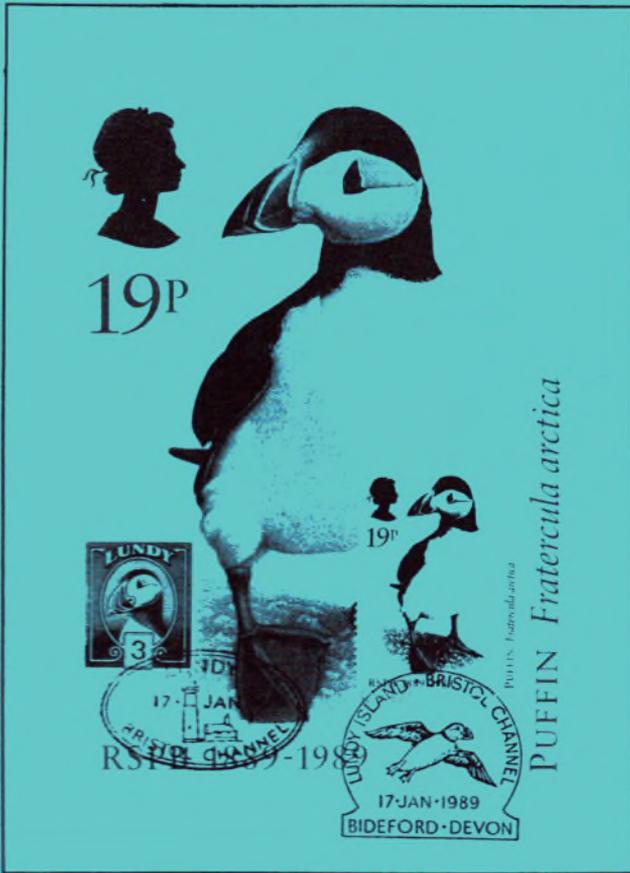


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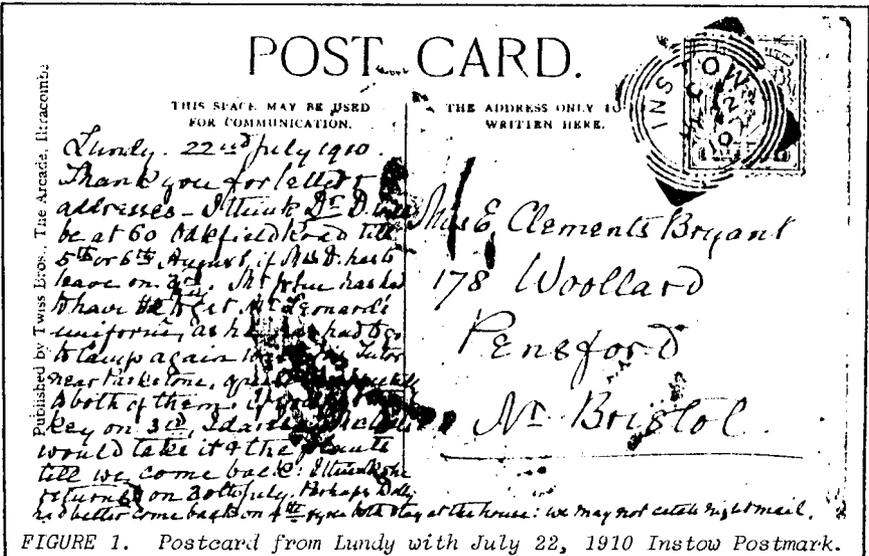
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Letters to the Editor

Icelandic Lundi and Some Lundy Postal History Notes

"My wife and I have just enjoyed a wonderful holiday in Iceland where we saw loads of puffins in spite of it not being quite the season for them. I can also report that we actually viewed the Island of Lundi, about one or two miles off the North coast of Iceland. It is virtually the same shape as our Lundy but only about one third the size with very precipitous cliffs. It is green on top and looked very attractive sitting out



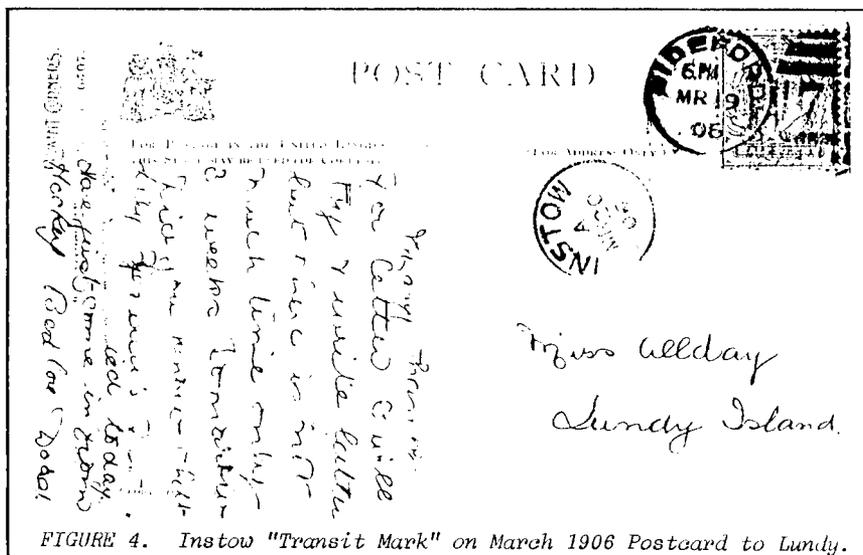
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does not indicate from where it was written, but it is a St. Claire view of the slipway, and the stamp just has a straight-line machine Bristol cancellation of January 6, 1915. The last card (*not shown*) again does not quite make clear from where it is written, but it is a Knight Templar Rock view and has a part-Bristol machine cancellation of March 2 with the year not clear. I have been told that there are other cards drifting around from the same source, but I have not managed to locate them yet."

--Michael H. Bale, Ilfracombe, Devon, England
(September 9, 1988 and November 3, 1988)

Postcard with Instow "Transit Mark" Not Unique

"Sorry, Stanley, but your 'Allday' postcard with the March 31, 1906 Instow transit mark (*refer to "Questions and Answers," Summer 1988 LCCPQ, page 14*) is no longer unique. You will see by my example of March 20, 1906 (*Figure 4 below*) that the datestamps are only 11 days apart. Other inward postcards from this time period that I have seen are dated August 22, 1905; July 2, 1906; August 24, 1906; September 12, 1906; and December 18, 1906, but they do not have Instow transit marks.



The December 18, 1906 postcard is even addressed to 'Lundy, via Instow.' I can only assume that the Instow transit mark was applied for a short period only."

--Terry Dell, Golden Beach, Queensland, Australia
(November 5, 1988)

Ditto!

"With reference to Stanley Newman's inquiry on page 14, Summer 1988 LCCPQ, concerning transit marks into Lundy, I have a postcard addressed to Mr. F. W. Allday, Post Office, Lundy Island, with a 'BIDEFORD'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Continued)

single-ring cancellation of May 12, 1905 and with the 'INSTOW' port-of-entry single-ring cancellation of May 13, 1905."

--Jim Mullett, Watlington, Oxon, England
(November 8, 1988)

Instow "Transit Mark" Postscript

"I did rather 'boob' about the 'uniqueness' of the 1906 Instow cancellation used as a transit mark on incoming mail to Lundy. No sooner had I received the Summer '88 LCCPQ, I found another example of this Instow transit mark, also on an Allday card (Figure 5 below), but the date is October 7, 1908—two years later than the 1906 dates so far recorded.

