

Spring 2012 NEWSLETTER

Summer Outings 2012

May 26th(Sat) Anchor Bottom (a.m. only)

Meet 09:30 in Beeding Hill car park.

O.S. Sheet 198. ref. TQ208097—Dist 3K(2).
Leader: Chris Wright 01903 814859.

June 8th (Fri) Wiggonholt Common for Nightjars.

Meet 20:00 in the Pulborough RSPB car park. BT O.S. sheet 197. Ref. TQ059164—Dist 2K(1). Leader: Dorian Mason & Russ Tofts 01903 700456.

June 16th (Sat) Warnham LNR (a.m. only). £1.00 entry charge

Meet 09:30 in car park NW of Horsham just off A24 on the B2237. O.S. sheet 187. Ref. TQ167323—Dist 3K (1).

Leader: Brianne Reeve 01273 452497.

Jul 8th (Sun) The Burgh

Meet 09:00 at the triangle, Peppering Barn, Burpham. O.S. sheet 197. Ref. TQ042095—Dist 7K(2/3). Leader: Bernie Forbes 01903 753876.

Aug 18th (Sat) Chantry & Kithurst

Meet 09:00 at car park at top of Chantry Lane east of Storrington. O.S. sheet 197. Ref. TQ087119—Dist 4K(2). Leader: Clive Hope 01903 700498.

Aug 24th (Fri) Pulborough RSPB for Waders

Meet 17:30 in RSPB car park, Pulborough. BT O.S. sheet 197. Ref. TQ059164—Dist 3K(1).

Leader: Russ Tofts 01903 207993.

Aug 31st (Fri) Adur Valley-morning only river walk

Meet 09:00 parking in lay-by just north of old Cement Works.

O.S. sheet 198. Ref. TQ197094—Dist 5K(2) 2 stiles.

Leader: Chris Wright 01903 814859.

Sep 2nd (Sun) Cissbury Ring a.m. only

Meet 08:00 in National Trust car park.

O.S. sheet 198. Ref. TQ139084—Dist 3K(2).

Leader: Bernie Forbes & Dave Smith 01903 753876.

Outings Reports

Rackham Woods 26th February Bernie Forbes

Twenty-seven SDOS members and friends gathered on the green at Rackham Sunday morning for a walk around the woods. The weather, a beautiful warm sunny morning with very little wind, made it perfect conditions for birding. A couple of hours were spent in the woods before ending up at the RSPB viewpoint overlooking Amberley Brooks. The soft piping call of Bullfinch was heard and 2 stunning males were found in the tops of the trees eating buds, one of which was viewed in the scope. In the woods singing Coal Tit and calling Marsh Tit were heard and eventually reasonable views of both species were achieved. Two Great Spotted Woodpeckers were being disturbed by a hunting Common Buzzard and a Green Woodpecker was also calling although it never showed. The faint thin call of Treecreeper was heard by the group with a few people getting close views; several Nuthatches were calling giving a few scant, fleeting views. From the lookout eight Bewick's Swans were found grazing out on the brooks, although many of the large flocks of winter ducks had diminished leaving just two flocks of Wigeon and a few Teal. The only geese seen were a couple of Greylags. The hundreds of dark morph Fallow Deer grazing on the brooks were very visible from the high lookout. The warm sunny morning produced a lovely Red Admiral surely a sign of Spring!

The group relocated to the downs above North Stoke taking lunch sitting out enjoying the singing Skylarks and Grey Partridges. The walk around The Burgh produced countless Grey Partridge sightings and at least six Red Kites with two feasting on a rabbit and another plucking a Woodpigeon before tucking into the meaty bits! Also noted a decent flock of Linnets, several Yellowhammer and a few Corn Bunting with many sitting out on the top of the bushes. No sign of the Rough-legged Buzzard today although the very pale Common Buzzard, that in the past has been mistaken for the RLB, was seen. The tail-enders on the walk had a dashing Merlin in the distance. In the emerging crop a few Brown Hares were lazily taking in the warm sunshine.

Warnham L.N.R March 17th Brianne Reeve

The forecast for this outing was not encouraging but nevertheless there are those who were prepared to come out whatever the weather and they were well-rewarded. Just nine members met in the car park as the rain started to look as though it had set in for the day. We started by walking a little way along the road outside the Reserve to look over the bridge where the lake falls, at some height, into the small river and there, right on cue, was a superb male Grey Wagtail. It landed on a rock immediately below us and then flew to the top of the weir giving excellent views for all of us.

