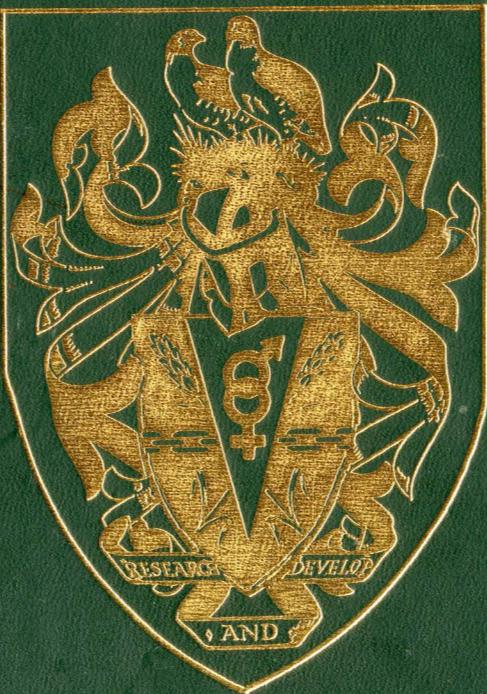


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Dear Mr Nickerson,

Stublick.

I spent the best part of a day at Stublick yesterday and walked quietly across a substantial part of the Moor. The Grouse were very quiet as would be expected and I only saw a few cocks. I am sure that you will know that they have found three or four dead cocks on Spittalshield and I have asked Davison to send any fresh dead birds that he comes across down to the Rothwell vets for tests. Davison has seen 6 or 7 broods of up to 10 and as I came across no obviously diseased birds yesterday there may well be nothing other than a few piners.

I thought it might be helpful to you to have a list of outstanding work at Stublick and this is as follows:

1. BRACKEN:

It will be necessary to beat down any regrowth in the beds which we sprayed in 1980 and, depending on the amount, casual labour may be required. In addition I told Davison that he should use a knapsack sprayer on those beds which were missed by the helicopter and spraying will have to be undertaken in the last 10 days of July and the first 10 days of August. He already has a high volume sprayer, but I would have thought that it would be a good idea to sell this and purchase an ~~ultra low volume~~ Micron type sprayer, because he will get on ~~a lot more quickly~~. The main benefit, particularly in Davison's case, is that the operator does not have to carry round a large amount of water on his back and work with the ULVA is much less onerous. We actually have one of these sprayers at Stean, but I think that Freeman will need it himself.

2. BUTTING:

Routine maintenance and the erection of pegs as requested by yourself at Rebel Hill. You asked him to locate some butting stone

and, of course, he has not been able to do this, but I have suggested to him that he has a word with Parker, the tenant at Spittalshield, who will shortly be demolishing a small building which should yield a small amount of stone of reasonable quality.

### 3. DRAINAGE:

Some of the drains laid by Andrew Allan last year are now becoming blocked up due to the generally level fall and it would be a wise precaution to get Davison to do some maintenance work on these. I have already spoken to Parker the tenant at Spittalshield and he has agreed to help Davison tackle the drains on his stint once shooting is finished. I have told Davison that he has to do this and he should really spend 2 or 3 weeks a year maintaining all the drains on the Moor. Nobody has ever done this in the past and, for example, most of the drains laid by Nixon approximately 9 years ago are now suffering blockages.

### 4. SHOOTING BOXES:

One of the boxes was recently broken into and windows broken and a dividing wall smashed. I have asked a local joiner to effect the necessary repairs.

### 5. HILL ROADS:

At the moment these are very dry and easily passable, but if we had a wet season then there are a number of holes which would be very tricky. I would recommend that we obtain the services of a local contractor to put stone into these few areas and undertake the minimum necessary to make the tracks passable at all times. This might, however, cost something in the order of £1,000. Davison also has to lay a few culverts and I have these on order.

### 6. GRIT:

We have now used all the grit at Stublick and I would normally order grit to be put out from mid August onwards. I presume that Mr Pound will do this.

### 7. STEPPING STONES:

There is still a little bit of work outstanding on these as requested by yourself last year.

Other than the above and a few minor details there is nothing else other than routine work which Davison has to undertake in the immediate future. I noted for the first time yesterday that a number of the stint holders are now riding around their stints on motorbikes and I feel sure that this will disturb the Grouse. On the other hand it will be most difficult to do anything about it. I think that this could be very damaging. The other major area of concern is the policy that most of the stint holders have of feeding

their sheep on the edge of the Moor in the winter months. The idea is that an area of long heather closest to the farm is used as the feed site and the heather is used to hold the hay up off the wet ground. Once the heather has disappeared then they move on to another site. Hence we are in danger of losing quite a substantial amount of heather along the Moor edge and of course the farmer then moves further into the Moor and apart from destroying additional heather also damages the tracks. I have discussed this subject at some length with the 2 stint secretaries, and again it is a very thorny problem, but one which should really be tackled, especially now that we have undertaken capital improvements on the Moor and demonstrated to all concerned that we can, if treated properly, be a considerable bonus to the stint holders.

I am currently negotiating with the local valuation officer in connection with the Stublick rates in an attempt to obtain a reduction. Would you like me to complete these negotiations myself or hand them over to Mr Pound when I see him next Wednesday. The grant claims on hill drainage and bracken spraying are also still on the table and they will not be easily resolved to our benefit.

At Spittalshield Parker has asked me whether or not the landlords would consider undertaking the installation of a new farm water supply to the farmhouse and buildings. The old supply is apparently causing problems and is inadequate. He wants to tap a spring on the hill ~~on the far side of his allotment~~ and this scheme would certainly cost several thousand pounds. A 50% grant should be obtainable. I have told him that if the landlords are prepared to either pay for this scheme or make a contribution to it then they will require something in the order of 12% interest on the net capital expenditure to be added to the current rent. The alternative of course, would be to refuse to contribute, but agree to compensate the tenant over a number of years on a conventional write-off basis. You will remember that you agreed a very generous 20 year term with him in connection with his new building. I have not written to Mr Scammell in this connection, but no doubt it is something you might like to consider yourself. It might be wise to pay for this scheme ourselves in that we would be in a better position to put in the type of scheme which we think best. If Parker does it then he might try and do the job on the cheap. On the other hand I feel that the landlords have been fairly generous to him since we purchased Spittalshield although Parker, like many bad farmers, steadfastly refuses to recognize the advantages of the goose which lays the golden egg. We have, incidentally, just completed £600 worth of landlords repairs to the buildings at Spittalshield.

The only other outstanding work at Spittalshield is the thinning of the two woods on the farm and I have purposely left these because the timber industry is so depressed at the moment. We would receive

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probably 50% of the value which we would have obtained in early 1979 and as the woods are taking little harm I think it better to hang on for as long as possible and hope that the market picks up.

I trust the above provides you with a relatively comprehensive picture of work in progress and work yet to be commenced at Stublick. I have arranged to meet Mr Pound on both Stean and Stublick this coming Wednesday and will endeavour to show and tell him as much as possible. I hope that you have a first class season on both properties.

Yours sincerely,

Neal Thompson.

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Dear Mr Nickerson,

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Stublick.

I visited Stublick last Friday and I write to tell you that I spent two or three hours on the Moor looking at various things with Davison and during the course of this time we saw from the landrover the following coveys: 5, 6, 7, 1, 7, 7, 4, 4, 1, 2, 5 (old birds excluded). We also saw what appeared to be three or four barren pairs and the general feeling is that there are a lot of small coveys. Most of the chicks seen were fairly well grown, but there were also some very small birds and the same pattern as last year seems to be present when we had small coveys of variable age. Davison thinks that, despite the above, we have considerably more grouse than last year, but that it will not be a very big season — perhaps a thousand brace.

Davison has spent quite a lot of his time on bracken control and butt work and I have asked him to send any newly dead grouse that he might find down to the Rothwell vets for analysis. You no doubt know that they picked up one or two cock grouse in April and May.

I have ordered the grit for Stean and Stublick as requested and am meeting the road man at Stublick next week to arrange for the worst bits of road to be repaired on a minimum expenditure basis.

Yours sincerely,

Neal.

*Thask must get  
grit out  
or both moors.*

*Freeza must rent a horse now.  
as soon as fencing is erected.*

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*My dear Joe*

In the first place, thank you very much for a wonderfully exciting day on Monday - it would be difficult to imagine the grouse flying any faster and the odd one that I did hit was really worth shooting. I am very sorry indeed to have to call off next Monday, as I am needed in Court as a witness in a case connected with some land.

Thank you for your letter of 23rd September. We are continuing to try and let Stean and Stublick from now on and have written to a number of people telling them that the Moors are available and inviting their attention - there has already been some interest.

Up to date, the gross shooting rents are as follows:

Stean £14,462 - 50

Stublick £16,900 - 00.

There has only been one occasion on which I could charge an excess for birds over and above the expected bag, and this was on Stean, when I collected £262 - 50. I may say that this charge caused more trouble than anything else and I had great difficulty in getting the money.

What a nice letter you got from Mr. Fanjul.

All good wishes,

*Yours. Tom*

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Dear Joe

*Thank you very much.*

Neal will probably have already told you that he organised a party at the Ashleigh Hotel, Allendale last Monday evening for the Stublick stinholders and, despite adverse weather conditions (the odd person was snowed in), about 24 of us got together. The meal was excellent and the party went very well. Appreciation was formally expressed for your generosity and many people hoped that you would be able to come yourself on the next occasion.

I have today paid the hotel bill of £304-91 and will send a copy of the receipted bill to your office in due course.

Yours,

John,

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Stublick/Stean.

Thank you for your letter in regard to Stean. In regard to the drainage the only thing now required is to obtain the Stint Holder's consent. I have already written to them in this regard. The same man who did the drainage in 1978 can start virtually immediately.

I agree, in principal, with your suggestion in regard to fencing the bracken areas. I will see what can be done. The earliest completion date for the big fencing block will be the end of March.

I dropped in briefly to see Tom Davidson at Stublick last Friday. The weather was very bad and I did not go out on to the Moor. He has put out a further  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tonnes of grit and fenced off a few more butts to stop sheep damage. I have told him to stop doing this and to get after one or two important grouse killers which I understand are currently in the area.

I returned on Monday night to the Ashleigh Hotel, Catton, where my Father, Sister and myself entertained on your behalf 9 Stint Holders plus wives together with Tom Davidson, Walter Rutherford and two retired keepers and their wives. There were 24 present in all and the hotel looked after everybody very well and in particular produced a first class buffet supper. My Father made a brief speech to thank everybody for coming and to make it quite clear that we had not arranged the evening in order to request something in return. Mr Parker of Spittalshield asked us to thank you on everybody present's behalf and said that he was quite sure that those not present would make a bigger effort to attend next year once they heard how well the evening had gone. We did not leave to drive home until after 12 o'clock, having arrived before 7.00 pm and I am quite certain that everybody enjoyed the evening.

Finally, I have told Davidson that he absolutely must get more heather burnt this Spring and with this in mind I might try to get

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Freeman up to Stublick for a few days if we have an extended period of dry weather and he is burnt up at Stean. It might even pay to send two or three of our own men down from Berwickshire if conditions are good. I should think it will take Davidson all his time to muster three willing helpers and one of those will be Walter Rutherford.

Yours sincerely,

Alex

Stean

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Dear Mr Nickerson,

Stublick.

I write to report that I have visited Stublick twice in the course of the last three weeks and that despite the generally unsettled weather the grouse are thought to be entering the winter in a decent condition. Davidson has trapped a fair number of ground vermin and is running approximately 32 traps. He has spent a certain amount of time digging drains in the ~~good~~ Anchey Cleugh. He has also spent time on repairing the road and increasing the landrover access to the Moor by laying salt ~~good~~ glazed pipes in various ditches for crossing points. He has put out approximately 5½ tonnes of grit in the back end. ~~good~~ OK.

I anticipate holding the Stint Holders party towards the end of January in a local hotel. Do you want me to invite their wives or not? I would anticipate the cost to be something in the order of £10 per head. This caters for a good buffet supper (£6.50) together with a fair amount of alcohol. yes

I shall be visiting Stean next week.

Yours sincerely,

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good do!*

*do you get the date of letting  
have you let  
the place of New York  
please do me success soon*

And at 42 St. John's Street, Keswick, Cumbria

Acknowledgement sent. File this copy Stublick 1 MAY 1982

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Dear Mr Nickerson,  
Stean Estate.

I spent some 6 hours at Stean on Monday and the moor is the driest that I have ever seen it at this stage of the year. The grouse are exceptionally quiet and we only saw one during the course of two hours spent on the moor. However prospects are, I think, reasonably optimistic and no doubt Freeman will start to come across broods in the next few days.

During the past three weeks he has spent a major part of his time on vermin control and says that he has killed and seen less than last year although, as you will no doubt know, he has had one set of cubs together with the vixen in Backstean. He also assisted the keeper on Grimeth with another vixen and litter on Tuesday. In addition three days have been spent butting and a variety of smaller jobs have also been undertaken including work on the paths to the butts and on one of the roofs at Moorhouse.

The builders are currently working at Moorhouse and should complete re-roofing the main barn next Tuesday. This will cost £2,270 and there will be additional work on a time basis on the two outbarns. I originally intended to repair one of the lean-to buildings at the top of the yard and I did have the price reduced for this building to £1,500, but really the size and usefulness of this building perhaps does not justify the expense. The alternative would be to demolish the building leaving the front wall to protect the yard from the wind. I think on consideration that this would be the best alternative and perhaps you could give your view. The building concerned is of little current use and its loss would have not significant effect on the capital value of the property.

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Freeman is taking a weeks holiday next week and thereafter will have work to undertake on the following:

1. Creosote the Seven Wooden Garages. I have also arranged for some minor repairs to be done to these buildings in the shape of renewing guttering and down spouts.
2. Whitewash and clean the shoot box. Again minor repair works have to be effected. e.g. part of the door frame to the bottom box is rotten.
3. Bracken control.
4. Fence erection. I have told him that the main fence at Black Hill has to be erected prior to shooting and this will entail putting up almost two miles of stock proof fence. Can I obtain the services of one man for a limited period of time to help him with this ?
5. Further work on the paths to the butts.
6. Installation of additional single sleeper ditch crossings, mainly on route to the butts.
7. Butting - at the moment Freeman is half way through heightening the butt on Black Hill.

You asked me in your last letter what work he would be doing after shooting and this will include the following:

1. Vermin control.
2. Gritting. This is normally started when shooting starts and I always aim to have most of the grit out before the winter sets in. We did not hire a horse at Stean this year, but Freeman did put some grit out on the back of Meugher.
3. Heather burning - as from September 1st.
4. Fencing - if further consents are obtained from the stint holders.
5. Any additional work that you consider necessary during the course of shooting at Stean.

Your cart was not taken to Stean with the bulldozer because we did not have space for both of them. I note that you would like to have the cart brought down to Stean, but this may cost in excess of £100. Do you wish me to proceed ?

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The lambing went well, despite the hard winter, and we have 155 lambs out of 130 ewes put to the tup in November. There are 39 sets of twins. Seasonal grazing starts on Moorhouse today and the warm weather has meant that there is perhaps more grass than normal. I spoke to several of the stint holders during the course of my visit and all professed to having dipped all their sheep, including the geld ones, prior to their going to the moor.

Finally I must draw to your attention the fact that the road up the steep hills above Studfold Cottage is falling into an increasing state of disrepair and will, without question, ultimately require attention, otherwise eventually access for any description of vehicle other than a tractor will be difficult. I am sure that it will be perfectly accessible this shooting season, but you will probable have to spend money on it prior to shooting in 1983 and in my opinion could save money by nipping the damage in the bud and undertaking the work fairly shortly. This would basically involve the laying of concrete strips on the worse parts, hardcore the residue and cutting plenty of drain offsets across the road. There is considerable dispute as to the liability for maintaining this particular section of the road, and it does appear that either Ronnie Palmer at Whitbeck or ourselves have the liability. On the other hand we are by no means the sole users and it would be vital to ensure that contributions were obtained from others. These, for example, would include the Walkers who farm at Studfold and perhaps the Water Authority. I know that your intention will be to keep any necessary expenditure on this road to the minimum in line with your belief, which I support, that a good road up the hill would encourage trespass, but I do think that you will save money by tockling this job sooner rather than later.

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Dear Mr Nickerson,

F Stean Estate.

I visited Stean on December 23rd, 1982 where everything is currently in the grip of a very hard frost. I understand that the weather has been deplorable since my last visit. Certainly there has been considerable damage to the road up to Moorhouse Farm and Freeman has had to keep off the new road on to the Moor. Due to the hard conditions we were able to drive wherever we wished and I spent approximately two hours on the Moor. We saw a good stock of grouse and all seen were in good condition. Freeman reports having seen a few piners, perhaps pricked birds. Certainly there are no reports of any disease locally. Freeman is still running 60 - 70 traps, but has not caught much over the past month. He reports a few Stoats, Weasels and Rats. He told me that he traced a dog fox in the snow one day and eventually raised it. He could not get a shot and later put it up again to no avail. The fox had taken time inbetween to kill and eat a grouse.

Since my last visit he has moved the fence immediately behind the Blackhill butts some 20 yards to pacify one of the Stint Holders. In addition he has put out perhaps another tonne of grit, but for much of the time he has been confined to working around Moorhouse Farm. Amongst other things he has done some redecorating in his house and laid some concrete.

Ronnie Palmer has lost weight and certainly did not look well. The holiday cottage was occupied over Christmas and New Year. The recent gales dislodged slates on many of the farm buildings and also from both the cottage and the farmhouse. These are currently being attended to by a local builder.

Freeman's next main task is to erect further fencing blocks on

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the Moor and he should be able to make use of the hard conditions to get most of the materials to site.

Yours sincerely,

Alec.

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Dear Neal,  
Stean Estate

How pleased I am to have your report of the 4th January  
and the overall position on the Stean Estate.

I hope by now you have got the grouse eating animal!

You must keep these traps going - absolutely essential  
they are working day and night.

I see Freeman has spent most of the time round his house.  
This is what most Game-keepers do all Winter, but hope you  
will be able to get him out occasionally to do work on the  
moor. I hope he will get on with further fencing as soon  
as possible.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Dictated by Mr. Joseph Nickerson,  
but signed in his absence.

MAIN task is to erect further fencing blocks on

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Dear Mr Nickerson,

Stean Estate.

I drove down to Stean yesterday and spent the majority of the day there. Approximately 3 hours was spent on the Moor itself and I saw a good stock of birds, all in good condition and not frightened to fly uphill into the wind! I particularly wanted to look at the white ground on the north west side of the Moor to see whether or not our drainage was improving the heather. I was pleased to note that in certain areas - for example Great Stangate - there is considerably more heather than in 1978. On the other hand the white ground is still the dominant feature. With this in mind I wondered whether it might be worthwhile putting in another 3000/4000 chains of drainage to try and catalyse the whole process. I think that we would have no difficulties in obtaining a 70% grant and that the cost per chain would be approximately £1 gross. Obviously the cost per chain will be slightly higher than normal given that the Contractor will be required to operate between existing drains. Again we will require the Stint Holders' consent and this will be the main problem. What do you think of the idea? If you wish to proceed when would you like the work done? I think that, Stint Holders' consent forthcoming, I could have the work completed prior to the nesting season.

I also examined a number of the sites previously occupied by bracken and many of these have now been re-populated with either grass or bilberry. Perhaps the graziers have benefited more than us. In any event I was particularly encouraged to see atleast some heather in areas where previously it really was difficult to spot any. I have told Freeman that I want him to burn some of this white ground this spring because I think that the heather will re-colonize more rapidly on freshly burnt ground than through an existing hill grass sward. It was quite noticeable that the heather burnt on the grassy land to the south of the stone butts has become much stronger than the old heather which preceded it.

J. Stubbs

continuation S131(gen) /....

Freeman is currently busy with a small fence immediately below the first shooting box and this should be completed by the middle of next week - say 10/15 acres. He reports that he has not killed a great deal of vermin since the New Year. I got him to take soil samples of all the fields on Moorhouse Farm so that I can have a fresh analysis undertaken to ascertain whether or not we have managed to improve the soil conditions over the last 3 years. We will shortly be applying a further 280 tonnes of ground magnesium limestone to Moorhouse Farm and this will complete the improvement scheme. We will obtain a 50% grant.

The severewinds continue to damage slating and gutters and I spent perhaps an hour with Builders arranging for various jobs to be undertaken.

I hope that we will be able to commence work on a much larger fencing block shortly. I will keep you informed.

Yours sincerely,

Neal.

# The Nickerson Group of Companies

Rothwell, Lincoln LN7 6BJ  
Telephone Swallow (047-289) 371  
Telex: 527306

The Chairman

Your ref: JNT/ACD/S131(Gen)  
JN/cg

31st January, 1983.

J. N. Thompson, Esq., M.A., A.R.I.C.S.,  
Edwin Thompson & Co.,  
25 Hide Hill,  
BERWICK-upon-TWEED,  
Northumberland, TD15 1EQ

Dear Neal,

Thank you for your letter of the 27th January regarding Stean. Most interested to hear the results of your visit there - I hope you will keep up these visits. There is nothing like having a look yourself. F

I am glad to hear from you that what we expected to happen is happening. I am pleased, but not surprised.

Yes, your suggestion is a good one, and let us try and ensure success. There is just one point which occurs to me and that is that I have never limited you as to how much drainage you should do. I just told you to drain the place. This is what I thought you had done. If 3,000 chains not now enough, do as many extra thousands as will make a first class job of the place. I would like you to go ahead and get it finished before nesting.

I think what we should do wherever we burn bracken is to fence the bracken areas. That could have been agreed with the Stinholders at the time and I think perhaps it would not be too late to do so now. I think you would get a tremendous response. The heater there goes pretty dry and if that could be fenced off after the big fences are put up, I should be grateful. What date will you have the big block fencing finished, dependent upon the weather, of course?

Yours sincerely,

J.N.

Dictated by Mr. Joseph Nickerson,  
but signed in his absence.

EPQ.

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YOUR REFERENCE

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Messrs. Turnbull & Parkinson  
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DH3 3AY

8th October 1982

Dear Alastair,

I have been in correspondence with Mr. Nickerson about shooting dates and various other matters.

