

PETER COLE 1929 - 1994

Peter Cole, who died suddenly on May 5th 1994, had a long and close association with Lundy. His first visit was in the early 1950s when on a camping holiday with a friend he discovered the charm of the place and became fascinated by the work being undertaken by the Lundy Field Society. It was there that he first met Barbara, a postgraduate student, who was to become his devoted wife, and so cemented his lifelong love and involvement with Lundy.

Peter had an interesting and varied upbringing in London. He left home to enlist in the Household Cavalry and after service overseas joined British Rail as a Work Study Engineer, subsequently moving to a management post with Thames Water where he ended his career. A warm family man, Peter was able to devote himself following early retirement to his varied interests and as Hon. Secretary of the LFS to steer the Society through some difficult years during which he was able to use his negotiating skills leading to the establishment of the Lundy Marine Reserve.

Ever a selfdisciplined and resolute man, Peter continued, despite the onset of ill-health to maintain diverse interests which apart from Lundy and his work for the Adult Education Service of Surrey County Council included a deep knowledge of English Literature, Opera and American History.

On his retirement as Hon. Secretary he was delighted to be elected a Vice-President of the Society which he had served so well, and his early death at the age of 64 has robbed us all of a dear and valued friend.

Peter is survived by his wife Barbara and their four children, a family in which he took such great delight.

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