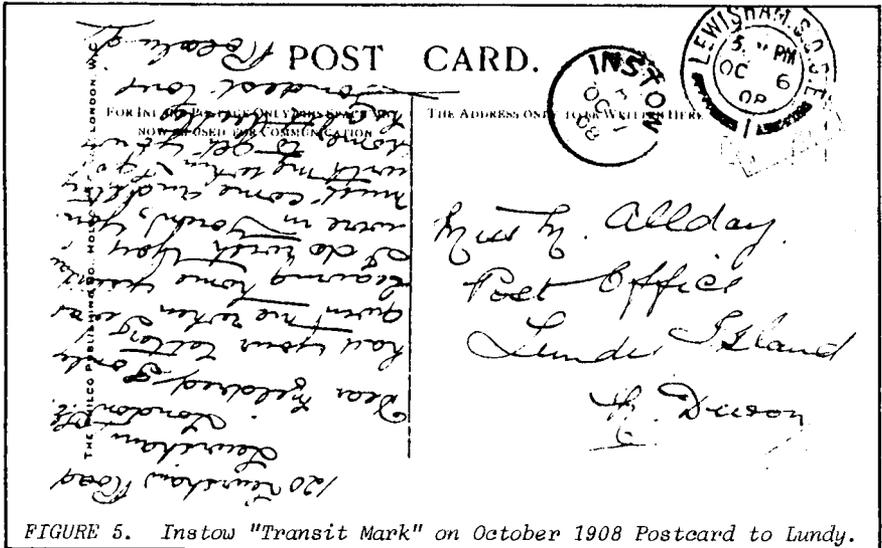


FIGURE 5. Instow "Transit Mark" on October 1908 Postcard to Lundy.

A photocopy is enclosed if you want to incorporate it with Terry Dell's and Jim Mullett's information in the LCCPQ."

--Stanley A. Newman, Brighton, Sussex, England
(November 21, 1988)

The postcard with the March 31, 1906 Instow "transit mark" that Stanley Newman originally brought to our attention on page 14 of the Summer 1988 LCCPQ is obviously no longer "unique" with the documentation of the three additional examples cited here. Furthermore, the 1905 and 1908 items disprove Terry's conjecture that the Instow mark was applied only for a short period of time during 1906. At this point, based on the small sampling of inward postcards brought to our attention, it appears the Instow mark was applied sporadically from 1905 through 1908. Why was it applied in some instances but not in others? Perhaps—since the Instow datestamps were one day later than the city-of-origin postmarks on all four of the postcards cited—application of the datestamp may have indicated retention at the Instow Office—say, for example, a dispatching delay of the mail to Lundy due to storm. (Readers are welcome to offer alternative explanations!) --RSC

News of LCC Members

Welcome to these new L.C.C. members:

- 215 David Donald -- Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K.
 216 Cor van Zon -- Zwolle, Holland
 217 Arnold Bostrom -- Hagersten, Sweden
 218 A. W. H. Philpott -- Minehead, Somerset, England
 219 Noel Beer -- Rayleigh, Essex, England
 220 M. W. Beck -- Harpenden, Hertfordshire, England
 221 David Wilshire -- Midsomer Norton, Bath, Avon, England
 222 Leslie Brown -- Birchington, Thanet, Kent, England
 223 Michael D. White -- Southwick, Wiltshire, England
 224 J. H. Pollard -- Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England
 225 Arthur Thompson -- Cleethorpes, So. Humberside, England
 226 W. T. Holton -- Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, England
 227 Aleth George Leguen de Lacroix --
 Wenhaston, Halesworth, Suffolk, England
 228 Colin Penny -- Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex, England
 229 Henry P. W. Molony -- Great Lumley, Chester-le-Street,
 Durham, England
 230 G. S. Beckett -- Barton Seagrave, Kettering,
 Northamptonshire, England
 231 D. F. Potter -- Birmingham, England
 232 D. E. Wise -- Lower Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey, England
 233 T. F. Worsey -- Cardiff, South Glamorgan, Wales, U.K.
 234 R. A. (Tony) Philpott -- Bristol, Avon, England
 235 H. M. Mooring -- Adel, Leeds, England
 236 Richard C. Clement -- Margate, Kent, England
 237 James L. Edwards -- Stratton, Bude, No. Cornwall, England
 238 Mrs. E. Anne Sutton -- Otley, Ipswich, Suffolk, England
 239 Malcolm Lewin -- Wokingham, Berkshire, England
 240 John W. Bootland -- Shipley, West Yorkshire, England
 241 Leonard H. Stenning -- Bromley, Kent, England
 242 Miss E. M. Wicks -- Winchester, Hampshire, England
 243 T. A. Newton -- Hotwells, Bristol, Avon, England
 244 Eric Daughtery -- Bews Meadow, Chard, Somerset, England
 245 Mrs. Shirley Brooks -- Lexden, Colchester, Essex, England
 246 G. G. P. Boulton -- Luton, Bedfordshire, England
 247 Derrick R. Stratton -- Paignton, Devon, England
 248 Markus Ashton -- Knutsford, Cheshire, England
 249 S. H. Phillips -- Davenport, Stockport, Cheshire, England
 250 Neil H. Nelson -- Frimley Green, Camberley,
 Surrey, England
 251 Evan Williams -- West Buckland, Wellington,
 Somerset, England
 252 Terry K. Treadwell -- Arlington, Virginia
 253 Neil A. Goldwasser -- Edgewater, New Jersey
- Reinstated: 164 J. Nigel Weaver -- Bristol, Avon, England
 Deceased: 035 George H. Ulrich, Jr.

(Obituary withheld from publication by Family request)

Lundy Collectors Club membership summary: As of November 26, 1988, the L.C.C. had 178 members in good standing, geographically distributed as follows: United Kingdom (82), United States (68), Canada (8), Federal Republic of Germany (4), Australia (3), Holland (3), Sweden (3), Belgium (2), Japan (2), Brazil (1), Iceland (1), and Norway (1).

NEWS OF L.C.C. MEMBERS (Continued)

The six excerpts below are from letters by some of our newly joined United Kingdom members to "recruiter extraordinaire" Jon Aitchison (who was responsible for signing up L.C.C. members 219 through 251!). [Readers are reminded that the LCCPQ Editor welcomes any correspondence about your philatelic endeavors for inclusion in the "News of L.C.C. Members" feature which appears regularly in this journal. --RSC]

