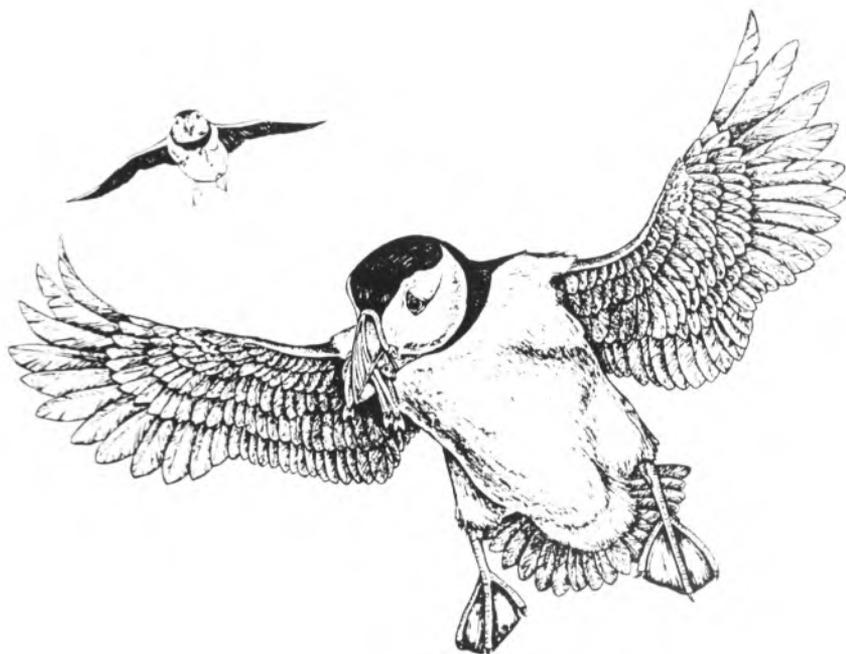




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## Letter to the Editor

### Update on Recent Lundy-Related Activities

While we were on a week's holiday on Lundy, the *Oldenburg* came four times and on each visit was full to capacity. They have had a good summer on the Island partly due to rare bird sightings which have attracted the "twitchers" (enthusiasts who keep lists of every bird in the world and then tick them off the list when they have seen them). Among the people staying on Lundy last week were Patrick Penny and Roger Allen. Patrick is a great golfer and organizes a golf tournament every five years over the Old Course on Lundy. We all took golf clubs and bashed our way through the bracken, heather, and long grass. Anyone who got around the nine holes in less than 100 strokes was doing very well. Patrick donated and presented prizes, and Roger Allen produced a cover, I have not yet got one but seem to remember that they said Lundy Golf Tournament / 23rd August 1990 (rubber stamp cachet).

Philatelically, the Island is busy preparing for the September overprints. Unfortunately, they are short of staff as the Engineer and his wife have left as also have Steve and Melony Husband who had come to Lundy from the Summer Isles (Scotland) where Melony had dealt with the local stamp issues there and who would have been a great help to Wendy Puddy in dealing with Lundy issues. As it is, Christine Bray, who has been on the Island for a year or two, is a great help with the stamps and should ensure that the September orders and inquiries are dealt with promptly. The date of issue of the 1991 new definitives has not yet



LETTER TO THE EDITOR (Continued)

been fixed, but I am hoping that I might be of use to the Island and go over for a few days in the Spring to help deal with 1991 orders. The 1991 definitives are to be printed by a firm of Security Printers who have not been used before. I don't know their name yet, but they have not dealt with Lundy stamps before.

Sir John Smith's retirement party (which was mentioned on page 4 of the Summer 1990 *LCCPQ*) was a marvelous affair. Police were on duty to guide you into Shottesbrooke Park and Home Farm, and after praking and collecting identity badges in a marquess, one progressed through the stone-flagged hall of Shottesbrooke, a delightful Queen Anne House, to the garden where the celebrations were being held. There was a hospitality marquee offering wine and then lunch, an orchestra playing light music and a brass band playing more robust tunes, an exhibition of the work of The Landmark Trust, a potter at work, ice creams, and competitions. The great joy as a Lundy-lover was that many old Lundy friends had been invited, including Ian Grainger (former Lundy Agent who is now a Minister of Religion in Scotland), Angela Bendall (his Secretary), Nick Morrow and his wife (he was Accountant on the Island for many years), John and Penny Ogilvie (he was Farmer on the Island for many years and tragically died of a heart attack in July while attending his daughter's degree graduation), Barry Chinchin, and Jill and Roger Davis. The weather was kind for the most part, but the great Lundy photograph which we had arranged for 3 p.m. had to take place inside a tent because of a sudden downpour of rain, and because of the poor light, it was a complete failure.

--Tony Langham, Reigate, Surrey, England (August 30, 1990)

## **Offers**

### Lundy Stamps for Retail Sale by L.C.C. Members

- Ingo Susemihl indicates that he has a large stock of the 1961 Europa issue in complete mint sheets and will sell the set of seven sheets for US\$20 or GB£10 (in currency only/please no checks), postpaid. Order from Ingo Susemihl, Dahlenkamp 32b, D-2100 Hamburg 90, West Germany.
- Michael Bale is offering through his Negev Holyland Stamps Ltd. firm a limited quantity of mint NH sets of eight of the rare 1940 "RED CROSS" issue below current auction price at £195 (\$366.60) plus postage and registration extra (and 15% V.A.T. for U.K. customers). Order from Negev Holyland Stamps Ltd., P.O. Box 1, Ilfracombe, EX34 9BR, England. If you are not already on Mr. Bale's retail mailing list for Lundy stamps, you should let him know of your interest and request being included in future mailings.
- Anders Backman is offering several scarce Lundy "BY AIR" items, major errors of the 1961 Europa miniature sheet with missing colors, and other items in his Autumn 1990 *Bulletin* of stamps for sale. His *Bulletins* are available on a subscription basis, but Anders will send you a copy on request (but please include \$4 or £2, refundable on your first purchase, to cover cost of mailing). Order from Anders Backman, Box 15014, 104 65 Stockholm, Sweden.

### "Devon's Best Attractions" Booklet

Copies of the booklet titled "Devon's Best Attractions" (which features Lundy and has space for the passport cachet mentioned on page 4 of the Fall 1990 *LCCPQ*) can be obtained free of charge from Mrs. Francis Roach

OFFERS (Continued)

(Secretary), Devon Association of Tourist Attractions, 8 The Spinney, Woodlands, Ivybridge, Devon, England, or telephone (0752)-893856. A stamped, self-addressed envelope (or international reply coupon) would be appreciated. If you forwarded your booklet to Wendy Puddy with a request for the passport section to receive the Lundy lighthouse cachet, she would oblige you. Again, please send a self-addressed envelope and enough money to cover the Great Britain postal rate and Lundy puffin charge along with the request to: Wendy Puddy, Lundy, Bristol Channel, via Bideford, North Devon, EX39 2LY, England.

Puffin Items for Retail Sale

Puffin Sculpture. An 8-inch tall, hand-carved Alaska soapstone sculpture of a horned puffin (*Fratercula corniculata*) perched from a pillared precipice, is an original available from Coldwater Creek, 212 North First Avenue, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864, U.S.A., for \$135 plus \$7.50 shipping and handling charges. Credit card (VISA/MasterCard/American Express) orders accepted; call toll-free 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays or 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends (Pacific time) at 1-800-262-0040.

