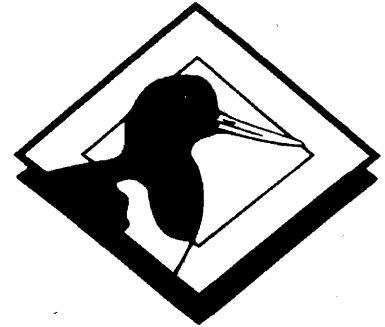


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# WADER STUDY GROUP



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## **WSG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1993**

The 1993 WSG Annual General Meeting will be held at 09.00 on Saturday 30 October 1993 during the annual conference in Ipswich, Suffolk, U.K. The full agenda of the AGM will be published in *Bulletin* 69 in August, 1993.

### **Notice of re-election of Officers**

The Vice-chairman, Theunis Piersma, the Editor-in-chief of the *Bulletin*, David Stroud, and the Membership Secretary, Rodney West complete their terms of office this year and their positions fall vacant. The Officers concerned have indicated their willingness to stand for a further term, and the Executive Committee thus proposes the election of the following officers:

**Vice Chairman:** Theunis Piersma

**Editor:** David Stroud

**Membership Secretary:** Rodney West

### **Notice of re-election of members of the Executive Committee**

The term of office of the following Mem-

bers of the Executive Committee are completed this year: Nicola Baccetti, Mark Barter, Jadwiga Gromadzka, Paul-Eric Jönsson and Brigitte Klinner.

Of these, the following have indicated their willingness to stand for re-election for a further term and therefore the Executive Committee propose the election of:

Nicola Baccetti

Mark Barter

Jadwiga Gromadzka

Brigitte Klinner

Alternative nominations for the Officers, and Members of the Executive Committee listed above may be made by any members of the Wader Study Group. Nominations must be signed by a proposer and seconder and must include a signed statement by the candidate indicating that they are willing to stand. All these people must be paid up members of the Wader Study Group. Nominations should be sent to the General Secretary, Petra de Goeij, to arrive by 30 July 1993.

## **WSG Annual Conference, Ipswich, Suffolk, U.K.**

**October 29 - 31 1993**

The 1993 Wader Study Group Annual Conference will take place from Friday 29 October to Sunday 31 October with an additional day, Monday 1 November for a one-day seminar on Dunlin. The conference is to be held at St. Joseph's College situated in the south-west of Ipswich. The meeting is hosted by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT).

Delegates are recommended to arrive on Friday. Dinner will be at 19.30 and will be followed by an informal talk by SWT representatives. As in previous years, the formal part of the meeting will begin with the AGM on Saturday morning (30 October) and will be followed by talks for the remainder of the morning session.

The whole of the afternoon will be taken up with several workshops, including those on:



## COUNTING

## CATCHING & MORPHOMETRICS

## ENERGETICS

## FOOD & FEEDING

These workshops offer a really splendid opportunity for all those involved in working on waders, and particularly those participating in volunteer catching or counting as well as more detailed research, to come together and share their knowledge.

Saturday evening will be devoted to informal discussion and there will be a bar and music available. Further talks will take place on Sunday morning, with field trips during the afternoon to local estuaries. The field trips will end at 16.00 and this will mark the end of the conference.

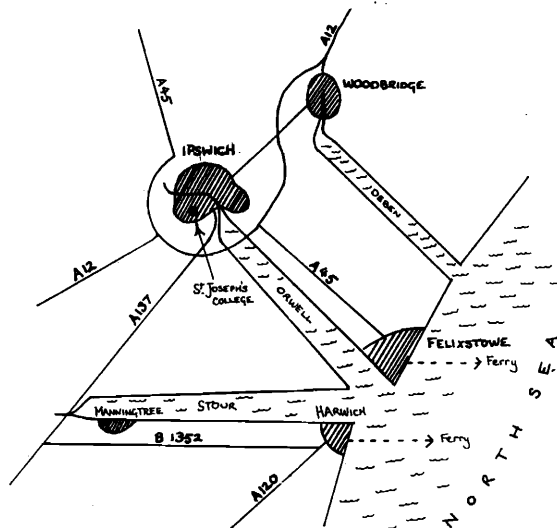
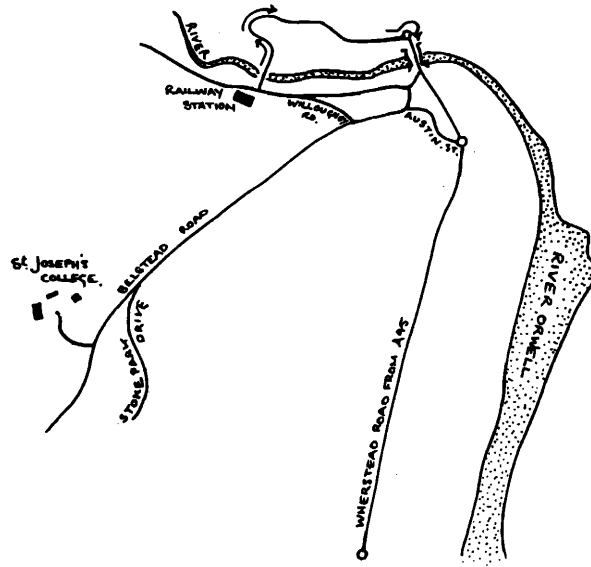
However, Monday 1 November is given over to a one-day on Dunlin migrations (see separate announcement). This will finish at 17.00.