In the centre Jake Everitt met us as we were admiring the Siskins and Redpolls, males and females of each species, making use of the feeders. Jake said they had filled the feeders with Nyger seed to encourage the Goldfinches and were pleased to attract the much more unusual species. Everyone was delighted to have such close views of these charming birds. Jake gave us a short introduction to what we might hope to see on the Reserve and showed us the internal workings of the beehive in the classroom and we were surprised to feel the heat through the glass, given off by the active bees. Nor could we help to be fascinated by the two families of Harvest Mice doing their own thing regardless of their audience!

We set off through the Reserve recording Nuthatch, Blue and Great Tits and then above us in the gloom a Sand Martin feeding over the lake. It was not easy to pick up this tiny migrant high in the sky but we all found it. A Cormorant in breeding plumage flew over us and in the distance a Little Egret stood motionless in the reeds on the far side of the lake. There was quite a lot of movement in the small trees on the near edge of the lake, more tits, Dunnock and then a very nice pair of Blackcaps, one black and one brown-headed - the first for this year according to Jake. By the time we reached the Woodpecker Hide the rain had really set in so we were pleased to take shelter and be entertained at the continuous changing variety of birds in front of us. There was a large number of Redpolls, on the ground and on the feeders, both sexes, and in varying plumages and there were brief glimpses of the very pale Mealy Redpoll

At least five Reed Buntings were present, only one female but the males were distinguishable in different stages of smartness. Moorhens padded around, a hen Pheasant took advantage of the free food and there were appearances from a small group of Goldfinches, Blue and Great Tits and another Nuthatch. It was apparent that all these birds were in particularly fine condition due to the continual supply of food, but as visitors we were very grateful to see them at such close quarters without them being disturbed by our presence. The Water Rail showed on a previous visit but sadly not for this outing.

We moved onto the next hide and spent another long period of time watching the birds on the lake. Mute Swans, Coot and Moorhens, Mallard, Teal, Tufted Duck, Great Crested Grebe and a calling Little Grebe, a group of gulls including just one Lesser Black-backed and a Pochard. Grey Herons were in the reeds opposite the hide, one caught and devoured two frogs, another made several forays back to a nesting site when it found a suitable stick. It was interesting to see they always took the same wide sweep to go up to the nest site. We studied the beauty of these common birds, again in such fine condition, their plumes, really colourful bills and the superb blending of grey, black and white on their bodies and their concentrated deliberation in hunting for food.

Suddenly it was nearly one o'clock and a nice hot drink seemed a good idea! We returned to the centre, well pleased with a most satisfying morning recording many birds most of the party saw only rarely. Warnham is one of our nearest Reserves and is worth a visit at any time of the year.

Adur Saltings SDOS and Saltings Conservation Group April 21st Brianne Reeve

What a relief to get up to find clear skies and no wind and birds singing everywhere. A large group of people from the Saltings area and eleven members from the Shoreham District Ornithological Society (by special invitation) met at the main gate and were greeted by David Geere and Mike Sharp, Secretary and Chairman of the Saltings Conservation Group. The walk started by looking at the wood piles which have been provided by the Environment Agency as future homes for reptiles which will need to be re-homed when flood defence work begins in Shoreham. Also, it was noted that the Bluebells growing by these piles are Spanish, not our endemic English ones which are more attractive with drooping flowers growing on only one side of the finer stem.

Then attention to the birdsong, the beautiful liquid song of a Blackbird could be compared with the equally fluid but much shorter song of the male Blackcap. Neither could be seen but the songs were clear and definitive. We moved round the side of the field and out towards the river adding two Canada Geese calling as they flew overhead, followed by an echelon of seven Cormorants making their way down to the sea for the day. Several groups of House Sparrows chattered noisily in the hedgerows, a Chiffchaff was impossible to see at the top of a sycamore coming into early leaf but then the bird obliged by coming into lower branches where everyone could see it. Two Long-tailed Tits were also spotted high up in the Sycamore.

