



Seventy-Second Annual General Meeting The Boniface Centre, CREDITON

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will take place on **Saturday 10th March 2018** at The Boniface Centre, CREDITON, EX17 2AH. Doors open at 12.00 noon and the **business meeting will commence at 1.00pm.**

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Officers' reports
5. Election of Officers
6. Election of Executive Committee members
7. Election of Honorary Independent Examiner
8. Endowment Fund
9. Church restoration & St Helen's Centre update
10. Engagement Ambassadors
11. Date and venue of next AGM
12. Any other business

At the recent Committee meeting, Keith Hiscock informed us that he planned to step-down as Chairman at the AGM after eleven years in post. The Committee are recommending Alan Rowland to succeed as Chairman and Belinda Cox as Vice Chairman.

There will be a tea break mid-afternoon. The business meeting will be followed by:

- **Tim Jones** presenting the Bird Report for 2017
- **Dean Jones**, Lundy Warden, presenting the wildlife report
- **Linda Losito & Bob Cowley** – CSI: Lundy - Fragmentary evidence of beetles' lives and deaths
- **Grant Sherman** updating on his Guillemot survey project
- **Derek Green**, Lundy General Manager, presenting the Lundy report

The afternoon will conclude with an auction of donated items. Following the meeting there will be a social gathering in The Three Little Pigs, Parliament Street, CREDITON.

Minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting held at The Boniface Centre, Crediton on Saturday 11th March 2017 from 1.15pm.

The meeting was attended by 78 members and visitors. It was chaired by Dr Keith Hiscock. Before the meeting message from the Society's President, Diana Keast, was read out. The President was unable to attend so passed on a message of thanks for all the work the Society does. She also passed on the news that Colonel Donald Easten MC had died on the 28th February. Colonel Easten commanded the 4th Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment at Kohima and he had recommended her brother, John Harman, be posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross. He was 98. Diana also reported that Sir Jack Hayward's grandson had become engaged to the granddaughter of Chris Price. Both Sir Jack and Chris had played an important part in securing Lundy's future in 1969.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from 58 members.

2. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

There were no corrections to the minutes. It was agreed that they were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

The Chairman noted that there would be an update on the Sir Jack Hayward Award under the Honorary Secretary's report.

There were no other matters arising.

4. Reports

a. Honorary Secretary

At a meeting in Exeter on the 29th May 1946 the Lundy Field Society was founded by Lesley Harvey and Martin Coles Harman. Seventy years later the Society is still going strong making a significant contribution to the conservation and study of a small island in the Bristol Channel. In 2016 we marked our anniversary during the Discover Lundy week in September with a range of activities covering all our areas of interest, both academic and informal. On the academic side we covered migrant birds, fungi, freshwater biology, archaeology, flora, seashore marine life, astronomy, bird ringing, moth trapping, and terrestrial invertebrates. More informally we held a social gathering in Government House, a golf tournament, two film nights, two photography workshops, had talks about Lundy's history, the HMS Montagu and bellringing, performed the play 'Granite' set on Lundy, and held a baking competition and a quiz. The focal event of the week was a commemorative dinner when 63 people sat down to a three-course meal in the Marisco Tavern and enjoyed the superb catering of chef Dave Bradley and his team.

A commemorative plaque, inscribed by Shaun Barnes, was unveiled at the Old Light in pouring rain at the start of the week. Designed by John Dyke for the 50th anniversary of the Society it has not been possible to produce the stone tablet, which commemorated Martin Coles Harman and Leslie Harvey, our founders, until the 70th anniversary. A special postal cover was also produced and all mail posted from the island during the week received a special franking.

Discover Lundy was a great success and we record our thanks to everyone who led an activity or was involved in the organisation in some way. Our thanks also to the islanders who made us so welcome as well as joining in some of the activities (and winning the quiz!).

All of this was on top of the usual activities of the LFS. We gave the 'Sir Jack Hayward Award' to Luke Sutton to continue his research into the Lundy peregrines. This was our only grant application in the year. We also made a further contribution of £1000 to assist with the funding of the Warden's post and plan to discuss the size and frequency of this grant at the committee meetings during 2017.

Three conservation working parties took place during the year and 41 of the 42 places were filled. The usual mix of rhododendron clearance, drystone walling, fence repair, gully clearing, and seedling searches were all completed and in September the Steps of Doom became the Stairway to Heaven when the path from the Ugly to Lower East Side Path was completely re-laid. Our thanks to all who volunteered and especially to the group leaders including Trevor Dobie who organises the conservation breaks.

