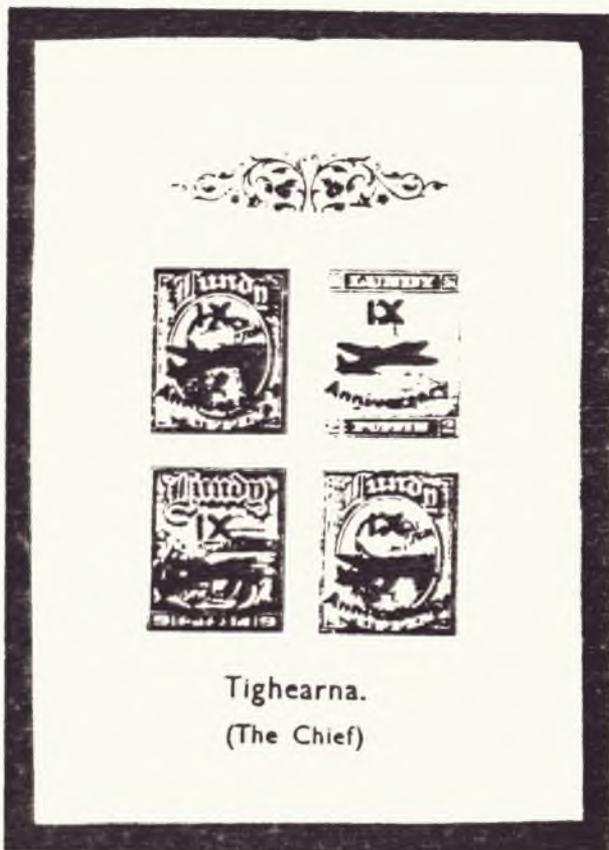


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Letter to the Editor

Response to Longtime Lundy Collector Inquiry

"Dear Roger. You ask how I became involved in collecting Lundy. I have always, since early youth, been a collector, and somehow leaned toward what we used to call 'the locals.' During a visit to the Tight Little Isle during the stewardship of Donald Heaysman, I also met Charlie Waghorn the Lighthouse Keeper. They were two genuine philatelic 'nuts'--nice guys, but unpredictable (and, I fear, unorthodox). Then later, when my long friendship with Felix Gade developed (he was a Nobleman, indeed), my Lundy inclination developed into a real specialty. I have had so much fun with those albums over the years that their value and importance mean almost nothing to me. Watch yourself, young fella; it could happen to you!"

--Paul S. Seybolt, Medford, Massachusetts (November 30, 1981)

Dear Great Grandfather Seybolt: For many of us "youngsters," it already has!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

--RSC

Welcome to these new Lundy Collectors Club members:

- 088 John Stasney -- Port Charlotte, Florida
- 089 Anders Backman -- Stockholm, Sweden
- 090 Jill Davis -- Atworth, Near Melksham, Wiltshire, England
- 091 Charles Wenck -- A.P.O. New York (Stationed in Germany)
- 092 David E. Lundy -- Driffield, North Humberside, England
- 093 Robert J. Mazzaferro -- North Reading, Massachusetts
- 094 David Perris -- Llandaff North, Cardiff, South Wales
- 095 Roger Hudson -- Warwick, England
- 096 Cleo Hack -- Gainsville, Florida
- 097 John R. Holman -- Dartford, Kent, England
- 098 T. G. Lardner -- Oxford, England
- 099 Bill Warren -- West Los Angeles, California
- 100 Mike Martin -- Lundy, Bristol Channel
- 101 Brian Munroe -- Allen Park, Michigan
- 102 L. Spindler -- Oneonta, New York
- 103 Victor Popiel -- Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- 104 Jean Wade -- Preston, Lancashire, England

Members dropped (for nonpayment of dues):

- 029 Patrick Labbe -- Pawtucket, Rhode Island
- 030 Mark Rose -- Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- 043 Frank Reischerl -- Manchester, Connecticut

Membership summary: As of February 1, 1982, the Lundy Collectors Club had 85 members in good standing. Geographical distribution for the membership is as follows: United States (52), United Kingdom (21), Canada (6), Germany (2), Sweden (2), Costa Rica (1), and Australia (1).

IN MEMORIAM -- EDWARD KUEHN (LCC Member 023)

Lundy Collectors Club officers were saddened to learn of the passing of longtime Lundy collector Ed Kuehn, who died as a result of a massive heart attack on December 29, 1981 at his home in Columbus, Ohio. Ed is survived solely by his Father, according to his longtime friend and philatelic associate, Charles D. Carrier. Ed was a member of the now-defunct Lundy Specialists' Society and had an abiding philatelic interest in China, Germany, and Cinderellas (most notably Lundy, Herm Island, and the CO-LO Local Post of Columbus, Ohio).

NOTES ON THE NEW BRITISH AND LUNDY POSTAL RATES AND DEFINITIVES

Compiled by Roger S. Cichorz

1982 British Definitives and Postal Rates

The British Post Office released six new definitive stamps on January 27, 1982 to be in line with increases in the British postal rates which went into effect on February 1, 1982. The five new values are: 12½ pence (light green) for the new second-class basic inland letter rate, 19½ pence (gray green) for the basic rate for Europe, 16½ pence (light brown) for the second weight step (60 to 100 grams) for second-class mail, 26 pence (red) for the airmail rate for Zone B (Africa, India, Southeast Asia, and North, Central, and South America), and 29 pence (sepia) for the airmail rate for Zone C (China, Japan, and Australasia). The 5-pence definitive has been reissued in reddish brown, a change from the previous pale-violet color; it was printed by offset-lithography on phosphor-coated paper by The House of Questa Ltd. The five new definitives were printed by Harrison & Sons (High Wycombe) Ltd. on phosphor-coated paper, except for the 12½-pence value which was printed with a single central phosphor bar.

New Lundy Postal Rates

The new British rates have significance for Lundy mailings, since the new Lundy rate, which went into effect January 1, 1982, is based on the British rate plus 15 percent rounded up to the nearest penny. For example, a second-class basic inland letter,

LUNDY - Examples of Postal Rates:					
<u>RATES FROM JANUARY 1, 1982 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 1982</u>			<u>PROPOSED RATES FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1982</u>		
<u>Letters - Within United Kingdom</u>					
<u>Weight not over</u>	<u>First Class</u>	<u>Second Class</u>	<u>First Class</u>	<u>Second Class</u>	
60g	17p	14p	18p	15p	
100g	24p	18p	26p	19p	
150g	30p	22p	33p	24p	
200g	37p	28p	41p	30p	
250g	44p	35p	49p	37p	
300g	51p	42p	57p	44p	
<u>Letters - Foreign Surface Mail</u>					
<u>Not over</u>					
20g	21p		23p		
60g	36p		38p		
100g	50p		55p		
150g	67p		72p		
<u>Airmail</u>					
<u>Zone</u>	<u>Not over 10g</u>	<u>Each 10g over</u>	<u>Not over 10g</u>	<u>Each 10g over</u>	
A	24p	13p	28p	13p	
B	26p	17p	30p	17p	
C	29p	18p	34p	18p	

with the former British rate of 11½ pence, was charged 13½ pence for a Lundy mailing prior to January 1, 1982 (i.e., the British rate + 2 pence) and 14 pence after January 1, 1982 (i.e., 11.5p + (11.5p x 0.15) = 13.225p, rounded up to 14 pence). After January 31, 1982, the British rate increase to 12½ pence for a second-class basic inland letter resulted in a charge of 15 pence for a Lundy mailing (i.e., 12.5p + (12.5p x 0.15) = 14.375p, rounded up to 15 pence).

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Barry Chinchon, the Lundy Philatelic Service Agent, kindly provided Philatelic Service account holders a table giving examples of the new Lundy postal rates. This table is reproduced on the preceding page.

1982 Lundy Definitive Stamps

Barry reported that the new Lundy definitive stamps were printed in sheets of 72 (8 across, 9 down) and have no marginal inscription. It appears that all sheets of the 14p, 16p, 18p, 19p, and 23p are perforated right across and that the left margins of sheets of the 10p, 15p, 17p, 20p, 21p, and 22p are not perforated. All the values appear to be perforated 14½ horizontally by 14 vertically.

Barry reported that 50,000 sets of the new definitives were ordered from the printers and that any extras will be purchased. As of late January 1982, he had not obtained the final printing numbers.

Barry reported the colors of the new stamps were given to him in the form of the values of the current Great Britain definitives, with the following color equivalents (Lundy value = Great Britain value): 10p = 10p, 14p = 3p, 15p = 15p, 16p = 5p, 17p = 12p, 18p = 13½p, 19p = 13p, 20p = black, 21p = ½p, 22p = 1p, and 23p = 17p. I used the Stanley Gibbons "Stamp Colour Key" in an effort to identify and define the colors of the eleven stamps. The results of my observations, along with the colors for the Lundy stamps published in the January 1982 BPPSG Newsletter and the colors for the corresponding British Machin definitives as listed in the Scott and Stanley Gibbons catalogues, are given in the table below.

