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Dates for your diary

INDOOR MEETINGS

Wednesday 13th January 2010 – 7.15 pm – Sheffield University Arts Tower, Lecture Theatre 5

Phil Palmer will be talking to us about **Namibia**. Phil is well known for his photographs and articles that have appeared in many birding magazines. He is a bird-tour leader and is very well travelled and his informative and humorous talks accompanied by his high quality photographs are very popular. He is a past council member for the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and was Chairman of their reserves committee. He is author of "First for Britain and Ireland" which he talked to us about in 2003. He last gave a very informative talk to the group about "The Secret Life of the Nightjar" in January 2007. This time he will entertain us on his travels to the southern African country of Namibia.

Wednesday 10th February 2010 – 7.15 pm – Sheffield University Arts Tower, Lecture Theatre 5

Martin Garner will be giving a talk entitled '**Frontiers of Birding**'. Martin is a well known author of ornithological writing, including articles for *British Birds* and *Birding World*, as well as a member of the British Birds Rarities Committee. He is credited as discovering Britain's first Caspian Gull, and has a published paper on the identification of Yellow-legged Gulls. His first bird-related book, 'Frontiers of Birding', was published in 2008, and chronicles the efforts of Martin and friends to push the boundaries of birdwatching in areas such as , sound recording, finding rarities, and cutting edge identification of tricky species and races. This promises to be a fascinating lecture.

FIELD MEETINGS

Sunday 13th December 2009 - 8.30am-12noon - Winter Wildfowl at Rother Valley Country Park

This is the best time of year to find a good range of common and scarcer wildfowl, with the chance of a rarity for added spice. Kev Gould will be leading the trip, meet at Meadowgate Lake car park.

Saturday 16th January 2010 - 8.30am - 11.00am - Ringing demonstration at Blackburn Meadows**Saturday 6th February 2010 - 8.00am - 10.00am - Ringing demonstrations at 70 Acres Hill.**

Two ringing demonstrations hosted by Sorby Breck Ringing Group, to which SBSG members are cordially invited. Previous meetings have been well attended, and a good range of birds seen in the hand. For the Blackburn Meadows demo meet at the reserve car park, and for 70 Acres meet at the top of Catley Road, under the Tinsley Gold Club sign.

Sunday 31st January 2010 - North Norfolk minibus trip, 7.00am start.

The annual pilgrimage to East Anglia, with Paul Medforth in charge as usual. We will probably do the usual places including Holkham and Titchwell, no doubt informed by recent reports. Bus leaves at 7am at Paternoster Row, booking essential.

For more details or bookings contact Paul Medforth on 01246 418120 / 07968 092032

The Lecture

Cuba - Revolutionary Birding

In the October meeting the group received our current and former Chairmen, David Wood and Pete Brown, teaming up to give us their respective tales of birdwatching in Cuba.

David started things off with a potted history of the island's turbulent recent past, setting the scene and revealing some interesting facts, such as the revolutionary government's quick establishment of hundreds of national nature reserves once seizing power.

Cuba's sheer amount of endemic species (28 endemic, 11 near endemic, and 12 Caribbean endemics) makes it an ideal location for birders, with species on offer including such delights as Cuban Tody, Cuban Bullfinch and Cuban Trogon. These were among the many species that lured both David and Pete to the island.

After a whistlestop tour of the birds of Havana, the country's capital, from David, Pete took us on a journey through the Sierra Maestre, home to Castro's preserved revolutionary cabin (complete with a bullet-holed fridge) and thousands of migrant American wood warblers, as well as hummingbirds, Great Lizard Cuckoo, Cuban Blackbird and many more.

He then told of joining in the Big Garden Birdwatch, but instead of our frosty January gardens he did his in the hotel grounds of a resort east of Havana, beating any of our lists in his hour with the like of Green Heron, West Indian Woodpecker and Greater Antillean Grackle!

Exploring the area on bike, he saw many more species including the endemic Cuban White-eye, Loggerhead

Kingbird and Smooth-billed Ani. He also saw a very unlucky Limpkin dead in the road - unlucky for the Limpkin, as there are so few cars on the road the chance of ending up as roadkill is so remote, and unlucky for Pete as it would have been a much sought-after lifer!

