

WADER STUDY GROUP

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WSG AUTUMN MEETING & AGM AT DURHAM, U.K., 22-24 OCTOBER 1982

This year's conference will be held at Durham School from the evening of Friday 22 October until Sunday 24 October. We are grateful to Peter Evans of Durham University for help in organisation. Accommodation has been arranged in newly refurbished dormitories in this boys' boarding school (during the boys' half-term holiday), so as to keep costs reasonably low but provide comfortable facilities. (If anyone who would like to attend feels unable to use such accommodation, please let us know on the enclosed booking form as soon as possible; it may prove possible to arrange accommodation for them with WSG members living locally or, if preferred but at more expense, in local hotels.)

The school is set in pleasant surroundings in the small, but historic, city of Durham. Those for whom wader discussions become too trying can walk the wooded banks of the River Wear or explore the Cathedral, the largest Norman building in Europe (or anywhere, for that matter). Those dedicated persons staying at the meeting will have the use of a well equipped lecture theatre and, for the important discussions, a room set aside as a bar.

The School has readily made arrangements to suit the varying needs of WSG members. A cold buffet will be provided, probably from about 19.30 onwards, on Friday evening to allow for various times of arrival, and almost any combination of periods of stay will be possible. Costs are as follows (Value Added Tax is included where appropriate).

Friday supper	£1-40	Saturday supper	£1-40
Friday-Saturday bed & breakfast	£4-60	Saturday-Sunday bed & breakfast	£4-60
Saturday lunch	£1-75	Sunday lunch	£1-75
Conference fee (to cover communal facilities and administration)			£2-00
		TOTAL	£17-50

The Annual General Meeting of the Wader Study Group will take place during the Conference but most of the programme will, as usual, be devoted to lectures and discussion. The scientific programme is not yet arranged and offers of talks (or suggestions of topics for discussion) would be welcome, and space for this is available on the booking form enclosed. The officers, with the approval of the informal meeting in January, have suggested that the theme of this meeting be 'Wader studies applied to reclamation and other conservation problems', but there is no need for offers of talks to stick to this subject.

A booking form for the meeting is enclosed with this issue and should be returned, as soon as possible and with payment (cheque to 'Wader Study Group') to M.W. Pienkowski, Dept. of Zoology, University of Durham, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE, UK. (Members from overseas may pay on arrival, but definite bookings are required in advance.)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

1982 subscriptions became due on January 1st. If you have not yet paid you will find a renewal form with this bulletin. Please return this, with payment, as soon as possible. Late payments cause extra expense to the Group; see elsewhere in this issue for details of current financial problems.

PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

Although we would prefer British members to send their subscription payments to the secretaries - it makes administration easier - there have been many requests from our European members to pay by Bank Giro.

All members can now pay subscriptions by a transfer from their own Bank account to the Wader Study Group account at:-
Lloyds Bank Limited, 7 Victoria Place, Haverfordwest, Dyfed, South Wales, SA61 2JZ, G.B.

Bank Sorting Code No. 30 - 93 - 98

W.S.G. Account No. 0095972

If you do pay by this method (and it will save European members and the WSG some money), please ensure that your name and address (abbreviated), is shown on the transfer slip and pay only in £ sterling.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN WADER STUDY GROUP COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Your current officers are under considerable pressure from both WSG activities, the work they do for a living and other matters. We feel that the time has come to involve new people in running the Group. Indeed this is essential if the Group is to continue to grow and to remain a dynamic organisation.

We therefore propose the following committee structure. The people involved have agreed to act in the various capacities indicated.

Chairman/Editor	G.H.Green	(present chairman and editor)
Vice Chairman	M.W.Pienkowski	(present editor)
Secretaries	N. & J. Clark	(present secretaries)
Treasurer	S.J.Sutcliffe	(present acting treasurer co-opted)
Editor	N.C.Davidson	(present no elected post but actively assisting MWP)
Co-ordinator	Th. Piersma	(proposed new member)
Committee members	W.J.A.Dick	(present co-ordinator)
	H.Galbraith	(proposed new member)
	H.Hötter	(proposed new member)

This matter must be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting, to be held at Durham, England on 23 October 1982. If any member wishes to nominate alternative candidates please send these to the Chairman by 30 June 1982. Note that the candidate must be proposed and seconded and must record his or her willingness to serve. If no nominations are forthcoming, the names listed above will be put to the AGM for election. If other nominations arise a postal ballot will be organised with the August 1982 Bulletin, and the matter will then finally be decided at the AGM.

G.H.Green (Chairman)