Value	Cichorz	BPPSG	Scott	Gibbons
10p	yellow orange	orange	salmon	orange brown
14p	magenta	magenta	deep lilac rose	bright magenta
15p	ultramarine	blue	deep ultramarine	ultramarine
16p	lilac	pale violet	bluish lilac	pale violet
17p	yellow green	green	yellow green	yellowish green
18p	purple brown	brown	brown	purple brown
19p	greenish gray	gray-green	gray-green	olive green
20p	black	black	(black)	(black)
21p	pale blue	turquoise	greenish blue	turquoise blue
22p	crimson	crimson	magenta	crimson
23p	light emerald	chestnut	light green	light emerald

The color matches of the 19p and 21p definitives with the "Key" were not good. The 19p value was much too gray in shade to be called the olive green Gibbons assigned it. Actually, it appears to be intermediate between the greenish gray and olive gray colors of the "Key." The 21p value was somewhat intermediate in color between the pale blue and greenish blue of the "Key" but was lacking in the degree of greenishness it would need to be assigned the turquoise blue Gibbons calls its British counterpart.

Lundy 1982 Definitive First Day Covers

Barry informed Lundy Philatelic Service account holders that since there were no sailings of the Polar Bear between December 22, 1981 and January 4, 1982, orders for mint Lundy stamps were posted from the British mainland to get to collectors by the day before the official issue day (i.e., December 31, 1981), as New Year's Day was a holiday. Because there were no sailings of the Polar Bear during that period prior to January 5, 1982, all first day covers have the January 5th meter date, although the Lundy stamps on the backside are cancelled January 1, 1982. Barry reported that 453 FDC's went through the post. Some went to the Island shop, and about 250 were posted directly.

Lundy Philatelic Service Account Holders Given Essays

L.P.S. account holders who ordered the new Lundy definitives received a surprise along with their stamps! Barry included with

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each order a 9-puffin essay and 11-puffin essay, both in the current "puffin head" definitive stamp design. The essays were enclosed in a separate glassine envelope along with a typewritten note explaining them. The text of the note follows:

"For an earlier rate increase on August 20, 1979, the Philatelic Service hastily prepared, without the consent of the Landmark Trust, some 9p and 11p stamps. The use of these was not sanctioned, and we were asked not to release them at the time.

"It now seems that no harm can be done by letting collectors have specimens of these unofficial labels. Please accept them with grateful thanks for your support."

These essays are mentioned on page 75 of Chinchon's A Catalogue of Lundy Stamps: "Printed letterpress by Southern Publicity Ltd. of Eastleigh in Hampshire and perforated by the Philatelic Service." It appears both labels are perforated 11½. I determined the colors of the 9p and 11p essays to be green and bright crimson, respectively, on the Stanley Gibbons "Stamp Colour Key," although Barry lists them as green and red, respectively.

Barry provided this additional information about the essays:

"Please do not give much publicity to the 9p and 11p labels. I was not really supposed to release them, but collectors who have held deposits with the Philatelic Service have not had much benefit from supporting us, so I thought I would let a few copies out. I cannot make the labels generally available. As Landmark Trust, having decided not to use them, kindly paid the printing costs, they are not really mine to give away, and there could easily be repercussions if prominence is given to the unofficial material. I made 22,000 of each of the labels, and I guess that about 200 of each were given to collectors buying mint sets. I did not give them to dealers buying at the reduced rate."

On the Lundy Philatelic Service

A copy of a column entitled "Views on New Issues" that appeared in the February 1982 issue of Stamps was sent to me by Ian Wilkinson. The columnist wrote that one phrase in Barry's Lundy Philatelic Service circular (reprinted on page 4 of the Winter 1981 LCCPQ) interested him particularly: "Although these stamps are not intended for the philatelic market, first-day covers will be sent..." The columnist wrote to Barry and asked why, if he did not want to sell the Lundy stamps to the philatelic market, he bothered to send him the circular announcing the new issues. In reply, Barry wrote him a "fascinating" two-page letter explaining his views on the Lundy issues. Excerpts from Barry's letter are reprinted below, since they give some insight into the Lundy Philatelic Service.

- The new issue has been produced because the old definitives were no adequate (to meet the new Lundy/British rates).
- Lundy stamps are not "big business" and with the sales we anticipate, the printing costs will not be recovered for some years.
- The Philatelic Service exists to make the most of the philatelic potential, but it does not wish to exploit collectors, and it is essential that the bulk of the stamps are postally used.
- We do not wish to encourage speculators or create interest artificially.
- When Landmark Trust took over the administration, they wished to maintain Lundy's postal service.
- The Philatelic Service has always run at a loss. If ever a profit is made, I expect the Landmark Trust would have more issues.
- Lundy will probably now settle into a period during which collector interest will wane. There will be a trickle of requests, but the Philatelic Service will have very little to do.

After analyzing the points made in Barry's letter, the Stamps columnist concluded: "It seems to me that with such a long history of local service, the Landmark Trust could display more initiative."

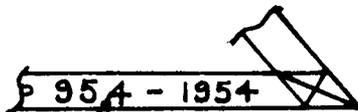
ADDITIONAL TYPES OF 1961 EUROPA MINIATURE SHEETS

by George H. Ulrich, Jr.

In The Puffin (Issue number 18, April 1969, page 32) and in his A Catalogue of Lundy Stamps (pages 50-52), Barry Chinchen describes eight types of constant flaw varieties of the 1961 Europa miniature sheets. These findings resulted from an examination of all the stock on Lundy during a visit there at the time. In a July 1981 letter, Mr. Chinchen wrote: "I only included varieties which were constant to a number of sheets. They more or less fell into eight types, or more true to say I found eight types, but as the few thousand I examined were only a fraction of the total printed, I would not be surprised to find further varieties. Harrison's did not reply to my letter asking them the number of sheets printed at a time."

In addition to Mr. Chinchen's "a" through "h" types, I have what I call "i" through "k" types, and these are described below. There are sheets on which none of the "a" through "k" flaws exist (my type "l"), so there must be at least twelve types of sheets extant. The three additional constant flaw varieties are not "one-timers" as I have in my collection numerous examples of each, both on white and on cream papers. I have also observed additional flaws in some of the "a" type sheets and in the "e" type sheets, and these are also described below.

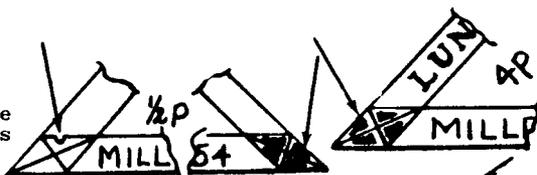
Type "a". Variety occurs on many, but not all, type "a" sheets: dot between "5" and "4" of the "954" date in the 1-puffin value.



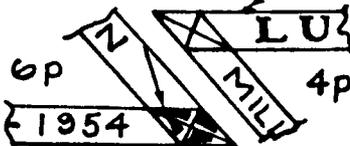
Type "e". Nick in the frameline to the left of "MILLENARY" in the 1/2-puffin value occurs farther to the right than in type "i". This seems to appear constantly but in various degrees of clarity.



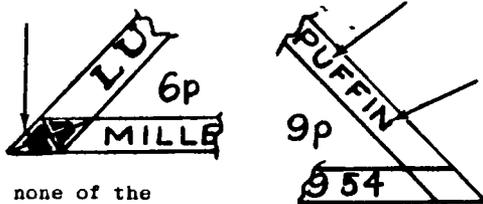
Type "i". The nick in the 1/2-puffin value is constant and is farther to the left than in type "e". The other flaws in the 1/2- and 4-puffin values are not always very clear.



Type "j". The left-hand side of the right-hand ornament in the 6-puffin value touches the frameline. The dot on the frameline in the 4-puffin value also occurs in types "a", "b", "c" (?), "f", "g", "h", and "k".



Type "k". A dot occurs between the left-hand ornament on the frameline of the 6-puffin value. The "U" and "N" of "PUFFIN" in the 9-puffin value are shortened.



Type "l". There exists none of the flaws described for types "a" through "k".

Lundy at Auction

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1981 Annual Cinderella Stamp Club Members' Auction

LCC member Ken Godfrey was kind enough to supply me with the prices realized on all the Lundy lots in the Cinderella Stamp Club Auction held in London on September 26, 1981. Of the 81 lots containing Lundy material offered, 52 of these, with cumulative estimates of 516.50 pounds, sold for 477.90 pounds, or 92.53 percent of the preauction estimates. At the time of this auction, the British pound had an exchange rate of \$1.80. The 29 lots that did not sell were estimated at 490.50 pounds and could form a nice nucleus of Lundy material for the 1982 CSC auction should the consigners decide to re-enter these lots.

