



Discover Lundy 2016

PROGRAMME AND INFORMATION



All events are subject to the Lundy factor and are D.V. & W.P.

WELCOME

After the successful *DISCOVER LUNDY* event in 2012, I said I would not organise another but here we are four years later looking forward to another week of activities and immersion in all things Lundy. This year we are marking the 70th anniversary of our foundation so in addition to the walks, talks and activities we will see an anniversary picnic and a commemorative dinner in the Tavern.

Our foundation was rooted in the study of birds but the LFS now encourages the study of all aspects of Lundy including its history, natural history and the conservation of its wildlife and antiquities through our working holidays that are held up to three times a year. I hope that you will find plenty of interest in the range of activities this week and that you will learn something new about our favourite island. You are welcome to join in as many or as few as you wish. Some activities are weather dependent so if anything is cancelled or postponed then a notice will be put up in the Tavern.

DISCOVER LUNDY could not take place if it were not for the knowledge and commitment of our activity leaders so my grateful thanks to them. I must also record my thanks to the islanders and staff in the Shore Offices for their support, and my fellow committee members who assisted in various ways – in particular Alan Rowland who has co-ordinated the postal souvenirs and made the insurance arrangements, Belinda Cox for the clothing and André Coutanche for the production of the programme and technical arrangements. Most of all, Sandra Rowland has provided a wealth of moral and administrative support dealing with all the bookings, accommodation allocations and paperwork as well as co-ordinating the Bake Off competition.

I hope you have an enjoyable week!

All The Very Best,
Michael Williams

Things to remember:

- What to bring for each activity is listed in the programme.
- Changes or additions to the programme will be advertised on the Tavern noticeboard.
- Please invite non-LFS members to join in our talks and walks – everyone is welcome!
- Do talk to non-members about the Society and encourage them to join. We have plenty of membership leaflets if you would like some.

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

- 10.00 Depart Ilfracombe on *MS Oldenburg*
- 12.00 Arrive Lundy
- 13.30 **SOUTH END ARCHAEOLOGICAL WALK** with Chris Webster
Chris is leading a walk for the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society and LFS members are very welcome to join in. The main *DISCOVER LUNDY* archaeology event is on Tuesday.
Meet outside the Tavern to walk via the Castle to the Old Light
- 16.15-16.30 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**
with Keith Hiscock & Michael Williams
We will also have the official unveiling of the commemorative plaque to mark the 70th anniversary of the LFS.
At the Old Light
- 20.00- **SOCIAL GATHERING**
Meet your fellow members and islanders who are participating in the week over a glass of wine. No need to bring a bottle and non-alcoholic refreshments will also be available. The LFS's latest publication – a biography of our joint-founder, Martin Coles Harman – will be on sale. See page 11.
In Government House

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

- 8.00-13.00 **BIRD RINGING DEMONSTRATIONS**
with Chris Dee, Tony Taylor & Paul James
Bird ringing is an important tool for monitoring the survival, productivity and movements of birds, helping us to understand why populations are changing. Over 2,200 trained, volunteer ringers ring up to a million birds in Britain and Ireland each year, providing vital information for conservation. Ringing on Lundy during the autumn also provides information on the timing of migration and the health of many of our long-distance migrant species. The demonstration is a rare chance to 'get close and personal' to the Lundy birds and learn more about the amazing journeys that they make. Pop over anytime during the morning.
At Brambles
- 10.00-10.30 **DISCOVERING LUNDY FUNGI** with John Hedger
Join Professor John Hedger for an entertaining and informative look at Lundy fungi. The talk will introduce the fungi that can be found on Lundy and describe the methodology for surveying.
In the Church

10.30-12.00 **FUNGI FORAY** with John Hedger

John will lead a foray up to the Airfield to search for Waxcaps and other grassland fungi, then to the Old Hospital to look for Pinkgills. If time allows we may visit Pondsbury to search for the Brittlegills and Boletes associated with the Creeping Willow. We will collect samples which we'll examine under the microscope tomorrow.