David then took over again, telling of his nightmarish entry to the country, as customs found an Englishman who spoke perfect Spanish and wielded a telescope in his hand luggage a little suspicious, and held up his entry by two hours...

Once he was in, however, he had some unforgettable avian encounters, staying at the Bay of Pigs (famous for the failed CIA-backed invasion) and visiting the nearby Zapata Swamp. This massive RAMSAR site has three endemics of its own - the Zapata Rail, Zapata Wren and Zapata Sparrow, which sadly David didn't see on this trip due to time constraints.

He did however see a host of birds including the exotic - Cuban Tody, Cuban Trogon, Roseate Spoonbill and Belted Kingfisher - and the not so exotic, including Osprey and Merlin. But most importantly he fulfilled a boyhood wish to see the smallest bird in the world, as his guide took him deep into the swamps to find the Bee Hummingbird. At first David was frantic as he failed to see the insect-sized bird among the trees, but he eventually found it, watching it for half an hour and even seeing one of its thimble-sized nests.

David and Pete were thanked for such an entertaining talk, which gave a wonderful introduction to the history, politics and, of course, birdlife of the Revolutionary Island.

A Look At Migration

November's talk was given by Mike Carrier, the county recorder for Carlisle who is heavily involved with the North Solway Ringing Group. His lecture was a look at migration.

Mike looked at all aspects of migration, starting with how birds get ready for their long trips by fattening up and moulting in preparation to ensure they're in the best possible shape. He memorably described the Solway as a "Little Chef" where birds such as Ringed Plover stay on passage, raising their body weight from 40-60g while they feed. He demonstrated that while all birds moult, different species have different evolutionary strategies. For example Willow Warblers differ from other birds in requiring two complete moults during their long journey, and male Goosanders disappear in large groups to the safety of places like Norway while they're flightless and vulnerable during their eclipse.

He also discussed different types of migration, including vertical migration, where birds move from higher areas to lower ones during harsh weather or when food becomes scarce, movement to different parts of the country, and irruptive migration from birds like Crossbill and Waxwing, who only reach our shores when food is scarce. He also talked of how some species that are traditionally thought of as sedentary, such as Tree Sparrows, do in fact wander quite far, and all of this should be thought of as migration as much as when birds such as Swallows fly to Africa.

Of course no talk on migration would be complete without a summary of some of the more impressive feats that birds can achieve, and Mike discussed Arctic Terns who may do 30 or so trips from the Arctic to the Antarctic every year, Manx Shearwaters that can cross the Atlantic in a matter of days, and told a story of a Pied Flycatcher

he ringed returning to the very same nest box that it was raised in the year before.

But there was a serious message to Mike's talk too, as he shared the story of how, in the 1980s, there was a dramatic drop in Sand Martins in his survey area, that coincided with the African drought that became famous due to the Live Aid appeal. Although we think of "our" birds as British, factors in their wintering grounds and

their "Little Chefs" along the way, can have big implications. There are many species where we simply do not know where their wintering quarters actually are, and therefore little can be done to protect them. Mike's final, sombre message was that we can't always expect them to come back.

Mike was thanked for a very interesting talk on a fascinating topic.

Oh No! It's That Pearl Again...

Those of you who stayed awake to the end of my Member's Night presentation in June will recall that I finished my 2008 Odyssey in Uganda. Well, here I am again, working once more with the Uganda Revenue Authority in Kampala, but on this occasion with sufficient time to take a 10-day holiday before the fray. Even better, Yanhui was able to take leave and come with me.

During her stay here we managed to get out of Kampala and see a bit of this amazing country – something I didn't achieve last year. We visited the source of the Nile and the Rippon Falls at Jinja, the Mabamba swamp near Entebbe and that tourist Mecca, Murchison Falls National Park. None of these trips entailed a specialist guide, so, as before, it was down to me to juggle the bins and guide book, hopefully snatching a few photos, while Yanhui kept a steady hand on the video camera. Fortunately the guide who took us round Mabamba, and the game-drive guide at Murchison both had good bird knowledge, but it's hit and miss if you go with a non-specialist tour operator.

