

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 1965

Our last Report contained an obituary to our Warden, Mr. Jonathan Sparrow, who fell to his death on Tuesday, 22nd June 1965, whilst working on the cliff face below the Battery, on the West side of Lundy. In perpetuation of his memory the Committee decided to launch an appeal to all Members and friends, the result of which was sufficient to have constructed a glass fronted bookcase, skilfully made by Mr. Frank Rickard of Bideford. This bookcase is now in the Common Room at the Old Light and bears an etched plate in memory of Jonathan. The Committee deeply appreciates the help of Mr. Tony Vickery in organising this Appeal, and wishes to thank everyone who contributed towards the Memorial.

We express our gratitude to Miss Anne Lawrence for continuing in such distressing circumstances to supervise and cater for visiting Members during and after the fatality, and we wish to thank Mr. Tony Prater for readily agreeing to take over the Wardenship for the greater part of the remaining season.

J. DYKE.

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The Committee apologise for the delay in presenting this Report, which again covers two years. Both 1965 and 1966 have been difficult years for the Society and although the numbers of members visiting the Old Light has increased, our financial position has continued to worsen. For the sake of economy several temporary changes have been made in the layout of this Report and we hope that members will appreciate the reasons for not including detailed lists of visitors and members.

The membership list has been revised and brought up to date during 1966 and our membership now stands at 290.

The Committee now have the working of the Society under review and are trying to plan a re-organisation which it is hoped will restore the Society to solvency without sacrificing any of its usefulness.

We have been most fortunate in having Cliff Waller as our Warden and his results, published herewith, show how hard and well he has worked.

The Archaeological Field Work has been furthered by Keith Gardner, who has made a fine contribution to this part of the Society's activities. Plans are being made for further excavations during the coming season.

The Committee hope to run some experimental courses at the Old Light during 1967. Further evidence of the increasing interest being shown in Lundy was the publication in 1966 of a new edition of "Rock Climbing in Devonshire", which lists Lundy prominently, and the use of the Old Light in April 1966 by members of the Devon County Council Civil Defence organisation on a radio exercise which was so successful that they plan to return in 1967.

Our sincere thanks are extended to our President and his family for their interest and continued support and also to our Chairman for his invaluable guidance and for the facilities he has made available to us at Exeter University. I am indeed indebted to Tony Vickery for the kind and enthusiastic help which he has so readily given me.

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