

## CONTRIBUTOR PROFILES

### **SHIRLEY BLAYLOCK**

Shirley Blaylock is the National Trust Archaeologist for Devon and Cornwall. She first visited Lundy in 1993 and has worked for the National Trust in Devon since 1994, joining the archaeological survey team for seasons on Lundy from 1996. She is a joint author, with Caroline Thackray, of the current National Trust archaeological field guide to Lundy.

### **ROGER CHAPPLE**

Roger Chapple first visited Lundy by Campbell steamer in the 1950s and later stayed at Signal Cottages in the mid 1970s. After much encouragement he joined the Lundy Field Society in 1997 and considers it a very great privilege to have been elected Chairman of the Society in 2002. He enjoyed the good fortune of attending the local Grammar School in Barnstaple at the same time as Denver Scoins who, after a career deep sea, was appointed first as Master of the *Polar Bear* and then became the Master of M.S. *Oldenburg*. Roger is a member of several local and national organisations and enjoys sport, gardening and walking. He is a member of local theatrical groups and regularly attends the activities of the Morgan Sports Car Club. Roger runs his own construction company in North Devon. He is married to Paula and they have four children.

### **DR STEPHEN COMPTON**

After lecturing in South Africa for a few years Stephen returned to Yorkshire, and at present he is Reader in Entomology at Leeds University. His BSc degree was in Zoology at Hull University, where he stayed to do a PhD on cyanide polymorphism in birdsfoot trefoil. His interest in wildlife has been life-long. He was one of those kids who was rearing butterflies from caterpillars before they went to school and spilling frog spawn all over the back steps when not much older. Working as a professional biologist has allowed him to travel widely, from glaciers in Norway to the volcano of Krakatoa and the rainforests of Borneo. This has mainly been in connection with his main research interest - the ecology of fig trees and their pollinators. Closer to home, he has been involved with the conservation of several rare plant-feeding beetles.

### **JENNY CRAVEN**

Jenny has always been a keen naturalist and she graduated from the University of Leeds in 2001 with a degree in Biology, which had included a year studying agronomy in a French university, and a dissertation on spider community-ecology in farmland. She spent a summer working as a research assistant at the Natural History Museum on the taxonomy of mites living on British bats, and, pursuing the invertebrate ecology theme, she subsequently went on to do a Masters by Research (MRes) in Biodiversity and Conservation at the University of Leeds, studying the

ecology and evolution of the Lundy cabbage beetles. She wanted to continue the research she had started during her MRes, so she embarked on a PhD funded by NERC with Natural England as CASE partners. Jenny is supervised by Stephen Compton and Roger Key, and also Roger Butlin at the University of Sheffield, and she is now approaching the end of her PhD research.

#### **DR LEWIS DEACON**

Dr Lewis Deacon graduated in Biology at Portsmouth University and subsequently studied for a PhD entitled 'Functional biodiversity of grassland saprotrophic fungi' at King's College London as part of the NERC Soil Biodiversity thematic programme. He joined NSRI in September 2004, and is currently working on a BBSRC funded post-doctoral position entitled 'Self-organisation in the soil: microbe complex' collaborating with the University of Abertay, Dundee. He is a member of the British Mycological Society, the Institute of Biology and The British Society for Soil Science. Areas of expertise are in soil microbial ecology, analysis and characterisation of microbial communities for structure and function, Basidiomycete identification and surveying.

#### **DR DAVID GEORGE**

David George first visited Lundy in 1971 when he dived along with his wife Jenny George on a marine expedition led by Keith Hiscock to document its rich underwater life. Since that time he has dived around Lundy on many occasions on behalf of the Natural History Museum, London, and published on aspects of its marine invertebrate fauna in the LFS Annual Report. In recent years his diving has been largely confined to the warmer waters of the tropics and his Lundy activities have centred on the island's freshwater and terrestrial ecology, helping his wife with her pond life investigations and John Hedger with his detailed surveys of the island's fungi.

#### **PROFESSOR JENNIFER GEORGE**

Jennifer George is currently a Vice-President of the Lundy Field Society and was Chairman from 1988 to 2002. She has carried out research on the Lundy freshwater ecosystems since the late 1970s, and has published her results in the LFS Annual Reports. With over 30 peer-reviewed research papers and joint authorship (with David George) of an encyclopaedia of marine invertebrates she gained her Professoriate from the University of Westminster in 1990. Upon her retirement from that University in August 2003 where she was Provost of the Science and Technology campus, she was conferred Professor Emeritus by the University and is now involved with research, consultancy and committee work.

#### **DR GARETH WYN GRIFFITH**

Gareth Griffith is a lecturer in Mycology at the University of Wales Aberystwyth (UWA), specialising in fungal ecology. As an undergraduate at UWA he studied Microbiology, followed by a PhD in tropical fungal ecology also at UWA. Following periods of postdoctoral research at Glasgow and Bangor, he returned to UWA in

1996, where he has since focused on the ecology and conservation of grassland basidiomycetes, notably waxcaps, and several publications have ensued. With funding from NERC and statutory conservation bodies his research group has used GIS mapping of long-term field sites, stable isotope markers and genetic analyses to elucidate the biology of these fungi.

#### **PROFESSOR JOHN HEDGER**

John was born in Horsham, W. Sussex in 1945 where his early interest in Natural History, most especially fungi, was encouraged by joining the Horsham Natural History Society at the age of 8. He attended Collyer's School, Horsham, prior to reading Botany at Pembroke College, Cambridge from 1964-1967, followed by a PhD in Mycology in the Botany School, Cambridge, from 1967 to 1970, when he became a lecturer in Mycology at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. He moved to the School of Biosciences, University of Westminster, as a Quintin Hogg Research Fellow, in 1996 and became Professor of Tropical Mycology. His mycological research interests include the ecology of fungi, most especially in Tropical Rainforest, and he has worked extensively in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Ecuador. He visited Lundy for the first time in 2003 to assist with a field study by Professor Jenny George, and this led to the publication, with collaborator David George (Natural History Museum), of a preliminary survey of the fungi on Lundy, in the 2003 Annual Report of the LFS. He is a member of the LFS.

