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- 1) June meeting. The June meeting of the W.S.G. will be held at Dr. C.D.T. Mintons house at Shenstone on Saturday 23rd June. The topic to be discussed will be reports on the knowledge of the waders of each estuary - with special reference to the application of the results to the Birds of Estuaries Enquiry.
- 2) Breeding waders. As little is known about breeding waders we would like to emphasise that it is extremely important that the biometrics, breeding seasons, success etc. of breeding waders should not be neglected. There are very few detailed studies in western Europe, and even fewer in Britain. Without these details we cannot hope to sort out population movements through the country. Every ringer can help by obtaining measurements of breeding adults as well as of pulli. We would urge that during the summers of 1973 and 1974 a big effort should be made to trap and ring waders in areas where they breed. Nest record cards are excellent for storing the information on, they are obtainable from the B.T.O.
- 3) 1973 Subscriptions. Sorry to mention it again but Ron Birch would like to have 50p. payments from those who have not yet remembered this subscription, address: 8 Thornberry Close, Saughall, Chester.
- 4) Ringers Conference. I should like to thank all of those who entertained us at Swanwick last January. In particular thanks go to Guy Morrison and James Wilson for their excellent talk on Friday evening and for showing the uncut version of the superb film of the Iceland expedition. To Harry Green for the quality of slides on eastern Greenland, to me exemplified by a magnificent picture of a Sanderling on the nest. To Peter Stanley, M. Pienkowski and D. O'Kill for their talks on their expeditions to Scandinavia and Morocco.

Ringing Totals : October-February

Below are the ringing totals for the winter period. Of special note are the start of wader netting on the Clyde (by Peter Mackie and Iain Gibson), the start of cannon netting on the Humber (at Spurn) and the continuation of cannon netting in Portsmouth Harbour (with the F.R.G.) and in Wales (both at Conway and in Monmouthshire).

	Clyde	FRG	MBWG	MRG	Spurn	Wales	TRG	WWRG
Oystercatcher	3	16	66	300		99	45	96
Lapwing		7		2	2	29		
Ringed Plover			30	39		50	3	
Grey Plover		2						50
Golden Plover			7	3				2
Turnstone		55	125	4	2	16	59	12
Common Snipe		28		40	5			
Jack Snipe		5		3	1			
Curlew		21	3	10			1	41
Black-tld Godwit		8						
Bar-tld Godwit		1		3				4

	Clyde	FRG	MBWG	MRG	Spurn	Wales	TRG	WTRG
Green Sandpiper				1				
Redshank	59	68	229	20	13	38	101	150
Greenshank		1						
Knot	1	1	1440	908	10		18	1308
Dunlin	55	238	608	504	715	390	55	1158
Sanderling				107			33	55
Purple Sandpiper				1			8	2

Recent Recoveries

Oystercatcher

Pullus	9.6.69	Skokholm, Pembs.		+ Safi, Morocco			22.10.72	
Pullus	7.7.70	Granton-on-Spey, Inverness		x inner Clyde, Dunbarton			20.11.72	
Pullus	13.6.72	Orkney		+ Coruma, Spain			12.11.72	
Pullus	16.7.72	Skokholm		+ Charante Maritime, France			11.10.72	
Ad	13.4.68	Heacham, Wash		x More & Romsdal, Norway			29.10.72	
2Y	28.7.68	Wolferton, Wash		x Rogaland, Norway			14.7.72	
2Y	30.8.68	Snettisham, Wash		+ More & Romsdal, Norway			7.7.72	
Ad	16.10.63	Flookburgh, Morecambe Bay		x Faeroes			28.8.72	
Ad	22.10.64	Point of Air, Dee		x Faeroes			end 3.72	
1Y	17.2.68	Heacham		x Faeroes			10.8.72	
Ad	23.11.69	Piel, Morecambe Bay		x Faeroes			0.11.72	
Ad	20.2.72	Heacham		v Faeroes			14.7.72	
FG	13.8.67	Snettisham		x Jylland, Denmark			1.11.72	

In addition to these recoveries there were nine birds, found within Britain which appear to have been wintering further north than where ringed. All these birds were three or more years old. One first year bird ringed on 8.10.72 at the Point of Air, Dee was recovered at Prah Sands, Cornwall on 10.11.72, this showed a similar movement to the last two of the pulli recoveries. The first pullus is remarkable in that the bird was over 3 years old when recovered in Morocco. Also note the three late recoveries in the Faeroes, Norway and Denmark, probably a sign of the mild winter.

Lapwing

Pullus	3.6.72	Banffshire		+ Morbihan, France			early 12.72	
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Ringed Plover

Ad	24.9.72	Walney, Morecambe Bay		v Conway, Caerns.			18.11.72	
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Snipe

Juv	17.8.67	Chew, Somerset		+ Beaulieu, Hants.			27.1.73	
PJ	20.11.68	Swale, Kent		+ Consett, Durham			19.10.72	
PJ	5.1.70	Cambridge		x Schleswig-Holstein, W. Germany			16.10.72	
Juv	5.8.71	Billingham, Durham		+ Killorglin, Co. Kerry			16.1.73	
FG	18.9.71	Little Haltingbury, Essex		+ Zeeland, Netherlands			26.9.72	
1Y	23.1.72	Huddersfield, Yorks		+ Odeuse Fjord, Denmark			15.10.72	
EJ	25.7.72	Loch Eye, Rosshire		+ Ballymena, Co. Antrim			29.12.72	
FG	17.8.72	Appleby, Westmorland		+ Cotes du Nord, France			24.9.72	

Jack Snipe

FG	6.10.71	Fair Isle		+ mainland, Orkney			3.1.73	
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Woodcock

Pull	11.7.72	Beaulieu, Inverness		+ Killarney, Co. Kerry			26.12.72	
FG	14.10.72	Holme, Norfolk		+ Tamworth, Staffs.			25.11.72	