It seems to me that this has been a very successful and happy season and that the arrangement has again worked well. It is true that, from our point of view, Mr. Nickerson has been blessed with the worst of the weather, but this is just one of those factors which cannot be catered for. The permanent staff have obviously worked hard and I think that my client will have looked after them more than adequately and ensured that his guests did likewise.

Mr. Nickerson feels that there are sufficient grouse left to shoot until the middle of October, but himself does not want to shoot after 13th October. His view is that after 16th October the Moor should be left quiet, the grit should be got out and then the keepers given a chance to rest for a few days to get over their efforts of the last couple of months. Mr. Nickerson considers that given an even less than average condition of Spring weather, disease will be no problem and he is most anxious that the paired birds are not disturbed.

For these reasons, he thinks that the three keepers' days should be got over as soon as possible, and before all the grouse are paired - he would much sooner see these days held in October than November.

His other general comments on the Moor are that:

(a) He feels that it will obviously be necessary for you to cart stone into the roads on Wemmergill before they deteriorate and that a bad winter this year could be very detrimental. The road to Close House particularly is full of holes. Although this is nothing to do with Mr. Nickerson, it is obvious that the roads are a capital asset to the Estate and you will want to look after them.

(b) Some of the butts have very uneven floors - I know this myself. For example, number 4 butt from the top at Black Arc is one where if you move your foot you go up or down several inches. Again, this matter is probably within your programme and the comments are just intended to be helpful.

I hope this letter is of assistance to you as regards shooting dates and clears the air for further progress on the Moor. Equally, that next season you have a bumper year.

Yours sincerely,

JN'S PERSONAL BAG - 1968-1982

BAG SUMMARYJ.N.'s  
Personal  
Bag

	MORROCCO	AUSTRIA	AMERICA	HOLLAND	FRANCE	SPAIN	U.K.	TOTAL
1968							2631	2631
1969							4056	4056
1970							5636	5636
1971							5853	5853
1972		170	30				6029	6229
1973						141	3405	3546
1974			87	52	198	607	3317	4261
1975			82	52	326		4536	4996
1976			80	48	247	949	4915	6239
1977			72			1077	3725	4875
1978			78			1322	3789	5189
1979			74			1228	4591	5893
1980	509		62		244	1374	5223	7412
1981					233	1651	5758	7642
1982					205	1950	6531	8686

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ave. 6200  
by 2

Webfoot Summary.

YEAR	TOTAL
1968	107
1969	263
1970	306
1971	333
1972	183
1973	212
1974	87
1975	294
1976	333
1977	256
1978	379
1979	718
1980	953
1981	1006
1982.	889

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Red Grouse	535	441	505	1450	2403	950	1378	1357	1414	1517	1704	275	1150	1816	3042
Blackgame		1		1	4	1			8	4			2	1	1
Snipe	1	3	9	9	18	6	6	9	7	3	11	12	7	8	34
Woodcock	19	22	20	25	29	22	14	12	19	14	12	10	18	22	27
Golden Plover			6	1	7	2		2				1			3
Curlew			1	1	1	6	1		6	3	10	13	4	12	7
Shimshiel							1								
Bar-tailed Godwit											7	1		3	2
Partridge	375	670	1205	1064	647	471	451	651	1042	446	268	346	496	233	180
Pheasant	1428	2403	3386	2743	2584	1654	1296	2014	1910	1306	1178	3124	2808	2658	2587
Mallard	105	255	251	318	168	188	27	257	168	113	251	421	527	674	306
Teal	2	6	47	14	9	21	40	30	91	78	90	111	37	91	242
Wigeon					2		1		6	21	9	11	1	6	14
Tufted Duck			8		1	3		1	8	11	10	1	1	2	11
Merganser									1		4				
Goldeneye									1	3					1
Scaup	1								1	1	3	1			
Shoveller				1				1			2				
Pintail					3							1			1

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Scalytaeo Tufted												1			
Blacktailed Pintail									1						
Greylag										27	19	9	25		
Pinkfoot										13	8	1	7		
Canada Goose													2		
Garganey													1		
Pigeon	75	147	89	130	90	28	40	78	54	119	188	179	64	78	30
Jay	1	3	7	5	5	4	1	1	2				2		1
Magpie						1			2				1		
Waterhen	4	14	21	12	14	4	2	8	9	1	4	10	9	15	6
Common Coot												1			
Collared Dove										21	3	6	5	1	4
Stock Dove				1		1				9	1	2	1		
Pintail										1					
Water Rail										1					
Coot							1		1	2					1
Starling	3	4	5	2		1						1			
Jackdaw				1				1		1					
Rook									1	2	1				

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
	U.K.							S.							
Hooded Crow															
Carren Crow				2								1	1		
Guinea Fowl				1										1	
Black Backed Gull		1											2	1	
Redshank								7					3		1
Blackbird								1							
Rabbit	25	18	12	14	17	7	15	20	12	5	5	3	6	10	4
Hare	55	57	63	59	45	35	37	90	85	31	21	23	25	19	25
Blue Hare								1							
Weasel			1												
Grey Squirrel			1				1						1		
Bat					1									2	
Dragon fly					1										
Little Owl	3	2	1						1					2	
Jack Snipe													1		
Turtle Dove													1	1	
Mouse													1		
<b>TOTAL</b>	2631	4056	5836	5853	6029	3405	3317	4536	4715	3725	3789	4591	5223	5758	6531

SPAIN

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Partridge							14	35	21						
Pheasant							163	264	207						
Mallard							16	9	17				239	228	195
Teal												1	2	1	
Shoveller												2		4	
Pintail														3	
Pochard														1	
Pigeon							1	5	1			1	1		
Tiny									1						
Magpie															1
Carrion Crow														1	
Coot												1	1		
Rabbit									1	1					
Hare									1						
Wild Boar							4	10							
							198	326	247						
							198	321	242						
10142												244	233	205	
												9.11	9.03	9.01	

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Int Pheasant							47	52	40						
Int Pochard							1								
Pigeon									1						
Hare									1						
Int Rabbit									1						
Wild Boar							3		4						
Roe Deer							1		1						
							52	52	48						
	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Quail						30		87	82	80	72	78	74	60	
White Tailed Kite															
Runner														1	
Fox														1	
Squirrel															
Total						30		87	82	80	72	78	74	62	

HOLLAND

AMERICA

## AUSTRIA

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Partridge						1									
Pheasant						165									
Roe Deer											1				
Jay						2	4								
Hare						2	1								
TOTAL						170	4				1				

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NICKERSON GROUP		MEMORANDUM TO CHAIRMAN																		
From	Copies to	Date	Ref.																	
I.C. CURD	MK, PRCB	28 JANUARY 1982	ICC/SG																	
SUBJECT	WEMMERGILL RENT	CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS																		
<p>1) Rent is due 1st February 1982 as follows:-</p> <p><u>Year 2 (ending 31-1-82) in arrears</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Rent 36,000 + 3,600</td> <td>39,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>V.A.T.</td> <td><u>5,940</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>45,540</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Year 3 (ending 31-1-83) in advance</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Rent 39,600 + 3,600</td> <td>43,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>V.A.T.</td> <td><u>6,480</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>49,680</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Total Due 1-2-82</u></p> <table> <tr> <td></td> <td>£ 95,220</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>=====</td> </tr> </table>					Rent 36,000 + 3,600	39,600	V.A.T.	<u>5,940</u>		45,540	Rent 39,600 + 3,600	43,200	V.A.T.	<u>6,480</u>		49,680		£ 95,220		=====
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<p>2) Interest is payable under the agreement if rent is not paid by the due date, so I will send off a cheque, on Friday with a covering note from PRCB, unless you have any instructions to the contrary.</p> <p>3) This rent payment is fully reflected in the cash flow.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p> <p>IAN C. CURD</p>																				

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# LOFTHOUSE MEMORIAL HALL

## Secretary's Address

Harrogate  
75202

'Scar House'  
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HG3 5SW  
North Yorkshire.

8th May, 1982

Dear Mr. Nickerson,

The members of the Memorial Hall committee have asked me to write thanking you for the generous donation to Hall funds, and to assure you that the money will be put to good use in the upkeep and improvement of the Hall.

With best wishes and again, many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

*John W. Blows*

Secretary.

## Pests flourish as gamekeepers decline

From LORD COURTENAY

SIR—Mrs B. J. Foley-Fisher (Nov. 5) comments on the large increase in the number of magpies in recent years and wonders what has caused this.

The reasons are not very hard to find. There has been a steady increase over a number of years due mainly to a reduction in the number of gamekeepers over much of the country, and an increased reliance by many of those that remain on rearing pheasants rather than controlling vermin to maintain a wild stock. Also magpies have tended to move into built-up areas where shooting can be unpopular.

The dramatic rise in recent years, however, can, I believe, be ascribed in large measure to a misguided campaign by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds against the use of so-called poisons in the countryside for the control of vermin. The RSPB, while quite rightly condemning the use of dangerous substances like strichnine and phosdrin, has unfortunately chosen to include in its hit list the narcotic Alphaclorolose, the properly regulated use of which is a vital aid in controlling pest species. Indeed, the RSPB has now admitted to using Alphaclorolose in its own reserves.

Magpies, along with other members of the crow family which are also on the increase, are destructive pests which can cause widespread damage to the eggs and young of other bird species. In addition they are known to peck out the eyes of sheep, and there have even

been reports recently that they are attacking ponies.

Conservation is something for which all landowners throughout the country are responsible and is not something which can be limited to selected bird reserves. It involves the control of certain species which are likely to destroy others, and there is no case for the RSPB seeking to deny to the great majority of nature conservers the methods which they allow themselves. It is to be hoped that commonsense on this issue will shortly prevail.

COURTENAY  
Exeter.

### Evil characters

SIR—About the magpie: yes, it is “invading” our town gardens and parklands. The reason for this is our invasion of its natural territory, with urban sprawl and motorways. Magpies are agile at moving through trees and bushes and few nests are safe from them. The result is a dawn chorus with a noted absence of our finest tenors and sopranos of the bird world.

The magpie is an attractive, tidy-looking bird whose looks belie his evil character, making him safe from any suggestion of a sensible cull: these “murderers” are protected by an unwritten law, veiled in superstition.

M. OSMONDE-JOBSON  
Ellesmere Park, Cheshire.

Daily Telegraph — 10.11.82

# MEMORANDUM TO CHAIRMAN

F  
Keepers  
General

From R. Johnson Copies to WHJ Date 7/12/82 Ref. RJ/BS

SUBJECT	KEEPERS AND "GUNS TIPS"	CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS
	<p>Information as requested via WHJ.</p> <p>In 1981/2 season Farmery, Garfoot and Hassall received £103 each on 21st December 1981, and £218 each at the end of the season - total £321 each (this included £100 each from yourself in the second payment).</p> <p>WHJ proposes that Frankish be included with the Rothwell Keepers this year.</p> <p>The present day comparative position as regards the pre-Christmas "tips" is :</p> <p>4 x £103 = £412</p> <p>Tips to date - £240</p> <p>Shortfall - £172</p> <p>all to have £100 each <del>all</del> with bef Xmas</p> <p>Q</p>	<p>do. be mea all one shoot</p> <hr/> <p>all to have £100 each <del>all</del> with bef Xmas</p>

<u>3 January</u>	Rothwell - 7 drives	321 pheasants	539 shots
<u>4 January</u>	Rothwell - 6 drives	191 pheasants	335 shots
<u>6 January</u>	Stainton and Roman Holes 6 drives	81 pheasants 2 woodcock	105 shots
<u>7 January</u>	North Ormsby - 7 drives	68 pheasants 1 woodcock 1 waterhen	118 shots
<u>8 January</u>	Rothwell - 7 drives	250 pheasants 1 woodcock 1 waterhen	509 shots
<u>9 January</u>	Read's Island - West End	1 mallard 1 teal	

Had to leave before flight finished.

12 January - Nombela

Cold start, dry.

M. Guerlain	Partridges	538
Mme Guerlain	Pigeons	1
M. Rigaud		
Mme Rigaud		
Joseph Nickerson		
Eugenie Nickerson		

<u>Drive</u>	<u>O.</u>	<u>Y.</u>	<u>Total</u>	
La Heredad	28	75	103	
El Termino Moon				
Country	29	50	79	<u>JN's Bag</u>
New Line T. Drive	37	83	120	
La Roca Rio Alberche	53	92	145	Drive 1
Acantilado	14	77	91	2
	<u>161</u>	<u>377</u>	<u>538</u>	3
				4
				5
				16 = 150 with 218 shots, plus 1 pigeon

<u>Wages</u>	<u>pts</u>
Tractors	- 1 @ 6,000 = 6,000
Land Rovers	- 1 @ 6,000 = 6,000
Man/Donkey	- 1 @ 1,800 = 1,800
Beaters/	- 31 @ 1,800 = 55,800
Flankers	
Vino 24 lts	- 1,152 = 1,152
Misc.	- 100
Secretarios	- 11 @ 1,800 = 19,800
Cargadores	- 3 @ 3,300 = 9,900
	<u>100,552</u>

Mrs JN's Bag

64 partridges with 193 shots.

Claimed:

M. Guerlain	110 partridges with 176 shots
Mme Guerlain	72 partridges with 183 shots
M. Rigaud	76 partridges with 208 shots
Mme Rigaud	101 partridges with 183 shots

1983

## 13 January - Nombela

M. Guerlain  
 Mme Guerlain  
 M. Rigaud  
 Mme Rigaud  
 Joseph Nickerson  
 Eugenie Nickerson

Partridges 503  
 Pigeons 4  
 Magpies 2

Cold start, dry.

Drive      O.      Y.      Total      Given away 18; 485 sold @ 425 pts. = 206.125 pts.

## Los Trozos Cerro

Pendon	36	84	120
King's Lunch	11	57	68
King's Lunch	19	110	129
King's Last	14	65	79
Vega del Gallego	41	66	107
	121	382	503

JN's Bag

Drive 1	27
2	20
3	31
4	12
5	25

= 115 partridges with 225 shots,  
 plus 4 pigeon, 2 magpies.

Wagespts

Tractors	- 1 @ 6,000 =	6,000
Land Rovers	- 1 @ 6,000 =	6,000
Man/Donkey	- 1 @ 1,800 =	1,800
Beaters/		
Flankers	- 29 @ 1,800 =	52,200
Vino 24 lts.	- 1,152 =	1,152
Misc.	- 100 =	100
Secretarios	- 12 @ 1,800 =	21,600
Cargadores	- 3 @ 3,300 =	9,900
		98,752

Mrs JN's Bag

59 partridges with 145 shots.

Claimed

M. Guerlain	107 partridges with 202 shots
Mme Guerlain	85 partridges with 208 shots
M. Rigaud	82 partridges with 257 shots
Mme Rigaud	97 partridges with 224 shots

## 15 January - Nombela

Sr. J M Blanc  
 I R Yates  
 Joseph Nickerson  
 Eugenie Nickerson

Partridges 500  
 Magpies 1  
 Pigeons 2

Cold, sunny, dry. Little wind.

Drives      O.      Y.      Total      2 given away; 498 sold @ 425 pts. = 211,650 pts.

Tomato Drive	24	54	78
200 River	37	74	111
Surprise	70	87	157
Sr. Blanc	21	95	116
Jay Trees	7	31	38
	159	341	500

JN's Bag

Drive 1	25
2	29
3	31
4	12
5	25

= 123 partridges with 216 shots, plus 2 pigeons, 1 magpie.

Mrs JN's Bag

113 partridges

Cont/d...

15 January - ContinuedWages

	pts
Tractors	- 1 @ 6,000 = 6,000
Land Rovers	- 1 @ 6,000 = 6,000
Man/Donkey	- 1 @ 1,800 = 1,800
Beaters/	
Flankers	- 34 @ 1,800 = 61,200
Vino 24 lts.	- 1,152 = 1,152
Misc.	- 100 = 100
Secretarios	- 8 @ 1,800 = 14,400
Cargadores	- 1 @ 3,300 = 3,300
	87,952

16 January - Nombela

I R Yates	Partridges 329
Joseph Nickerson	Magpies 2
Eugenie Nickerson	

Cold, sunny, dry. Little wind.

<u>Drive</u>	<u>O.</u>	<u>Y.</u>	<u>Total</u>
JN Arroyo La Parra	30	54	84
Dummer Parra			
Carcavoso	17	47	64
Diana Valdenvares	21	53	74
Malo Gorroval	13	28	41
Ian's Drive	21	45	66
	102	227	329

Given away 8; Damaged 2; 319 sold @ 425 pts.  
= 135,575 pts

JN's Bag

Drive	1	73
	2	26
	3	39
	4	9
	5	31

= 178 partridges with  
297 shots, plus 2 magpie

Wages

	pts
Tractors	- 1 @ 6,000 = 6,000
Man/Donkey	- 1 @ 1,800 = 1,800
Beaters/Flankers	- 34 @ 1,800 = 61,200
Vino 24 lts.	- 1,152 = 1,152
Misc.	- 100 = 100
Secretarios	- 6 @ 1,800 = 10,800
Cargador	- 1 @ 3,300 = 3,300
	84,352

Mrs JN's Bag

52 partridges



January  
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Christiane & Jean-Pierre Guerlain with J.N.

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## 18 January - Nombela

Joseph Nickerson	Partridges	189
Eugenie Nickerson	Jays	2

Drive	O.	Y.	Total
Valle Casilla	9	22	31
Casa Navarra	7	23	30
Two Cat Ravine (Viana)	12	22	34
Last 1	9	21	30
Last 2	7	14	21
Extra	12	31	43
	<hr/> 56	<hr/> 133	<hr/> 189

Cold, sunny, dry. No wind.

189 sold @ 425 pts. = 80,325 pts.

JN's Bag

Drive	1	25
	2	17
	3	23
	4	21
	5	15
	6	41

41 = 142 partridges with 301 shots (one shot for 2 birds on third drive), plus 2 jays

<u>Wages</u>	<u>pts</u>
Tractors	- 1 @ 6,000 = 6,000
Man/Donkey	- 1
Beaters/	
Flankers	- 26 @ 1,800 = 46,800
Vino 12 lts.	- 576 = 576
Misc.	- 100 = 100
Secretarios	- 4 @ 1,800 = 7,200
	<hr/> 60,676

Mrs JN's Bag

54 partridges with 159 shots

## 19 January - Nombela

Joseph Nickerson	Partridges	162
Eugenie Nickerson		

Drive	O.	Y.	Total
Cerro Pendon	4	9	13
Holden's Wall	7	17	24
Ram Rock (Prado Reguero)	9	28	37
Mountain )	15	73	88
Mountain Return )	<hr/> 35	<hr/> 127	<hr/> 162

Cold start. Sunny, dry. No wind.

162 sold @ 425 pts. = 68,850 pts.

JN's Bag

Drive	1	10
	2	23
	3	35
	4	20
	5	50

50 = 138 partridges with 319 shots.

Wages

Tractors	- 1 @ 6,000 = 6,000
Beaters/	
Flankers	- 27 @ 1,800 = 48,600
Vino 12 lts.	- 576 = 576
Misc.	- 100 = 100
Secretarios	- 4 @ 1,800 = 7,200
	<hr/> 62,476

"One of the best days of my life"

Mrs JN's Bag

46 partridges

20 January - Nombela

Joseph Nickerson  
Eugenie Nickerson

Partridges	251
Pigeons	1
Jays	1
Magpies	2

Cold start, dry mostly sunny. Gale from north.

<u>Drive</u>	<u>Total</u>
Madame's	30
Almond Trees	58
King's Last	47
Diana's	81
Tree Sawer	35
<u>Total:</u>	<u>251</u>
<u>o.</u>	<u>Y.</u>
73	178

251 sold @ 425 pts. = 106,675 pts.

JN's Bag

Drive 1	22
2	54
3	33
4	68
5	30

= 207 partridges with 341 shots,  
plus 1 pigeon, 1 jay, 2 magpies.

<u>Wages</u>	<u>pts</u>
Tractor	- 1 @ 6,000 = 6,000
Beaters/	
Flankers	- 26 @ 1,800 = 46,800
Vino 12 lts.	- 576 = 576
Misc.	- 100 = 100
Secretarios	- 4 @ 1,800 = 7,200
	<u>60,676</u>

"Wonderful day. Best I have ever had"

Mrs JN's Bag

44 partridges

21 January - Nombela - Half day

Joseph Nickerson  
Eugenie Nickerson

Partridges	175
Jays	3
Magpie	1

Cold start, dry mostly bright.

<u>Drive</u>	<u>o.</u>	<u>Y.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Madam's Benefit	15	37	52
Lowish Bird	14	39	53
Duo-super	10	60	70
	<u>39</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>175</u>

69 given away to locals;  
106 sold @ 425 pts. = 45,050 pts.

JN's Bag

Drive 1	15
2	40
3	40

= 95 partridges with 156 shots,  
plus 3 jays, 1 magpie

<u>Wages</u>	
Tractors	- 1 @ 6,000 = 6,000
Beaters/Flankers	- 1,800 = 43,200
Vino 12 lts	- 576 = 576
Misc.	- 100 = 100
Secretarios	- 4 @ 1,800 = 7,200
	<u>57,076</u>

Mrs JN's Bag

80 partridges

JN SHOOT COSTS - NOMBELA - JANUARY 1983

RECEIPTS Partridges Sold: 2,544 @ 425 pts. = 1,081,200 pts.

<u>EXPENSES</u>	1. Daily Beaters, Tractors etc.	pts 612,512
	2. Hotel Cazador	405,414
	3. Mirador - lunches	250,300
	4. Rubio - expenses and salary	140,363
	5. Manolo Abad - Land Rover	78,809
		<hr/> 1,487,398

DIFFERENCE - EXPENSES/RECEIPTS

406,198 pts.

TMG COMMENT: Hotel Cazador bills are not "shooting cost". Without these items (1), (3), (4), (5) above equal receipts.