Ken wrote that the trend of prices realized compared to estimates was upward except on most post-1951 stamps and that some of the lots had to be seen to be appreciated for their value. Since CSC consigners provide their own descriptions, which are by necessity brief, they are often incomplete or sketchy from the standpoint of the Lundy specialist. I would venture to say that most of the lots would have to be viewed to be appreciated, and, as a consequence, floor bidders are at an advantage over us Yankee members who are not fortunate to be in London at the time of the auction and have to submit our bids by mail. Ken reported that about 40 CSC members attended the auction in person and about 9 of these members seemed to be bidding on the Lundy material.

Several realizations were eye openers. A lot, described simply as an "assortment mostly overprinted (34)," was estimated at 3 pounds and realized a whopping 38 pounds--it must have had some "Red Cross" overprints or something else of interest? Another lot, described as "various cols. cover stamps (13)" (whatever that means?), sold for 18 pounds against its estimate of 5 pounds. A complete set of "large maps" was estimated quite low at 6 pounds, and it ended up fetching 26 pounds. On the other side of the coin, several lots sold for well below the consigners' estimates. Three 1936-39 covers with cumulative estimates of 55 pounds realized only 30 pounds. Two lots of complete panes of the 1954 Silver Jubilee definitives and the 1954 air mail issues sold for exactly half of their cumulative estimate of 88 pounds.

That the pre-1950 material did well is exemplified by the following lots: a used, perforated 1943 Tighearna sheet realized 4.20 pounds against its estimate of 2 pounds; a complete mint set of 7 of the 1942 "V + plane" first overprintings sold for 30 pounds against an estimate of 20 pounds; a complete used set of 8 of the 1943 "IX ANNIVERSARY" overprints fetched 30 pounds against an estimate of 25 pounds; and a block of 12 mint NH (u/m to the British) LACAL $\frac{1}{2}$ d labels (no indication in the description whether the 1937 violet, 1938 5-line overprint, or 1939 red issue) realized 6 pounds against a rather conservative estimate of 1 pound. The mint perforated 1943 gold-overprinted Tighearna sheet, estimated way too high at 25 pounds, and the mint perforated Tighearna sheet with a doubled gold overprint, estimated at 50 pounds, did not sell.

Westgate Philatelic Auctions

Westgate Philatelic Auctions (13 Cross Street, Barnstaple, North Devon, EX31 1BD, England; telephone Barnstaple (0271) 5581) offered 17 lots of Lundy material having a cumulative estimate of 301 pounds in its public stamp auction number 43 held on August 1, 1981. All 17 of these lots sold, realizing 321 pounds, or 6.64 percent above the preauction estimates. Ken Godfrey mailed me the appropriate auction catalogue pages and prices realized but mentioned that Westgate generally does not offer Lundy or other British locals in its auctions.

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Many of the lot descriptions were sketchy--for example, "1935 tram tickets $\frac{1}{2}$ d (both types), 1d, and 3d unused (estimate 25 pounds)"... Yes, but examples from which rolls?! The lot sold for 50 pounds. On the other hand, one cover lot containing a "tram" and estimated at a modest 15 pounds was quite adequately described as a "1935 (exploded) envelope from Lundy to Bristol. On front manuscript 'By Air A.C.A.S. Lundy Is. to Braunton.' On reverse $\frac{1}{2}$ d tram ticket (No. 00144) plus $\frac{1}{2}$ puffin, airmail label, and manuscript 'Lundy Is. to Braunton.'" It sold for 20 pounds. Another lot of unused trams ($\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, and 3d from unspecified rolls) sold for 46 pounds against an estimate of 20 pounds.

The lots in this auction ranged from the aforementioned "tram" items, a complete unused set of the ACAS 1936 "large maps" (estimated at 50 pounds, it sold for 25 pounds), and a complete set of "large maps" on an early (April 24, 1936) cover (estimated at 75 pounds, it sold for a more realistic 40 pounds) to more mundane 1953 to 1974 issues in sheets and on first day covers. One postal history lot is worth mentioning: "1936 envelope addressed to Lundy Is. posted on board R.M.M.V. Stirling Castle cancelled with Southampton machine Pacquebot cancellation. On front Stirling Castle cachet and $\frac{1}{2}$ puffin cancelled with rectangular Lundy Sep 1, 1936 postmark. On reverse $\frac{1}{2}$ d large map cancelled with rectangular Barnstaple Lundy Is. 1/9/36 cancellation. Unusual item." This pacquebot cover was conservatively estimated at 20 pounds and realized 25 pounds.

Brunswick International Stamp Auctions

In its May 29, 1981 postal auction, Brunswick International Stamps & Auction Ltd. (P.O. Box 224, 5 Place du Commerce, Bouet, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands; telephone 0481-20616) offered 39 Lundy lots estimated at 627 pounds. Of these, 18 lots, valued at 298 pounds, sold at realizations totaling 282.50 pounds. A set of three trams in mint NH condition, estimated at 20 pounds, realized the estimate. Bureau essays fared well: two 10-puffin essays sold for 15 and 24 pounds against estimates of 24 pounds each; a 30-puffin variety realized its estimate of 30 pounds; and four 3-puffin Lancaster/Wright examples all fetched their estimates of 30 pounds apiece. Several other proofs were offered, but it was difficult to guess what these were from their descriptions (for example, "1935 $\frac{1}{2}$ d black proof small format"), but several sold in the 7 to 12 pound range. A 1936 ACAS blue imperforate proof pair with the right stamp being the "extra flagstaff" variety was estimated at 20 pounds and sold for 20 pounds, but I am not aware that "large map" proofs existed in blue--a posthumous reprint perhaps? A single "large map" forgery in red fetched 6.50 pounds against an estimate of 6 pounds (could this possibly be one of what Chinchin's catalogue terms a "reprint"?).

In its June 30, 1981 postal auction, B.I.S.A. offered seven Lundy lots, including two mint "Red Cross" $\frac{1}{2}$ p and two mint "Red Cross" 1p values at a much too high estimate of 20 pounds each. A Pitman-prepared 1937 Coronation FDC with a Lundy $\frac{1}{2}$ p definitive tied by a boxed Lundy datestamp and $\frac{1}{2}$ d ACAS "large map" issue tied by the ACAS canceller, both dated May 14, 1937, was offered at an estimate of 20 pounds. A 1961 Europa imperforate proof set, which I took to be a set of imperforates in the issued colors, had an estimate of 6 pounds (too high), and a 1961 Europa miniature sheet was estimated (also too high) at 1.50 pounds. Lundy collectors must have agreed with me since the only lot to sell was the 1961 Europa imperforate proofs at 4.50 pounds.

B.I.S.A. offered 21 lots of Lundy material in its July 31, 1981 postal auction. Of these, 17 lots, estimated at 141 pounds, were sold, and the realizations totaled 134.25 pounds. Five "Red Cross" issues, ranging from the $\frac{1}{2}$ p to the 2p values and from mint NH with corner tabs to mint hinged without tabs, were estimated at a more realistic 5 to 8 pounds each, and each sold for its estimate. A "Lundy air $\frac{1}{2}$ d proof on blue paper" (probably the "air view" of 1937) was estimated at 12 pounds but only realized 8 pounds, possibly because of the inadequate description. A 10-puffin "Bureau

LUNDY AT AUCTION (Continued)

essay" in blue (on white paper?) fetched 14 pounds against an estimate of 12 pounds, and another example in yellow also sold for 14 pounds against an estimate of 12 pounds. A 30-puffin "Bureau essay" in green and brown realized its 12-pound estimate. A "Lundy and Atlantic Coasts Air Services Ltd. 1d block of four forgery" in mint, NH condition was estimated at 12 pounds; this must have been the imperforate block of four described in the Chinchon catalogue as a "reprint" and it sold for a modest 8 pounds. Two "large map" proofs, one in green and one in violet (Chinchon terms these "reprints"), realized 7 pounds each against estimates of 8 pounds each.

BISA's November 27, 1981 auction offered ten lots of Lundy material estimated at 136 pounds. A Phillips-prepared May 13, 1937 Coronation FDC from Lundy to Barnstaple was estimated (high) at 20 pounds. A February 21, 1951 inward flown cover from St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, having a 6d BEA airletter stamp handstamped "Landsend" in addition to a 2½d British definitive on the front and a Lundy ½p "BY AIR" value on the back, was estimated at 30 pounds. BISA's December 31, 1981 auction offered 24 Lundy lots estimated at 368 pounds. Eleven lots of ACAS "large map" reprints and a LACAL "small map" proof and Bureau essays were offered at estimates ranging between 8 and 25 pounds. Several LACAL "small map" varieties, some 1940's overprints, and bulk lots of 1955 to 1962 issues comprised the balance of the Lundy lots.