### Travel arrangements

The registration desk at the College will be open from 17.00 on Friday 29 October and delegates are advised to arrive shortly after then is possible. St. Joseph's College is in Birkfield Road off Belstead Road and is situated about 2 km south of the railway station and 2 km north of the A45 southern bypass. If arriving by car, the college should be approached by the A45 junction turning north at the A137 junction into south Ipswich. If arriving by sea, either from the ports of Harwich or Felixstowe, Ipswich can be reached by train, bus or car within half to one hour. If you wish to be collected from either ferry port or railway station then please indicate this on the booking form. Please see the maps for further details.

### Food and accommodation

The college can accommodate up to 120 people, occupying 54 single rooms and numerous other rooms with 3 or 4



beds. As it is the school half-term there will still be students belongings locked away in some of the cupboards. Please indicate on the booking form if you are unwilling to share a room. Alternatively, if you do not mind sharing a room but would prefer to share with a friend then please say so. Single rooms will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis, so book early. Bed linen will be provided. A three course evening meal will be provided on both Friday and Saturday, and also on Sunday for those staying over for the *Dunlin migration* seminar. A full cooked breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Sandwiches or a cold-buffet will be available for those arriving late on Friday. Mid-morning coffee and mid-afternoon tea will also be provided. Delegates with dietary requirements e.g. vegetarians, should

indicate this on the booking forms.

There will be a bar serving various beers, and a limited selection of spirits and soft drinks on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

### Talks and posters

Offers of talks should be made to Rodney West, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Brooke House, Ashbocking, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 9JY, U.K. as soon as possible. Please note the time available for talks is limited to 20 minutes, which includes 5 minutes for questions. We will try to accommodate all offers of talks although this may not be possible. Therefore we strongly recommend that talks are offered as soon as possible, otherwise space may not remain available in the programme. **Talks will only be accepted if an abstract is pro-**



vided at the time of the offer of the talk. Abstracts should be in English and typed clearly on A4 paper. This should include the title of the paper, the authors name and address and the abstract itself. Translations of abstracts into either German or French would be a welcome addition to the English version. Abstracts will be provided for those attending the conference. Authors may wish to provide a revised abstract of their talk at the conference for publication in the *Bulletin*. Talks will not be accepted after 15 July 1993. An overhead projector and a 35mm carousel slide projector will be available but please indicate if you require additional equipment.

Poster displays are also invited and offers of poster should be made in the same way as for the talks. Please provide and abstract for your poster and indicate its size. Posters will be on display throughout the conference and it is hoped that books, journals and other goods will be on sale at the conference.

#### Excursions

The excursions on Sunday afternoon will either be by private cars or by minibus/coach. If you have a car available for use on the excursion, please indicate so on the booking form. Rubber boots and outdoor clothes are advisable.

#### Costs

The Conference will run from Friday night until late Sunday afternoon. We anticipate that most participants will wish to arrive on Friday evening, although flexible booking arrangements are available. Cost will be as follows;

##### *Whole Conference*

Friday dinner to Sunday dinner including all meals and accommodation : £40.00

##### *Part Conference*

Saturday morning coffee to Sunday lunch incl. all meals and accommoda-

tion £40.00

Saturday coffee, lunch and dinner £10.00

Sunday coffee and lunch £ 4.00

##### *One-day seminar (Monday, 1 November)*

Monday morning coffee, lunch and dinner £10.00

Participants should note that it will be possible to stay at the College on Sunday and Monday night at an additional £ 6.00 per night (which includes bed and breakfast).

In addition to the costs of accommodation, there is a Conference Fee of £15 payable by all delegates. This conference fee will cover the costs of conference administration, entertainment.

#### Bookings

Booking forms should be completed and returned as soon as possible, to Rodney West, WSG Conference c/o Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Brooke House, Ashbocking, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 9JY U.K. Final payment to be made on checking in at the conference.

