carrying the live rabbits by their hind legs home for the pot. Another one we saw with a live turkey - quite unbelievable, and rather pleasant.

J.N.'s Personal Bag - Sebt el Gardanne - Taroudant - Morocco

<u>Date</u>	<u>Turtle Doves</u>
1st May 1980	98
2nd May	121
3rd May	161
4th May	149
<u>TOTAL FOR THE FOUR DAYS</u>	<u>529</u>

1980:

J.N.'s Notes on the Rothwell Method of Shooting Wood Pigeons - dictated 21st May 1980

Make a hide, preferably close to a single tree on a narrow 30 - 40 yards strip next to some standing corn or other crop. The tree should have a bare top if possible, because they love to come to a tree with a bare top. The best possible sport is to be had on a windy night, the more wind there is the better. They should be fed once or twice a day with half a bucket of small beans. There should be about a dozen decoys, head to wind, fairly close together, and you should get them up into the hides on the line of the fence if you can. I use a 20 bore 55% pattern from each barrel, the first barrel 23 grammes of shot and the second 28 grammes 13/16 and 1 oz. No. 6 shot I find to be a useful size. It is very difficult shooting, and the greatest possible fun.

It is a good idea to site your hide on top of a hill where you have got a good view of the countryside then, if there are not too many coming, you can enjoy the scenery. Where I am today is some chalk land where it drains well. I like to go out and dig the hide and make it 18" deep. I wear a camouflage hat and jacket and a face mask stitched around my spectacles and tied around my neck with an elastic band around the back of the head, and I wear gloves.

You can start shooting certainly in the late spring and carry on all summer until harvest. There is some extraordinarily good sport to be had if you keep it up and carry on and enter into the spirit of it. Of course, if it is a big piece of ground you have got to put some pigeon scarers up (some fertilizer bags on sticks in the ground that will blow in the wind) to keep them off the rest of the field. It is an advantage if you have got a helper who will drive around the place in a Land Rover up the side of the belts and other fields where they might be feeding just to frighten them off. You can spend a very enjoyable two hours between tea and dinner shooting pigeons in this way. You can certainly shoot a place that is fed like this 8 times during the summer. You have old birds coming that are very strong. They have been feeding well, and have tremendous wing muscles, very different from the birds that are shot decoying later in the season. A proportion of them are young birds and not as well nourished during the winter: they are not so strong in the cold weather. You can get downwind, upwind, sidewind birds and some fantastic variations in shooting for the modest cost of the food and the time taken in putting it down: some of the best shooting in Britain.

1980:

22nd May Rothwell - South Hills Top

Pigeons	28	JN
Turtle dove	1	
Stock dove	1	

Head: 30

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26th May Rothwell - South Hills Top

Pigeons	27	JN
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Head: 27

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17th July Rothwell - South Hills Top

Pigeons	9	JN
Hare	1	

Head: 10

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24th July Rothwell - South Hills Top

Pigeons	9	JN
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Head: 9



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Stublick - 29th August  
1980



DUCK COUNT

Fri

THE RAM EVENING

WEATHER DRY WARM

WIND NONE

1st Sept.

*Handwritten:* 25  
24 Aug 1981

7-00 5 pm water

		TIME	DUCK	TIME	DUCK	TIME	DUCK
10	4						
12	2	44	3	11	6	29	2
13	2	55	5	12	3	<del>30</del>	
14	1	56	1	13	2	TOTAL	
17	1	57	2	13	2	<u>152</u>	
21	4	8-00	1	14	3		
25	10	8-01	2	15	2		
26	2	03	2	16	1		
28	2	4	2	17	2		
32	2	6	6	18	5		
34	9	7	3	19	4		
36	2	8	6	20	7		
43	3	9	2	21	4		
45	2	9	4	24	1		
47	5	10	4	27	4		

1980: Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags : 21st August - 30th August

21st August - Stublick

Grouse	66		
Hare	1	<u>Head: 67 (117 shots)</u>	4 drives

22nd August - Stublick

Grouse	41	<u>Head: 41</u>	5 drives
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23rd August - Holwick

Grouse	61	<u>Head: 61</u>	5 drives
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25th August - Holwick

Grouse	57		
Snipe	1	<u>Head: 58 (73 shots)</u>	6 drives

27th August - Stean

Grouse	47	<u>Head: 47 (87 shots)</u>	4 drives
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29th August - Stublick

Grouse	59		
Hare	1	<u>Head: 60 (83 shots)</u>	4 drives

30th August - Stublick

Grouse	66	<u>Head: 66 (111 shots)</u>	5 drives
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GRAND LIEU



1980:

J.N.'s Notes on his Visit to Grand Lieu 6th September

Grand Lieu - in position and guns loaded at 7.10 English time. By 8.00 a.m. English time we have got either 4 or 5 rights and lefts and in total 26 duck dead plus 4 long birds. Certainly killed one shoveller and one teal. It was a foggy morning and there seemed to be some doubt whether we should go yet. The sun is just breaking through. Quite a lot of midges about and it is warm - warm with excitement as well! We are in this butt where they said there was not room for a loader, but there is nearly room to have a dance in it compared with some of the butts I have been put in. This Autan seems to have kept the midges away - not one has touched my skin. Benjie Jacob is loading for me - very well, as usual. Madam is some distance away and I have only heard her have 5 shots. She was later setting off as the boat took me into position first. We have a ring of decoys on three sides of the hide - two live decoys and some wooden ones - they call the one on the left Mary: she was quacking well, but she has quietened now.

It is a huge lake and various estimates of its size were given to me before I arrived here. From what I can make out it is about 8,000 acres, and probably more. Jean-Pierre Guerlain owns about 5,500 acres of it and has left it to the French nation after his and Christiane's deaths, so while both remain alive they will shoot it. After that it will be left as a nature reserve for the birds with no shooting. Jean-Pierre likes cigars. He is 75 - unbelievable - and drives himself down from Paris in a Peugeot 604 every Friday of the whole shooting season from the end of July right through to March. He shoots each Saturday, unless they are in Spain. Then he drives himself back to another house they have on the way to Paris where he has a few wild boars. He leaves here about 10 a.m. every Sunday and drives himself back to that house for lunch. He is no longer President of the Company - he retired when he was 75 in the spring of 1980 and one of his cousins is now President. The Company is entirely owned by the Guerlain family - it is not a public company.

We have 50 ducks down on the water dead that should be absolutely pickable with no nonsense - it is 8.33 a.m. UK time. Benjie has killed the cripples on the water - and there were quite a few of them to start with too. In addition I can safely say we have nine more for our count, and that is rather underestimating I think - about nine safe till now. You must be moving your gun, but you must be holding into them. 8.44 with 63 on the counter. 10.16 we had the 100. 10.37 UK time, 164 on the clock. It is now 10.50 UK time and we have 38 cartridges left and 174 ducks on the counter, and I should say we have 20 that we have not counted at least, probably more. I should think we fired 60 or 70 of those cartridges on the water because we have fired 4, 6, 8 and 10 shots at one bird - I know we fired 10 shots at one bird.

J.N.'s bag: Mallard 239 (161 picked), Shoveller 2, Teal 1, Coot 1, Pigeon 1

Head: 244

Grand Lieu, continued

The flight stopped at 1.00 p.m. We shot an awful lot of cripples. At 12.50 we fired our last cartridge. For the last half hour it quietened down, but you could have gone on shooting a little bit longer - you could have saved a cartridge or two between 12.30 and 1.00, there is no doubt about that, but you could have had another dozen I should think, maximum, maximum. Of course we expended a tremendous lot of cartridges on cripples. I got more runners - or swimmers at least - with these mallard than I have with pheasants or partridges or grouse, but I am not finding fault with my shooting - I knocked the stuff down alright.

It is now 2.36 English time, 3.36 French time. The keeper - with only one dog - has been picking up now for 2½ hours. Two men with another boat hunted round and picked up what they could and they departed about half an hour ago with 130 duck. I saw them put one teal in. The keeper we have left with his dog has 20 and he might have another 30 by now, but of course he is only searching within about 20 yards round this huge area. We counted 241 that we saw collapse, and of these 35 were quite longish birds, but nobody has been anywhere near where they dropped. We counted 206 which would be within 50 or 60 yards of the edge of the lake or on the lake. It is very, very hot now, and there have been no mosquitoes - this Autan has kept them away, and there were a few earlier on.



Presentations to  
John Grave and  
Keith Sayer to  
mark their years  
of employment  
at Wemmergill  
with J.N.

9th September 1980

1980: Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags : 8th September - 12th September

8th September - Holwick

Grouse 62 Head: 62 31 grouse were killed during the last drive - on the side of Brow in Swinketts down drive

9th September - Wemmergill

Grouse 39 Head: 39 4 drives

12th September - Ram Pond - Evening Flight

Mallard 41 Head: 41

J.N.'s notes on this flight: A wonderful flight with a strong wind. I built the Ram Pond at the end of the war and it was "goable" by the end of the summer. Father Jacob fed it and we did not shoot it - nobody shot it. On Christmas Eve I went down with him loading for me and killed 44 mallard, and that record is still standing. On 12th September 1980 there was a very strong west wind, it was blowing the sandy land it was so strong, and there were a few spots of rain. I left the office at 6.40 p.m. and set off with Billy just before 7.00. Joe Woodcock, the dog man, drove those that were on to start with off over Great Walk, and I got a right and left. In position by 7.10 and between then and 7.25 I killed 20 mallard. It is difficult to dictate this without being a tremendous boaster, but I never shot better in my life. I have never seen anything like it. I was really on top form and any single bird that I shot at I had first barrel. When there were two or more I had a right and left every time, and we had at least four threes. Only shot once without getting a duck, and that was a single barrel at a bird which had settled on the far end of the pond and just slipped off very low - gave him one wide shot which did not connect. Otherwise something fell every time. Claimed 41 down and damaged 3 very severely that we did not count, and picked up 36 that night and next morning 4 more, so out of 41 ducks claimed we picked up 40 mallard. Billy loaded very well. He is just back from London where he has been to see Osmond Clark about his left hip, and he has to have that operation early next year. You must just keep the gun moving, it's no good dwelling or you will hit him in the body and get a lot of runners/swimmers. You just want to be aggressive and strong - hold the gun strongly and set about moving it with vigour. That is what I was perhaps doing with some of those slower birds previous to last evening. Really get hold of the gun and move it and keep it moving as you pull the trigger, and pull the trigger as soon as you get the gun to the shoulder.



