

## CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

My first AGM as Chair in March 2018 was a personal disaster. I was unable to attend due to illness and left Sandra to drive and deliver the bookstall on her own and was therefore unable to take the Chair following my election. Two days later I was in hospital with a viral blood infection which a course of penicillin soon sorted out. I have not looked back since and a couple of weeks later, I was on Lundy out in all weathers in ponds surveying and enjoying being fit and well enough to be out and about. Lundy is a tonic I can recommend.

The year has been quite busy for me and for your committee. Not only did some of us launch the much awaited and highly acclaimed book *Lundy Fungi* by John Hedger and David George on Lundy in September, but we have been working hard on policies and procedures to guide the Society. Our Privacy, Safeguarding and Investment policies are all available to view and download on our website. Others we have developed are a Health and Safety policy, a Commissioning and Procurement policy and a Payments to Trustees policy.

The major events of the year have been the publication of *Lundy Fungi* after a gestation period of 15 years! Hard and softback copies are available from Lundy shop or direct from LFS sales. We have also reissued an updated version of our Lundy Colouring Book – see if you can spot the differences apart from the new pink cover. The other major item was implementing the AGM decision to invest our surplus funds into an Endowment Fund. This has taken up a lot of our committee members' time but particularly that of our Treasurer, Roger Chapple. Our committee members have been busy too with development and circulation of our members' questionnaire – thanks to all of our members who responded. We are still working on the responses although we did implement some of them that related to the AGM, particularly in relation to timings and provision of lunch. Thanks are due to Tim Jones for all his hard work on the production of this ably, assisted with statistical analysis, by Chris Pawson and Tom Dickins.

All this on top of producing the 6th edition of our Journal full of peer reviewed papers circulated at or shortly after the 2018 AGM. Thanks to all the hard work put in by Jenny George and André Coutanche. The Bulletin too was published in February thanks to all the contributors and to Bee Cox for putting it together.

Your committee has been peripatetic this last year with meetings held as far east as Marlborough – hosted by Diana Keast our President, and as far south as Barnstaple, with University of the West of England in the middle. We do try to minimise the expense and travelling commitment to our committee members by moving our meetings.

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