

## OBITUARIES

### BARBARA SNOW (née WHITAKER)

1926 - 2007

Barbara Whittaker, as her name was at that time, arrived on Lundy in 1954 to take up the post of Warden for the Lundy Field Society, using the accommodation provided for the Society in the Old Lighthouse, and she remained in this post until 1957.

Bee was a good looking young woman with a mop of light brown curls and vivid blue eyes. All of the Islanders liked her. She was a remarkable woman and a very good ornithologist. She was an intrepid climber and was quickly up and down Lundy's cliffs ringing young shags, as well as swimming into the caves along the east side looking for the seals and their pups. One of her bird ringing expeditions took her to Shutter Rock. While she was on the rock a swell got up and Bee found herself stuck. A thick sea mist rolled in as darkness began to fall. Bee was wearing only a bathing costume as it had been necessary to swim across to Shutter Rock before making the steep climb up the Rock. Vince and John, two of the Lundy men, saw her, and after some time managed to fire a rocket line across to her. Bee was then able to haul across some sandwiches, a drink and a couple of blankets to see her through the night. The next day Bee was rather cross with the two men as the rocket had come so close to her that it had scorched her swimwear!

Barbara was the author of several books and papers on birds. She leaves her husband, Dr David Snow, their two sons, Stephen and Charlie, and beloved grandchildren. We will miss her.