

OBITUARIES

KEN RODLEY

1928 - 2008

Ken Rodley, who died suddenly while on holiday during 2008, was a quiet, kindly man who was ever willing to give of his help and assistance to all those with whom he came into contact. He served on the Lundy Field Society Committee for ten years where his wise council was respected and much appreciated.

He frequently visited and stayed on the island, often with his two ladies - (his wife and sister in law, always noted in his correspondence as the Lady Pat and Lady Pamela). They attended both working parties and helped, (with his customary zeal), to deal with large groups of first trippers to Lundy; attending early excursions as part of the North Devon Walking Festival. His report of "sixty souls, all present and accounted for" will be long remembered!

Following commissioned service in the Army he had a long and distinguished career with the Royal Observer Corps being promoted to Observer Captain. Joining the Civil Service he ultimately became Sector Controller for the whole of South West England, Southern Wales and part of the border country where his responsibilities included liaison with military, police and local authority organisations.

He retired from the Home Office in 1988 and became a member of the exclusive red coated Exeter Guides. Those who toured the city with Ken (and who he considered suitable candidates) were rather surprised also to be given an introduction to the isle of Lundy together with an application form to join the Lundy Field Society!

It is perhaps fitting, that a small self - seeded sapling taken, with permission from Exeter, nurtured by his hand and planted, again with permission, below Millcombe House now flourishes

Friends and family, including many from our Society, attended a gathering after Ken's funeral where many fond and happy memories were recalled.

ROGER CHAPPLE
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