

WADER STUDY GROUP

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WSG AUTUMN MEETING AND AGM AT MÜNSTER, W GERMANY 12-13 SEPTEMBER

You MAY receive this Bulletin before the September meeting. If you do, and wish to attend but have not booked telephone William Dick in London (home 01-223-6681; work 01-377-3978) and he will try to make arrangements for you.

The party from Britain will travel on the ferry from Harwich (2200hrs, 11 September) to Hook of Holland. The meeting will be held at Münster University from 1430hrs on 12 September. The evening will be spent in social and catching activities at the Biological Station. On 13 September there will be a visit to the reserve and the meeting will continue at the University. The British party will leave Münster at 1700hrs on 13 September, sail from Hook of Holland at 2300hrs and arrive at Harwich at 0630hrs 14 September. Some people will stay for the following week in Germany to participate in catching attempts in Schleswig-Holstein with BGNF Wattenmeer.

Apart from the Annual General Meeting of the Group, we hope to include talks on the following subjects:- Peter Prokosch. The present knowledge of the Knot Calidris canutus in Schleswig-Holstein-Wattenmeer.

Robert Furness and Hector Galbraith. Breeding waders on agricultural land in Scotland. (WSG Project).

Mike Pienkowski. WSG Project on wader movements in Western Europe - progress report.

Ron Summers. The primary moult of the Redshank Tringa totanus.

Jadwiga Gromadzka. Results of 20 years Dunlin Calidria alpina ringing in Poland.

William Dick. The wintering of waders at the Archipel des Bijagos, Guinea-Bissau.

Marcel Kersten. Results of the Netherlands Morocco Expedition 1981.

Thomas Kepp. Weight changes of moulting Ruffs Philomachus pugnax in the sewage farms of Münster.

Hermann Hotker. Progress report on WSG Inland Wader Project.

HELP WANTED IN WADER-CATCHING

In the progress report on the WSG project on Movements of Wader Populations in Western Europe elsewhere in this issue, readers will note that our marking areas this autumn include the Ribble estuary in Lancashire, NW England. Catching here will be organised by the SW Lancashire Ringing Group in conjunction with Liverpool Polytechnic and the project as a whole based at Durham University.

SW Lancs RG would welcome helpers on any of their proposed catching dates. In the case of mist-netting attempts, additional catching equipment would also be useful. The proposed dates of operation are:

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| 13 September | Seaforth - cannon netting | |
| 18-19 September | Crossens/Marshside/Formby - mist netting | |
| 26 September- 1 October | Crossens/Marshside/Formby - mist netting | |
| 27 September | Seaforth - cannon netting | |
| 17-18 October | Crossens - mist netting | Formby - cannon netting |
| 25-30 October | Crossens - mist netting | |
| 14-15 November | Formby - cannon netting | |
| 27-29 November | Crossens/Marshside/Formby - mist netting; | Seaforth - cannon netting |
| 12-13 December | Formby - cannon netting | |
| 27 December | Seaforth - cannon netting | |

Would anyone who might be able to participate in any of these attempts, or who would like further information, please contact: Dave Fletcher, 4 Hawksworth Drive, Formby, Liverpool L37 7EZ (telephone: Formby (07048) 77837). Floor space will be available for those visiting the area.

NORTH AMERICAN SECTION

We regret that the copy for the North American Section of this issue has been lost (we hope temporarily) in a postal strike in Canada. Although we have made attempts to obtain a second copy by other means, it has proven impossible to do so in time for publication. We regret, therefore, that there is no N.American section in this issue. Articles which have been included will appear in future numbers of the Bulletin.

AVAILABILITY OF BACK NUMBERS OF WSG BULLETIN AND REPRINTING

The Secretaries and Editors receive a fairly steady stream of requests for earlier issues of the Bulletin, particularly from persons and institutions joining the Group. About three years ago the first twenty numbers (which were much smaller than current issues) were reprinted in groups of five. However, because of technical difficulties, we were unable to reprint as many as we had intended and most issues rapidly ran out of print again.

The present situation is that small stocks are available of numbers 16-20 (bound together), 21, 22 and 25 and larger stocks of 26 onwards. If the demand is high enough we intend to reprint 1-5, 6-10, 11-15, 23 and 24, so that all issues will again be available. The costs of this exercise must be covered by subsequent sales, rather than be added to general expenditure. However, we think it will be possible to cover costs yet keep the price reasonably low at £3-00 per number. For pricing purposes, the 5 early issues bound together, as indicated above, will count as one. This unitary pricing does not introduce large discrepancies and will considerably ease handling.

An order form is enclosed with this Bulletin. Because of the restrictions outlined above, payment must be sent with order. Should the demand prove too low to justify reprinting, payment will be returned.