

Miss Christian Nygren	23rd July to 2nd August
Clifton College	2nd to 9th August
Mr Baker	} Archaeological Group, 9th to 19th August
John Dyke	
Mr and Mrs A. K. Miles	
Miss Felicity O'Flynn	
David Painter	
Mr and Mrs K. Gardner	
Clifford Fishwick	} Climbing Expedition, 9th to 15th August
Peter Biven	
Arthur Goodwin	
Miss Claire Goff	31st August to 4th September
Richard Cross	2nd to 22nd August
Dr Hardy and two sons	21st to 22nd August
Moss Taylor	30th to 31st August
Mr W. Muskett	30th to 31st August
Mr Peter Harper	5th to 6th September
Julian Fane	4th to 11th September
Clive Wall	21st August to 9th September
Peter Densham	21st August to 9th September
John Smith	21st August to 9th September
Tim Brown	21st August to 9th September
Mrs Florence Roxburgh	Cook at Old Light, 9th August to 11th September
Richard Caden	12th April to 12th May and 16th to 23rd September
Raymond Duffy	7th to 14th July
Hugh Darwen	23rd to 27th September
Peregrine Darwen	23rd to 27th September

POSTSCRIPT

THE WINTER OF 1962-63 ON LUNDY

Taken from Notes and Observations made by the Islanders

The past winter, as on the mainland, has been the hardest winter that Lundy has experienced within living memory and both the farm stock and the bird population have suffered many losses. The shrunken corpses, pecked out by carrion feeders, still lying all over the Island are the remains of the wintering flocks of birds driven here in a vain search for food. The scarcity of live birds is only too obvious.

It was not the snow, which fell shortly after Christmas, that was the killer, for it was very quickly blown over the edge, but it was the almost continuous bitter wind which blew from the easterly quarter that burnt up the grass and withered the foliage. There were heavy frosts from 23rd December until 25th February with only partial thaws early in the New Year and in mid February—water supplies stopped and Pondsburry was strong enough to skate on, whilst at some points icicles were even hanging to the sea.

Large flocks of Snipe and Woodcock arrived at the beginning of January; a hundred of each being a very conservative estimate; and along with these Curlew, Lapwing, Starlings, Thrushes and Blackbirds—all of these birds suffered from the cold and starvation. Sixty Starlings were found dead in the church while many more were discovered wedged, three and four at a time, inside any sheltering crevice or hole around the Farm. Curlews and small groups of Larks were frozen to death as they crouched huddled together under tree roots or behind tufts of grass or bush. Thrushes, Blackbirds, Curlews and Lapwings lay openly around—dead. Birds were exhausted and on

one occasion a Lapwing was seen buffeted to the ground as it attempted to fly, and was knocked dead. Fights were frequent amongst those feeding around the patches of food put out by the Islanders and even a Song Thrush was watched while it pecked one of its own kind to death in order to guard its share.

Judging by this year's counts the population of Passerine residents is less than half the normal. It is hard to count half-a-dozen Blackbirds in a walk through Millcombe and along East Side, while Wrens appear to have died out almost completely (on only two occasions has a single bird been seen so far).

There were several interesting records over the winter. Three Whooper Swans were seen on 27th December and eleven Wild Geese passed by at the beginning of January while a White-fronted Goose stayed in the Ducks Pen for a week, or two from 20th January. Also at the beginning of January up to five Wigeon and three Teal were present, a few Greenfinches and Goldfinches and large numbers of Black-headed Gulls. A Stock Dove was about at Christmas time and a late Chiffchaff was still present on 4th December.

Both of the Whooper Swans, which were present at the close of the Observatory season, died, apparently from starvation. The first went on 13th December and the second, in spite of being brought indoors, died on 26th December.

LUNDY FIELD SOCIETY

Constitution

1. The objects of the Society shall be :—

(a) to further the study of the birds of Lundy and in particular their migrations and movements.

(b) to undertake biological investigations of the wild life of the Island.

(c) to further the conservation of the fauna and flora of the Island.

2. The Society shall consist of a President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Shore Officer and Transport Officer and ordinary members. The Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and shall be eligible for re-election.

3. The Society shall appoint a Committee consisting of the Officers and not more than six other members, who shall be elected for a period of three years. The duty of this Committee shall be to organize and supervise the field work on the Island. Two senior members shall retire annually and shall not be eligible for re-election until after the lapse of one year. The initial committee shall, however, sit unchanged for two years, after which the retirement of its members shall be determined by lot.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt.

4. Persons desiring membership must agree to observe the objects of the Society and be nominated by two existing members. They may be elected at any meeting. The annual subscription shall be a minimum of £1 payable on election and thereafter on 1st January.

5. Any member behaving in a manner prejudicial to the interests and work of the Society is liable to summary expulsion at the discretion of the Committee.

6. Members will be required, when visiting Lundy, to conform to the customs of the Island, and to respect its rights and privileges. Those prepared to play an active part in the work of the Society will receive annually a written invitation from the owner of the Island to visit it and to land without fee. This invitation will only be extended after the Secretary has been notified of the Member's desire to visit the Island and work there.

7. Meetings of the Society shall be held at the discretion of the Committee. The main object of the Society being the prosecution of field work, there need be no more than one annual meeting for the transaction of business.

8. Any proposed alteration or addition to the constitution must be notified by the Secretary to all members not less than fourteen days before a meeting, and must be carried by a two-thirds majority of those present.