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2012 Report

This report is being produced this year in the unfortunate absence of a club President. Following Alf King relinquishing the post, having served for three years, Terry Piggott was welcomed as our new President in November 2011. Sadly, due to ill health, Terry had to resign from the Presidency in February of this year and it was decided to see out the current year without anyone in the post and to seek new candidates for election in 2012. David Hardacre has also resigned from the committee having relocated to Northumberland where we all wish him well. On a more upbeat note we were pleased to welcome Stuart Brocklehurst as a new member of the committee and we are sure he will contribute a great deal.

It seems almost clichéd to say that this has been another successful year for the club but it is true. We have maintained a strong membership with a good level of activity, our lecture programmes have been well received and attended, communication between members has remained strong through an active level of internet activity amongst other media, the Annual Bird Report has been produced in timely fashion and has been applauded in a number of quarters and we have run a number of patch outings with reasonable levels of attendance. The only weakness that might be pointed out is a lack of any meaningful survey work over the last couple of years for a number of reasons, one of which might be the availability of anyone to organise and run them.

There have been times, and there still are, when committee members have found themselves fairly overstretched with attending to club duties as well as their “normal” lives, including earning a living in a number of cases. New blood combined with fresh knowledge is always welcomed either on to the committee or simply to assist in numerous functions for those who prefer to refrain from more formal participation. At times the club might simply appear to run itself but this is far from the case and there is a lot of dedicated work that goes on behind the scenes. It has been emphasised previously that this is a members’ club and stands or falls by the input that all members make. Anyone and everyone is welcome to step forward and do their bit. In particular our IT expertise has certainly been stretched to its limits and sometimes beyond in recent years and anyone who can make a contribution here would be welcomed with open arms.

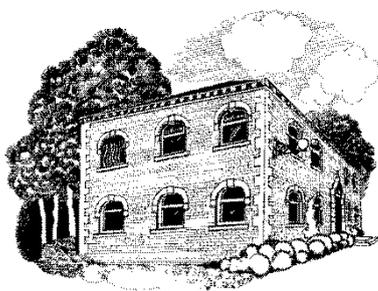
Despite our relative limitation of expertise our IT developments continue to advance and provide more facilities for members and indeed the general public. As detailed elsewhere the archiving project was successfully concluded and, as a part of this, the whole of the club’s Annual Reports right back to the very first in 1966 are now available on the web site. These are fully accessible and searchable by anyone who wishes to download them, enhancing the retention of the club’s output over the years, providing security against accidental loss of these reports and helping to fulfil our charitable objectives. The recording of data by the club recorder is also now being maintained through the use of a commercial database (Wildlife Recorder) which should make accessibility and scrutiny of data more convenient. The sheer volume of effort that David Butterfield has put into this, and indeed continues to put in, should not be underestimated. Finally we are in the process of upgrading our forum and website, although the changes will not be immediately obvious to most people. We are having the last artefacts of the old site removed (although they will continue to exist somewhere out in the aether) and all links between web site and forum reinforced. At the

same time the forum software is being upgraded, which has needed to be done for some time but we simply lack the expertise to do this ourselves.

This year's indoor meetings covered a wide range and good mix of topics ranging from far afield (John Mather on India, Ian Newton on Trinidad and Tobago) to closer to home (Stuart Meredith on Lancashire, Paul Hobson on Coasts and Islands) and the highlight was Martin Garner's presentation on Birding Frontiers. A speaker new to the club, Jim Arnold, introduced many of us to the delights to be found in Shropshire, and we look forward to seeing him again at future meetings. Despite the major setback that he had Terry Piggott presented us with his talk on Birds of North and West Africa, this being just one of the highly successful club evenings that we had during the year featuring presentations by club members. A particular highlight was the very last meeting of the club year where Mike Denton introduced "2011 A Huddersfield Bird Year in Pictures" featuring photographs taken by a number of club members, all within the club area. This was very well received and it is our intention to repeat the exercise every year from now on, so make sure that you post your finest shots on the club forum. On that note anyone who is keen and willing to make a presentation to us at one of these evenings should let John Walker know and you will be accommodated. We have made investment in the past in all the necessary AV equipment, so don't let this be a hindrance to volunteering.

Good birding.

Alf King



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Patch Outings

Cheesegate Nab Patch Outing Tues 12th June

Five of us met at the top of the track that climbs from the Hepworth valley, and before setting off spent a few minutes surveying the magnificent view and picking out landmarks. We slowly descended the severely eroded path which is now subjected to an ever-increasing assault night and day by convoys of up to a dozen off-roaders.