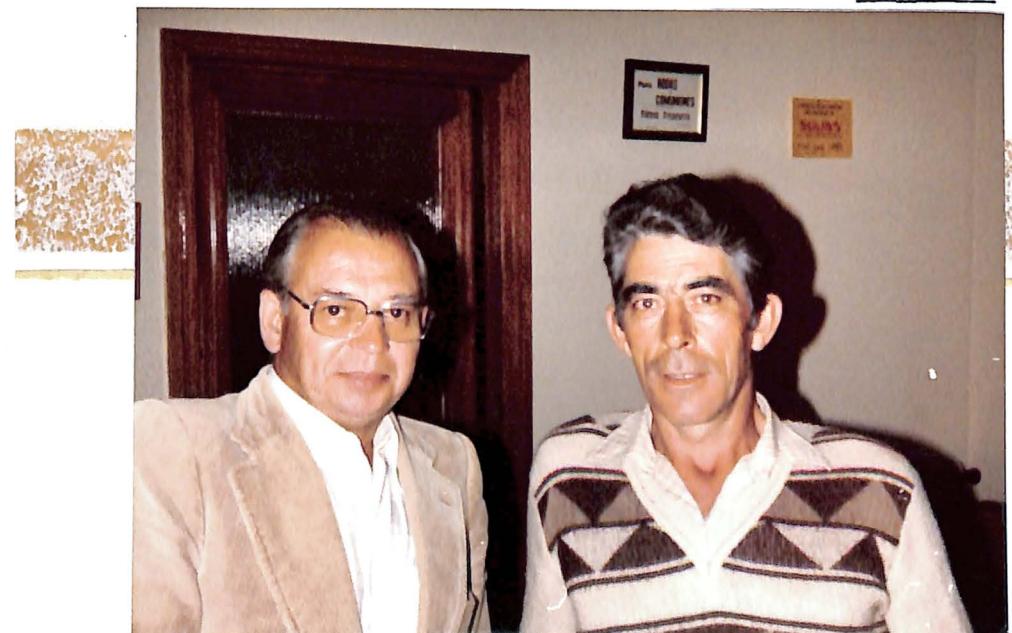
TIPS - SPAIN

	pts
Keepers - 6 x 5,000	30,000
Santos	15,000
Santiago	10,000
Domingo	5,000
Manolo	80,000
Hotel Staff: Reception - Felipe, Angel and Juan Pablo - 3,000 each	9,000
Handyman - Antonio	3,000
2 Chambermaids - 1,500 each	3,000
Chef (On reflection JN considered that this was not enough)	3,000
Waiters: Andreas - JN tipped personally at dinner	
2 Julios - 1,000 each	2,000
Alfredo	1,000
Mrs Nickerson tipped her Secretarios Emilio and Eulalio 5,000 each	10,000
Rosario - bottle Partridge Whiskey	
JN's Secretarios: Carlos - nil	
Other (name unknown)	5,000
Luis Rubio - 20 partridges	
	<hr/> 176,000

SPAIN

The following amounts were handed  
to Luis Rubio on departure:-

BLD	125,400
JN	80,000
	<hr/> 205,400



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Luis Rubio

Manolo

N O M B E L A ←

Costs & budget comparisons 82/83

Budget 83/84

As supplied by Tom Gullick  
4.2.83.

NOMBELA COSTS & BUDGET PARISONS 82/83, BUDGET 83/84

RST @ 28.12.82

ITEM	SPENT TO DATE	EST TO COME TO 31.1.82	TOTAL FINAL EST	ORIGINAL BUDGET	+ = UNDERS - = OVERS	REASONS FOR DIFFERENCE	DIFF TO ALLOW FOR 83/84	REASON	'000 PTAS	
									82/83	83/84 BUDGET
RENTS - BASIC (INCL DAMAGES)	7,200	-	7,200	7,186	-		120 LESS	Cx LARANA	7,080	
- SPECIAL FINCAS	1,114	-	1,114	1,114	-67	REBELS SETTLEMENT	=		1,114	
'REBELS'	653	-	653	-					60	
SANTIAGO ADMINISTRATION	100		100	70	-30	HOME WORK / GOOD POLITICS	=	-	100	
SHEPHERDS ETC RE POISON	80		80	80	=		=		80	
MAYOR - TOWN CLOCK	75		75	-	-75	FINISHING REBELS	N.A.		-	
CUOT TAX - LOCAL / STATE	151		151	150	-1		50 MORE?	NEW GOVT TAX?	225	(VERY 'GREY' AREA)
ACCIDENT INSURANCE	283		283	350	+67	BETTER POLICY	120 LESS	INFLATION	320	
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS	58		58	60	-2		15% INFL.		70	
PARTRIDGES SHOT @ P.40 MAYOR	256		256	240	-16	BETTER BAG	=	ALLOW AS	260	
→ " " → P.100 GUARDAS	640		600	600	-40	THAN EST?	82/83		640	
POISON	40		40	100	+60	OVER BUDGETED	REDUCE		50	
HORSES	30		30	35	+5		15% INFL		20	(DOWN TO ONE HORSE)
UNIFORMS	32		32	150	+118	OVER BUDGETED	=	NEW UNIFORM	100	
HATCHED NESTS 'BOUNTY'	70		70	-70	-70	ERROR. TG SHOULD			100	
PART RIDGE FEED	117		117	-	-117	HAVE ALLOWED	NEED TO BUDGET		100	
CUOT EMP. SOC SECURITY	193		3,919	3,868	-51	DIFF CAUSED BY NEW	15% INFLATION		4,600	
GUARDAS SALARIES	3,726		482	480	-2	GRIC. UNEMPLOYMENT			500	
— " — EXPENSES	682		53	-53	-	CONTRIBUTION - NO	N.A.		-	
BACK AGRICULTURAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX	53		148	240	+92	WARNING			216	
MISC ITEMS (INCL L. ROVER)	148		148	-	-	OVER BUDGETED	REDUCE		090	(MOTOR NEW GUARDAS)
T.M. GULLICK FEE	840		840	840	-		-		840	
— " — DIMAS EXPENSES	306		306	300	-6		15% INFLATION		350	
SUMMARY AND COMMENTS			15,960 @ P.185/f	15,863	-192	GA 1% ERROR			16,995 @ 200/f	(ca. 5% IN PTAS MORE THAN 82/83)
			ca. £86,270						ca. £85,000	(NEW FIGURES @ P.200/f GIVES BUDGET +/- = TO 82/83)
										(CAVEAT IS NEW GOVT TAXES ALDEA ENCABO NOT INCLUDED)
										T.M.G. 1.7.82

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TIPS LEFT BY GUESTSRigauds

	<u>pts</u>
Loaders - 4 x 3,300	13,200
Keepers - 2 x 2 x 4,000	16,000
Secretarios - 7 x 1,800	12,600
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	41,800
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Guerlains

Loaders - 2 x 3,300	6,600
Keepers - 2 x 2 x 4,000	16,000
Secretarios - 8 x 1,800	14,400
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	37,000
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Grand Total	78,800
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Senor Blanc

No loader	
Secretarios - 2 x 1,800	3,600
Keeper - 1 x 4,000	4,000
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	7,600
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Keepers - 2 x 4,000	8,000
Loaders - 2 x 3,300	6,600
Secretarios - 4 x 1,800	7,200
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	21,800
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Also left 2,000 pesetas for cartridges.

These amounts included in money handed to Luis Rubio.

NOTES FROM SPAIN21 January:

Drive - Madam's Benefit - Mrs JN killed 52.

Lowish Bird Drive - Mrs JN killed 17.

Duo Super Drive - Mrs JN killed 34.

Total = 93.

20 January:

Wonderful day, best day I have ever had. Cold gale from the north.

Madam's Drive - down wind, sky scrapers. Harsh angle calibre.

JN: 59 shots at 22 partridges.

Mrs JN: 48 shots at 12 partridges.

Almond Drive - down wind. JN: 84 shots; 54 birds.

The last drive we had when the King came to shoot.

Wonderful, very high.

JN: 69 shots; 33 birds.

Diana's Drive - shot like a tiger, better than I have ever done. 88 shots; 56 birds.

3 soarers and wind turned to them.

? Other Drive - not quite as good birds. 47 shots; 30 birds. We met at Santos' house at 9.20 and the beaters finished at 4.30.

125½ brace; 2 guns.

J.N.'s Notes - Nombela - January 1983

We are shooting in La Raña, just Eugenia and me on 18 January, Tuesday. Beautiful morning and we started off at Casa Navara with a new drive, I'm next to some trees where Holden has been filming, some of the highest partridge I have ever shot in my life. I claimed 20 dead without the long ones and we picked 25 with 48 shots and I missed a jay. I had the full-choke 75/75% barrels and got a lot of rights and lefts on very, very good birds indeed - I was extraordinarily pleased. Missed a few on my right, wide-ish and I'm going to have another butt there, that is a perfect drive for 2 guns. Jennie was on the left and fired 18 shots.

The second drive, the one below the Casa Navara, we obviously were taking the same birds forward - I'm not very keen on that, it was a pretty poor drive, too wide a front to drive them over 2 guns, one bird was extremely high, some were good swingers - they weren't bad, they were what I call regular birds, but not a big lot of them. I had 16 dead and we had 30 altogether for the drive - that makes 30 brace in two drives.

It is important when we have only 2 guns that we go to places where you can drive 2 guns and we have got 3 days to come this week and we shall just pick out drives even if we have to do a lot of motoring where we can do that.

The third drive is the Toucat Ravine Drive and very interesting. Difficult birds there, they come at you very quickly, very little time. I managed to kill two partridges with one shot, don't often do that with these red-legged partridges and I killed a jay, I was pleased about that.

I think January 19th 1983 was perhaps one of the best days of my life, was perhaps the best day of my life, it was remarkable - the location, the scenery, the most beautiful mountains - with my wife, just the two of us shooting. The air was fresh, people who shoot will know what that means. There was no, absolutely no trace of humidity, it was so dry that the birds had a powerful lift and the first drive over the cliff, we had driven it the week before I admit, but we blanked a nice lot of ground in to get them on to this high hill - high slope. They really came over there, there were literally a lot of them and if I say it I mean it, I mean out of range. It was absolutely terrific, unbelievable.

Then we further up the road to the mountains proper and the first drive made a butt behind the wall somewhere there to the left of where Lord Forte stood I remember, call that the Holden Wall, then the birds came there superbly. That is the most shooting I have ever had there. There is no doubt that shooting these mountains once over as we have done last year and the year before, only once over with a small line each time and this year we shot them, this is the second time over, but the first time over there was just my wife and I and young Jennie and this has preserved the birds without any doubt, there is a big stock there. Loosing height and very fit, they are not over-fed, they just came like rockets, really so fast that they were swooping like falcons nearly. Quite a flight of birds on my left, there was room for another gun left-handed at Holden Wall, they would have had a nice shoot. They wouldn't have got the high birds that my wife and I had, not quite so high on the left.

Then we had a long walk down to what I now call the Ram Rock Drive, it only takes about 16 or 17 minutes to walk leisurely down there and about the same to come back, a little more because it's up hill. I surveyed the route with Holden and Joe Woodcock and we can put a track down in there, it can be done be hand to lift the rocks out, a couple of stone walls removed and laid across the bottom and I want Gullick to do this, to supervise that this is done. The two walls are taken down and laid across so we can get a Landrover through and then we shall have to put a couple of cheap gate type things so the goats can drive up the double - between the double walls. There is no problem, we can get almost to the drive, might have someone there who is not very well and I would like this job doing.

Incidentally, Santos and the other keepers were trying to kid me on that a partridge had been killed by an eagle, but I knew by how the feathers were, of course every picture tells a story to someone that is interested. I knew it was a ridiculous statement and I told them so. First of all, the eagle wouldn't have... if it had killed the bird there which it hadn't done by the feathers, it wouldn't have eaten it there, it would have carried it away to a barer place, too near the road and too confined a place. This is just for interest - don't tell Gullick all this lot, the only thing you have got to tell Gullick is to get this road made during the next month, please while its fresh in their mind.

For drive

For day

For visit

Date	No. of Drive	Shots	Parts	Shots /Kill	Other			Cum. Total Shots	Cum. Total Parts	Cum. Total Other			Grand Cum. Total	Cum. Total Shots	Cum. Total Parts	Cum. Total Other			Grand Cum. Total	
					Pig.	Jay	Mag.			Pig.	Jay	Mag.				Pig.	Jay	Mag.		
12.1.83	1	52	37	1.4	1			52	37				151	218	150				151	
	2	38	26	1.4				90	63											
	3	34	24	1.6				124	87											
	4	63	47	1.3				187	134											
	5	31	16	1.9				218	150											
13.1.83	1	45	27	1.6	1			45	27				2	121	443				272	
	2	32	20	1.6				77	47											
	3	53	31	1.7				130	78											
	4	46	12	3.8				176	90											
	5	49	25	1.9				225	115											
15.1.83	1	40	25	1.6				40	25				1	126	659	388	7	3	398	
	2	52	29	1.7				92	54											
	3	52	30	1.7				144	84											
	4	54	30	1.8				198	114											
	5	18	9	2.0				216	123											
16.1.83	1	121	73	1.6	2			121	73				2	180	956	566	7	5	578	
	2	44	26	1.6				165	99											
	3	78	39	2.0				243	138											
	4	12	9	1.3				255	147											
	5	42	31	1.3				297	178											
18.1.83	1	50	25	2.0	1			50	25				2	144	1257	708	7	2	5	722
	2	37	17	2.1				87	42											
	3	28	23	1.2				115	65											
	4	56	21	2.6				171	86											
	5	29	15	1.9				200	101											
	6	101	41	2.4				301	142											
19.1.83	1	47	10	4.7				47	10				2	138	1576	846	7	2	5	860
	2	55	23	2.3				102	33											
	3	69	35	1.9				171	68											
	4	60	20	3.0				231	88											
	5	88	50	1.7				319	138											

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## NOMBELA - Continued..

For drive

For day

For visit

Date	No. of Drive	Shots	Parts	Shots /Kill	Other			Cum. Total	Cum. Total	Cum. Total			Grand Cum.	Cum. Total	Cum. Total	Cum. Total		
					Pig.	Jay	Mag.	Shots	Parts	Pig.	Jay	Mag.	Total	Shots	Parts	Pig.	Jay	Mag.
20.1.83	1	58	22	2.6	1	1	1	58	22	1	1	2	211	1917	1053	8	3	7
	2	84	54	1.5				142	76									
	3	69	33	2.0				211	109									
	4	81	68	1.1				292	177									
	5	49	30	1.6				341	207									
21.1.83		1	25	15	1.6	3	1	25	15	3	1	99	2073	1148	8	6	8	1170
$\frac{1}{2}$ -day		2	60	40	1.5			85	55									
TOTALS 7½ days		39	71	40	1.7			156	95									
Drives					1.8								2073	1148	8	6	8	1170

## SUMMARY OF JN'S SHOOTING IN SPAIN 1982/83 SEASON

15½ days at Nombela 2460 partridges with 4278 shots

+ 12 pigeons  
13 jays  
37 magpies  
1 pheasant

Average partridge bag/day: 159  
Average shots/ partridge kill Nombela 1.7 with  
470 shots

2523

2½ days at Los Quintos

323 partridges  
107 mallard  
2 teal

Average shots/partridge kill Los Quintos 1.5

432

2 days at Gueda

186 partridges  
1 magpie

Average shots/partridge kill Gueda 1.6

187

<u>22 January</u>	Rothwell Ram - Evening Flight	5 Mallard 10 Teal
<u>24 January</u>	Rothwell - 5 drives	75 pheasants 163 shots
JN shot half a day only.		
<u>25 January</u>	Rothwell - 6 drives	210 pheasants 2 mallard 2 hares 1 rabbit 418 shots 1 pigeon 216 head
<u>27 January</u>	Rothwell - 7 drives	164 pheasants 264 shots
<u>29 January</u>	Rothwell - 7 drives	118 pheasants 209 shots



24th/25th January



Keeper's Day

31st January

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1983JN'S PERSONAL BAG - 1982/83 SEASONUNITED KINGDOM

Grouse	3,012
Black Game	1
Pheasant	4,620
Partridge	174
Snipe	35
Woodcock	43
Curlew	7
Golden Plover	3
Bar-tailed Godwit	2
Sharp billed Duck	1
Waterhen	17
Coot	1
Black-backed Gull	1
Redshank	1
Mallard	334
Teal	256
Wigeon	16
Tufted	11
Pintail	1
Goldeneye	1
Pigeon	34
Collared Dove	4
Jay	1
Hare	29
Rabbit	7
<u>TOTAL BAG</u>	<u>8,612</u>

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## JN'S PERSONAL BAG - 1982/83 SEASON - Continued

SPAIN

Partridge	2,966	2966
Pheasant	1	174
Mallard	107	<u>3140</u>
Teal	2	Fastard g.
Magpie	19	3012
Jay	13	Grouse
Pigeon	12	4621
TOTAL BAG	<u>3,120</u>	<u>10773</u>

FRANCE

Mallard	195	
Teal	1	
Shoveller	4	
Pintail	3	
Pochard	1	
Magpie	1	
TOTAL BAG	<u>205</u>	

HOLLAND

Nil

GRAND TOTAL BAG 11,937Webfoot Total 932

TEAL

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GROUSE BAG - SPLIT BETWEEN THE MOORS

Wemmergill	1,799
Holwick	778
Stublick	322
Stean	113

Partridges UK

North Ormsby	166
Rothwell	1
As Guest	7

Pheasants UK

Rothwell	2,708
Tealby	414
Stainton-le-Vale	469
Read's Island	16
North Ormsby	761
As guest	252

Partridges Spain

Nombela	2,457
Los Quintos	323
Guedea	186



JN'S PERSONAL BAG - 1982/83 SEASONRothwell Ram

Mallard	132
Teal	37
Head:	<hr/>
	169

Atkin's Bog

Mallard	2
Teal	16
Head	<hr/>
	18

Hare's Pond

Mallard	11
Teal	3
Head:	<hr/>
	14

Tugdale Pond

Mallard	13
Teal	4
Head:	<hr/>
	17

Black Springs

Mallard	55
Tufted	11
Teal	1
Moorhens	2
Coot	1
Head:	<hr/>
	70

Rothwell Park

Mallard	7
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Tealby (evening flight)

Mallard	8
Sharp-billed Duck	1
Head:	<hr/>
	9

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Read's Island

Mallard	34
Teal	192
Wigeon	16
Pintail	1
Snipe	28
Golden Plover	3
Bar-tailed Godwit	2
Curlew	7
Redshank	1
Moorhens	5
Head:	269

South Hills

Pigeons	12
Collared Dove	1
Head:	13



J.N. with Joe Woodcock  
loading - Nombela 1982

1982/83 SEASON - Continued

SALE OF GAME

Pheasants sold to Franz Buitelar (through J Buckner, Cherry Valley) - Game Dealers of Wyberton, Boston made £2.30 a brace to November, £2.50 a brace from then to the end of December and £2.20 a brace for rest of season.

SALE OF GROUSE

Stean: Total grouse realised £778.

Prices: August - y; £1.30  
o; £0.75

Sept/ - y; £1.30 - £1.50  
Oct o; £0.50 - £0.65

Stublick: Total grouse realised £1844

Prices: August - y; £1.25 - £1.35  
o; £0.50 - £0.65

Sept/ - y; £1.40 - £1.50  
Oct o; £0.50 - £0.60

FEED

Chick crumbs were £195 per tonne, rearer food £177 per tonne and grower feed £190 per tonn.

The price of feed wheat varied from £120.60 per tonne in July 1982 to £117.75 per tonne in January 1983.

SHOOT STAFF - 1982/83 SEASON

Bill Jacob 1941 -  
Bob Johnson 1948 -

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. Plus the land purchased from Ormond, known as Cherry Top 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. Plus the land at Nettleton farmed by Mr Cooper Jnr.

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 Frankish Beat Bayons Manor Estate, Tealby.

KELSEY INC. CHERRY VALLEY

Frank Wolsey

STAINTON

Walter Tirrell

READ'S ISLAND

Brian Colyer

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, Nicky Lee-Shield

KEEPERS - ContinuedNOMBELA - SPAIN

Head Keeper (Guarda Mayor) :	Santos	(Age 50, at Nombela 20 years, beat La Heredad)
	Mario	(La Ronca 2 years, beat Los Trozos)
	Pedro <sup>PABLO</sup> X	(Age 64 at La Ronca 18 years, brother to Pablo and Tino, beat Los Prados)
	Jesus	(Age 37 years, at La Ronca 3 years, beat La Rana)
	Paco	(Age 50, at La Ronca 16 years, beat La Parilla)
	Tino	(Age 52 at La Ronca 16 years, 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  
Ben Jacob (brother to Bill)  
Benji Jacob ) Bill's sons  
Will Jacob )

Joe Woodcock (Dog handler, Rothwell)	Harry Hope
John Grave (formerly JN's Head Keeper, Wemmergill, now self-employed contractor)	Frank Coulthard

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)			

KEEPERS' WAGES

Farmacy, Garfoot, Hassall and Frankish each received £91.00 per week plus £5 for every shoot attended, plus £343 tips each.

Frank Wolsey received £91.00 per week and the Kelsey shoot tips, also £9 attendance on shoot days.

Joe Woodcock received £91.00 per week plus £5 attendance on shoot days and personal tips from JN.

Loaders pay was £10 per day.

Beaters pay: £9 per day over 16  
£6 per day under 16

Pickers up pay £10 per day

## J.N.'s Nombela Notes, January, continued

Also I want the partridges feeding for a month before we shoot the mountains each time, to concentrate the birds into that area into the drives so we don't have to walk them all in to it, they will be there already waiting to be driven over. Put a corn bin up there with a lock on and then in the middle of each feeding area and they just take their key up, unlock the bin and walk around and scatter a little bit for those partridges.

Ram Rock was a superb drive, I had 10 at the cliff and 20 at the Wall, Holden Wall and 31 at the Ram Rock, as good as you could ever wish to shoot. Then we had lunch outside, perched right on top of the mountain with a most beautiful view. We came round to Los Roscos in the afternoon, two mountain drives, one from the west and then a return from the east, standing in a different from we had ever stood before for the one from the east and these were remarkable drives. I had 20 from the west and 50 from the east, 50 exactly - 19 from the east and 50 exactly from the west, there are quite a lot of magpies up on that mountain.

A very happy, heavenly day which is too difficult to describe in words.

This is the 20 January, we are just at Nombela, just said good morning to Santos at 9.20, there is a really strong wind from the north, tremendous strong wind. We have had to drive the Olivera which is called Madam's Drive, we killed 50 brace there, the two of us and it is very, very windy indeed, very windy so it will be an interesting day. Trying to claim that we have left too many partridges tell Gullick and this is nothing short of ridiculous, we have killed over 6,000 partridges, that is almost one to the hectare and the situation is very simple, if I'm going to pay such a high rent, I must have a stock of partridges, if they don't want me to have so many partridges, then they must charge me a lower rent - it is very simple, but they can't be paid twice, they can't be paid a good rent, then I have to employ the gamekeepers to kill the partridges enemies so that I get enough to shoot, it is a tremendous expense that we have been put to and they can't have it twice, they can't have the rent and the damage I don't mind just a little contribution, but it is all ex gratia, this question of the damage. I don't know what is in the contract, I would like to be told.