I. R. Yates at Stean  
18. 9. 80

1980: Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags : 13th September - 25th September

13th September - Read's Island

Mallard	2		West End and John's Pond
Teal	2		
Curlew	4		
Carrion Crow	1	<u>Head: 9</u>	Afternoon and Evening Flight

15th September - Stublick

Grouse	35	<u>Head: 35</u>	4 drives Total bag for 5 guns: 64 grouse
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16th September - Stublick

Grouse	35	<u>Head: 35</u>	4 drives
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19th September - Stublick

Grouse	29		
Hares	3		
Snipe	1	<u>Head: 33</u>	4 drives

20th September - Stean

Grouse	19	<u>Head: 19</u>	4 drives
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24th September - Sutton Scotney

Partridge (Fr.)	42	<u>Head: 42</u>	
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25th September - Ram Pond

Mallard	34	<u>Head: 34</u>	Evening flight
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15th September 1980



3rd October 1980

L. to R. :  
E. L. Lamyman, E. W. W. Bailey,  
Mrs. S. Nickerson, Mrs. J. Nickerson,  
S. Nickerson, Mrs. P. Heneage,  
Major P. Heneage, J. Nickerson

1980: Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags: 27th September - 4th October

27th September - North Ormsby

Partridge	48		
Mallard	50		
Hares	7	<u>Head:</u>	105
			9 drives

27th September - Tugdale Pond

Mallard	25	<u>Head:</u>	25	1 mallard carried ring No. 96507 put on by Mr. Judge of Cleethorpes on 7th June 1966
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29th September - Stean

Grouse	31	<u>Head:</u>	31	5 drives
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1st October - Rothwell

Partridge	79		
Pheasants	3		
Hare	1	<u>Head:</u>	83
			9 drives

3rd October - Stublick

Grouse	44	<u>Head:</u>	44	5 drives
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4th October - Wemmergill: North Side

Grouse	40			
Black game	2	<u>Head:</u>	42	

Drive	Shots	Grouse
1	21	6
2	18	13
3	15	6
4	13	4
5	13	4
6	21	7 + 2 Black cocks

Total: 101 shots for 42 head

Report from Mr. P. Jackson, Read's Island

Wednesday 8th October

West End: weather very windy, heavy cloud running, westerly winds. Some shooting from the mainland. Arrived at pond 6.30 p.m. when there were 4 teal on the pond. Saw a small group of mallard flying up river over the point high to the west.

Pond Hide 6.40 p.m. 1 teal, 2 wigeon, 1 mallard over the hide

The following duck flew into the pond from east to west:-

6.50 1 teal  
6.55 2 wigeon, 2 mall., 2 wigeon, 1 mall., 1 mall.  
7.00 1 teal, 1 wig., 1 mall., 3 mall, 1 wig.  
dusk  
7.10 1 mall., 4 m, 2 m, 1 m, 6 m 2 m.  
7.15 2 mall., 6 teal, 3 m  
7.20 2 mall., 2 m, 2 m, 3 m, 1 teal, 1 m, 3 m, 1 m,  
2 m, 1 m, 2 m, 4 m.  
Raining heavily  
7.25 2 mall., 3 wigeon, 1 teal  
7.30 2 mall., 3 mall., 2 m  
7.35 3 mall., 1 teal, 1 teal  
7.40 1 wigeon, 2 mall.

Too dark to see after that. Total coming into pond from 6.50 to 7.40 - 87, discounting all those flying over.

Mr. Jackson telephoned this report in during the morning of 9th October and reported trouble with the boat - water circulation. Mr. Clapson was working on it.

Mr. Jackson will keep watch evening of 9th October and report tomorrow.

1980:

Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags: 6th October - 10th October

6th October - Worlabby

Partridges 50  
Hares 2  
Rabbit 1

Head: 53

8 drives

<u>Drive</u>	<u>Cartridges</u>	<u>Partridges</u>	<u>Other</u>
1	10	7	
2	24	12	
3	1	1	+ 1 hare
4	11	8	+ 1 hare
5	10	4	
6	16	9	
7	16	6	+ 1 rabbit
8	7	4	
Totals:	95	50	

6th October - Atkins Bog

Mallard 2  
Teal 4

Head: 6

Evening flight

8th October - Rothwell

Partridges 65  
Mallard 11  
Pigeons 3  
Pheasant 1  
Rabbits 2

Head: 82

10 drives

10th October - North Ormsby

Partridges 13  
Mallard 36  
Pheasant 1

Head: 50

7 drives

10th October - Black Springs

Mallard 15

Head: 15

Evening flight

P. Jackson's Report of Observations on Duck Movement - Reads Island

Week Ending 20th September, 1980

Some stubble burning South Ferris but still many local fields not yet cleared. Duck travelling N-S are flying high to mainland.

Typical Evening

Thursday, 18th September, West End

6.30 p.m. Windy, dull, low tide, nothing on outmarsh or river.  
7.15 p.m. 2 Mallard N-S over hide - in range.  
7.20 p.m. 2 " " " " " "  
7.25 p.m. 11 " " " " - high  
7.30 p.m. 2 " S-N " " - "  
7.45 p.m. All quiet, no duck, dusk now - there have been no mainland shots.  
7.47 p.m. 1 Mallard N-S - high.  
7.48 p.m. 3 " N-S - into pond.  
7.52 p.m. 2 Teal into pond.  
7.54 p.m. 5 Teal overhead - in range.  
7.55 p.m. 14 Mallard overhead - some into pond.  
5 Mallard overhead - dark now.  
7.58 p.m. 2 Mallard overhead.  
8.00 p.m. 5 Mallard into pond + 3 Mallard + 2 Mallard + 4 Mallard.  
8.05 p.m. 2 Mallard, wind dropping - total darkness now.

Tuesday, 23rd September, 1980

Counting duck at Sam's pond and West End will be done this evening and Wednesday 24th. Full details telephoned to Mr. Bill Jacob late evening Wednesday as requested by Mr. J. Nickerson via Mr. R. Johnson.

So far this week general observations suggest larger numbers of duck are on the move. Monday evening 6.30 p.m. there were 100+ Curlew in field near Sam's pond and at 7.00 p.m. 50+ Widgeon flew E-W over West End.

Today during low tide large numbers of duck on mud off northern shore. When Mr. Pound leaves we will be at the ponds hoping that they come to see us on the island!

1980: Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags: 11th October - 18th October

11th October - North Ormsby

Partridges	59		9 drives
Mallard	4		
Pigeon	1		
Mouse	1	<u>Head: 65 (with 95 shots)</u>	

11th October - Atkins Bog

Mallard	2		Evening flight
Teal	2		
Wigeon	1		
Pigeon	2	<u>Head: 7</u>	

13th October - Stublick

Grouse	36		5 drives
Snipe	1	<u>Head: 37 (with 65 shots)</u>	

14th October - Stublick

Grouse	45		5 drives
Snipe	1	<u>Head: 46 (with 70 shots)</u>	

15th October - Stean

Grouse	31	<u>Head: 31 (with 55 shots)</u>	5 drives
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17th October - North Ormsby

Partridges	11		Shot half day only - very wet. 3 drives
Hare	1	<u>Head: 12 (with 21 shots)</u>	

18th October - North Ormsby

Partridges	11		
Mallard	6		
Hares	3	<u>Head: 20 (with 22 shots)</u>	8 drives

1980: Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags: 18th October - 22nd October

18th October - Ram Pond

Mallard 14 Head: 14 Evening flight.

20th October - Worlaby

Partridges 31  
Hares 3 Head: 34 (with 54 shots) 8 drives

20th October - Tugdale Pond

Mallard 11 Head: 11 Evening flight.

"Fighting with Benjie Jacob loading for me at the pond down at Nettleton Bottom that I made 20 years ago. Three duck came in, I killed them all. Another three came in, I killed them all. Two came - got a right and left. Single bird came, killed it. Another single, killed it. A pair came - killed the first, the second just got behind the willow. Of the first 12 ducks that came to the pond, 11 are dead. I stayed at the pond with Garfoot and Joe Woodcock, who were picking up - they had 10 big ducks very quickly, but hadn't got the 11th when I left. I saw a pair of snipe go over at the flight. They have now found the other duck, so that is 13 duck into the pond, including the teal that came in the dark that we could not see. Twelve duck came in, 11 killed, 11 picked up - fantastic."

21st October - Rothwell

Mallard 109  
Partridges 59  
Pheasants 10  
Pigeon 1 Head: 179 8 drives

22nd October - Rothwell and Kirmond

Pheasants 17  
Partridges 7  
Pigeon 1  
Rabbit 1 Head: 26 6 drives  
Wet day.

1980: Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags : 28th October - 30th October

28th October Los Quintos

Partridges	161		3 drives
Rabbit	1	<u>Head: 162</u>	270 shots

29th October Los Quintos

Partridges	188		3 drives
Rabbit	1		
Pigeon	1	<u>Head: 190</u>	307 shots

30th October Los Quintos

Mallard	142	<u>Head: 142</u> with 287 shots	Morning duck flight	J.N. Pepe Mora-Figueroa
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First shot fired	7.11
45 by	8.08
68 by	9.11
99 by	10.11
120 by	10.50
131 by	11.07
141 by	12.07
Finish	12.15

96 were picked without dogs  
126 picked in total

Sr. P. Mora-Figueroa picked 74  
out of 104 claimed.



1980: Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags : 1st November - 10th November

1st November Nombela La Parilla

Partridges 114 (201 shots)  
Jays 2  
Magpie 1 Head: 117 5 drives

2nd November Nombela Los Caleros

Partridges 160 (265 shots) 5 drives  
Magpies 7  
Jays 3 Head: 170 2 rights & lefts at magpies

4th November Nombela Los Prados

Partridges 64 (126 shots) 5 drives  
Magpies 3 Head: 67 Right and left at magpies

5th November Nombela La Raña

Partridges 55 (80 shots)  
Pigeons 4  
Magpies 4  
Jays 4 Head: 67 5 drives

7th November Nombela Barranco La Nava

Partridges 105 (176 shots)  
Magpies 5 Head: 110 5 drives

8th November Nombela La Heredad

Partridges 48 (82 shots) Head: 48 3 drives. Very wet day.