Suddenly an owl was called and there flying low over the rough grasses in Church Field was a superb Short-eared Owi. We had breathtaking views of this beautiful bird as it dropped but did not appear to catch prey. This has been a particularly good year for seeing these mainly winter visitors to this area and the fact that they are still here means there must be plenty of food for them, their favoured food being voles and mice. Away to the east we heard a Cuckoo in the distance, the true sound of spring!

Much nearer and very loud was another spring migrant, a Cetti's Warbler. Although we seemed to be very close to it only slight movements of the reeds belied its presence. It was one of three Cetti's we heard all the time we were walking through the fields. One has definitely been here all through the year but the other two were most likely new arrivals. High above us in a mature tree in the grounds of Sele Priory a Song Thrush sang forcibly.

By now we were in the north-eastern corner of the field where more Chiffchaffs and another Blackcap were both seen clearly. As we approached the entry to the glebe land below the Church we were startled as a pike lurched at something in the shallow part of the dyke. This would not be good news for any young water birds such as the Moorhen which is nesting at the end of the dyke.

Suddenly we heard the Cuckoo really close and then it arrived in the top of a nearby tree giving fine views, it didn't stay long but called frequently as it moved around the area. Meanwhile we were trying to distinguish and separate the songs of the scratchy Common Whitethroat and a welcome Sedge Warbler, two more migrant birds. Above the field where the horses were feeding a few Swallows searched for insects, Pied Wagtail, Song Thrush and a single Herring Gull were feeding on the ground. Behind us in the mature trees lackdaws were inspecting nest holes and Robin, Greenfinch, Chaffinch and Goldfinch were all identified. Two Linnets flew over and one male was much admired through a telescope. It was time to start back; as we made our way towards the river bridge two Grey Lag Geese flew over us calling, there were five Mute Swans on the river and a male Kestrel had a good vantage point from a telegraph wire. The weak and rather dull song of a smart Reed Bunting was heard and then the bird found, at the top of a reed, (Reed Warblers did not seem to have reached this area yet though they have been recorded only a short distance away). The strident call of a Green Woodpecker echoed in the distance behind us, but no sight or sound of the Great spotted Woodpecker. A Cetti's Warbler could be heard all the way to the High Street in Bramber where we added a delightful Goldcrest which seemed to be carrying nesting material into a conifer in the garden of St. Mary's House and a Coal Tit was calling persistently nearby. Blackcap and Chiffchaff were also on full song in the same area.

It had been an excellent morning in every way, 25 people had bothered to get up early and were rewarded with great sightings, songs and calls of 41 different bird species. My thanks go to all those who came on this

walk, for your company and appreciation and particularly to David and Mike for organising and advertising this event.

Thank you also to Viv for keeping the record for us. The breakfast at the Castle Hotel was a very good way to finish our most satisfying morning.

Goring Seawatch April 22nd John Newnham

About 14 members met at the seashore shelter at the south end of Alinora Avenue for the traditional spring seawatch outing. Although the combination of west wind and clear visibility was not conducive for a great migration spectacle there were sufficient birds to be seen to keep most people present until about 10:00. The list of birds seen included:

Great-Crest Grebe - IW

Gannet - at least 60 fishing offshore - no clear passage

Cormorant - 4 fishing offshore

Little Egret - IE and IW - probably the same bird

Shelduck - 4 W

Common Scoter - about 12E in a couple of parties about 4 miles offshore

Oystercatcher - IW

Sanderling - 5 on beach

Dunlin - IW

Whimbrel - 4 E and | W

Curlew - I W and 2 E

Great Skua (Bonxie) - at least 3 offshore - one coming very close giving superb views (the highlight)

Mediterranean Gull - 3 W (all second year birds) and 2E (adults) - more heard

Black-headed Gull - ca 50 E and 2 W

Common Gull - IW

Herring Gull - ever present

Great Black-backed Gull - 25 on beach and following trawler

Sandwich Tern - 16W and 4E

Common Tern - 8W and IE

Guillemot - heard called but I did not see

Swallow - 3N

House Martin - 5N

Carrion Crow - ever present

Linnet - 3 on beach

Seawatch at Worthing on April 25th 2012

(The following is an extract from the Worthing seawatching log for April 25th when the conditions were suitable for a good passage of birds. Five SDOS members managed almost eight hours coverage on the day; sadly we need some young, enthusiastic, and keen-eyed observers to match the 12-15 hour coverage that we may have managed in years gone by!! - Ed).

