

thinking of writing an article for the Bulletin and to comment on preliminary drafts, if so desired.

Aiding further research by information exchange and assisting of cooperative ventures. In many ways this aspect embraces and extends the two earlier headings. It is probably also the area in which most scope for improvement lies. The largest gap which we can see at present concerns information on the interests of the various groups and individuals, together with outlines of particular studies in progress.

One way in which the Bulletin has tried to cover this is by the list of ringing totals. Recently, however, very few ringers have submitted these and it had been our intention to discontinue this item. Despite this, meetings of the WSG have twice asked for the totals list to be continued and, in an attempt to carry out this wish, we intend to attach to each Bulletin a simple form to act as a reminder in this matter. The form with this Bulletin should be returned in March with the totals for the period October to February inclusive. This is not a competition for the largest ringing totals but a simple means of keeping each other informed on which species our activities are concentrated. We would be delighted if ringers overseas were also prepared to return these forms.

A second innovation in this general area is what we hope will become a series of articles outlining the activities of various groups. More of this is said elsewhere but we are hoping for more of this sort of article from both Britain and elsewhere - not, incidentally, at the cost of analytical articles, but in addition to them.

We have outlined our ideas above; what are yours? We would welcome your comments and, even more so, your articles.

CURRENT REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

It is undoubtedly very easy to forget about continuing requests for information. This sort of study can, however, be very useful in providing enough material for analysis in situations where a single worker or group are unlikely to accumulate sufficient. For this reason we are listing below those requests which are current, together with a note of the Bulletin in which full details and addresses can be found.

Colour-ringed or dyed waders: various schemes. Tony Prater will forward records to appropriate persons.

Weights of re-trapped Ringed Plover chicks. Bull. 17 (April 76).

Jack Snipe, all aspects. Bull. 18 (August 76).

Ornithologists visiting Tunisia. Bull. 18 (August 76).

Corpses of freshly dead waders. (This Bulletin).

WADER CATCHING ON THE RIBBLE

In the near future it is hoped to establish a programme of regular wader cannon netting on the Ribble Estuary. At present the South West Lancashire Ringing Group has some Wash equipment on loan, and has made two catches, one of Sanderling and one of Oystercatcher. The Ribble holds very large numbers of waders (it was second only to Morecambe Bay in the 1973/4 Estuaries Enquiry counts), and to date is virtually unworked, with respect to wader ringing. If anyone is interested in the prospect of cannon netting on the Ribble, could they please contact Ian Bainbridge, Dept. of Biology, Liverpool Polytechnic, Byrom Street, Liverpool 3.