10th November Nombela Arroyo La Parra

Partridges 138 (225 shots)  
Magpies 6  
Pigeons 3  
Jay 1 Head: 148 5 drives

Personal Bag Details, continued:

<u>11th November</u>	<u>Nombela</u>	<u>Various beats</u>		
Partridges	150 (249 shots)			
Pigeons	2			
Magpie	1		<u>Head: 153</u>	5 drives

J.N. shot a total of 834 partridges with 1404 shots at Nombela

J.N. shot a total of 1183 partridges in Spain (inc. Los Quintos) with 1981 shots

J.N.'s total bag at Nombela was 880 head.

J.N.'s total bag in Spain (inc. Los Quintos) was 1374 head:

Partridges	1183
Mallard	142
Rabbits	2
Pigeons	10
Magpies	27
Jays	10



1980:                    Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags                    15th November - 20th November

15th November                    Rothwell

Pheasants                    27                    Head:            27                    4 drives. Very wet.

17th November                    Worlaby

Pheasants                    63  
Partridge                    1  
Waterhen                    1                    Head:            65                    6 drives

18th November                    Rothwell - The Rookery

Mallard                    19                    Head:            19                    1 drive. J.N. using new .410's

19th November                    Rothwell

Pheasants                    166  
Partridges                    12  
Woodcock                    2                    Head:            180                    7 drives

20th November                    Kirmond-le-Mire

Pheasants                    45  
Collared dove                    1                    Head:            46                    8 drives

10 Rheas

2000 Pts of 1st 400  
2 1500 after

1st San & Short

SHOOT WEDNESDAY, 19th NOVEMBER 1980

DRIVES ROTHWELL

*CD if she  
has not  
got it*

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Cabourne Artichokes | 6. Silver Hills      |
| 2. Johns Wood          | 7. Bogle Hill Return |
| 3. Roberts Wood        |                      |
| 4. Kitts Wood          |                      |
| 5. Diana Wood          |                      |

L U N C H

Loaders: M. J.P. Guerlain - Benjy Jacob  
Mme. Guerlain - J. Woodcock  
Mrs. J.N. - Will Jacob  
JN - Ben Jacob

Pickers-Up  
Miss M. Keal  
A.W. Jacob  
C. Chase  
W. Cawdron

F. Rivant ✓

Jak B ↑

Ribes ↑

Clarde T

Wald →

1980:

Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags

21st November - 26th November

21st November      North Ormsby

Pheasants	114		
Woodcock	1		
Pigeon	1	<u>Head:</u>	116      7 drives

22nd November      North Ormsby

Pheasants	94		
Mallard	6		
Woodcock	1		
Pigeon	1		
Hare	1		
Jay	1	<u>Head:</u>	104      8 drives

24th November      Tealby

Pheasants	199		
Woodcock	1	<u>Head:</u>	200      5 drives

J.N. killed 104 pheasants with 116 shots at The Dairy Kale

26th November      Stainton-le-Vale

Pheasants	125		
Woodcock	1	<u>Head:</u>	126      7 drives

# BINBROOK HILL

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 1980

South easterly wind, heavy snowfall.

PARTRIDGES .....	
PHEASANTS .....	106
WILD DUCK .....	
HARES .....	
RABBITS .....	1
PIGEONS .....	1
VARIOUS .....	
.....	
TOTAL .....	<u>108</u>

Joseph .....	Nickerson .....
Mike .....	Dawson .....
Sham .....	Dawson .....
Tim .....	Dixon .....
Charles .....	Nickerson .....
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1980: Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags 27th November - 3rd December

<u>27th November</u>		<u>Well Vale</u>			
Pheasants	33	<u>Head:</u>	<u>33</u>	Single Gun	
<u>28th November</u>		<u>Binbrook</u>			
Pheasants	28	<u>Head:</u>	<u>28</u>	Single Gun	
<u>29th November</u>		<u>North Ormsby</u>			
Pheasants	101				
Woodcock	1				
Waterhen	1	<u>Head:</u>	<u>103</u>	7 drives	
<u>1st December</u>		<u>Helmsley</u>			
Pheasants	55	<u>Head:</u>	<u>55</u>	Beckdale 5 drives	
<u>2nd December</u>		<u>Helmsley</u>			
Pheasants	227				
Jay	1	<u>Head:</u>	<u>228</u>	Riccaldale 6 drives	
<u>3rd December</u>		<u>Helmsley</u>			
Pheasants	142				
Woodcock	1			Beckdale Bottom 4 drives	
Grey squirrel	1	<u>Head:</u>	<u>144</u>	Riccaldale Bottom 2 drives	

Total Bag at Helmsley for the 3 days: 1709

J.N.'s Total Bag for the 3 days: 427

(We always count cartridges for years at Helmsley as I have had a spare man and I have always been under 2 to 1.)

~~20 boxes~~  
 4 x 19 Douglas  
 Will ~~Shot~~ Down  
 386 227  
 107 51  
 487 278  
 Book.  
 Helmsley  
 Dec 1st & 2nd  
 1980

J.N.'s Helmsley Notes 1980

On the first day we had four quite good drives on the top of Beckdale, and on day 2 at Riccaldale three very good drives with high birds which flew well - 770 birds on those three drives, and I killed more pheasants than I ever remember at Helmsley. In the morning of the third day we went back to the bottom of Beckdale on the south side and they were quite high, good birds. On the next drive when they were stationary in the snow they were also quite high good birds. Then up the valley to the right where Jenny stood behind me - they were very good birds. On the fourth drive they were fairly high, but they didn't come back - they went away with the wind. In the afternoon at the bottom of Riccaldale they were pretty poor drives - not like Helmsley at all.

So in the three days we got about ten high drives with a lot of birds. What it boils down to is, if I were advising anyone about taking this shoot, I should cut out those low drives and just have the best twelve drives. We had seventeen drives in the three days, but I would pick out the twelve best and have a two day shoot at high pheasants.

With these long, high pheasants and the long distance birds that go straight over your head or out to the flank or wherever, it is the last flick of the wrist that does it. You have just got to give them that quick upper of your swing just at the last minute: it is a real Latin jab that you want.

*Sir Charles Forte's Shooting Dinner*

*Black Swan Hotel, Helmsley*

*Tuesday 2nd December 1980*

*Beluga Caviar*

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*Roast Fillet of Beef*

*Fine Green Beans*

*Creamed Mushroom Tartlets*

*Red Cabbage Parcels*

*Potatoes Bercy*

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*Cheese Board*

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*Scufflé Grande Marnier*

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*Coffee and Petits Fours*

1980: Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags: 4th December - 13th December

<u>4th December</u>		<u>Tealby</u>			
Pheasants	114				
Woodcock	1				
Waterhen	3	<u>Head:</u>	<u>118</u>	5 drives	
<u>5th December</u>		<u>Rothwell</u>			
Pheasants	167				
Partridge	1				
Mallard	1	<u>Head:</u>	<u>169</u>	7 drives	
<u>6th December</u>		<u>Rothwell</u>			
Pheasants	195				
Woodcock	1	<u>Head:</u>	<u>196</u>	5 drives	
<u>10th December</u>		<u>Stainton-le-Vale</u>			
Pheasants	53				
Woodcock	3				
Rabbit	1	<u>Head:</u>	<u>57</u>	7 drives	
<u>12th December</u>		<u>North Ormsby</u>			
Pheasants	89				
Mallard	1				
Collared doves	4				
Woodcock	1	<u>Head:</u>	<u>95</u>	8 drives	
<u>13th December</u>		<u>Rothwell</u>			
Pheasants	309				
Partridge	6				
Woodcock	1				
Waterhen	2	<u>Head:</u>	<u>318</u>	5 drives	

80 Jennie  
 80 Emma  
 80 Forth  
 Rob 60  
 14 Rowie  
 112 J  
429  
 + Rowie

Claimed as Rowie  
 Hill Beet.  
 Dec. 13  
 1980

1980: Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags: 18th December - 27th December

18th December Rothwell

Pheasants	156		
Woodcock	1		
Hare	1	<u>Head: 158</u>	7 drives

19th December Tealby

Pheasants	137		
Rabbit	1	<u>Head: 138</u>	5 drives

20th December Rothwell

Pheasants	137		
Woodcock	3		
Partridge	1		
Waterhen	2	<u>Head: 143</u>	6 drives

22nd December Rothwell

Mallard	26	<u>Head: 26</u>	Morning flight at The Rookery
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26th December Rothwell

Pheasants	28		
Partridge	3		
Mallard	21	<u>Head: 52</u>	4 drives

27th December Stainton-le-Vale

Pheasants	103		
Woodcock	1		
Hare	1		
Waterhen	1	<u>Head: 106</u>	7 drives

J.N.'s remarks to Bill Jacob concerning shoot at Grimble Wood 2.1.81:

It was a marvellous idea just slipping up there to shoot those wood pigeons at North Ormsby after the shoot. I just stood behind the Range Rover and shot 54 there in about one hour. I shot the last one at 4.30 p.m. It was nearly like flighting duck but the gale was so strong that they were head high. They just went up a bit when they saw the Range Rover but they were still very low and some of them took no notice of it. I am getting keener than ever on shooting and, as long as I keep fit, I would like to shoot some more difficult things all the time, wild birds as well as wonderful pheasants.

1980/1981:

Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags: 28th December - 5th January

28th December Ram Pond

Mallard 6 Head: 6 Evening flight.

