

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the 65th Annual Report of the Lundy Field Society.

It is pleasing, a year away from the Society's 70th anniversary, to read in Sandra Rowland's membership report that the LFS continues to attract new members at a time when small organisations such as ours face all sorts of pressures to survive in a world of ever increasing demands on people's time and pockets. For all of us who go to Lundy, even on a day-trip but especially for longer, the island remains a place of escape and sanctuary from the constant buzz of mainland life. And for those who wish to stay in touch with that intangible something that Lundy gives, the Lundy Field Society offers a host of opportunities, from joining on-island activities such as Conservations Breaks or 'Discover Lundy' weeks, to the Society's diverse publications, or participating in the annual meeting in Crediton.

And so to the report of LFS activities in 2015. Keith Hiscock opens with his reflections on another year as our Chairman. Michael Williams, writing from his perspective as Secretary, gives an overview of the remarkable diversity and depth of LFS engagement during the year, while Sandra Rowland unveils the good news on membership. After Roger Chapple's succinct summation of financial matters, Derek Green and Beccy MacDonald round up events on and off the island (and lest we forget, there's a picture of the now retired Nigel Dalby in familiar pose in the island shop; is he or isn't he smiling?! Whichever, we wish him a long and happy retirement down on the south coast). Rounding up the business end of matters, Robert Irving reports on the topics that occupied the Lundy Marine Protected Area Advisory Group.

The yearly compilation of fauna and flora records from the LFS Logbook, as well as the bird ringing report by Tony Taylor, fills the bulk of the remaining pages, followed by articles on dragonflies – to date a group little studied on Lundy – and an autumn survey of fungi by John Hedger and his team of observers.

Thanks to everyone who contributed records to the LFS Logbook in 2015, to all those named above who filed the reports that await you, and to the photographers whose pictures adorn the 12-page colour plate section. Our printer, Short Run Press Ltd of Exeter, generously sponsored the colour pages for a sixth consecutive year.

Lastly special thanks to Tim Jones for his tireless work on the bird records, and to Alan Rowland for his unfailing support in the piecing together of this Annual Report.

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