Stuffed Puffin Toy. The National Wildlife Federation's *1990 Holiday Nature Gifts Catalogue* offers a brightly colored, 10-inch long "Huggin the Puffin" bird by Gund®. This delightful stuffed toy is available as item #21543 for \$30. *Terms:* \$3.95 shipping charge for orders under \$50 or \$5.50 for orders over \$50. From National Wildlife Federation, 1400 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C. 20036-2266, U.S.A. VISA or MasterCard orders welcome; order toll-free 1-800-432-6564, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

## **News of L.C.C. Members**

- Jean Love (#311) is the originator of a feature titled "Design Errors" that appears regularly in *Stamp Collector*, a weekly philatelic newspaper published in the U.S. Jean is aware of at least one error appearing in the design of a Lundy stamp and promises that a complete illustrated report will appear in a future issue of the *LCCPQ*.
- Two L.C.C. members fared well as exhibitors at STAmPsHOW 90, the annual exhibition of the American Philatelic Society held August 23-26 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Richard E. Drews (#199) ("U.S. Issues, 1861-1868") and Randy L. Neil (#300) ("Great Britain: The Half Penny Queen Victoria Jubilee Issue") were awarded **Prix D'Honneur** for their exhibits in the elite "World Series of Philately" competition. Congratulations, Rich and Randy, for your showings at such a prestigious event!

Channel Islands Specialists' Society news concerning L.C.C. members:

- Tom Green (#129) was unanimously elected as the Advertising/Press Officer for the C.I.S.S. Tom gave a "pre-retirement" speech at the gala dinner held at the Jersey Weekend of April 27-29, 1990 to celebrate the C.I.S.S.'s 40th Birthday. He posted notice of the helpers he'll require when he retires from stamp dealing to run Low Ham International Airport. (Tom, we're you being serious? Details please!)
- Stanley Newman (#083) gave a static display titled "Mail Ships to and from the Islands" at the Jersey Weekend's Friday reception.
- Cor van Zon (#216) of the Netherlands continued the displays on Sunday at the Jersey Weekend. Cor kept to the Occupation theme, showing machine and handstruck "Paid" markings from the period.

NEWS OF LUNDY COLLECTORS CLUB MEMBERS (Continued)

- Honorary Member Herman ("Pat") Herst, Jr. is the author of a reminiscence article about philately's halcyon days titled "Bruce McIntyre and His Visiting Firemen" that appeared in the October 1990 issue of *The American Philatelist*. Pat sent along his holiday greetings to the membership and had this to say about the state of his health: "I'm really feeling a helluva lot better than a year ago even though the textbooks say no one ever recovered from Parkinson's disease. My hands have improved—can do a little writing and walk short distances very slowly and quite painfully, but it makes it a lot easier on my wife Ida who does not have to push the wheelchair." Pat, our wishes are with you for 1991 and we hope to hear continuing optimistic reports about your progress!
- Raymond Morgan (#286), one of two Northern Ireland members, sent along some information for (unfortunately) Great Britain members only: there is a V.H.S. video titled *Puffin Summer* about survival birds of the world, with a running time of 30 minutes and narrated by William Franklyn, available in all Woolworth's Shops for £7.99 each. *Puffin Summer* was filmed on the Skomer Islands in Southwest Wales and could be interesting for puffin addicts! U.S. members are cautioned that the system used in G.B. is different from that of the U.S., so this videocassette is not compatible with and will not work in U.S. V.H.S. systems.
- Michael H. Bale (#161) of Negev Holyland Stamps Ltd. reports purchasing the famous *George H. Ulrich, Jr. Lundy Collection* during November 1990 via private treaty sale from the heir. Michael reports: "I am now in the process of going through it and evaluating it against my own personal collection. It is a wonderful collection with many rare items in it, and obviously I intend to more or less amalgamate the two collections which will then later release quite a bit of surplus material for sale. Obviously, this is all going to take some time, but I think we can expect that sometime in the future we will be holding further Lundy mail sales." Lundy collectors already on Mr. Bale's mailing list will receive more information in the future. Readers desiring to be added to his mailing list should inquire from Negev Holyland Stamps Ltd., P.O. Box 1, Ilfracombe, Devon, EX34 9BR, England; telephone Ilfracombe 0271862857.
- Ian G. Wilkinson (#045) and *The Wilkinson Collection* are the subject of the British National Postal Museum's annual report titled *The Philatelic Year 1989*. Ian, an inveterate collector of miniature letter boxes, model postal vehicles, and various other objects having a postal theme, contributed about 4000 pieces to the Museum in what the article describes as "by far the largest and most important acquisition made during 1989." Ian is one of the three founders of The Letter Box Study Group, an organization that today numbers more than 600 members. Further information about the L.B.S.G. may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The Secretary, L.B.S.G., 43 Miall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 9BS, England.
- Randy L. Neil (#300) was awarded a Gold Medal at Sepad, the 50th Annual Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition held October 12-14, 1990, in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, for his exhibit of the "United States Two Cent Issue of 1883-87." Randy also received the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society Award and the Helen Feneberg Memorial Award at Sepad for this exhibit. This same exhibit also captured a Gold Medal and the Bureau Issues Association Award at Florex '90, the annual show sponsored by the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, held November 2-4 in Orlando, Florida. Randy's "Mails of the U.S. 1938 Presidential Series" captured a Vermeil

## NEWS OF LUNDY COLLECTORS CLUB MEMBERS (Continued)

Award at the American Stamp Dealers Association's National Postage Stamp Show held in New York City, November 1-4, 1990. Congratulations, Randy, for the fine showings!

*L.C.C. Membership Information (by Roger S. Cichorz)*

While undertaking the task of revising the L.C.C. membership records, I noted that from the organization's inception in the Spring of 1979 through November 1, 1990, there have been 318 members assigned membership numbers 001 through 333. The discrepancy between the total number of members and the numbers assigned can be explained by the fact that #005 through #020 have not been assigned, except for #011 and #012 which are held by Honorary Members William Rowcroft (formerly #065) and Barry N. D. Chinchin, respectively. Of the 318 members, 234 are currently on the roster and 84 are no longer members of the L.C.C. for various reasons (8 deceased, 7 resigned, 2 unable to locate/mail returned, no forwarding address, 1 expelled, and 66 dropped for nonpayment of membership dues).

*November 1, 1990 membership status*—234 active members having the following geographical distribution: U.K. 137, U.S. 66, Canada 8, Australia 5, Sweden 4, Netherlands 3, West Germany 3, Japan 2, and others (1 each from Belgium, Brazil, Iceland, Italy, Malta, and Switzerland). The 84 former L.C.C. members were geographically distributed as follows: U.S. 56, U.K. 12, Canada 7, Australia 3, and 1 each from Belgium, Lebanon, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, and West Germany.

*Membership numbers assigned:* 1979 (34) 001-004 + 021-050, 1980 (10) 051-060, 1981 (27) 061-087, 1982 (37) 088-123 + 011-012, 1983 (16) 124-139, 1984 (17) 140-156, 1985 (13) 157-169, 1986 (16) 170-185, 1987 (18) 186-203, 1988 (50) 204-253, 1989 (58) 254-311, and 1990 (22) 312-333.

Silver-Bronze Medal for  
LCCPQ at SESCAL 90!



LCCPQ Editor Roger S. Cichorz was awarded a Silver-Bronze Medal for the 1989 Volume in the literature competition at SESCAL 90, the annual stamp exhibition of Southern California, held October 12-14 in Los Angeles, California.