Puff'N Company Mail Sale Number 4

Puff'N Company (Box 1387, West Caldwell, New Jersey 07006, U.S.A.; telephone (201)-228-5560) held an "everything but the kitchen sink" mail auction which closed on October 23, 1981. The auction consisted of 529 lots with a cumulative preauction estimate of \$8813. Of these 529 lots, 96 lots with estimates totaling \$1115.50 were either withdrawn (12) or received no bids (84). The remaining 433 lots realized \$8675.50 against estimates of \$7697.50, or 112.7 percent of the preauction estimates.

The auction was highlighted by early covers, inverted "Red Cross" overprints, full sheets of several ACAS and LACAL issues, a selection of literature and clippings on Lundy, and a grouping of wholesale lots consisting of bulk holdings. There were 85 lots of covers and postal history items, and, as anticipated, these fared extremely well. All but four of these lots sold, realizing \$1413.50 against a cumulative estimate of \$1039, or 36.0 percent over the preauction estimates.

A summary of the prices realized for the stamp lots against their estimates, which are given in parentheses, follows. Lundy first definitives: 7 lots, \$107 (\$92); ACAS "tramtickets": 4 lots, \$134 (\$90); ACAS "large maps": 24 lots, \$771 (\$530); LACAL "small maps" and "lighthouse" issues: 16 lots, \$495.50 (\$549); "1929-1939" overprints: 4 lots, \$260 (\$250); second definitives: 5 lots, \$22 (\$21); "Red Cross" overprints: 3 lots, \$903 (\$675); "V + plane" overprints and proofs: 13 lots, \$221.50 (\$289); Tighearna sheets: 6 lots, \$305 (\$173); "IX ANNIVERSARY" overprints: 21 lots, \$624 (\$669); 1943 provisionals: 3 lots, \$89 (\$150); 1943 "biplane" overprints: 10 lots, \$145 (\$110); "BY AIR" overprints: 17 lots, \$299 (\$267); "8 puffin" overprints: 6 lots, \$111 (\$100); other 1950's issues: 45 lots, \$368.50 (\$398); 1960's issues: 41 lots, \$969.50 (\$944.50); and 1970's issues: 38 lots, \$340 (\$303).

A summary of the non-stamp lots and bulk holdings follows. One lot of the 1929 "puffin" coinage realized \$31 against an estimate of \$25; 4 lots of "odd and curious" (ephemeral items) sold for \$62 against estimates of \$50; 8 lots of The Puffin journals fetched \$91 against estimates of \$108; 10 lots of books realized \$99.50 against estimates of \$86; 6 lots of periodical and newspaper articles sold for \$24 against estimates of \$17; and 59 lots of bulk stamp and cover holdings realized \$789.50 against cumulative minimum bids of \$762.

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Several of the postal history and cover lots merit mention. A 1935 outward cover containing ACAS id "tramticket" #02916 from roll 6 tied to the back by a black Lundy cancellation (Chinchen type B) fetched \$56 against an estimate of \$45. Three other covers with "trams" sold for \$48, \$47, and \$46 against respective estimates of \$45, \$45, and \$40. A stunning Pitman-prepared 1936 cover addressed to Lundy, which commemorated the maiden voyage of R.M.S. Queen Mary, realized \$111 against an estimate of \$75. An inward FDC of the 1950 ip "BY AIR" overprint issue signed by the pilot fetched a whopping \$76 against an estimate of \$45. An inward FDC of the 1951 "birds in flight" definitives realized \$81 against an estimate of \$45. A cover commemorating the maiden voyage of the M.V. Lundy Gannet, indicating a round trip to and from Lundy as evidenced by cancelled Lundy millenary stamps on front and back, sold for \$34 against an estimate of \$20.

Imperforate Lundy stamps on cover fared extremely well, as I feel they should have, because they are very seldom offered and make interesting postal history items. A FDC with a set of imperforate Churchill stamps on the back, tied by a Chinchen type R cancellation of June 29, 1965, fetched a whopping \$62 against a modest estimate of \$20. Examples of non-FDC's containing imperforate sets and the prices realized are given with the estimates in parentheses as follows: EUROPA 1962 on an outward cover to the U.S. dated October 4, 1962, \$48 (\$20); Shakespeare on an outward cover to the U.S. dated August 20, 1964, \$56 (\$20); and a RSPCA block of 4 on a cacheted outward cover dated December 4, 1967, \$39 (\$15).

Two 1973 items, originating from the Lundy Philatelic Service and containing the infamous "embossed puffin" British stamps, fared well. A large brown envelope, dated January 4, 1973 from Lundy and January 5, 1973 from Ilfracombe and addressed to the U.S., fetched \$41 against a conservative estimate of \$30. A small cut piece on brown paper with a pair of embossed British 3p definitives, cancelled "Ilfracombe 22 JAN 1973," realized \$17 against an estimate of \$10. Perhaps I'm a prejudiced Lundy postal history collector, but I cannot understand how these fairly scarce covers did not sell for at least as much as the mint embossed stamps. A 3p mint, NH British Machin definitive with embossed puffin on the stamp and on the right margin sold for \$56 against what I thought was an outrageous estimate of \$40. Likewise, a "BY AIR MAIL" label, which was embossed at each side and sold by the Lundy Bureau, in mint, NH condition fetched \$27 against an estimate of \$25.

A May 1, 1973 National Trust Cruise post card and a May 22, 1973 Clevedon Pier Restoration Cruise post card both sold for \$11 each against their estimates of \$5 each. An April 12, 1962 Abbot Laboratories "Pentothal" advertising post card sold for \$12 against its estimate of \$5. Two lots of covers both sold above their estimates: the first contained 15 covers from Lundy (mostly Philatelic Service) to the U.S. from 1969 to 1979 and realized \$18 against its estimate of \$15; the second contained 41 covers to Lundy dated during 1968 and 1978 and realized \$34 against the estimate of \$25.

Most of the early Lundy and ACAS issues fared extremely well, although there were a few disappointments. ACAS id "tramticket" #00628 from roll 2 (which seems to be on everyone's want list) in mint, hinged condition realized \$49 against its estimate of \$25. Two ACAS "large map" issues in complete sheets were offered. The 2 pence in mint NH condition fetched a whopping \$276 against an estimate of \$150, and the 3 pence in mint NH condition (with a slight tear affecting the top left label) realized \$186 against an estimate of \$140. A complete set of mint, hinged "large maps" sold for \$176 against what I thought was a very high estimate of \$125. A full sheet of 48 mint LACAL id violet "air views" fetched only \$161 against an estimate of \$175 (a somewhat disappointing showing, considering the \$176 price tag for the "large map" set, which I consider to be quite a bit more common and readily available than a complete sheet of any LACAL issue). A full sheet of

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48 mint LACAL 1d red "air views" fetched only \$115 against an estimate of \$120, and a full sheet of 48 mint 1939 LACAL "light-house" 1d stamps realized only \$71 against an estimate of \$100.

The 1939 through 1950 overprinted stamps fared very well when offered as complete mint sets: the "1929-1939" overprints (LH) realized \$181 against an estimate of \$100; the "Red Cross" overprints (margin inscription copies except for the 12p value, mint LH) fetched a whopping \$401 against an estimate of \$275; the first printings of the "V + plane" issue (LH) sold for a disappointing \$41 against a very high estimate of \$150 that must have scared off potential bidders; a 1943 "IX ANNIVERSARY" set (NH) realized \$151 against an estimate of \$150, and another set (LH) realized only \$76 against an estimate of \$100; a set (NH) of the 1943 provisionals sold for \$46 against an estimate of \$70, while two LH sets, estimated at \$40 each, fetched \$33 and \$10, respectively; and the 1950 "BY AIR" overprints (LH) realized a whopping \$211 against a very high estimate of \$175. On the "BY AIR" set, perhaps bidders were influenced by the catalogue's remarks ("first complete set we've had") to bid so ridiculously high for a set that is not that uncommon. I feel \$10 is a fair asking price for that set, and if one takes the trouble to check a few dealers' price lists or even the LCCPQ "classified ads," one should be able to purchase a complete mint set for under \$20!

There were some interesting scarce varieties and printer's waste of the 1940-1943 overprints offered at quite conservative estimates, and the scarcity of and demand for these seldom-offered examples were reflected in their prices realized. For example, a mint LH 1p "Red Cross" value with an inverted overprint sold for \$251 against its estimate of \$200, and a mint LH 12p "Red Cross" value with an inverted overprint also sold for \$251 against its estimate of \$200. (These were the first examples of inverted "Red Cross" overprints I've seen offered at auction since I started writing this column almost three years ago.) Four "V + plane" color trials in mint LH condition realized \$21 each against much too low estimates of \$5 each. A "V + plane" 2p value with a double red overprint sold for \$17 against an estimate of \$15.

