

During 2015 we will be supporting The Landmark Trust's 50th anniversary 'Golden Weekend' in May and moving forward with our plans for another 'Discover Lundy' week in September 2016.

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership of the Society continues to increase and I would like to thank members for their continued support in paying their annual subscriptions, making donations, purchasing books, contributing to our publications and for giving their time and energy on Conservation Breaks. Many members send donations to the Society along with their subscriptions, and however large or small they are all very much appreciated. Some life and honorary members also give donations which are very much welcomed.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid adds a substantial amount to the Society's income, if you have not already completed a Gift Aid declaration form and are a UK tax payer, I would urge you to do so. Forms can be found on the Society's website – www.lundy.org.uk – or I could send you one through the post. Please send your completed form to me at my address below. You only have to complete a Gift Aid form once, so if you have filled one in in the past you do not need to do so again. If you are unsure then please complete one anyway; or if you would like me to check if I have one on record for you, please contact me.

Subscriptions and membership news

Subscriptions become due in January each year, for which reminders are not normally sent. However if members have not paid by the middle of the year, I do have to send out reminders, which of course takes time and costs the Society money. From 55 reminder letters sent to members last year, I'm pleased to report that just over half resulted in paid-up subscriptions, while non-paying members were removed from the membership database.

You will find enclosed with this edition of the Annual Report a letter detailing future subscriptions along with a Banker's Order form. Please contact me if you need any further information.

I indicated above that membership continues to increase, from 350 members in 2008 to 399 at the end of 2014. Some of the memberships include 'family' members, so the actual number of members will be 500.

It is with regret that I have to inform you that two of our members passed away last year, Mr Don Mayes and Mr Peter Harman-Jones, while Sir Jack Haywood passed away in January 2015.

Thirty-six new members (46 individuals) joined the Society in 2014 and are listed below along with their main interest when given at joining.

Lawrence and Carol Bragg
Luke Sutton (Peregrines)
Carolyn Waddell (marine biology)
Graham and Katharine Firman (church bellringing)

Alexandra Hajok
Rev. Shirley Henderson (Church)
Joshua Harris (wildlife photography)
Tina Mead (history)
Ceri Stafford (Lundy social history)
Robert Duncan (ornithology)
Paul and Hazel Watts (walking)
Mick and Maggie Waltho (walking)
Dr Johnny Cayford (ornithological research/data)
Simon Lofts
The Librarian, London Natural History Society
Roy Benson
Jan Swan (bird ringing)
Dr Stephen Kett (anything biological)
David Morton (agriculture)
Tim and Liz Smith (birding)
Dr Amanda Yates (birds)
Catherine Mulholland
Rachel Leach
Kevin and Julie Welsh (the whole island)
Andrew Jayne (birds and dragonflies)
Maggie Flanagan (wildlife and conservation)
Eileen Holloway (practical conservation work)
Andrew White
Rebecca Macdonald and Jonathan Aird
Stuart Nelson (bellringing)
Peter Dillon
Ann and Fred Ledden (Lundy)
Dr Geoff Jenkins
Louise Parslow and family
Dr Paul Dillworth (archaeology)
John and Evelyn Wilson (birdwatching and recording)

Keep in touch

Please inform me if you have a new or changed email address so that the Hon. Secretary can keep you up to date with any news, and also if you change your postal address so that you do not miss any of the Society's annual publications. Also, do visit our website – www.lundy.org.uk – for up-to-date information and where you can read or search our online publications and also view our list of publications available for purchase. You might also like to visit the Society's Facebook page for yet more interesting information.

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