

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1994

The year began with the sudden death of our previous Honorary Secretary and Vice President, Peter Cole. An appreciation of Peter's life and contribution to the LFS appears elsewhere in this volume. This caused some initial problems as there had been no opportunity for Peter to explain in detail how the Society operated but in the event no major problems were encountered.

The Management Plan for Lundy was issued early in the year, which contains a detailed programme of work for the Warden. Each task has an associated consultation list which will, hopefully, prevent work to promote one aspect of Lundy from damaging others.

A group comprising Devon local authorities, the National Trust, Landmark Trust and others commissioned a consultants' report on the economic future of Lundy. Unfortunately, the LFS was not questioned by the consultants but comments on the report were sent to the steering group. It is hoped to attract funding to improve visitor facilities at Ilfracombe, Bideford and on the Island. The need for a jetty was again considered.

Following his paper in the Annual Report 42 (1991), Professor Charles Thomas has published the book mentioned, *And Shall These Mute Stones Speak*. This contains much new historical interpretation of Beacon Hill Cemetery and Lundy's relationships with South Wales and North Devon in the fifth and sixth centuries AD.

The Society did not run an excursion this year but 11 working parties organised by Helen Cole, achieved a variety of objectives on the Island. This included the reconstruction of the Heligoland Trap by Quarter Wall, built as one of the first acts by the LFS in 1947.

New membership leaflets were produced and distributed on the Oldenburg and in the shop. It is hoped that these will attract new members to the Society.

The year ended with thoughts for the fiftieth anniversary of the Society in 1996; it is hoped to make this a memorable event.

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