## NEWS OF LUNDY

*Article from the August 27, 1990  
Issue of The Daily Telegraph  
(submitted by Raymond Morgan)*

## War on rats saves puffins of Lundy

LUNDY island's puffins are recovering from near-extinction after a conservationist waged war on their greatest enemy.

The seabirds on the Bristol Channel island were hit by pollution, starvation and black rats that ate eggs and chicks.

Thousands of the birds nested on Lundy's cliffs in the 1930s, but their numbers fell to fewer than 20 during the 1980s. This year, numbers have risen sharply after Mr Andrew Gibson, the island's warden, declared war on the rats.

The Lundy Field Society says that an average of about 38 puffins a day have been counted, with a high of 60. Mr Gibson believes as many as 100 are nesting on Lundy.

He said: "Pollution incidents had a devastating effect. The puffins were also badly hit by the unexplained disappearance of their staple food, the sand eel, for several years running." This year, the eels are back.

"Another factor in their decline was a population explosion among the black rat. I have managed to exterminate the vast majority of the rats by baiting and trapping."



Puffin: fighting back

## NEWS AND NOTES ON RECENT LUNDY ISSUES AND POSTAL RATES

By Jon Aitchison

The 1990 Provisional Overprint Definitives

The 1990 provisional overprints (surcharges *illustrated below*) were produced by xerography (i.e., photocopied) which results in some variation of the position of the overprint on each stamp. This variation of position, however, is not great enough to merit catalogue status since it always substantially obscures the original value. The overprinted stamps cannot be found with the original value completely exposed as happened with some of the 1960s (provisional) overprints.



FIGURE 1. Lundy 1990 Provisional Overprint Issue and Surcharge Values.

There are at least two constant (plate) varieties which both occur on the 22-puffin value. Stamp 10 (row 2, stamp 2) has a noticeable nick in the first "2" (*illustrated above right*), and stamp 72 (row 9, stamp 8) has a small dot in the gutter on the lower left of the stamp. I feel sure that more minor varieties will come to light in due course.

A total of 500 presentation packs were prepared, and 500 first day covers were printed, but it is not clear if all 500 were actually used. At the same time as the provisional set was issued, a belated presentation pack for the "1929-1989" overprints was put on sale. Once again, 500 of these were prepared. Finally, I do not think the quantity of first day of postal validity covers for the 3p on 10p overprint has yet been announced. That was also 500, but, again, it is uncertain if all 500 had been used.

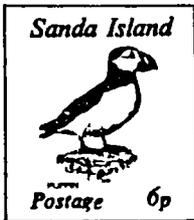
New Lundy Puffinage Rates

When Lundy issued its new stamps September 15, 1990 in response to the need for higher values prompted by the increase in British postal rates, it also increased the *puffinage* rate. The puffinage rate is the amount that Lundy charges in addition to the British postal charges for handling mail and transporting it to the mainland. The previous rate had been 15 percent on top of the British rate rounded up to the nearest penny. The new rate is 20 percent rounded up or down, not necessarily to the nearest penny, with a minimum charge of five puffins (pence).

Lundy handles about 20,000 items of mail a year, and the previous charge which raised about 600 pounds per annum did not cover the cost of handling the mail. The new charge will generate about 1000 pounds per annum, which still does not cover the handling costs but goes a bit further towards them. The costs of operating the mail service from Lundy are considerable, and a lot of man-hours (sorry Wendy, woman-hours) are expended in processing the mail. When this is borne in mind, I think most people will consider the new higher puffinage rate to be justified.

## Odds and Ends

### Clarification on Checklist for Stamps Depicting Puffins



D. Smit submitted a photocopy of the Sanda Island set catalogued as *Rosen S.272-S.277* to clarify that two stamps of this set of six have a common puffin design [Summer 1990 *LCCPQ*, page 2]. These "birds definitives" consist of six values and four bird designs: 4p (cormorant), 6p (puffin), 8p (gannet), 12p (oystercatcher), 20p (puffin), and 50p (gannet). The puffin design (*inset left*) appears on the 6p stamp (S.273) and is repeated on the 20p stamp (S.276).

### Additional Use Dates for "DELAYED BY STORM" Markings

Ingo Susemihl sent the following additions to John Holman's lists of use dates for the various types of Lundy "DELAYED BY STORM" markings [refer to Fall 1986 *LCCPQ*, pages 12-15, and Summer 1990 *LCCPQ*, pages 14-16]:  
*Type 1*: 24 January 1965, green (25 January G.P.O. postmark) and 21 February 1967, green (inward cover from West Berlin).  
*Type 3*: 2 January 1973, black (2 January G.P.O. postmark).  
*Type 6*: 26 May 1989, black (27 May meter franking), 30 October 1989, black (30 October meter franking), and 9 April 1990, black (postcards and covers with "first day of new franking machine die" cachet and having 9 April meter marks). Meter marks with "DELAYED BY STORM" plate and without additional *Type 4* or 5 "DELAYED BY STORM" cachet: 8 February 1975 and 24 January 1979.

### Fortuitous Acquisition of "Thimble" Cancellation

Jon Aitchison reports purchasing a Great Britain KEVII 4d orange definitive (*Scott #150*) with a virtually complete strike of a "Lundy Island"



May 13, 1913 *thimble* cancellation on it (*inset left*) from a dealer at a local stamp show he attended. Jon indicates: "The dealer did not know the significance of the Lundy c.d.s. and probably did not even notice it. It's the first time I have come across a Lundy thimble on anything other than a ½d or 1d definitive, and the cost...a staggering thirty pence! Do you think I was ripped off?" (*Certainly not, Jon, but I sure would like to have seen the cover or piece from which this stamp was removed for its postal history significance! --RSC*)

### Misplaced "1929-1939" Overprints and Stamp Correspondence

John Aitchison reports purchasing the Lundy Collection of the late Fred Allington, a Lundy collector since the early 1950s and member of the now-defunct Lundy Specialists Society, who died in 1989. Jon had this to say about the collection: "The stamps were fairly standard, but three nice things did come out. They were misplaced overprints on the "10th Anniversary" issue, two on covers and one single stamp (*all illustrated at the top of the following page*). More interesting, however, was a huge pile of correspondence found in folders marked 'Lot 292/5-1-55' which appears to have been an auction lot that has not seen the light of day for almost 35 years. There were letters from Rigby-Hall, Gade, Harman, Stanard, Boyd, and others. I feel sure there is a wealth of important information here just waiting to be sorted out. I'll let you know what I discover. I am going to photocopy a few letters that have already come to my attention for your amusement. You will see that things don't change. The same complaints existed 50 years ago. Points to note:

## ODDS AND ENDS (Continued)

The "10th Anniversary" issue stamps with misplaced "1929-1939" are illustrated above.

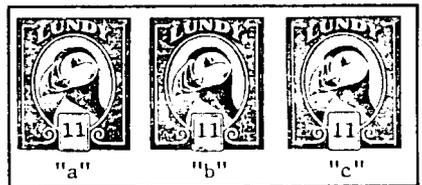
A portion of the October 1942 inward cover to C. F. Waghorn, the Lundy South Lighthouse Keeper, has two 9p stamps with the overprints placed way off diagonally downward (also shown below the cropped cover cut in lighter contrast to accentuate the misplaced overprints). An outward FDC of the two low values of the set has a 1p stamp with its overprint dropped and slightly angled downward. The single stamp is a 1p value with its overprint dropped, off-center right, and angled downward.