29th December Worlaby

Pheasants 61  
Partridge 2  
Woodcock 2  
Rabbit 1 Head: 66 6 drives

30th December Rothwell

Pheasant 64  
Mallard 7 Head: 71 7 drives

1st January Tealby

Pheasants 109  
Woodcock 3 Head: 112 6 drives

2nd January North Ormsby

Pheasants 102  
Woodcock 2 Head: 104 7 drives

2nd January Grimble Wood

Pigeons 54 Head: 54 Evening flight

3rd January Rothwell

Pheasants 203 Head: 203 7 drives

5th January Stainton-le-Vale

Pheasants 97  
Woodcock 4  
Waterhen 1 Head: 102 7 drives  
Of the total bag of 183, J.N. shot 102, R. Key 41, Ben Nickerson 20 and Jennie Nickerson 20.

OLD RECTORY  
SWINHOPE  
LINCOLN  
LN3 6HT  
BINBROOK 258

Galley

13<sup>th</sup> January 1981

My dear Joe,

I find it difficult to find words adequate to thank you for the wonderful day's sport yesterday. The birds flew really well in that lonely wild country, it was certainly the best pheasant day I have had for a very long time.

On the negative side however, was my stupid gaff in shooting that beautiful peacock, which I wouldn't have had happen for all the tea in China. I am terribly sorry & very upset about it.

Thank you also for your excellent hospitality

at the Blacksmith's Arms & Rothwell House.  
Incidentally, my loader found my wallets  
under my car!

I hope you have a good trip to America.

With all good wishes to you and your  
family for 1981.

Yours

Ron

SMTH

1981: Details of J.N.'s Personal Bags: 6th January - 10th January

6th January Rothwell

Pheasants 407  
Woodcock 1  
Waterhens 2

Head: 410

6 drives  
Of the total bag of pheasants - 914  
JN shot 407, Capt. Phillips 258, Mrs. JN 185  
& Jennie 64

7th January Rothwell

Pheasants 202  
Woodcock 4  
Mallard 2

Head: 208

8 drives

8th January Tealby

Pheasants 107  
Woodcock 1

Head: 108

7 drives

8th January The Ram Pond

Mallard 20

Head: 20

Evening flight

10th January Rothwell

Pheasants 244  
Mallard 6  
Woodcock 1

Head: 251

7 drives

JN's notes dictated on 11th January:

During the week that ended yesterday, Saturday 10th January, I personally killed over 1,000 pheasants with my own gun on my own shooting on the Lincolnshire Wolds: one day at Stainton, one day at Tealby and three days at Rothwell. In addition, the Saturday before - 3rd January - I had over 200 to my own gun at Rothwell.



READS ISLAND

1981:

J.N.'s Personal Bags: 11th January - 15th January

11th January Reads Island

Mallard 4  
Teal 13  
Wigeon 5  
Curlew 1

Head: 23

West End and John's Pond  
Afternoon and evening flight

12th January Rothwell

Pheasants 173

Head: 173

7 drives

13th January Rothwell

Pheasants 216  
Woodcock 1  
Partridge 1

Head: 218

7 drives

15th January Rothwell

Pheasants 283  
Partridges 2  
Mallard 18  
Woodcock 1  
Rabbit 1  
Waterhen 1

Head: 306

10 drives



Grand lieu  
September  
1980

1980 SEASON

W E M M E R G I L L (W) / H O L W I C K (H)

Date	Beat	No. of Guns	G r o u s e				Running Total	Snipe	Black Game	Golden Plover	Total Bag	Running Total	
			old	%	young	%							Total
14 Aug.	H Bottom End	8	96	28	248	72	344	344	1		1	346	346
15 Aug.	W Allotments	6	57	23	188	77	245	589				245	591
19 Aug.	W Close House	7	22	23	72	77	94	683	2			96	687
20 Aug.	W N. Side	7	34	18	156	82	190	873				190	877
23 Aug.	H Top End	7	60	29	147	71	207	1080				207	1084
25 Aug.	H Bottom End	9	39	22	131	78	170	1250				170	1254
8 Sept.	H	8	38	24	122	76	160	1410				160	1414
9 Sept.	W - N. Side Allotments	8	42	21	161	79	203	1613				203	1617
4 Oct.	W - N. Side Allotments	7	36	19	150	81	186	1799	2	2		190	1807
TOTALS			424	24%	1375	76%	1799					1807	

212 br.

687½ br.

899½ brace

Days when JN  
had moor.



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Gamebook 1980

provided by Mr. J. A. Tumbull July 1982

# HOLWICK AND WEMMERGILL

1980

DATE	PLACE	NUMBER OR NAMES OF GUNS	Grouse	Black Game	Partridges	PHEASANTS		Woodcock	Snipe	Hares	Rabbits	Teal	Duck	Pigeon	VARIOUS	ACK UP	TOTAL
						Cocks	Hens										
12 AUG	HOLWICK	LORD COKE SR. B. PATINO SRA. M. PATINO CAPT. B.R. BASSET							1								311
13 AUG	WEMMERGILL	LORD COKE SR. B. PATINO SRA. M. PATINO CAPT. B.R. BASSET							2								64
14 AUG	HOLWICK	J. NICKERSON C. NICKERSON R. NICKERSON I. YATES R. CAULDWELL							1								357
15 AUG	HOLWICK	J. NICKERSON S. NICKERSON MRS J. NICKERSON RT. HON J. PRIOR															236
16 AUG	WEMMERGILL	SRA. M. PATINO SR. B. PATINO COUNT M. TEBB } share LORD WESTBURY															228
18 AUG	HOLWICK	COUNT M. TEBB SRA. M. PATINO SR. B. PATINO HON G.E.D. ELLIOT							1							2	219
		TOTAL	1404					5									1413
		BROUGHT FORWARD															
		GRAND TOTAL															

BEAT		WEATHER	REMARKS
BLACK ARC	SIKES DOWN	WEST WIND with MIST ON HIGH GROUND	MAINLY SINGLE GUNS 50 BRACE at LUNCH 89 OLD : 210 YOUNG
NICHOL HOPPLE BOTH WAYS	GULLEY BOTH WAYS	FOG ALL DAY with LIGHT WEST WIND MOVING to S.W and STRONGER IN LAST DRIVE	19 OLD : 45 YOUNG
TWO at CLOSE HOUSE	LONG GRAIN		
ANGILL BECK			
MOSS			
SLITS DOWN	BLEABECK UP	SOUTH WIND, FINE, BRIGHT & HOT.	
SLITS UP	GULLEY DOWN		
BLEABECK DOWN	GULLEY UP		94 OLD : 243 YOUNG
GREENFELL	GREENFELL	LIGHT SOUTH EAST WIND with RAIN at TIMES	
ALLOTMENTS (2 DRIVES)	ALLOTMENTS (2 DRIVES)		55 OLD : 181 YOUNG
NORTHSIDE		LIGHT WEST WIND, HOT.	
STANDARDS	GREEN GRAIN		
CORBUS	3 at WEMMERGILL HEAD		47 OLD : 181 YOUNG
BLACK ARC	SILVER BAND	WIND FRESH and WEST — LOW CLOUD and DRIZZLE at FIRST : FINE AFTERNOON	GOOD SHOW of BIRDS in LAIR and BLACK ARC but "BUNCHING" 52 OLD : 167 YOUNG — 50 Br. at LUNCH
NICHOL HOPPLE BOTH WAYS	BLACK ARC BOTH WAYS		

1980

REMARKS

DATE	PLACE	NUMBER OR NAMES OF GUNS	Grouse	Black Game	Partridges	PHEASANTS		Woodcock	Snipe	Hares	Rabbits	Teal	Duck	Pigeon	VARIOUS	Pick up	TOTAL	BEAT	WEATHER	REMARKS
						Cocks	Hens													
19 AUG	WEMMERGILL	MR. J. NICKERSON MR. C. NICKERSON MR. R. NICKERSON MRS S. NICKERSON MR. G. MORTON	94						2								96	4 at CLOSE HOUSE MOSS LONG GRAIN	COLD with WEST WIND — A GOOD DAY FOR DRIVING GROUSE	THE GROUND SHOULD NOT BE SHOT ADMIN 40 BRACE at LUNCH 22 OLD : 72 YOUNG
20 AUG	WEMMERGILL	MR. J. NICKERSON MR. C. NICKERSON MR. R. NICKERSON MR. G. MORTON	188													2	190	STANDARDS CORBUS GREEN GRAIN	WEMMERGILL (THREE TIMES) FINE but VERY STRONG WEST WIND	VERY SPORTING BIRDS 54 1/2 BRACE at LUNCH 33 OLD : 158 YOUNG
21 AUG	HOLWICK	MR. D. MCKINNON MR. E. TRAFFORD MR. M. TRAFFORD HON A. BOWES LYON	166														166	ALLOTMENTS	DRY and SUNNY — but VERY STRONG WEST WIND	42 BRACE at LUNCH 32 OLD : 134 YOUNG (PICKUP 3 STALE)
22 AUG	HOLWICK	MR. E. TRAFFORD MR. E. M'CORQUODALE MR. S. PEASE MR. M. TRAFFORD	254						1							4	259	SLITS BOTH WAYS SYKES	GULLEY DOWN SWINKET BOTH WAYS WEST NORTH WEST WIND STRONG but FINE BRIGHT DAY — COLD	68 OLD : 186 YOUNG
23 AUG	HOLWICK	MR. C. FOUSIAR MR. M. THOMPSON MR. P. MACADAM MR. W. CHAPMAN PINKER	203														208	NICHOL HOPPLE DOWN MYRE HOLE SILVER BAND	BLACK ARC BLACK ARC RETURN CROOKUS GILL	HOT SUNNY with LIGHT NORTH WIND 58 OLD : 145 YOUNG
25 AUG	HOLWICK	MR. M. THOMPSON MR. J. DENTON MR. R. KEY MR. J. ALDEASLEY	166						1							2	169	SLITS DOWN & UP SYKES UP	DRY BECK SWINKET BOTH WAYS	HOT but NO WIND 37 OLD : 129 YOUNG
		TOTAL	1071						4							13	1088			
		BROUGHT FORWARD	1404						5							2	1413			
		GRAND TOTAL	2475						9							2	2561			