- Aleth George Leguen de Lacroix (L.C.C. #227): "I acquired my first Lundy stamp in about 1940 so perhaps I should now join the Lundy Collectors Club! I look forward to receipt of the quarterly magazine."
- Neil H. Nelson (L.C.C. #250): "I was not previously aware of the Lundy Collectors Club although I have been collecting Lundy for many years."
- R. A. (Tony) Philpott (L.C.C. #234): "If I had known about the L.C.C. before, I would have joined as I have been a Lundy collector for some years and have had a philatelic account (*with the Lundy Philatelic Service*) for almost twenty years. Best wishes."
- Noel Beer (L.C.C. #219): "I am not a 'collector' in the true sense, but I am a North Devonian interested in the history of North Devon and anything to do with the District. Thus, I 'acquire' material of all sorts. I have been acquiring Lundy stamps for almost twelve years. Most of the stamps I have are recent, and I own practically nothing before 1951. I am sure I shall find membership in the Lundy Collectors Club interesting and worthwhile."
- Evan Williams (L.C.C. #251): "I first went to Lundy several years ago following my hobby of bird-watching. I fell in love with the place and now go over at least once every year. Last year I decided to start a Lundy stamp collection, not realizing just what was involved and not knowing anything of the Island's postal history. Now I am hooked, and my collection is improving all the time. Last month (*September*) I gave a display and talk to the Taunton Stamp Club, which was quite well received, but I'm sure I would learn much by getting in contact with other Lundy collectors."
- Leslie Brown (L.C.C. #222): "Now I should tell you I am 78! Of course, I knew Barry for very many years. There are lots of letters from him and our old friend Mr. Gade, bless his memory! I love Barry's last book. Any members this way? Maybe there could be a sub-branch if there are!" [*Mr. Brown lives in Birchington, Thanet. Telephone him at Thanet 32923 if you are interested in trading Lundy tales or setting up a sub-branch of the L.C.C. and having "local" meetings periodically!*]
- From Jon Aitchison comes a few words about another of our new members: "We are pleased to welcome David Wilshire M.P. among our recent batch of new U.K. members. David is the British Member of Parliament for the Surrey Constituency of Spelthorne. He is one of the 'Class of '87,' being elected for the first time at the last election. Forty-five year old David is a Conservative and has a majority of 20,050. In British electoral terms, that is about as near as you can get to a job for life. Welcome to the Lundy Collectors Club, David."
- L.C.C. Secretary-Treasurer Duane Larson (L.C.C. #003) was awarded a Silver Medal for his exhibit of "Irish Postal History, 1696-1860" in the open competition at STaMpsHOW 88, the 102nd Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society, held August 25-28 in Detroit, Michigan. Congratulations, Duane, for such a fine showing!

NEWS OF L.C.C. MEMBERS (Continued)

- One of our Australian members, Terry Dell (L.C.C. #124), is an avid collector of postcards and is interested in swapping England and Scotland topographical (buildings, street scenes, countryside scenes) for Australian topographical postcards. Terry explains: "There are a lot of postcard collectors in Britain, and some of our United Kingdom L.C.C. members may be among them." So, if you collect postcards and want to trade some excess material for something new, contact Terry Dell, 7 Maryann Street, Golden Beach, QLD 4551, Australia.
- Chris McGregor (L.C.C. #054) received a Gold Award and the Scandinavian Collectors Club's Best Faroes Award for his exhibit of "The Faroe Islands" at SESCOAL 88, the 44th annual stamp exhibition of Southern California, held in Los Angeles, October 14-16. Paul C. Blake (L.C.C. #174) received a Silver Award at SESCOAL 88 for his exhibit of "Indo-China, 1886-1931." Paul was also a successful exhibitor at SUNPEX 88, the annual event of the Sunnyvale (California) Stamp Club held November 12-13 in Sunnyvale. Paul's "Laos—From Kingdom to Commune" was awarded a Silver Medal and an American Topical Association Silver Medal while his "Lundy Island" exhibit garnered a Silver-Bronze Medal. Congratulations, Chris and Paul, for your fine showings!
- Allen Hoffman (L.C.C. #032) exhibited a Lundy display entitled "An Overview of the Lundy Locals" at the American Stamp Dealers' Association's National Show which took place on October 20-23, 1988 at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Allen wrote: "My Lundy exhibit was part of the noncompetitive exhibit of the International Stamp Club which meets in Manhattan. My exhibit consisted of one page of text, which included a plug for the L.C.C., and five pages of stamps, covers, and souvenir sheets. So, if Duane Larson has been receiving mysterious inquiries about the Club, this is the source."
- Jon Aitchison (L.C.C. #167) announces that his in inaugurating the Smaller Channel Islands Collectors Society (S.C.I.C.S.) and will be producing a quarterly magazine and newsletter to keep members in touch, present the latest news, and print in-depth articles. According to Jon: "The S.C.I.C.S. will exist to encourage research, exchange knowledge, and promote the collecting of the smaller Channel Islands, and it will concentrate on their local carriage labels and associated postal history. It is anticipated that most interest will be in Herm, but considerable attention will also be given to Jethou, Lihou, Sark, Brechou, Alderney Parcel Delivery Company and revenues, Commodore and other shipping companies, Burhou, and French Islands like Chausey, etc. I am pleased to announce that Major Wood, Tenant of Herm, has consented to become the S.C.I.C.S.'s Honorary President (Member 001) and Dick Capron, Herm Island's Postmaster, has also accepted an honorary membership (Member 002). For us lesser mortals, the membership fee for the 1989 year is 5 pounds (U.S.\$10) for British or E.E.C. residents and 7 pounds (U.S.\$14) for other countries."

Jon indicated the S.C.I.C.S. also plans on conducting regular auctions, distribute a club exchange packet through which members can buy and sell items, and produce two special souvenir covers during 1989 that will be distributed free to members. If you are interested in learning more about the fledgling S.C.I.C.S. and receiving a membership application, write to Jon Aitchison, Talbots, Quendon, Essex, CB11 3XJ, England, or telephone him at 079988-457 (evenings).

Announcements

Lundy Postmistress Makes Early Delivery!

We are pleased to announce that Wendy Puddy, Lundy's Postmistress, has given birth to a baby girl, Emma Louise Puddy. Wendy went to the mainland on October 22, 1988 for her regular checkup but surprised everyone by giving birth to a 4-pound, 13-ounce baby girl the following day, almost a month early. Both Mother and Baby Emma are doing well. Our congratulations go out to Wendy and her husband John! --*Jon Aitchison* [Editor's note: *Jon sent a congratulatory card to the Puddys on Lundy on behalf of the Lundy Collectors Club. Thanks, Jon! --RSC*]

IN MEMORIUM -- JOSEPH SANDERS (1911 - 1988)

Joseph Sanders, of Southampton, England, died at his home on October 14, 1988. He was the founder of the firm of J. Sanders (Philatelist) Ltd. as well as a founder member of the British Philatelic Traders' Society. Mr. Sanders was a life member of the American Philatelic Society, having joined the organization in 1957. He is survived by his wife June, five children, and eleven grandchildren.

Joseph Sanders and his stamp firm were connected with an interesting chapter of Lundy philately. Mr. Sanders was keen on Lundy and Herm Island "locals" and kept up a current stock of their issues. After Lundy's August 9, 1969 provisional [*Chinchen* #161 black "1 (puffin) + obliterations" overprint on the 9p first definitive] was issued, Joseph Sanders wrote to Felix Gade on Lundy, requesting a supply of this stamp. Mr. Gade, not wanting to deplete the stocks of this stamp he had on Lundy, wrote back and suggested that Mr. Sanders write directly to Atlantic Coast Studios, who was responsible for the silkscreen overprinting of the stamps, for further supplies. John Dyke was away at the time the request arrived, but his printer reprinted the stamps using the ink already on the machine, which happened to be red. Thus, Mr. Sanders received 14 panes (520 examples) of a stamp "issue" that never was for sale on Lundy—the famed "error provisional" mentioned on page 58 of Barry N. D. Chinchen's *A Catalogue of Lundy Stamps* but not assigned a catalogue number, although it was later assigned *Newman* #161A in Stanley Newman's *Stamps of Lundy Island*. This "error provisional" was available only through the J. Sanders firm, as no additional examples were printed and supplied to the Island or the Lundy Philatelic Service. As late as the early 1980s, mint examples of this stamp were still in the J. Sanders stock and priced quite reasonably (under 3 pounds each)!