Please bring:

- Hand lens if you have one
- Pencil and notebook
- Plastic tub or lunchbox for collecting fungi.

Meet outside the Church

12.30-16.00 **ST HELEN'S CHURCH OPEN DAY**

Visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about the restoration project and there will be a church service led by Lundy's Vicar, Revd Brenda Jacobs, at 12.30. There will also be an RNLI training exercise involving *MS Oldenburg* that can be watched from the shore – the Castle may be good vantage point, though it will all depend on weather conditions.

20.00-20.30 **AN INTRODUCTION TO ASTRONOMY** with Grant Sherman

Lundy's clean air makes it the perfect place to appreciate an often neglected part of the world around us – the night sky. Ahead of the star-gazing session, learn about what we hope to see. Star-gazing will follow if the skies are clear. If not we'll advertise when we hope to hold it later in the week. Dress appropriately for standing still outdoors at night. Please bring:

- A torch – but use it sparingly, to maintain your night vision
- Binoculars if you have them
- A mat or a deckchair to sit on.

Talk in the Church then outside

21.00-22.30 **SHEARWATERING – NIGHT-TIME SEARCH** with Tony Taylor

Tony Taylor will guide you to one of Lundy's Manx Shearwater colonies to look for chicks emerging from their burrows. We may also see a Storm Petrel if we are lucky! We will go to the main breeding colony, on the West Side north of Old Light, weather permitting. The darker the night the better the chances of finding birds! We'll be moving over steep ground in the dark so this activity is not for the fainthearted.

Please bring:

- A torch/headlight
- Stout footwear
- Warm, windproof/waterproof clothing.

Meet outside the Tavern.

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MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

- 9.00-10.00 **FUNGI UNDER THE MICROSCOPE** with John Hedger
An opportunity to look at the fungi collected yesterday and use books and a microscope to see the key features used in their identification.
In the Barn
- 10.00-10.30 **DISCOVERING LUNDY'S FLORA** with Andrew Cleave
A short review of the wild flowers and ferns of Lundy with some tips on when and where to look for some of the island's very special plants. Why does Lundy's flora change so much and why are some species no longer present? Can you help find some of Lundy's lost plants?
In the Church
- 10.30-12.30 **LUNDY FLORA WALK** with Andrew Cleave, Paul Sterry & Rob Read
We will set off from the Church and head through Millcombe towards the east side and the terraces to look at the variety of introduced and native species which grow in the more sheltered conditions of this part of the island – maybe some of Lundy's lost plants will be discovered with many pairs of eyes searching for them! Please dress appropriately for a 2-hour walk. Bring your camera and a hand-lens if you have one.
Meet outside the Church
- 14.00- **GOLF TOURNAMENT** led by Derek Cheesbrough
It was reported in May 1927 that Major L.M.P. Sullivan, Secretary of Southerndown Golf Club, had been praised for the laying out the course on Aclands Moor. It measured 2,630 yards, the longest hole was 410 yards, the shortest 100 yards, and par was 36. Mr Llewellyn of Pontypridd was appointed professional and 'club man for the course.' Six holes will be played, each approximately 50 yards long. The first tee is the original 1922 course tee on the north side of the Old Light. This is all about fun and frivolity! Previous experience is definitely not required nor possessed by most. The Rules of St Andrews do not apply – 'air shots' don't count! Spectators and photographers are welcome even if you don't fancy actually playing. All equipment will be provided.
Meet outside the Old Light
- 19.30-21.00 **FILM NIGHT** with André Coutanche
Old newsreels, vintage and modern television programmes, and even a reasonable standard of home movie. If there's really nothing you haven't seen before, André will buy you a pint afterwards. Bring your own popcorn!
In the Church – feel free to bring a cushion!

