

## **OBITUARY**

### **BOB BRITTON**

Bob's death at Exeter on December 8<sup>th</sup> 2001 is a great loss to the society.

He was one of our longest serving members, who joined in 1948, just after the society had established itself - and when the station on Lundy was primarily a bird observatory. He first stayed at the Old Light in the following year, and continued to visit Lundy as often as he could until, in his retirement, he was disabled by severe arthritis of the hip.

A keen ornithologist, he was a very active member of the society, largely unsung, but who took part in observations, monitoring and bird counts, organised and ran LFS bird watching courses on the island, and made contributions to the Annual Reports.

In 1968 he was invited to join the committee. That was a time of low ebb for the society financially, when the tenancy of the Old Light had to be given up and the energetic input of the officers was needed to uphold the work and traditions of the LFS. In 1972 he took over as treasurer, an office in which he served for ten years. He returned to the committee for another three years, 1985-1987, and again in 1996-1997.

By profession a librarian, Bob also set up the Lundy Library (now in the Tavern) for the use of visitors and islanders. He was a keen photographer, and I have a comprehensive collection of his slides of birds taken on Lundy. Despite whatever difficulties he had to deal with, Bob was always friendly, and a good humoured and interesting companion, who will be remembered with much appreciation. To all his family the members of the society offer sincere condolences.

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