

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

It is always pleasing to see that the Society continues to make a significant contribution to the study and conservation of Lundy, working with the Landmark Trust and the other organisations that contribute to the management the island and the seas that surround it. The knowledge and experience of members of the LFS is invaluable in supporting that management but also in being a body of Lundy enthusiasts who care greatly about the island, about its wildlife and about its history. Two such enthusiasts and ex-Committee members that we lost during 2010 were Tony Walker and Ann Westcott. Their love of Lundy and contribution to the Field Society is sorely missed.

And, its not just 'knowledge and experience' that is valuable; muscle and hard work have contributed to management activities on the island via the 'Conservation Breaks' that the Society organises, and individual members of the Society have continued a wide range of research that increases our knowledge of history, natural history and archaeology.

Members of the LFS Committee represented the Society at the various celebrations on the 15th May including the opening of the new displays in the Beach Building and the raising of a new Lundy flag – undertaken jointly by the island's General Manager Derek Green and LFS Vice-President Diana Keast. Lundy often features in media coverage and television producers seem especially attracted to the island. I was pleased to be able to help with the shooting of part of 'Britain's Secret Seas' in May. More 'scientifically', I was invited to join Robert Irving's team monitoring the conservation status of the marine Special Area of Conservation and spent time in October pottering about on shores during low spring tides at the same time as Natural England staff were undertaking intertidal surveys. There is always something new to discover at Lundy and that is reflected in Volume 2 of the Journal of the Lundy Field Society published in 2010.

During 2010, your Committee embarked on some new and potentially challenging activities. Our aspirations to improve the content of the website (www.lundy.org.uk) are being achieved but much remains to be done. We are aware that the world is changing and that attracting new members will be helped by reviewing how we work. 2010 saw the beginning of a review of the Constitution that will, during 2011, produce proposals to bring it up-to-date. We are also aware that the wide range of activities we fund is stretching our financial resources. We do not want to reduce that range but do need to find ways to increase our income without raising subscriptions. 'More members' is important but so are donations towards the work of the Society.

I have been careful not to thank any particular members of the Committee in this foreword because they all work hard and diligently to keep the Society buoyant and effective. It's a lot of work but worth it to maintain the activities of the LFS and to help visitors to the island (but particularly our members!) better enjoy all that it has to offer.

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