- 21.30-22.30 **PLANKTON DIPPING** with Andrew Cleave & Paul Sterry
Plankton are the astonishingly diverse group of tiny plants and animals that live in water. Collecting plankton is easy using a fine-meshed net, and at night the use of a bright light attracts many species to the surface. Some will be visible to the naked eye and can be studied easily but others can only be seen under the microscope. This unusual activity promises to reveal lots of exciting finds from the sea around Lundy. Please bring a good torch and wrap up well.
Meet on the Jetty
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TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

- 8.00-13.00 **BIRD RINGING DEMONSTRATIONS**
with Chris Dee, Tony Taylor & Paul James
See Sunday for description.
At Brambles
- 9.00-10.00 **PLANKTON UNDER THE MICROSCOPE**
with Andrew Cleave & Paul Sterry
We will take a closer look at some of the species caught the night before using microscopes and magnifying lenses.
In the Barn
- 10.30-12.00 **DISCOVERING LUNDY'S ARCHAEOLOGY** with Chris Webster
A walk around the north of the island, visiting some of the less obvious elements of Lundy's historic environment including hut circles, Tibbetts, Brazen Ward and Widow's Tenement. Sites dating from 5000 years ago until the 19th century will be described, giving a picture of people's use of Lundy from earliest times.
Meet at the Halfway Wall Gate
- 14.30-16.00 **DISCOVERING LUNDY'S FRESHWATER BIOLOGY** with Alan Rowland
Learn how to collect and identify various families of freshwater invertebrates from one of the island's many ponds. There will be an opportunity to take specimens back to the Barn to see them in high detail using a stereo-microscope, and all the specimens identified will contribute to the ongoing survey of Lundy's freshwater habitats.
Please bring:
 - Boots or Wellingtons are advised but not essential
 - Pencil and notebook
 - Hand lens if you have one.*Meet outside the Barn*

- 19.30-21.00 **'GRANITE'** – a play arranged by Roger Chapple
 First performed in 1926 and written by Clemence Dane, who was a popular and successful playwright between the wars, 'Granite' is set on Lundy soon after Waterloo. It's a romantic tragedy with supernatural overtones. After a scene-setting short introduction, we will have a 'rehearsed reading' of an abbreviated version. Prepare yourself for a Gothic experience!
In the Church – feel free to bring a cushion!
- 21.30-22.30 **NATURE AT NIGHT** with Andrew Cleave
 Find out about the ways in which moths and other night-flying insects are caught and studied with the aid of non-lethal traps. We will look at some of the traps which have been set nearby and identify any species caught, and then have a closer look at the catch the following morning. There may also be bats flying, and possibly Manx Shearwaters calling overhead as well. Please dress sensibly for a night-time outdoor session, and bring a torch, plus sunglasses to protect your eyes if you want to look more closely at the moth traps which have very bright U/V lamps in them.
Meet outside the Tavern

WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

- 9.00-10.00 **MOTH IDENTIFICATION** with Andrew Cleave and Paul Sterry
 We will look at the moths caught in the various traps overnight and there will be a chance to photograph them before everyone helps release them alive into suitable locations. Bring your camera if you wish and a hand lens if you have one.
In the Barn
- 10.00-10.30 **LUNDY'S MIGRANT BIRDS** with Chris Dee
 Well over 300 different bird species have been recorded on Lundy, with about 140 occurring annually. Of these only around 35 nest on the island each year, the remainder passing through on migration or visiting outside the breeding season. Chris will give an overview of the regular and occasional migrant birds that take advantage of Lundy's unique position, including what has been learnt from the bird ringing carried out on the island.
In the Church
- 10.30-12.00 **DISCOVERING LUNDY'S MIGRANT BIRDS** with Chris Dee
 Take to Lundy's paths to watch birds. From Wheatears, Meadow Pipits and Skylarks on the top of the island to warblers in Millcombe and the terraces and seabirds off the east side, join Chris in an exploration of Lundy's autumn bird life. Please bring:

- Binoculars
- Stout footwear
- Clothing appropriate to the prevailing weather conditions.