I think it is important on this marvellous day we are having on the 20th, this good wind, we are now following the birds up, they are fresh birds every drive. The fourth drive was the Diana Drive, I was there next to her last time on Sunday actually, last Sunday this week, I shot 78 cartridges and killed 40 partridges. Today I fired 88 cartridges and picked up, repeat picked up 65 partridges which is exactly what I claimed, in fact we picked up three more than I claimed.

We must remember - Aide Memoir and also for Gullick - that the village shoot the rabbits on Thursdays and Sundays, so they often disturb the drives. Near Nombela they are no bother but in some of the outlying areas of the Nombela parish, they have a few people out rabbiting on Thursdays, just worth knowing, they have not caused a lot of trouble. The last drive tonight, Domingo said we should have killed more partridges if they hadn't been rabbiting and also there are quite a lot of sheep in there, but today we have been following the wind, just slipping in and not having the same lot of birds twice, but down wind drives ad hoc because of the strong wind that there was and not a set day. We have been on three different days of the shoot in one day.

My wife and I have averaged over 100 brace a day, just over for the three days that we have shot together just the two of us and I told Santos that if he picks me out three good drives and we have three good drives in the morning tomorrow that we won't shoot in the afternoon, the men will get paid for the day and get the afternoon off, so I said you will be to blame if they don't get the afternoon off, plenty of time tonight to think it out. His eyes lit up, I tell you.

I have got my 3,000 grouse and my 3,000 partridges - 3,040 grouse and I got 3,040-something partridges tonight - that is in 59 days out. One day was foggy when we didn't shoot at all with the grouse, but that includes every day that we have been out - half-days, walking days for the Springer, small days etc.

These mountain partridges in January, if they see you, if they see one of the secretarios, they just turn like nobodys' business and they really are great fun.

We have had an absolutely splendid season and I really have enjoyed myself, we have shot 15½ days - 3½ have only been with 2 guns on this trip and we had two or three days last trip with just 2 guns. We have left a good stock of birds, we have left more than we did last year I am sure.

Just a note for me, prior to my coming God Willing, the next time - it is very important to pull the trigger quickly with these Spanish partridges. When they are a long way off out of range you can kill them, providing you really get far enough ahead and give a really good swing. I'm sure that a lot of them are missed behind on ... but not on these real windy days, these tremendous windy days of course, you know you have got to try and you know you have got to swing and you do swing and they come down like cricket balls. On a normal day they don't try hard enough, must swing and it is the same with a pigeon that is out of range, you have got to get into the daylight, into the sky ahead of it and keep swinging into the sky. Doesn't want to be anywhere near the bird at all. Talking about out of range stuff. Not only do you want ... you don't want to intercept by putting the charge into the sky ahead of it, you want to do that, but in addition you want the gun swinging into the sky in front of it at the same time, and that is really the secret.

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## N O M B E L A - J A N U A R Y 1 9 8 3

Date/ Weather	Names of Guns	No. & Names of Drives	Partridges/Drive					Total parts/ day (picked)	Cum. Part. Bag	Other/day			Total Bag	Cum. Total Bag
			Claimed	Picked o. y.	Total	Cum. Total	Pig.			Jay	Mag.			
12.1.83 Cold start. Dry	Mme J-P Guerlain M. J-P Guerlain Mme M Rigaud M. M Rigaud Mrs JN Mr JN	1. La Heredad 2. El Termino Moon Country 3. New Line 4. La Roca Rio Alberche 5. Acantilado		28 29 37 53 14	75 50 83 92 77	103 182 302 447 91	538	538	538	1		539	539	
13.1.83 Cold start. Dry.	(As 12th)	1. Los Trozos Cerro Pendon 2. King's Lunch 3. King's Lunch 4. King's Last 5. Vega del Gallego		36 11 19 14	84 57 110 65	120 68 129 79	503	503	1041	4	2	509	1048	
15.1.83 Cold, sunny, dry. No wind	Sr. J M Blanc Mr I R Yates Mrs JN Mr JN	1. Tomato 2. 200 River 3. Surprise 4. Sr Blanc 5. Jay Trees		24 37 70 21 7	54 74 87 95 31	78 111 157 116 38	500	500	1541	2	1	503	1551	

% Partridges picked: 12.1.83

o: 30%  
y: 70%

13.1.83

o: 24%  
y: 76%

15.1.83

o: 32%  
y: 68%

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## N O M B E L A - J A N U A R Y 1 9 8 3

Date/ Weather	Names of Guns	No. & Names of Drives	Partridges/Drive				Total parts/ day (picked)	Cum. Part. Bag	Other/day			Total Bag	Cum. Total Bag	
			Claimed	Picked	o. y.	Total			Pig.	Jay	Mag.			
12.1.83 Cold start. Dry	Mme J-P Guerlain M. J-P Guerlain Mme M Rigaud M. M Rigaud Mrs JN Mr JN	1. La Heredad 2. El Termino Moon Country 3. New Line 4. La Roca Rio Alberche 5. Acantilado			28 29 37 53 14	75 50 83 92 77	103 182 302 447 91	103 538	538	1		539	539	
			(Total)	573	161	377								
13.1.83 Cold start. Dry.	(As 12th)	1. Los Trozos Cerro Pendon 2. King's Lunch 3. King's Lunch 4. King's Last 5. Vega del Gallego			36 11 19 14	84 57 110 65	120 68 129 79	120 188 317 396						
			(Total)	545	121	382			503	1041	4	2	509	1048
15.1.83 Cold, sunny, dry. No wind	Sr. J M Blanc Mr I R Yates Mrs JN Mr JN	1. Tomato 2. 200 River 3. Surprise 4. Sr Blanc 5. Jay Trees			24 37 70 21 7	54 74 87 95 31	78 111 157 116 38	78 189 346 462 500	500	1541	2	1	503	1551
				159	341									

% Partridges picked: 12.1.83

o: 30%  
y: 70%

13.1.83

o: 24%  
y: 76%

15.1.83

o: 32%  
y: 68%

## NOMBELA - JANUARY 1983 Continued...

Date/ Weather	Names of Guns	No. & Names of Drives	Partridges/Drive				Total parts/ day (picked)	Cum. Part. Bag	Other/day			Total Bag	Cum. Total Bag	
			Claimed o.	Picked y.	Total	Cum. Total			Pig.	Jay	Mag.			
20.1.83 Cold start. Dry mostly sunny. Gale from north	Mrs JN Mr JN	1. Madame's 2. Almond Trees 3. King's Last 4. Diana 5. Tree Sawer			30 58 47 81 35	30 58 135 216 251		2472	1	1	2	255	2490	
				(Total)	73	178								
21.1.83 ½ day Cold & bright	Mrs JN Mr JN	1. Madame's Benefit 2. Lowish Bird 3. Duo-super			15 14 10 39	37 39 60 136	52 53 70	52 105 175	175	2647	3	1	179	2669
TOTALS 7½ days	27 guns days	39 drives			746	1901				Total Parts	8	6	8	Total Bag 2669

% Partridges picked: 16.1.83 18.1.83 19.1.83 20.1.83 21.1.83 Total % for Visit: o: 28%  
 o: 31% o: 30% o: 22% o: 29% o: 22% y: 72%  
 y: 69% y: 70% y: 78% y: 71% y: 78%

SUMMARY OF NOMBELA SHOOTS 1982/3 SEASON: 15½ days, 71 gun days, 79 drives

Partridges	6407	Total bag: 6470
Pigeons	12	Average daily partridge bag: 417
Jays	13	
Magpies	37	
Pheasant	1	



Mr. & Mrs. J.N. at  
Nombela 1982.

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GATCOMBE PARK,  
MINCHINHAMPTON,  
STROUD, GLCS.

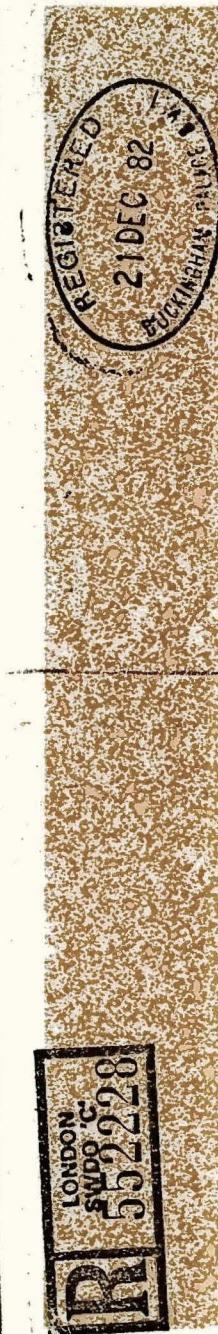
Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mrs. Nickeson,

Thank you so much for two very comfortable and relaxing days at Rothwell. After the dreadful fog on the day we drove up we really were very lucky with the weather.

I hope you didn't mind my dashing off to try a horse, but I do find it very difficult to go and look at horses as I never seem to have time to be in the right area.

However, there is a lot of 'dealing'



Mrs T. Nickeson  
Rothwell House  
Cotswold  
Gloucestershire

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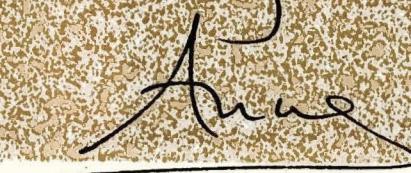
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to be done yet, so I can't say whether it was a successful morning or not!

My dogs were relieved to find they didn't have quite so much to do the next day, but they worked hard for the birds they picked, which was good for them. They were beginning to get spoilt.

Again, many thanks for your kindness and hospitality.

Yours sincerely,

Anne



## Mystery over Anne's visit

6/1/83  
Evening  
Trib

6/1/83

MYSTERY surrounds a Royal visit to North Lincolnshire, which is said to have led to Princess Anne's Range-Rover being stranded on a lonely country road.

There has been no official confirmation that the visit actually took place, but it is understood that Princess Anne was in the area last month visiting friends.

During the visit, her blue Range-Rover reportedly suffered a puncture on the Caistor to Riby road, near Riby chalk quarry.

A local farmer today insisted that he saw the vehicle at the roadside.

"Another car had been following behind and stopped to give help," he said.

The farmer, who didn't wish to be named, said the incident happened "four or six weeks ago."

### Mark shooting

Another farmer in the Riby area commented: "That's stale news. It happened three weeks ago."

It is understood that Princess Anne may have been visiting friends while her husband, Captain Mark Phillips, was shooting on a North Lincolnshire farm.

At the time, she is believed to have been accompanied by her personal detective.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said she had no knowledge of the incident. "If it was a private visit, then we would have no information," she said.

Members of the Royal Family are automatically covered by both the Automobile Association and the Royal Automobile Club, but neither organisation was called out.

<u>12 November</u>	Read's Island - West End Evening Flight	18 teal (13 cocks, 2 hens picked) 6 wigeon (2 picked) 14 mallard (8 drakes, 4 ducks picked)
<u>13 November</u>	Rothwell - 8 drives	136 pheasants 1 partridge 2 woodcock 2 hares 1 pigeon 142 head
Never seen pheasants fly so well by 13 November and with fully grown tails. Town Hill - 9 woodcock, did not get a fair chance at one. Roman Holes - 12 woodcock, 9 picked up. Splendid day in my opinion.		
<u>15 November</u>		
<u>16 November</u>		
<u>17 November</u>		
<u>18 November</u>		
<u>19 November</u>		
<u>20 November</u>		
140 pheasants, a moorhen and a rabbit was the bag for Saturday. It was sunshine, a fine and bright day. Fresh south west wind and we shot Robert's Wood over to northwards and Tealby Brazil Wood, Cabourne Artichokes, Bogle Hill, 20 Acre Kale, Badger Top sugar beet, Diana Wood - finished in good time; beautiful day. JSD broke his record - this afternoon he shot like a tiger.		
<u>22 November</u>	Worlaby - 6 drives	53 pheasants 3 woodcock 99 shots 56 head
<u>23 November</u>	Otby - 7 drives	42 pheasants 7 partridge 94 shots 49 head
<u>24 November</u>	North Ormsby - 7 drives	168 pheasants 3 woodcock 5 mallard 308 shots 176 head
<u>25 November</u>	North Ormsby - 7 drives	164 pheasants 1 mallard 1 woodcock 1 pigeon 2 hares 169 head 270 shots

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27 NovemberGuedea - Landaluce, - 3 drives  
Spain97 partridge  
1 magpie 156 shots

Invitation from S M El Rey Juan Carlos I - Senor Blanc's shoot. Only 3 drives because of strong wind, snow and rain.

28 NovemberGuedea - Landaluce, - 4 drives  
Spain

89 partridge 135 shots

S.M.: COLOCACION ALTERNADA PARA 12 ESCOPETAS												27 Nov. 1982
1	1	12	2	11	3	10	4	9	5	8	6	7
2	2	1	3	12	4	11	5	10	6	9	7	8
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11	11	10	12	9	1	8	2	7	3	6	4	5
12	12	11	1	10	2	9	3	8	4	7	5	6

Nov 82

at Landaluce in guest of H. Y. Kerr

S.M. 88

Primero Grupo

Segundo Grupo

Tercero Grupo

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1 December

Tealby - 6 drives

200 pheasants  
4 woodcock  
2 pigeons 277 shots  
1 collared dove 207 head2 December

Rothwell - 5 drives

421 pheasants  
1 woodcock 576 shots  
1 collared dove 423 head3 December

Stainton-le-Vale - 6 drives

115 pheasants  
4 pigeons  
1 woodcock  
1 waterhen  
1 rabbit  
1 hare 123 head4 December

Rothwell - 7 drives

254 pheasants

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GATCOMBE PARK,  
MINCHINHAMPTON,  
STROUD, GLOS16<sup>th</sup> December 1982

Dear So,

I'm afraid this is rather a belated  
thank you for once again forcing me  
to shoot at Rottwell. It is indeed a  
unique experience and one that I feel  
very privileged to have witnessed. If I  
can ever match the organisation and quality  
I will die a proud man. All I can  
do is to say how much I  
appreciate and enjoy shooting with you.

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both and to thank you very much indeed.

I'm so sorry that once again I cannot join you in Spain. It seems as though I'm doomed never to come! What makes it doubly sad is that it is the weekend which we are shooting at Gatcombe so you will be away. Still I suppose it's a good thing that we can't do all the things we want to every year - it leaves us a bit of appetite for next year!

Anyway thank you again for the fantastic day. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely  
Peter Nash

<u>22 September</u>	Wemmergill - 6 drives	68 grouse with 119 shots
<u>23 September</u>	Wemmergill - 6 drives	72 grouse with 129 shots
<u>24 September</u>	Holwick - 4 drives	59 grouse with 95 shots 1 snipe

46 brace at lunch.

Blaebek - JN second from right. Shot a super snipe and shot well.

Black Arc from Lair - Commander Torbuck on my left all day - grand old boy, 80 years old, slow but sure.

Crookers from east - Turnbull shot across me all these first three drives.

Nickle Hoppel down - rained so hard. I was top gun in second butt down, had 3 x 4's

<u>25 September</u>	Wemmergill - 6 drives	36 grouse with 61 shots
<u>27 September</u>	Holwick - 6 drives	29 grouse with 75 shots
<u>28 September</u>	Holwick - 5 drives	39 grouse with 95 shots
<u>29 September</u>	Wemmergill - 6 drives	47 grouse with 75 shots

Lovely weather but a beastly south wind again. This a day when S & K claims rightly all staff - as it is his reserved day. So I collected Stean keeper and Stublick keeper and keepers plus Harry Hope, Fawcett, Robson etc., and we ran two sets. Everyone tried hard and succeeded. I was on right butt: second butt. At Derek Young's Wall - enjoyed this drive. I had 10 birds and line 18 brace.

<u>30 September</u>	Rothwell Ram - Evening Flight	47 Mallard
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Shooting 6.40-7.45. 44 picked up which equals previous record for this type of pond set up in 1945 the year I made the pond when Father Jacob looked after it for me. Joe Woodcock loaded.

<u>1 October</u>	Read's Island	31 Teal 1 Mallard
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Visit to Read's Island - 1 October 1982.

Joe Woodcock loading. High tide at 19.00. We met Alan Smith and we got at the creek and landed at 4.45 - 2½ hours before high water I was ashore on the Island on the Upper Creek. That is the result of some very good sluicing out by Colyer. He was over earlier. I have sanctioned the capital for the landing stage to be made up so that we can get on at different levels of the tide at the southern entrance to the creek.

At 5.05 we were down at Sam's Pond fully installed. Mrs Colyer was so kind - she met the sledge with some freshly made scones and a flask of tea and some brown bread and butter, it was very kind of her.

This is a new butt or hide that I have had built between the two existing ones - more central and tonight was the first night it had been shot.

As we approached Sam's Pond, 60 teal fell down in one plunge and about 12 mallard. 5.14 - teal came in. Strong wind now. I didn't score - they were twisting about and I did not score at all. I missed the 3 teal which came in and I ought to have had certainly one. The wind is quite strong now and they are going like butterflies. I hit a bird which was wide and is down on the marsh. 3 curlews came and welted the whistle but of course they were taken off the shooting schedule with effect from 28 September - 3 days ago. I killed a single bird. 5.19 - a single teal paid the penalty. 5.20 - single teal first barrel - longish shot. 3 teal came in at 5.40 and I killed one and missed the second shot. They rose into the wind, tremendous speed, beautiful.

5.45 - killed 2 teal and missed a teal. It is now 5.56 with 6 dead and 2 on the out marsh dragged down - the last one was not a miss, it was a drag down - the second drag down. Only 6 dead. 6.03 - I have not had another shot at anything - have not fired a single shot since I last noted. Plenty of sea gulls flying over. 6.15 - had a long wait. One teal came. 6.15 - one came and paid the penalty. 6.16 - another came, I had to have three shots at the little beauty. It went up like a sky rocket - a really difficult hit.

A lot of Martins flitting about very low down the side of the bank. There must be a hatch there and one of the kestrels is hovering around and a heron has flown across. 6.30 - a single teal paid the penalty. 6.49 - short eared owl barely took our hats off - had not had a shot. Very slow now. It was high water at 7.00 with quite a breeze and nothing moving here. Just shot another teal at 6.55 and the moon is just coming up over Barton Cliff - absolutely lovely just over the top of the bank and the line of cloud across it is just like a stripe - it looks like a huge sandwich - most beautiful.

7.07 - we have now killed 15 teal - we have not missed the last 4 or 5. 7.12 - it is quite dark really now - it is dark early. Lot of fun in this last 7 or 8 minutes. Have not had a clean miss, only those two to start with. Finished shooting at 7.30 and have 29 teal down close to me and one I think is a mallard which makes 30 and 2 teal on the marsh. 31 teal and 1 mallard is the bag.

<u>2 October</u>	North Ormsby - 4 drives	42 partridge 3 pheasants 1 hare 75 shots
<u>4 October</u>	Holwick - 6 drives	53 grouse with 107 shots
82 birds at lunch.		
<u>5 October</u>	Wemmergill - 5 drives	97 grouse with 130 shots
139 birds at lunch.		
<u>6 October</u>	Wemmergill - 3 drives	29 grouse
26 birds at lunch. 2 on first drive; 8 on second drive ; 19 on third drive.		
<u>7 October</u>	Wemmergill - 6 drives	44 grouse with 66 shots
<u>9 October</u>	North Ormsby - 7 drives	70 partridge 18 mallard 7 hares 1 pigeon
		<u>Head:</u> 96
<u>9 October</u>	Hare's Pond - Evening Flight	11 mallard 3 teal
		<u>Head:</u> 14
<u>11 October</u>	Stublick - 5 drives	35 grouse with 45 shots
<u>12 October</u>	Wemmergill - cancelled due to fog.	

<u>13 October</u>	Wemmergill - 6 drives	61 grouse with 119 shots
		At lunch: 48 birds
<u>14 October</u>	Wemmergill - 5 drives	36 grouse with 81 shots
<u>15 October</u>	Rothwell Ram - Evening Flight	15 mallard 1 teal 16 head
<u>16 October</u>	North Ormsby - 9 drives	27 partridge 26 mallard 1 54 head
	Black Springs - Evening Flight	21 mallard 10 tufted 1 teal 32 head
<u>17 October</u>	Read's Island - Magazine Field John's Pond	65 teal 5 mallard 8 wigeon 25 snipe 103 head
<u>18 October</u>	Rothwell - 5 drives	32 pheasants 5 mallard 1 waterhen 38 head
	Atkin's Bog - Evening Flight	16 teal 2 mallard 18 head
<u>19 October</u>	North Ormsby - 9 drives	27 partridge 2 pheasants 2 mallard 6 hares 1 pigeon 38 head

Web Feet shot by JN 1982 Season up to and including 19 October 1982

Read's Island:

182 teal (including 3 shot 14 February 1982)  
13 mallard (including 2 shot 14 February 1982)  
1 goldeneye (shot 14 February 1982)  
1 pintail  
8 wigeon

Head: 205

Rothwell Ponds:

150 mallard  
25 teal  
11 tufted

Head: 186

Cont/d...



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North Ormsby: 46 mallard

Total:  
207 teal  
209 mallard  
1 goldeneye  
1 pintail  
8 wigeon  
11 tufted

Head: 437 (including 6 shot in February 1982)

Plus:

Grand Lieu: 188 mallard  
3 shoveller  
5 gadwall  
5 pochard

Head: 201 (plus one magpie)

Total Web Feet: 638

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NOMBELA

Friday 22 October 1982 - Nombela

Lord Forte  
The Hon Rocco Forte  
M. Guerlain  
Mme. Guerlain  
Robert Nickerson  
Joseph Nickerson  
Eugenie Nickerson

Partridges 692

Cool start with some rain. Sunny later.



Drive	O.	Y.	Total
Lantera	34	111	145
Los Pinos	26	20	46
Los Caleros	68	115	183
Los Trozos I	63	97	160
Los Trozos II	68	90	158
	—	—	—
	259	433	692

7 giveaways, 4 damaged, 681 sold @ 416 pts.  
each = 283.296 pts.

