

## HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1995

Once again I have to open my report on an extremely sad note; Tony Langham, Vice President of the Society, died in May. The breadth of his contribution to Lundy studies can be gauged by the fact that almost every bibliography contains reference to his work, whatever the subject. The Society has been sadly robbed of two of its recent stalwarts as we approach our fiftieth anniversary. An obituary appears later in this report.

An excursion was organised, adopting the method of buying a block of tickets rather than a full charter which had proved difficult to fill in the past. The weather was very pleasant but an easterly wind prevented disembarkation at the Landing Bay. Thanks to the good offices of the crew of the Oldenburg and the islanders, a landing was made at Jenny's Cove. Here in completely calm water the fit climbed the Pyramid Rock and the fittest had time to run to the Marisco. Those who remained were treated to trips around the bay in the inflatable. The return journey began round the North End. All those who came enjoyed a very different excursion and the Society is extremely grateful to the crew and islanders for their efforts.

Working parties were again successful with a few large parties rather than the smaller ones which had proved less useful. The rats have reared their heads again with a useful paper by English Nature arguing that the case blaming them for the decline in puffins is "not proven".

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