A leisurely boat trip through a swamp is a reasonably easy way of picking up birds. Careering across the savannah in a 4x4 to see lions and elephants is not. But on each occasion we added 20 or so new birds to our list as well as renewing acquaintance with lots of old friends. I'm almost abashed to tell you that I identified a cisticola (Carruther's at that) at Mabamba, but the papyrus gonolek eluded us. The main target of a visit to Mabamba is to see shoebills, and we were successful, picking up three in the two hour trip. It sounds ungrateful and ungracious to say it, but after the initial joy of spotting them, watching shoebills is rather like watching paint dry. They stand for hours contemplating the ground in front of them, waiting for something to

snatch. During our lengthy observation, nothing was snatched. Other more active highlights were an aerial display of about 2000 white-winged terns in non-breeding plumage, and fly-pasts by African fish eagle and African marsh harrier.

Tracking the game in Murchison means that you mainly get fleeting glimpses of perched birds, but don't try putting binoculars to your eyes as you bounce along or you may never bird-watch again! Sightings included spectacular red bishops, blue-headed coucals, northern carmine bee-eaters, a dark chanting goshawk and an Abyssinian ground hornbill. One of my favourites was the un-crowlike crow called by its African name of piacpiac. A boat trip on the Nile afterwards brought Goliath heron, red-throated bee-eater and African darter as well as the crocs and hippos.

Now I'm back on my own in a Kampala hotel which looks out onto the golf course. There are tall trees outside my window which occasionally have hadada ibis, black and white casqued hornbills, eastern grey plantain eaters, woodland kingfisher and of course the common bulbul. I'm impressed by just how common and widespread the common bulbul is. We saw it in towns, in savannah, in rain forest and in crops. It wakes you in the morning with a short song in the dochmiac metre – the same one used by our humble wood pigeon, but far more mellifluous!

A sad moment was a visit to Sunset Strip where I did most of last year's limited birding. Someone with a tidy mind has chopped down the dead bush which was the favourite perch of so many birds. It happens the world over!

Martin Hodgson

British Birds back issues going begging...

Paul Medforth has had a clearout and has around 90 issues of *British Birds*, mainly from the 1980s and 90s, looking for a good home (and preferably not the recycling bin...). If anyone wants them then contact Paul on 07968 092032 / 01246 418120, or email p_medforth@hotmail.com.