Meet outside the Church

14.30-16.00 **LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP** with Rob Read
Bring your camera (whatever the make or model) and a tripod if you have one, and learn a few techniques about perspective, composition, and making the most of the light. The use of various filters will be covered and if time allows there will be the chance to look at some results on a laptop at the end of the session. Please dress sensibly for an outdoor session, including appropriate footwear.

Meet outside Stoneycroft

19.00 **70TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE DINNER**

for
19.30 As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of our foundation, join us for a celebratory meal. Please note that this event is for those who have booked in advance. During the evening there will be a speech by Derek Green, Lundy's General Manager. Dress code: smart with a Lundy twist!

In the Tavern

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

8.00-13.00 **BIRD RINGING DEMONSTRATIONS**
with Chris Dee, Tony Taylor & Paul James

See Sunday for description.

At Brambles

9.30-10.00 **AN INTRODUCTION TO LUNDY'S SEASHORE LIFE** with Keith Hiscock

Lundy's marine life has been investigated thoroughly since the late 1940s when co-founder of the LFS, Leslie Harvey, described its seashore ecology. Now, more than 60 years later, Lundy is one of the most thoroughly investigated marine areas in the world. In this talk Keith describes what we might find on the seashore in the next activity.

In the Church

10.00-12.00 **DISCOVERING LUNDY'S SEASHORE** with Keith Hiscock

Join Keith Hiscock as we delve into the rock pools of the Devil's Kitchen and explore the shores around the Landing Bay and see some of the weird and wonderful plants and animals that are uncovered by the tide each day.

Meet at the Church at 10.00 or on the Landing Beach at 10.15

14.00-15.30 **DISCOVERING LUNDY'S TERRESTRIAL INVERTEBRATES**

led by Andrew Cleave and Alan Rowland

We will wander through Millcombe and the Lower East Side path and use various techniques to find and identify the invertebrates in these habitats. Beating, sweeping, stone-turning and general observation should produce plenty of variety and examples may be brought back to the Barn for display.

Please bring:

- A camera
- A hand lens if you have one.

Meet outside the Tavern

19.30-21.00 **'NAPOLEON'S LAST BATTLE'**

introduced by André Coutanche

In 1990, BBC's 'Timewatch' series screened 'Napoleon's Last Battle' – the story, not of Waterloo, but of Bonaparte's fight to imprint upon history his own version of his life and achievements. He did this in exile on St Helena, accompanied by his biographer, his doctor and his valet. The BBC couldn't afford to go to St Helena – so the whole programme was filmed on Lundy. It's well-made and interesting, with the extra fun for us of spotting the places used. One of the production crew has written a hilarious 'behind the scenes' account of their time on Lundy, and signed copies of her book, *Crumpet goes to Lundy*, will be on sale – see page 13.

In the Church – feel free to bring a cushion!



FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

9.00-10.30 **WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP** with Paul Sterry

Bring your camera, with macro lens, flash and tripod if you have them, to find out more about some of the techniques used in wildlife photography. There will be some specimens available to practise with and some of the session will take place outdoors, so please dress appropriately.

In the Barn

- 10.00-11.00 **THE GREAT LUNDY BAKE OFF** co-ordinated by Sandra Rowland
If you're entering the Great Lundy Bake Off competition please bring your entry to the Picnic Garden between 10.00 and 11.00 (or the Barn if wet) for judging.
- 11.00-12.00 **LUNDY'S BREEDING WHEATEARS** with Tony Taylor
Lundy's breeding population of Wheatears has increased significantly since rat eradication. This has created a great opportunity to study the species in detail. Since 2013, colour-rings have been used to allow the identification of individual Wheatears on Lundy, so that their survival can be monitored as part of a national scheme and their behaviour can be investigated. Tony Taylor will give an introduction to this fascinating species and explain what the Lundy studies have revealed so far.
In the Church – feel free to bring a cushion!
- 12.30-13.30 **ANNIVERSARY PICNIC**
Join us as we get together for a picnic and continue to celebrate our anniversary. Please bring your own sandwiches and something to drink. For dessert we will eat the entries to the Great Lundy Bake Off competition!
In the Picnic Garden or the Barn if wet
- 20.30- **QUIZ NIGHT** with Michael Williams
Join us in the Tavern for the last night of *DISCOVER LUNDY* for a pub quiz. Don't worry, you won't need any specialist knowledge as the questions will be general knowledge and some will have a Lundy theme. The 2012 quiz became (in)famous when it subsequently featured in the *Telegraph*!
In the Tavern