The firm of J. Sanders (Philatelist) Ltd. (5/7 Commercial Road, Southampton, SO9 4TN, England; telephone 0703-229515) still has a stock of Lundy stamps ranging from the Coronation set of 1953 to the 1979 set commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Lundy Post (but no more "error provisionals"). J. Sanders also has an excellent stock of Herm Island material as well as stocks of other British Island locals (including Bardsey, Calf of Man, Drake's Island, Gugh, Jethou, and Steep Holm) and Channel Islands parcel delivery services (Commodore, Alderney, Sark, etc.). If interested in what is in the firm's stock, write them and request the current "Locals" retail pricelist. The firm of J. Sanders also deals in "mainstream" philatelic material, primarily British Commonwealth. --*Roger S. Cichorz*

OFFERS

1989 Supplement to Stamps of Lundy Island. Stanley A. Newman indicated that the long-awaited supplement to his 1984 *Stamps of Lundy Island—an illustrated priced guide and handbook* is now available. The 1989 Supplement will embrace the following: current evaluations for all Lundy stamps, including varieties, proofs, and color trials; inclusion of all pre-1984 Lundy stamp varieties and proofs (many of them illustrated) which have come to light since the initial publication of *Stamps of Lundy Island*; listing of all new Lundy stamps and stamp booklets issued since 1984; and a listing of first day covers for all Lundy stamp issues since 1929, with valuations. The 1989 Supplement is priced at £5.50 plus postage and packing charge of 50p (U.K.), £1.00 (Europe and overseas surface mail), or £1.50 (overseas airmail). The U.S./Canada cost is U.S.\$12 (surface) or U.S.\$14 (airmail) payable by check in U.S. funds or by U.S. currency. Order directly from: Channel Islands & Lundy Auctions (C.I.L.A.), Melbourne House, Melbourne Street, Brighton, BN2 3LH, England. [Editor's note: if all goes according to plan, there should be a flier/order form that more fully describes this 1989 Supplement distributed with this issue of the journal. The 1989 Supplement will be reviewed in the Spring 1989 LCCPQ. --RSC]

The Smaller Channel Islands 1989 Catalogue. This 40-page, softcover book is the new supplement to *The Postage Stamps of the Smaller Channel Islands* by Anders Backman and Robert Forrester that was first published in 1981. The 1989 *Catalogue* has many additions of new discoveries and varieties not listed in the 1981 edition. Of course, revised valuations are given to reflect the current pricing trend for the issues of Herm, Jethou, Lihou, Brecqhou, as well as a complete new listing for the parcel post labels of the Commodore Shipping Company. Copies of the 1989 *Catalogue* are available from L.C.C. member Anders Backman, but U.S. and Canadian residents can place orders (at U.S.\$9.95 each plus postage and packing of \$1) directly through Roger S. Cichorz, 3925 Longwood Avenue, Boulder, Colorado 80303, U.S.A., and U.K. and European residents can place orders (at £5.95 each plus postage and packing of 55p) directly through Stanley A. Newman, C.I.L.A., Melbourne House, Melbourne Street, Brighton, BN2 3LH, England. For all prepaid orders received before March 31, 1989, a special bonus will be provided: each catalogue will be accompanied by a complete set of the beautiful Herm Island 1969 Ships definitive issue, generously supplied by the Tenant of Herm, in order to support the 1989 *Catalogue*. [Editor's note: The Smaller Channel Islands 1989 *Catalogue* will be reviewed in the Spring 1989 LCCPQ. --RSC]

New National Wildlife Federation Puffin Items. The National Wildlife Federation's 1989 Gift Catalogue contains two new puffin gift items: a puffin carry-all tote bag and gray T-shirts with an all new multi-color design of five puffins. #35410: puffin carry-all tote bag, 25 inches long by 11 inches deep with full zipper and change pocket, constructed of sturdy 100% cotton canvas, \$37.50 each. Puffin T-shirts made of heavy-weight, pre-shrunk, 100% cotton: #30762—small (34-36), #30763—medium (38-40), #30764—large (42-44), and #30765—extra large (46-48), \$12.95 each. Terms: U.S. checks payable to National Wildlife Federation, or MasterCard/Access or VISA/Barclaycard credit card orders; add \$3.25 shipping/handling charge for each order; credit card orders toll-free by calling 1-800-432-6564 (9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday). Mail orders from: National Wildlife Federation, 1400 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 30036-2266, U.S.A.

OFFERS (Continued)

Lundy Material For Sale. Jim Mahy is offering the following Lundy items for 50 percent of their *Newman* valuations on a first-come, first-served basis. (Prices quoted below are the *Newman* prices, so deduct half from the amounts shown. Terms: cash or check; items will be sent postpaid.)

ACAS "large map" reprint, no value/denomination, violet on gummed thin white paper, vertical pair (positions g and f), *Newman* £20 (\$30).

ACAS "large map" reprint, 1d value, red on gummed white paper, block of four (positions c, g, a, h), *Newman* £15 (\$22.50).

ACAS "large map" reprint, 1d value, red on gummed white paper, as above but top horizontal pair (c and g), *Newman* £7.50 (\$11.25).

ACAS "large map" 3d value, mint, position c, *Newman* #16, £5 (\$7.50).

ACAS "large map" 1/- value, mint HR, position d, *Newman* #15, £7 (\$10.50).

IACAL "air view" ½d value, imperforate proof, violet on gummed white paper, very light impression, right-margined example with salvage, slight crease but fine appearance, *Newman* £12 (\$18).

1941 "V + plane" proof, green on ungummed thin white paper, single example, *Newman* £12 (\$18).

1961 Europa miniature sheet, mint, cream paper, type 1, *Newman* #139A, £10 (\$15).

1961 Europa miniature sheet, mint, white paper, type 1, *Newman* #139, with bogus black overprint ("CONGRATULATIONS/ROYAL BIRTH OF PRINCE HENRY/15th SEPTEMBER 1984"), net \$3.

Jim Mahy is also interested in purchasing Lundy material—write him with description and asking price. Jim also stocks Herm Island locals, other Channel Islands material, and 1971 Strike Post items; if interested, request his free pricelist. Address all orders and inquiries to: Jim Mahy, The Petite Gallery, General Delivery, Mt. Lehman, British Columbia, VOX 1V0, Canada.

Freebie. N. P. Adams, 8454 Duncan Street, Douglasville, Georgia 30234, U.S.A., will send anyone interested an example or two of an imperforate 1982 Bernera Islands (Scotland) 1-pound *stamp* showing the swallowtailed kite and marsh hawk in exchange for a SASE (non-U.S. residents can send an international reply coupon with their self-addressed envelope).

Editor's Commentary

This Winter 1988-1989 issue is a strange one in that I had intended to complete it over the Christmas holidays. However, a series of events had taken place that prompted me to delay this issue in order to obtain important information for inclusion here. The result is a somewhat fragmented appearance because of having to hold back already prepared articles in order to make room for the *late-breaking news*.

During mid-December I received *rumors* from several sources of a new Lundy stamp issue for January 1989 to coincide with the new British Post Office commemoratives for the centenary of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds—a four-stamp set scheduled for release on January 17. Any *new* Lundy stamp issue is *big news*, and the details should be headlined in this journal as soon as they become known. Unfortunately, nobody connected with The Landmark Trust or the latest philatelic endeavor saw fit to send your Editor any advance notice. A hastily-written note was airmailed to L.C.C. member Ken Gibson (who was mentioned in the rumors as having something to do with the new issue), and in early January I received Ken's *press release* reply about

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the impending actions surrounding the creation of the new Lundy Philatelic Bureau and official notice of the new Lundy stamp issue. Yes, rumor was about to become reality!