1980															TOTAL	
DATE	PLACE	NUMBER OR NAMES OF GUNS	Grouse	Black Game	Partridges	PHEASANTS	Woodcock	Snipe	Hares	Rabbits	Teal	Duck	Pigeon	VARIOUS	PICK UP	TOTAL
						Cocks	Hens									
WEMMERGILL	HON A LOWTHER MR. T. COWIE MR. J. MAINWARING - BURTON	MR. A. TETLEY LORD GLAMIS MR. J.A. TURNBULL														64
3 SEPT	MR. J. DORTEM - SMITH	LORD STRATHMORE (MR R GRIFFEN)	64													64
HOLWICK	MR. A. TETLEY MR. G.R.P. WILSON MR. T. COWIE	MR. J. DORTEM SMITH LORD GLAMIS MR. J.A. TURNBULL (5 DRIVES) MR. R. GRIFFEN (1 DRIVE)														320
4 SEPT	MR. J. MAINWARING - BURTON	LORD STRATHMORE	319					1								320
HOLWICK	MR E. BIGLAND MR E. BAILEY COUNT PANTZ	MR J. DORRANCE MR W. FLOWERS MR. J. NICKERSON														160
8 SEPT	MRS NICKERSON	MISS J. NICKERSON	160													160
WEMMERGILL	MR E. BAILEY MR THOMPSON COUNT PANTZ	MRS S. COWAN MR J. NICKERSON MR. J. DORRANCE														203
9 SEPT	MR. R. COWAN	MR. W. FLOWERS	203													203
HOLWICK	COL. D. STIRLING CAPT. E. BIRKBECK MR. J. JARDINE - PATERSON	CAPT LOWTHER LORD STRATHMORE LORD GLAMIS MR J.A. TURNBULL (A.M. ONLY)													12	211
24 SEPT	MR. T. COWIE		199													211
		TOTAL	945					1							12	958
		BROUGHT FORWARD	2475					9						2	15	2501
		GRAND TOTAL	3420					10						2	27	3459

BEAT		WEATHER	REMARKS
WEMMERGILL SOUTH SIDE (6 DRIVES)		BRIGHT and SUNNY with SLIGHT SOUTH WEST WIND	VERY FEW COVEYS - WORSE THAN EXPECTED 3 BRACE at LUNCH after 2 DRIVES 10 OLD : 54 YOUNG
MIRE HOLE NEW BUTTS (2) GULLEY DOWN	SIKES WOOL INGLES	FINE and SUNNY with STRONG SOUTH WEST WIND.	A VERY GOOD DAY 88 BRACE at LUNCH 69 OLD : 250 YOUNG
MIRE HOLE BLACK ARC FROM LAIR BLACK ARC	SLITS BOTH WAYS SWINKET DOWN	SW to W WIND - VERY BRIGHT	" WE DID NOT SEE ONE QUARTER OF THE GROUSE THAT WERE ON THE GROUND LAST WEEK " 38 OLD : 122 YOUNG
STANDARDS GREEN GRAIN WEMMERGILL HEAD	GREEN FELL ALLOTMENTS BOTH WAYS	STRONG SSW WIND but CLEAR with SLIGHTLY CLOUDY SKY	GROUSE BECOMING DIFFICULT TO HANDLE 57 1/2 BRACE at LUNCH 42 OLD : 161 YOUNG
NICHOL HOPPLE DOWN NICHOL HOPPLE UP BLACK ARC	SLITS DOWN SLITS UP WOOL INGLES	SCATTERED SHOWERS - COLD WEST WIND	51 OLD : 148 YOUNG



1980:

WEMMERGILL/HOLWICK 1980 SEASON

LORD STRATHMORE'S DAYS

AUGUST

12th	Holwick top & middle	163½ brace	6 drives	single guns
13th	Close House, Moss, Arngill	32½ brace	6 drives	
16th	North Side - Standards, Corbus, Greengrain, Wemmergill Head, Cocklake	114½ brace	6 drives	Lord Strathmore, A. Bowes-Lyon, Patinos, Cowens, Bunting, Carnegie, Lord Newbury
18th	Holwick top end	110½ brace		
21st	Allotments	84½ brace		
22nd	Holwick bottom end	129½ brace		
			TOTAL FOR AUGUST : 635 brace	

SEPTEMBER

3rd	South Side	16 brace		
4th	Holwick	162 brace		
24th	Holwick	105½ brace		
T O T A L :			TOTAL FOR SEPTEMBER: 283½ brace	
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		918½ brace		

MR. J. NICKERSON'S DAYS

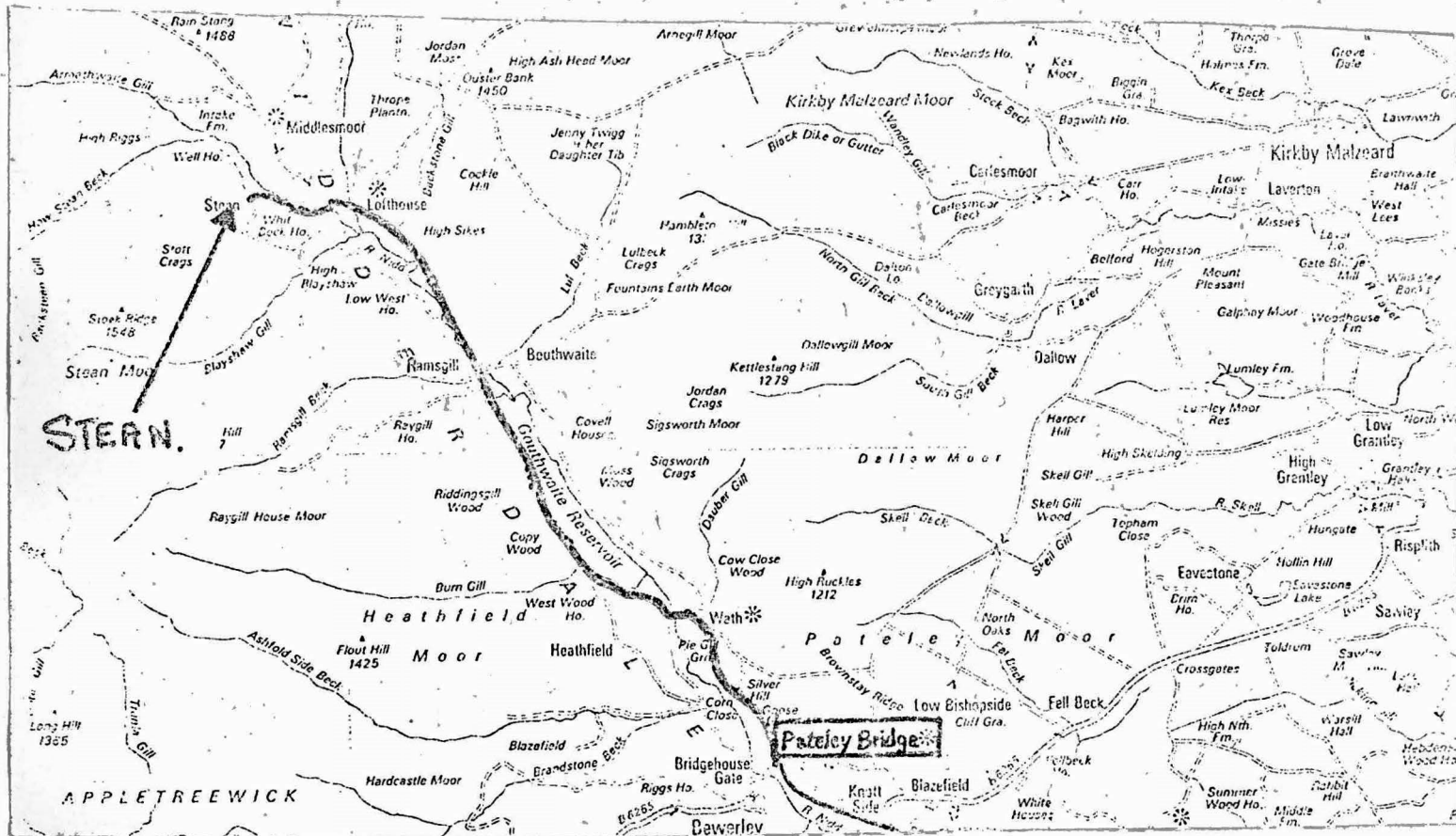
6 in August:	625 brace
2 in September:	181½ brace
1 in October:	93 brace
T O T A L :	
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899½ brace	

Giving a total of 1818 brace for the two moors: 1111½ brace for Holwick and 706½ brace for Wemmergill  
(3636 grouse) (2223 grouse) (1413 grouse)

Lord Strathmore shot 1342 birds on Holwick in 5 days, JN 881 birds on Holwick in 4 days.  
Lord Strathmore shot 495 birds on Wemmergill in 4 days, JN 918 birds on Wemmergill in 5 days.