The Society continues to contribute to activities on the island including talks in the Wheelhouse, fungi forays and moth trapping and bird ringing demonstrations. To support the Warden and Conor Willmott, her assistant, Simon Dell, Alan Rowland and Frances Stuart led walks on at least a monthly basis during the boat season.

We said farewell to Beccy MacDonald, the Lundy Warden, in October. Beccy has supported the Society and the activities of our members tremendously during her tenure and we wish her well in her new role with the Somerset Wildlife Trust. Whilst there has been no Warden on the island, Grant Sherman has provided walks and talks for visitors. Dean Jones has been appointed as the new Warden and has recently moved to Lundy from the island of Eigg in the Inner Hebrides. Steve Pratt, the Ranger, left Lundy at the end of January. He worked very closely with our working parties for many years. We wish him well on his travels.

The three principal areas of study into Lundy birds continue. Long-term studies of the Manx Shearwaters resulted in 130 new adults and 291 chicks ringed in 2016. 126 recaptures of previously ringed birds provided valuable information on survival rates and on the recruitment of Lundy-reared young to the growing breeding population.

Tony Taylor continues to study the Wheatear population. Colour-ringed adults continued to provide data on the survival of breeding birds for the BTO. Twenty-nine birds from previous seasons were re-sighted and a further 48 birds were trapped and colour-ringed.

Migrant songbirds were ringed in spring and autumn, to contribute towards the national effort to understand their movements and monitor their populations. The process of digitising old, paper records of past migrant ringing on Lundy has begun, with 30,000 records of Blackbirds, Chaffinches and Goldcrests now available for analysis. These are being offered to MSc students at Imperial College London as a project choice, with a view to producing research papers for subsequent publication by the LFS.

During 2016, the island warden, on behalf of Natural England, drafted a Marine Management Plan to replace the one that was completed in 2001. LFS specialists contributed significant comments and the completion of the plan has now rolled-over into 2017 with editorial work by Robert Irving. Robert continues to act as Secretary to the Lundy Marine Protected Area Advisory Group which meets twice a year before the Lundy Management Forum meeting. The Group is composed of 'users' of the MPA together with representatives of relevant statutory authorities and the island management. During 2016, permission to access the Iona II scheduled wreck was made more practical although visiting divers and snorkelers more-and-more seem to want seal interactions. That interaction achieved a not unexpected result when television presenter Robson Green was bitten by a bull seal – despite the code of conduct being followed. No serious harm done and our Chairman was only an observer and offerer of sympathy.

Keith Hiscock brought a group of marine biologists to the island in April to survey a site north of Gannet's Rock that Leslie Harvey had found to be the richest shore at Lundy. Late in the summer, funding was found to repeat monitoring of the declining population of sunset cup corals but the weather prevented the work taking place.

The survey of the Lundy Cabbage population by Steve Compton and Roger & Rosy Key continues. All counts and fixed-point photographic monitoring of sub-populations were undertaken as usual, including from land and from the sea. The total number of Lundy cabbage in flower in early June 2016 was about 4,300, an apparent 44% decline since 2015. The estimated total is 16% lower than the average figure over the last 23 years. A very rough estimate of the overall number of plants, including those not in flower, is about 32,000, an apparent increase of 33% over 2015. The two endemic species of beetle were both abundant.

The detrimental impact of goats on the cabbage has increased considerably. Coupled with the impact of the increase in rabbit population, mammalian grazing is now leading to a loss of mature plants in much of the southern part of its range with an approximately 65% decline in this part of the island.

To tie in with the Discover Lundy event, we published a biography of Martin Coles Harman, one of our founders, written by Tony Langham before his death in 1995. We are grateful for the many donations, big and small, that we receive to support our work. A number of donations were received in memory of former members including Paul Webley, Lady Mary Percy and Hugh Boyd, who was the Lundy Warden in 1948 and 1949. We receive many gifts in this way so the committee is considering establishing an endowment fund whereby a capital amount is invested and the return on the investment is used to support our objectives. This will preserve any gifts in perpetuity and reduce our dependency on other sources of funding.

Looking to the future, we expect to publish the long-awaited guide to Lundy fungi in the autumn and Andrew Cleave is preparing a book about the island's flora. We hold a meeting of the committee on Lundy in May at Millcombe House.

b. Honorary Treasurer

The Honorary Treasurer, Roger Chapple, reported that a member had identified that the accounts for 2015 did not comply with standard accounting conventions. After seeking advice, this had been rectified and revised accounts were presented to members.