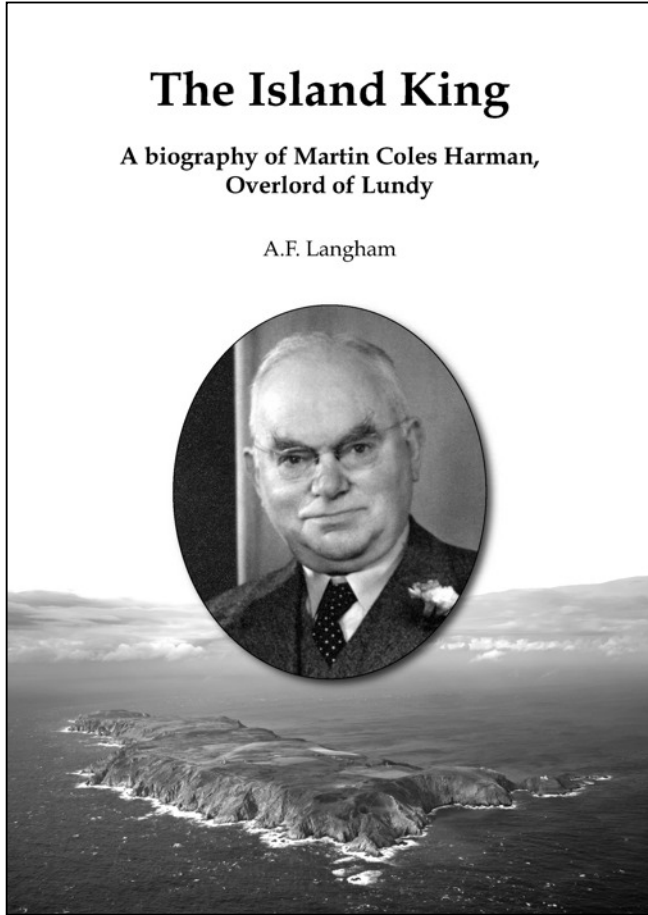
SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER

- 10.30 **GROUP PHOTO**
Please join us for a group photo so we can record everyone who participated in *DISCOVER LUNDY 2016*!
Meet outside the Tavern
- 16.00 Depart Lundy on *MS Oldenburg*
- 18.00 Arrive Ilfracombe



THE ISLAND KING

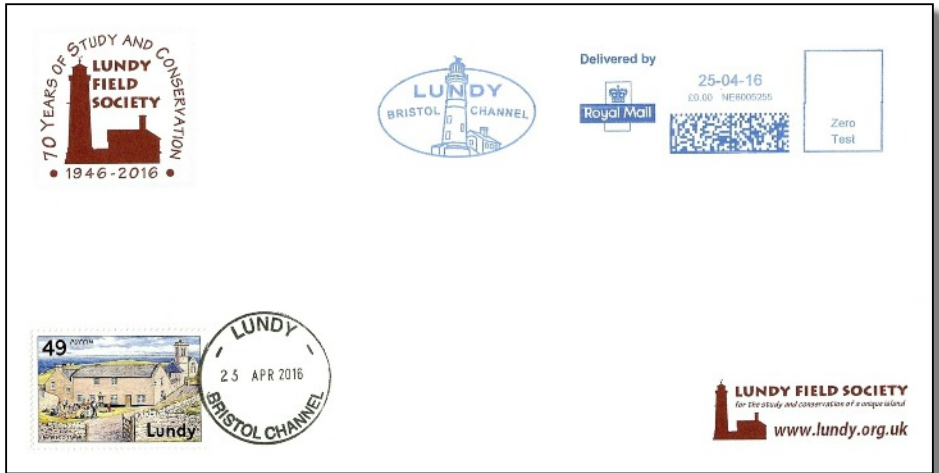
A biography of Martin Coles Harman, Overlord of Lundy
by A.F. LANGHAM