MAP OF STEAN MOOR

LARGE SCALE MAP  
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Pateley Bridge

APPLETREEWICK

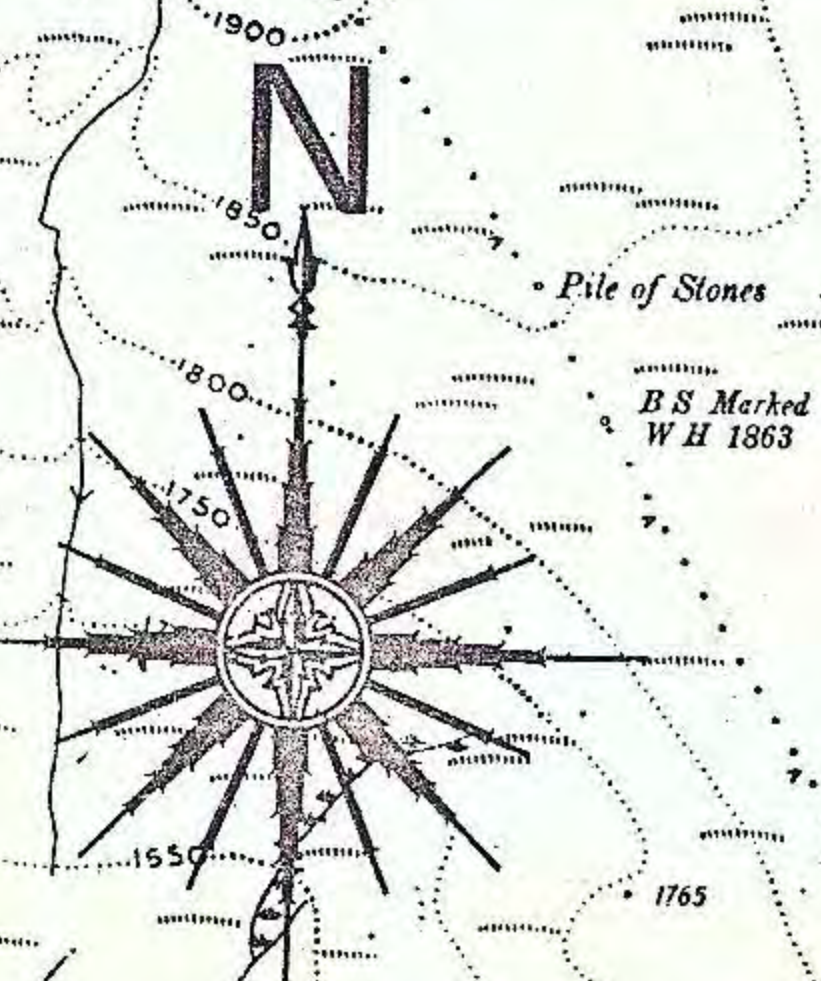
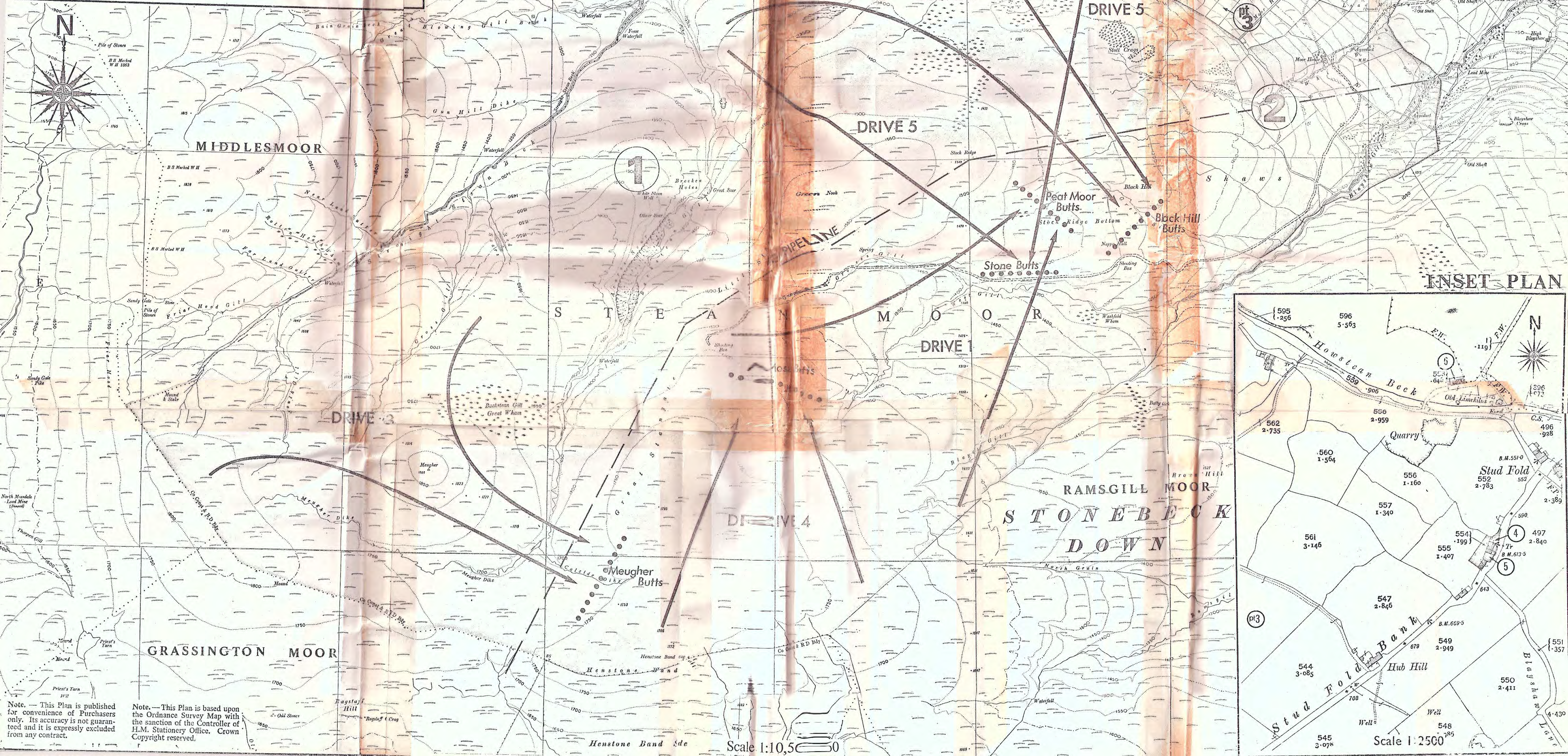
# THE STEAN ESTATE AND GROUSE MOOR

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1980 SEASON

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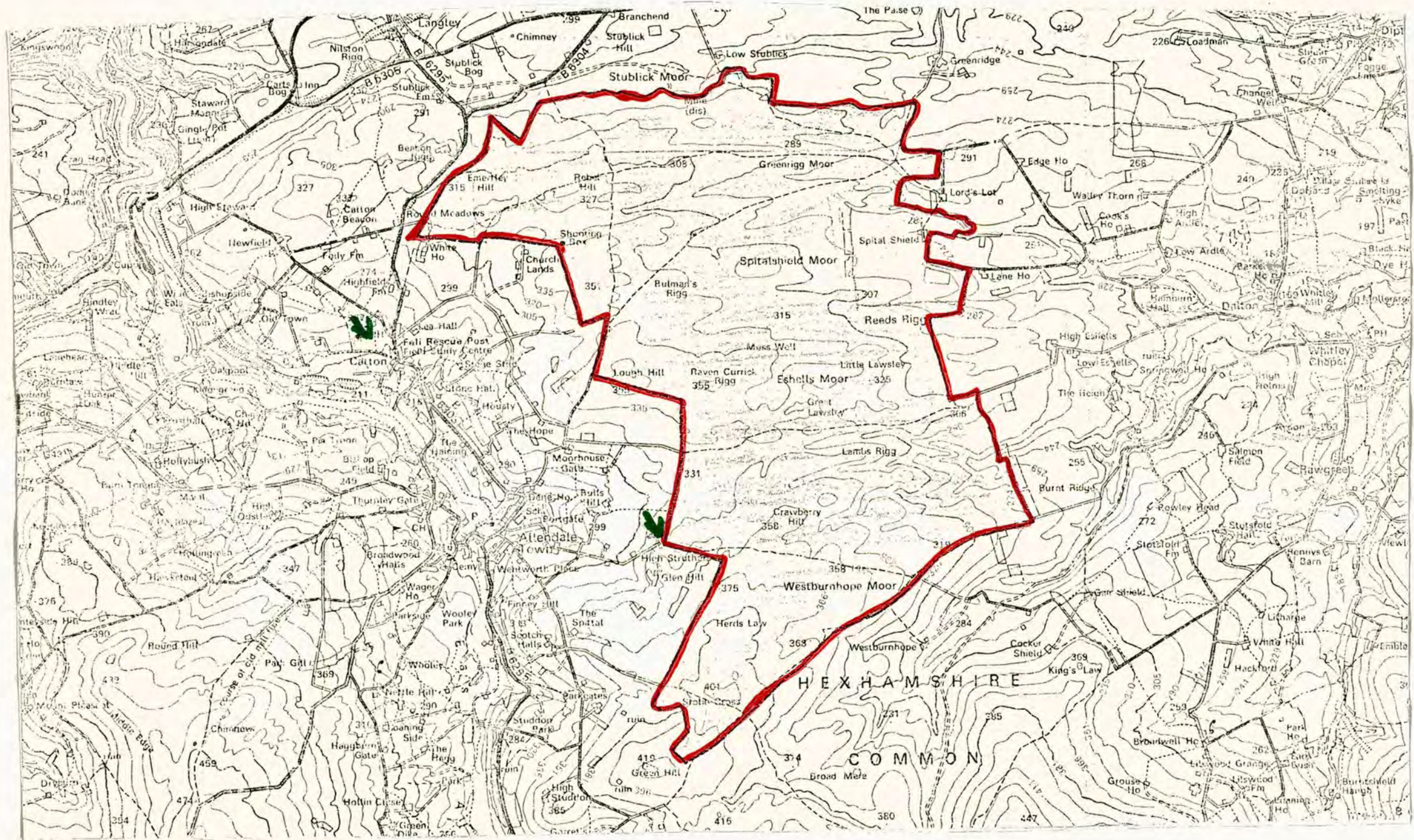
Date	No. of Guns	G r o u s e				Total	Running Total	Snipe	Total Bag	Running Total
		old	%	young	%					
13 August	8	34	25	100	75	134	134		134	134
18 August	6(CJN)	59	33	117	67	176	310		176	310
21 August	7(RJN)	39	37	67	63	106	416		106	416
27 August	6(IRY)	48	51	46	49	94	510		94	510
20 September	8	37	34	73	66	110	620		110	620
29 September	5	39	44	50	56	89	709	1	710	621
15 October	6	40	38	66	62	106	815		106	816
TOTALS:		296	36%	519	64%	815		1	816	

148 br.

259½ br.

407½ brace

Average (round figures): 60 brace per day



STUBLICK MOOR

1980 SEASON

S T U B L I C K

Date	No. of guns	old	G r o u s e			Running Total	Hares	Rabbits	Snipe	Total Bag	Running Total
			%	young	%						
12 August	5	3	23	10	77	13	1	1		15	15
16 August	6	42	30	99	70	141				141	156
21 August	3	23	26	64	74	87				87	243
22 August	5	42	30	100	70	142	1		2	145	388
29 August	5			145	100	145				145	533
30 August	5			101	100	101				101	634
15 September	5	23	36	41	64	64				64	698
16 September	6	23	30	55	70	78				78	776
19 September	6	24	26	70	74	94	3		1	98	874
3 October	6	39	25	117	75	156				156	1030
13 October	5	32	28	83	72	115				115	1145
14 October	5	36	24	114	76	150				150	1295
TOTALS:		287	22%	999	78%	1286	5	1	3	1295	

143½ br.