Apart from linnets, birds were not particularly active, and we had to work hard to find even common species. A singing whitethroat gave good views, but a distant silhouette on top of a small tree was all we saw of the area's yellowhammer population. Some of the farms up here also have resident tree sparrows. A few curlews and lapwings, all the common corvids except jay, some stockdoves and the inevitable chaffinches and goldfinches were all seen at some point, as well as a couple of chiffchaffs, but by the time we had almost completed our circuit we still hadn't even found a meadow pipit! This omission was finally remedied; I have to confess, however, that I did not keep a written record of our sightings, so that this account may well have left out the odd starling. Never mind; it was a pleasant walk, with good company, and great views!

Hugh Quarterman

Digley Patch Outing 9th June 2012

On a cold, wet, windy and miserable day I was joined by one hardy member (or I would have gone home-in fact would have preferred to go home !) and we spent three and half hours on a circular walk from Digley to Blackpool Bridge.

The only notable sightings were of 16 golden plover in a field off Issues Rd., a common sandpiper on Digley and the odd sight of a female chaffinch chasing a willow warbler from bush to bush and twice flying straight into the warbler.

We heard a cuckoo near Bilberry.

The remainder were common species but as we both wore specs, it was difficult to see anything through the rain! I returned exhausted needing a hot bath and coffee to warm up inside and outside!

Steve Cook

Patch Outing to Langsett 19th May 2012

4 members met at the car park at 8am on a wet and very cold May morning (a bit like the summer to come) but the birds were active with a Nuthatch visiting a nest box, a Song Thrush gathering food and a Starling flying off with food in its beak. A Green Woodpecker was yaffling from the wood but despite a search we could not find the bird even though it was probably less than 20 metres away.

Langsett Banks held its usual number of common birds of which Robin was the most prominent with young from at least 3 broods being seen as well as lots of adults. 4 Common Sandpiper were active on the reservoir and when we moved into the Little Don Valley one more was seen.

Whilst searching for a Nuthatch the Author disturbed a Dipper on a small feeder stream, it was difficult to know who was more surprised, the bird or the Author when the others told him about it.

We had heard a Cuckoo singing on the moors and had had a distant sighting of one. We were looking forward to seeing more later in the day and maybe picking up Raptor species and looking forward to the surprise this area always seems to turn up for Patch Outings.

Unfortunately our visit to the Little Don Valley was cut short by prohibition of Access notices under the CROW legislation. In discussion with the Gamekeeper we were told it was because of breeding birds. Eh?

On the way back we saw Spotted Flycatcher as well as a Treecreeper to go with the 3 already recorded on Langsett Banks. A Redstart on Langsett Banks lifted our disappointment and with an improvement in the weather we set off for Cliff Wood.

Here our fortunes changed, starting with 3 almost fully fledged Tawny Owl chicks in a nest box. More Nuthatch and Spotted Flycatcher sightings lifted our spirits further but the highlight of the day was to follow. A Great Spotted Woodpecker was paying a lot of attention to a nest box when a female Pied Flycatcher attacked it so vigorously that the woodpecker retreated to safety. We then heard 2 male Pied Flycatchers singing in the wood, a great end to a day which had its disappointments. Thanks to Steven Cook, David Marchant and John Pallister for keeping me company; sorry the day was not as productive as usual but it ended well.

Chris Abell



Upper Wessenden valley patch outing Saturday 28th April 2012

I held the patch outing to upper Wessenden valley on Saturday morning, 28/4, fortunately the only dry morning after more than a week of rain. Three of us set out in the cold (3 degrees C) and strong wind. The bracken in the valley was showing no signs of this year's growth and conditions over the previous few days had caused the death of some recently born lambs. Several usual species were notable by their absence - Willow Warbler, Reed Bunting, Stonechat, Whinchat, Twite.

Our tally was:

Snipe - 2 chipping, Common Sandpiper - a single and a pair, Curlew - 10 est, Skylark - 3 singing, Meadow Pipits - numerous, including a pair copulating, Wheatear - one female, Pied Wagtail - 1, Kestrel - 1, Tufted Duck - male and female, Mallard - 3 male, Canada Geese - est. 20, including at least 3 nests, one containing 3 eggs, Carrion Crow - 4, Magpie - 2, Goldfinch - 2, Robin - 1, Blackbird - 2, Common Pheasant - 1, Cormorant - 1 over. Stars of the day were Wren - at least 15 singing birds, and Ring Ouzel – a male with a female on territory in a known previous breeding location by Shiny Brook, which would have been a welcome breeding return for this species if successful, however later reports indicate that they did not stay.

