# Handwritten letter from Peter Gallup, 6th February 1983

Dear Mr Standfield

It was nice to see you when you were over here recently, and I am glad to know that the work is progressing.

On consideration after you had been here, there were two points, quits small, which I thought I would pass on.

Firstly, the land down in the valley which was included in the sale. I do remember something about being told that down there was now my father’s land. So I think he must have bought those fields some short time before the Great War.

Secondly, talking of the Rabbit Warren, you rightly remarked that this helped with the meal in the winter. But of course it took quite an important place in the economy of the shooting on the estate. It provided “off days” with a ferret for one or two guests and days which were easy and cheaper to manage – rather than either walking upthe stubbles for partridges or drawing the pheasants with the ancillary arrangements such as beaters & stops and food (and shelters in which to eat it).

The Bonham Carters at Buriton kept Wardown (?) for rabbits and made a considerable point of this by selling wholesale to Portsmouth. I cannot now remember the number but it was thousands of rabbits. We at Bereleigh however were not on that scale. But my father enjoyed a morning’s ferreting and when I was first allowed to hold a gun this was the safer sort of target for a beginner.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Peter Gallup.