

EDITORIAL

Dear Member,

Welcome to the 64th Annual Report of the Lundy Field Society.

Firstly my apologies for the late arrival of this year's report. This is largely due to my focus on two forthcoming publications that may well be of interest to LFS members, especially those who live or have an interest in Devon: the *Devon Bird Atlas* and *A New Flora of Devon*, both of which are due for publication in the latter part of 2015. The Devon Birds Atlas Group is kindly making the Atlas available to LFS members at a pre-publication price; a flyer containing details and how to order is enclosed in the mailing of this report.

This report carries obituaries for two people, Peter Harman Jones and Sir Jack Hayward, who in different ways became intimately connected with Lundy, as recalled by Roger Allen and Myrtle Ternstrom respectively.

My thanks as ever go to the stalwart contributors to this report: Keith Hiscock, Michael Williams, Sandra Rowland, Roger Chapple and Robert Irving, and, from the island, Derek Green and Becca MacDonald. Tim Jones has again burnt many a candle compiling the bird and other wildlife reports. Tony Taylor has penned three offerings this year: the bird ringing report, a further detailed paper on the ongoing Wheatear colour-ringing study, and – undoubtedly the year's ornithological highlight – an account of the finding of Lundy's first Storm Petrel chick. Finally, Luke Sutton summarises the Lundy results of the British Trust for Ornithology's 2014 National Peregrine Survey.

As with the discovery of the Storm Petrel chick, Lundy never fails to intrigue and inspire. For me in 2014 it was the first recorded occurrence of a Dipper. This was the first time in visits to Lundy dating back to 1973 that I have been fortunate enough to find a 'first' for Lundy (as recounted in the latter pages of this report). For all LFS members visiting the island during 2015, I hope you too find new things to excite that will bring you back time and again.

TIM DAVIS
July 2015