

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The LFS continues to attract new members not only nationally but internationally too. We have members in France, Germany, America and New Zealand. I would like to welcome all our new members and thank all existing members for their continued support of the Society and its many activities.

Last year we increased our subscription rates – a huge administrative task – and I would like to thank all those who adjusted their standing order payments so quickly to reflect the new rates.

Many members send donations along with their subscriptions. Whether the donation is two, twenty or two hundred pounds, they are all very much welcomed and appreciated. Unusually I would like to mention one donation in particular, the Judy Langford legacy. Judy passed away last year and she had previously arranged with her husband John that her considerable archive should be donated to the LFS in order to raise funds. Why I would like to mention it here is because of the considerable trouble John took to deliver the archive. John travelled all the way by train from Nottingham to Barnstaple and had just ten minutes from the train arriving in Barnstaple to hand over the three cases of archives to Alan Rowland (who looks after archives, sales and the auction) before jumping back on the train for his long return journey.

Another way that members can help the Society is by gift aiding their subscriptions. Gift aid forms are available on the LFS website (www.lundy.org.uk/lfs/donate.html) or from me. Life members continue to give to the Society too, either by an occasional donation or an annual subscription. All of these donations are greatly appreciated.

Subscription and membership news

Subscriptions become due annually in January. Our preferred method of payment is by standing order – if you would like a standing order form please contact me. If you prefer to pay by cheque please make it payable to 'Lundy Field Society' and post to me at the address below. A reminder that the subscription rate is currently £25 for ordinary members and £28 for family membership.

In 2016 I sent out reminder letters by post and by email throughout the year to non-payers, and to members who had not updated their subscription rate. At the end of the year I removed the details of 48 members who had not responded from the database. A further twelve members also left the Society for a variety of personal reasons.

As we had expected, membership of the LFS dropped slightly during the year because of the subscription increase and removal of the pensioner rate, but membership is still very healthy and the overall trend is upwards. From the 350 members in 2008, membership at the end of 2016 stood at 391, which equates to 489 if you count just two for each family membership.

The Society has been informed of five members who sadly passed away during 2016:

Lady Mary Percy
Professor Charles Thomas – obituary page 23
Mr Hugh Boyd – obituary page 25
Mrs Judy Langford
Mr Robert Bendall

New members

Twenty-seven new members (36 individuals) joined the LFS in 2016. We welcome them all. They are listed below in order of joining, with an indication of their main interest where given.

Richard & Margaret Yeo	
Anne Elliott	
Alex Sanders	
Jad Mottram & Katherine Large	Walking
Rachel Seagar-Smith	
The Holt Family	Butterflies and moths
Martin Lockley	Gannet history on Lundy
Mike & Helen Jackson	Ornithology
Kevin & Val Waterfall	Birds
Nicholas Ward	Birdwatching and bird ringing
Mike Hinson	Conservation breaks
Debbie Curtis	Conservation breaks
Phil Millman	
Peter Wise	Natural history
Leonie Langford	Bird ringing
Justin Walker	Bird ringing
Ian Threlkeld & Amanda King	Diving
Dave & Fiona Bradley	Archaeology, photography, wildlife
Stephan & Anna-Lisa Jenaer	Birds and wildlife
Ian Davidson	Conservation breaks
James Yeo	Wildlife and seabirds
Andrew Walker & Helen Williams	
Laura Holmes	Bats
Gareth Davies	Birds and bird ringing
Becky Hone	Conservation breaks
Allison Sheppard	Conservation breaks
Cressida Whitton	Archaeology

Keep in touch

Please inform me if you change your postal address so that I can keep the membership database up to date and you do not miss any of the Society's annual or biennial publications that are part of your membership benefits. Likewise please let us know if you change your email address so that you do not miss any information that the Secretary might send out. For up-to-date information please do visit our website at www.lundy.org.uk, where you may read or search our online publications and also view our list of publications available for purchase. You might also like to visit the LFS Facebook page for more informal information.

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