Hours watched: 08:20-09:50; 10:05-12:20; 12:25-15:30; 17:45-18:45 (7

hrs 50 mins)

Weather: SSE 7-5 Early rain clearing

Observers: J.A. Newnham, D.I. Smith, R. Tofts, C.E. Hope, D. Mason

Species	No./Direction (E/W)		
Gannet	422	Ε	
Fulmar	19	E	4 W
Manx Shearwater			IW
Great Crested Grebe	2	Ε	
Sanderling	8	E	
Whimbrel	6	E	
Bar-tailed Godwit	114	E	
Great Skua	107	E *	
Arctic Skua	42	E	
Pomarine Skua	1	E	
Common Gull	l	E	
Mediterranean Gull	4	E	
Kittiwake	24	E	
Great Black-backed Gull	20	E	
Little Gull	48	E	
Sandwich Tern	65	E	
Common/Arctic Tern	1079	E	
Arctic Tern	4	Ε	
Little Tern	8	Е	
Black Tern	16	Ē	
Red-breasted Merganser	6	Ē	
Common Scoter	15	Ē	

Velvet Scoter	2	E	
Teal	10	E	
Diver sp	9	E	
Red-throated Diver	1	E	
Shelduck			TW

"Fifty Years of Birdwatching" Book

The Society's own book "Fifty Years of Birdwatching" which was published to celebrate the Society's Golden Jubilee in 2003 is still available and represents "a jolly good read". No member should really be without one on their bookshelf! Its 200 pages are packed with interesting articles, information, photographs etc.

Originally priced at £15 copies are now available for a mere £5. Probably the bargain of the year! Hurry whilst stocks last!

Copies can be purchased at any indoor meeting or from: Hon. Treasurer 41 St. Lawrence Avenue Worthing, BN14 7JJ

SDOS Car Stickers

The Society's stylish car stickers are still available for a mere £1 (incl. postage) and can be purchased at any indoor meeting or from:

Hon. Treasurer 41 St. Lawrence Avenue Worthing, BN 14 7|| (The following is an extract from Bernie Forbes notebook for one day during a recent Avian Adventures tour to the Picos area of northern Spain. I've copied this in verbatim—Ed)

Extract from my birding diary March 31st 2012

Up early we were leaving our hotel by 0645hrs for the short drive to the Steppes it was still pitch dark although as we headed east the sky was lightening, reaching the track we slowly made our way to the favoured site for Dupont's Lark. The dawn temperature was a warm 8C and with no wind it was very pleasant, getting out of the vehicle we were greeted by a cacophony of sound with Lesser Short-toed and Dupont's Lark singing all around. Within a few minutes it had started to get light and we were straining in apprehension searching the ground in front for any movement, we could hear several Dupont's Lark singing with a couple of birds really close this was birding at its most frustrating! Eventually we found a Dupont's that was coming close and we all managed to get on to it, as it crossed the bare track it showed very well as it stalked along like diminutive Roadrunner even having better views as it entered a weedy open area. Boasting that these were actually very good views for this very secretive species! We had forgotten about the supporting cast of Calandra and Lesser Short-toed Larks that were everywhere! A very loud raucous call had us wheeling around when suddenly two Great Spotted Cuckoos flew close by looking rather disgruntled and annoyed by our admiring gazes. In the far distance we made out a Golden Eagle on the wing perhaps moving off from its overnight roosting ledge. Well satisfied with our dawn birding we returned to our hotel for a late breakfast and afterwards we left around 10:15hrs, our plan to explore the surrounding habitat taking in various sites in a circular route. It was a perfect day with warm spring sunshine and little wind around 20c just delightful! Our first birding stop one of the oxbows on the river Ebro near the village of Quinto, the lush riverine habitat was alive with birds. Plenty of Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler in the reeds and the song of Blackcaps ringing out, a Kingfisher dashed along the river a couple of times and we could hear a Golden Oriole singing although not seen. Overhead a few Black and Red Kites were on the move and a light morph Booted Eagle sailed by. The best birds were a charming pair of Penduline Tits that performed showing off their Zorro mask coming really close their soft call a pure delight. Crossing the river at Pina de Ebro we came to a sudden halt when we heard the call of Zitting Cisticola it gave us the run around for a few min-

