

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1987

Two Field Society working parties, with an age range of 18 to over 60 visited Lundy during 1987 and continued conservation work under the direction of Neil Willcox, the island warden.

In March they concentrated on rhododendron clearing and tree planting at Quarter Wall Copse. In October they improved the path between the Timekeeper's Hut and the Terraces and overhauled various fixed ropes. We thank all who took part and ask physically fit members, of any age, to put their names forward for inclusion in future busy but enjoyable off peak working holidays. Two further pamphlets were published, on the archaeology and birds of Lundy, making a total of seven to date, with others in preparation. A grant was given to two undergraduates from Exeter University who were carrying out observations on the island's Sika deer. By agreement with the Landmark Trust copies of the Society's current Annual Report are being lodged in the Hotel and all holiday cottages and this service will continue in the future. The excursion on Sunday 14th June saw a full 'Waverley' and superb weather.

At an excellent AGM in March Ian Linn, former chairman of the society, was elected a vice-president. Patrick Penny retired after three years as a committee member and Richard Campey, Jenny George and Tony Parsons were elected to serve on the committee. It was agreed that the constitution of the society should be altered so that there would no longer be a need to revise it every time subscription rates were changed.

Covenant forms have now been prepared and members are asked to use these to pay their subscriptions. During the year both the editor of the Newsletter and the secretary of the Society had to take time off for ill health. They are now both recovered but we need more of our younger members to offer their services on the committee.

Bye-laws for the Lundy statutory Marine Nature Reserve were agreed and published by the Nature Conservancy Council and the Devon Sea Fisheries Committee. The Lundy Company took over responsibility for providing services for divers staying on the island. From August the 14th 1987 one can no longer 'hear North End' as its fog signal has been permanently removed but it still displays a light.

We continue to work as closely as possible with the Landmark Trust and are pleased that the Agent's and Warden's reports have become regular features of this publication.

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