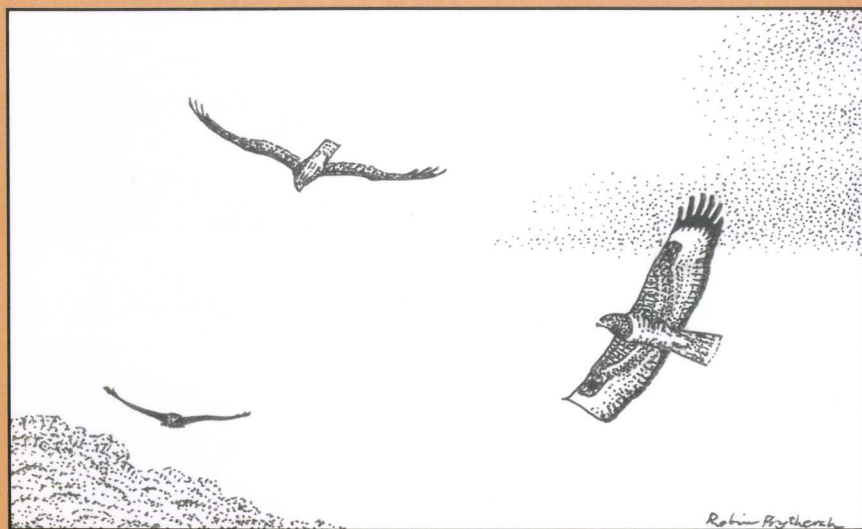


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Preface

To compensate for the very large previous issue, this one contains just three papers and an obituary of John Tully who died in 2012. The first 25 years' results of John Tully's study on the breeding birds of Blaise Woods were published in our 2004 issue (number 27). He continued with the study until his death. Fortunately, Richard Bland managed to recover from John's impeccably kept files all the data needed to complete the latest eight years of the study. This is presented here and includes a summary of the complete 33 years of data.

Jeff Holmes' study of breeding Common Buzzards south of Keynsham covered ten years, 1995-2004. He monitored all the pairs of a growing population in a 60 sq.km study area. With between 32 and 66 pairs to watch this was a dedicated and time consuming pursuit.

Between 1984 and 2004 Lyndon Roberts and Robin Prytherch (with help from others) ringed nestling Common Buzzards in the latter's study area in North Somerset. Sufficient time has now passed to look at how these birds have dispersed; information gleaned from the recovery of ringed birds which have died. Since the oldest birds can live to well over 20 years there is still time for some of them to be recovered. If so, we hope to report on these in a future issue.

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