<u>Wages</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Tractors - 2 @ 6,000	= 12,000
Land Rovers - 2 @ 6,000	= 12,000

Beaters/Flankers: 37

Wine for above: 24 litres

Secretarios and Cargadores paid by JN (1,800 pts., 2,300 pts.)

JN's Bag

Drive 1	17
2	27
3	37
4	31
5	32 = 144 with 290 shots, plus 20 magpies.

(Claimed- JP: 160; Christiane: 72;  
Eugenie: 72; RJD: 72; JN: 144;  
Charles: 70; Rocco: 120)





Saturday 23 October - Nombela

Lord Forte  
 The Hon Rocco Forte  
 The Rt Hon The Earl of Strathmore  
 M. Guerlain  
 Mme. Guerlain  
 Robert Nickerson  
 Joseph Nickerson  
 Eugenie Nickerson

Partridges 618

Dry, sunny with occasional breeze.

<u>Drive</u>	<u>O.</u>	<u>Y.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Baranco la Naya	32	121	153
Las Postoras	43	82	125
Prado Montores	31	69	100
Rio Seco	49	71	120
	47	73	120
	<hr/> 202	<hr/> 416	<hr/> 618

3 damaged, 615 sold @ 416 pts. = 255.840 pts.

Wages/Staff

As 22 October.

JN's Bag: 121 partridges 241 shots  
 2 magpies  
 1 pigeon

Monday 25 October - Nombela

Sr. Ramon Meco  
 Robert Nickerson  
 Louise Nickerson  
 Rosemarie Nickerson  
 Eugenie Nickerson  
 Joseph Nickerson

Partridges 491

Dry and sunny

5 Drives

70 giveaways

JN's Bag: 204 partridges 295 shots  
 1 jay  
 1 magpie  
 1 pigeon

486 sold at 416 pts = 185.336

Wages/Staff

Tractors x 2 @ 6,000 pts = 12.000  
 Land Rover 1 @ 6,000 pts = 6.000  
 Man/donkey 1 @ 1,800 pts = 1.800  
 Baswa Guia 1 @ 1,800 pts = 1.800  
 (Gen. help)  
 Beaters/flankers 35 @ 1,800 pts = 63.000  
 Secretarios 10 @ 1,800 pts = 18.000  
 Wine 24 litres 1.152  
 Cargadaires 3 @ 3.300 pts = 9.900

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## Read's Island - Cont/d..

At each place would you put some heaps of grit, it can be quite ordinary gravel washings the right size and get them carted out on the tractor and leave one or two sacks there and throw it out so the pheasants eat it. You want some bins making out of these oil barrels, stack them four bricks off the ground and go round from one bin to the other and feed these pheasants. I think the policy on the Island ought to be just to shoot the cocks and we could soon get some pheasants then.

I definitely think we ought to get the deer fence on the centre enclosure of the Island, that is the house area. We will buy some red deer and put a few inside that enclosure for an experiment to see how they do. It will be something interesting for the people that are concerned with the Island to have a few red deer about.

Read's Island Duck Count - 1/9/82

West End - Monday 30 August - 4.30 6.30 p.m.

Weather conditions : Heavy rain and thunder, fairly windy.

1st duck	4.30	1
	4.35	10
	40	8-1-13-1-15
	45	20-13-21-22-1
	50	2-1-3-14-1-1
	55	4-1-3-3-1-2-9-2-3
	5.00	3-1-17-6-3-2-5-2-2
	05	2-4-1-2-1-2-3-2
	10	8-12-4-6-9-11-3-2-4-3-4
	15	1-2-1-1-9
	20	4-5-1-4-1
	25	5-1-3-3
	30	4-2-3-1
	35	7-4-4
	40	1-2
	50	3-1-1-1
	55	1-6-7-3-1
	6.05	2-2-3-1
	10	3-1-1-7
	15	8-7-7-2
	25	14-3-9-11-1
	30	3-2-4

Total 462

12 September

Black Springs - Evening Flight

22 Mallard  
1 Tufted  
2 Waterhens  
1 Coot

Billy loading. No wind. Stuffed on pond. Could not and did not fly.

13 September

Rookery Pond

7 Mallard

Excise of Grey Fishermen Chasers eluded us. Benjy slew one next day.

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14 September

Hare's Pond - Evening Flight

13 Mallard  
4 Teal

Wonderful evening, looked round barley drilling before flight. Dust blowing behind hills. Seed beds really firm after new pressure harrows and spiked rolls - super!!!

15 September

Read's Island

30 Teal  
3 Mallard  
5 Curlew  
2 Snipe  
1 Redshank  
1 Bartaile Godwit

Woodcock loading. Crossed at 3.30 (H.W. 6.0 p.m.). Dashed to my hide, had good fun on flood tide - 9 head. Then to Sam's - teal came well and regularly from 5.30 - 5.50 and then in dribs and drabs. Enjoyed myself and shot some delightful pairs right and left. Wind dropped to nothing. Stayed night but as fog warning later on crossed after getting up at 5.0 a.m. and round farms before going in to house - lovely.

17 September

Holwick - 6 drives

143 grouse with 243 shots

A lot of grouse are paired up. They are in super condition.

Silver Bard - very fine show. So much slower and easier to kill - fifth from right.

Lair to Black Arc - strong big lots, a weight of grouse came well. Fifth from right.

Crookers Ghyll - although wind turned west, a good show crossed - bottom gun.

Nickle Hoppel up - a lot went out.

Nickle Hoppel down - good show, came well - we had now lost out birds as too strong west wind for Crookers tried Gully - NBB! Third to the right of the Stone Butt. Eugenie shot well, she was next to me all day.

18 September

Wemmergill - 5 drives

91 grouse with 130 shots

Standards - crossed mostly on my right - fair lot of pairs. Fifth from left.

Corbus - not a lot. Third from right.

Green Grain - big weight of birds. Top Butt.

Cock Lake - not a lot. Third from Short Notied.

Wemmergill Head - huge numbers, but went out at bottom. Off Pulpit.



Mr & Mrs W C Thomson



3rd January 1983





<u>8 December</u>	Rothwell Ram - Evening Flight	23 mallard 13 teal	36 head
First teal at 3.40, last shot at 4.30. Shot well. Picked up 34 same night and 1 teal and 1 mallard next day.			
<u>9 December</u>	North Ormsby - 7 drives	90 pheasants 1 waterhen	170 shots
<u>10 December</u>	North Ormsby - 8 drives	118 pheasants 3 woodcock 5 mallard 1 collared dove	215 shots 127 head
<u>11 December</u>	Rothwell and Roman Holes 7 drives	95 pheasants 1 mallard 1 waterhen 1 hare 1 rabbit	
<u>15 December</u>	Tealby - 7 drives	95 pheasants 1 woodcock	176 shots

17 December

Het Loo, The Netherlands  
5 drives at Wild Boar  
No Score

P.M.

YORKS Post 8.1.83  
Deflated . . .

NO ONE wanted to talk yesterday about the day Princess Anne's Land-Rover suffered a puncture on a lonely Lincolnshire road while husband Mark Phillips was shooting at Rothwell, six miles away. A passing motorist helped Princess Anne's personal bodyguard to change a wheel near Riby, a few miles from Grimsby.

Royalty are frequent visitors in the shooting season to the 4,000-acre estate at Rothwell which is owned by a farmer and plant breeder, Joseph Nickerson, and every possible care is taken to prevent leaks to the Press about who is there.

The Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales, Angus Ogilvy and other Royals have all been guests at the estate.

No comment was obtainable yesterday but a farmer who asked not to be named confirmed that the Princess's Land-Rover broke down not far from his land. "Another car following stopped to help," he said.

See opposite

D'APRÈS LES ORDRES DE  
SA MAJESTÉ LA REINE  
ET DE SON ALTESSE ROYALE  
LE PRINCE CLAUS DES PAYS-BAS  
LE GRAND-MAÎTRE A L'HONNEUR D'INVITER

Monsieur et Madame Joseph Nickerson

à Diner  
AU À 21.00 HEURES AU  
Dames: Robe longue  
Messieurs: Cravate noire

DU 17 décembre 1982

Château Het-Vliede Loo, Apeldoorn

Cocktails à 20.30 heures

1982/3

<u>20 December</u>	Stainton-le-Vale - 4 drives	57 pheasants 2 pigeons 1 rabbit 1 hare 1 woodcock	62 head 112 shots
JN shot half-day only because of Mr Lamyman's funeral.			
<u>21 December</u>	North Ormsby - 8 drives	81 pheasants 4 woodcock 4 mallard 1 waterhen	132 shots 90 head
<u>22 December</u>	Pickenham - 6 drives	24 pheasants 2 woodcock 1 pigeon 1 jay	28 head
Guest of Mr Guy Moreton.			
<u>23 December</u>	Rothwell Ram - Evening Flight	12 mallard 10 teal	
<u>24 December</u>	Black Springs - Evening Flight	12 mallard	
<u>27 December</u>	Rothwell - 8 drives	191 pheasants 1 woodcock 1 hare 1 rabbit 1 pigeon	195 head
<u>28 December</u>	Tealby - 8 drives	119 pheasants 3 woodcock 2 pigeons 2 waterhen	187 shots 126 head
<u>30 December</u>	Stainton-le-Vale - 6 drives	68 pheasants 6 woodcock 1 waterhen	105 shots 75 head
<u>31 December</u>	Read's Island - Walk round and Evening Flight Magazine Field	16 pheasants 5 waterhen 2 wigeon 1 teal 1 snipe 8 mallard	33 head
<u>1 January 1983</u>	North Ormsby - 9 drives	66 pheasants 2 woodcock 1 mallard	108 shots 69 head
	Rothwell Ram - Evening Flight	4 mallard 2 teal	



Shooting at Het Loo at the invitation  
of Her Majesty Queen Beatrix

17 December 1982



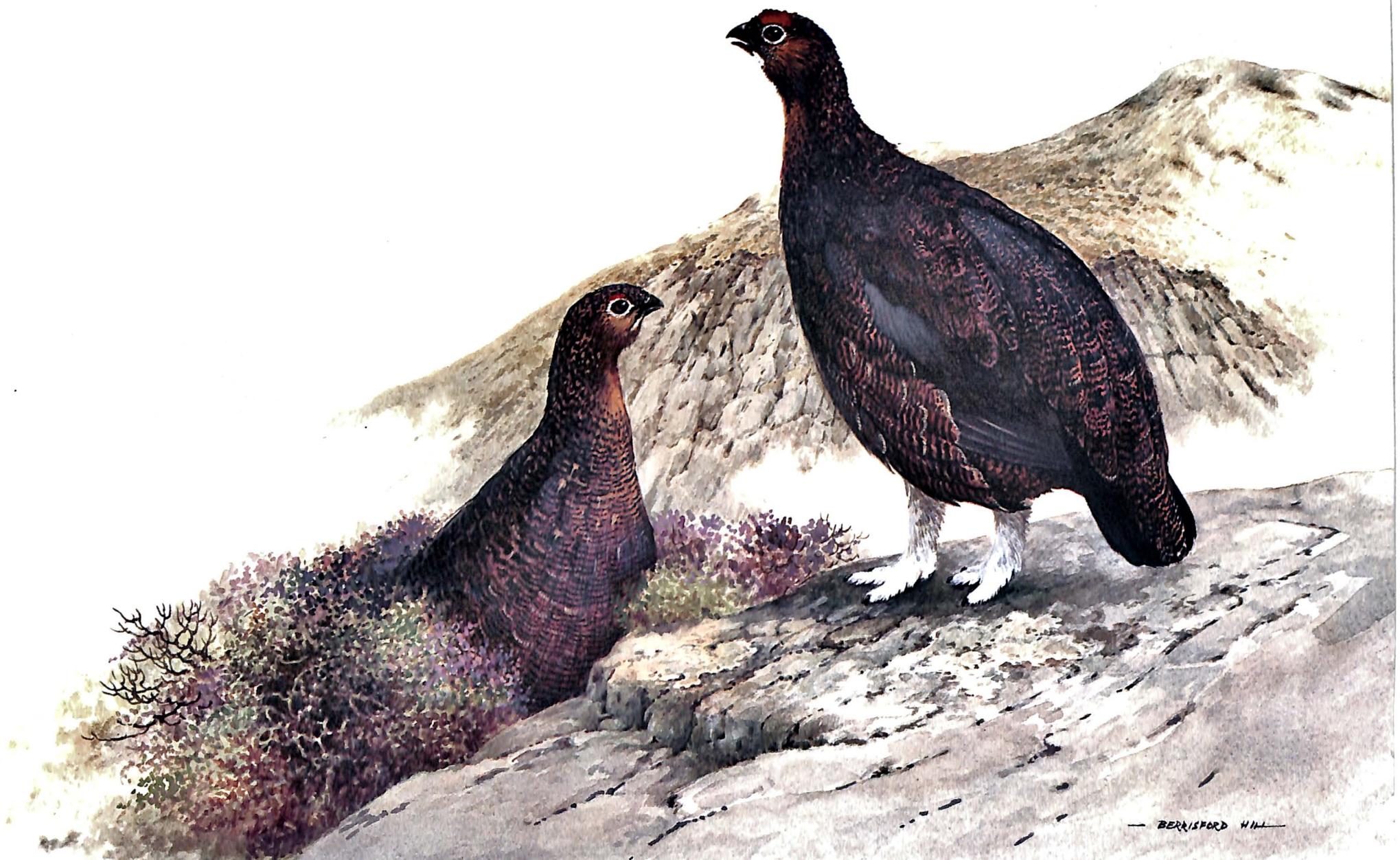
Shoot at Tealby



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**Red grouse — Berrisford Hill**

## MOOR REPORTS - 1982/83 SEASON

WEMMERGILL AND HOLWICK - P FAWCETT19.1.82

The snow is thawing at the moment and most of the moor is clear. We have had two very hard spells, the second lot of snow became hard frozen and the grouse were unable to get through to feed. They moved off the high ground and quite a lot left us altogether, however if we have no more spells of severe weather I think we could have a good season for there are plenty of grouse about.

4.2.82

During the worst of the snow three-quarters of the grouse moved off the moor down to lower ground such as Egglestone and Langleydale but they are now back at Wemmergill, are paired up and looking good. Heather is still green but winter is not over yet.

1.3.82

There is a fair stock of healthy birds and if weather conditions continue kind, prospects are good.

17.3.82

Holwick Top Beat - The West End of this beat is better stocked than last year, around Cronkley Shop and the Black Arc the grouse numbers are about the same as last year. There is heather browning on the exposed ridges, but this is not severe at the moment.

Holwick Bottom Beat - The Slitts area is slightly better stocked and the rest of the beat being much the same as last Spring. Not much heather browning.

Close House - This beat has been affected most by heather browning. There is a slight increase in the pairs of grouse on the ground this year. Stewart Glendinning who looked after this beat has left us and Nicky Lee Shield has taken the job. I am looking for an improvement in the coming season.

Northside and Allotments - Very similar stock to last year. Wind damage to heather in some places but nothing serious.

South Side - There is a much bigger stock on this beat than last Spring and hardly any heather damage.

At the moment most of the high ground is covered in snow with drifts several feet deep in places. The heather browning I have mentioned has been caused by strong, cold west winds not by easterly winds which is usual, and there has been no severe frosts lately. As yet we have found no dead grouse on the moor.

On the whole there is a bigger stock than last year. The only grouse are all paired and looking very healthy. It is only the middle of March and there is still time for severe weather conditions to affect the coming shooting season.

20.4.82

Fawcett has seen the odd nest. Good spell of burning - 20 odd days. Weather dry. Everything going well.

6.5.82

Have spoken to Grave and he says everyone seems very happy with the prospects. It has been a wonderful spring and the severe weather in November and December did not seem to have any serious effects - the birds came out OK and the heather came out from under the snow looking fine. The talk is of big nests and no-one seems to expect anything bad.

20.5.82

Saw the first chicks on 14 May. By middle of next week the majority should have hatched off. Seen a few nests which have hatched and there are no rotten eggs left. Expects good brood sizes but only seen one brood of 7. Ideal weather for hatching although been some severe overnight frosts. No rain so far and things on the moor are not growing quite as they should - the moor still looks rather dead.

23.6.82

There have been heavy rain showers and it has been quite cold but he doesn't think the weather has harmed the grouse, most of the broods being well forward - only the odd late brood seen. However, the picture doesn't look quite as good as it did earlier and the higher ground is definitely better than the lower. There are more broods and the number in each is generally larger than the lower ground broods which average five. Higher ground will be quite a lot better than last year, lower ground perhaps not quite so good. No disease observed. Fawcett is rather puzzled about this distribution which seems to be general throughout the area. His own theory which he stresses may not be correct, is that last winter after the shooting season grouse moved to the higher ground and those were the fittest birds, they stayed there throughout the winter. The weaker birds went to the lower ground and naturally produced fewer eggs. In general he still thinks the season will be good, and probably better than last year, but there is nothing to get too excited about.

15.7.82

Fawcett has only walked the moor once during the past two weeks as they are busy with roads and butts before season starts. However he is not excited by the brood sizes he has seen - broods on the higher end of the moor are quite good but on the lower land the broods are small in number. Cannot understand why they have not done so well. Thunder storm and downpour overnight and today.

MOOR REPORTS - 1982/83 SEASONSTUBLICK - T DAVISON4.2.82

Birds look fit and healthy and don't appear to have taken any hurt with the snow. Heather seems quite good and has not been damaged by the frost. Last few days had strong east wind so birds keeping heads down but wind not yet damaging food supply.

1.3.82

Things are looking good. Grouse distribution not uniform but has seen a fair stock on part of the moor. Weather wild and Hustery but no snow. A lot of green on the heather. Gas Board contractors working on moor at present relaying pipe at lower level but not causing much disturbance.

22.3.82

The wind has dropped and the weather is not too bad. There is still some snow on Allenhead. There is a fair bit of movement of birds from the low ground to the east to the higher ground to the west. Has seen quite a few birds, but they are very patchy - not quite so concentrated as usual. They are fit, and are keeping a very low profile which makes counting more difficult. Certainly more than last year - looks more like 1978 which was the third year off the bottom.

20.4.82

Davison says weather very dry with cold winds and some hard frosts at night. No eggs seen yet. Thinks he has about half as many again as last year. Things looking good generally and grouse are well.

6.5.82

Davison says although it has been very cold they have avoided the snow falls which can be seen on the higher hills around Allendale. Birds are sitting but he has only seen one nest so far and this contained 8 eggs. Does not expect any to hatch before 20th of this month at the earliest. He has not seen any dead or diseased birds.

20.5.82

Seen a few chicks but a lot of grouse still sitting. Earliest chicks will obviously be very strong by August as started hatching earlier than he expected. Not managed to count many yet but knows of two broods of 8. Found three dead cocks - piners. Only had very light sprinkling of rain by the moor is beginning to look greener.

15.7.82

Davison is seeing quite a few birds but too many small broods of two and four in his opinion. Disappointed with brood sizes but more optimistic than last year. Altogether found 10 dead birds - piners. Weather been dull but dry until last night when had torrential thunder storm which had continued until today.

STEAN - J FREEMAN4.2.82

Seen quite a lot of grouse and they all look healthy. Also a lot of nice green fresh heather.

1.3.82

Quite a lot of birds but seem to be in threes rather than pairs at present. A good lot both on Moss and back of Meugher. Fresh heather shoots poking through. Weather not too bad, but some sleet and hail showers. He finished the fence a fortnight ago and has started putting grit out.

23.3.82

Considers that in general things compare favourably with last year at this time. Is counting pairs on a particular section of the moor and keeping a record so he will have a comparison for next year as JN suggested. Had been burning that afternoon on Meugher - lovely day and the heather is drying but it was not really dry enough to burn successfully.

20.4.82

Freeman has carried out another two days burning. There have been cold winds, but nothing to worry about. Is starting to see some eggs.

6.5.82

Freeman telephoned today to say that he had found one dead grouse this morning which was in very poor condition.

20.5.82

Seen no chicks yet - in fact you would say there were no grouse. Had rain last two nights and the moor looks very well. Poisoned a vixen and got all her 10 cubs.



Keeper Freeman  
at Stean

NOTES DICTATED BY JN DURING HIS VISIT TO THE MOORS - 17 - 19 JULY 1982

Sunday morning: I have had a look round with gardener at Middleton House and would like to say how very pleased I am. We can see the garden from one side to the other and that is very good. The fuchsias in the front need protecting.

I am now with Tom Davison, Sunday morning on Wemmergill and I asked him what he did not like at Stublick what he did not agree with it, what he would like to change, what he would like to add to and what he thought was going to be difficult. He said, following our discussion yesterday that we ought to fit more days in. We could do with more days both in September and October. He thinks he wants to shoot another 5 or 6 days making 22 days in all. He would like to shoot the place, every beat, 11 times over. We can always see how things go on- if we had it let we could say to the people well we don't think there are enough grouse - we won't take the money. Seven days in August that is alright.

To John Thompson - I want to look at the question of that fence on the Westmoreland boundary that we were in discussion about and round by the Mile Riggs, another fence is needed there and I think we could have got some of that money perhaps from the tenants. I think we should get onto Lord Strathmore's Agent - it is just as important to me now as it was.

On Wemmergill nothing has been done to the two dangerous places that have washed away on the road up to the Moss and what it wants doing is to dig into the bank side and widen the road opposite where it has fallen away over the precipice edge.

Also to John Thompson - following my visit to Wemmergill I shall be very pleased if you would write to Alistair Turnbull fairly strongly and say that naturally having put down all these miles and miles of roads under very difficult conditions, some of them on almost mountain sides, at great personal expense I am extremely worried that so far on my journey I have not seen any repair work done at all on Wemmergill roads since my tenancy came to an end. Quite apart from the fact that this valuable capital improvement has been made on behalf of the landlord by the tenant, the deterioration of it will minimise the value of the property. This is to say nothing of the wear and tear, and the cost of the tyres both of the landlord and his guests and the tenant and his guests. An amount spent annually of course would be prudent, like a stitch in time saves nine, and it is never more applicable than on moorland roads. Now that shooting is let much more than it used to be it is usually the older and heavier people who have sufficient wherewithal to pay a decent rent for it, and it is more and more necessary to have good roads to be able to attract these kind of customers.