Recent Sightings

30th September - 28th November 2009

Great Northern Diver	One on main lake at Rother Valley CP on 29th Nov..
Slavonian Grebe	One on main lake at Rother Valley CP on 18th Oct..
Bittern	One roosting at Pit-house West on 28 th Nov.
Cattle Egret	A new addition to the Sheffield area list at Carr Vale on 25th Oct; arrived from the north at 0815 and present around the reserve pools (it did fly off N once but returned shortly afterwards so was certainly in the SBSG area for some of the time).
Little Egret	One at Carr Vale on 1 st Oct. One in an unlikely location on R Don at Attercliffe, originally found on 8 th Oct, was still present 16 th -18 th .
Whooper Swan	Two at Thrybergh CP on 23 rd and 29 th Oct. Two at Middleton Moor on 1 st Nov and at Thrybergh CP on 2 nd Seventeen flew NNW over Haywood Farm on 6 th Nov and 2 stayed briefly
Pink-footed Goose	Significant easterly movements took place on 17 th Oct (max 800 over Moscar Cross), 18 th (max 650 over Rother Valley CP), 25 th (500 over Redmires) and 26 th when a total of 1475 flew over Carr Vale. Further movements were then regular with the largest counts on 7 th Nov (c800 E over Moscar Cross and c600 over Big Moor/Ramsley) and 9 th (520 SE over Curbar Gap). A lone juvenile remained with Canada Geese at Redmires from 7 th Oct to 19 th Nov at least.
Pintail	3 flew N at Thrybergh CP on 15 th Oct. A female was with Mallard on the R Don at Attercliffe on 17 th and 26 th Oct.
Garganey	A first winter male at Rother Valley CP on 3 rd Oct.
Red-crested Pochard	A drake on 7th/8 th October
Scaup	Up to 3 at Rother Valley CP from 2 nd to 19 th Oct. Elsewhere, a fem/imm at Orgreave Lagoons on 2 nd Oct and 2 juvs at Carr Vale on 3 rd Nov, one of which was still present on 4 th .
Common Scoter	A pair at Silverwood Lagoon on 15 th Oct and a male there briefly on 16 th .
Red Kite	One flew N at Thrybergh CP on 13th Oct.
Water Rail	Two calling at Thrybergh Tip on 18 th Oct. Singles also reported from Carr Vale, Harthill Res, Pit-house West, Blackburn Meadows and Bolehill Flash.
Golden Plover	54 at Middleton Moor on 5 th October. At Redmires, numbers increased from 65 on 24 th Oct to 181 on 15 th Nov followed by a "good count" of 362 on 19 th and 350 were at Carr Vale on 28 th Oct. A flock of c500 at Barlborough on 27 th Nov included a very grey individual.
Grey Plover	One calling over Woodseats at 1830h on 6 th Nov.
Dunlin	Five at Middleton Moor on 5 th Oct and a single there on 11 th when 2 flew NW over Thrybergh CP. Further singles at Thrybergh CP on 1 st and 3 rd November and at both Middleton Moor and Thrybergh CP on 8 th .
Jack Snipe	One at Silverwood Lagoon on 16 th Oct followed by 2 there on 18 th and 27 th . Another single at Silverwood Lagoon on 12 th Nov was somewhat eclipsed by 4 Waverley Opencast on 15 th .
Snipe	Some good counts included 8 north at Ulley CP on 2 nd Oct, 6 at Blackburn Meadows on 5 th and a party of 7 west at Leash Fen on 10 th . Further evidence of migration was provided by parties of 6 and 5 west at Rod Moor on 18 th and then 20 NW over High Green on 14 th .
Greenshank	One calling at Thrybergh CP on 4th Oct.
Green Sandpiper	Three at Centenary Way, Riverside on 3 rd Oct then one there on 17 th . Singles at Silverwood Lagoon on 21 st Oct and 1 st Nov. Further singles at Carr Vale on 6 th Nov and Blackburn Meadows on 10 th .
Little Gull	An adult and a first winter flew west at Rother Valley CP on 1 st Nov.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	The roost at Middleton Moor built up from 340 on 5 th Oct to a max of c1400 on 1 st Nov and there were still c630 roosting there on 22 nd Nov. At Redmires, 280 roosted on 8 th Oct and numbers there built to a max of 560 on 12 th .
Yellow-legged Gull	Single adults were reported from Carr Vale (1 st Oct), Redmires (18 th Oct) and Middleton Moor (27 th Oct, 1 st , 8 th and 22 nd Nov). A second-winter roosted at Middleton Moor on 18 th Oct. First-winter birds roosted at Redmires (8 th /24 th /31 st Oct) and at Middleton Moor on 1 st Nov.
Caspian Gull	A first-winter roosted at Redmires on 12th and 18th Oct.
Ring-necked Parakeet	Increasingly reported from the SE of the City with four at Nether Edge on 4 th Oct, Carter-knowle on 14 th Oct and Woodseats on 18 th Nov.
Swift	One reported flying south down Queen's Road on 21 st Oct.
Swallow	No major movements reported other than 35 south at Carr Vale on 1 st Oct. Last reported were 3 at Todwick on 14 th Oct.