Thank you to Peter Burton and Stephen Cook for their support and company.

Mike Wainman.

Patch Outing to Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 8th May 2012

Local patch outings, because the date is pre-selected, may be uneventful due to the weather, or worse still, a general lack of birds. On the Blackmoorfoot outing of 8th May, however, the excitement started as members assembled before the 6.30 p.m. kick off.

A group of three male Common Scoter had appeared at the reservoir during the afternoon but, because of the poor light conditions and the distance of observation, identification proved somewhat problematic. This was a classic case of being aware of the distinctive silhouette of different species, a point highlighted the previous week in a talk to the Club by the leader. On one occasion a bird performed the characteristic wing-flapping and downward toss of the head and on a number of occasions the birds took flight, thereby revealing their true identity. It was whilst watching these birds that an immaculate adult Little Gull suddenly appeared over the reservoir and, although most members denied an interest in gulls, they took notice of this one! Some of the members present had no previous experience of the species and the presence of half a dozen Black-headed Gulls helped to emphasize the differences in plumage, wing shape, flight etc.

The party of seven then ventured into Orange Wood where it was known that several bird species were nesting (this is one of the major advantages of local patch watching – you get to know your area intimately). A pair of Treecreeper had decided to nest in a large fissure created when an oak tree had split for nearly its entire height. A pair of Nuthatches was nesting in the hole which has been used by the species for the previous two years and,

although adults were seen collecting food, they were not seen to visit the nest. A Mistle Thrush nest in a large tree hole (an unusual site for this species), although intact the previous day, had been destroyed by a predator. Other birds seen or heard included Pheasant, Blackbird, Song Thrush (a pair of which are nesting), Robin, Dunnock, Blackcap, Willow Warbler, Chiffchaff (a pair of which are nesting for the first time ever at Blackmoorfoot), Blue Tit, Great Tit, Long-tailed Tit, Magpie, Carrion Crow (one on a nest), Jay, Chaffinch and Greenfinch.

The party then took their cars to the Wills' O' Nats' public house and walked along Potato Lane. Although 150 Golden Plover had put in an appearance in late April, the maximum present in May had been no more than 50. On this visit only six were present and the only other birds seen were two Meadow Pipits and a female Wheatear. The Little Owls, which were a regular feature in years gone by, had only been seen on single days in January, February and March. Needless to say, they were not present this evening.

The end of a thoroughly enjoyable evening birdwatching (I refuse to use the word 'birding') came to an end with a drink in the Wills' O' Nats' – what could be better?

Mike Denton

“Personal Patch” Outings ?

Our regular patch outing programme offers excellent opportunities to find out about parts of our area with which you may be unfamiliar in the company of a member who knows it well. However, each happens just once a year at a time that may not be convenient for everyone. I wondered therefore whether we should also offer a more flexible arrangement. The idea is simple – to draw up a list of members who would be willing to take someone round their local patch for a personal tour at a mutually convenient time. This list would be made available at meetings and perhaps on the club web site.

I hope that many members will be willing to make their knowledge more widely available. If you would be willing to take part please let me know which site or sites you would offer and the telephone number and/or email address on which anyone interested should contact you. I will then draw up a list for circulation.

Mike Wainman

A Happy Ending?

Since 1991 Kestrels have nested annually in a vent in the Yorkshire Water (YW) tower at Blackmoorfoot. In 2011/12 a male Kestrel had remained throughout the winter, and when a female appeared on 9th March display and regular visits to the nest site were observed. The nesting attempt came to an abrupt halt on 23rd March however, when YW decided to block the vent with a grill (no eggs had been laid at this stage, so no laws had been broken).

As there are a limited number of potential nest sites available for this species in the area a site meeting to discuss the problem was immediately arranged between YW and the Club (the authors). At this very amicable meeting, YW pointed out that it was considered that the nest, along with the accumulation of prey items etc, may be a health hazard. Neither member was

in a position to counter this statement and, it must be remembered, YW are in the business of producing clean drinking water for our consumption. However, it was pointed out that the provision of a nest box on the tower would allow Kestrels the continued opportunity to breed. YW agreed that this was plausible and a specially built box was delivered by Russ Smithson some 48 hours later. Despite this, YW decided to use their own box and this was positioned on 18th May. Although this was too late for a nesting attempt this year, the male still frequents the immediate area and a nesting attempt is looking good for next season.

