

NEWSLETTER

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SUBSCRIPTIONS The Committee has sadly, and reluctantly, been obliged to alter the subscription rates from January 1st 1980. Annual membership is now £3, plus 50p extra for each member in the family. Group membership will be raised to £6 and Life Membership will no longer be offered. Members will be asked at the AGM to vote on any modifications to this scale of subscriptions.

It is easy to blame inflation but printing costs continue to rise and our membership subscriptions still do not cover the cost of printing our Annual Report. We rely on the profit generated by the Excursion to subsidise our printing; to fund our fieldworkers and field grants; to pay our affiliation fees; and of course postage.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Exeter. Saturday March 3rd. An interesting programme - those of you who heard Col. Bob Gilliat speak last year on the problems of last winter on Lundy will be pleased to know that he has kindly accepted our invitation to speak again.

If you have any slides, photos, or exhibits - please bring them along

EXCURSION Peter Cole has kindly offered to organise this year's trip. We take note of your advice and criticism and try to improve it year by year. Full details are enclosed with this Newsletter and I would particularly draw your attention to the short Memorial Service that has been arranged, in memory of the late Mr Gade, to take place in the island Church during the afternoon. The island Priest, the Vicar of Ilfracombe, has most kindly agreed to take the service which will coincide with the closing of the F.W. Gade Memorial Appeal. A few copies remain of the special printing of Mr Gade's book 'My Life on Lundy' - these may be obtained from Mrs J. Davis, 6 Chapel Rise, Atworth, Melksham, Wilts at £12 each (plus £1 postage). All profits from these sales go to the Memorial Fund.

LFS BOOKLETS The committee is preparing the first of a series of pocket booklets dealing with aspects of Lundy. We hope the first ('Lundy Lighthouses') will appear this summer to be followed by such titles as 'Lundy Wrecks', 'Lundy Plants', etc. etc.

FIELD COURSE WEEKS ON LUNDY Bob Britton is arranging accommodation for May 25th-31st and August 24th-September 6th. We are again subsidising participants so the arrangements represent a bargain for LFS members.

ARCHAEOLOGY Now that the Castle Keep has been so admirably repaired attention is now turning to its surroundings. Plans are under way to protect the inscribed stones in the Cemetery.

We are still busy with Conservation and the problem of Oil pollution, but I am running out of space!

Please come to the AGM - and hear more. Best wishes for 1980. A.F.L.