utes before it eventually sat out on the top of a willow bush. In the surrounding fields plenty of raptor activity with several Black and Red Kite on the move when a close male Hen Harrier zipped by followed by a sub adult Montagu's Harrier and in the distance we picked up another male Monties moving through, a very fortunate stop for the "zitter". On reaching the road to Monegrillo we took one of the many tracks off onto the Steppe spending a delightful hour driving and birding whenever the birds appeared having further views of Spectacled Warbler and Hoopoe with most of the larks being Lesser Short-toed. A dashing Black-eared Wheatear flew in front of the car and Red-billed Choughs were frequently seen, the temperature had climbed and by Ipm it was around 25+ .Passing one of the wet boggy areas we found Marsh Harriers hunting and a few Black Kites .Two distant specks a long way off were a pair of Golden Eagles lazily thermalling, a surprisingly abundant raptor in this habitat. Seeking out a little shade to have our picnic we found a run down barn complex and sat out of the sun immediately putting up a large eagle from broken ground it was a 1st winter Golden Eagle showing off its large white patches in the wing and the black trailing band in the white base of the tail a truly magnificent moment that was imprinted into our memory banks! A pair of Kestrels that were nearby were closely scrutinised and identified as male and female Lesser Kestrel the blue grey panel on the upper secondaries not easily seen in the bright sunlight. Finding the road, we carried on searching much of the habitat that looked suitable for Stone Curlew a surprising omission on our list. In the small village of Bujaraloz we checked out what is really a village pond right by a busy interchange adding our first Black-winged Stilts, Ruff, Little Ringed Plover and Redshank. Three stunning Yellow Wagtails of the Iberian race were feeding around the edge and hidden at the far side of the small pond a beautiful summer plumage Water Pipit another delightful birding few minutes. On to the area around the Laguna de la Playa we found a large flock of hunting Lesser Kestrels, in all we counted 20 of this charming species they were all around us and were swiftly hunting the open rough fields moving rapidly on to the next hunting area. On one of the many abandoned farm buildings we found a skulking Little Owl that did a vanishing act before our eyes! With a Northern Wheatear added to our growing trip list. At the Laguna the salt lake was very dry after the winter drought with only a tiny amount of wet mud to be found consequently finding any migrating waders was going to be a real problem, normally we found several species as this site! Scanning the salt lake we did find a pair of Kentish Ployers that appeared to be hanging on at the arid lake, in the old derelict salt building a large flock of Jackdaws had taken up residence as well as a pair

of Hoopoe. Taking another track we drove off road visiting another series of old salt lakes, overhead a rasping call was heard and we found a flock of calling Lesser Kestrels flying high which we not easy to see in the fabulous cobalt sky! The terrain was wonderful with huge fields some with sparse crop others with weeds and wildflowers this was serious birding country, with so many derelict farms we found many pairs of Lesser Kestrel and the occasional Little Owl. Suddenly we found a flock of Pin-tailed Sandgrouse feeding in a fallow field, carefully we drove along side having cracking views from the car although they were very nervous and soon took flight. In another field we found a decent flock of Blackbellied Sandgrouse both species within a few minutes we even managed to get out of the vehicle and scope them at a distance. Driving along the track a little further a stunning male Little Bustard was feeding in a weedy field very close and we were not sure if we were more startled than the bustard! Taking off to seek a little more cover out in the middle of the field, baling out from the car we had great scope views as it endeavoured to crouch down out view in the rank vegetation. With early evening fast approaching we had to leave the steppe and head back to our hotel, crossing the Ebro river at Sastago we took the minor road to Azaila and then the over high plateau towards Belchite. The terrain still amazing with massive horizons and endless landscapes a large raptor sitting on a rocky outcrop near the road was another Golden Eagle and we watched in awe as it effortlessly swept down to hunt the Steppe below, could birding get any better than this? We were in prime Stone Curlew habitat and on full alert when the cry went up possible ST on the right, reversing the car back we soon had two Stone Curlews skulking along the edge of a crop affording marvellous views and a sigh of relief all around! The road here is very straight with no traffic with large cultivated fields that stretched often to the horizon. When suddenly a flock of waders were spotted flying over one of the fields, we came to a sudden halt; the waders were still in flight although they soon dropped into the field further away. To our amazement we found another flock right by the road they were Dotterel! Counting both flocks we had 28 birds a real find and a great birding moment, nearby a lone Golden Plover was standing up making the Dotterel look very small indeed. Further along the road we had another Stone Curlew and 2 Black-bellied Sandgrouse fly over. Arriving at our hotel just after 2000hrs we had definitely experienced one of the best days birding to be had in Northern Spain.