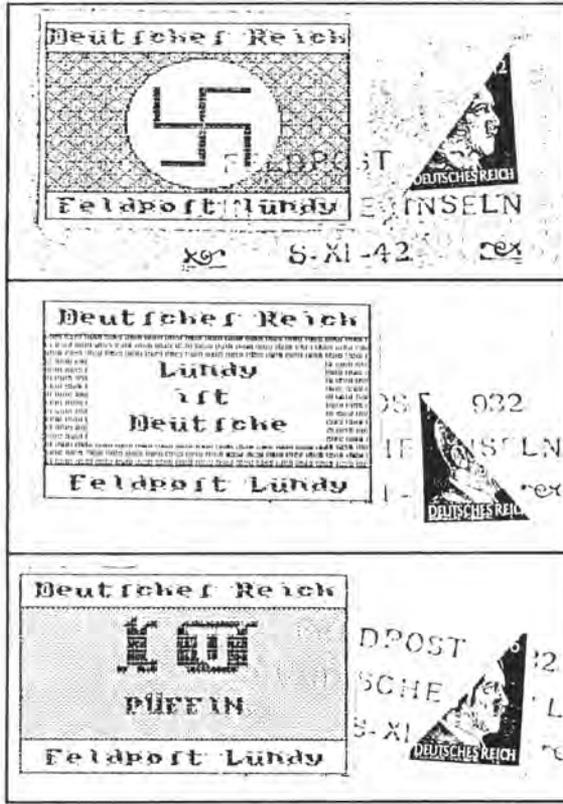
requests to sell Lundy canceller, Harman flogging off proofs and essays to the highest bidder, complaints about too many overprints, complaints (by Gade) about Brian Rigby-Hall bringing Lundy stamps into disrepute, complaints about selling under face value, etc."

*(Editor's note: Excerpts from some of these letters which comprise postal history significance and insights into the various players will appear as an article in a future LCCPQ after Jon has had the opportunity to peruse them in more detail. --RSC)*

### Constant Plate Flaws of the 1979 Unofficial 11-Puffin Essay

Jim Mullett reports: "From my stock of the 1979 (*Lundy Philatelic Service's*) unofficial essays for the 11-puffin definitives, I have noticed these constant (*plate*) flaws on the value and value tablet: (a) the '11' is tilted to the left, (b) the right-hand numeral serif is touching the inner frame line of the value tablet, and (c) the left-hand inner frame line of the value tablet is completely missing."



ODDS AND ENDS (Continued)Bogus "Feldpost Lundy" Labels Now Appearing Used on Covers

Jon Aitchison and Wim Ros submitted photocopies of several more recently fabricated "Deutsches Reich/Feldpost Lundy" labels used on covers. The covers are "franked" with the labels and bisected Germany "Adolph Hitler" 6pf and 12pf stamp issues of 1941-43, both of which are "tied" by an equally bogus "FELDPPOST 932/LUNDISCHE INSELN/8-XI-42" postmark. All four covers examined were addressed to a "W Kranz/HAMBURG LPF6/Deuscheland" in the same typeface as that of the "Feldpost" cancellation. Another "Feldpost" label was illustrated on page 7 of the Winter 1987-1988 *LCCPQ* in an article by Jon Aitchison who opined unfavorably about these types of fabrications. Cuts of the cover "frankings" are illustrated at left, and as readers can readily see, these items should not deceive anyone.

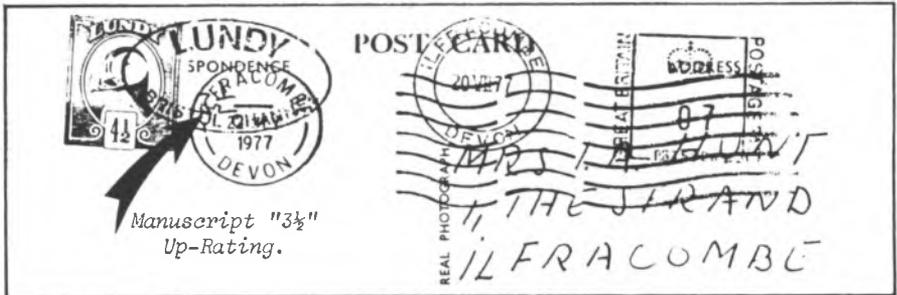
Additional Type of 1977 Manuscript "Up-Rating" Reported

Roger E. Allen previously discussed three different types of manuscript "up-ratings" on postcards (Fall 1982 *LCCPQ*, page 17) during the period 1976-1978 at the time of increase postal rates in the United Kingdom. Lack of Lundy low-denominated stamps to make up the exact amount of the new rates and/or a lack of space on the face of the postcards for additional Lundy stamps made it necessary for the Island authorities to up-rate postcards by manuscript additions representing postage paid above the amount represented by affixed Lundy stamps. Roger Allen illustrated four manuscript additions which exemplified three different types of up-ratings for the three years under discussion. I have one additional type to add to those previously reported.

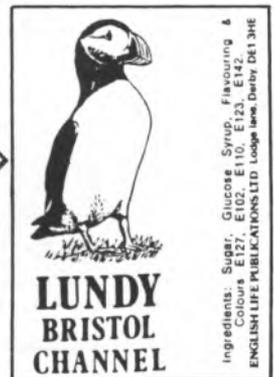
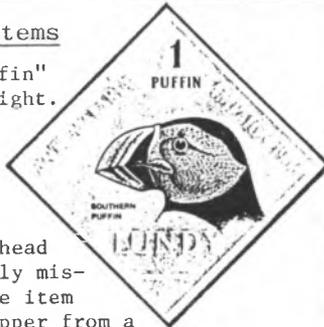
After the Great Britain second-class rate increased to 7 pence June 13, 1977, prestamped Lundy postcards (i.e., those already having Lundy stamps representing the old postal rate affixed in the left-hand corner of the message side) had to be sold at 8 pence to cover the G.B. 7p postal rate plus the 1p puffinage (Lundy surcharge for servicing the mail). Most such postcards were already franked with a 7½-puffin definitive and received a "½" manuscript addition (Allen type 2 shown as Figure 2,

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*op. cit.*). However, one postcard I possess has only a Lundy 4½-puffin definitive affixed, requiring a "3½" manuscript addition to cover the 8-pence rate. The franked portion of this postcard is illustrated below. The manuscript "3½" is difficult to decipher in the illustration because the Ilfracombe Post Office kindly added a (superfluous) machine way line "22 JLY 1977" c.d.s. over the Lundy machine marking—but then why should any Lundy postal history collector complain about a G.P.O. "receiving mark" that corroborates the item's routing?! --Roger S. Cichora

Two Lundy "Puffin" Items

Two unrelated Lundy "puffin" items are shown to the right. The 1962 anti-malaria lp stamp, submitted by Wim Ros, has the black printing misaligned with respect to the blue, resulting in the puffin's head and "1 PUFFIN" value badly misplaced to the right. The item shown far right is a wrapper from a candy confection available at the Island Shop.

