

EDITORIAL

Dear Member,

I hope you enjoy reading the 2010 LFS Annual Report, which we have managed to get to you in record time. We feel this is important, not simply as a test of how quickly we can do it, but more importantly to ensure that the material reported is as fresh and relevant as possible. We aim to have the report with you at this time in future. This is only possible with the help of many people – especially those charged with providing material. However, special thanks must go to fellow committee members André Coutanche for his eagle-eyed proof-reading and Tim Davis for the amount of time and technical expertise he brings to the final layout of the report. I'm sure members will have noticed the improvements.

As a birder, I and other birdwatchers on the LFS Committee regularly have our legs pulled by other Committee members about the amount of bird-related material in the report. Joking apart, I make no apologies for this because Lundy is a major bird site in Britain. However, work on other groups of organisms is ongoing and I hear that the forthcoming LFS Journal will have scientific papers on a range of topics with very little about birds – thus redressing the balance somewhat.

On a related note I have also been keen to include photographs which demonstrate the breadth of interest on the island, so I hope you enjoy some of the superb images in the colour section of this report. Our thanks to printers Short Run Press for their sponsorship of this section.

I hope members will like the introduction of a new map of Lundy (on pages 89 and 89), which is reproduced from *The Birds of Lundy* with due acknowledgement to the 'two Tims'.

Last year I challenged members to provide materials for the report based on their own studies of relevant topics on Lundy. I am delighted to include three such articles. Tim Ball ringed some interesting looking Coal Tits, while a dive on the wreck of the *Carmine Filomena* by Chris Mandry and a rock-pool ramble described by Paula Ferris turned up some unexpected marine life. I hope you enjoy reading their articles and that they inspire you to emulate their efforts.

The ball is now rolling and I'm sure more of you are doing similar work while enjoying your time on the island, so please let me know what interesting things you have found. You can send articles and photos to me at jandcinbrewood@btinternet.com.

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