Recent recoveriesOystercatcher

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| ED 00868 | Ad | 13. 8.67 | Wash | x Aust Agder, Norway | 13. 8.76 |
| SS 75693 | Ad | 18.11.67 | " | v More & Romsdal, " | 7. 7.76 |
| SS 76313 | Ad | 29. 6.68 | " | v Nordland, " | 18. 6.76 |
| SS 77010 | Ad | 25. 8.68 | " | x Rogaland, " | 11. 6.76 |
| SS 77260 | Ad | 30. 8.68 | " | x " , " | 7. 8.76 |
| SS 77793 | 1Y | 5. 7.69 | " | x Nordland, " | 26. 6.76 |
| FS 15687 | Ad | 12. 8.71 | " | x Rogaland, " | 23. 7.76 |
| FS 29585 | Ad | 3. 8.73 | " | v More & Romsdal, " | 19. 4.76 |
| FS 98038 | Ad | 17. 8.74 | " | + Hordaland, " | 22. 8.76 |
| FS 98150 | 2Y | 18. 8.74 | " | + Rogaland, " | 21. 8.76 |
| FS 98188 | Ad | 18. 8.74 | " | x " , " | 24. 6.76 |
| FS 54323 | Ad | 22. 8.74 | " | " , " | 28. 6.76 |
| FV 04400 | Ad | 12. 8.75 | " | v Nordland, " | 30. 7.76 |
| FV 04465 | Ad | 12. 8.75 | " | x Rogaland, " | 11. 5.76 |
| FV 23433 | Ad | 8. 9.75 | " | + Sogn & Fjordane, " | 29. 7.76 |
| FS 12642 | Ad | 15.11.70 | Morecambe Bay | v Nordland, " | 25. 5.76 |
| FS 27251 | Juv | 7.11.71 | Dee | x More & Romsdal, " | 0. 5.76 |
| FS 40807 | Ad | 15.12.74 | " | x " , " | 18. 7.76 |
| FS 66290 | Ad | 1. 3.75 | Mersey | x " , " | 11. 5.76 |
| FV 08017 | Ad | 10. 8.75 | Dee | x " , " | 19. 6.76 |
| SS 97701 | 2Y | 17. 9.69 | Morecambe Bay | x Faeroe Isl. | 0. 5.76 |
| FS 08645 | Ad | 8.12.69 | " | x " | 6. 7.76 |
| FS 75286 | Ad | 10. 3.74 | Solway | x " | 17. 4.76 |
| FV 08135 | 2Y | 30.11.75 | Dee | v " | 28. 8.76 |
| FS 99593 | Ad | 21. 8.74 | Wash | x Friesland, Netherlands | 19. 5.76 |
| FV 04671 | Ad | 8. 9.75 | " | x Drenthe, " | 17. 5.76 |
| FS 14330 | Pull | 20. 6.71 | Shetland | + Manche, France | 23. 8.76 |
| FV 36587 | Pull | 22. 6.76 | Bardsey Isl. | + Ille et Vilaine, France | 20. 8.76 |
| SS 63106 | Pull | 4. 6.75 | Solway | x Burry Inlet | 17. 4.76 |
| SS 89978 | Ad | 3.11.68 | Morecambe Bay | x Orkney | 26. 6.76 |
| SS 94993 | Ad | 3.11.68 | " | x " | 25. 8.76 |
| FS 08691 | Ad | 23.11.69 | " | x " | 20. 6.76 |
| SS 66489 | Ad | 30. 1.72 | Solway | x " | 8. 8.76 |
| FS 77661 | Ad | 23.11.75 | Cork | x " | 10. 6.76 |
| FS 54230 | Ad | 22. 7.74 | Wash | v Fair Isle | 17. 6.76 |

In addition there were three long distance non breeding movements within Britain and 17 Oystercatchers were recovered on Scottish breeding grounds; these came from Morecambe Bay (7), Dee (4), Burry Inlet (2) and one from each of the Camel, Conway, Solway and Eden estuaries.

Lapwing

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| P 14797 | Pull | 3. 5.67 | Dungeness, Kent | + Somme, France | 20. 3.76 |
| DS 95040 | Ad | 31.12.70 | Farlington, Hants | x Overijssel, Netherlands | 30. 7.76 |
| DR 21653 | Ad | 6. 7.75 | Stafford | x Friesland " | 2. 9.76 |
| 2037466 | Pull | 17. 5.67 | Dungess | x Guildford, Surrey | 28. 5.76 |
| DA 22155 | Juv | 10. 6.76 | Reeth, Yorks | x Horncastle, Lincs | 1. 9.76 |

Ringed Plover

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| BX 02895 | Ad | 14. 8.73 | Hayle, Cornwall | x Rugen, DDR | 7. 6.76 |
| BV 29394 | Ad | 24. 8.75 | Farlington, Hants | x Schier Monnikoog, Netherlands | 28.8.76 |
| BV 42802 | Juv | 14.10.74 | Ythan, Aberdeen | + Setubal, Portugal | 12. 9.76 |
| BV 26302 | Ad | 27. 8.72 | Belfast | ? El Jadida, Morocco | (15. 6.76) |
| BV 06147 | Juv | 30. 8.71 | Alwick, Northumb. | x Ribble | 23. 8.76 |
| BV 25175 | Juv | 16.11.74 | Angle, Pembs. | v Humber | 29. 8.76 |
| BB 56059 | Ad | 13. 9.70 | Morecambe Bay | v Cley, Norfolk | 26. 7.76 |
| BB 86335 | Ad | 29. 1.72 | " | v Duddon (breeding) | 2. 6.76 |

