

EDITORIAL

Dear Member,

Welcome to the 62nd Annual Report of the Lundy Field Society.

2012 was a notable year for the Society, crowned by the hugely successful 'Discover Lundy' week which brought nearly 60 members to the island between 26 May and 2 June. The wide range of organised events and activities were documented in words and pictures in the 2012 LFS Bulletin, which – inspired by the week's events – itself took on the new title of *Discovering Lundy*. (A full-colour version of the bulletin is available from the LFS website at www.lundy.org.uk/publications/newsletter.html)

Having last year taken on the editorship of this report, it was with some relief that I was able to hand over the reins of the LFS Bulletin to Belinda Cox and Kevin Williams, and I thank them for their enthusiasm and willingness to throw themselves into the cauldron of activity that is synonymous with all things LFS.

My thanks to the ever-willing contributors to this report: Keith Hiscock, Michael Williams, Sandra Rowland and Michael Fry, who between them do a huge amount of work behind the scenes in their various roles; Derek Green and Beccy MacDonald for their reports from Lundy; Robert Irving for his report on the activities of the Lundy Marine Conservation Zone Advisory Group; and Tony Taylor, who continues in his long-standing role as bird ringing coordinator. I must also thank Tim Jones, who takes on much of the thorough compilation of the bird and other wildlife reports that appear annually in these reports.

Last but by no means least, thanks to everyone who entered their bird, mammal, insect and plant records and other observations in the 2012 LFS Logbook during their visits to the island in 2012. These records form the backbone to the reports you will read in these pages. I hope you will enjoy them.

In addition, there are four articles other than the regular reports this year. Their themes could not be more diverse: David Price's diary offers an insight into the nightlife of a bird ringer on Lundy during the Manx Shearwater breeding season; Keith Lugg provides an annotated list of the woodlice, centipedes and millipedes he discovered during three weeks between September and December (as well as springtime day-trips in 2013); Michael Williams charts 18 Ordnance Survey benchmarks that can still be found on Lundy; and Robin Freeman and his colleagues from Oxford University Zoological Department contribute their findings from a fourth year of GPS tracking work on the island's Manx Shearwaters – work which for the past three summers has been funded by grants from The Birds of Lundy Fund, generated by sales of the 2007 book of the same name.

For the third year running our printer, Short Run Press of Exeter, has sponsored the colour plate section, a contribution with a value of about £300 which not only enables us to enhance our Annual Report, but which allows the images taken by our generous contributing photographers to appear in vibrant colour.

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