Roger then presented the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2016. Bill Williams, the Honorary Independent Examiner, had written to the Treasurer to confirm he had examined the accounts and recommended the meeting adopted them.

Members voted to adopt the revised accounts for 2015 and the 2016 accounts.

The Chairman recorded his thanks to the Lundy Company for franking Society mail, which resulted in a significant saving in postage.

On behalf of all those present, the Chairman thanked the Honorary Treasurer for his work.

c. Honorary Membership Secretary

The Honorary Membership Secretary, Sandra Rowland, gave her report: at the end of December we had 391 active memberships, equating to 489 members including family members. The new members present at the meeting were welcomed.

The names of members who had died were announced.

5. Election of Officers

All existing Officers were willing to stand again. It was proposed and seconded that the Officers be re-elected *en bloc*. There being no other proposals the Officers were re-elected.

6. Election of Executive Committee

All existing committee members were part way through a three-year term; however, Paul James was resigning at the meeting for personal reasons so there was one vacancy.

There were no nominations. The Chairman invited anybody interested in joining the committee to speak to an existing committee member after the meeting. The Executive Committee had the power to co-opt.

7. Election of Honorary Independent Examiner

Bill Williams was proposed and seconded as Honorary Independent Examiner. There being no other nominations he was duly elected.

The Chairman thanked Bill for his work.

8. Online access to publications

Some societies and organisations make their publications available to members electronically and this may be convenient for LFS members. Members were asked to indicate whether they were interested in receiving publications electronically, in lieu of the printed version. Eleven members indicated they would.

The committee would consider this further.

9. Date and venue of next AGM

The Chairman reported that The Boniface Centre had been booked for Saturday 10th March 2018.

10. Any other business

Andrew Cleave encouraged members to write their wildlife observations in the Society logbook and in particular to include precise location details for botanical observations. An information sheet will be inserted into the logbook.

The Honorary Secretary read a note from Paul Doubler to update the meeting on the restoration of the MV Balmoral and sailings to Lundy. Alan Rayner added that a sailing from Pembroke Dock to Lundy is planned for Thursday 22nd June.

The Honorary Secretary also read a note from James Thomas inviting members to join the Lundy Collectors' Club five-day visit in the autumn.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm. Tim Jones presented the Bird Report for 2016 and Dr Steve Jones gave a talk about the Geology of Lundy.

After the tea break Derek Green, Lundy General Manager, presented the Lundy report and Dean Jones, Lundy Warden, presented the wildlife report. An auction of items donated to the Society concluded the proceedings and raised £454. Members then retired to The Three Little Pigs for refreshment.

Michael Williams, Honorary Secretary

LUNDY FIELD SOCIETY AGM AUCTION LISTING 2018

Lot	Description	Reserve / Suggested
1	Discover Lundy 2016 photographic booklet	£5
2	Four brown earthenware mugs bearing the legend "Lundy"	£10
3	1906 edition OS 6 inch:1 mile map of Lundy	£25
4	1 Jan 1820 Map – linen backed – mainly sea but Lundy features	£25
5	Karksburg (sic) on the Rocks – cocktail recipe handwritten 22 August 1981	£5
6	Letter delayed by storm cachet signed by Ian Grainger 1972	£5
7	Gade Christmas Card with note and signature 1974	£10
8	Four letters concerning ILN with envelopes bearing two different ILN cachets – Dyke signatures 1973-4	£20
9	MS Oldenburg boarding passes and ticket	£5
10	Four "Lundy Logs" compiled by Judy Langford during the 1970s	£10
11	St Helen's church organ souvenirs – tuning receipts, ephemera, signs	£5
12	Lundy souvenirs – Puffins and badges (6 items)	£5
13	Binoculars in leather case – letter of provenance that they were owned by MCH	£25
14	Colour slides – collection of 63 all Lundy related	£5
15	St Helen's Church. Hand-coloured and framed print by John Dyke commemorating the 75 th anniversary of consecration 7 June 1972	£15
16	Oldenburg at Lundy Large Limited edition signed and framed print by Michael Lees	£25
17	Two Montagu 100 th anniversary beers, one bottle empty and one full (but past its sell-by date!)	£5
18	1000-piece jigsaw puzzle of the final picnic at Discover Lundy 2016 featuring many members. This is a unique jigsaw of an LFS event.	£30

Note: This is **not** a postal auction. All bids must be made in person (or by proxy) at the AGM to be held in Crediton on 10th March 2018.