#### **DR KEITH HISCOCK**

Keith Hiscock was born and brought-up in Ilfracombe so that Lundy was more accessible to him than for most. After becoming fascinated by seashore life, he took a zoology degree and during that time 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, as a highlight, he discovered colonies of the sunset cup coral there: for the first time in Britain. Over the next twenty years, he returned to the island with a wide range of colleagues to document and better understand the marine ecology of Lundy. In the course of that period, 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 Nature Reserve. Most recently, in 2006, he has re-surveyed some of the shores studied by Leslie and Clare Harvey in the late 1940s and early '50s and has contributed to the No-Take Zone monitoring. Keith Hiscock is a past Chairman of the Lundy Field Society and now an Honorary Vice-President. He is currently Executive Secretary of the Marine Biological Association at Plymouth and Programme Director of the Marine Life Information Network (*MarLIN*) there.

#### **ROBERT IRVING**

Robert first went to Lundy in 1983 when he was appointed the Nature Conservancy Council's Marine Liaison Officer for Lundy. During two consecutive summers spent on the island, his job was to facilitate the establishment of the country's first statutory Marine Nature Reserve, which came into being in 1986. Since that time,

he has continued his interest in the island's marine matters. He has participated in various intertidal and subtidal monitoring studies around the island; led a number of conservation breaks for divers; undertaken an environmental impact assessment prior to the construction of the new jetty; and produced the short video film about the Marine Nature Reserve which is shown on board the M.S. *Oldenburg* when she sails to Lundy. Robert has served on the Committee of the Lundy Field Society since 1986, and co-edited the Lundy Field Society's 50th Anniversary book *Island Studies* published in 1997. Since 1990 he has been Secretary of the Lundy Marine Nature Reserve Advisory Group. He works as a consultant for his own marine environmental consultancy firm called Sea-Scope, based in N.E. Devon.

#### **DR ROGER KEY**

After gaining a BSc in Zoology at Nottingham, Roger went on to do a PhD in estuarine invertebrates and wading bird feeding ecology at Hull University. His first job was as Development Officer and Phase 1 Botanical Survey Officer for the Herefordshire & Radnorshire Nature Trust. He then joined Natural England (previously called English Nature), where he is now Senior Invertebrate Ecologist, dealing with the conservation of a wide range of insects and their habitats. He is also involved with the media, having been a natural history presenter of BBC2's *Countryside Hour* and *Langley Country*, and contributor to *The Natural History Programme* on Radio 4. Married to Rosy, in real life he is a keen gardener, cook, wildlife photographer and world travel fanatic.

#### **ROSY KEY**

Rosy is the Local Nature Reserves Officer at Natural England (previously called English Nature), promoting them via a website and the BBC *Springwatch* and *Autumnwatch* programmes. Her former post was deputy manager of the lottery-funded project 'Tomorrow's Heathland Heritage', restoring heathland over the U.K. Earlier jobs have been budget manager and exec officer, variously on conservation monitoring and site safeguard. She was formerly with JNCC doing international work on CITES and with the IUCN and earlier with the Nature Conservancy Council, over the years working on species advice, policy & planning and an entomological bibliography. Originally from Wales with a degree in Zoology from Hull University, she has always been a keen horsewoman, naturalist and hill walker and does lots of foreign travel.

#### **TONY PARSONS**

Tony Parsons is a veterinary surgeon, retired from a large Westcountry practice. His main interests are in ornithology and entomology, particularly involving migration of birds and insects and studies of parasitic Hymenoptera. He has been a bird ringer for 40 years, has taken part in a number of expeditions in Europe and West Africa and runs two bird ringing stations on the SSSI which he owns in south Somerset and on the island of Steep Holm where he is chairman of the trust which owns the island. Tony has been visiting Lundy for 50 years.

**HENRIETTA QUINNELL BA FSA MIFA**

Henrietta Quinnell is an expert on the prehistoric and Roman period archaeology, especially the ceramics, of South West Britain. From 1970 until 1999 she was lecturer in archaeology in the University of Exeter's Department of Extra-Mural Studies (later Life Long Learning) with responsibility for adult education courses throughout Devon and Cornwall. She has excavated widely in the region and published numerous papers in county archaeological journals. Her report on the excavation of Trethurgy Round - *Excavations at Trethurgy Round, St Austell: Community and Status in Roman and Post-Roman Cornwall* - published by Cornwall County Council in 2004 is the seminal work on Roman Cornwall. Since taking early retirement in 1999 she has been working as a consultant on prehistoric ceramics. She is currently President of the Cornwall Archaeological Society and a former President, now Vice-President, of the Devon Archaeological Society.

**DR MYRTLE TERNSTROM**

Myrtle Ternstrom (formerly Langham) first went to Lundy in 1952 and she has visited it regularly ever since. Her particular interest is in the island's history, and research is ongoing. She was part-author with Tony Langham of two books about the island, and since then has published another three, as well as being joint editor and publisher of F.W. Gade's Memoir, *My Life on Lundy*. Her enjoyment of Lundy arises from its tranquillity, the clear air, the wind, the sea and the birdsong; the friends she has made there, and the fact that it is an engrossing and yet encompassable subject of study. In 1999 Lundy's development, with consideration of comparable small islands, was the subject of her doctoral thesis.