

4. Jenny's Cove, Site I

At the west end of the Halfway Wall, SS./1322.4590, is a rock platform artificially levelled and revetted so that it completely commands the western landing place. Its position is military rather than secular and the Ordnance Survey have classified it as a "Battery".

In clearing the site for photography sherds of 13th century pottery appeared and a short excavation produced nothing of later date. The fabric is similar to that found beneath the basalt pad in Bulls Paradise Site III and presumably represents a period of refortification.

Documentary evidence indicates (Close Rolls 1222 AD vide Langham p. 18) that Wm. de Marisco transferred to Lundy the magnonels made on his lands at Cameley south of Bristol. It is suggested that this could be the site of one of them designed to defend the "back-door" of Lundy.

5. Bensons Cove (SS.1422.4375)

This man-made Chamber south of the castle was apparently concealed behind a small building. A map of 1775 shows a capstan in front of the building presumably for hauling cargoes up the cliff.

A trench through the entrance of the cave revealed a disturbed section producing coal shells, bones, iron, clay pipe fragments or pottery of 17th-19th century. Graffiti on the walls dates from 1726-1750. The Royalist Governor Thos Bushell, Miner and Mintmaster, seems the most likely candidate to have skillfully quarried out this vast store room.

6. Surveying

A detailed plan was made of the Cemetery on Beacon Hill in preparation for future work.

Field systems were recorded on Aclands Moor running over the Quarter Wall; west and south east of "Stoneycroft", and around Tibbets.

At Easter 1967 a detailed plan was made of Widows Tenement—a fine example of a medieval long-house—and additional outbuildings discovered.

7. Pollen Analysis

It is one of the convenient oddities of science that the most minute particles of pollen, can, under the right conditions, be preserved in the soil for many thousands of years, revealing to the palae-botanist details of prehistoric flora, crops and climate.

With the apparently undisturbed Iron Age fields at Middle Park it was felt that conditions were favourable, and our botanists, Miss Rhona Simpson, accordingly took a series of soil samples down through the old land surface.

The results are unfortunately not yet to hand, the samples still being in the queue at the London University Institute of Archaeology Laboratories but with luck we should learn not only details of prehistoric crops but also whether or not the island was ever afforested.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL GAZETEER — LUNDY 1967

1. **Mesolithic.** (i) *Tillage and Brick Fields*: N.G. Ref. SS/1370.4450.
Scatter of microliths and associated waste material.
2. **Bronze Age.** (i) *Gannets Combe*. SS/1340.4770.
Small community of ?Late Bronze Age huts (2 included in enclosure wall.)
3. **Early Iron Age** (i) *Middle Park*. SS/1370.4590.
Rectangular field plots. Circular hut 30' diameter and bi-cellular structure.
(ii) *Beacon Hill*. SS/1320.4425.
Cobble walled huts and field system extending half a mile to the east.

4. Roman.

- (i) Pottery in Bristol Museum allegedly from Lundy.
- (ii) Lamp dredged up "off Lundy" (vide Dr. W. S. Bristowe).
- (iii) Reference by Solinus to island believed to be Lundy.

5. Dark Age.

- (i) *Beacon Hill Cemetery*. SS/1325.4430.
Four inscribed memorial stones, 6th-7th C.
- (ii) *Tillage Field*. SS/1370.4450.
Sherd of imported pottery—6th century.
- (iii) *Shippens*. SS/1365.4420.
Giants Graves beads ? 9th century.

6. Medieval

- (i) *Bulls Paradise III*. SS/1365.4428
Defended substantial structure of circa 1150 AD to 1250 AD.
- (ii) *Jennys Cove*. SS/1322.4590.
Mangonel battery above western landing. c.1220 AD: ?Associated wall below battery.
- (iii) *Castle*. SS/1410.4380
Keep of Henry VIII's Constable 1242 AD.
- (iv) *Bulls Paradise II and V*. SS/1365.4420.
? Chapel: Christian cemetery? 15th Cent.
- (v) *Widows Tenement*. SS/1355.4690.
Fine example of Long-house.

7. 17th Century

- (i) *Bensons Cave*. SS/1422.4375.
Storage chamber below Castle. 18th C. Graffiti.
- (ii) *Brazen Ward*. SS/1390.4680.
Gun battery: believed to be Civil War.
- (iii) *Frenchmans Landing*. SS/1385.4700.
Revetted platform.
- (iv) *N. of Gannets Rock*. SS/1360.4780.
Revetted platform.
- (v) *N.E. Point*. SS/1360.4805.
Revetted platform.
- (vi) *Puffin Slope*. SS/1335.4805.
Small building ? Guardhouse.
- (vii) *John O.Groats*. SS/1330.4795.
Small building. ? Look out.

8. Industrial Archaeology

- (i) *Quarry Slopes*. SS/1380.4520.
Various buildings, railway and remains of jetty.

9. Miscellaneous

- (i) *Aclands Moor*. SS/1320.4460.
Buildings and field system.
- (ii) *Tibbetts*. SS/1385.4635.
Trace of hut and burial cairn. Field walls.

(iii) "*Cairns*" are noted by Ordnance Survey team at the following N.G. Refs.:—

SS/1385.4635 (Tibbetts).
SS/1356 4655 ("Round Tower").
SS/1355 4632.
SS/1354 4622.

(iv) *Enclosures and possible buildings*:—

SS/1322 4555.
SS/1360 4720.
SS/1380 4450.

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.