Another Lundy Graf Zeppelin Flight Cover

A previous Graf Zeppelin flight cover with Lundy July 14, 1934 and Bideford P.O. July 15, 1934 frankings has been discussed in previous LCCPQs [Summer 1980, page 5; Fall 1980, page 8 (*illustration*); Summer 1982, page 7; Spring 1983, page 17; Summer 1985, page 20; and Spring 1986, page 20]. Austin Dulin submitted a photocopy of another Graf Zeppelin flight cover with similar Lundy and Bideford P.O. frankings for the same dates. This cover is also addressed to Fredk. G. Foley, c/o Mr. G. T. Tiplady, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,



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and has the same sender's name and address (Mrs. E. A. Foley, 56 Salisbury Road, Leigh, Essex, England) as the other cover, but unlike the other cover, this one does not have a hand-drawn pen-and-ink dirigible cachet, nor was this one registered. No additional information resulted from Paul Seybolt's Spring 1986 inquiry, so if any reader can provide further information about these two covers or their sender/recipient, please write the *LCCFQ* Editor.

**BY AIR MAIL**  
**PAR AVION**

360

Per "GRAF ZEPPELIN"  
Printed Matter.

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*Overleaf:*  
The Lundy  
July 14,  
1934  
franking  
and trans-  
it mark-  
ings on  
the flight  
cover's  
backside.

Fredk. G. Foley, Esq.,

c/o Mr. G. T. Tiplady,

Ofixa Postal, 1385,

RIO DE JANEIRO,

Brazil,

Sth. America.



*Left:*  
The Graf  
Zeppelin  
flight  
cover with  
Bideford  
July 15  
postmark.

Lundy Postal History and Telecommunication Items

Jim Mullett sent a photocopy of the only recorded example of an entire Lundy telegram (*shown below*). Jim purchased this item as lot #235 in the C.I.L.A. Lundy Collectors postal auction number 12, which closed May 5, 1989. The "LUNDY ISLAND/COAST GUARD" postal marking on this telegram has



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been illustrated previously (Winter 1989-1990 *LCCPQ*, page 14) but the telegram in its entirety has never been shown until now. Jim comments: "The telegram is buff colored and does not reproduce too clearly. It was sent from London to Lundy in 57 minutes!"

Jim also sent photocopies of two other related paper ephemera—a Lundy radiogram from January 1971 on the radiogram form that was adopted about 1960 (*illustrated immediately below*) and the receipt for the payment of a subsequent "safe arrival" telephone call from the telegram's sender, Colin G. Taylor. Jim indicated, "The radiogram was paid for in shillings, but the later receipt for a phone call (*illustrated below right*) is in new pence [*as*] this was our currency-changeover period."

LUNDY RADIOGRAM			SERIAL NO.
HANDED IN AT.....M			18494
RECEIVED AT.....M		OPERATOR'S NAME.....	DATE: 23. 1. 71.
NO. OF WORDS.....	RADIO CHARGES.....	ENGLISH TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE CHARGES.....	TOTAL CHARGES.....
		3/-	3/-
TO: MRS TAYLOR KENILWORTH 53263			
ARRIVING TOMORROW. WILL TELEPHONE ON ARRIVAL.			
FROM: COLIN.			
<small>THE LUNDY COMPANY CANNOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MISTAKES IN TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION</small>			

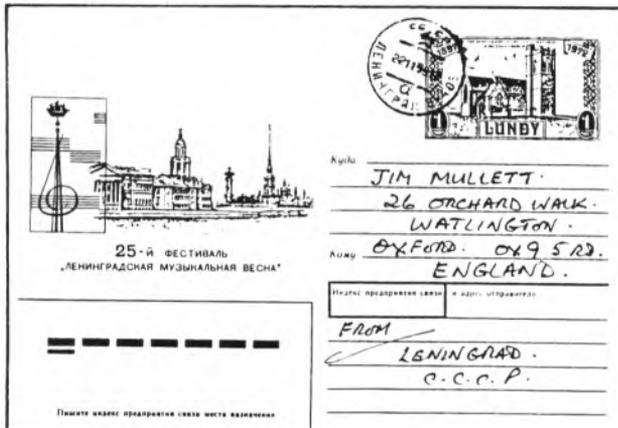
According to A. and M. Langham's *Lundy*, the telegraph link from Lundy to the British mainland was proposed as early as 1870, but work did not begin in earnest until 1883, and the first telegraphic link was made to Hartland Point in 1884. The telegraph cable broke on several occasions during its first years of operation, and the excessively heavy cost of repairs led to its abandonment in 1887. In 1893, the G.P.O. installed another telegraphic line from Croyde Bay, but this line also experienced a series of breaks and subsequent repairs. When the cable broke in 1917, repair work was not started until two years later. After two breakages in 1928, the G.P.O. closed the post office and cable on Lundy and left the cable unrepaired. The disused cable was subsequently "bought by Mr. Harman for a token sum of 2s 6d and remains in situ along the rocks of the beach as a

5210	
TELEGRAMS: LUNDY, VIA HARTLAND POINT, DEVON	
<b>THE LUNDY COMPANY</b>	
LUNDY BRISTOL CHANNEL VIA BIDEFORD NORTH DEVON	
March 4 <sup>th</sup> 1971	
M. C. G. Taylor	
1971 Jan. 23	To telephone call to Kenilworth 53263
	15
Received with thanks M. C. G. Taylor 70 The March 15 <sup>th</sup> 1971	

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link with the past and a reminder of the many times that Lundy's communications with the outside world have been broken." [A. and M. Langham, *Lundy*, David & Charles (Publishers) Ltd., Newton Abbot, England, 1970, pages 83-85.]

During 1928, Mr. Harman entered into an agreement with the marine department of the Board of Trade, which was responsible for safety at sea, to install a Marconi radiotelephone and to be responsible for watching the coast of Lundy. For its part, the Board of Trade installed a similar set at the coast guard station at Hartland Point, and it was arranged that the coast guards would transmit private messages as well as those concerned with shipping. The original transmitter was replaced by a naval TV5 set in 1945. In the early 1970s, a VHF radiotelephone service was established, linking the Island to the mainland telephone system, and since then, the radio link to Hartland Point has been reserved for emergency use only. [A. and M. Langham, *op. cit.*, page 84.]



Illustrated to the left and below are two souvenir covers prepared by Jim Mullett during his 1989 trip to Leningrad, Russia. Do the Russian postmarks attest to the "universality" of Lundy stamps?

In a more frivolous vein, Jim also sent photocopies of two interesting souvenir covers from his November 1989 trip to Leningrad (pictured above and at right). See, even the Russian postal authorities will accept Lundy stamps for the payment of postage!



## Offer

Ian Arnold (L.C.C. member #183) mailed Market Coins' Lundy List No. 8 during January 1991. The list included eleven different items for retail sale, including three mint postcards, a postally used postcard, a used cover, and six nonphilatelic items related to Lundy. If you are not already receiving Market Coins' periodic Lundy lists, contact Ian and request being added to his mailing list: I. T. Arnold, 11 Hillcrest Road, Bideford, Devon, EX39 4DQ, England; telephone 0237-476056. Mention seeing it in the LCCPQ.

# Lundy at Auction

By Roger S. Cichorz  
3925 Longwood Avenue  
Boulder, Colorado 80303

## Channel Island Stamp Company Postal Bid Sales

The 70th postal bid sale of the Channel Island Stamp Company (C.I.S.C., 20 Smith Street, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands; telephone 0481-25560, Telex HHDPG 4191664), which closed September 28, 1990, had 24 lots of Lundy material estimated at 330 pounds. Some of the *better* lots (with estimates in parentheses following brief descriptions) included: a mint single of the 1930 6p definitive in "steel blue instead of mauve" (£??), a mint gutter pair of the 1930 6p definitive with one stamp showing plate damage during the printing process (£15), a Stanard-prepared January 1, 1939 cacheted outward cover (£20—too high in my opinion), 1953 "By Air" overprints on 12p in red and black described as "Newman #78C and #78D but with two bars instead of three as listed" [could these be misdescribed Newman #78A and #78B?] (£15), and a 1965 1p on 3p provisional overprint in black mint gutter pair (£20). In addition, there were five lots of ACAS "large map" reprints, a 1937 LACAL ½d weak-impression marginal proof in violet on white paper, and two "V + plane" overprint proofs, with estimates ranging from £10 to £20 per lot.