The Club has always had an excellent relationship with YW and events of this nature show that being able to talk to the right person, at the right time, can pay dividends.

Mike Denton and Chris Horne

Protecting and digitising the Club archive

I am pleased to report that this project to protect and digitize the whole of the club archive was completed successfully by local firm Riley Dunn & Wilson, based off Leeds Road. They have done an excellent job and we are now the proud owners of a library of cloth bound hardback volumes of the whole of the club's publications from 1966 to 2009. In future years we can gather together further sets of our new reports and have these similarly bound in volumes.

In addition, they scanned and digitized the archive, so that we have a digital back-up, if the worst happens and fire, flood or whatever affects the physical archive. Alf King has added this whole digital archive to the new web site, as a resource for members and the public to read about and research the history of the birds of Huddersfield – so why not go on-line and have a delve ?.

It has cost us almost £1,000, but we believe this to be good value for the considerable work involved and the excellent quality of the results.

Mike Wainman

The need for descriptions **And the need to submit them sooner rather than later!**

It has always been the aim of the Club to present our annual report with complete accuracy. Generally speaking, most bird records will be accepted for publication on face value! However, some species - those which are rare or unusual - require a description to be accepted by an adjudication panel before they can be published. The current Adjudication Panel for the Club consists of Mike Denton, Mick Cunningham and Russ Boland.

Species whose records require descriptions are listed in *The Huddersfield List to end 2011*, which is to be found on the club's new web site (www.huddersfieldbirdwatchersclub.co.uk)

and which will also be updated in *Birds in Huddersfield 2011*, due out in the autumn. They fall into three broad categories:

1. **HBC** description species – for obvious reasons this is by far the longest list and all species are assessed by our own adjudication panel
2. **YNU** description species - which are assessed by the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union and
3. **BBRC** description species - national rarities, which are assessed by the British Birds Rarities Committee.

Note: the club will require a description for any species or race not on the current Huddersfield List.

These bodies each take time to assess and decide upon descriptions submitted to them, though, of course, our own panel should be able to reach their verdict much quicker than the others. But they still require time to review, assess and adjudicate fairly and honestly and we would like the finders of birds that are on these lists to keep this in the forefront of their minds.

I would like to stress that it is imperative the finder of a description species should furnish a description as soon after the event as can be managed. As has happened on occasions in the past, it doesn't help to find a first notification of said species amongst a batch of other records six months or so after the bird was seen.

Although the following protocol has been devised by David Butterfield, Mick Cunningham, Russ Boland and Mike Denton in an effort to overcome problems relating to species which are currently on the HBC 'Description required' list, it has changed little over the history of the Club.

HUDDERSFIELD BIRDWATCHERS' CLUB DESCRIPTIONS REQUIRED

1. Records of description species/races will only be entered on to the database if they are accepted by the relevant rarities committee (HBC, YNU, BBRC).
2. If an observer doesn't supply a description he/she will be asked by the Recorder to do so and sent the appropriate form – a copy of which is on the Club website.
3. The description, as has been the case in the past, will then be forwarded to records panel members by the Recorder, and each individual will then report back to the Recorder with their decision. Any descriptions of a YNU or BBRC species will be forwarded to the appropriate body. The highest authority will have the casting vote.
4. Photographs posted on the Club website, or published anywhere else in the public domain, or submitted to the Recorder which prove correct identification may be accepted in lieu of a description, but the Club reserves the right to decline publication if there is no evidence it was taken when and where claimed.
5. In the event of a bird which is seen by a number of observers, a written description may be deemed unnecessary.
6. The panel will be prepared to accept records from a reliable observer should they give a verbal description which adequately describes that species. As this will generally be undertaken shortly after the observation, pertinent questions allow for a quick decision

to be made. This has long been the case in HBC and has worked well with a good number of observers/species.

7. Call only records will only be accepted from observers who know the species well or describe the call convincingly. Generally, the bird should be seen and described as belonging to that family.
8. If a description is submitted to a club which overlaps the HBC recording area and that club accepts it, then HBC will do likewise, ditto if they reject it.
9. If a species/race is outside the panel's experience but not on the YNU or BBRC lists the panel will call on someone who knows that particular species.
10. Records from BirdGuides/pagers will only be considered if the observer (if one can be found) submits an acceptable description/photographs.
11. The panel reserve the right to request descriptions of species/races not currently on the HBC list or out of season sightings.

