

## LUNDY AGENT'S REPORT FOR 1987

1987 was a year which started and ended with severe weather conditions, although we did manage to get our new year visitors away on time after a rather noisy start to the year in the Marisco.

Weather conditions throughout January proved to be the coldest we had experienced, with strong Easterly winds, sub-zero temperatures and driving snow. Even the fuel in our tractors froze, making the feeding of livestock difficult.

February started on a brighter note with our Aerogenerator back in service after several months of repair. We were again plagued with Easterly winds throughout the month.

Easter proved to be our busiest ever with virtually every property let. The weather was fairly kind to us permitting regular visits by the Boat.

The Waverley and Balmoral called several times during the spring and on the 3rd June the MS Oldenburg was awarded the cup for the smartest Bristol Channel passenger ship, which of course was a feather in the caps of Denver Scoins and his crew.

During the year we had a few distinguished visitors including The Director General and Chairman of the National Trust, Lord O'Hagan and The Bishop of Crediton. It's good that Lundy is noticed!

The summer was good to us bringing plenty of dry warm weather, which of course meant more visitors. Lundy had more staying visitors than ever before during the year and the MS Oldenburg carried some 12000 people to The Island which represented a 70% increase on 1986.

There were a few Staff changes during the year, we lost Graham and Karen Cain, Graham was our engineer and Karen ran the shop. Nigel Walker the Hotel Manager left and so did Linzi Takagi-Arigho who ran the catering in the Tavern, incidentally they came to the island separately and left together proving that Lundy is a romantic isle.

On the staff additions side we had the arrival of the Shiles family in May; Nick taking the post of engineer and Joan spending most of her time looking after their two young boys Sam and Ben. Dave and Danielle McBride arrived later in the year taking on the Hotel and Tavern catering.

Lundy during the summer is of course taken over by seasonal staff most of whom are quite well seasoned visitors; Moff Betts assuming the post of sports minister and leading the islanders' team into many successful and some less successful volley ball tournaments, Liza Cole delighted many visitors with her rendering of the Lundy song between her spells as barmaid and of course not forgetting Anita Baron who was the wizard of any fancy dress party.

Progress was made on the farm when we adopted the use of clingfilm for wrapping of silage bales, this meant that for the first time we were able to store winter feed outside. Many of you may have noticed the huge black rolls in the pigs field. One may ask what is the benefit of storing feed outside? The answer is simple - you can hold barbeques in the empty buildings. These were a great success and of course it doesn't matter if it rains.

The island was visited by several working parties including the LFS groups during the year carrying out the many tasks which are just beyond our capabilities and which we would have loved to have done if we could.

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