The details about the formation of the Lundy Philatelic Bureau and the new stamp release were contained in the two *fliers* Ken sent, and their text will be reprinted verbatim on the following pages. The *good news* is that Lundy has come up with its first "official" stamp issue 1985. The *bad news* is that sufficient advance notice was not received to give readers time to place orders and, as a result, it is likely that many Lundy collectors will miss out, especially when the printing quantity comes to light. Other *bad news* (in my opinion) is the Lundy Philatelic Bureau's intent to limit sales of subsequent new issues to advance orders and not keep any appreciable stocks on hand (thus necessitating account holders to get advance orders in or miss out altogether) and to charge a considerable premium above "face value" for contemporary Lundy material. Still more *bad news* (if I interpret the press release correctly) is the Bureau's intent to charge a "servicing fee" over and above Lundy's customary but modest *puffinage* charge for handling mail already properly franked with British postage. (I'm sure I will have more to say on these subjects in the future!) Ken Gibson indicated that he would contribute "a few words on 'The Story Behind the R.S.P.B. Issue,'" and we'll look forward to receiving his first-hand account and publishing it in a future issue.

Concurrent with the formation of the new Lundy Philatelic Bureau and Ken Gibson's apparent taking over of future Lundy stamp matters with the blessing of The Landmark Trust are the demise of the Lundy Philatelic Service which began in 1972 and the *retirement* of Barry Chinchin from Lundy stamp affairs. Jon Aitchison, who amazes me with his prodigious output of articles and news for the *LCCPQ*, just submitted a fitting testimonial article about Barry, and, of course, it *has to appear* in this issue. Furthermore, Jon produced an appropriate philatelic souvenir to honor Barry's contribution to the Lundy Philatelic Service—a special miniature sheet similar in format to the *unofficial* sheetlet Barry himself had produced for Felix Gade back in 1978 to honor Mr. Gade's contributions to Lundy philately. At any rate, Jon has promised to provide Lundy Headquarters with sufficient quantities of his "Barry Chinchin souvenir sheet," and if all goes according to plan, one will be included with this issue as an additional *free gift* to subscribers over and above the "SPECIMEN" example of the green £0.96 booklet inside cover that was already scheduled as a *free gift*! (Thanks, Jon, for your thoughtfulness.)

In addition to the news of the Lundy Philatelic Bureau, the new Lundy stamp issue, and Barry's retirement from the Lundy Philatelic Service, other *timely* material had to be included in the balance of this issue: a report of the October 2, 1988 L.C.C. meeting at Stampex (before it got stale beyond the point of publishing) and an announcement about the proposed L.C.C. Regional U.K. meeting for the summer of 1989 (to publicize it to U.K. members in time to obtain feedback necessary for formulating definite plans). Because of the inclusion of all these items of a philatelic nature, other important Lundy news of a nonphilatelic nature (the plans for a new jetty by the landing beach and the resultant controversy over The Landmark Trust's decision to deny vessels other than the Island Ship *Oldenberg* access to landing) and numerous philatelic

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contributions (including two reviews of books authored by L.C.C. members, my regular "Lundy at Auction" feature, a complete catalogue listing and additional summary details by Jon Aitchison of the 1988 Lundy booklets, interesting "odds and ends" with accompanying illustrations, and some "questions and answers")—all of which were planned for this issue—had to be omitted. Additionally, a letter from West German L.C.C. member Robert Zepf dated October 31, 1988 typified the frustrations of some Lundy collectors about events surrounding the production and distribution of the 1988 Lundy booklet issues and the Stampex souvenir booklet, and was worthy of publication. In the spirit of fairness, Jon Aitchison, who was responsible for these booklets, was given the opportunity to respond to Robert and present his side of the story. Unfortunately, the texts of Robert's letter and Jon's reply could not be fit in this issue and will have to wait for the Spring 1989 *LCCPQ*.

My apologies to all the would-be contributors whose submissions were omitted from this issue. I will dutifully incorporate the aforementioned material into the Spring 1989 issue which I intend to complete soon after this issue goes to press in February. I hope readers (and juries at future philatelic literature competitions—Rich Drews, please take note) can appreciate my dilemma with putting together this issue and forgive me for the enormity of narrative text and lack of illustrations that characterize this issue as a result of accommodating all the information that follows this commentary.

--Roger S. Cichorz

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Preface: The following is the verbatim text of a printed four-page letter, dated December 22, 1988, from The Lundy Philatelic Bureau. Minor editing changes in punctuation and spelling were made to conform to the style and Americanized spelling that are characteristic of this journal. --RSC

The Lundy Philatelic Bureau. P.O. Box 931 Slough SL2 3RX

Dear Lundy Collector,

1989 marks 60 years of Lundy stamps—60 years characterized by bursts of philatelic activity followed by periods of almost total inactivity. A brief review of those years will be published to coincide with an issue of stamps to celebrate this very significant anniversary. In the meanwhile it is our pleasure to announce our proposal to end the current moribund period.

"The Lundy Philatelic Service," previously under the courteous and diligent guidance of that doyen of Lundy philately, Barry Chinchin, has moved from Eastleigh to Slough. It will be closer to the administrative heart of The Landmark Trust whose headquarters at Shottesbrooke Park is "just down the road." With the change of title to "The Lundy Philatelic Bureau" comes Ken Gibson, the new administrator, who describes himself as "a bit of a Johnny-come-lately," having been a Lundy collector for barely 15 years!

Stamp collectors are a peculiar breed and Lundy collectors probably more peculiar than most. When a country or territory ceases to issue stamps, a large and immediate drop in collector interest is noticed.

TEXT OF LUNDY PHILATELIC BUREAU LETTER (Continued)

When such a collecting area goes out of fashion, it seldom if ever recovers. With Lundy it has been different. Lundy collectors do not allow the interest to fade away—just the reverse in fact. With only one real stamp issue in the last ten years and that six years ago, Lundy philately is remarkably buoyant. The energy and enthusiasm of senior members of the Lundy Collectors Club in the U.K. and U.S.A. have played a major part in keeping the name of Lundy philately well to the fore. Although an anarchic proliferation of bogus, private, and other fringe issues have helped to maintain Lundy locals as "the Granddaddy of them all," such a situation is hazardous to the long-term interests of Lundy philately. The Bureau feels that such artificial stimulants are not necessary because the major responsibility for Lundy philately should be borne on the shoulders of The Landmark Trust. Just as surely the Trust has to carry the burden of the maintenance of the Island, its buildings, and its environment. Happily, Landmark recognizes and accepts these facts. One has only to visit the Island and look at the magnificent work undertaken and completed to see just how firmly they have grasped the mettle. Nevertheless, the Trust is adamant that loss-making activities should be restricted.