House Martin	70 were circling over Linacre Lower Res on 4 th Oct. Last report was of 5 at General Cemetery, Sharrow on 20 th Oct.
Tree Pipit	Last reports were singles at Ramsley Moor on 11 th Oct and at Hagg Side on 14 th .
Water Pipit	One flew E over Redmires calling at 0740h on 22nd Nov and was later relocated with Meadow Pipits. Still present up to 27th.
Stonechat	Reported from 5 sites to the west including 7+ at Ramsley Moor on 10 th Oct. Two were at Wharncliffe Chase on 2 nd Oct. Further east, 2 were at Ulley CP on 1 st Oct and 4+ at Silverwood Lagoon on 5 th .
Wheatear	Singles were at Totley Moss on 5 th Oct and at Barbrook Bridge on 7 th .
Ring Ouzel	Singles recorded at Ramsley Res on 11 th Oct, White Edge on 12 th Oct. At least one, probably three flew NE over Moscar Cross on 17 th Oct.
Fieldfare	After one at Soughley Lane on 24 th Sept, the next were four at Onesmoor on 2 nd Oct. The first major arrival was on 17 th Oct when 210 were at Canklow and 100+ at Moscar Cross. The most significant movements recorded were 740 SW at Redmires on 25 th Oct, 1148 through Sothall on 27 th 1310 SW at Redmires on 28 th and 740 south at Silverwood Lagoons on 4 th Nov. Several good-sized flocks were reported on 7 th Nov including 400 at Broomhead, c400 at Ramsley and 800 at Ouzleden. At Broomhead Res, 1000+ were
Redwing	Numbers remained low until 400+ moved west at Ramsley Moor on 10 th Oct then, on 11 th , 500 west in 30 mins at Ramsley Moor, 320 SW at Rother Valley CP and 305 SW at Redmires. These were followed by 1298 SW at Canklow on 13 th . Another significant movement took place on 17 th Oct when 500+ flew mainly west at Ringinglow, 629 west at Redmires and 759 SW at Canklow on 17 th followed by 600+ west over Gleadless Valley on 18 th . On 22 nd Oct 1100 flew over Ramsley Res. On 28 th 1285 flew SW at Redmires and on 29 th 735 flew over Ramsley Res.
Cetti's Warbler	Long anticipated, the first record of this species in the Sheffield area came from Pit-house West on 1st Nov with two reported there on 5th. Subsequent to that discovery further records came from Carr Vale on 6th Nov, Bolehill Flash (2), Bolehill Triangle Pond and Blackburn Meadows on 7th
Goldcrest	Few local records echoing National reports that numbers this year are much reduced.
Firecrest	One calling in an Ecclesall garden on 18 th Oct. One at a regular Derwent Valley site on 7 th Nov.
Starling	Some decent counts included 1100+ at Peat Pits on 16 th Oct, 1250 west in 2 hours at Redmires on 18 th and, on the same date, 1900 west at Rother Valley CP included, one wave of 1000+ birds about 1 kilometre long. On 19 th c1500 were at Peat Pits. On 1 st November c2000 were flocking at Middleton Moor prior to roosting and by 21 st the roosting flock there had built to an impressive c16,000.
Brambling	First report was 1 SW at Canklow on 13 th Oct. On 14 th Oct, two were at Canklow and 1 at Wharncliffe Chase. At Redmires, 45 flew west at Redmires on 18 th Oct and 134 flew west on 28 th . 20+ moved through trees at Longshaw on 15 th Nov.
Siskin	61 flew west at Redmires on 4 th Oct and c80 were at Langsett Wood on 13 th . Otherwise, numbers were low apart from 31 mainly west at Mount Darnall on 7 th Nov and 50+ at Broomhead Res on 2 nd
Lesser Redpoll	Few significant reports apart from 160 at Ramsley Res on 1 st Oct and 100 at Pit-house West on 7 th Nov.
Crossbill	21 flew SW at Redmires Res on 11 th Oct and a flock of c40 were at Langsett Wood on 13 th . 22 flew south at Rod Moor on 18 th Oct and 42 were in the plantations at Redmires on 25 th . 20+ were feeding in trees at Wharncliffe Wood on at 1100h on 11 th Nov and 40 were at Redmires Res on 26 th .
Lapland Bunting	One flew S calling with Meadow Pipits at Redmires Res on 28th Oct.
Snow Bunting	One flew SW at Silverwood Lagoon on 1st Nov. One reported at Shatton on 7th Nov.
Corn Bunting	One at Carr Vale on 29 th Oct was the first record there since 2005.

Records were received from the following observers, with apologies for any omissions:

S Ashton, S Bailey, W Bailey, A Baverstock, MA Beevers, AR Bell, RP Blagden, K Bower, SJ Branch, MC Brew, PL Brown, R Butterfield, DM Bye, A Deighton, J Fermer, D Gains, M Garner, P Garrity, KR Gould, R Greasley, S Guymer, I Hedge, A Hill, RD Hill, J Hornbuckle, C Hurst, Alan Johnson, Anne Johnson, J Kingsland, K Knowles, M Kramer, J Laskey, P Leonard, JL Marriott, P Mella, TH Minskip, M Oxlade, NR Porter, MN Reeder, P Ridsdale, B Roberts, GA Rodgers, J Sherwin, M Sherwin, MA Smethurst, M Snook, M&L Taylor, SG Tebbutt, A Thompson, R Twigg, C Tyler, RDR Williams, D Wood, D Woodriff, P Wragg, BTO Bird Track, Rotherham DOS, Sorby-Breck Ringing Group and Thrybergh CP Bird Log.