499½ br.

643 brace

ave 60 brace

SUMMARY OF GROUSE SHOOTING 1980:

Strathmore	9 days	899½ brace
Stublick	12 days	643 brace
Stean	7 days	407½ brace
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TOTAL	28 days	1950 brace
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*66 brace*

## 1980/81 SEASON SUMMARY OF LINCOLNSHIRE SHOOTING (excluding Stainton-le-Vale and Reads Island - see separately)

Date/Place	Guns	Part.	Pht.	Mall.	Teal	Wgn.	Pgn.	Hare	Rab.	W/ck	Snipe	W/hn	S/dove	T/dove	Shov.	Total	Cum.Total
R'well/S.Hills 22.5.80	JN						28						1	1		30	30
R'well/S.Hills 26.5.80	JN						27									27	57
R'well/S.Hills 17.7.80	JN						9	1								10	67
R'well/S.Hills 24.7.80	JN						9									9	76
R'well/Ram 9.9.80	JN			32			1									33	109
Tugdale 3.9.80	JN			17	2										1	20	129
Atkins Bog 4.9.80	JN			4	21											25	154
R'well/Ram 12.9.80	JN			41												41	195
R'well/Ram 25.9.80	JN			34												34	229
Tugdale 27.9.80	JN			25												25	254
Rothwell 1.10.80	JN EN CJN RJN	213	8				1	4								226	480
Atkins Bog 6.10.80	JN			2	4											6	486
Rothwell 8.10.80	JN EN	91	6	20			5		3							125	611



21.10.80.

PLANT BREEDERS SHOOT

Date/Place	Guns	Part.	Pht.	Mall.	Teal	Wgn.	Pgn.	Hare	Rab.	W/ck	Snipe	W/hn	Jay	P/ck	Total	Cum. Total
Black Springs 10.10.80	JN			15											15	626
Atkins Bog 11.10.80	JN			2	2	1	2								7	633
R'well/Ram 18.10.80	JN			14											14	647
Tugdale 20.10.80	JN			11											11	658
Rothwell 21.10.80	M/Mme.Benoist F.Cambier JSD V.Desprez JN G.Leclercq EN H.Simeon	160	89	275			2	5				1			532	1190
R'well/Kirmond 22.10.80	as 21st	23	118				4		2			1			148	1338
Rothwell 24.10.80	JN EN		1	85											86	1424
Kelsey/R'well 8.11.80	R.Brooks DSN J.Greenwood I.Flockton M.Popoff RJN E.J.Rigby	9	120	105	1		3		2	2	2	1	5		250	1674
Rothwell 15.11.80	JN EN		36												36	1710
Rothwell 18.11.80	JN EN			37											37	1747
Rothwell 19.11.80	M/Mme.Guerlain JN EN	24	581				1		1	3					610	2357



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MADAME J-P. GUERLAIN

Date/Place	Guns	Part.	Pht.	Mall.	Teal	Wgn.	Pgn.	Hare	Rab.	W/ck	Snipe	W/hn	Jay	P/ck	Total	Cum. Total
Kirmond 20.11.80	M/Mme.Guerlain JN EN		204				1								205	1674
Tealby 24.11.80	J.Heneage CJN D.Kettaneh JN Sir T. Kitson Earl Yarboro' G. Paul		691						3	3		5			702	3264
R'well/Kelsey 27.11.80	I.Flockton R.Moore G.Cooper R.Walgate W.Kirkby RJN		104					1	2	3					110	3374
Kirmond/R'well 29.11.80	D.May R.Haig I.Flockton J.Wardell F.Grant RJN		201	35				8		1					245	3619
Tealby 4.12.80	C.Foussier SN RJN JN		402					1	1	1		3			408	4027
Rothwell 5.12.80	C.Foussier SN HRH Pr. Bernhard JN EN	15	595	4			1	2	3						620	4647
Rothwell 6.12.80	C.Foussier HRH Pr. Bernhard JN EN	7	589	3			1			1		2			603	5250
Rothwell 13.12.80	Sir C. Forte Lord Soames EN LN RN JN	18	988					1	2	1		2			1012	6262
Kirmond 15.12.80	L.Bembridge JSD Jennie N LN RN J.Thompson		103				1								104	6366



BEN JACOB / BENJY JACOB / WILL JACOB

Date/Place	Guns	Part.	Pht.	Mall.	Teal	Wgn.	Pgn.	Hare	Rab.	W/ck	Snipe	W/hn	Jay	P/ck	Total	Cum. Total
Rothwell 18.12.80	A. Gomez-Torres F.Mora-Figueroa Jennie N RN LN RJN EN JN		519					2	3	2					526	6892
Tealby 19.12.80	A. Gomez-Torres F.Mora-Figueroa R.Key Jennie N IRY SN LN RN JN EN		577	1					1	1		2			582	7474
Rothwell 20.12.80	A. Gomez-Torres F.Mora-Figueroa J.Clement RN LN R.Clement EN JN Jennie N	2	502				1			5		2			512	7986
Rothwell 22.12.80	Jennie N LN RN JN EN			42											42	8028
Rothwell 26.12.80	Jennie N LN RN JN EN	5	68	31				1							105	8133
R'well/Ram 28.12.80	JN			6											6	8139
Rothwell 30.12.80	Edward N RJN Jennie N JN	1	120	24				1	1						147	8286
Tealby 1.1.81	BN DSN SN EN Jennie N Edward N JN		422						2	6		2			432	8718
Rothwell 3.1.81	Sir D. Barran Col. W. Stirling R. Burness EN Jennie N JN	1	612				1		3						617	9335

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NIGHT WATCH

December 1	Hassall	Davies
2	Woodcock	Cawdron
3	Garfoot	Tirrell
4	Farmery	Whitehead
5	Jacob	Davies
6	Hassall	Woodcock
7	Garfoot	Cawdron
8	Farmery	Tirrell
9	Jacob	Whitehead
10	Hassall	Davies
11	Woodcock	Cawdron
12	Garfoot	Tirrell
13	Farmery	Whitehead
14	Jacob	Davies
15	Hassall	Woodcock
16	Garfoot	Cawdron
17	Farmery	Tirrell
18	Jacob	Whitehead
19	Hassall	Davies
20	Woodcock	Cawdron
21	Garfoot	Tirrell
22	Farmery	Whitehead
23	Jacob	Davies
24	Hassall	Woodcock
25	Garfoot	Cawdron
26	Farmery	Tirrell
27	Jacob	Whitehead
28	Hassall	Davies
29	Woodcock	Cawdron
30	Garfoot	Tirrell
31	Farmery	Whitehead

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Date/Place	Guns	Part.	Pht.	Mall.	Teal	Wgn.	Pgn.	Hare	Rab.	W/ck	Snipe	W/hn	Jay	P/ck	Total	Cum. Total
Rothwell 6.1.81	Capt. M. Phillips Jennie N EN JN	1	914						1	1		2			919	10254
Rothwell 7.1.81	Capt. M. Phillips Jennie N EN JN		503	2					1	7					513	10767
Tealby 8.1.81	R.Key G.Moreton JSD SN JN		339		1					1		1			342	11109
R'well/Ram 8.1.81	JN			20											20	11129
Rothwell 10.1.81	JSD W.C. Thomson J.Prior I.R.Yates Jennie N JN		563	24						1					588	11717
Rothwell 12.1.81	A.Dixon R.Smith L.Lamyman SN Jennie N JN	2	422						1					1	426	12143
Rothwell 13.1.81	Edward N RJN JN		378						2	1					381	12524
Rothwell 15.1.81	JN	2	283	18					1	1		1			306	12830
Rothwell 17.1.81	L.G. Clugston G.M. Cooper JSD Sir Emrys Jones J.Heath SN G.H.Parker RJN		188	3			1		1	1					194	13024

Below Left to Right

Father Jacob

Bob Johnson

Will Jacob

Ben Jacob

Mary Keel

George Graham



Date/Place	Guns	Part.	Pht.	Mall.	Teal	Wgn.	Pgn.	Hare	Rab.	W/ ck	Snipe	W/ hn	S/ dove	T/ dove	Shov.	Jay	P/ ck	Other	Total	Cum. Total
Tealby 23.1.81	Sir E.Jones R.Brooks J.Heath I.Flockton R.Moore RJN		197	23			3	1		1	2							1	228	13252
Rothwell 24.1.81	Keepers		207	4			3	7	12			2							235	13487
TOTALS:-		574	11650	959	31	1	105	35	48	43	4	27	1	1	1	5	1	1	13487	
PLUS STAINTON:-			1156				3	2	4	18		3							1186	
		574	12806	959	31	1	108	37	52	61	4	30	1	1	1	5	1	1	14673	
PLUS READS ISLAND:-				16	21	5												10	52	
GRAND TOTALS:-		574	12806	975	52	6	108	37	52	61	4	30	1	1	1	5	1	11	14725	

1980/1981 SHOOT SEASON

Location	Part.	Pheas.	Recovery	Woodcock	Hare	Rabb	Pigeon	Mallard	Teal	W/Hen	Other	Total
Rothwell	565	7148	55%	17	23	36	92	847		12	3	8743
Kirmond	1	606	29%	1		1	13			1		623
Tealby		2624	47%	13	1	7	4	24	1	15		2689
R.Holes		447	54%	5								452
Tugdale	10	605	51%	2	2	2		53	2		1	677
Stainton		1156	52%	18	2	4	3			3		1186
Kelsey	9	216	91%	4		3	3		1	1	8	245
R. Island								12	8		9	29
Bl.Springs								15	2			17
Atkins Bog							2	8	25		1	36
<b>Totals</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>12802</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14697</b>

Excludes "catching up"

1980/81 SEASON SUMMARY OF STAINTON SHOOTS

Date	Guns	Pht.	W/ck	Hare	Rab.	Pgn.	W/hen	Total	Cumulative Total
26.11.80	C. Ross D. Kettaneh H. Easterby R. Key JN RJN	410	3	1	1			415	
10.12.80	R. Walgate SN P. Easterby D. Ebrill Mr. & Mrs. J.N.	273	4		3	2		282	697
27.12.80	JN IRY RJN R. Key	299	5	1			1	306	1003
5.1.81	Jennie N. R. Key BN JN	174	6			1	2	183	1186
TOTALS:		1156	18	2	4	3	3	1186	

STAINTON SHOOTING SEASON

1980/81

(Book sent by Mr. H. Key's  
Secretary)

STAINTON

SHOOTING

SEASON

1980/81

Numbers

2,200 six week old pheasant poults  
(62% killed)

Food for Rearing 1980

Ex Rothwell

5 tons Wheat

3½ tons Growers Pellets

Ex Stainton

5½ tons Wheat

COST to Mr. Key  
" to Mr. J. .