A 1942 Tighearna miniature sheet in mint LH condition with the brown printing doubled realized \$46 against its estimate of \$30. A "The Son of the Chief" trial sheetlet in issued colors in mint NH condition fetched \$75 against a conservative estimate of \$40, and another in black on un gummed paper realized \$63 against its estimate of \$40. A proof sheet of the brown color only with "The Son of the Chief" in mint LH condition fetched \$87 against an estimate of \$40. A 1943 mint LH "biplane" 8p value with a double red overprint realized \$29 against its estimate of \$20.

Several post-1960 issues are worth mentioning. Five imperforate mint sets of the 1964 Shakespeare issue sold from \$7 (LH) to \$35 (corner copies with margins on two sides, NH) against respective estimates of from \$15 to \$25. A set of mint NH Shakespeares in vertical pairs with margin at top realized only \$28 against its estimate of \$40. Imperforate mint full sheets of 12 of the three 1965 Churchill commemoratives fetched \$411 against an estimate of \$390. Imperforate singles of the 1967 R.S.P.C.A. se-tenant block sold for \$18 (mint, LH, wide margins) and \$12 (used, narrow margins) against respective estimates of \$20 and \$15. An imperforate block of the R.S.P.C.A. issue in mint, hinged condition fetched \$51 against its estimate of \$20. A full perforated sheet of six of the R.S.P.C.A. se-tenant blocks in mint NH condition, with a single fold, realized \$18 against an estimate of \$12.

The 1965 provisional (Chinchen #153) did not fare well. A mint NH copy realized only half of its estimate of \$40, and a mint, hinged copy sold for \$18 against an estimate of \$25. The 1969 provisional (Chinchen #161) fared slightly better. A mint NH copy fetched \$51 against its estimate of \$30, and a mint LH copy realized \$18 against its estimate of \$20 (i.e., \$33 extra for perfect gum!). A big bargain was lot 433 consisting of The Puffin

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Number 19, Autumn 1969, in very fine condition, in which page 1 contained a mint NH copy of the 1969 provisional attached by its margin selvage. The high estimate of \$40 must have scared bidders off, since somebody was able to purchase this lot (stamp and journal) for only \$6! A dummy booklet prepared in 1973, meant as a prototype and distributed to Lundy Philatelic Bureau account holders, realized \$69 against an estimate of \$40.

Finally, a word about the bulk lots: many issues went wholesale for considerably less than "face value"! I was fortunate enough to purchase quite reasonably one of the bulk lots--100 imperforate Tighearna miniature sheets with a forged "IX ANNIVERSARY" overprint in black. I have never come across any details of when, how, or why this overprint was done, nor by whom. If any reader of this column can supply me with any of that information, I would be most grateful and share that information in a future issue of the LCCPQ. You will find one of these sheetlets attached to the inside back cover of this issue of the LCCPQ as a "gift" to you.

Robson Lowe Auctions

From LCC member Bernard Stanley comes word that Bournemouth Stamp Auctions (Division of Robson Lowe, The Auction House, 39 Poole Hill, Bournemouth, BH2 5PX, England) offered a Lundy collection at an estimate of 65 pounds in its September 30, 1981 auction. The lot was described as "Lundy Island, 1929-62, the collection with Atlantic Coast Air Services 1d in imperf. miniature sheet of four; Lundy & Atlantic Coasts Air Lines Ltd. ½d (3) and 1d (2); a few Puffins issues including 1953 Coronation overprints and many later including Tighearna (2) c.t.o.; duplication; two are used. (180 stamps + 5 m.s.)." (The ACAS 1d in the imperforate miniature sheet of four format is almost certainly the "reprint" of the "large map" issue with settings c, g, a, and h, clockwise from the upper left stamp, as described in Chinchen's catalogue on page 19.)

In November, Herman Herst, Jr. sent word of another Lundy collection offered in a Robson Lowe (London) sale. Described as "Lundy: 1929-64, the collection with 1929 ½p to 12p, 1939 issues, 1942 V and Spitfire overprint, 1943 commemoratives, Atlantic Coast Air Services (8) and miniature sheets (2); those mentioned are mint; also two covers (64, two covers, 2 m.s., a few duplicates)," this lot was estimated at 50 pounds and realized 54 pounds (\$97.50).

Colonial Stamp Company

In its public auction #21 of British Empire material with a closing date of November 15, 1981, Colonial Stamp Company (5410 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90036, U.S.A.) offered one lot of Lundy material estimated at \$150+. The lot was a collection described as "LU1/LU215+ 1929-1979, mounted collection of approximately 180 stamps, 6 souvenir sheets, 1 FDC, loaded with sets, few earlier issues missing a stamp or two, a meaty lot, doesn't need much to complete, prices and catalogue numbers from (Gerald Rosen's) Catalogue of British Local Stamps 1978, o.g., mostly or all NH, F-VF."

The collection contained mint copies of the 1929 and 1939 definitives, a ½d "tram" from roll 6 and a 3d "tram" from roll 5, LACAL ½d "air views" and 1d "lighthouse," the "Red Cross" surcharge set (minus the 12p value), the "V + plane" overprinted set, the five low values of the "Wright Brothers biplane" overprint set, a perforated, gold-overprinted Tighearna miniature sheet, the 1950 "BY AIR" overprint set, and most of the post-1950 issues listed in the Rosen catalogue. All in all, it was a rather representative Lundy collection and in this columnist's mind worth considerably more than Colonial's estimate. The collection sold for only \$198 (\$180 plus a 10 percent buyer's surcharge) and was a bargain for the lucky buyer.

LUNDY AT AUCTION (Continued)I.P.P.A. "Lundy Only" Number 2 Auction

LCC member Stanley Newman of International Philatelic Postal Auctions (I.P.P.A., Auction Department, 51 Goldstone Crescent, HOVE, Sussex, BN3 6LR, England) held his second Lundy only auction on November 30, 1981. The auction was comprised of 262 lots having a cumulative estimate of 2564.25 pounds. Included in this auction were 45 postal history and cover lots estimated at 299 pounds, three "tramticket" lots with a cumulative estimate of 53 pounds, some interesting "varieties" of the LACAL ½d red "air view" issues in multiples, three examples of 1954 Jubilee issue "printer's waste" estimated (I felt way too high) from 24 to 29 pounds each, and some interesting "misplaced" overprint varieties of the 1951 "8 on 12p 3 bar" revaluation issue.

Of the 262 lots offered, 167 lots estimated at 1182.75 pounds realized 1329 pounds, or 12.4 percent above the preauction estimates. Of the 45 postal history and cover lots offered, 34 lots estimated at 294 pounds sold for 352.75 pounds, or 20 percent above the preauction estimates. Highlights included a mint set of ACAS "large maps" which fetched 28 pounds against an estimate of 26 pounds, a reprint imperforate pair of ACAS "large maps" in purple on whitepaper which realized 16 pounds against an estimate of 14 pounds, and a set of "wrong color" overprints of the 1953 Coronation 2p and 4p values in gutter pairs (with normals for comparison) which sold for 14 pounds against its estimate of 12 pounds. The three lots of 1954 Silver Jubilee "printer's waste" realized only 48 pounds against cumulative estimates of 80 pounds, so bidders must have agreed with my assessment that the estimates on these lots were much too high.

Stanley Newman has instituted a policy whereby any unsold lots in this Lundy auction were made available for a limited period following the auction at prices of the estimates given in the auction catalogue on a "first come, first served" basis. I feel this is an excellent idea in that it gives clients a chance to purchase lots at a known net price and the consignors an opportunity to have more of their material sold promptly without having it held for some future auction. Mr. Newman indicated that this policy, which had proved popular in the firm's Channel Islands auctions, will probably remain in effect for all future I.P.P.A. Lundy auctions.

Peter Kenedi Eastland Stamp Auctions

Peter Kenedi, Inc. Eastland Stamp Auctions (Concourse Eastland Center, Harper Woods, Michigan 48225, U.S.A.; telephone (313)-371-8864 or 371-6295) offered two Lundy covers as separate lots in its 245th public auction sale, which closed on September 26, 1981. The first was a Pitman-prepared 1936 Queen Mary maiden voyage cover from Lundy, franked with a 1½d British definitive, a Lundy ½p definitive, and an ACAS ½d "large map." The British stamp is tied by a June 1, 1936 New York "Paquebot" cancellation, and the cover is autographed by the ship's Captain. This highly-desirable cover was estimated (about right) at \$100. The second lot was a more mundane 1948 outward cover to Brooklyn franked with a Lundy Tighearna miniature sheet on the front and a block of six and an additional pair of British 1p definitives (Scott #231) on the back. This cover was given an estimated cash value of \$50, which I thought was quite high even though it showed a relatively "late use" of the miniature sheet and was addressed and franked in an unusual manner.