As far as the Standards road is concerned this is a special case in point - a huge area of ground which could never be driven and never was driven for over 50 years but putting in that new road has made it accessible again and enables several thousand acres of the moor to bear fruit.

It would be interesting to find out how many tons of grit they have put out - I particularly want grit on that south side or the grouse will die. There is more grit on Holwick than there is on Wemmergill - very short of grit indeed on the south side on the whole of Lune Moss. Right had side of Close House they have had animals there during the winter I think and they have grazed out of that garth all the heather that was there. The access to the heather land must be guarded more carefully, particularly for cattle and for sheep in the winter. Also the foddering on the moor instead of on the in-bye is something that must be watched very carefully as I am sure they realise.

There is so little bracken on Wemmergill that the keepers could spray it with one of those new machines that Ian was talking about - it is getting quite a hold round the lead pyrites mine road next to the Fish Lake round on that hill.

I wonder if we could ban any of these stinholders at Stublick burning anything for say three years when Neal Thompson has his dinner with them? There is nothing needs burning for three years except some very few patches that we could break up. That would give us a three year moritorium to teach them how we wanted it striping - I am sure nothing needs burning there - nothing. They are doing themselves harm - they are destroying a lot of the sheep keep for themselves. Burning made they are.

A man called Taylor - he is a decent chap - he will argue any point and discuss anything but he is just bonkers about burning. He burns half of his moor at a time but Tom says he has got a little bit of it broken up. One fellow on the North side called Murray - he got a huge fire and it got away with him in 1977 and nothing has grown since so he is very pinched for his sheep - he would be a good man to have at the dinner.

Generally speaking you would have a lot more sheep keep there is you did not burn anything at all for three years I am convinced of it - apart from our strips.

On Wemmergill again, the road up to Close House needs attention - not too much if it is done now but rather more serious is the road to Green Grain and above Green Grain up the length of the butts - it is rather more serious there and it wants some stone putting in. The road up to the line of butts Cock Lake and Wemmergill Head at the top of the hill there - that is very dangerous. It is absolutely essential that that gets a couple of loads of stone in there - that is water damage and must be rectified because it is hardly safe to drive up there - that is a dangerous place and must be remedied before 12 August.

The lunch hut at Green Grain is unusable at the moment - they are making the loaders side and guns side all into one to make it bigger which will be an improvement for the guns, and of course now we have got landrovers the loaders can sit in there and keep dry, but it is not useable at the moment. The lunch hut on Wemmergill Head - the sheep have been in there for most of the winter and the shuttle has been lying on the ground. The grass has turned a different colour green under it so the shuttle must have been there for several months anyway and the sheep have had free access. What it needs is a big stone or two putting at the bottom of the shuttle which we can put back. The string is just at the top and the sheep can easily get their heads in between and just push it down. It wants a better fixment at the bottom and at the top of the hurdle.

These are the biggest two drives on the moor - Wemmergill Head and Cock Lake. You cannot get to the car park with the transport safely and the lunch hut is full of sheep droppings of several months, so that needs urgent attention.

Congratulations to the staff on getting so much heather burnt on Wemmergill, very pleased indeed, they have done extremely well. It was the best Spring that there has been for very many years and they have really taken advantage of it - I congratulate them.

The field in front of Middleton House, you could almost call it a park, both the gardens over look it and I think it would be worth ringing Lord Barnard's Agent up and say that we have heard it is vacant and we would like to buy the freehold of it if we possibly could or have it on an annual agricultural tenancy.

I am very pleased indeed with the new line of butts they have put up in front of the old line on Holwick parallel with the road further south from the old line. We have got a good chance of doing better at those birds there and particularly the downhill butts could have some very good shooting because it has been so difficult to flank them across there. I think that is an exciting thing to look forward to. I hope that works and I rather think it will.



A visit to Nettleton to shoot clays  
Summer 1982



Pheasant rearing 1982



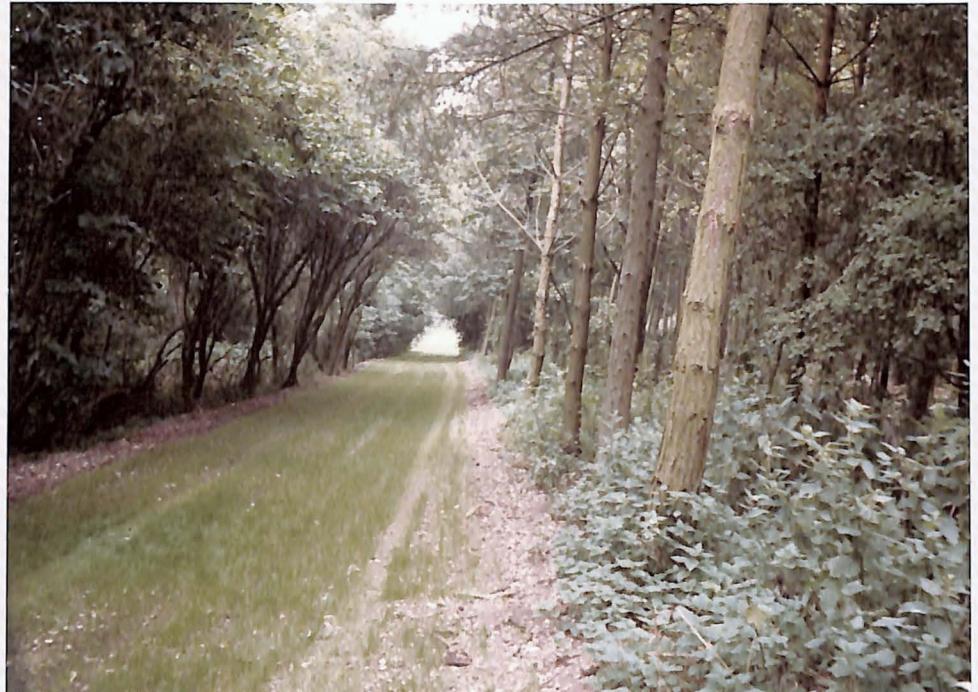
Early morning Normanby  
August 1982



Tugdale - early on a misty  
morning in August 1982



Cobwebs 5.30 a.m.  
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August 1982



South Walk July 1982

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Saw a Raven on Rebel Hill

WAS THIS AN OMEN - FRIDAY 13TH?

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Aug 82

Dear Joe,

What a marvellous four days! I had never shot grouse in August in a good year and to be able to do it at Wemepill is something most people would give their right arm for. I have never seen so many grouse in my life which was exciting enough in itself but then to have them

up if the way they were due to the lay of the land and the weather made it a truly memorable experience. Stubbs was a nice contrast and it is interesting to see the Moor developing so well. Since you took it over.

It was lovely seeing you and Eugene again she does so much to make everyone feel so at home, it is always a very relaxing and enjoyable few days at Middleton.

Thank you letter from The Hon. Rocco Forte



2nd September 1982



Shipka Pass

J.N. in the Kaiser's Butt



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NOTES DICTATED BY JN ON A VISIT TO TEALBY ON 29.7.82

I am having a look round Tealby. That keeper there is doing a very good job of feeding the pheasants and I am very pleased with him. He said that Johnson hardly speaks to him, he drives past him and does not acknowledge him. He is not grumbling about it at all. I saw 5 crows and a jackdaw there.

The kale at Dairy Wood is excellent on the west side. What I am so pleased about is that the kale on the Ash Holt area is absolutely superb - it really is magnificent and I have driven the full length of that and there are some very good corn crops. The wheat is really marvellous on the Risby side and all the winter barleys that I have seen so far have been very good. These kales have got some mustard type plants in the m at Tealby - much more than usual - they are very good and I hope we can get them as good as that everywhere next year.

There is a nice show of young pheasants there, I did not see any partridges, but a nice show of wild pheasants - very good indeed.

There is a very good piece of kale on the side of the Christmas Tree Wood - that is the best we have had there. I thought Billy was telling me that he was going to rabbit wire that area in - I can't see any rabbit wire there, but whatever has happened, the rabbits have not eaten the kale. They have eaten a little bit of the barley, not much. I have seen very minimal rabbit damage - nothing more than a couple of yards wide on the outside.

There are quite a lot of cleavers at Tealby that they have not sprayed - one piece near Bellamy's house.

There are also some grass weeds in one of the big fields and they have not sprayed or rolled any wild oats as far as I can see. The huge field of rape - they are out of order with that - I don't think they swathed that early enough, they must have lost a lot. I did not go walking or poking about in it. Bellamy confirms that it was the colour of the hay - it really looks as if it was dessicated by the time they swathed it - that was on Sunday last.

The three children and their Hoho friend from India, from their school went fishing with Ted Drury in the Manor Ponds, but they are not taking very well at all. They just take the fly and push it out before they can get a strike at them - this happened about 5 times in about the first hour.

15 May - South Hills, Rothwell

Pigeons	12	Afternoon flight
Collared Dove	1	

Head: 13

There is one article of my apparel made in 1947 which was not washed, ever, until 1982. This was a pigeon mask sewn round a spectacle frame. In those days I just wore the frame because I didn't neet the lenses in front. Then I had it taken off and stuck and sewn round a pair of spectacles that I need for longer distance shooting, although I can still shoot without spectacles. So the idea is to keep the stuff away from your eyes. Helen Alvarado kindly washed it today for me after 35 years. The smell was getting a little unbearable!

## J N P E R S O N A L B A G - 1 9 8 2 / 8 3 S E A S O N

12 August Stean - 5 drives 84 grouse with 142 shots

Birds were early hatched and are very strong everywhere, not at all like August grouse. In this gale the technique of shooting as soon as gun mounted paid off as never before for me. L 5; R 6; J 7.

13 August Wemmergill - 5 drives 65 grouse with 99 shots

Even on slow or slowish birds, one must keep the gun moving.

14 August Wemmergill - 5 drives 166 grouse with 252 shots

Close House from East JN in Top But Surprise arrivals. The best Butts were on New Road and 2 below for all three drives. I was on "hillock" on Moss. As usual very good. In the JN most birds over top three guns again. John Grave loaded for me there 3 days and never stopped talking.

December and early January extremely hard frosts but later - January right through the Spring beautiful open weather and grouse did well. Average count of my three days mid-July at Stean, Stublick, Wemmergill and Holwick was 3 young to 1 old on each of the four moors. How lucky I am to have all of 10,000 acres and half shooting opportunities on a fourth 30,000. I appreciate it.

16 August Holwick - 5 drives 177 grouse with 178 shots

Nickle Hopple down - JN in No 4 from bottom, birds over both 4 butts.

Nickel Hopple up - JN middle, birds lower.

Silver Bard - JN third from left. Birds full length line. 99½ brace at lunch.

Black Arc from South - JN No 6. No 5 best.

" " North - JN No 5, good birds all line

" " South - JN No 6, ordinary.

As the figures show. Have shot better at grouse these first four days than ever in my life. Get the gun fired earlier and move and swing. Really swing fast on crossers.

17 August Wemmergill - 4 drives 31 grouse with 47 shots.  
2 snipe

Underkeeper Jim Bush plus Frank Critchlaw another flanker and five beaters - a poor do! Not a big beating line not enough for driving in August! John Thompson "sorted out" Turnbull re. my contract clause re. family days.

Heavy rain which stopped as we arrived to meet the Masons with their 3 Red Setters. Birds plentiful at West End of Walkers and came well far end of line. Girls with Setters on beaters right flank and JN alone - centre butt, he, JN, did not get a shot! Then "JN drive" along! Sun and very strong wind, super R and L and also two high ones, also two super high snipe. Then Walkers down JN in Stone Butt far end - super drive.

18 August Stublick - 5 drives 104 grouse with 157 shots  
2 snipe

Very strong west winds almost gale. Heavy showers, perhaps young birds not flying in gale.

19 August

Wemmergill - 6 drives

177 grouse with 303 shots  
1 snipe

Louise shot her first Black Cock driven at a very fast speed mixed up with 2 packs of grouse. Louise shot like a tigress - really super. Jenita shot well - Shipka wiped Lord Forte's eye. A Gale. A dud tractor - '64 Vintage, bunged fuel tap. No maintenance. Cage wheel rear side one bolt in!! Birds very packed. But a super show Shipka marvellous.

20 August

Wemmergill - 6 drives

104 grouse with 193 shots

Fantastic wind gale. Never stopped raining. Cold. Grouse like bullets. Louise shot well again. Jenita also. Rosie had 8 on fifth drive with .410!

Standard - 28½. Third butt from left - fifth, sixth up better.  
Corbus - 32. Third from right. Super high birds. Louise on my right.  
Green Grain - 47. Third from right - OK. 107 brace at lunch.  
Cock Lake - 35. Fifth on right. No good, I was in this.  
Wemmergill Head - 55 butt all afternoon for 19 brace.  
Cock Lake - 22 out of the 107 for the afternoon.  
Third from right is best for Cock Lake or on the edge of the brow about fifth with brow on the left!

21 August

Stublick - 4 drives

56 grouse with 108 shots

Glenhills - JN fifth butt, poor. 250 birds over on right.  
Half Moon - JN third from left, poor birds went back.  
Upper Eshells - JN third from left. Good, very good, but a lot went over top flank.  
Lower Eshells - JN Nail Butt fourth from right, fair.  
Masses of birds settled in front and went back here as they did on Glenhills today. Saw lovely covey half grown at least 8 young english partridge on old felled woodland of Allendales. We saw them 200 yards away day before yesterday.

In the first nine days of this season have killed 906 grouse with 1477 shots. At the end of first nine days last season killed 602 grouse.

23 August

Stean - 5 drives

29 grouse with 55 shots

A sheep jumped 4 feet at least when a hare ran under it! All the three girls saw this remarkable jump by a sheep. Very enjoyable. Small coveys on Meugher not a lot of birds. Plenty on Moss all went over my new hurdles! I stood in east end of Meugher line in reverse plenty of birds. But very few on last two drives.

24 August

Holwick - 4 drives

44 grouse with 80 shots  
1 snipe  
1 hare

Terrible day not really fit to shoot at all. Fog, rain, near gale - horrible. This arrangement with Fergie is fair but we have not one decent days weather on our days on Wemmergill and Holwick. Started in a Barbour coat for first time in my life. It was so wet - kept bone dry and warm as bug in a rug.

979 grouse to own gun so far with 1612 shots at grouse.

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25 August

Wemmergill - 6 drives

70 grouse with 132 shots

My grandson shot 17 grouse - 20 bore. Jenita shot 15 grouse - 28 bore. For the drive from the east at Close House Top men walked out and brought in. Arngill Crag Tops very successful. Came back well and most birds came from there.

Always seems windy and wet and cold when it is super grouse season - why? This packs the birds and makes it hard to reduce stocks to safe levels. Very strong wind indeed from south west. Cold as October and birds flew as strongly as October. Odd very light showers. Some huge, really huge packs. Close House from east - JN in No 4 from right. Birds from road upwards (Brother Sam on road 3 drives he killed 4).

West down the gale - JN in No 5 from right, 5 shots, 5 dead birds from one extended high back!!!! Never shot so well in my life as at this drive. First eleven birds with 11 shots!!!! all dead. Good lot of birds came back to East Top Butts. I was one above road.

Lure Moss in Bron Butt 3 from right. Very fast birds that beat me and everyone else. Strong huge hacks. Swallow High Drive - JN two from left. Bulk of birds over guns upstream and sheep pen. Very high. Teal Butts - not a lot came. Masses ignored 8 men on Top flank and flew to Moss. We must stand in Long Grain - my idea but did not work.

Close House - it is second time over on Wednesday 25 August and we had the up-wind drive and there was a bit of wouth in it south-west wind strong and I killed 10 grouse. I was one below the road. They followed the road down where my brother Sam was and he going to be there for the next two drives as well. He killed a grouse there - the first pack - picked up. The keeper Peter Fawcett has a counter that he clicks off for every shot fired and he said there were 87 shots fired and I think there were about 35 grouse killed. The two children shooting and brother Sam. My grandson killed three and Jenny killed three. Killed 10 grouse with 17 shots - one below the road. Sister Ruth was with us standing behind in a bit of a hole behind that butt. We have moved up the hill now and I am number 5 in the butt from the top end because the wind is strong from the south and the flankers ... I sent Keeper Fawcett down to tell the flankers on the bottom to push them up. I pointed out to Mr Guy Moreton that I was number 5 in number 5 butt. This is the cream for all cream for me - I had an enormous pack straight over my head downwind 30 mph and killed 1 2 3 4 with the third gun turned round and got the fifth bird. 5 shots at this big pack and they were well strung out of course as anybody who knows anything about shooting to do that with downwind at this speed. They all fell like cricket balls every one of them. Woodcock was loading for me and he got some very good changes very quick. They were quite high grouse too - I just killed another 5 in 3 signle birds first barrel - a beautiful right and left at two birds down wind that is 10 birds with 10 shots - how long can it last. It is beautiful.

26 August

Wemmergill - 5 drives

52 grouse with 100 shots

Below lunch hut. Allotments from west - nice show, JN in fifth butt, OK down wind.

Allotments from east - Keeper had never done drive before - a mess!

Walkers Down - most birds went back up to south and also over Council Road to JN.

I was 2½ from right. Good show at my right top of Glenhill. Sam on Top behind line.

Arngill JN on left - Super, Super High Good.

A really lovely day - I so enjoyed myself. Gold Rush this week in and out Monday/Tuesday, ditto Wednesday/Thursday Good. Finally right, right out September 20th. All square.

27 August

Stublick - 5 drives

62 grouse with 108 shots

Only had four drives did not see a lot of birds at all. Rushed back to be ready for Prince Bernhard's arrival. Wonderful, breeze strong Rebel Hill, from west. Allotments from south return.

Flanking was not well done but in my opinion there are not a lot of grouse. 18 brace young plus 4½ brace old at lunch.

28 August

Wemmergill - 6 drives

179 grouse with 280 shots

Saw a fen harrier on third drive. Grandson sent to learn flanking for morning.  
 Sledge Butt from south - I was in third butt from right - good place. Saw lot of birds.  
 Sougill from north - I was in fourth butt from right, good, but one on my right better, Robert in.  
 Sougill from south - I was Top butt good but fourth from right better, Ian.  
 Shipka from north - JN fourth butt from Top (PB third better).  
 Shipka from south - JN fifth butt from Top (PB fourth better)  
 Shipka from north - JN fourth butt from Top same as first time. The Shipka sideways drift has to be remembered. Essential shoot quickly. A lot of crosses are missed in front if also crossing wind.  
 PB fired a lot of cartridges and was in best place all day - he fired 60 shots in fifth proper butt from right on second drive and next to PB was "waiting" and leaving - fatal. JN killed 102 grouse in 3 Shipka drives. It is important to hold gun firmly and move it strongly. Do not namby pamby - get swinging, speed is essential. And - all plus a "Whoo" at end.

JN's notes re. 28 August

Here we are a beautiful morning with a west wind a bit touch of south in it - not warm at all. Not at all August weather - it is chilly - good. We saw very few grouse coming up on the sledge - we were all loaded up by 9.33 and we got up to the bottom butt of Sledge line of butts at 10.28. I am in the third butt from the right which is the top butt that we are manning for this drive. My grandson Edward has gone out on the bottom flank to learn how to flank and he going to have three drives on the flank without a gun and then this afternoon I have promised him three drives in the famous Shipka Pass. There is just the family shooting - all family - plus His Royal Highness Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands. I have Woodcock loading for me, 20 bore and over and under 23 grammes 13/16ths of an ounce a shot. Three spaniels, little Ben and brother and sister Patrick and Janey with me.

I have put Diana behind the top butt 15-20 yards and PGS behind the second butt each the same distance so they can just fluff anything if it is trying to cross above the reach of my weapon. Robert and Edward walked up the whole way from where we parked the jeeps and were there just a fraction in front of the sledge which is drawn by one tractor driven by John Grave and another caterpillar tractor driven by Morgan Lynch. It maybe uncharitable of me but I could not help thinking that when I owned the crawler tractors that pull these sledges up here John Grave drove them a good deal more roughly and let the clutch out and jerked it much more than he did now that he is a capitalist and owns the tractors himself. This may or may not be true but I seemed to notice the difference.

All went well on the journey up except Prince Bernhard's pair of Gannochy 100 cartridge holders had been put on by his man very badly - they are slippery leather and they were put on the seat and they slipped off. Both me and my granddaughter happened to see them slip. Some of the wheels of the sledge went over them and put them into the soft peat but no harm was done as far as I am aware.

As usual he smoked his pipe after breakfast all the way up in the Range Rover which I drove, my wife sitting on the back seat was nearly fumigated - it is something to avoid. He always sits on the front seat and he always smoked a pipe and reads a paper or even a book and doesn't look at the beautiful countryside in every country I have been with him - he reads a book or a paper. I think it is because he is probably nervous and wants to draw attention to himself in a funny sort of introvert way - that particular part.

He is absolutely a great man - a wonderful man, very well travelled - as well travelled as anybody in the world. He has been the best commercial traveller the world has known in my lifetime - he has been selling Holland very successfully everywhere. Now that he has started the 1001 Club of which I was a founder member and this has put him in touch with the richest people in the world and he has also been able to travel at the expense of foreign Governments and the World Wildlife Private Aircraft all over the world.

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10.48 and I have just shot a single grouse. It worked, Paddy fluffed him in range of me otherwise he would have escaped over that empty butt. Paddy is the camera man for the day and he has got my Canon camera with telephoto lens and I have asked him to make a record of the day. Ian Yates is on my left - I am placing the guns in the butts as I choose for them. The bag on this beat so far has been 396 brace without pick-up and 250 brace and 211 brace - this is the fourth time that the beat has been shot this season.

I think we should have a litter bin at the two lunch huts at Stublick and one at Stean - black oil drum or a dustbin and write the words litter on it in good big letters.

Finished a fantastic drive - from the north I was in number 6 butt at Shipka that is two to the left of the Kaiser's butt. Just killed 42 here down wind, beautiful birds.

30 August

Holwick - 6 drives

143 grouse with 222 shots

Richard Cooper shot his first grouse and was bleded by JN - only one! Jane Cooper also shot first grouse and was bleded by JN - she killed about 3.

Nickle Hopple down - poor show 15 brace for line.

Myerhole - I was in 8 from right, birds did not come on well.

Black Arc from north - I was in No 5 as good as any.

Corbus - JN in No 4. No 3 was far best, good river over.