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WEDNESDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, 1980

GUNS: Messrs. J. Nickerson; C. Ross; H. Easterby;  
R. Nickerson; D. Kettaneh; J. Key

BEATERS: 24

WEATHER CONDITIONS Cold, sunny day

GAME RECORD:

Cock Pheasants	209
Hen. Pheasants	201
Woodcock	3
Hares	1
Rabbits	1
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Total	415
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WEDNESDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 1980

GUNS: Messrs. J. Nickerson; S. Nickerson;  
R. Walgate; D. Ebrill; P. Easterby;  
Mrs. J. Nickerson

BEATERS: 26

WEATHER CONDITIONS Dull day with strong SW wind

GAME RECORD

Cock Pheasants	137
Hen Pheasants	136
Woodcock	4
Pigeons	2
Rabbits	3
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Total	282
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SATURDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 1980

GUNS: Messrs. J. Nickerson; R. Nickerson;  
R. Key (jnr); I. Yates

BEATERS: 26

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Dull and cold

GAME RECORD

Cock Pheasants	173
Hen Pheasants	121
Pick-up Pheasants	5
Woodcock	5
Hares	1
Water Hen	1
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Total	306
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MONDAY, 5th JANUARY, 1981

GUNS: Messrs. J. Nickerson; B. Nickerson;  
R. Key (jnr); Miss Jenny Nickerson

BEATERS: 25

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Frosty start, still day

GAME RECORD:

Cock Pheasants	80
Hen Pheasants	94
Woodcock	6
Pigeons	1
Water Hens	2
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Total	183
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GAME SUMMARY 1980/81

Pheasants	
Cocks	599
Cocks (caught up)	121
Hens	557
Hens (caught up)	63
Woodcock	18
Hares	2
Rabbits	4
Pigeons	3
Water Hens	3
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Total	1,370
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1980 / 81 SEASON SUMMARY OF READS ISLAND SHOOTS

Date	Gun	Widgeon	Mallard	Teal	Redshank	Tufted Duck	Curlew	Carrion Crow	Total
1.9.80	J.N.		10	6	3	1			20
13.9.80	J.N.		2	2			4	1	9
11.1.81	J.N.	5	4	13			1		23
TOTALS:		5	16	21	3	1	5	1	52



Benjy on the Island September 1980



J.N.'s Personal Bag for the Season 1980 - 1981

Red grouse	1180	
Black game	2	
Partridge	1687	(inc. 1183 Spain)
Pheasant	5197	
Bobwhite quail	60	(USA)
Turtle dove	530	(all but 1 Morocco)
Pigeons	149	(inc. 10 Spain, 1 France)
Stock dove	1	
Collared dove	5	
Woodcock	40	
Snipe	7	
Waterhen	14	
Mallard	994	(inc. 239 France, 142 Spain)
Teal	51	(inc. 1 France)
Redshank	3	
Tufted duck	1	
Shoveller	3	(inc. 2 France)
Hare	26	
Rabbit	10	(inc. 2 Spain)
Wigeon	6	
Coot	1	(France)
Curlew	5	
Carrion crow	1	
Magpie	27	(all Spain)
Jay	12	(inc. 10 Spain)
Grey squirrel	1	
Fox squirrel	1	(USA)
White Oak Runner snake	1	(USA)
Mouse	1	
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TOTAL	10,016	
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30 species



August 1980

UNITED KINGDOM												
Species	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	Total
Red grouse	503	1450	2406	950	1378	1357	1414	1517	1704	275	1180	14134
Black game		1	4	1			8	4			2	20
Snipe	10	9	23	7	7	10	10	3	14	14	7	114
Woodcock	33	40	38	32	19	22	37	30	34	38	40	363
Golden plover	6	1	9	2		2				1		21
Curlew	1	1	1	6	1		6	3	10	13	5	47
Whimbrel					1							1
Bar-tailed godwit									7	1		8
Partridge	1208	1120	658	495	455	653	1007	456	268	347	504	7171
Pheasant	4943	4201	3223	2777	2137	2925	2991	2425	3242	4784	5197	38855
Mallard	290	371	195	220	37	294	162	124	293	421	613	3020
Teal	71	14	15	21	40	62	95	79	90	116	50	653
Wigeon			2		1		6	21	9	11	6	56
Tufted duck	8		1	3		1	8	11	10	1	1	44
Merganser							1		4			5
Goldeneye							1	3				4
Pochard			1				1	3	2			7
Shoveller		1				1			2		1	5
Pintail			3							1		4

1981

Jan 1	-	22	pheasants.	
"	2	-	35	"
"	3	-	55	"
Jan 5	-	19	pheasants + 1 pigeon	
"	6	-	66	"
"	7	-	35	"
Jan 10	-	45	"	
"	12	-	34	pheasants
TOTAL		311	pheasants + 1 pigeon.	

Average 39 per day!

Jessie's personal bar  
Age 15 years & 1 month

28 bone.

## J.N.'s PERSONAL BAG FOR THE YEARS 1970 - 1980 (continued)

UNITED KINGDOM												
Species	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	Total
Scaup-typed tufted									1			1
Bahama pintail						1						1
Garganey										1		1
Greylag goose							27	19	9	25		80
Pinkfoot goose							13	8	1	7		29
Canada goose										2		2
Pigeon	121	164	94	55	44	91	55	123	193	203	138	1281
Jay	7	10	9	4	1	2	2			1	2	38
Magpie		1		1			2					4
Waterhen	28	48	19	9	4	13	14	7	12	14	14	182
Cormorant									1			1
Collared dove							25	6		12	5	48
Stock dove				1			1	9	1	2	1	15
Dunlin							1					1
Water rail						1	1			1		3
Coot					1		1	2				4
Starling	6	6	1	1						1		15
Jackdaw	1				1		1					3
Rook						1	2	1				4

## J.N.'s PERSONAL BAG FOR THE YEARS 1970 - 1980 (continued)

UNITED KINGDOM												
Species	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	Total
Carrion crow		2							1		1	3
Guinea fowl		1										1
Redshank						7					3	10
Blackbird						1				1		2
Rabbit	18	45	65	25	36	35	19	15	5	6	8	277
Hare	69	73	59	36	39	97	103	38	21	25	26	586
Blue hare							1					1
Weasel	1											1
Grey squirrel	1				1						1	3
Rat			1									1
Dragonfly			1									1
Little owl	1			1			1	1	1			5
Jack snipe									1			1
Mole										1		1
Turtle dove											1	1
Mouse											1	1
TOTAL U.K.	7326	7559	6828	4647	4203	5576	6016	4908	5936	6325	7807	67141

J.N.'s PERSONAL BAG FOR THE YEARS 1970 - 1980 (continued)

GAME SHOT IN AMERICA, FRANCE, HOLLAND, AUSTRIA, MOROCCO AND SPAIN												
Species	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	Total
AMERICA												
Quail			30	47	87	82	80	72	78	74	60	610
Fox squirrel											1	1
White oak runner snake											1	1
Total:			30	47	87	82	80	72	78	74	62	612
AUSTRIA												
Partridge			1									1
Pheasant			165					<i>Germany</i>				165
Roe deer								1				1
Hare			2									2
Jay			2									2
Total:			170					1				171
FRANCE												
Partridge					14	35	21					70
Pheasant					163	264	207					634
Mallard					16	9	17				239	281
Pigeon					1	5	1				1	8
Jay						1						1
Rabbit						1	1					2
Hare						1						1
Wild boar					4	10	9					23
Teal											1	1
Shoveller											2	2
Coot											1	1
Total:					198	326	256				244	1024
MOROCCO												
Turtle dove											529	529

J.N.'s PERSONAL BAG FOR THE YEARS 1970 - 1980 (continued)

GAME SHOT IN AMERICA, FRANCE, HOLLAND, AUSTRIA, MOROCCO AND SPAIN												
Species	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	Total
<b>HOLLAND</b>												
Pheasant						47	52	40				139
Pochard						1						1
Pigeon								1				1
Hare								1				1
Rabbit								1				1
Wild boar						3		4				7
Roe deer						1		1				2
<b>Total:</b>						52	52	48				152
<b>SPAIN</b>												
Partridge			559	437	1347	819	1310	1058	1166	1045	1183	8924
Pheasant									68			68
Greylag goose							32					32
Mallard									1	133	142	276
Teal							1					1
Snipe							1					1
Pigeon			1		29		4	5	36	12	10	97
Stone curlew								1		1		2
Jay			8	1	8	3	5	2	18	11	10	66
Azurewinged magpie								1				1
Magpie			7	3	44	7	14	5	20	18	27	145
Waterhen									1			1
Jackdaw									7			7
Little owl					1			1	2			4
Raven					1							1
Hare			4	2	1	13	4	5	2	4		35
Rabbit									3	4	2	9
<b>Total:</b>			579	443	1431	842	1372	1077	1324	1228	1374	9670
<b>GRAND TOTAL: (Everywhere)</b>	7,326	7,559	7,607	5,137	5,919	6,878	7,776	6,106	7,338	7,627	10,016	79,289

Average over the 11 seasons: 7208



Keepers Shoot  
80' / 81 Season