Since taking over the Island in 1969, the Lundy stamp issues have shown a significant financial loss, and it is therefore not surprising that the Trust has shown a reluctance to make further losses. Every pound lost in the issue of stamps is a pound no longer available to help make a cottage roof weatherproof or to shore up the beach road. The Bureau is convinced that by providing variety and continuous philatelic interest the Island can again make more frequent issues without financial strain on the Landmark budget. To a certain extent the collector will have to subsidize this enhanced service. No great financial prowess is required to recognize that with the number of Lundy collectors still barely more than 500, it is not possible to issue a single 3-puffin stamp, sell it at 3 pence, and get anywhere near covering the cost of origination and printing. Hence the R.S.P.B. 3-puffin issue will be sold in sheetlet form only and at a premium. Other ideas will probably be employed for later issues to ensure that Lundy collectors get their stamps and that The Lundy Company does not pay for them!

Being looked at is the proposed issue for November 1989 already mentioned to mark the completion of 60 years. We have what we think is a good idea for the theme of the issue but will be delighted to hear of your ideas. Chances are they could be better than ours!

Also being looked at is the fate of the Lundy franking machine which by such machine standards is showing signs of being long in the tooth. Should it be replaced by an up-to-date, two-color job with the potential of providing a variety of collectable slogans? Or should it be swept aside to make way for the return of British postage stamps? What do you think?

On August 18, 1969, The Landmark Trust registered "The Lundy Company," the first meeting of the Board of Directors being held a month later. That will be 20 years ago... How time flies by! It is our intention to mark that anniversary in some philatelic manner. Perhaps with almost 20 months lead time, the frenetic adoption of "crisis management" used to get the R.S.P.B. underway will be avoided?!

Yet another matter being studied is the (almost nonexistent) facility that exists to enable collectors to arrange their own personalized

TEXT OF LUNDY PHILATELIC BUREAU LETTER (Continued)

philatelic confections. Whilst the administrative staff on Lundy are always kind and helpful, they are not well versed in philately and, anyway, have other jobs to attend to. So in certain circumstances, a collector will be disgruntled when his carefully prepared plans are not followed to the letter by the sticker of stamps or wielder of the hand-stamp. So we are looking at ways of offering a full philatelic facility via this Bureau. Three criteria spring to mind: 1) requests must be received in good time; 2) such requests to be "legal" (no philatelic Frankensteins!); and 3) there will be a "handling charge."

If that one has started you thinking, how about this: what do you feel about the return to franking "inward" mail? We think we have heard all the arguments and all points of view but would welcome any new ones.

As it is our intention to closely examine every aspect of the Lundy Postal Service, the stamps and any related matters, it is most likely many other such momentous matters will come up for discussion by the Bureau and the Trust. Given time, we look forward to soliciting your views on many of those matters. We are going to be very busy... Correction... We *are* very busy!

One parting shot: the 1974 definitives have served the Island well, but with 21 values, 1 shade, 1 overprint, and 3 essays, is it time they were replaced? If you think a new series is needed, should it have a "traditional" image or should it have some "pictorial" content? Your letters on this and any other matters are going to be of value. We think it unlikely that we shall be able to reply to your letters as individuals, but we shall certainly thank you in bulk in our next mailing which will also contain an analysis of your responses.

WE FORGOT: A *small* supply of the R.S.P.B. issue will be available on the Island from the day of issue; the special canceller will be available there on January 17 only. There is no mail vessel sailing on that day, so it will not be possible for individuals to get covers with both the Lundy first-day cancel and the Post Office Bideford first-day cancel. Nevertheless, if you would like to let us have BY RETURN (!) any covers or cards you wish to be serviced on the Island on January 17 with a 3-puffin stamp, we will do our best to get them done for you. We will not be able to send them under cover to the addressee; they will have to take their chances in the normal mail. They must, of course, be franked with British stamps to a value of 19 pence. They will leave Lundy on the first sailing possible. Please enclose cheque or postal order to us with your cover(s) at the following rate: 60p for 1 to 4 items, 85p for 5 to 10 items, £1.25 for 11 to 15 items. For greater quantities, trust us with a blank cheque! There will not be time for collectors overseas to avail themselves of this facility. Sorry, the Christmas mail jam and an enforced much truncated lead time have made even the U.K. facility liable to cancellation at the last minute.

Notice to Dealers. It has been a bone of contention over the past 15 or so years that Lundy has refused to offer a discount on stamps and other philatelic items to Trade customers. You will be pleased to learn that from the 1989 R.S.P.B. issue certain Trade discounts will be available. Although the terms may vary for later issues, for the R.S.P.B. issue a 20% discount is offered upon any item of which ten or more copies are ordered. In the case of the sheetlets, where an order is reduced by us due to shortage, to below ten sheetlets, the 20% discount will still apply. However, for this and all other issues, no mint stamp will be sold below its face value.

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Editor's postscript: The author of this letter (presumably Ken Gibson, Administrator of the Lundy Philatelic Bureau) indicated the Bureau is interested in receiving your ideas and views, so the LCCPQ Editor urges readers to write the Bureau and express them! If letter writers would like to share your views with other readers of this journal, the Editor welcomes photocopies or carbons of any correspondence to the Bureau for excerpting in this journal, either as "Letters to the Editor" or, should sufficient material be received, for a compilation feature. --RSC

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Preface: The following information about the Lundy January 17, 1989 R.S.P.B. issue is the verbatim text from an undated notice distributed by the Lundy Philatelic Bureau. Minor editing changes (punctuation and spelling) were made to conform the text to the Americanized style of this journal. With the exception of the picture of the Great Britain 19p commemorative stamp depicting the puffin that was also released on January 17, the illustrations interspersed throughout the text that follows are enlargements of cuts appearing in the L.P.B. flier. --RSC

LUNDY PHILATELIC BUREAU — NOTICE OF A NEW STAMP ISSUE
CENTENARY OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS

On January 17, 1989, the British Post Office is issuing a set of four stamps to celebrate the centenary of the R.S.P.B. Naturally, the stamps depict birds: the avocet, the gannet, the oystercatcher, and the puffin. Because of its long association with the puffin, Lundy will be issuing a modest sheetlet of stamps to mark the event.

In addition, the L.P.B. has sponsored a special British Post Office handstamp for use at Bideford on the day of issue. Lundy postal historians will be intrigued by the text of this handstamp, the first time that "LUNDY ISLAND" has been used to cancel a British stamp since 1928! The LUNDY canceller for the first day of issue

is in rubber and somewhat reminiscent of the 1974 franking-machine canceller which is still in use. It was felt to be appropriate to incorporate an illustration of the "OLD LIGHT," the official home of The Lundy Field Society.



The Lundy stamp will be in the design of the 1974 definitive series and be a 3-puffin value (3 puffins is currently the amount of "puffin-age" necessary to frank a letter at the first class rate), printed in blue. The issue will be available only in the form of a sheetlet of 24 stamps with a central label. Although it was intended that the top margin of the sheetlet

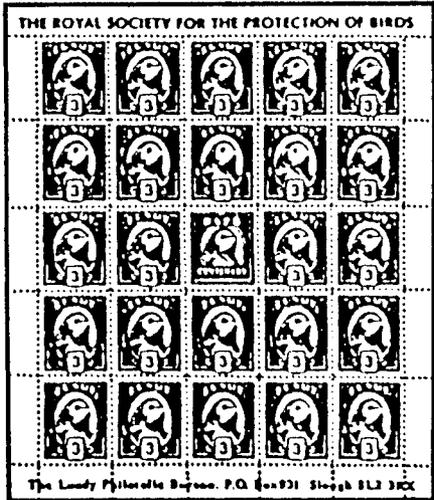


TEXT OF L.P.B. NEW ISSUE NOTICE (Continued)

should be imperforate, the stamps have just been delivered and approximately half the stock has the lower margin imperforate instead!

