

# EDITORIAL

Dear Member,

Welcome to the 63rd Annual Report of the Lundy Field Society.

As ever, thanks go to the regular contributors – Keith Hiscock, Michael Williams, retiring Hon. Treasurer, Michael Fry (to whom we send our very best wishes), Sandra Rowland, Robert Irving and, from the island, Derek Green and Beccy MacDonald – whose reports fill the early pages. Jenny George has contributed a summary of the LFS grants awarded since 1999, totalling more than £8,000 – an impressive sum. Tim Jones has spent many an hour compiling the bird and other wildlife reports, and as well as preparing the bird ringing report for the umpteenth time, Tony Taylor later describes his latest project, a colour-ringing study of Lundy's Wheatears. Finally, David Price and his co-authors Peter Slader and Helen Booker report on a highly successful survey of the island's cliff-nesting seabirds, which (unless you are a gull) makes for very encouraging reading.

The passing of our longest surviving member, Tony Vickery, who died in December, is marked by a personal tribute that gave me a great deal of pleasure, tinged with sorrow, to write.

Once again our printer, Short Run Press of Exeter, has generously sponsored the colour plate section. You will notice, too, the use of colour on the cover for the very first time, an innovation that was given the green light by the LFS Committee at its December 2013 meeting, and which was 'unveiled' to those members who attended the Society's ever-enjoyable Annual General Meeting in Crediton in March 2014.

Our intention – funds and sponsors permitting – is to gradually develop this publication into a full-colour report, similar to those produced by other island-based organisations, such as Bardsey Bird and Field Observatory. Acquiring the words is the easy part – there are a good number of people who contribute either reports on the wide range of interests and activities that Society members undertake each year, or entries in the LFS logbook, kept in the Marisco Tavern, that inform so many of these pages. The biggest challenge will be to obtain sufficient high-quality photographs on an annual basis. In some years there is a bumper crop of images; in 2012 for instance largely owing to the Society's 'Discover Lundy' week. 2013 has been more challenging.

So, if you have a photograph, taken on Lundy in 2014, that would grace the cover of the 2014 Annual Report, please do send it to me at [tim.davis@djenvironmental.com](mailto:tim.davis@djenvironmental.com). The image should be portrait in format, high in resolution and feature any aspect of Lundy, be it below the water, above the water or, as on the cover of the 2013 issue of the LFS Bulletin, both! Please also add an appropriate caption along with the date the image was taken.

I hope your visits to Lundy so far in 2014 have been as enjoyable as ever. Mine certainly have. Staying in Tibbetts was a new experience and seeing the first ever Dipper to be recorded on the island was one of those special moments: a bird still in juvenile plumage that appeared all too briefly in lower Millcombe before, one hopes, making it safely back to either the Welsh or English mainland. One thing's for sure, Lundy never fails to excite and surprise.

TIM DAVIS  
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