Little Ringed Plover

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| BV 00726 | Pull | 9. 6.76 | Ringwood, Hants | v West Flanders, Belgium | 3. 8.76 |
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Dotterel

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| CE 20630 | Pull | 5. 7.75 | Grampians | x(long) Jutland, Denmark | 13.10.76 |
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Turnstone

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| CC 50760 | Ad | 4.10.70 | Morecambe Bay | + Ellesmere, Canada | 2. 6.76 |
| CC 74346 | Ad | 30. 4.76 | " | ? Upernavik, Greenland | 2. 6.76 |
| CE 05064 | Ad | 5. 8.73 | Wash | x Oulu, Finland | 20. 6.76 |
| CE 05265 | Juv | 1. 9.73 | " | x Aland, " | 3. 7.76 |
| CC 99039 | Ad | 9. 8.75 | " | v Lolland, Denmark | 5. 8.76 |

Snipe

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| CK 49474 | FG | 13.11.68 | Skokholm, Pembs | + Callington, Cornwall | 28.10.76 |
| YA 04153 | Ad | 7. 5.76 | Wicken, Cambs | + Langholm, Dumfries | 9.10.76 |

Curlew

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| GP 16899 | Ad | 11. 3.69 | Skokholm | v Munster, W Germany | 19. 4.76 |
| FS 27602 | Pull | 13. 6.71 | Glen Clova, Angus | v Skokholm | 14.10.76 |
| FV 37814 | Pull | 21. 6.76 | Dufftown, Banff | x Islay, Argyll | 1.10.76 |

Bart-tailed Godwit

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| DS 66507 | Ad | 3. 8.73 | Wash | x Texel, Netherlands | 11. 6.76 |
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Common Sandpiper

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| 77326 S | FG | 11. 8.69 | Chigwell, Essex | v Abingdon, Berks | 15. 7.76 |
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Redshank

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| DS 89500 | Ad | 29. 2.76 | Morecambe Bay | + Jutland, Denmark | 1. 8.76 |
| DA 04178 | Pull | 22. 6.73 | Sutherland | x Noord Holland, Netherlands | 30.4.76 |
| DR 03581 | Pull | 22. 5.76 | Angus | + Charente-Mart, France | end 7.76 |

Redshank (Contd)

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| DS 90803 | Juv | 26. 8.72 | Wash | + Somme, France | 13. 8.76 |
| DS 66752 | Ad | 17. 8.74 | " | + Nord " | 1. 9.76 |
| DS 52243 | FG | 16.11.74 | Portsmouth | x Peterborough, Hunts | 16. 5.76 |
| DS 73759 | Ad | 17. 1.76 | Aylburton, Glos. | x Lunedale, Yorks | 6. 5.76 |
| DA 06122 | Ad | 1. 9.73 | Dee | x Br. Alford, Aberdeen | 16. 6.76 |
| CR 30106 | Ad | 11. 2.68 | Mersey | v Ribble | 7. 5.76 |
| DR 14533 | FG | 11.11.73 | Clyde | x Dunkeld, Perth | 24. 6.76 |
| DS 66284 | Ad | 20. 7.74 | Wash | v Wicken. Cambs | 30. 4.76 |
| DR 27203 | Juv | 28. 8.76 | Tay | + Swale | 26. 9.76 |
| DS 59677 | Ad | 3. 2.73 | Teesmouth | x Wash | 18. 9.76 |

Greenshank

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| DS 73742 | FG | 2. 9.70 | Frampton, Glos. | v Niedersachsen, W Germany | 31. 7.76 |
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| CE 19589 | 2Y | 10. 9.75 | Wash | x Barents Sea (72.40 N, 33.25 E) | 24. 7.76 |
| CE 19287 | Ad | 10. 9.75 | " | + Holsteinsborg, Greenland | 4. 6.76 |
| CC 90071 | Ad | 8.10.72 | " | x Jutland, Denmark | 5. 9.76 |
| CC 64225 | Ad | 3. 3.73 | Morecambe Bay | + " " | 2. 8.76 |
| CE 19561 | Ad | 10. 9.75 | Wash | v Morecambe Bay | 27. 4.76 |
| CC 70601 | Ad | 1. 2.76 | Solway | v " | 27. 4.76 |
| CC 87288 | Ad | 12. 8.72 | Dee | v " | 27. 4.76 |
| CE 04667 | PJ | 23.10.68 | Humber | v Wash | 20. 2.76 |

