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EDITORIAL

At the meeting of the Wader Study Group in October 1976, the membership decided that they preferred large bulletins (even if this resulted in delays while waiting for material) to a more rigid production schedule (possibly with a variable length to each issue). Since then Bulletins have continued to increase in size and now usually comprise about 30 pages. Production delays have, however, built up to a level which the editors find unacceptable. The long delays in appearance of recent Bulletins have been due to a variety of problems, but strenuous efforts are being made to overcome these and to return to a regular schedule. This Bulletin was prepared mainly in April and most members should receive it in June. Thereafter we intend to return to a regular schedule with Bulletins appearing in August, December and April, with corresponding

deadlines at the end of the first week of July, November and March, respectively. It is a considerable help if material is received well before these deadlines; this applies particularly to articles and papers which may require some correspondence between editors and authors.

In an attempt to return to the regular schedule, preparation of the next Bulletin will be well advanced by the time members receive this issue and we ask that members return the catch reporting forms promptly. Other contributions for this and future Bulletins would be welcome and should be sent to one of the editors listed above.

Apart from the delays in production, certain problems have arisen in circulation of the Bulletin, and we apologise to those members concerned. Graham Appleton has kindly agreed to take over responsibility for circulation in the future and any complaints should now be addressed to him at 18 Old Barn Road, Bourneville, Birmingham, England (Telephone 021 - 458 5881).

North American Section

In view of growing membership in North America, and the organisation of these members into a distinct section within the Wader Study Group, we are intending to include more articles and other material of direct relevance to this area. Guy Morrison has agreed to edit the North American section of the Bulletin and any contributions from this area should be sent to : Dr. R.I.G. Morrison, Canadian Wildlife Service, 2721 Highway 31, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1G 3Z7. Although the North American material will form a separate section within the Bulletin, all members will receive the entire publication. We intend to include the first North American section in the next Bulletin (August 1978).

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NOTICES

Subscriptions

If you have not already sent your 1978 subscription of £1.00, please do so as soon as possible. Cheques should be payable to Halifax Building Society, A/C Wader Study Group and sent to our new Treasurer: Bryan E. Murray, 51 Windsor Road, Billinge, Nr Wigan, Lancs, U.K.