We look forward to seeing you in October at Ipswich

## *Understanding patterns in Dunlin migration*

**Workshop on Monday 1 November  
1993, Ipswich**

The workshop will summarize present knowledge concerning the constraints which affect the Dunlin's seasonal and geographical patterns during migration. It will emphasise the relationships between patterns found during the breeding season and Dunlin migration strategies. The workshop also intends

to highlight gaps in our knowledge which will be helpful in the encouragement and guiding of future work.

The workshop is open to all. There will be some keynote talks, but papers are planned to be comparatively short and almost equal time is being allowed for discussion. Contributions to the issues listed below are very welcome. These should preferably be talks. Posters should be displayed during the main WSG meeting to allow an adequate time to read them.

In the following section the key issues for discussion are listed. The provocative statements which follow below will hopefully encourage talks supporting one or several of the viewpoints presented! (or even further viewpoints not mentioned!!) The order of the final programme of the workshop has yet to be determined.

#### Key issues of the workshop

##### *Relationship between breeding distribution and migratory flyways?*

◆ Is the present understanding of geographical distribution of breeding populations and on their taxonomical differences as known from ringing recoveries or biometric studies correct? Do the reasons for disbelief in common ideas about subspeciation do recent genetic investigations make it necessary to revise our understanding about differences between Dunlin populations?

◆ Is the development of the different Flyways primarily caused by the actual breeding distribution (alternatively by historical factors such as the glacial relict zones)? It is the availability of a reasonable Flyway actually more important and therefore causes the breeding distribution?

◆ Are different migratory staging areas used by populations with a different breeding origin? Do Dunlins mix more or less randomly during migration and



thus give no separation of populations with a different breeding origin whatsoever.

*Differences in distribution of moult, body size, sex and age along the Flyways?*

◆ Are there ecological and behavioural differences between juvenile and adult Dunlins during autumn migration which are caused by competition, experience or different food demands? Are those differences important for the actual distribution of the individuals even in future years?

◆ There are differences in body size in Dunlin which are assumed to follow a North-South axis during winter. Are the reasons for this primarily related to the latitude of the breeding area or energetic constraints in the wintering area, or are they due to competition?

◆ Can constraints during migration and especially the primary moult even cause patterns of breeding behaviour such as early brood desertion by females. That there is any causal relation between patterns expressed during breeding and migration?

*Numbers and the development of numbers along the Flyway?*

◆ Are differences in the intensity of juvenile appearance at a site between years directly related to differences in breeding success. Alternatively are they rather related to regional influences unrelated to the breeding success?

◆ Do the current published numbers of population sizes reflect well the real numbers, or are they too low or too high?

◆ The population of the nominate subspecies is currently showing a dramatic increase after many years of decrease, however there are other data which do not indicate such trends. Are there explanations for these population changes?

#### Technical Information

The workshop will take place on Monday 1 November 1993 from 09.00 to 17.00 following the annual conference of the Wader Study Group in Ipswich (see separate announcement). The locality will be the same as for the conference. There are no extra costs

except the overnight fee. Please indicate your wish to attend the workshop on the registration form for the conference and mark the nights you would like to stay there.

Papers presented at the workshop shall eventually be published in proceedings, which will most probably be a supplementary *WSG Bulletin* (funding permitting! - Ed.).

Please mail all requests concerning the scientific program as soon as possible to: Hans-Ulrich Rösner, WWF-Wattenmeerstelle, Norderstrasse 3, D - W - 2250 Husum, Germany. Tel: 49 4841 62073 (office), -63646 (private). Fax: -4736.

Deadline for offers of talks is September 15. You can bring posters even without advance booking. However, if you want the abstract of your talk or poster to be included with the conference/workshop papers, the final deadline is 15th July, 1993.

## Breeding Waders in Europe

As announced on the WSG conference in Hungary and later in the *WSG Bulletin*, a new project on numbers and trends of breeding waders in Europe is planned. The project aims to update the information on numbers and distribution of breeding waders in Europe (see Supplement to *WSG Bulletin* 48). Hopefully it will also be possible to calculate some more detailed trends for wader populations. The co-ordinators of project (H. Höetker, J. Kube and T. Piersma) will try to make use of the quite extensive literature data published on this field

since 1986, but they also intend to encourage some more fieldwork where appropriate. Some regional/national co-ordinators for the work have already been found. The project should be completed by 1996. More about this project in one of the next *Bulletins*.

## Bulletin Editing

The editorial and production process for the *Bulletin* is labour-intensive. We would always be grateful for offers of help, even if your input may be limited. The spreading of the many tasks amongst a team reduces the burden on each and ensures the timely delivery of the *WSG Bulletin* to your door! Please contact the Editor-in-Chief if you are able to offer your help.

