

OBITUARY

MR B. G. LAMPARD-VACHELL

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By the death of Mr B. G. Lampard-Vachell in April 1965 the Society lost one of its founder members and one to whom we owe an incalculable debt. When the creation of the Society was being discussed during 1946, he was most enthusiastic and, from his long experience in public affairs, he gave us invaluable advice and help. Above all he was at that time Treasurer of the University College of the South West and it was on his advice that we approached the College for assistance, and through his mediation that we obtained the grant which has been such a prop to our activities over our early years. During 1947 to 1951 he was our genial and very efficient Chairman and I, then Secretary, owed a very great deal to him for his helpfulness both in and out of committee. Unhappily the pressure of his commitments to public affairs, as Justice of the Peace, and Treasurer of the College and in many aspects of the work of Devon County Council, but particularly in the Education Committee of which he was Chairman, made it increasingly difficult for him to give the necessary time to our affairs. In 1951, therefore, with the greatest reluctance on everybody's part, he relinquished the Chairmanship to the late Major Gay, but retained an honorary connection by becoming our first Vice-President.

To younger members of the Society, Lampard-Vachell is probably no more than a name near the head of the list of Officers, for he has not been able to attend meetings or to visit Lundy for very many years. His name, however, is one to honour for he was very largely responsible for setting the Society firmly on its feet.

L. A. HARVEY.

Stan Ball

The death of Stan Ball probably has meant very little to those who have joined the Society during the past five years or so, for he was unable to play an active part in affairs during his later years. But older members will remember him well and they lament his passing. He was one of the original parties of pioneers who visited Lundy in the late 1940's and laid the foundations of the Society's work there and indeed his contribution to the establishment of our centre in the old Light was a noble and selfless one. He went over in the spring of 1947 to act as handyman to our first Warden, Rowland Barker, and again and again on subsequent occasions when with his notable common sense and aptitude with tools he gave yeoman service to a struggling cause. For a short period in 1950 he stood in as acting warden until a new Warden, David Lea, could be found to replace Hugh Boyd. For many years he and his wife acted as our Accommodation Officers and there are innumerable members past and present, who will remember with warm gratitude the kindly help and encouragement they received in overcoming the vagaries of transport to and from the Island. His death has removed his physical presence but not the memory of his great contribution to the firm establishment of the Society.

L. A. HARVEY

Jonathan Sparrow

On Tuesday, June 22nd, 1965, our Warden, Mr Jonathan Sparrow, fell to his death whilst working on the cliff face below the Battery on the West Side of Lundy. Although his term of engagement was for one season only, he was already proving himself a most dedicated ornithologist with a determination to give of his best to the Society. Jonathan had all the attributes of a warden in the making, causing his loss to be felt all the keener. Deep sympathy is extended to his mother, Dr Olive Sparrow and family.