

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 2009

There have been several changes to the Committee over the last year. Michael Fry took over the role of Hon. Treasurer following the last AGM and has taken on the challenge with a great deal of skill, persistence and enthusiasm. Ann Westcott, who has edited the newsletter since the early 1980s and has contributed for many years to the Committee, stepped down from her role as newsletter editor during the year. The editorship of the newsletter has passed to Tim Davis.

The ever-increasing significance of web-based communication has led the Committee to co-opt Chris Webster onto the Committee as 'Webmaster'. The website, which is already one of which we can be proud, is in a state of continuous improvement and we would encourage members to provide feedback and suggestions to Chris.

Away from internal Society matters, the Marine and Coastal Access Act received Royal Assent, meaning that the Lundy Marine Nature Reserve will become the first Marine Conservation Zone for Britain in January 2010. Keith Hiscock continues to contribute to the Lundy Management Forum and the Society provides the Secretary, Robert Irving, to the Lundy Marine Nature Reserve Advisory Group (now the Lundy Marine Conservation Zone Advisory Group).

We have had a long hard look at our financial position during the year and made changes in line with our commitment to run the Society on a sound financial basis. For example, in addition to those matters reported on by the Hon. Treasurer, and with the help of Tony Taylor, we have restructured our bird ringing programme to reduce the cost to the Society and encourage ringers to become members of the Society. In addition we have rationalised our distribution of free copies of our publications to encourage other learned bodies to either join as members or pay for copies.

PAUL JAMES
March 2010

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT 2009

I would like to begin my report by thanking members who have sent donations via me to the Society, including those life members who continue to send donations. I would also like to thank members who have contacted me during the last year to update their contact details or to reply to letters that I have sent them. Finally I would like to thank all members who have set up a standing order to pay their annual subscription or have adjusted their standing order so that they now pay the correct amount.

Below are the current subscription rates:

Ordinary	£15
Family	£18
Concessionary	£10 (discontinued from March 2009)

Would members please check they are paying the correct amount, and also note that the Society no longer offers the 'Over 60s' concessionary rate; this is only applicable to members paying that rate before March 2009. I would like to add that members who do pay the Over 60s rate are welcome to change to the 'ordinary' subscription rate. May I remind members that subscriptions are due in January each year; payment should be made by cheque payable to the Lundy Field

Society and sent to me, or by standing order. Please contact me if you wish me to supply you with a standing order form.

In November I sent out 50 reminder letters to members who for one reason or another had not paid their annual subscriptions. This number was higher than usual, which of course presents your Society with considerable extra postage costs. However I am pleased to say we have retained 32 of those members, so it was a worthwhile exercise as we do not like to lose members. Below is a breakdown of the reminder letters.

Letters sent out	50
Returned to sender	2
Replies received	35
<i>Subscriptions paid</i>	32
<i>Resigned membership</i>	3

As you will see from the information below, we now have 373 memberships, which actually amounts to over 400 members when counting at least two for each family membership.

Type	Count
Family	74
Honorary	16
Life	70
Ordinary	138
Concessionary	73
Organisations	2
Total	373

I am pleased to report that we have had a record number of new members this year, and I would like to thank those members who encourage others to join the Society. I would like to welcome the new members to the Society, they are:

Mr Ackers & Ms Marshall-Williams	Walliswood
Ms Yvonne Bailey	Bude
Mr & Mrs Chris and Carol Baillie	Bridgwater
Mr T Ball	Reading
Mr Paul Jones & Sarah Cashmore	Sandwell
Mr Graham Chadwick	Lytham St Annes
Mr J Coates	Surrey
Mr Steven Cowen & Ms Philipa Egan	London
Ms Belinda Cox	Bristol
Mr Grant & Mrs Michaela Cozens	Cheltenham
Mr Luke Darlington	Bovey Tracey
Mr & Mrs Graham Deal	Great Bardfield
Mr Trevor Doleman	Bristol
Mr Jeff Downing	Southampton
Mrs Phillipa Farrell	Fleet
Ms Moirag Gibson	Bideford
Ms Moira Gough	Wolverhampton
Mr R V J Griffin	Buntingford
Mr John Hamling	Bodmin

Ms Rebecca Healey
Mrs Susan Heaven
Ms Gabi Humphries
Mr & Mrs S Job and family
Mr David Kennard
Mr Russell Lewis
Ms Jo Mason
Mr Glynn & Mrs Janice Middleton
Mrs Patricia Milner
Mrs Margaret Morgan
Mr Alexander Mortleman
Ms Robie Phillip
Mr Edwin Price
Mr & Mrs Tom Roberts
Dr Robert Skeates
Mr Fred & Mr James Staff
Mr Nick & Mrs Jill Tardivel
Mr Lee Wells
Revd. Michael Withey
Somerset A and Nat Hist Society
English Heritage

Westbury on Trym
Barnstaple
Starcross
London
Wadeford
Edington
Tiverton
Hednesford
Appledore
Solihull
Chard
Torrington
Lutterworth
Liphook
Sutton Coldfield
Buxton
Canterbury
Birmingham
Brimmscombe
Taunton
Swindon

Email communication

The Society hopes to occasionally send out extra information by email. If you have an email address please send it to me, and if you have changed your email address please update it – you can do this via the website if you wish at www.lundy.org.uk/lfs/ or by e-mailing me.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help you with any membership queries. A range of contact details for me are set out below:

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