A WORD OF CAUTION

When writing a description it is worth bearing in mind that a written account is required so as to convey to the adjudicating panel that the species which has been named is correct. In some cases, however, the record fails, not because it is thought that a misidentification has occurred, but because the record lacks sufficient detail to convince the panel.

With descriptions it is all too easy to assume that the panel realise that the species you are describing actually belongs to the correct family. In a good number of cases it is not sufficient to start a description with "A grebe seen at 50 yards range was identified as a Slavonian because..... ". Why was the bird a grebe? The following observation, which occurred at Fairburn Ings in 1966, exemplifies this problem. In the winter of 1966 the Main Bay at Fairburn hosted a 'redhead' Smew and a winter-plumaged Slavonian Grebe. Both species have a similar plumage pattern, and a good number of people were recording either two Smew or two Slavonian Grebe! Had these people taken the time to look at the bill of these birds (let alone the colour differences) they would have realised that one was a duck and the other a grebe! In this case, a written description without details of the bill or plumage colour would result in the record being rejected.

Although this may seem trivial, this is the type of detail required to see a record through the adjudication process without stumbling. The panel only see what you have written on the form – the more detail included will assist the panel in coming to the correct decision.

Mike Denton

On behalf of the Adjudication Panel (MD, RJB, MC and DB)

What's I.T. All About Alfie?

Some club members might be surprised to know that we have an I.T. presence out there in the ether of the internet. Others might be shocked to learn that I am responsible for it – responsible but not liable I might add.

Quite a few years ago visionary members of the committee decided that we should have a web site of some sort and, if possible a forum for the exchange of views and news. Effecting this brought the club slightly into the electronic age and allowed us to think more broadly about how we could use digital technology to help and advance the objectives of the club. This has meant that quite a number of real steps have been taken which improve the security and retention of data for the future and also make the production of such as our annual report more streamlined. These advances have been detailed before but just briefly to reiterate we have:

1. Begun recording all reported sightings in the club area on a dedicated birding database.
2. Developed our second web site containing extensive information about the club and its records.
3. Digitised all of the club reports back to our formation and placed these, as searchable PDF's on the web site.
4. Developed and promoted our club forum to all in the local birding community, member and non-member.

As far as the forum is concerned we have very recently revamped and redesigned this, including the installation of brand new software which should be good for at least the next few years. These changes had proven necessary due to the artefacts of the old web site interfering with the ease with which browsers could find our new site. The changes were quite technical however and far beyond our own capabilities, so we bit the bullet and invested a few hundred pounds for some specialist work. Now we have a very cohesive look and interaction between the forum and site which I would invite all members to visit and use as much as possible.

Main site: www.huddersfieldbirdwatchersclub.co.uk

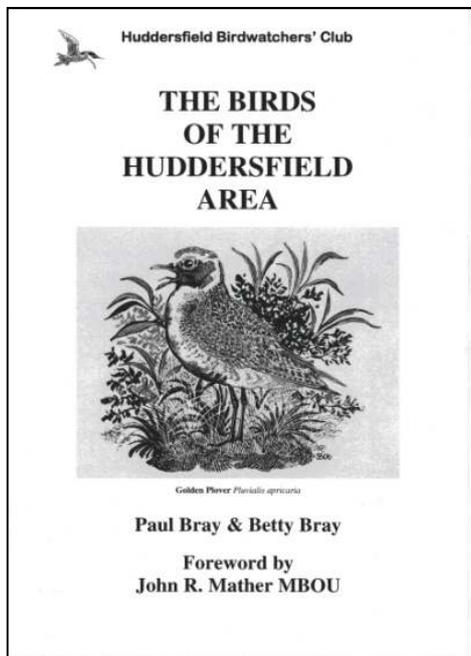
Forum: <http://www.huddersfieldbirdwatchersclub.org.uk/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl>

All of this has been achieved utilising what would not be an exaggeration to describe as minimal IT knowledge and knowhow, and this is an area of expertise that would certainly benefit from strengthening in the future. We have quite a few ideas for projects that we would like to get off the ground but are presently held back by limitations in time and especially knowhow. All volunteers will be gladly welcomed.

