

## CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

Although less busy than 2012, 2013 was another successful year for the Lundy Field Society.

The publication of *The Harman Family's Lundy 1925-1969* and its launch at the AGM was a highlight for the Society during the year. Our bulletin, *Discovering Lundy*, and the *Annual Report* are both high-quality and informative publications and my thanks to Belinda Cox and Tim Davis in particular for their roles in producing those publications.

Work to produce Volume 4 of the *Journal* continued in 2013 and that was completed in time to be circulated at the 2014 AGM – my thanks to Jenny George for editing and André Coutanche for production. From time to time we are shown tantalising snippets from the forthcoming Lundy fungi guide being prepared by John Hedger and David George. We look forward to its completion.

Postal costs become more and more a major expenditure for the Society and something that we cannot at present avoid. Members who use the internet do get 'added-value' because of the amount of material, including back issues of Annual Reports etc, that is being posted on our website. Also, we have started emailing members with information that will be of immediate interest to them, and using Facebook as a way of posting more ephemeral but interesting information and images. These electronic media provide a bonus over and above what members have always received, and we do hope that you find them useful.

Our Society continues to benefit from having a well run island to go to. We very much appreciate being a member of the Lundy Management Forum, which otherwise comprises the owners and lessees of the island and the statutory authorities that have a role in the regulation of activities on and around Lundy.

As always, we greatly value the support of island staff and particularly the General Manager, Derek Green. 2013 saw the arrival early in the year of Beccy MacDonald as Warden, supported for much of the summer by Assistant Warden Aislinn Mottahedin-Fardo. Their collaboration with the LFS and the work they have done to ensure that visitors and researchers get the most out of their visit to Lundy is much appreciated. Do get in touch with the wardens if you are planning fieldwork on the island. Their early introduction to Lundy natural history was helped by the LFS representative on Lundy, Grant Sherman, who continues to do good work on our behalf.

My thanks as always to your excellent Vice Presidents, officers and committee members who make my role as Chairman a pleasure. But, the Society is its members, so do continue to support what we do by recording your observations, joining in conservation breaks and letting your friends and acquaintances know about the Society and what it does.

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