According to the prices realized for the September 26th auction published in the Kenedi auction catalogue for December 19, 1981, the Queen Mary cover realized only \$42.50 (shockingly low), and the Tighearna sheet cover sold for \$32.50 (which I felt was too much). However, I noted the same two identically-described lots were offered in the December 19th auction. From the photograph of the Queen Mary offerings in both catalogues, it was clear to

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me that they are the same covers, not duplicate lots. So what gives? Kenedi's auction department offered three possible explanations for this occurrence: (1) Most probably, the lots were never paid for by the successful bidder and simply offered again; (2) the lots were returned for some reason; or (3) no bids were received, and the prices realized were owner's reserves. The Queen Mary cover ultimately sold, realizing \$82.50 (\$75 plus a buyer's surcharge of 10 percent).

Odds and Ends

Deaton's (5719 Kirby Drive, Houston, Texas 77005, U.S.A.) offered in its public auction number 7, which had a closing date of August 22, 1981, a lot of Lundy stamps. The lot was described as "Lundy Island, small lot of 120 stamps and two covers of Lundy Island, interesting group" and estimated at \$25. It turned out this "interesting group" consisted of common Coronation, Millenary, and Jubilee issues, and the covers were CTO's with mixes of stamps from the Millenary and Jubilee sets. I felt the lot was worth about \$10.

Maltalately (125 North Seventh Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403, U.S.A.) offered a mint, never-hinged set of seven of the 1943 "V + plane" overprints in its mail auction advertised in the August 17, 1981 issue of Linn's Stamp News. From the lack of lot description ("Lundy set of 7 values overprinted V and airplane. Curious."), I assumed the auction describer was not familiar with these stamps, and no estimate ("ENV?") was given. The set turned out to be a complete set of the first overprintings, and it realized a modest \$30--a bargain for the lucky buyer!

Promenade Stamp Company (6268 No. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308, U.S.A.) again offered at an estimate of \$50 that lot of 27 Lundy stamps in its mail sale 104, which closed on September 21, 1981. The lot was previously discussed in my Summer 1981 column on page 17, and I had mentioned that the material was worth about \$12 and could not figure out how that \$50 estimate was arrived at. Bidders obviously agreed with me since it appears the lot did not sell in the previous auction. (Or maybe it did, and the proprietors of Promenade decided to offer a duplicate lot. I would if I could get somebody to buy it at even half that estimate!)

LCC member Austin Dulin sent word that David Feldman, S.A. of Geneva, Switzerland offered the following lot of Lundy material in his September 18-26, 1981 auction: "LOCALS - Lundy Island collection of proofs in album, fine range with complete sheets, sets, etc., scarce lot (100's)." The lot was estimated at 750 Swiss francs and realized 900 Swiss francs (about \$490).

Beck's Stamp Auctions (P.O. Box 2216, Mesa, Arizona 85204, U.S.A.) offered a lot of more than 100 Lundy stamps and 2 covers at an estimate of \$20 in its sale #138 which closed late October 1981. The lot consisted of 1953 Coronation, 1954 Jubilee, and 1954 Millenary issues, and the covers were CTO's--a 1953 cacheted Coronation cover and one having six of the 1954-1955 issues. The lot was similar to that offered by Deaton's and worth about half its estimate.

Kover King, Inc. (120 West 44th Street, New York City, New York 10036, U.S.A.; telephone (212)-581-6910) offered one Lundy lot in its public auction sale held October 22, 1981. Consisting of a complete set of the 1953 Coronation issue on two FDC's, the lot was estimated quite high at \$15.

This "Lundy at Auction" column is a double-length version. Half of it was intended for appearance in the Winter 1981 LCCPQ but was cut out because of space limitations brought about by the length of the "Questions and Answers" feature. The columnist-cum-editor would like to assure readers that the column will revert back to a shortened form for the Summer 1982 LCCPQ.

LUNDY - USED ABROAD AND SHIP LETTER

by George H. Ulrich, Jr.

As a Bermuda collector, I was asked at a Bermupex show why I didn't exhibit there. I suggested I might show Lundy at the next show but was told to "forget it--there could be nothing of interest." Knowing about the very scarce 1893 Provisional postal card (Figure 1), of which only 87 cards were so over-printed, I was determined to remind my friend of another of the very rare postal cards that was issued in Bermuda with the help

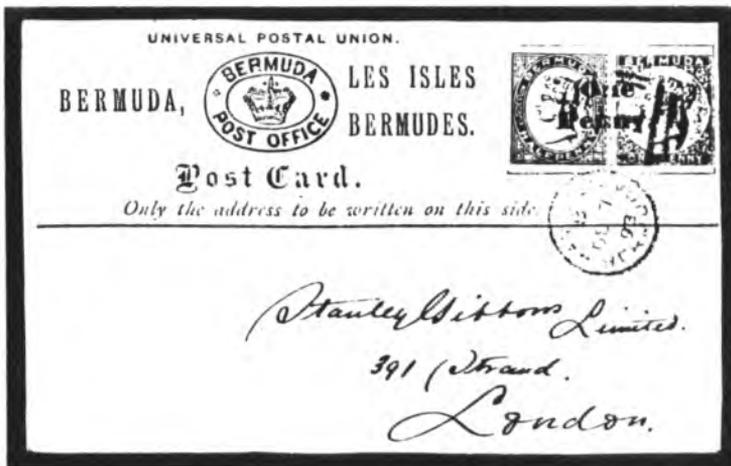


FIGURE 1. Rare Bermuda provisional postal card of which only 87 examples exist.

of the Lundy Postmaster to meet a temporary crisis when the 87 cards were sold out and the "locals" who could write were demanding cards to send to each other. My letter to my friend read, in part, as follows:-

"Your urgent air letter just arrived, and it is always a pleasure to help a fellow researcher--into deeper mud! To that end I am enclosing one of the few known examples of the rare provisional



FIGURE 2. A mint example of the extremely rare Bermuda provisional postal card prepared by the vacationing Lundy Postmaster.

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that were in use in Bermuda in late 1893 as an emergency measure. It is recorded that at the time, the Postmaster of St. Georges, who had all the ½ penny Bermuda stamps, wasn't speaking to the Postmaster of Hamilton, who had all the 1 penny stamps. It happened that the Postmaster of Lundy, who was playing golf at Mid-Ocean Golf Club that week, stepped forward and provided puffin stamps of similar values and colors. These were affixed to the blank Bermuda cards and overprinted "One/Penny," the new rate of postcard postage (Figure 2). Very few, if any, were used, since the feud only lasted from 3 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on a rainy night. As a matter of fact, this may be one of only two to have survived, no used copies being known. So don't turn up your nose at Lundy stamps!"

In retaliation, my scoffing friend, a postal history expert, sent me the first "Lundy" ship letter I'd ever seen (Figure 3) and explained its strange routing as follows:-

"Written in Paris in 1841, in Spanish and English, by a Frenchman who instructed a Scot to ensure it was posted by Monday. Due to language difficulties, this was misconstrued as posted 'via Lundy,' an obvious mistake. So, the letter travelled from Calais by coastal coracle to Caen, then by lugger via Lands' End to Lundy, where Lloyd's signalman (there was no postmaster in Lundy at that time) applied "LUNDY/SHIP LETTER" in a fine strike on the obverse. Thence by closed bottle in the Severn Bore to Avonmouth, Bristol, and the M4 to London, and Great Western Railway to St. Austell. An unusual routing. Possibly unique!"

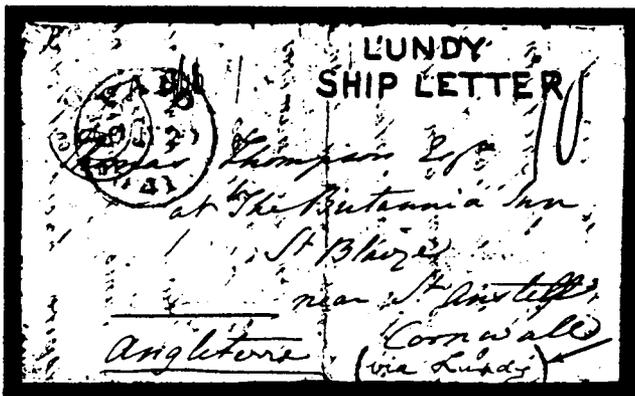


FIGURE 3. Extremely rare "Lundy Ship Letter" that is termed "possibly unique"!

It is suggested that Lundy collectors be on the lookout, in closets, under beds, and under damp stones, for more of these rare items. They certainly are more elusive than "ATTANTIC" overprints, Red Cross "Puffins," Pony Express covers, or even "Pizza" stamps!