After considerable research, the last work by Tony Langham – *The Island King: A biography of Martin Coles Harman, Overlord of Lundy* – has been found and published by the LFS with the consent of Tony’s widow, Jenny. It is a 48-page black and white illustrated booklet with a preface by MCH’s daughter Diana Keast and introduction by Tony’s biographer, Roger Allen. It will be launched at the Social Gathering on Saturday 24 September when members will be able to purchase a copy of this limited edition booklet for the special price of £5.

POSTAL SOUVENIRS

In co-operation with Ceri Stafford, the Lundy Postmaster, and Lars Liwendahl, the Lundy stamp commissioner, we have been able to produce a commemorative cover and a commemorative cachet to celebrate *DISCOVER LUNDY*.



The cover bears our 70th anniversary logo and we selected our favourite island building to feature on the stamp. In addition to the standard Lundy cancel, a commemorative cancel designed by Jan-Erik Wellerfors bears all the information we could squeeze in along with a Painted Lady butterfly.



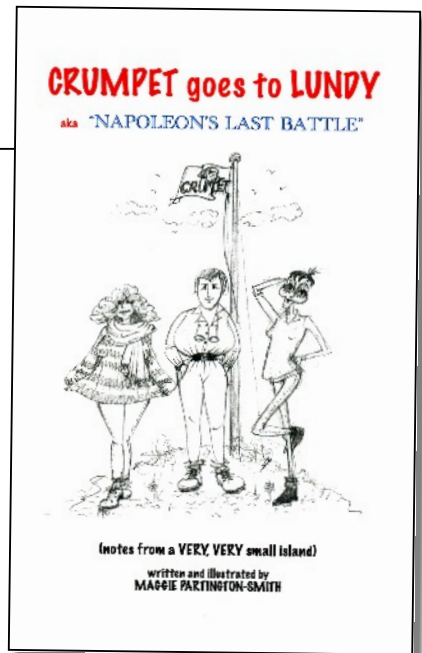
All mail franked on the island during our *DISCOVER LUNDY* event will bear this cachet. We have only have 70 covers for sale, limited initially to one per member for £1, making this a unique and very collectable cover.

CRUMPET GOES TO LUNDY

by MAGGIE PARTINGTON-SMITH

'At last, a true account of what really goes on behind the scenes' says Jimmy Perry, creator of Dad's Army, in his very amusing foreword to Maggie's hilariously honest account of filming a small BBC Drama Documentary in 1989.

The crew crosses from Bideford to 'Puffin Island' (a notable absence of Puffins, but handy as a substitute location for the more remote island of St Helena). There are graphic descriptions of the vomit-ridden voyage, surpassed only by those of the eventual arrival. 'We huddled together, hunched and forlorn, on the boulder-strewn beach, waiting for further instruction ...'. But despite all the odds, the 'Dunkirk spirit' prevailed. Maggie's keen observations of the assortment of personalities and their foibles, lends the book great charm.



'Crumpet' was the collective name given by the lusty Prop-Boys to the female Costume and Make-up contingent who were lodged, together with technical equipment, in Government House. Maggie's evocation of the film *Elephant Walk* as male members of the crew trampled noisily through the house early each morning, sending a frisson through the startled ladies still in their nighties, is very funny, as indeed hikers pausing for breath and peering innocently in through the bathroom windows ...

