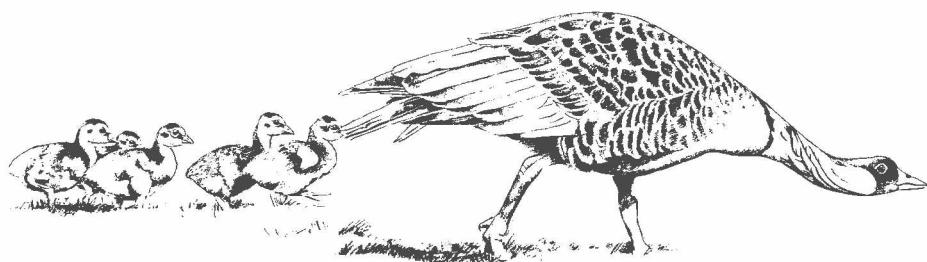


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***Wildfowl* Editorial**

The past year has seen changes in the staffing of *Wildfowl* production. I must thank most warmly Rosie Ounsted, Tim Davies, Joyce Portlock and Diana Fowler for their friendly and enthusiastic support over many months. The help of Alison Browning, who took over from Joyce, ensured a smooth handover to Louisa Beveridge and Nikki Straughan (who saw the potential of the Hawaiian Goose feathers for the cover).

I am pleased with the contents of *Wildfowl* 45. The papers deal with a range of topics pertinent to the dynamic nature of wildfowl populations; of particular interest are the effects of novel foods, such as Zebra Mussels on diving ducks and mown grassland on Hawaiian Geese. Human intervention, through pesticide use, disturbance, decoys in Holland and the protection of colonially-breeding Mute Swans at Abbotsbury, for instance, is shown to have a great impact on bird numbers. Nevertheless, how sensible of Brent Geese and King Eiders to nest near Snowy Owls, and White-headed Ducks to pack together tightly on waters surrounded by predators! This year, we have introduced Keywords so that *Wildfowl* papers are even more likely to obtain worldwide attention.