Bernie Forbes

Terry Hicks

Terry has died of Motor Neurone Disease.

It was 1990 when Terry joined the SDOS Council and he only resigned at the 2012 AGM due to his increasing ill-health. During those twenty-two years of service to the Society Terry was the member who helped us into the technical age of computers. Quietly, and with great determination, he showed us how we had to keep up with what was happening in our daily lives. As with all progress, it is difficult now to believe how hard many of us found initial use of the internet. This was a very new, and in some cases a frightening, addition to our lives. Younger members will find it impossible to understand that the words, 'just go to www.l..' filled me with dread and irritation. Terry was working with IT and the older members of SDOS were very grateful for his advice and unstinting patience in passing on his considerable skill at teaching us to cope with this technology that was taking over everyday life.

At the end of 2001 Council began to make plans for the celebration of fifty years of SDOS and the Minutes show that Terry was full of ideas of how this should be achieved. I was very keen that we should produce a book to commemorate the work of those early birdwatchers who had the foresight to form our Society in 1953. It was decided to contact as many past members as possible asking for their reminiscences. Drawings and photographs were to become a large part of this project too as there were many skilled people who could contribute in this way. Terry and I set to work to bring this idea to fruition. Neither of us had any experience of producing a book but we were determined and as the contributions came in, we knew we were producing a special and unusual archive for the future. It would never have happened if Terry had not given hours of his time during almost every week of 2002, not only helping to collate the vast amount of material, but patiently teaching me how to control my computer. 'Fifty Years of Birdwatching' was, and remains, a huge tribute to Terry and he was immensely proud of the result.

Following the publication of the book it was obvious that SDOS had to move into the technological age and Terry was the one who gently urged us forward and became our IT Consultant. He set up the usergroup which has become a vital focal point in keeping members in touch with general information and records of daily sightings. Then our web-site was a wider

contact with all the complications and up-dating that entails. Both have had their problems but Terry was always ready to help, guide and solve. We also owe to Terry the two electronic screens in the Church Hall, which not only work at the touch of a button, (replacing the old screen which threatened to collapse dangerously at any time) are safer and are suited to the modern presentations.

Now we are approaching our sixtieth anniversary and again it was Terry who thought it would be a good idea to plant some trees to link in with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and our own celebration of sixty years. Eventually a site was found on the Downslink and three Whitebeam trees were planted in February. Diane was able to bring Terry to see those trees on that day and now they stand, with their beautiful silvery leaves pointing to heaven, as a remarkable tribute to Terry and was yet another of his imaginative ideas for SDOS.

When Terry was attending the St. Barnabas Day Hospice he asked me if SDOS would be able to advise the staff there on a camera nest box scheme and feeding centre for birds. Pictures from the cameras are relayed into the patients' rooms onto their television and he thought it might be of interest as a future project for SDOS. I am in touch with the lady organising this and I hope members will see this as another positive involvement for SDOS.

For many years Terry and Diane provided the refreshments at our indoor meetings, always there, reliable and efficient. Diane had also joined Council and was the Minutes and Membership Secretary: so we owe much to them both. Since Terry died I have heard from members who have said some of the following: he was always courteous and friendly, a staunch supporter, calm and helpful, generous and patient with his time, quietly getting things done. We shall remember Terry with much affection and gratitude. What he did for this Society was very special and deserves to be acknowledged.

Our thoughts are with Diane, Helen and Simon at this time.

Brianne May 2012

Annual Summer Picnic August 4th 2012 from 6pm at

The Old Rectory, Coombes

A slight variation on our regular get-together.

Food anything you like, all contributions to be pooled, to be shared with each other.

Savoury or Sweet, to be served hot or cold.

Barbecue available.

Chairs, plates, cutlery and glasses provided.

Please make a note in your diary now but let Brianne know by Thursday, August 2nd.

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Next Newsletter

The next newsletter, the Autumn issue, will appear in October Copy deadline for this will be 15th September. If you would like to contribute anything then please contact me at:-

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