The process of making a film on Lundy is entertainingly brought to life. Descriptions of the primitive, improvised transport bumping and rattling up and down rocky terrain in the wind and rain, loaded with antique furniture and actors (often simultaneously) are gloriously absurd and true. Often ravenous due to fresh air and gruelling exercise, food was always uppermost in everyone's mind but a meagre Catering Budget allowed only for a frugal diet of damp spam baps, accompanied by tepid tea and coffee. This dull fare was stoically tolerated despite causing embarrassing digestive problems for some.

The book is written in diary form; the narrative, like the author, is great company; and, as many of the crew already knew each other from past productions, there is plenty of teasing. Maggie's affectionate humour and illustrations soften her sharp-eyed observations. This is a hugely enjoyable read for anyone who has ever been away on location, and a must for those who have not yet had that pleasure.

(Review in BBC staff journal *Prospero* by June Hudson, 2011)

The new reprint of *Crumpet goes to Lundy*, signed by the author, will be available at the screening of *Napoleon's Last Battle* on Thursday evening. If you can't wait until then, you can buy a copy from Government House ('Crumpet Villas') or Old House North for just £10.

THE TEAM

Roger Chapple: First visited the island in the early 1950s (on a Campbell steamer and in short trousers), first stayed in mid-1970s, and each year since in all island properties except Tibbets! Studiously avoided joining the LFS until inveigled by islanders in 1994, accepted the Chair in 2002, retired in 2007, pressed back into active duty as Treasurer in 2013 and still going strong. Now finally retired from working(!) and living in Hartland.

Derek Cheesbrough: Derek has been a regular visitor to Lundy since 1973. He joined the LFS soon after and subsequently came over on working parties. In 2000 he formalised the existing Lundy Letterboxes, replaced missing stamps and listed the boxes. Inauguration took place on the 'LFS Week' in 2000 (Alan Rowland's excellent book provides a full record). The Golf Tournament he is running will be the third he has organised for the LFS on Lundy!

Andrew Cleave MBE: Andrew first visited Lundy 45 years ago and has returned almost every year since. For many years he led school field trips to the island, and has made frequent visits to study the flora, moths and butterflies, and marine life. Andrew is a committee member of the LFS and also sits on the PCC and the steering group working on the restoration of St Helen's Church.

André Coutanche: As a Guernseyman, André is addicted to islands, especially ones with a granite landscape on the edge of the Atlantic. He is, in a non-expert way, interested in archaeology and history, bird-watching, wildlife in general, landscape and townscape – and therefore walking, though not for its own sake.

Chris Dee: Chris has been ringing birds on Lundy since 1982 and now brings a team to the island each autumn during the peak migration season. For over thirty years, Chris ringed birds and trained ringers with a highly regarded ringing group in Hertfordshire, before recently moving to North Devon – closer to Lundy. Chris was a key member of the Herts Bird Club and was BTO Regional Representative for Hertfordshire for 25 years, organising bird survey work within the county. He is joint author of the 2015 book *Birds of Hertfordshire* and was a regular contributor to the annual Hertfordshire Bird Report. By profession he is a software developer and now primarily builds websites for bird and wildlife charities.

Professor John Hedger: John studied for his degree in Botany and his PhD in Mycology at Cambridge in the 1960s. From 1970 he was a lecturer at the University of Aberystwyth before becoming a professor at the University of Westminster between 1996 and 2010. John is well known for his enthusiastic interest in fungi which means his talks are always entertaining and informative.

Dr Keith Hiscock: Keith was born and brought up in Ilfracombe. After becoming fascinated by seashore life, he took a zoology degree and dived on Lundy for the first time in 1969. That trip provided a glimpse of the outstanding quality and variety of marine wildlife around Lundy and he discovered colonies of sunset cup coral there for the first time in Britain. He was instrumental in establishing the voluntary marine reserve around the island in 1973 and undertook much of the work that now underpins the management of the statutory Marine Conservation Zone. He is a Vice President of the LFS and is currently our Chairman.