Dates To Note				
Time/Date	Group	Location	Speaker	Title
7.30pm 11th December	DOS	Hope and Anchor, Wirksworth	n/a	Member's Evening
7.30pm 7th January	RSPB Sheffield Group	Central United Reformed Church	Phil Palmer	The Secret Life of the Nightjar
7.30pm 29th January	DOS	The Evergreen Club, Allestree	Carole & Peter Leigh	Coto Donana and Costa de la Luz
7.30pm 4th February	RSPB Sheffield Group	Central United Reformed Church	Ian Rotherham	A Walk On The Wild Side

Indoor meetings 2010

Jan 13th	Phil Palmer	Namibia
Feb 10th	Martin Garner	Frontiers in Birding
Mar 10th	Paul Medforth	A visit to Costa Rica
Apr 14th	Stephen Murphy	Hen Harriers
May 12th	Graham Appleton	Flyway to Iceland
Jun 9th	Members' Night	
Jul/Aug	No meetings	
Sep 8th	Andy Deighton	TBA
Oct 13th	Paul Hobson	Wildlife Photography
Nov 10th	Pete Short	Bearded Tits
Dec 8th	Neil Glenn	Texas Valley Parade

New Members

The group welcomes new members **Tracy Solman, Kevin Overton, Michael Jarvis** and **Sarah Worth**. We hope you enjoy your membership, and good birding!

Your Bulletin Still Needs You!

You have probably noticed that this is a thinner than usual issue. This isn't due to any credit crunch cutbacks, but the fact not enough material was submitted for this issue to fill a 12-page magazine. A magazine is nothing without content, and the SBSG contains some phenomenal birders with a wealth of experience to share and stories to tell. Without increased contributions from members the Bulletin will be unable to keep up its usual pagination and standard of content. More specifically we still need volunteers to write up lectures from indoor meetings. I will be sadly be unable to attend many indoor meetings over the next few months, and if no volunteers come forward to take over, this will simply not be done.

The next Bulletin will be issued at the February Meeting. Please note that any items for inclusion in the Bulletin must be received by Pete Mella at peterjmella@googlemail.com (for preference), or 396 Loxley Road, Loxley, Sheffield S6 4TJ, by **Saturday 30th January**.

Bulletin By Email

More members have now agreed to take their Bulletins by email in PDF format. This is now about one-third of membership and this will help funds in cutting down the cost of sending out Bulletins, as it saves both printing and postage costs.

It is appreciated that not all members have the email facility but many thanks to those who have and are willing to receive their copies in this way.

GIFT AID AND MEMBERSHIP

In recent years there have been changes to Gift Aid legislation, making it easier for charitable organisations to reclaim income tax on the contributions, including subscriptions, made by members.

The group is constantly looking for sources of income to offset the increasing costs of running the group, such as printing the excellent Annual Report, (the better it gets, in terms of photos etc, the more it costs) and also room hire for our Indoor Meetings.

Gift Aid is a means by which every basic rate tax-paying member can contribute to the group's income, courtesy of the Inland Revenue (what an incentive!). If you are about to pay your 2010 subscription and have not already filled in a Gift Aid form, please complete the tear off slip below, and return it to any committee member at an indoor meeting or send with subs to Jenny Kingsland by post. Alternatively, please send it to me at:

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*Ron Blagden
Treasurer*

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2010 became due in January. Some subscriptions remain unpaid!

As you will have seen from the list in this Bulletin we have a good programme of speakers planned for next year, and many local and more distant field trips are also in the pipeline. A copy of the Annual Report for the year prior to membership is also included. The subscriptions remain the same at £14 for individual members, £16 for family membership, and £7 for juniors (up to age 16), which I am sure you will see as good value for money. A subscription form is below. To renew, please see Jenny Kingsland at any meeting, or send your cheque payable to Sheffield Bird Study Group, together with a stamped addressed envelope for return of your membership card, to Jenny Kingsland, 52A Riverdale Road, Sheffield S10 3FB. For new members an application form is available at meetings, on the website, by phone to 0114 2660759 or by e-mail to jkingsland@tiscali.co.uk

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