The actual quantities of perfect sheetlets are: Type A (top border imperforate) 140 sheetlets, Type B (lower border imperforate) 160 sheetlets. Problems arose during the printing of the stamps. The type of gummed paper used caused very many machine jams. After each stoppage, plain paper was used to clean the rollers and printing plate resulting in a much reduced quantity of perfect sheetlets but an increase in the number of Blue Proofs on plain paper! These proofs have been trimmed to size, left imperforate, but overprinted in black with a simple design based upon the word "PROOF" (bottom left).

The shortage of issued sheetlets should not be a severe problem as enough perfect stamps are expected to be salvable from the spoiled sheets to frank all FDCs and maxi-cards. On the other hand, demand for the proofs will certainly exceed availability as only some 125 exist. Nevertheless, we will do our best to be fair, but there are likely to be some disappointed collectors.



John Dyke designed both the British Post Office metal handstamp and the LUNDY rubber handstamp. It is also his excellent work which will appear on the first day covers. The illustration (top left, page 17) depicts a solitary bird watcher on the Lundy West Coast with a veritable "seething" of puffins and other seabirds beyond—a nostalgic echo perhaps, from the prolific past before the effects of man's depredations made such bodies as the R.S.P.B. and Lundy Field Society essential for the recovery of our healthy natural environment.

Two types of FDCs will be prepared—one with all four P.O. stamps and a more economical version with just the 19p puffin stamp. Of course, both will have the Lundy 3-puffin stamp tied with the special Lundy handstamp. In addition, maxi-cards will be prepared. There will be a set of four, each depicting one of the four P.O. stamps. We are offering a full set, each with the relevant P.O. stamp on its face, with the Lundy stamp alongside, both stamps tied by their respective first day handstamps.

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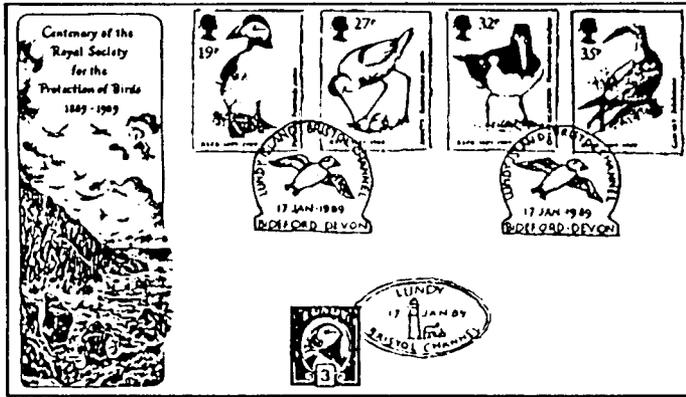


As an economy, we are also making available just the 19p puffin maxi-card serviced in exactly the same fashion.

In keeping with some of the new policies of the L.P.B. in not being left with stocks of unsold material on the shelf, apart from small quantities of covers and cards for sale in the shop, such items will be prepared to satisfy

TEXT OF L.P.B. NEW ISSUE NOTICE (Continued)

advance orders only. Therefore, it is essential that you send your order by return post to ensure that the delays to the Lundy vessel by seasonal weather and delays to other services related to the season do



not prevent you from obtaining the desired items for your collection. It would be most unfortunate to miss the first issue of the year in which falls the 60th Anniversary of LUNDY stamp issues.

LUNDY PHILATELIC BUREAU, P.O. Box 931, Slough, SL2 3RX, England.

Editor's notes: Even though I have been a Lundy Philatelic Service standing account holder for many years, I did not receive the L.P.B.'s flier and order form for the Lundy R.S.P.B. issue until the second week in January 1989 and only after I initiated contact with the L.P.B. as a result of information I received from other sources. Obviously, this would have been too late to place an order if the L.P.B. carries out its policy to limit FDCs, maxi-cards, and sheetlets to "advance orders" only. It would seem that the L.P.B. should have an obligation to active L.P.S. account holders and provide some continuity of new issue service during this transition period! I hope that other L.P.S. account holders and known Lundy collectors outside the U.K. were more fortunate that I was in receiving ample notification about the Lundy January 17, 1989 R.S.P.B. issue. If the L.P.B. information about this issue is accurate, the total printing of only 300 sheetlets has me frightened that many active Lundy collectors figuratively are going to be left out in the cold this Winter and that this issue will become highly speculative as a result!

--Roger S. Cichorz

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BARRY CHINCHEN RETIRES AS HEAD OF LUNDY PHILATELIC SERVICE

by Jon Aitchison

December 31, 1988 marked the end of an era when Barry Chinchon (L.C.C. #012) retired as the organizer of the Lundy Philatelic Service. Barry had been in charge of the L.P.S. since its inception in the early 1970s during which time he had single-handedly processed all orders from stamp collectors for new Lundy issues with tireless energy.

Barry's association with Lundy philately goes back a long way. Barry started collecting Lundy stamps while at school and was one of the original members of the Lundy Specialists' Society which was formed by Michael Windeatt in 1956. A year later, while still only 16 years of

BARRY CHINCHEN RETIRES AS HEAD OF L.P.S. (Continued)

age, Barry took over the running of the Lundy Specialists' Society which flourished for several years under his guidance.

During the late 1960s Barry wrote his *A Catalogue of Lundy Stamps* which was published in 1969. Most philatelic authors produce works after a lifetime's experience in their chosen field, so it is to Barry's credit that he produced at the comparatively young age of 29 what still stands, 20 years later, as the definitive Lundy reference work.

In 1972 during a trip to the Island, Barry was to meet John Smith, now Sir John. As a result of this and a subsequent meeting at Sir John's London, Smith Square home, Barry was to set up the Lundy Philatelic Service to look after the interests of Lundy stamp collectors. John Smith was keen that it should be known as the Lundy Philatelic Service, not Bureau, due to all the bad publicity that the bureau had received as a result of Brian Rigby-Hall's cavalier stamp-issuing policy. It is interesting to note that under the new guidance of Ken Gibson (L.C.C. #082) the name has now been changed back to the Lundy Philatelic Bureau.

In 1972 when the L.P.S. started, Barry was also to donate his extensive Lundy collection to the British Library where it is on permanent display today. He felt that it would not be prudent to run the L.P.S. and be a collector at the same time, but rather than selling his collection, he chose to give it to the Nation so that it would benefit future generations of Lundy collectors. He also produced a number of Lundy stamp issues himself, such as the 1978 half-puffin blue. There were others like the 1979 9-puffin and 11-puffin values which were not adopted for postal purposes that Barry then gave away free to L.P.S. account holders.

Barry, who is 49, no longer collects Lundy stamps. His current interests include genealogy with special interest in the Isle of Purbeck. During his time in charge of the L.P.S., he was always noted for his propriety and pleasant, affable manner. Our thanks go out to him for his conscientious service. I feel sure he will be dearly missed.

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L.C.C. PRESENTATION TO BARRY CHINCHEN AND "FREE GIFT" WITH THIS ISSUE

The British end of the L.C.C. is planning on making a presentation to Barry in recognition of all the hard work he has done for the Lundy Philatelic Service. Bernard Stanley (L.C.C. #069), whose idea it was, has arranged a suitably engraved tankard which we hope to present to Barry at the March 5, 1989 L.C.C. Stampex meeting if we can tempt him along. A full report will appear in a future issue of the *LCCPQ*.