C.I.S.C.'s 71st sale, which closed October 31, 1990, offered only one Lundy lot—a collection on leaves containing two 1944 "Wright Brothers biplane" overprint values, a 1941 "V + plane" 1p value in green, two 1943 "IX Anniversary" overprint values (the 2p having a green border instead of gold!), 1929 1p definitive in unused gutter block of four, four 1953-62 used sets, and four 1953-85 FDCs—at a modest estimate of 15 pounds. There were two Lundy lots in C.I.S.C.'s 72nd sale, which closed November 30, 1990—the 1981 bogus "Royal Wedding" overprint on 1962 anti-malaria set in complete mint sheets of 25 estimated at £20 and a small collection (comprised of six 1953-85 FDCs, the 1972 St. Helena's Church issue in presentation pack, and an advertising card with 1957-61 stamps attached) estimated at £15.

C.I.S.C. sale number 73, which closed December 31, 1990, included 13 lots of Lundy material, some being unsold lots previously offered in C.I.S.C.'s 70th sale. The best items included a mint vertical gutter pair of the 1965 provisional (1p in black on 3p, *Chinchen* #153) estimated at £20 and a complete sheet of 100 of the 1955 Millenary airmail 9p color trial in gray and red estimated at £40.

C.I.S.C. sale number 74, which closed January 31, 1991, included 11 lots of Lundy material with a cumulative estimate of 283 pounds and featuring some interesting covers. An outward October 26, 1935 cover with a tied Lundy ½p definitive and uncanceled ACAS ½d "tramticket" from roll 1 on the reverse was estimated at £30, while a 1939 inward cover addressed to Mr. Gade from South Africa (unusual origination) with an uncanceled Lundy ½p definitive and LACAL "5-line" overprint tied by a circular cancellation in blue was estimated at £30. Two Phillips-prepared covers (April 27, 1936 inward and January 1, 1939 outward) were estimated at £18 and £15, respectively. A scarce plain 1945 cover to France, with seven of the "IX Anniversary" overprints (missing the 4p value) tied on front(!) and a pair of KGV1 ½d and 1d definitives to meet the 3d rate tied by a Swansea 26 Oc 45 machine cancellation, was estimated at £60. A pilot-signed, cacheted FDC for the 1951 "BY AIR" ½p value was estimated at £35, while a 1969 inward cover with a pair of 1p on 9p provisionals (Newman #161b) was estimated at £15. A mint set of eight of the 1942 "V + plane" overprint issue was estimated at £50.

LUNDY AT AUCTION (Continued)Lundy Collectors Club Mini Mail Sales

L.C.C. mini mail sale number two, which closed August 1, 1990, offered 72 lots having a cumulative reserve of £617.75. Only seven lots went unsold, and the other 65, with reserves totaling £498.25, fetched £628.25 for 26.1 percent above reserves. L.C.C. U.K. Representative Jon Aitchison reported that two lots (the 1989 first day of postal validity cover with G.P.O. usage which sold for £2.25 against a reserve of £1.50 and a set of bogus Lundy overprints on a se-tenant block of four of the 1989 G.B. 19p puffin stamp which realized £5 against a reserve of £4) were the most sought after items, each receiving seven bids. Jon added that four other lots each received six bids, and a total of 31 members submitted bids—not a particularly bad response considering the auction catalogue was mailed only to U.K. members as part of the Summer 1990 *L.C.C. British Newsletter* which Jon produces.

The best lots (reserves followed by realizations are given in parentheses after brief description) included: a pilot-signed FDC for the 1950 "BY AIR" ½p stamp (£18/£24), a FDC without G.P.O. usage for the 1955 Millenary surface set (£5/£11.50), a Bureau 1943 Wright Brothers 3p essay with brown background and black biplane on cream gummed paper (£14/£26), and the 1969 provisional in mint pane of 30 (£75/£81). The costliest lot of this sale was lot 31, "the good general Lundy collection" with "high catalogue value" which sold for its reserve of £100.

L.C.C. mini mail sale number three, which closed November 26, 1990, was open to all L.C.C. members in good standing regardless of place of residence as Jon Aitchison mailed copies of the Autumn 1990 *L.C.C. British Newsletter* (which contained the sale lot descriptions) to all members! This auction consisted of 62 lots with a cumulative reserve of £370, and an additional 15 lots of Lundy covers were offered as part of this sale at fixed prices ranging from £1 to £4 each. Jon reported that a total of 38 members submitted bids, but (alas) only 13 were non-U.K. residents despite his mailing the *Newsletter* to all members. He explains, "I'm not complaining—it's just a fact, probably something to do with the hassle of making payments in Sterling and the high exchange rate." Please support Jon's future mini mail sale efforts as I'm sure any of his profits in running these auctions do not begin to cover his costs in producing and mailing the *L.C.C. British Newsletters*.

In sale number three all but five lots sold, and the 57 lots which did attract bids realized £401 against a cumulative reserve of £317.50 for 26.3 percent above reserves (almost identical to the 26.1 figure for the preceding sale). The most popular lots in this sale were four of the "fixed price" Lundy covers as they drew 35 takers. In fact, the 17 net price covers drew 81 purchases with only Jon's 1988 Nepal postcard to Lundy (lot 74) not attracting a taker despite its modest price of £2. Lot 75, the cover commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Herm Island's first postage stamps (*locals*) and sent inward to Lundy, was the one most in demand, with 12 of these covers (out of only 20 prepared) selling at £2.50 each. Among the auction items, lots #4, #19, and #51 proved most popular, each drawing six bids. The most pricey lot of this auction was the 1969 provisional (*Chinchen* #161) in a full mint NH pane of 30, which realized £63 against its reserve of £60 (and *Newman* catalogue valuation of £150+). The cheapest lot was a bogus ACAS "large map" 1/- value in black on pale green paper, which sold for 75 pence against a reserve of 50 pence.

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While the lots of six "IX Anniversary" overprints and nine "Wright Brothers biplane" overprints sold for £13.50 and £19 against their respective reserves of £12 and £17, the lots of eight "V + plane" overprints and six 1951-53 "BY AIR" overprints failed to sell against their respective modest reserves of £20 and £18. The first 1988 stamp booklet (£1.26 turquoise cover, #300 of 520, *Newman* #B246) fetched £13 against its reserve of £8, while the controversial 1988 Stampex booklet (only 100 privately produced as souvenir handouts to L.C.C.-member attendees at Stampex) sold for £26 against a reserve of £25. The lot that realized the highest percentage over its reserve (350 percent!) was the 20 used 1982 definitives off paper which sold for £1.75 against a modest estimate of 50 pence.

