

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1988

At the Annual General Meeting of the Lundy Field Society in March 1988, after three vigorous years as Chairman, Dr Keith Hiscock retired because of the demands of his new post with the Nature Conservancy Council. He was warmly thanked for his work, particularly as far as the publication of the 'Introduction to Lundy' series of pamphlets. In his place we welcomed Jenny George who has been an active member of the Society for a number of years. Dr. Chris Tydeman and Bob Britton retired after three years as committee members and Jane Maggs, Tony Johns and Robert Irving were elected in their place.

It has been customary for all bird ringers working on Lundy to use rings supplied and paid for by the Field Society. From the spring of 1989 they will be required to make a contribution towards the cost. Grants were given towards the expenses of the island warden and to a party of archaeologists from Southampton University. Details of the investigations carried out by the latter group can be found elsewhere in this Report.

On Saturday June 11th 1988 the Society's eighteenth excursion to Lundy took place, on board the PS 'Waverley'. This proved to be an unusual and exciting occasion which has been documented at considerable length elsewhere. We are grateful to the islanders and those on board the vessel for the safe resolution of the problems of the day and night.

LFS working parties were again active on the island in spring and autumn. On their second visit they were happy to be engaged in clearing and tidying the VC Quarry which is a memorial to the eldest son of the first President of the Lundy Field Society.

In November Neil Willcox left the island after serving as warden since February 1986. We thank him for the splendid work he has done on Lundy and wish him and his wife well for the future. Our best wishes also go to John and Penny Ogilvie and family, members of the Field Society, who have left the island after many years of residence.

Late autumn saw the start of work on extending the Beach Road to the Divers Beach with the prospect of a pier being built into the bay from that point, the Landmark Trust again emphasising their intention to keep Lundy open to all.

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