Green Grain - JN in No 3. No 2 was best, fair show.

Cock Lake - JN in No 2 old butts. Best butt in line. Good stream.

JN so far this season: 17 days - 1456 grouse with exactly 2,400 cartridges.  
I had for whole season 1981 in 30 days - 1816 grouse and 1180 in 1980.

What a bore to have rain on specs. Ian getting them ever better in front. Essential to shoot lower behind butt and higher in front of butt, I reckon.

This makes over 3,600 so far from Wemmergill and Holwick combined.

31 August

Holwick - 6 drives

157 grouse with 226 shots

Not at all hot, very cool. Fresh breeze but strongish wind on Slits. Wonderful, fine all day, bright sun behind light clouds. Perfect wind for the beat west and south in it enough. Sheep gathering on Wemmergill north side must have helped a lot!! Tremendous show of grouse.

JN in fourth butt from right at Myre Hole - good show.

JN in fifth butt from right Stone Black Arc from Lair - super drive, best I have seen, not easy.

JN in second from top at Black Arc from north - nobody interfered with me

JN in third butt from both at Slits down end gun so I moved out of butt in line 25 yards. Super down wind difficult swingers.

JN in fourth butt from top Slits up - heading wind, two sixes a five and usually fours and at least 32 and 1s!

JN in fifth butt from top Slits down - not a lot came back but what a contrast.

1 September

Wemmergill - 6 drives

89 grouse with 150 shots

2 September

Wemmergill - 6 drives

120 grouse with 216 shots

Perfect with very strong west wind. 71 brace at lunch

3 September Wemmergill - 3 drives 52 grouse with 90 shots.

Awful. Rain, gale then fogged off.

4 September Grand Lieu - Morning Flight 195 mallard  
4 shoveller  
3 pintail  
1 pochard  
1 teal  
1 magpie

Joe Woodcock and JN are in the hide on the water in Grand Lieu - the boat has gone and it is 7.14 English time. We have got the wooden decoys painted well floating all round and a few live callers, calling decoys, live decoys. 7.14 had the first shot at 7.17. We were on the way down and in the mist we had a lovely view of a young coot which kept getting up and letting the boat get so near to it ... almost walking on the water as it took off as you know they leave their feet behind for about 5 yards. Lovely view of a kingfisher and we saw that twice down by the side of the cut in the little outboard very shallow draft boat. You had to punt it along with a speared punt because it was so shallow. We have seen a marsh harrier and a goosander. Now 8.00 a.m. and I have killed one teal, 14 mallard, one magpie and that is in 45 minutes - a very nice shoot. 9.20 a.m. English time - one or two easy ones have arrived. They have been shying off like mad as if they could see something in the hide - flock after flock. I have 75 now and Joe has I think 9 long ones marked - 75 at 9.22 a.m. 100 without long ones at 9.52 UK time.

6 September Wemmergill - 6 drives 45 grouse with 60 shots

Foggy - we had to keep below the fog. Corbus to Wall - JN No 4 from right, birds almost all over Cattle Grid gate. Green Grain; Walkers up; Close House from east; Close House from west; Close House from east. Alby and Peter Fawcett discussed wind directions "south" in it for Close House which was absolutely a mess.

7 September Wemmergill - 6 drives 68 grouse with 140 shots

Very strong west wind and some south in it. Became even stronger afternoon. 33 brace at lunch. Sougill from north - JN in second proper butt from right.

Sougill from south - JN in third proper butt from left.

Shipka from north - JN in second proper butt from left.

Shipka from south - JN in top butt

Shipka from north - JN in fourth from Top. Super drive.

Shipka from south - JN in fifth from Top.

I must always remember to keep the gun moving and swing, swing and swing really fast. Get hold of the gun firmly, move it, move yourself very "vigourously". Today was real sport, surely I have never known better.

8 September Wemmergill - 3 drives 65 grouse with 114 shots  
1 black cock  
1 hare

Shot morning only. Lovely dry fine morning. Fresh strongish wind. Birds good.

I left Allotments road side at 11.15 a.m. - in bathroom Hyde Park Hotel at 4.15 p.m. Non stop! George Graham drove us in Spirit. Agricultural Forum.

<u>10 September</u>	Rothwell Ram - Evening Flight	12 Mallard
<u>11 September</u>	Read's Island - JN Hole & John's Pond	46 Teal 2 Mallard 1 Pintail 2 Curlew 3 Golden Plover 1 Bar tailed Godwit
	Only 6 times gun up with no bird. JN Hide and John's Pond - started in west hide and then moved to east hide, had lovely sunset to help me. I have never shot as well at flight in my life. (Benjy even said he had never seen me shoot as well).	

JN's Instructions for Read's Island

When counting ducks be sure you are 100 yards away from the pond and well hidden. Only count the ducks that actually drop onto the pond. Look at your watch and put down how many drop each minute and what the species are although the species are not so important.

We want to get all the hay that has been cut, tethered up and made into cocks.

We want the banks round the deer shelter making at least twice as high and leave room to make them three times higher still because it is the distance from the bank that is giving shelter in proportion to the height. The higher it is, the more it will keep the wind out. We are going to end up with quite a bit of earth work there. Lets have the north side done first.

We are going to have the tides taken in so that the Magazine Field can be sealed off and that we can flood it from the sluice when we get this into a salt marsh and in the summer we mow it so that we have it like a lawn and then we just flood it a little bit in the winter.

The butts that are being built in the salt marsh want bull-dozing up so that they are chamfered off. They are almost straight up now. At least we want about a 30° battue - that would about do and then sow it down with grass seed. It would then be a lot less obvious. This should, of course, be done in the Spring so that there is plenty of time for the grass seed to grow. It does not want to be anything like Italian Rye Grass, but it wants to be a perennial - Melle Rye Grass, Red Fescue Screaming or something like that. Red Fescue would be marvellous - put plenty of seed on.

We would quite like to have a fresh water flash if we can get one. Paddle it round with tractor wheels and make a bit of a pond so that it will seal. Then have a pump, and pump from the house water - get some out from the piping and it would be rather fun to perhaps have this not too far from the house, I should think, north of the house. Half way between the house and the bank and I should not think it would want to be more than a cricket pitch across and 22 yards diameter and then it wants some hurdles putting in on the south side of it so that you can walk up to it. About 60 water hurdles to go all round it, but I certainly think it ought to have holes on the north side. The ducks would not see anyone walking about round the house and we could also get a stalking shot any time. I am sure that would pay - to get any ducks that wanted fresh water. We shall measure the piping up and we could buy half inch of three quarter inch, not too expensive and get the pump and see if we can get that job done. It would want to be about 4 or 5 inches deep, but before it will hold water, it will have to be churned round. It wants scraping out about 1 foot deep and then it wants to get a bottom to it with the tractor wheels then try and fill it.

There are going to be four feeding places on the Island - 100 yards each side of the Magazine Bank at JN's End of the Island, west end, 100 yards near the Cross Bank on the same Magazine Bank. 100 yards each side of the north pond and 100 yards each side of Sam's Pond. Then on the South Bank that juts out on the reclaimed field, 100 yards there. Just to scatter it thinly and then you get the pheasants.



Jean-Pierre Guerlain



Lord Forte, J.N., Christiane Guerlain





Nombela Shoot Staff/Luis Rubio far right

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J.N. and loader Joe Woodcock - Nombela - October 1982



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Guarda Mayor: Santos



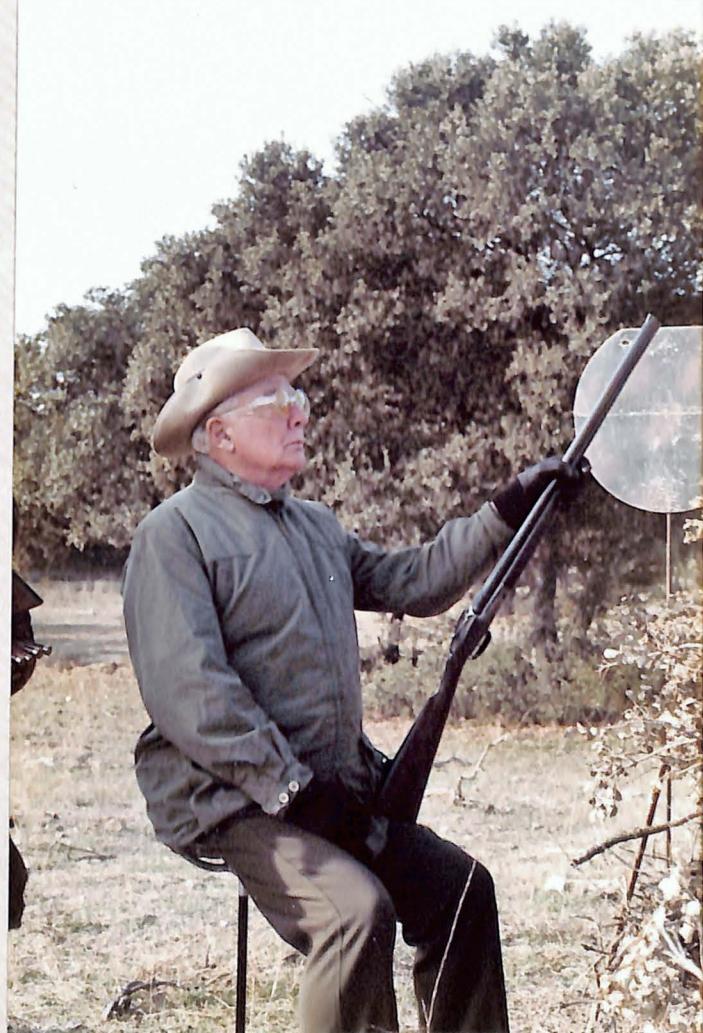
Claude Foussier with J.N.



Rosie, Eugenie, J.N., Robert, Louise



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Tuesday 26 October - Nombela

Robert Nickerson  
 Louise Nickerson  
 Rosemarie Nickerson  
 Eugenie Nickerson  
 Joseph Nickerson

Partridges 332 Dry and sunny.

<u>Drive</u>	<u>O.</u>	<u>Y.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	52	36	88
2	19	60	79
3	30	22	52
4	31	13	44
5	43	26	69
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332 partridge sold @ 416 pts = 138.112

<u>Wages/Staff</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Tractors x 2 @ 6.000	= 12.000
Man/donkey	= 1.800
Baswa (Gen help)	= 1.800
Beaters/flankers x 35 @ 1800	= 63.000
Secretarios x 8 @ 1.800	= 14.400
Wine 24 litres	= 1.152
Cargadores x 2 @ 3.300	= 6.600
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JN's Bag: 149 partridges 248 shots  
 5 jays

Thursday 28 October - Nombela

M. Claude Foussier  
 Louise Nickerson  
 Rosemarie Nickerson  
 Eugenie Nickerson  
 Joseph Nickerson

Partridges 482 Sunny and dry, but with  
 some cloud and wind

<u>Drive</u>	<u>Parts</u>
La Hermandad (Over road)	139
La Hermandad (Buzzard Forte)	92
La Hermandad (Pheasant Drive)	118
La Hermandad (Ant's Nest)	88
La Camara (Woodcock Drive)	45
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58 giveaways  
 421 sold (381 to L Moreno, 40 to Doctor)  
 @ 416 pts = 175.136

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28 October Cont/d.

Tractor x 1	=	6.000
Land Rover x 1	=	6.000
Man/donkey x 1	=	1.800
Gen help x 1	=	1.800
Beaters/flankers 37 @ 1800 pts	=	66.600
Cargadores x @ 3300 pts	=	6.600
Wine 24 litres	=	1.152
Secretarios x 8 @ 1800 pts	=	14.400
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		104.352

JN's Bag: 193 partridges 274 shots  
1 pheasant  
1 magpie  
1 pigeon

Friday 29 October - Nombela

H E The Duque de Calabria  
M. Claude Foussier  
Louise Nickerson  
Rosemarie Nickerson  
Jennie Nickerson  
Eugenie Nickerson  
Joseph Nickerson

Partridges 704

Sunny and dry with no wind or  
cloud.Drive

	<u>O.</u>	<u>Y.</u>	Total
Arroyo de la Parra (Eugenie)	63	79	142
Louise	29	63	92
Rosemarie	51	86	137
Calabria	35	97	132
200 River	51	150	201
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	229	475	704

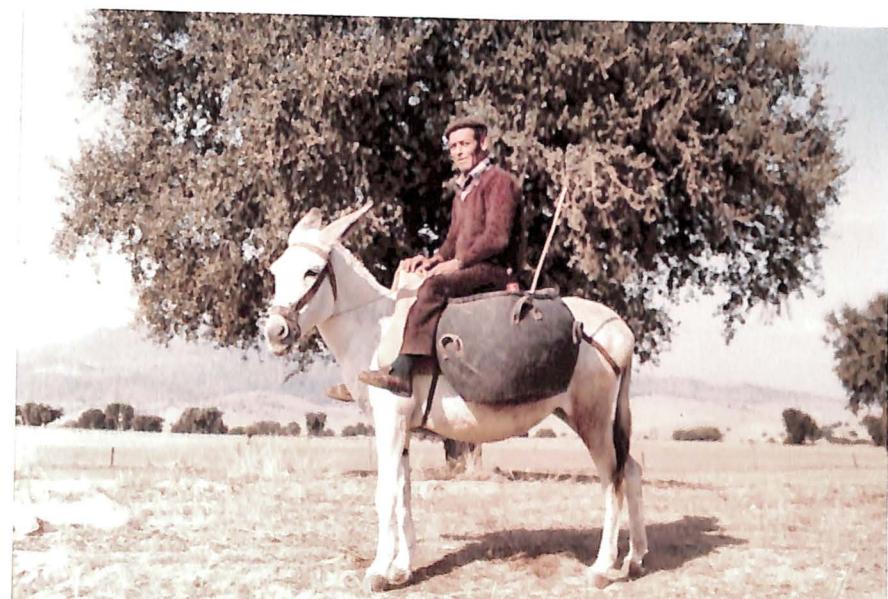
Giveaways: 58 - 24 to Guardas; 4 to G C Agraria;  
4 to Domingo; 10 to Rafael; 6 to  
regular helpers; (2 each to Guia,  
Vaquero, coachdriver); 8 to  
Duque of Calabria; 2 to Spanish  
Secretario

Sold 643 @ 416 pts = 267.488 pts.

Wages/Staff

Tractors x 2 @ 6000 pts	=	12.000
Land Rovers x 1 @ 6000 pts	=	6.000
Man/donkey x 1		
Gen. help x 1		
Cargadores x 3 @ 3300 pts	=	9.900
Beaters/flankers (number and amount now shown)		
Secretarios x 11 @ 1800	=	19.800
Wine 24 litre	=	1.152
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		41.652

JN's Bag: 206 partridges 297 shots  
4 magpies  
1 jay  
1 pigeon



Sunday 31 October - Nombela

Jennie Nickerson  
 Eugenie Nickerson  
 Joseph Nickerson

Partridges 186

Sunny and dry with little or no cloud and light wind.

DriveTotal

Cerro Pendon	55
Prado de las Trochas	18
Los Prados	35
El Risco)	76
El Risco)	<hr/>
	184

183 sold (168 to Luis Moreno, 15 to El Cazador)  
 @ 416 pts = 76.128.

1 damaged.

Wages/StaffPts

Tractor x 1	= 6.000
Man/donkey x 1	= 1.800
Guia- Gen help	= 1.800
Beaters/Flankers x 24 @ 1800	= 43.200
Wine - 12 litres	= 576
Secretarios x 2 @ 1800	= 3.600
Cargadores x 1	= 3.300
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	60.276

JN's Bag: 127 partridges 248 shots  
 1 magpie

Monday 1 November - Nombela

Jennie Nickerson  
 Eugenie Nickerson  
 Joseph Nickerson

Partridges 255

Drive

	O.	Y.	Total
El Olivar	17	39	56
El Rey)	41	49	90
El Rey)			67
Casita			42
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			255

223 sold @ 416 pts = 92.768 pts (to Sr. Moreno)

32 giveaways: Rafael (Finca Owner) 10  
 Judge 4  
 Hotel Cazador 10  
 Luis Rubio 8

Wages/StaffPts

Tractor x 1	= 6.000
Beaters/flankers x 25 @ 1800	= 45.000
Wine - 12 litres	= 576
Secretarios x 3 @ 1800	= 5.400
Cargadores x 1 @ 3.300	= 3.300
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	60.276

Guest tips given by Woodcock to Santos - 40,000 pts.  
 (3,000 per guest per day). Mrs JN gave Emilio and Eulabio a good tip - 5,000 each. Left Keeper at Los Quintos a tip with the man at the filling station.

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1 November Cont/d.

<u>Tips</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>JN's Bag:</u> 168 partridges 312 shots
Keepers	30,000	
Manolo	50,000	
Rubio	6,400	
Hotel	10,000	
Santiago	10,000	
Rosaria	5,000	
Domingo	18,000	

JN's Notes Re. 1 November

As good sport as I could possibly want. There was quite a nice wind and we stood in the open not in butts. The partridges saw us and turned in all directions, stood on their tails. I think there is a lot to be said for standing in the open so the birds can see you - you won't kill so many, but the sport is fantastic.

In 12 days in Spain in 1981, I fired 3070 shots at partridges and killed 1592 - that works out at 1.888/shot.

In the first 10 days in Spain so far this year, I have fired 2773 cartridges and killed 1632 - at 1.699/shot.

Tuesday 2 November

Left El Cazador 10.15, Holden driving. BLD took Jennie to Airport. Fine day. We are following Manolo driving PFW, 100 metres behind him. They have instructions to drive at 100 km/hour.

Wednesday 3 November - Los Quintos

Ian Yates	Partridges	633	3 Drives
Pepe Mora-Figueroa			
Alfredo Gomez-Torres			
Eugenie Nickerson			
Joseph Nickerson			

First Drive

JN: 71; EN: 27; IRY: 65; Pepe: 54; Alfredo: 19 = 236, of which 229 were picked.

JN's Bag: 151 partridges 204 shots

Thursday 4 November - Los Quintos

Ian Yates	Partridges	614	3 Drives
Pepe Mora-Figueroa			
Alfredo Gomez-Torres			
Eugenie Nickerson			
Joseph Nickerson			

JN's Bag: 172 partridges 266 shots

Friday 5 November - Los Quintos

Morning Duck Flight

JN's Bag: 107 mallard (100 picked)  
2 teal

Left house - 6.30 am  
First shot - 7.10 am  
15 mallard by - 8.10 am  
69 mallard by - 9.10 am  
91 mallard by - 10.10 am  
Finished at - 11.10 am

SUMMARY OF NOMBELA SHOOTS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1982

<u>Date</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Guns</u>	<u>Part.</u>	Cum.				<u>Total</u>	<u>Cum.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Grand Cum.</u>
				<u>Total</u>	<u>Pgn.</u>	<u>Jay</u>	<u>Mag</u>				
22 Oct.	7	692	692	-	-	20	-	20	20	712	712
23 Oct.	8	618	1310	1	-	2	-	3	23	621	1333
25 Oct.	6	491	1801	1	1	1	-	3	26	494	1827
26 Oct.	5	332	2133	-	5	-	-	5	31	337	2164
28 Oct.	5	482	2615	1	-	1	1	3	34	485	2649
29 Oct.	7	704	3319	1	1	4	-	6	40	710	3359
31 Oct.	3	186	3505	-	-	1	-	1	41	187	3546
1 Nov.	3	255	3760	-	-	-	-	-	41	255	3801
8 days				3760	4	7	29	1	41	3801	

Average daily partridge bag - Nombela: 470



Shooting

1982

## SUMMARY OF JN'S BAG AT NOMBELA 1982 AND GRAND TOTAL FOR SPAIN

<u>Date</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>Cum. Total</u>	<u>Pgn.</u>	<u>Jay.</u>	<u>Mag.</u>	<u>Ph.</u>	<u>Mall.</u>	<u>Teal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cum. Total</u>	<u>Shots</u>	<u>Cum. Total</u>
22 Oct.	144	144	-	-	20	-	-	-	164	164	290	290
23 Oct.	121	265	1	-	2	-	-	-	124	288	241	531
25 Oct.	204	469	1	1	1	-	-	-	207	495	295	826
26 Oct.	149	618	-	5	-	-	-	-	154	649	248	1074
28 Oct.	193	811	1	-	1	1	-	-	196	845	247	1348
29 Oct.	206	1017	1	1	4	-	-	-	212	1057	297	1645
31 Oct	127	1144	-	-	1	-	-	-	128	1185	248	1893
1 Nov.	168	1312	-	-	-	-	-	-	168	1353	312	2205
8 days	1312		4	7	29	1	-	-	1353		2205	
Add Los Quintos	323						107	2	432		470	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1635</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1785</b>		<b>2675</b>	

JN's average partridge bag/day - Nombela = 164

JN's average partridge bag/day - Spain = 163.5

Average shots/partridge kill = 1.63



C. D. Leek.

MISS EUGENIE'S BAG.

SHOOTING IN SPAIN 1982 [OCTOBER 28 - 2ND NOV.]

29TH October

GUNS:-

HIS EXCELENCY THE DUKE OF CALABRIA

MR. C. FOUSSIER

MR. J. NICKERSON

MRS. J. NICKERSON

MISS L. J. NICKERSON

MISS R. J. NICKERSON

MISS E. J. NICKERSON

TOTAL AMOUNT I SHOT :- 26 partridges  
WITH :- 202 cartridges.