Cinderella Stamp Club Members' 1990 Auction

There were 38 lots of Lundy material interspersed among the 1199 lots offered in the Cinderella Stamp Club members' 1990 auction held October 6 at the YWCA Library, 16-22 Great Russell Street, London WC1, England. The Lundy lots had reserves and estimates totaling £413, but all except 11 lots had estimates of 8 pounds or less. Five lots were offered with reserves totaling £202, and, interestingly, none of these sold. However, of the remaining 39 lots offered at a cumulative estimate of £211, all but two sold, realizing £242.30 against estimates totaling £199. Some of the *better* lots (with realizations following estimates or reserves in the parentheses after brief descriptions) included: a 21-page G. Steinman reprint of the 1836 book *Some Accounts of the Island of Lundy* (#922 of 1000 copies, signed M. C. Harman) (£10/£30), two 1969 inward covers each with two lp provisionals (*Newman* #161) (RE25 each/no sale), the "basic" set of eight 1950 "BY AIR" overprints (settings not specified) (£15/£21), 1955 Millenary airmail set in mint imperforate proofs on unwatermarked paper (RE40/no sale), a mint ACAS ½d "tramticket" from roll six (#02953) (£6/£14), and various Bureau (Rigby-Hall) reprints on a stock card (£5/£15). The most expensive Lundy lot was the 1953 "BY AIR 8 + 3 bars" surcharge in red on 12p (*Newman* #78C) in a mint pane of 30; it was offered at a reserve of £100 and did not sell.

Lots in the C.S.C. auctions are generally give sketchy descriptions by the member consignors, so it is better to actually attend the auction and view the material beforehand. Mail bidders (like me) are at a disadvantage and often bid on and purchase "a pig in a poke"! If you are not already a member of the C.S.C., you might consider joining (and include a membership in the affiliate British Private Post Study Group at no additional charge). C.S.C./B.P.P.S.G. membership gets you a subscription to the fine quarterly journal *The Cinderella Philatelist* and quarterly *B.P.P.S.G. Newsletter* (L.C.C. member #046 Roger E. Allen is the *Newsletter* Editor and manages to give it a distinct Lundy flavor!) in addition to the auction catalogue(s) (and potential participation as a bidder or consignor or both). C.S.C./B.P.P.S.G. annual membership dues are £8 (+ £5 for airmail postage of subscriptions if required outside of Europe). Details of membership can be obtained from, and subscriptions should be sent to The Membership Secretary, G. M. Dorman, 35 Smith St., London, SW3 4EP, England.

Warwick and Warwick Auction Cover Lot

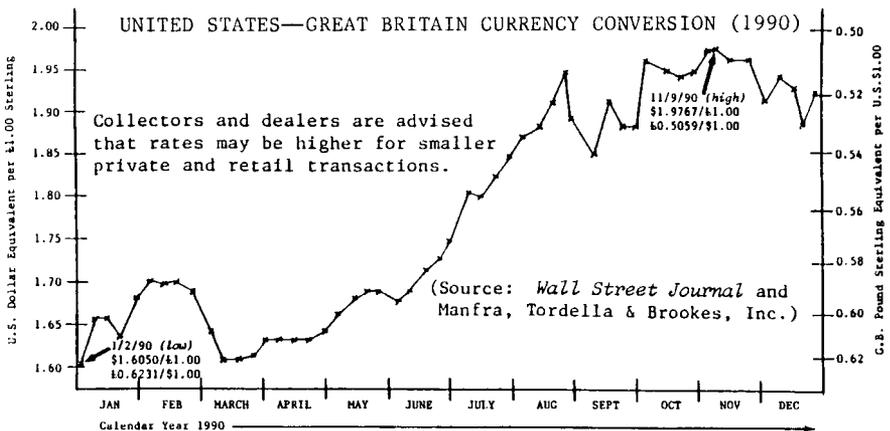
Jon Aitchison sent a clipping from the Warwick and Warwick December 5, 1990 auction catalogue in which a 1935 Lundy outward cover was offered at a hefty estimate of 75 pounds. The cover is an ordinary flown

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outward addressed to a Lieut. W. C. Cadden, H.M.S. *Sydney*, c/o G.P.O. London, bearing a G.B. KGV 1½d definitive tied by a Brauntown, Devon c.d.s. The backside has a Lundy ½p definitive and an ACAS ½d "large map" tied by *Chinchen* type Bb and Cb postmarks, respectively. What makes this cover unusual is the fact that it was subsequently readdressed to H.M.S. *Cerliferus*, c/o G.P.O. Melbourne, and received a Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada transit C.D.S. and Melbourne arrival c.d.s. on the front during the course of its travels. Warwick and Warwick described this cover as "rare and desirable" and saw fit to include its photograph (of the backside only!) on the inside back cover of its auction catalogue. In my estimation, this cover is a "typical" flown outward cover of 1935; the redirected forwarding and transit/receiving markings are nice, but hardly worth the firm's £75 estimate. (Any dissenting opinions?)

Auction Odds and Ends

- M. D. Piggen (Gritstone Cottage, Thatchers Lane, Tansley, Near Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 5FD, England; telephone and FAX 0629-56293) offered two Lundy covers in its postal auction no. 51 which closed February 13, 1991. One consisted of an outward 1961 Europa FDC estimated at £8; the other was a 1967 illustrated map postcard to Sheffield, franked with a Lundy 1957 1p definitive and G.B. 3d definitive tied by appropriate cancellations, estimated at £4.
- Sandafayre (P.O. Box 776, Sanibel Island, Florida 33957, U.S.A.; telephone 813-395-0102) offered two Lundy lots at vastly overpriced "suggested bids" in its sale no. 220 which closed February 26, 1991. The 1976 Christmas set on a John Dyke-signed FDC and the 1977 Queen's Silver Jubilee set of six on a John Dyke-signed FDC were both given "suggested bids" of \$65 each (against *Newman* valuations of \$9 and \$7, respectively)! Such misleading bidding guidance has me questioning the rest of the "suggested bids" for the other 2927 lots offered in this sale, and I have purposely avoided bidding on material offered by this firm for this very reason. If any readers have had experiences (good or bad) with this auction firm, I would like to hear from you about them.
- To aid readers on both sides of the Atlantic who want to figure auction realizations in native currency, a conversion chart, showing week-by-week fluctuations in large-scale monetary transactions, is provided below.



LUNDY COLLECTORS CLUB MEETING REPORTS *By Jon Aitchison***STAMP WORLD LONDON 1990**

STAMP WORLD LONDON 1990 was Great Britain's major international stamp exhibition for the decade. One such event is held in London every ten years, the last two occasions being LONDON 1980 and PHILYMPIA 1970. Because it was such an important event, STAMP WORLD LONDON 1990 was held at the recently refurbished Alexandra Palace. This was the site of the world's first public television transmissions because of its high elevation giving a commanding view over London. The exhibition venue was vast and accommodated the large number of stands and postal authorities from all over the world in great comfort and style.

The Lundy Collectors Club meeting took place on the morning of Sunday, May 6, the 150th Anniversary of the issuance of the Penny Black. With all those opulent surroundings, they chose to house our meeting in a portacabin in a service yard. Most attendees thought it was a sauna, though, as it was an exceptionally hot day and the facility's windows did not open. To be fair to the organizers, all club meetings were held in these portacabins. The logic of this somehow escapes me as I felt sure there must have been many more practical sites within the venue.

On to more positive points. The meeting was a great success with about 50 members attending—which may have made it the single largest gathering of Lundy stamp collectors ever assembled. In addition to the British members who traveled from all over the country, we were also pleased to welcome several people from overseas. The Chicago area produced the largest overseas contingent with Rich Drews (#199), Austin Dulin (#066), and Jean McDonald in attendance. Dan Edgerton (#299) from Byfield, Massachusetts was there, and Lars Liwendahl (#087) and his wife came from Sweden. A lady even came from Switzerland and stayed for 30 minutes and seemed to be enjoying herself before she realized she was attending the wrong meeting!

