

EDITORIAL

Dear Member,

On behalf of your committee, I hope you find the 2009 LFS Annual Report an interesting and informative read. On taking over from Tony Cutler (who did a great job as editor) I had two main aims for the 2008 Report. First, I needed to 'learn the ropes' of my new role; and second I wanted to try to get the Report delivered in the calendar year following the reported year.

We managed to do this but there were a couple of casualties! You will have noticed the correction to the list of committee members; the cover design was not quite what we wanted; and several members did not get their copies delivered. On the plus side, however, Tim Davis and Tim Jones produced a superbly crafted bird report.

I hope that you will find significant improvements this year. In future we will hope to get the Report to you (all!) during August of the year following the reported year. We feel this is important to ensure the report is still live and relevant. We are moving towards a more identifiable branding of all our publications – hence the new cover. Finally, we have invested a modest amount to ensure that the typesetting and compilation meet higher standards, giving the report a more professional look and feel.

Finally, something of a challenge to members: from time to time we become aware of members who, during their stay on Lundy, carry out some research work. Although members may not consider what they do to be research – in that they have no intention of publishing it in learned journals etc. – we would really like to hear about your work because it ties in precisely with the aims of the Society. So, how about writing up a short note of any of your 2010 work to share findings with others who love Lundy? You can email me at jandcinbrewood@btinternet.com, and we can work together to produce an article.

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The Society would like to record its thanks for the large number of very generous donations. These contributions, whether of money, items such as books to be used by members or items for auction at the Annual General Meeting, provide significant resources for your Society and they are very gratefully received.

Two donations will be of particular interest and benefit to members in that they provide most of the production and distribution costs of Volume 2 of the *LFS Journal* (July 2010) and the *Newsletter* (October 2010). We are sure you would join us in conveying our thanks to Sir Jack Hayward (*Journal*) and the Woolacombe Bay Hotel (*Newsletter*) for their very generous support.