

Editorial

We are pleased to bring you an issue of Wight Studies which is wide-ranging in content and covers many aspects of the interests of the Society, demonstrating the commitment of our members to the objectives of our founders. As we write, the issues of pandemic and war, which affected our predecessors a century ago still loom large in our headlines. There continues to be talk of 'building back better' and what this might mean in practice. Appreciation of, and care for our natural environment, and the creativity of people in so many spheres are important parts of our recovery process.

This year is the centenary of the establishment of the National Trust on the Isle of Wight, in which members of our Society played key roles in the original Local Management Committee. It is a privilege to showcase the contributions of Frank Morey, Edward Poulton and George Colenutt.

We are grateful to David Tomalin and Kevin Trott for the article on Godshill Church. We are aware that in the recent past, reports of Isle of Wight archaeology have been published in mainland publications which are less accessible to members.

Clive Cooper's detailed meteorological recordings continue to inform our understanding of our local weather patterns and long-term climate variations. The recently issued long-term datasets from the Meteorological Office give interesting insights, and figures extracted from these have been appended to Clive's annual report.

As ever, our members have been active in recording species, and we are delighted to include three long-term studies relating to Glow-worms, Mistletoe and Mantis Shrimps. Surveys take great dedication, in recording, analysing and presenting. We hope these surveys continue and inspire others to emulate them.

The Island continues to be an important site for geological discoveries and recent dinosaur finds are detailed in Alex Peaker's report.

The Society's *iWatchWildlife* project, managed by Tina Whitmore, continues to flourish, focusing our recording effort and enabling others to share our interests via social media and public events. In previous years, both Mistletoe and Glow-worms have featured as 'Species of the Month' and this year's 'Species of the Year', the Two-spot Ladybird, appears on the front cover.

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Editors of the Proceedings