Paul James: Paul has ringed birds in the UK and Europe from the Arctic Circle to southern Portugal. He was also invited to do the ringing demonstrations at the 50th anniversary celebrations at the Long Point Bird Observatory in Canada. He is based in Hampshire and most of his ringing effort is in conjunction with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust in Pamber Forest. He is a registered trainer.

Rob Read: Rob is the library manager for Nature Photographers Ltd, and the runs the acclaimed Bird Photographer of the Year Awards. He specialises in landscape photography and his work has appeared in numerous publications.

Alan Rowland: Alan has been visiting Lundy since 1991 and is currently the LFS Vice-Chairman. A chance encounter with Professor Jenny George in 2008, who was surveying Quarterwall Pond, saw him offering to be her labourer, carrying equipment and becoming her apprentice. Benefiting from her tutoring, he has been surveying the Acland's Moor and Widow's Tenement ponds since 2009. He has completed a year-long project to survey and assess the plankton in three of Lundy's ponds which has been published in the LFS Journal.

Sandra Rowland: Sandra joined the LFS with husband Alan in the summer of 1995 and became Membership Secretary in 2007. She loves every aspect of Lundy and in particular its flora. Having four children and several grandchildren Sandra has had a keen interest in cooking for many years and currently works in the Rectory Farm Tearooms in Morwenstow. She has attended several cookery demonstrations by Mary Berry, and enjoyed eating the results of those demonstrations when they shared lunch and a glass of wine with Mary afterwards. Hence, Sandra jumped at the opportunity to co-ordinate Michael's suggestion to hold the Great Lundy Bake Off during *DISCOVER LUNDY* week.

Grant Sherman: Grant lives on Lundy and works in the Marisco Tavern. His interests include the seabirds of Lundy and he is a member of the British Ecological Society and the British Ornithologists' Union. He also has a degree in astrophysics from Cardiff University.

Dr Paul Sterry: Paul is a professional wildlife photographer and prolific author, and has written many of the Harper Collins photographic field guides. He is a regular visitor to Lundy and has photographed much of Lundy's wildlife from above and below the water.

Tony Taylor: Tony studied Lundy's Guillemots for four years from 1973. During that time he also spent summer nights ringing Manx Shearwaters and developed an interest in the island's migrants. Since then he has continued ringing shearwaters each summer, and provided evidence that rats were responsible for their failure to breed. He has also continued ringing migrants in autumn. He has co-ordinated bird ringing on the island since 1979. In recent years he has started new projects on Lundy's increasing Manx Shearwater and Wheatear breeding populations. Elsewhere Tony took up research and wardening posts on the Farne Islands, Fetlar, Fair Isle and at Loch Garten, before teaching Biology (bringing student field trips to Lundy!). Since retiring, he has had more time for bird ringing studies in Dorset and Pembrokeshire, as well as on Lundy.

Chris Webster: Chris is an archaeologist with a particular interest in the early medieval and post-medieval periods. While employed by Southampton University he carried out fieldwork on Lundy between 1988 and 1992 on the previously cultivated areas south of Quarter Wall. He currently works for the South West Heritage Trust and has just completed writing up his excavations at Taunton Castle. Chris was Honorary Secretary of the LFS for ten years from 1993.

Michael Williams: Michael came to Lundy to ring on the church bells when they were refurbished in 1994 and has been visiting regularly ever since. After university he worked in the Tavern for two summers from 2000. Whilst living on the island he wrote *The Lundy Companion* guidebook. Michael has been the Honorary Secretary of the LFS for the past four years and is also part of the Steering Group and PCC that are leading the project to restore the church.

**TRIFLES MAKE PERFECTION,
BUT PERFECTION IS NO TRIFLE**



Slogan and image used on cigarettes sold on Lundy during the Harman years and specially packaged in tins to keep out the damp!