BAG:- 704

31ST OCTOBER

GUNS:-

MR. J. NICKERSON

MRS. J. NICKERSON

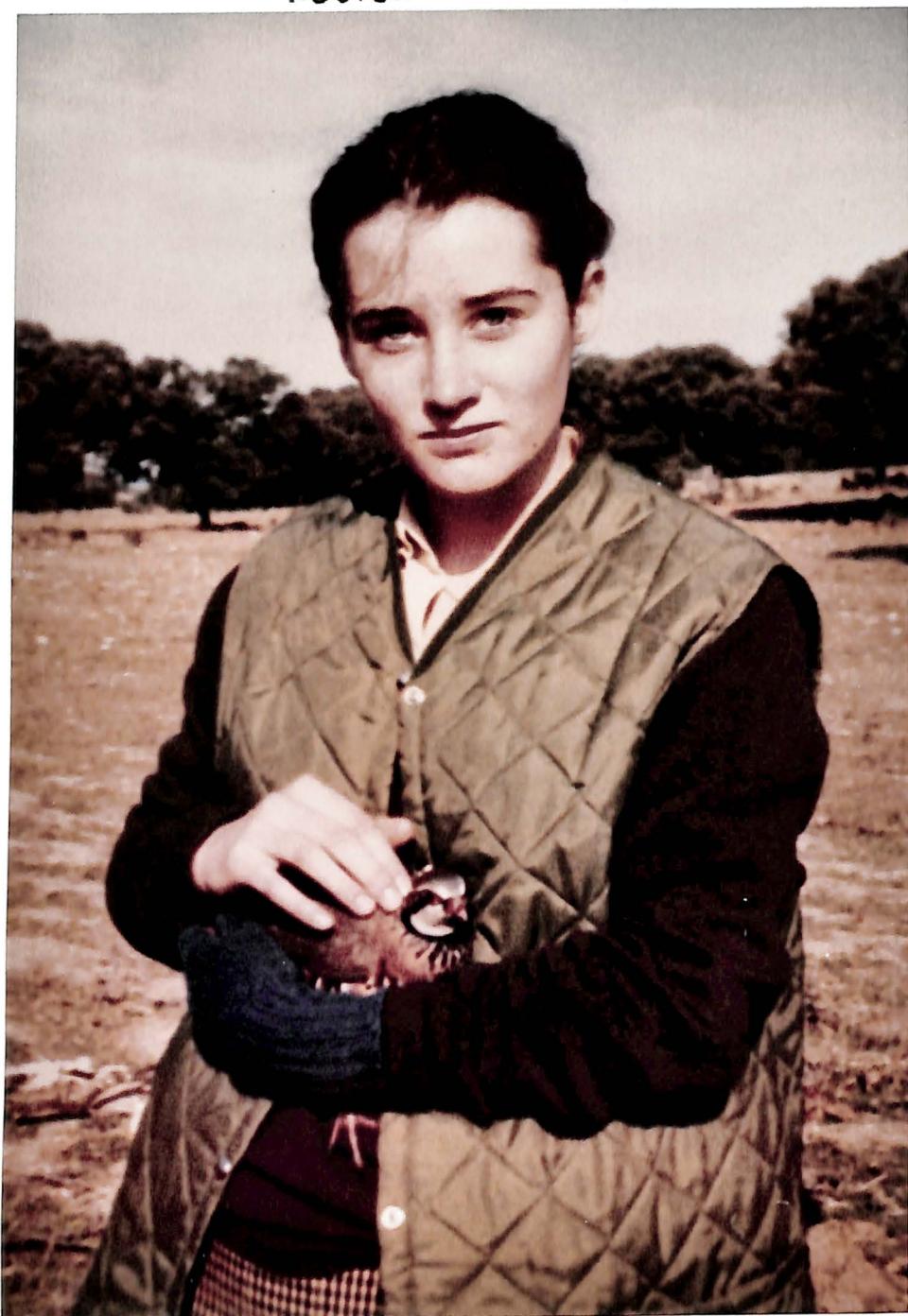
MISS E. J. NICKERSON

TOTAL AMOUNT I SHOT :- 10 partridges  
WITH :- 113 cartridges

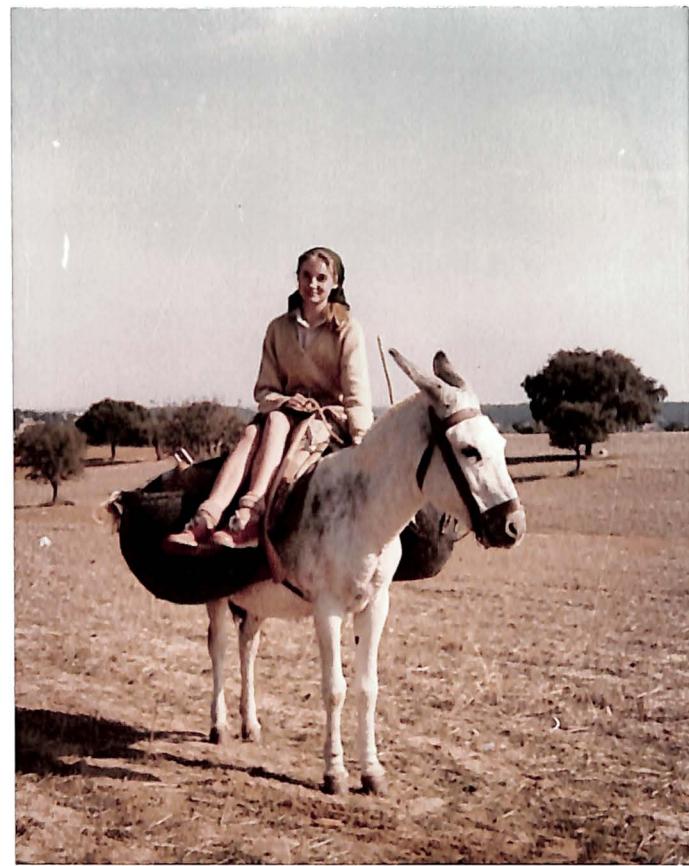
BAG:- 184

1982

LOUISE



AT NOMBELA



ROSEMARIE

Autumn Half-Term Holiday from Malvern



October  
1982





H.E. The Duke of Calabria





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J.N. with Nombela Shoot staff - Head Keeper Santos crouching next to J.N.



J.N. shaking hand of Keeper Pedro who retired October 1982



F Coulthard



A Farmery, E Hassall, F Wolsey, I Garfoot, W H Jacob



J Woodcock in the JN Drive at Wemmergill 1982



OPEN



Louise, Eugenie and Rosemarie with dogs, Summer 1982

OPEN



OPEN



OPEN



PHEASANT 1982 (1981 figures in brackets)Breeding Stock

Rothwell	909 (860)	Hens Total Eggs	34652 (31696)	Eggs per Hen	38.12 (36.85)
Tealby	450 (461)	Hens Total Eggs	16390 (13621)	Eggs per Hen	36.42 (29.54)
	1359 (1321)		51042 (45317)		37.55 (34.30)
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Incubation/Hatching

Rothwell	eggs set	21841 (25900)	Hatch Min. 68 (63)	Max 73 (72)	Av. 71 (68)	D.O. 15423 (17550)
Tealby	" "	12904 (10328)	Hatch Min. 71 (69)	Max. 80 (78)	Av. 77 (74)	D.O. 9878 (7649)
		34745 (36228)	—	—	Av. 73 (70)	25301 (25199)
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Rearing	No. of D.O.	Lowest Loss	Highest Loss	Average Loss	Poults to Release
C. Valley	11727 (10269)	5% (10%)	12% (13%)	7% (10%)	10853 (8968)
Cabourne	2252 (2430)	16% (13%)	16% (13%)	16% (13%)	1900 (2116)
Grange					
Field Units	5769 (7280)	5% (10%)	8% (15%)	7% (13%)	5360 (6342)
Tealby	3992 (3134)	5% (20%)	9% (22%)	7% (21%)	3725 (2478)
Stainton	1561 (1560)			10% (E) (10%) (E)	1400 (1404)
Net. Lodge	(526)				
	25301 (25199)	—	Average	8% (14%)	23238 (21308)
	—				—

RJ/BS/1/9/82

Distribution: JN ICC RJ WHJ Mrs. DennyPHEASANT 1982 (1981 figures in brackets)Birds to Ground, Nett of 5% Release Loss (or higher loss where known)Rothwell

Silver Hills	1425 (1425)
Horse Walk	2050 (2010)
Stone Valley	2150 (1870)
Bogle Hill	1855 (1425)
Long Pltn.	1800 (1740)
Charles Pln.	1890 (1140)
House Tops	1425 (1460)
Johns Wood	380
Rookery Top	425
	—

Tealby

Manor Wood	693 (570)
Manor Orch.	1507 (1150)
Bayons Wood	760 (475)
Big Ash Holt	475 (160)

Stainton

West Hills	831 (860)
Fox Cover	930 (860)
Black Holt	300 (190)
Woods House	200 (370)

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Mr. Johnson	100 (760)
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Others

Kelsey	285 (295)
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13400 (11070)	—
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TOTAL: 21476 (18625)	—
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RJ/BS/1/9/82

Distribution: JN ICC RJ WHJ Mrs. Denny

NIGHT WATCH 1982NOVEMBER

1st Farmery Tirrell  
2nd Hassall Garfoot  
3rd Frankish Jacob  
4th Farmery Tirrell  
5th Hassall Garfoot  
6th Frankish Jacob  
7th Farmery Tirrell  
8th Hassall Garfoot  
9th Frankish Jacob  
10th Farmery Tirrell  
11th Hassall Garfoot  
12th Frankish Jacob  
13th Farmery Tirrell  
14th Hassall Garfoot  
15th Frankish Jacob  
16th Farmery Tirrell

New Rota - November

17th Woodcock Garfoot  
18th Frankish Jacob  
19th Hassall Farmery  
20th Tirrell Jacob  
21st Frankish Woodcock  
22nd Hassall Garfoot  
23rd Tirrell Farmery  
24th Frankish Jacob  
25th Woodcock Garfoot  
26th Hassall Farmery  
27th Tirrell Jacob  
28th Frankish Woodcock  
29th Hassall Garfoot  
30th Tirrell Farmery

DECEMBER

1st Frankish Jacob  
2nd Woodcock Garfoot  
3rd Hassall Farmery  
4th Tirrell Jacob  
5th Frankish Woodcock  
6th Hassall Garfoot  
7th Tirrell Farmery  
8th Frankish Jacob  
9th Woodcock Garfoot  
10th Hassall Farmery  
11th Tirrell Jacob  
12th Frankish Woodcock  
13th Hassall Garfoot  
14th Tirrell Farmery  
15th Frankish Jacob  
16th Woodcock Garfoot  
17th Hassall Farmery  
18th Tirrell Jacob  
19th Frankish Woodcock  
20th Hassall Garfoot  
21st Tirrell Farmery  
22nd Frankish Jacob  
23rd Woodcock Garfoot  
24th Hassall Farmery  
25th - -  
26th - -

## LINCOLNSHIRE VERMIN KILL - 1982

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL FOR 1982
Toby	2	1	10	19	2	1	2	1	1	9	-	2	50
Stoat	12	19	23	14	11	3	12	8	15	19	13	5	154
Tab	1	7	5	8	4	4	3	4	4	7	2	7	56
Rat	46	37	31	17	14	8	12	24	71	66	40	41	407
Crow	-	2	16	32	5	1	-	-	8	12	4	1	81
Weasel	4	8	16	12	7	7	1	4	7	11	8	4	89
Magpie	1	1	6	19	-	-	2	1	1	3	1	1	36
Moorhen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	17
Mole	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	3	25
Jackdaw	7	-	4	9	14	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Rook	7	-	-	1	55	23	30	6	2	-	1	-	125
Squirrel	2	5	8	5	1	1	2	1	2	2	4	3	36
Badger	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Hedgehog	-	-	4	27	27	14	17	19	27	24	14	-	173
Jay	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
Ferret	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Little Owl	-	-	2	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	6
Black Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	2	-	-	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1315</b>

1982

LINCOLNSHIRE VERMIN KILL - 1982

KEEPERS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Farmery	33	22	14	45	12	1	5	7	26	25	14	10	214
Hassall	9	20	34	42	27	19	20	25	68	61	26	19	370
Garfoot	16	14	26	38	10	5	6	7	11	28	18	8	187
Frankish	17	14	35	28	26	15	10	10	10	18	13	15	211
Wolsey	16	12	19	13	65	31	43	24	25	30	23	32	333

Total Head for 1982: 1315

Little Owl

## NOMBELA 1982 - VERMIN RECORDS

(-) poisoned

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR		APR		MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL POISONED	TOTAL KILLED	
FOX	2	2	(10)	10	(2)	2		1		1			2		(12)	20	
Cat - Wild							1									1	
Cat - Dom.	3							3		1	5	2		2		16	
Badger/Civet																	
Dog - Stray			(4)	4	(2)	2									(6)	6	
Pole Cat														(1)	(1)		
Weasel	4	3														7	
Hedgehog	4	5	(12)	2	(1)	25	28	11	6	4	2	8	4	1	(13)	100	
Magpie/Jackdaw	151	129	(235)	3	(16)	54	54	175	126	90	103	36	124	196	(251)	1241	
Crow			(9)	9						1					(9)	10	
Lizard		1	(48)	9	(5)	111	146	140	56	3	4	1			(53)	471	
Rat (inc. Caretas)	33	70	(87)	4	(7)	317	128	100	34	19	33	19	27	61	(94)	845	
Snake	4	4	(2)	3	(4)	65	81	98	51	5	13	5	11	3	(6)	343	
TOTALS	201	214	(407)	44	(37)	576	438	528	273	124	160	71	168	(1)	263	(445)	3060



J.N. with  
loader  
J. Woodcock -  
Nombela  
1982

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17TH AUGUST 1982.

DEAR MR GULLICK,

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU SPOKE TO MRS FULLER ABOUT THE PARTRIDGES THAT YOU SENT TO US. THE SIX BIRDS WERE IN INDIVIDUAL BOTTLES - FOUR LABELLED TO AND TWO MARKED CR. (WHEN WE MET, I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT THERE WERE THREE FROM EACH OF THE TWO ESTATES. HOWEVER, THE LABELLING DEFINITELY SUGGESTED A FOUR - TWO SPLIT).

WE UNDERTOOK AND EXAMINATION FOR COCCIDIAL AND HELMINTH INFECTIONS OF THE GUTS WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

WE FOUND HARDLY ANY COCCIDIAL OOCYSTS. COCCIDIOSIS WOULD SEEM NOT TO BE A PROBLEM - NOR WOULD WE HAVE EXPECTED IT TO BE IN WILD BIRDS IN A DRY ENVIRONMENT.

TAPEWORMS OF THE TYPE MENTIONED BY YOUR SPANISH VET WERE PRESENT IN ALL FOUR TO BIRDS BUT IN NEITHER OF THE OTHER TWO. THERE WERE ONE OR TWO WORMS IN 3 OF THE INFECTED BIRDS AND MAYBE UP TO 6 IN THE FOURTH. WE WOULD NOT EXPECT WORMS IN THESE NUMBERS TO HAVE ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS UPON THE BIRDS WHATSOEVER. THERE WERE VERY FEW SPIRUROID WORMS (A SMALL ROUND WORM) IN THE CR BIRDS BUT NONE IN THE TO BIRDS (AGAIN OF NO PATHOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE). BOTH THE TAPEWORMS AND SPIRUROID WORMS HAVE INDIRECT LIFE CYCLES, REQUIRING INVERTEBRATE INTERMEDIATE HOSTS SUCH AS ANTS AND BEETLES. ALL THE PARTRIDGES HAD BEEN EATING CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES OF INSECT FOOD. BIRDS FROM BOTH ESTATES ALSO HAD VERY LIGHT TRICHOSTRONGYLE INFECTIONS (WORMS RELATED TO THAT OF GROUSE). TRICHOSTRONGYLES HAVE DIRECT LIFE CYCLES.

OUR FINDINGS SUGGEST THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO MERIT TREATMENT FOR PARASITISM. OBVIOUSLY, WE WOULD NEED TO CARRY OUT MUCH MORE DETAILED INVESTIGATIONS BEFORE STATING THAT PARASITES WERE NEVER OF SIGNIFICANCE AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE EXTREMELY SURPRISED IF TREATMENT COULD EVER BE SHOWN TO BE OF BENEFIT IN SUCH A POPULATION.

WE WOULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT SUPPLEMENTARY WHEAT FEEDING ITSELF IN THE ABSENCE OF DRUGS MIGHT BE OF HELP IN INCREASING POTENTIAL STOCKING DENSITIES.

WE WOULD NOT WISH TO SUGGEST THAT DRUG TREATMENT OF WILD POPULATIONS OF BIRDS OR ANIMALS COULD NEVER BE USEFUL - ONLY THAT IT DOES NOT SEEM TO BE INDICATED IN THIS CASE. AN EXAMPLE WHERE SUCH AN

APPROACH MIGHT BE VERY BENEFICIAL IS THE CASE OF GROUSE AND STRONGYLOYSIS - ALWAYS SUPPOSING THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO GET MEDICATION INTO THE GROUSE - BY MEDICATING GRIT FOR INSTANCE.

I ENCLOSE AN INVOICE FOR EXAMINATIONS CARRIED OUT AND HAVE SENT A COPY TO MR NICKERSON AS REQUESTED.

YOURS SINCERELY,



D.R. WISE. MA., PhD., VETMB., MRCVS.

University of Cambridge

18 AUG 1982



DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL VETERINARY MEDICINE,  
MADINGLEY ROAD,  
CAMBRIDGE  
CB3 0ES

Senor Rivero, a vet used by J.N.'s friend Sr. J. R. Mora-Figueras in Spain, visited Nombela in 1982 and recommended his expensive treatment for the partridges. An initial treatment was given, but not continued in view of an independent report from Dr. Wise at Cambridge - see letter.

## PHEASANT - POSITION AT 7/1/83

Location	Birds to Ground	No. Shot	Per Cent Shot	No. Needed To Achieve 50%
Rothwell	13400	3480	26%	3220
Tealby	3435	1221	36%	496
Stainton	2261	1016	45%	114
Tugdale	1520	303	20%	457
Roman Holes	475	271	57%	-
	21091	6291	30%	4287

## PHEASANT - Position at 26-1-83

Location	Birds to Ground	No. Shot	Per Cent Shot	No. Needed To achieve 50%
Rothwell	13400	4863	36%	1837
Tealby	3435	1375	40%	342
Stainton	2261	1016	45%	114
Tugdale	1520	440	29%	320
Roman Holes	475	270	57%	-
	21091	7964	38%	2613

## PHEASANT - POSITION AT 20/1/83

Location	Birds to Ground	No. Shot	Per Cent Shot	No. Needed to achieve 50%
Rothwell	13400	4000	30%	2700
Tealby	3435	1375	40%	342
Stainton	2261	1016	45%	114
Tugdale	1520	365	24%	395
Roman Holes	475	270	57%	-
	21091	7026	33%	3551

## PHEASANT - Position at 1st February 1983

Location	Birds to Ground	No. Shot	Per Cent Shot	No. Needed to achieve 50%
Rothwell	13400	6136	46%	564
Tealby	3435	1375	40%	342
Stainton	2261	1016	45%	114
Tugdale	1520	486	32%	274
Roman Holes	475	270	57%	(33)
	21091	9283	44%	1261

## SHOOT DAYS AND PHEASANT BAG

SEASON 1982/3

DATE	ROTHWELL	TEALBY	STAINTON	TUGDALE	ROMAN HOLES
<b>1982</b>					
18 Oct	32*				
Nov. 13th	100				151
17th	111		254		
18th	399			158	
20th	140				
Total November	671		254	158	151
<b>December</b>					
1st		466			
2nd	874				
3rd			209		
4th	358			79	
9th	22*				
11th	77				58
15th		388			
20th			171		
27th	344			66	
28th		367			
30th			205		
Total December	1675	1221	585	145	58
<b>1983</b>					
<b>January</b>					
3rd	741				
4th	393				
6th			177		61
8th	520			62	
14th		154			
24th	330			75	
25th	533				
27th	471			46	
29th	370				
31st	432				
Total January	3790	154	177	183	61
Total for Season	6136	1375	1016	486	270
Number of Days	15 excluding *	4	5	6 (Part)	3 (Part)

1982/83 SHOOT SEASON															
Location	Part	Pheas	Pheas Recry	W/Cock	Hare	Rab	Pigr	Mall	Teal	Moor Hen	W O	Total "Bag"	Pheas. "caught up"	Total Head	Pheasant Final Recy
Rothwell	2	6136	46%	7	10	16	26	148	49	9	1	6404	825	7229	52%
Tealby		1375	40%	12			2	4		6	1	1400	537	1937	56%
R. Holes		270	57%	12			2					284	49	333	67%
Tugdale		486	32%	1	3	1	1	24	7			523	194	717	45%
Stainton		1016	45%	17	4	5	10			7		1059	68	1127	48%
Kelsey	4	102	36%	6	3	1	1			3		127	21	148	43%
R. Island		16						32	198	5	55	306	-	306	-
B. Springs								55	1	2	12	70	-	70	-
Atkins Bog								2	16			18	-	18	-
Totals	6	9401	44%	55	20	27	42	261	274	29	76	10191	1694	11885	52%
<u>Breeders</u>															
Rothwell H - 850 C - 123					Tealby H - 420 C - 55					JN ICC CD RJ WHJ					
RJ/BS/28/2/83															



Mary Keal

Father  
Jacob

FRI. 13th Aug '82

envelope

My talk to Mrs. Fujino

Written by Dr. Niel.

1. Everyone is very frightened.

2. This is first shoot - the  
first time my whole  
life since childhood  
when such a thing has happened.

3. About for age & my  
friendship the shoot  
would be stopped &  
sent home by

C.D. of the  
Very Private Record!

4. He shot me in the morning & my loader have

5. & in the afternoon  
hurt 2 of us &  
also Eugenia & her loader  
in the afternoon.

6. He must Put His gun  
Down OR UP &  
Never follow thru

No ONE SHOULD BE ALLOWED to break  
the line RULE

J. RAMÓN MORA-FIGUEROA  
LAS LOMAS

TELEFONO: N.º 1 BENALUP DE SIDONIA  
TEL.: MORALOMAS  
CORREOS: APARTADO N.º 83  
JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA

23rd August 1982.

Mr. J. Nickerson,  
Rothwell House,  
Rothwell.

*Dear Joe:*

Again another year to say to you and Eugenia how happy we have been during those days of wonderful shooting and what a pleasant time we spent in your delightful company. It was a wonderful year for grouse and so entertaining a shot, being so difficult with the wind.

Your extraordinary generosity and kindness towards me, I shall never forget. It could happen that one may learn from something most difficult or disagreeable. What you gave to me was so edifying and full of kindness that it has produced in me an upgrading of friendship, fondness and admiration.

I hope that you will spend some enjoyable days of shooting in Los Quintos in November, something which I am really looking forward to.

Carmen, Coqui and Fernando all send their best regards and thanks for those lovely days in Wemmergill.

Very sincerely yours,

*J. Ramón*

*Un gran abrazo:-*

