

ADVISORY PANEL

Feeling that the Group may have been losing some of its earlier momentum, the last AGM set up the panel to advise on policy, particularly with regard to co-operative projects. The results of suggestions by the members of the panel, which works mainly by correspondence, are already becoming apparent.

The last AGM decided that the people invited to join the panel should be chosen on the basis that they would probably make a useful contribution, bearing in mind also the desirability of a wide geographical spread. The current members of the panel are listed below. If group members wish to comment on the membership of the panel, they should contact William Dick either before or at the AGM.

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| William Dick (Co-ordinator) | Peter Challinor | Hans Meltofte |
| Harry Green (Acting Chairman) | Chris Clapham | Ted Miller |
| Tony Prater (Secretary) | Peter Evans | Clive Minton |
| Mike Pienkowski (Editor) | Roger Forster | Guy Morrison |
| Bryan Murray (Treasurer) | Ian Forsyth | Chris Reynolds |
| Graham Appleton (Administrative Secretary) | Les Goodyer | David Steventon |
| Stephen Baillie | Jeremy Greenwood | Bob Swann |
| Ian Bainbridge | Bill Hale | Roger Swinfen |
| Gerard Boere | Michael Harenger | Manfred Waltner |

Because of the wide geographical distribution of its members, the Panel will advise mainly through correspondence with the Co-ordinator and his circulars. Reports of the Panels activities will be published in the Bulletin.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As announced in Bulletin 23, the Annual General Meeting of the Wader Study Group will take place at 9.45 pm on Saturday 6 January 1979 at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire during the British Trust for Ornithology's Ringing & Migration Conference. Bookings for the whole Conference must by now have been made to the BTO. WSG members who have not booked may attend the WSG AGM only if they wish. This gives no right to be present at the Conference at any other time.

Agenda

1. Remarks by the Acting Chairman
2. Report by the Administrative Secretary
3. Report by the Treasurer (including proposal for subscription increase)
4. Report by the Editors
5. Report by the Co-ordinator of the Advisory Panel
6. Election of Officers
7. Any other business
8. Talks by W.J.A. Dick and G.H. Green on the co-operative projects to take place in the spring (see pp. 5-9 in this Bulletin).

AUTUMN MEETING 1979

We are hoping to be able to re-institute the one-day autumn scientific and social meeting of the Group in 1979. Arrangements have not yet been made but the probably date will be in October and the probable location Nottingham University. This would be a reasonably accessible location and there are several members resident in the area who would be able to provide floors for those requiring overnight accommodation. Details will appear in the April issue of the Bulletin.

Because so few members, even from Britain, in practice, are able to attend the BTO R & M Conference, where the WSG AGM has always been held, there may well be a case for organising a regular autumn meeting for this purpose, together with a scientific and social gathering. Comments would be welcome and should be sent to the Chairman.

REPRINTING OF BACK NUMBERS OF THE BULLETIN

Those members who ordered back numbers of the Bulletin will undoubtedly wish to know when they will receive them. We have delayed the reprinting because orders have continued to flow in at a fairly steady rate. However, we feel that, in fairness to those ordering early, we cannot delay printing