Editor's note: Although not appearing as a regular LCCPQ author, George H. Ulrich, Jr. has been a frequent contributor to this Journal in the guise of a letter-to-the-editor writer on numerous occasions. George, besides having a Lundy collection that most of us would give our eye teeth, not to mention an arm and a leg, to possess, is a specialist in the stamps and postal history of Bermuda, hence, the tie-in of Lundy and Bermuda in the preceding article. George was a member of the now-defunct Lundy Specialists' Society--one of nine members of that organization who are currently members of the Lundy Collectors Club (Austin Dulin, Paul Seybolt, Larry Dodson, Barry Chinchin, John Martin, William Rowcroft, Andre Dufresne, and Jean Wade being the others). Just in case you hadn't figured it out by now, the preceding article by George has a dateline of April 1, 1982! --RSC

THE 1969-1972 "1P" OVERPRINTS OF THE 1930 9P DEFINITIVE ISSUE

by M. Andre Dufresne

With the very kind help of Mr. Felix Gade, I was able to gather much new information about the 1969-1972 Lundy overprints, which I hope will shed new light on the whereabouts of these issues.

It is a well-known fact that 12,000 copies of the 1930 9p definitive issue were sent by Mr. Gade to Atlantic Coast Studios during the summer of 1969 for the purpose of being surcharged with the value of 1p. This was done when it became apparent that stocks of the 1929 1p definitive (which was still in use in 1969) were running low due to the large amount of mail being sent out by visitors. It has also been established that out of the 100 sheets sent, the top two were damaged, leaving a total of 11,760 stamps available for overprinting; and also that the first day of issue of the black overprint was August 9, 1969. (See The Puffin Number 19, October 1969, page 20; The Puffin Number 20, Summer 1970, page 31; and The Puffin Number 21, undated (1971), page 17.) It is also known that sometime in September 1969, the firm J. Sanders (Philatelist) Ltd. of Southampton wrote Mr. Gade requesting 520 copies of the provisional issue and that due to a mistake of the printers, they received their stamps bearing a red overprint; and, finally, that a special overprint was applied to 3,000 copies of the 1930 9p issue in support of the Appeal Fund started by West Country Members of Parliament.

I had never been convinced that the quantities given were right, and, further, I had always thought that there had been a *second* overprinting of the 9p stamp in *black* sometime in November 1969. Now, with the help of Mr. Gade and others, here is what I have found.

The original supplies of 12,000 9p stamps were sent for overprinting to Gazette Printing Service of Bideford. However, after three weeks they returned the 12,000 stamps (240 of which were damaged), saying that they could not do the job they had already accepted. As there was an urgent need for these stamps, Mr. John Dyke (who was to become a Lundy Islander later) kindly obliged to silk-screen the stamps with the appropriate surcharge. Accordingly, the 11,760 stamps were sent over to Atlantic Coast Studios and were returned to Lundy a few days prior to August 9, 1969. Mr. Gade at that time did not count the stamps, taking it for granted that all 11,760 stamps had been returned. But this was not the case, and he was told several weeks later by Mr. Dyke that only about 7,500 stamps (in my opinion, 7,720) had been returned, all being surcharged in black, with one screen of 30 overprints.

In August 1969, a campaign was launched by three members of the British House of Commons, led by Jeremy Thorpe, by which the Island was purchased and presented to the National Trust. An Appeal Fund was started to restore the buildings of the Island, and Major-General Fergus Ling was appointed to organize the Appeal. Part of the promotion of the Appeal was that where members of the public were prepared to donate 1 pound or more to the Lundy Appeal Fund, they would receive in acknowledgment a specially designed post card, sent from Lundy, affixed with a stamp with a special "APPEAL" overprint, which was available only by this method, as no mint stamps were sold to the public.

For this purpose, 3,000 copies of the 1930 9p issue were overprinted in red with the word "APPEAL" and small figures "1," and Mr. Dyke says that these stamps were taken from the residue of the 11,760 stamps previously sent to him. Red ink was used solely because it was already in the silk-screening bed. These stamps were sent to Major-General Ling by the end of September 1969, and the first day of use was September 29, 1969.

It is not known whose idea it was to issue these stamps, but they were all sent to Major-General Ling's office in London,

where they were affixed to post cards of receipt. These post cards were sent in bundles to Lundy for the application of the date and cancelling impressions. Mr. Dyke, in a letter dated May 10, 1970, confirmed that no "Appeal" stamps were available from the Island.

A retired Major named Raymond Moore was Major-General Ling's assistant, and he was in charge of stamping and dispatching the receipt cards. Major Moore wrote me on June 27, 1970 that of the 3,000 stamps issued, only 750 had been sold. I subsequently sent a donation of 1 pound to secure a copy of the stamp, but like so many collectors, I never heard from Major Moore anymore. He kept the money and failed to answer all queries. Mr. Gade, as well as Barry Chinchin, Bryan Sherwood, Tony Langham, and others have tried without success to get a reply from him.

The Fund was later closed, and the money handed over to the Landmark Trust, but nobody knows for sure who has the remainders of the "Appeal" issue (which should represent about 2,000 stamps).

According to Mr. Harman-Jones, the stocks of stamps held in London by the late Albion Harman were collected by Mr. John L. E. Smith of the Landmark Trust and were later sent to Lundy, but Mr. Gade stated that there were definitely no "Appeal" stamps among them. Mr. Harman-Jones now has no files to refer to, and the lady who had always cared for the London stock of stamps emigrated to Australia, and her present address is unknown.

It would seem that Major Moore is not willing to turn the stamps over to the actual owners of Lundy but persists in saying that the residue belongs to the people who supplied the stamps, who were the Harman family. This is a matter that the National Trust should take up with Major Moore as he (and others) could try to market these stamps for their own profit.

At about the same period (August 1969), Mr. Gade received an order from J. Sanders Ltd. of Southampton for 500 of the black-overprinted "1p" over 9p stamps. At that time, knowing nothing of the "Appeal" issue, Mr. Gade wrote to Atlantic Coast Studios and asked them to silk-screen about 500 stamps and send them directly to J. Sanders, because he was already running short of the "1p" over 9p stamps on Lundy. The printers supplied Sanders with 520 stamps overprinted in red instead of black. Mr. Sanders wrote to thank Mr. Gade for the stamps and told him they were silk-screened in red. Mr. Gade took up the matter with Atlantic Coast Studios, which said that the operator, having used red ink for the "Appeal" stamps, thought that red ink should be used once more.

Mr. Dyke says that the shade of red of the "Appeal" issue is darker than the stamps supplied to Sanders, which were almost vermilion.

According to Sanders, this stamp was released on September 11, 1969, although Barry Chinchin's Catalogue mentions the date as November 9, 1969 (which is probably right).

In order to get supplies of the black overprint, Sanders wrote again to Atlantic Coast Studios sometime between August 11, 1969 and October 1, 1969, and requested a further supply of 520 stamps. These were overprinted on the remainders of the 11,760 stamps and were supplied to Sanders about November 9, 1969, according to the firm.

Before talking about the 1972 overprint, let me summarize:

Total number sent to Atlantic Coast Studios:		12,000
Damaged in transit:		240
Issued 8-9-69 BLACK OVERPRINT:	7,500 or (?)	7,720
Issued 9-29-69 APPEAL ISSUE:		3,000
Issued 11-9-69 RED OVERPRINT*:		520
Issued 11-9-69 Second BLACK OVERPRINT*:		520
	TOTAL	12,000
(* Supplied entirely to Sanders of Southampton)	Used	12,000
	Supplied	

Finally, I wish to draw attention to the fact that the 1972 provisional overprint, "1p" in dark blue on the 9p issue, is also due to a mistake. This stamp was issued on May 1, 1972, and 3,600 copies were printed. In a letter dated September 1, 1972, Mr. Gade explained to me: "Early this year it was realized that the stock of one puffin decimal stamps would not last until the appearance of the commemorative issue on June 7, and to bridge the gap, 3,600 9p stamps of the 1930 issue were surcharged 1p. The overprinting was by the silk-screening process, and the printers, unfortunately, used a deep blue ink instead of black." Mr. Gade went on to say that the issue was almost sold out. So it seems that the printers goofed again and delivered the overprint in the wrong color!

This is all I have been able to find out about these issues. If anybody has additional information, please write to M. Andre Dufresne, C. P. 112, Succ. Beaubien, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2G 3C8.

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To the late Mr. Felix Gade, former Postmaster of Lundy, who took so much time writing to all the people related to these issues, collecting data, and transmitting same to me, I owe many thanks. Mr. Gade's invaluable assistance was my main source of information, and without his friendly assistance, this article could not have been written. I also wish to thank John Dyke, Mr. Harman-Jones, and all those who kindly answered Mr. Gade's and my own queries.