Alf King



The Birds of the Huddersfield Area – hardback

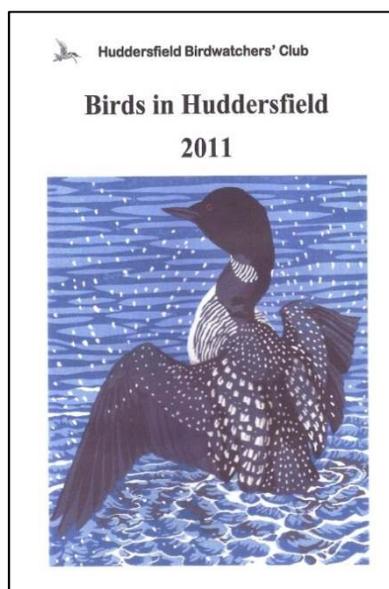


Members will recall that last summer we were able to respond to demand for a limited edition hardback version of Paul and Betty Bray's excellent book, originally published in paperback. This was by advance order only. 22 members bought copies and have been impressed with the excellent quality of printing and binding by local firm Riley Dunn & Wilson. We were also able to present a copy to Paul and Betty.

Since then we have been asked if it is still possible to get a copy. Unfortunately none remain, however, if there is demand, we should be able to arrange a further limited reprint at the same price of £20. If you missed out last time and would like to order one now please let Mike Wainman know no later than **30th November 2012**. Note we shall need a firm commitment from you and this price is for collection at a club meeting or from Mike. We shall let you know in due course whether or not there is sufficient demand to proceed.

Mike Wainman

Annual reports – Birds in Huddersfield 2011



Birds in Huddersfield 2011 is being prepared as I write and we aim to publish in the autumn, maintaining our standard of getting the report out in less than twelve months, achieved last year with the 2010 report after the hard work of the 'catch up' programme of the last few years.

Alf King has stepped down from the team, having worked throughout the 'catch up' programme, and Stephen Cook takes his place, alongside regular writers Chris Abell, Russ Boland, Mike Denton, Dave Pogson, Dave Pennington, Mike Pinder and Hugh Quarterman. David Butterfield completed the mammoth task of computerising and analysing the many thousands of records for the writers to use. Artists Russ Boland, Stuart Brocklehurst and Mike Pinder have all been hard at work, as well as photographers Dave Pennington, David Tattersley, Nick Mallinson and Terry Piggott.

Stuart's stunning graphic of a Great Northern Diver graces the cover (opposite) and he has again donated the artwork, which we shall be raffling when the report is out – I shall certainly be buying a few tickets !

Remember the report is free to members in 2012/13, so make sure you qualify and pay your subs now !

Mike Wainman

Blackmoorfoot Hide

One member has made representations to the Committee about visibility from the hide at Blackmoorfoot. This was discussed at Committee and it was decided we would try to lop back branches of the offending trees. Access to do the work can only be gained when water levels are low. In normal years this would be in late Summer and early Autumn. As you all know this has not been a normal year with unprecedented amounts of rain. Hence as I write the reservoir is full and it seems unlikely that we will be able to do it this year, and the action will have to wait a further 12 months.

We need volunteers to help do the work and if anyone is willing to help please email me at the address below. I will collate replies and will let you know when the work is to be carried out.

Chris Abell
cdabell@gmail.com



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Notice of AGM

The 46th Annual General Meeting is to be held in The Old Court Room, Huddersfield Town Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th November 2012. A full agenda will be issued at the meeting.

The following posts are due for election to serve for 2 years;

Secretary

Conservation Liaison

Recorder

2 Committee Members one of whom will be responsible for Publicity and the Newsletter

Following resignations from the Committee during the year there are 2 further vacancies, both to serve for 1 year:

1. President
2. Committee member

Nominations for these posts should be sent to the Secretary, in writing or by email, 14 days before the meeting (i.e. to be received no later than 6th November)



2012/2013 subscriptions now due !

Subscriptions for the new season are now due and remain unchanged from last year.

Please send your subs now directly to Mike Wainman using the slip below. This method of collection has worked well over recent years - it avoids queues and delays at the indoor meetings.

In 2011/12 the Club received £325 in **Gift Aid**. Most members have already signed a Gift Aid form and it will still be valid. However, if you are a taxpayer and have not provided a signed form, please help by asking Mike for one (Tel. 01484 469232 or email m.wainman@ntlworld.com). It costs you nothing and the Club can reclaim a tax rebate from the government.

Address and email update: please also fill in your postal address, telephone number and email address so that we can check that club records are fully up to date.

Thank you your support.



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