

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

The past year has been very busy for the Society. *The Harman Family's Lundy 1925-1969*, a book reflecting on over 40 years of ownership of Lundy by the Harmans and launched at the 2013 AGM, is selling very well. We also contributed to the bird ringing leaflet produced by the Lundy Company to widen the understanding of this important activity amongst visitors. The fungi guide remains in preparation.

In April, the Landmark Trust hosted an open day on the island. The LFS helped in its organisation, led walks, presented talks in the church and provided stewards for the properties that were open to the public. Over 120 people were counted visiting Old Light Upper.

The Society was represented at the funeral of James Leonard and we are grateful to James's sister, Lady Westmeath, who donated half of the funeral collection to the Society.

Considerable work has been done behind the scenes on the website. Chris Webster has completed his project of providing electronic copies of all the annual reports and newsletters online. Later in the year the hosting of the site was moved to a commercial service, and the email addresses of some of the Society's officers given the domain lundy.org.uk. We have been selling Society publications using our website and eBay during the year, taking advantage of special rates as a registered charity. Online sales are proving popular.

Two conservation breaks took place during the year ably organised by Trevor Dobie. Twenty-six people took part, including five new faces. Work included burning rhododendron brash, bramble clearance in Millcombe Gardens, fence erecting, road repairs and tree surveying. The breaks also prove to be a great source of new members! Three breaks are planned for 2014.

The Atlantic Array took up a considerable amount of time, the committee participating actively in the consultation process. We opposed the application on the grounds of visual amenity, the effect of sediments and pollution, the effect on seabirds, and the impact on the island's economic viability. It was to our great relief that we learned the application had been withdrawn in November.

We also made a detailed response to the consultation on Marine Conservation Zones. No further information was forthcoming until the Designation Order for the Lundy MCZ came through in November, including only one feature for protection, the spiny lobster. This was disappointing, but it is worth noting that protection through the byelaws made in 1986 remains in place. Keith Hiscock and Robert Irving continue to serve as the Chairman and Secretary of the Lundy Marine Conservation Zone Advisory Group, respectively.

A contribution was made to Natural England's 'National Character Area' profiles, of which that for Lundy was published in the summer. Two grants were awarded in 2013: one to Alan Rowland to continue his surveys of three Lundy ponds, and one to Chris Rolfe who extended his 2008 survey of Lundy's glacial history. Papers from both will appear in the LFS Journal.

We considered Open Access availability of the research papers published in our journal and annual report in order to satisfy the requirements of publicly funded grant-giving bodies. Open Access is unrestricted online access to peer-reviewed scholarly research. Guidelines currently permit publishers (like the LFS) an embargo of up to 12 months before making articles freely available. If we choose to disregard these guidelines, we would risk future authors publishing their Lundy research elsewhere because we would not be Open Access compliant. We decided that the research papers we publish should be made freely available on the website one year after publication.

Society members, in particular committee members, provide talks and activities both on and off the island. These include history and wildlife talks, films shows, walks, fungi forays and moth-trapping demonstrations. Simon Dell continues to support the Lundy Company's activities on the island and mainland, and we are grateful to Grant Sherman who continues as our Island Representative, supervising the library and providing walks and talks in the Warden's absence. We continue to represent the Society, through our Chairman, at the Lundy Management Forum. The committee considering the restoration of the church met several times during the year; the Society is represented by Andrew Cleave and the Honorary Secretary.

During the year three committee meetings took place. In May 2014 we look forward to the first committee meeting to be held on Lundy since 1996.

MICHAEL WILLIAMS
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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership of the Society continues to increase, from 350 members in 2008 to 393 on 31 December 2013.

I would like to thank members for their continued support by paying their annual subscriptions but I would also like to thank members who have sent donations along with their subscriptions, whether it is £2 or £20 the Society greatly appreciates all donations. As usual I would like to remind Life and Honorary Members that they may also pay a subscription or send a donation if they wish; several members already do so, and their extra support is valued.

Subscription rates for the Society are very competitive and have remained unchanged for yet another year. The current rates are £15 for 'ordinary' membership and £18 for 'family' membership. Overseas subscriptions are also available, currently set at £5 above the UK rates. Subscriptions become due in January each year but general reminders are not sent out partly because of the expense. Most members pay by standing order which is the Society's preferred method, but cheques are also acceptable and should be made payable to 'Lundy Field Society' and sent to my home address (see below). A few members continue to pay their subscriptions at the Annual General Meeting which gives me an enjoyable opportunity to meet with them again. Members who have not paid their subscription by June receive a reminder from me before the Annual Report is distributed. In June 2013 I sent out 50 subscription reminders; 28 members subsequently paid their subscriptions, four resigned their membership and 18 who did not reply have now been removed from the membership database.

The total number of members for each membership type at the end of 2013 was as follows:

Type	Number	
Corporate	1	
Family	98	
Honorary	16	
Life	63	
Ordinary	157	
Organisations	3	
Pensioner	55	
Total	393	(491)