

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1999

The LFS has continued to grow during 1999 with new members joining, often after a summer stay on the island. The book *Island Studies* which we produced to celebrate 50 years of the society has continued to sell, both on the island and also a steady trickle being supplied to libraries. At the present rate, stocks will be exhausted in five or six years.

Roger Chapple organised another excursion to the island. This was slightly less successful than the previous year as a strong easterly prevented landing. After a couple of trial runs at the half finished jetty to see if that would have helped (it wouldn't!) we anchored in Jenny's Cove. Here all was calm and the crew of the *Oldenburg* provided trips in inflatables which provided excellent views of seals and birds (including puffins) on the water. We then returned via the North End.

A grant was given for a study on the Lundy ponies but working parties were rather unsuccessful, being cancelled in the early part of the year as the *Oldenburg* was in dry dock for longer than expected, and later on because of the weather. Hopefully the coming year will see better conditions - particularly for the members' week on the island in June.

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