There was no Club competition on this occasion, but we did have the ever-popular bourse and free gifts. A special souvenir sheet (illustrated on the cover of the Fall 1990 *LCCPQ*) was prepared and given to everyone who attended. It was overprinted with the STAMP WORLD May 6 handstamp design in use on that day. A further quantity was produced without this overprint, and one was included as a "free gift" with each issue of the Fall 1990 *LCCPQ*. Lars Liwendahl also presented everyone with a complimentary envelope containing about a dozen Swedish cinderella items. His wife of less than one year, Karin, bought her first Lundy stamps and announced her intention to collect them. A disapproving Lars said he would talk to her afterwards!

**POSTED AT  
STAMP WORLD  
SENT VIA LUNDY**

Throughout the duration of the exhibition, Michael Bale (#161) acted as the Lundy Post Office at his Negev Holyland Stamp booth. Michael was selling the current Lundy stamps and postcards at face value and offering a "via Lundy" posting facility. About 200 items of mail were left for reposting, and all received a special cachet ("POSTED AT/STAMP WORLD/SENT VIA LUNDY" *illustrated in the inset above*). Our thanks go to Michael for his sterling efforts.

**Summer 1990 Bideford Meeting**

The Lundy Collectors Club held its summer meeting in Bideford, Devon, on Saturday, August 4, 1990. We were hosted for the second successive year

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by the Bideford and North Devon Stamp Club who incorporated our meeting into their annual Stamp Day. The weather was excellent with record high temperatures. The previous day had seen the highest temperatures in Britain since records began being kept in the 1860s: an incredible 99 degrees Fahrenheit (37°C)!

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1990  
MEETING**

The format of these meetings is now well established and well tailored to suit what members want. There were the ever-popular dealers' stands with six in attendance selling solely Lundy material. Several other dealers in the main hall also had a range of Lundy items for sale.

There was the biannual club competition for the *Stanley Newman Trophy*—which consists of a display of Lundy items of any size on any aspect of Lundy philately—attracted five entries on this occasion. The winner this time was Julie Lester (#288) with Roger Allen (#046) a close second, his second consecutive runner-up at the Bideford meetings.

There were two "free gifts" for everyone who attended: a Lundy 1962 Europa 1-puffin stamp overprinted with a commemorative rubber stamp (*inset above*) and a Staffa (Scottish Island) miniature sheet with a bogus overprint celebrating sixty years of Lundy stamps (*shown right*). A Lundy posting facility was available, and Lundy stamps and postcards were on sale at face value. About 200 covers and postcards were left for posting from the Island. All received a special cachet (*inset below*), and some also had the souvenir label attached.

Throughout the meeting, L.C.C. member and Lundy stamp designer John Dyke (#135) exhibited about 20 of his paintings of the Island which covered a 50-year period from the 1940s to date.

Some were offered for sale and found eager buyers. It was a great pleasure for many members to meet John in person as he certainly is a charming and likable fellow! John brought his son-in-law Reg Lovel along with him. Reg was about to take up the position of mason on Lundy and expected to move out there any day.

**POSTED AT L.C.C  
BIDEFORD MEET  
SENT VIA LUNDY**



Another person who attended the meeting and joined the L.C.C. while she was there was Mrs. Diana Keast, the sister of the late Albion Harman and daughter of Martin Coles Harman. Having spent much of her early life on Lundy, Diana has a wealth of stories about and knows many interesting facts about the Island. It was a

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great pleasure to talk with her, and I hope we can persuade her to put pen to paper and write down some of her interesting tales for publication in the *LCCPQ*. Welcome to the L.C.C., Diana! Between 20 and 30 other L.C.C. members attended, plus dozens more who drifted in from the main Stamp Day. I think that everyone had a good time and would recommend these meetings to all other members.

My most interesting purchase of the day was from Nain Rudkin who manned the stand of Ian Arnold (#188) in his absence. (Nain holds the record for attending more L.C.C. meetings than anyone else without actually joining the Club!) Nain sold me a large brass valve that was recently salvaged from the remains of H.M.S. *Montagu*. Well, Nain, I've cleaned it up and having scraped off the barnacles, I can just make out the words "Ford Motor Company" on it!

There wasn't actually an L.C.C. trip to the Island this year, but a few of us did stay until Monday to make the crossing. We tried first to arrange a helicopter flight across as a service had restarted but could not get the required five people. Anyway, on the Monday, Jon and Sha-meera Aitchison, Michael Bale, Jule Lester, Mike Thomson, and Roy and Joan Emptage (#203) set off from Ilfracombe on the *Oldenberg*. The crossing and return were both uneventful—nobody became ill, and the ship did not run aground like last year. No new philatelic items were on sale in the Island shop, but there were three new Lundy postcards and a range of new souvenirs. Lundy itself was idyllic, and our stay was, as always, too brief. The L.C.C. will be meeting at Bideford again this Summer on Saturday, August 3, 1991. I hope you can attend!

*Autumn 1990 Stampex Meeting*

**LUNDY  
COLLECTORS  
CLUB  
STAMPEX MEETING  
21 OCTOBER 1990**



I am not inclined to write an article about it this time as it would be just the same as the previous Stampex meetings (i.e., same place, same number of people, same people!, Roger Hudson again paying for the meeting room and offering the postal service, etc.). Perhaps it might be more interesting just to illustrate a cover posted from the exhibition via Lundy! [Note: Done! The cachets were applied in three colors: the 3-line L.C.C. in blue, "STAMPEX MEETING" in green, and the date and bracketed "POSTED AT STAMPEX..." portions in purple. Colorful!]

## Atlantic Puffin (*Fratercula arctica*)

Colorful, comical and endearing: all describe this small but robust seabird, the Atlantic Puffin. Although it stands no more than 12 inches tall, the puffin spends the majority of its life on the open waters of the icy North Atlantic. Puffins are well equipped for a rugged existence with a thick layer of down, large webbed feet for quick propulsion and short, strong wings used in flight and underwater swimming. A row of tiny hooks on the inside of the upper bill allow the puffin to catch and hold upwards of 30 small fish at one time!

As summer approaches, the usually solitary puffins congregate in large numbers on remote islands to breed. A puffin is quite colorful this time of year; as horny plates of red, blue-gray and ivory adorn the bill and the legs and feet blossom into a bright shade of orange. Large groups gather together on small rock slabs and march awkwardly among each other, vigorously rubbing bills or gaping widely to expose a brilliant yellow-orange mouth lining. The puffin's latin name, *Fratercula arctica*, meaning "little brother of the arctic," may have its origin in this period of socializing that accompanies the short breeding season.

Puffins nest in underground burrows which they dig themselves or adapt from rock crevices. Because they concentrate in large numbers during the breeding season, they are vulnerable to human disturbance on the breeding grounds. And typical of many seabirds, they lay but one egg each season. Thus puffin numbers have been decreasing in the last century especially on the U.S. coast where, before 1981, puffins were gone from all but one island.

A cooperative venture between the Canadian Wildlife Service and the National Audubon Society begun in the early 1970's has helped to restore puffins to an additional island off the Maine coast. But this is only the beginning of seabird conservation. All seabirds, including the puffin, continue to face such dangers as human destruction of habitat, oil pollution, over-fishing and increased gull predation. The "little brother of the arctic" is too precious to lose.

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