



President: JOHN SMITH Esq.

Honorary Secretary: A. F. LANGHAM
17 Furze Field Rd. Reigate Surrey

(until March 7th 1981)

From March 7th:
Peter Cole,
2 Beaufort Close
Reigate, Surrey RH2 9DG

NEWSLETTER

NUMBER 11. January 1981.

NEW MEMBERS During the past year we have recruited about 100 new members, many of whom were subscribers to the 'Illustrated Lundy News'. We offer a warm welcome to them all.

ARCHAEOLOGY Douglas Hague, at present with the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments in Wales, plans to revisit Lundy in 1981 to save, protect, and display permanently elsewhere in the Cemetery the four remarkable 'Dark Age' inscribed stones. This will involve concrete fixing and much muscle-power and is planned for the last week in May (the Spring Bank Holiday week). We need the help of volunteer members. This is a unique opportunity to do a worthwhile job under expert guidance.

THE WINTER Although Spring is not yet here, the weather has been much kinder to Lundy this winter despite the seemingly endless gales. The S.S. KAKSBURG was wrecked on Lundy's East Side in November and Col. Bob Gilliat will be at the AGM to tell us all about it. Those of us who have so enjoyed his previous talks look forward very much to hearing him again.

BOOKS

J.N. (Nick) Dymond's excellent book, 'The Birds of Lundy' is still available at £3.50 post free from the DE KIPS, Tanglewood, Plymbridge Rd, Roborough, Plymouth.

Jill and Roger Davis of 6 Chapel Rise, Atworth, Melksham, Wilts are publishing a book on 'The Loss of HMS Montagu Lundy 1906' on May 30th this year. Jill has compiled the 64 pages which contain 20 full-page illustrations and 30 half-page illustrations together with a brief history of Lundy and an account by John Dyke of the actual wrecking. Pre-publication price is £3.50 post free. Order now!

GAVE MEMORIAL FUND Thanks to the efforts of members this fund now approaches £1,000. The Trustees are considering how this may best be spent on "something that will benefit both islanders and visitors". Suggestions from members will be forwarded to the Trustees.

NOTICES To beat the deadline before postal charges increase, this Newsletter is being sent with details of the AGM, the Excursion & the Field Study Holidays. Douglas Jestell has come to the help of our hardworking Treasurer Bob Britton and it is to Doug. that all enquiries about the holidays should henceforth be sent.

Pete Cole has come to my help and is taking over from me as Hon. Sec. from the date of the AGM. After 15 years in the 'hot seat' I shall have a lot to say at that meeting, and I shall remain a very active member of the Society.

This is my last Newsletter, and my last chance to thank all those members whom I shall not be able to meet at the AGM - to thank you all for your support and enthusiasm, which has made my work and efforts so much more rewarding.

Thank you all very much.

A.F. Langham. January 1981.