Dunlin

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| BA 5045- | Ad | 9. 8.67 | Wash | v Jutland, Denmark | 15. 5.76 |
| BX 29992 | Ad | 3. 3.73 | Portsmouth | x E.Frisian Isl. W Germany | 12. 5.76 |
| BX 8874- | FG | 1.11.75 | Wash | + Somme, France | 8. 8.76 |
| BX 89437 | Juv | 3. 8.76 | Shannon | v Sidi Moussa, Morocco | 26. 9.76 |
| BS 76304 | Juv | 11. 8.76 | Hayle | + Azenmour, " | 11.10.76 |

The early autumn 1976 controls from the Baltic and Continental North Sea coasts are summarised below. Underlined ringed as Juv/1Y,

Finland (4) 20.9.68 Suffolk; 26.4.75 Monmouth; 23.1.76 Devon; 25.10.73 Somerset.

Norway (1) 19.5.74 Morecambe Bay.

Sweden (13) 18.8.74, 10.8.75, 6.2.70, 22.8.74 Wash; 24.3.74, 22.11.75 Humber; 31.1.71 Thames; 27.1.71, 1.5.76 Morecambe; 22.1.72 Pembs; 2.1.72 Caerns; 12.5.75 Monmouth; 16.11.74 Clyde.

DDR (5) 16.5.76, 5.12.71 Wash; 25.11.72, 5.3.75 Humber; 11.10.73 Forth.

Denmark (12) 1.11.75, 24.5.75 Wash; 25.8.73 Suffolk; 5.10.68 Thames; 17.1.71 Forth; 12.10.74 Eden; 5.5.73, 1.5.76, 26.4.75 Monmouth; 15.1.74, 7.2.76 Devon; 4.3.73 Morecambe.

W Germany (2) 13.2.71 Dee; 3.3.73 Portsmouth.

Netherlands

(2) 14.5.76 Dee; 29.4.73 Morecambe.

Dunlin (Contd)

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| BX 91544 | Ad | 31. 7.76 | Wash | v Southampton | 29. 9.76 |
| BX 95940 | Juv | 27. 8.76 | " | v Magor, Monmouth | 25. 9.76 |
| NB 18302 | Juv | 28. 8.76 | " | v Bardsey, Caern. | 15.10.76 |
| NB 18629 | Ad | 28. 8.76 | " | v Humber | 26.10.76 |
| BX 76008 | Juv | 30.11.75 | Tay | v Wash | 16. 5.76 |
| BX 89375 | 1Y | 4. 2.76 | Shannon | v " | 16. 5.76 |
| NB 05801 | 1Y | 6. 3.76 | Shoreham, Sussex | v " | 16. 5.76 |
| BX 56589 | Ad | 29. 2.76 | Morecambe Bay | v Humber | 19. 4.76 |
| BX 59752 | Ad | 13. 7.75 | Wash | v Magor, Monmouth | 1. 5.76 |
| BX 86589 | Ad | 9. 9.75 | " | v Morecambe Bay | 12. 5.76 |

There were 13 other movements, but not in the same 'winter' between other British and Irish estuaries.

Sanderling

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| BX 57310 | Ad | 6. 8.75 | Morecambe Bay | x Jutland, Denmark | 21. 5.76 |
| BX 59983 | Ad | 26. 7.75 | Wash | ? Somme, France | 24. 7.76 |
| BX 59750 | Ad | 9. 8.75 | " | + Casablanca, Morocco | 16. 5.76 |
| BB 44165 | Ad | 18. 5.69 | " | v Morecambe | 24. 8.76 |
| BX 58435 | Juv | 23. 8.74 | " | x Ribble | 30. 8.76 |
| BX 86382 | Juv | 5. 9.75 | " | x Dee | 26. 8.76 |

Stone Curlew

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| EF 80653 | Pull | 11. 6.76 | Royston, Herts | + Manche, France | 29. 9.76 |
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