

EDITORIAL

Welcome to this larger-than-normal volume of the Journal of the Lundy Field Society. This seventh volume is the last one to be edited by myself and the Technical Editor, André Coutanche. Editing this biennial Journal has been a joint effort with André checking all the technical details submitted in the papers and ensuring consistency of data as well as producing the excellent layout. I would like to thank the many authors who have contributed papers over the years and the referees who have given their time to read them.

It is pleasing to see that this volume has a paper on Lundy's archaeology, only the second to be submitted in twelve years. *Chris Webster* has reviewed all the earlier work carried out in the 1960s, mainly by Keith Gardner and Trevor Miles.

This paper is followed by two papers on Lundy's insect life. A fascinating study of Dung Beetles by *Linda Losito and Bob Cowley* reveals a large increase in recorded numbers of species on the island, aided by bird pellet analysis as well as observation. A paper on Moths by *Steph Ford, Peter Kidd, Kay Nash and Angeline Rietveld* examines the effect of artificial light on Moth diversity in various Lundy habitats.

Alan Rowland has continued his research on Lundy's freshwater habitats and his paper deals with the importance of two of the temporary ponds on the island.

Even the Lundy Fungi have succumbed to DNA analysis in recent years and the paper by *Gareth Griffith, John Hedger and Alan Rowland* use DNA analytical methods to compare fruit body surveys and mycelia in the soils of the grassland and heather.

Grant Sherman has been studying Guillemots on Lundy ledges for over eleven years and it is good to see a paper on chick provisioning and parental attention by Guillemots on the same cliff ledge for the last ten breeding seasons.

The three following bird papers use the existing extensive bird-ringing data and recorded bird lists that have accumulated on Lundy for many years. *Tony Taylor* analyses the ringing data and biometrics of the Goldcrests between 1990 and 2018. Ringing data are used by *Yen Yi Tan, Tony Taylor and Julia Schroeder* to assess migration strategies of the Chaffinch since 1972. Lastly Avian abundance on Lundy from 2008 to 2016 is analysed for diversity and similarity by *Thomas Dickins and Layla Twigger*.

The nine papers are followed by a short communication elaborating the meaning of the word 'Plowers' that was mentioned in the paper on the Clayton Manuscript (LFS Journal, Volume 6) and book reviews of the Lundy Fungi Guide and the book on the work of the archaeologist *Charles Thomas*.

The next volume, the eighth, in 2022, will be edited by Professor Tom Dickins and I hope that he will receive the same support that I have received over the last twelve years.

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Editor
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