--M. Andre Dufresne

THE PUFFIN-EMBOSSSED GREAT BRITAIN STAMP OF 1973

by M. Andre Dufresne

There is a short article in The Puffin Journal Number 23 (Autumn 1974, page 10) about the puffin-embossed Great Britain stamps. Here are a few additional notes on this subject.

The embossed stamps, produced in 1973 by the Lundy Philatelic Service, were admittedly made as a "gimmick." In a way, they resemble the regional stamps issued for use in the various parts of the British Isles.

The Lundy Philatelic Service produced about 300 of these stamps before they were prohibited by the Post Office. The earliest known date of use is a January 5, 1973 Ilfracombe postmark. (The covers were dispatched from Eastleigh to Lundy on January 3, 1973.) They were prohibited by the G.P.O. sometime in February 1973, and about 60 items were returned by the G.P.O. for re-stamping.

I have seen multiples used on covers, and a few mint stamps were sold to collectors, so there must be very few covers with the embossed stamps duly cancelled between January and February 1973; in any event, less than 200 of these covers must exist. Only the 3p blue of the Machin definitive issue (Scott #627) was so treated, and the margins were also embossed. Airmail labels used by the Lundy Philatelic Service were embossed in a like manner, but I do not know how many were produced.

A lot consisting of one mint and one used embossed 3p stamps brought 55 pence in an auction in February 1974, and a cover bearing this stamp realized \$31 against a preauction estimate of \$10 in the September 5, 1980 mail auction held by Puff'N Company! A mint copy realized \$56 against a \$40 estimate and a cover bearing seven used copies sold for \$41 against an estimate of \$30 in the Puff'N Company October 23, 1981 mail auction!

News of LCC Members

- Stanley Newman, who conducts the I.P.P.A. "Lundy Only" auctions, had been recuperating from a heart attack he suffered late in 1981. Recent word from Stanley is that the specialist pronounced him 100 percent fit once again and that he's ready to proceed at "full steam ahead"!
- News had been received from Roger E. Allen that the British Community was pulling out of Nicaragua because of the rapidly deteriorating economic climate and tense, uncertain political situation in that country. Roger has been reassigned by his employer, the Bank of London, from Managua to Taipei, Taiwan, and as of January 1982 he has been in the process of setting up residence there. The LCC wishes you luck and success on your reassignment, Roger, and looks forward to some Asiatic/Lundy covers coming our way soon!
- Puff 'N Company President John E. Van Emden, along with the Greg Manning Company, was a founder of the International Postal Marketing Corporation (IPM) in 1974. IPM has recently began construction of a modern 76,000-square-foot office headquarters which is slated for completion in the late summer of 1982 and will be shared with the Greg Manning firm. IPM's major undertaking is the development of services appropriate to foreign governments wishing to reach the North American collector, and its member clients include the Australian Stamp Bureau, Cocos (Keeling) Islands Bureau, Norfolk Island Stamp Bureau, British Royal Mint, Dutch Mint, Royal Australian Mint, Reader's Digest First Day Cover Collection, and the Collector's Digest. Collector's Digest provides "one-of-a-kind" collectibles in an informative, interesting catalogue format" and you can obtain a free subscription by writing John at 128 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, New Jersey 07006, U.S.A.
- Congratulations to Herman ("Pat") Herst, Jr., whose exhibit "Great Britain Number 1, The First Postage Stamp Ever Issued" received a gold award on November 1, 1981 at the International ROCPEX TAIPEI '81 Exhibition held in Taipei, Taiwan. Pat was also elected to a two-year term as a Member of the Board of the American Stamp Dealers' Association. Good going, Pat!
- Richard M. Langworth authored a 9-page article on "Herm and Its Locals" in the November 1981 issue of The American Philatelist. Dick attributes Herm as the setting for his own "peculiar re-awakening to philately." Dick joined the LCC after he had coerced the LCCPQ Editor into joining the Club of Channel Islands Collectors and the Winston Churchill Study Unit of the American Topical Society. (This is an exaggeration. Actually, Dick was so impressed with the sample copy of the LCCPQ sent him he felt the membership fees were worth the journal subscription.) Dick offers a retail stock of Herm locals and even has some Lundy material for sale. For 37 cents in postage, he'll mail you his current price list. Write Richard M. Langworth, Box 385, Contoocook, New Hampshire 03229, U.S.A.

For you automobile buffs, another of Dick's vocations is heading Dragonwyck Publishing Inc., publishers of fine pictorial books on classic cars. If you are interested in collectors' automobiles, ask Dick to provide you with a current brochure on Dragonwyck's offerings (postage appreciated).
- Lester Winick was awarded a gold medal for his "The Evolution of Space Mail" exhibit at the American Stamp Dealers' Association NATIONAL '81 Exhibition held November 19-22 in the New York City Coliseum. Les's exhibit also received the second place American Topical Society Award at NATIONAL '81. Congratulations, Les, for such a good showing! Incidentally, Les is presently serving on the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Society.
- Stephen R. Datz, Vice President and General Manager of the Scott Philatelic Corporation, was the principal speaker at the ORCOEXPO '82 Show in Anaheim, California on January 8 and 9, 1982. Datz discussed "Stamp Investments in a Changing Economy" and concluded that stamps are being viewed less as collectibles and more as viable investments because of inflation and new record prices at auction.

NEWS OF LUNDY COLLECTORS CLUB MEMBERS (Continued)

Datz is the author of the Datz Philatelic Index, a compilation of price movements of investment-quality United States stamps. The book is distributed by Scott Publications and is available from the many local stamp dealers that retail Scott's albums and accessories.

- D. J. Binstead sends word that his employer, RushStamps (Rush House, Emery Down, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, SO4 7D2, England) is offering its latest price list of philatelic material for Great Britain and the islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Man, Faroes, Tristan da Cunha, and others (some Lundy and other Isle locals included). The 96-page listing is available for the cost of postage (\$3 for United States and Canadian residents).
- The Aerophilatelic Federation of the Americas (AFA) held its Southern Regional Meeting in conjunction with the 106th AFA members clubs' auction January 30, 1981 in Clearwater, Florida. Pat Herst is the President of AFA, and the LCC is one of the 58 member clubs comprising the AFA. According to LCC Vice-President Jim Czyl, since the LCC is an AFA member club, any LCC member can take part in the AFA auctions.

For information on the AFA clubs and auctions, write the new AFA executive officer, Dr. Fred L. Wellman, 5112 S. Pointe Drive, Inverness, Florida 32650, U.S.A. For a copy of the catalogue and a membership application, please include a number 10 size, self-addressed, stamped (39¢) envelope (or IRC). The AFA publishes the Jack Knight Air Log and AFA News, which are distributed to members.

The 58 clubs of the AFA held their 24th AFA Congress at INTERPEX March 18-21, 1982 in the New York City Coliseum and will hold their 25th AFA Congress October 12-17, 1982 at ESPAMAR in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

- LCCPQ Editor Roger S. Cichorz and Langdon H. Longwell were co-authors of an article entitled "A Mexican Cinderella: The 'Colima Provisional' of 1888" which appeared in the January 1982 issue of the S.P.A. Journal, the official monthly publication of the Society of Philatelic Americans.

The S.P.A.'s 1982 Spring Meeting will be hosted by ROMPEX (Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibitions, Inc.) May 21-23, 1982 in Denver, Colorado. If you are planning to attend ROMPEX, be sure and let Roger know!

(The LCCPQ Editor encourages LCC members to send word of their activities, endeavors, accomplishments, etc. for mention in future LCCPQ's!)

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LUNDY "ROYAL WEDDING" SOUVENIRS
 Royal Wedding postcard with R. E. Allen Managua label (Fall 1981 LCCPQ, p. 6) and Lundy definitives cancelled on "THE DAY" (July 29, 1981). US\$4 each (postpaid). Roger E. Allen, Lloyds Bank International (Bahamas) Ltd., Apartado Postal 8522, Panama 5, Republic of Panama.

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 George Fablan, 230 Fir, Park Forest, Illinois 60466, U.S.A.

 WANTED: Classified ad copy for the next issue. Cheap rates: \$1 per column inch (7 lines). Write:- Editor LCCPQ, Roger S. Cichorz, 3925 Longwood Avenue, Boulder, Colorado 80303, U.S.A.

LCC 1982 MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

Lundy Collectors Club members are being reminded to mail their membership dues for the 1982 calendar year as soon as possible to LCC Secretary/Treasurer Duane Larson, LCC, 2021 Ridge Road, Homewood, Illinois 60430, U.S.A.

The 1982 dues are \$6 for U.S. and Canadian members and either \$6 (surface mail) or \$12 (air mail) to foreign members.

The Spring 1982 LCCPQ is due out in April, and only paid-up members will receive copies. So, why not help out Duane and get your dues payments in the mail today while this notice is still fresh in your mind.

Enclosed please find:-

- \$6 U.S. or Canadian membership dues
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