
OBITUARY

FELIX W. GADE

With much sadness we heard of the death of Mr Gade on October 28th 1978.

'Gi' was a truly remarkable Giant of a man with a wide and impressive range of qualities; of these not least was his modesty. He has represented Lundy to many over so many years that it now seems as if a whole era has gone by with him, and we will miss him very much. He told the story that one of the first things he did on arriving on Lundy in 1926 was to shoot a Water rail! He soon atoned for this by developing a lifelong interest in birds and he has made his own contribution to recordings. He was always sympathetic and helpful to the Field Society however much trouble we were to him, even when one of our wardens was cut off by the tide on Great Shutter Rock he personally provided the blankets and brandy for the overnight stay on the rock. Similarly he always showed great kindness to all visitors, however, young, penniless or ignorant.

Looking back over his years on Lundy two things strike one—firstly how tremendously hard he worked, and secondly the enormous range of his knowledge. Lundy had a true and devoted servant in him.

We are glad to have known him, and will hold his memory long and with great respect.

A.F.L.