Prices in **bold are reserves**, those in normal font are suggested starting prices.

LUNDY FIELD SOCIETY ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET 2017

INCOME	Year End 31/12/2016		Year End 31/12/2017	
Subscriptions	£	7,783.00	£	7,549.00
AGM Auction	£	639.00	£	454.50
Donations	£	1,946.27	£	2,063.47
Legacy	£	500.00	£	-
Bird Ringing	£	84.60	£	366.40
Conservation Break Deposits	£	160.00	£	272.00
Gift Aid	£	1,391.20	£	1,552.14
PayPal	£	30.00	£	-
Bulletin Donation and Advertising	£	100.00	£	150.00
Sales	£	127.02	£	707.23
Discover Lundy 2016	£	2,555.00		-
DL2016 Dinner	£	1,395.00		-
DL2016 Covers	£	67.00	£	38.50
Car Stickers	£	4.00		-
<i>Protecting Lundy's Marine Life</i>	£	84.10	£	11.50
<i>The Harman Family's Lundy</i>	£	326.22	£	472.01
<i>Island King</i>	£	215.30	£	376.00
AGM Lunches Sold	£	360.00	£	320.00
Jennett's Trust	£	170.00	£	2,040.00
Postage		-	£	32.50
Committee/Guest Lunches		-	£	132.90
Wright Book Sales		-	£	169.00
Interest	£	179.19	£	141.40
Stock Movement	-£	296.67	£	114.03
<i>Brought forward from previous year:</i>				
- DL2016 Deposits	£	8,655.00		-
- Subscriptions	£	587.00	£	570.00
- Conservation Breaks	£	260.00	£	240.00
- Creditors Paid 2016	£	858.97		-
TOTAL INCOME	£	28,181.20	£	17,772.58

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EXPENDITURE	Year End 31/12/2016		Year End 31/12/2017	
Discover Lundy 2016	£	9,556.45		-
AGM Boniface Centre	£	170.00	£	170.00
AGM Catering	£	580.00	£	580.00
AGM Expenses	£	23.10	£	63.22
Bird Ringing	£	343.25	£	1,010.25
Annual Report	£	1,355.00		-
Bulletin	£	822.00	£	1,005.00
Journal	£	2,634.00		-
Grants	£	900.00	£	801.33
Conservation	£	2,030.50	£	2,035.00
Stationery	£	136.04	£	69.79
Postage	£	1,130.25	£	392.20
Pop Up Signs		-	£	319.99
Website Expenses	£	23.99	£	85.93
Refunds from DL2016	£	1,142.50		-
DL2016 Dinner	£	1,395.00		-
70th Anniversary Plaque	£	400.00		-
Computer	£	558.97	£	89.98
<i>Island King</i>	£	341.04	£	165.00
St Helen's Centre Appeal	£	60.00	£	10,000.00
Lundy Warden	£	1,000.00	£	1,000.00
Committee/Guest Lunches		-	£	181.92
Membership Leaflets		-	£	153.00
LFS Library		-	£	380.00
Provision for 2016 Annual Report costs			£	1,768.55
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£	24,602.09	£	20,271.16
Net Income/Expenditure	£	3,579.11	-£	2,498.58

LUNDY FIELD SOCIETY ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET 2017

ASSETS	Year End 31/12/2016		Year End 31/12/2017	
Stock	£	1,475.97	£	1,590.00
NS&I Account	£	30,004.03	£	30,145.42
Current Account	£	9,936.23	£	8,541.33
Reserve Account	£	9.07	£	9.08
2017 Computer Service Agreement (paid in 2016)	£	59.99		-
Debtor – PayPal Balance Misc. Sales		-	£	126.43
	£	41,485.29		£ 40,412.26
LESS				
Advance Subscriptions	-£	570.00	-£	227.00
Advance Conservation Deposits	-£	240.00	-£	467.00
	-£	810.00	-£	467.00
TOTAL	£	40,675.29		£ 39,945.26
Less Creditors – Annual Report 2016				-£ 1,768.55
				£ 38,176.71
Balance b/f	£	37,096.18	£	40,675.29
Surplus/Deficit for year	£	3,579.11	-£	2,498.58
TOTAL ASSETS	£	40,675.29		£ 38,176.71