

## EDITORIAL

Lundy attracts a wide range of studies generating information that visitors and academics find fascinating. This Journal provides a 'platform' for those academic studies whilst the Annual Report gives an account of observations and activities for a particular year and the Bulletin ('Discovering Lundy') a more informal account of what staff and visitors 'do' on Lundy. All of these publications and the activities that the LFS organise and run contribute to *the study and conservation of a unique island*.

I took on the role of Editor of this issue of the Journal from Jenny George who had edited the publication since its first volume in 2008. Jenny, working with André Coutanche, provided a very professional and systematic approach to producing an attractive and well-structured publication. I simply had to 'follow'.

In this volume, we learn about the continued recovery of seabird populations and that the island's breeding seabird population is now starting to regularly exceed the qualifying figure for a Special Protection Area. Streams, ponds and wells on Lundy are catalogued in a gazetteer. The little studied group of fungi that occur in those streams is a topic that will surprise some who will never look at the foam in running water in the same light again. The summary of work over 25 years on the populations of the unique Lundy cabbage population provides a baseline of what sort of change to expect from year-to-year and what factors influence that change. Fossils in Lundy slates are something not expected by many but are now demonstrated and described. Sibling conflict in kittiwake chicks is something to observe and we learn how to do that in a systematic way. Then there are very valuable short communications on maternal behaviour in soay sheep and in goats and more detail on the Clayton manuscript, described as 'A Particuler of Lundy Island'.

All of the work undertaken on Lundy depends on the facilities provided by the Landmark Trust and often the help of Landmark Trust staff and equipment. Researchers and students can now benefit from the facilities provided in the newly restored St Helen's Centre in the church making Lundy a welcoming and well-equipped but still often challenging place to do research.

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