In 1978 Barry produced a special souvenir sheet in acknowledgment of the loyal service that Felix Gade had given to Lundy philately over the years. Fifty of these were given to Felix and the rest were distributed free to L.P.S. account holders. Barry is a modest man, and I know he will cringe with horror when he learns that we have done the same thing for him.

Every subscriber will find enclosed with this issue of the *LCCPQ* a special BARRY CHINCHEN SOUVENIR SHEET. This is not, of course, an official Lundy issue but is a lasting philatelic tribute to a man who has done so much for our hobby. A total of 400 of these sheets have been produced, of which 50 have been given to Barry to dispose of as he wishes.

--Jon Aitchison

REPORT OF LUNDY COLLECTORS CLUB'S U.K. STAMPEX MEETING

by Jon Aitchison

The Lundy Collectors Club held a meeting at Stampex in London on Sunday, October 2, 1988. The meeting was open to anyone with an interest in Lundy stamp collecting, not just L.C.C. members. To my amazement, over 50 people attended—which must have made it the single largest gathering of Lundy stamp collectors in the entire history of the cosmos!

At the meeting, there was a bourse at which Tony Langham (L.C.C. #113), Stanley Newman (L.C.C. #083), and Ken Gibson (L.C.C. #082) offered material for sale. There was a six-sheet competition for the *Stanley Newman Trophy* on any aspect of Lundy philately. The competition had five entries and was won by Ken Gibson for the second year in succession. Roger Allen (#046) submitted an excellent entry that should be highly commended; unfortunately, Roger arrived late, by which time most people had already voted, thus impeding his chances.

As already mentioned in the Summer 1988 *LCCPQ*, a special souvenir booklet was prepared for the meeting. This booklet was in the same format as the recently issued turquoise booklets but had a pink cover and different text inside. Only 100 booklets were prepared, and they were on sale at the meeting for the face value of £1.26. Other than a few that were sold to people who wrote to me before the meeting, the rest were all sold on that day. (Please do not write to me for any more as the souvenir booklet is now completely sold out.) A special "SPECIMEN" sheet of the cover of the £1.26 souvenir booklet was also produced and given away to everyone who attended the Stampex L.C.C. meeting.

Amongst those who attended the meeting, we were pleased to welcome Wim Ros (L.C.C. #183) from Holland and Lars Liwendahl (L.C.C. #087) from Sweden, both of whom had made the journey especially to be there. Toward the end of the meeting, Lars gave a speech in perfect English and presented everyone with two special maximum cards produced by the Swedish Cinderella Club (Samlarföreningen Bältespännarna) and a set of early Stockholm locals. These were extremely desirable and fairly valuable items. At this point, Ken Gibson became totally overwhelmed and started giving away his "Ken Gibson Loves Lundy Locals" labels, another welcome gift. Our thanks go to Lars and Ken for their generosity. British members attended from the length and breadth of the country, so I hope they will forgive me for not mentioning them individually.

While we were all having fun upstairs, Roger Hudson (L.C.C. #095) was hard at work in the exhibition hall at his "Cover Boys" stand. Throughout the exhibition, Roger had been acting as the Lundy "Post Office," selling mint Lundy stamps

at face value and accepting mail to be reposted from the Island. By the end of the week, he had sold over

Posted at Autumn Stampex 1988 Routed via LUNDY

40 pounds worth of stamps and taken in more than 60 items to be reposted from Lundy. These items all received a special souvenir cachet ("Posted at Autumn Stampex 1988/Routed via LUNDY"—see inset above). A special thanks goes out to Roger who also paid the hire fee for the meeting room, saving the Club a considerable amount of money. It was noticeable at the exhibition that the number of dealers holding stocks of Lundy had increased. Furthermore, when asking for Lundy, you no longer got a derisive reply or howls of laughter. Can Lundy have become acknowledged, respectable, and mainstream at last?

REPORT OF L.C.C.'S U.K. STAMPEX MEETING (Continued)

Unfortunately, a side effect of this increased dealer awareness was that there were far fewer bargains about than in previous years. One stand offered me the £1.26 turquoise booklet (which had just sold out) for £5. Another offered me the 1955 Millenary set for a staggering £3.50. When I queried it and tried to tell the dealer how common it was, I was told, "it was cheap and there is a lot of interest in Lundy nowadays." Oh well, it's better than being told they're not real stamps!

It was nice to see so many old friends and new faces at the Stampex meeting. Several people even joined the L.C.C. there and then. (*The results of Jon's L.C.C. recruiting efforts are summarized in the "News of L.C.C. Members" on pages 5 and 6 of this issue! --RSC*) The next L.C.C. Stampex meeting will take place on Sunday, March 6, 1989 in the Orchid Room of the New Hall, The Royal Horticultural Halls, Greycourt Street, London SW1, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The meeting will take the same form as usual with a bourse, a six-sheet competition, and another "free gift." Roger Hudson will be acting as the Lundy Post Office again throughout the week as well as offering his own excellent stock of Lundy stamps and postal history. Everyone with an interest in Lundy stamps is welcome, so please come along and try to bring a friend.

Announcement

Proposed L.C.C. Regional U.K. Meeting—Summer 1989

Jon Aitchison is trying to organize a Lundy Collectors Club regional meeting for the Summer of 1989. The meeting will be held on a Saturday in June, July, or August in the County of Cornwall, Somerset, Devon, or Avon, as these have the largest concentrations of L.C.C. members outside of Southeast England. The aim is to have a meeting on a Saturday afternoon, followed by a day trip to Lundy on the Sunday for anyone who can stay on. Jon would be interested in hearing from anyone in Cornwall, Somerset, Devon, or Avon who has any suggestions for suitable meeting venues. Please bear in mind that the location should be cheap (or even free), not too far from Bideford or Ilfracombe for Lundy sailings the following day, and most important of all, it should be near (or in) a pub! Anyone with helpful suggestions can telephone Jon on 07988-457 evenings.

On the subject of regional meetings, Cheshire, Chicago, New Jersey, Colorado, Alberta, and various other places would be equally suitable for future get-togethers. All they need is an organizer. Any volunteers?

Editor's comment: Colorado is too inaccessible to be a realistic L.C.C. meeting site. Besides, only three L.C.C. members reside in the State! However, the May 5-7, 1989 ROMPEX show in Denver, Colorado, could be a suitable meeting place for L.C.C. members who may be in attendance. I will be there (wearing my "I LOVE LUNDY" pin for recognition) and assume Roger and Bonnie Riga of RIGASTAMPS (L.C.C. #204) and former L.C.C. member Stephen Datz (General Philatelic Corporation) of Loveland, Colorado, both of whom had booths there the past two years, may again be manning dealer's booths. So, if you plan to attend ROMPEX 89, telephone me in advance (303-494-8361 evenings or weekends) to set up a mini-L.C.C. meeting! There should be a lounge/pub at the exhibition site (Holiday Inn/Holidome Trade and Convention Center, I-70 and Chambers Road, Aurora) where we can conduct a suitable "Lundy" discussion and perhaps even prepare appropriate souvenir covers to mark the occasion. --RSC

1989 L.C.C MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

It's time again for your 1989 dues. As postal rates continue to go up, we find it necessary to raise our dues to cover the cost of mailing your quarterlies and all the additional inserts, (i.e. Booklet Cover Proofs, Announcements, etc.) but we have managed to hold it to a minimum.

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