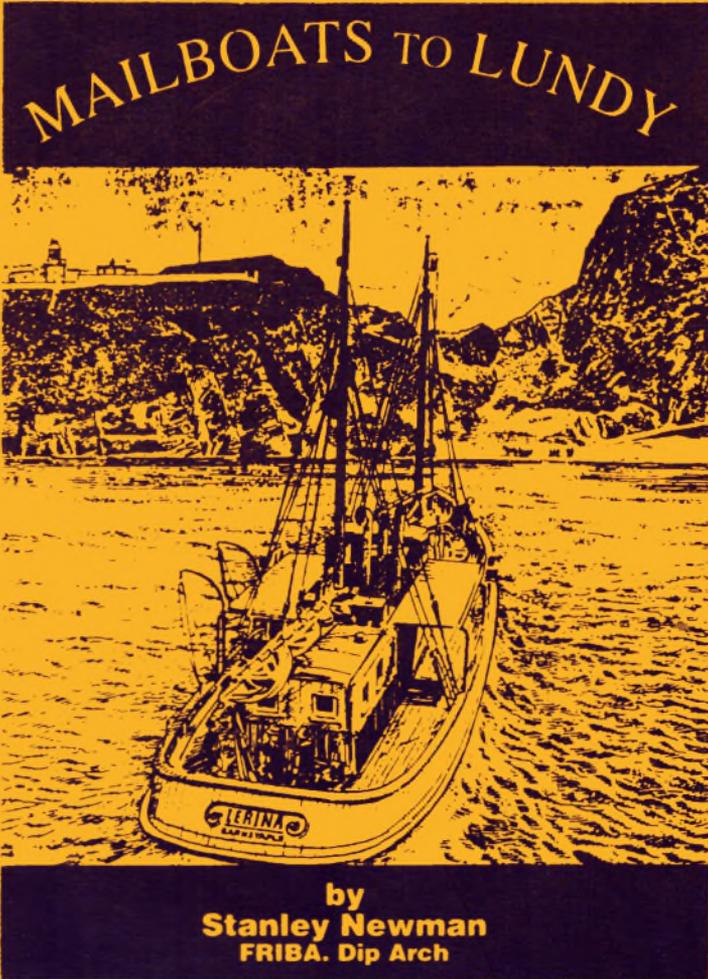


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Membership in the Lundy Collectors Club is open to any person interested in the collecting and study of Lundy stamps, covers, and postal history. Dues of US\$10 per year (U.S., Canadian, and foreign surface rate) or of US\$15 per year (foreign airmail rate) include subscriptions to the *Lundy Collectors Club Philatelic Quarterly* and *L.C.C. British Newsletter*.

## Letters to the Editor

### Summary of Lundy Field Society's 1993 A.G.M.

As promised, here's a resumé of the Lundy Field Society Annual General Meeting at Exeter on March 6, 1993. After "Apologies for Absence," "Minutes of the Last A.G.M.," and "Matters Arising Therefrom," we had the report of the Hon. Treasurer who reported that last year expenditure exceeded income by £2293. Membership numbers were healthy, but the decline in revenue was due to falling interest rates on our invested capital together with a loss of £147 on the excursion—the first time we have suffered an excursion loss. We still had a healthy balance of £11,878. The Hon. Secretary, Peter Cole, then gave his annual report and spoke of meetings with the Landmark Trust and closer cooperation in many ways. A new committee member was then elected, after which we heard a report by the Lundy Agent, John Puddy.

John then gave us a report on all we wanted to know:

- The Island deficit in 1992 was £130,000.
- Landmark has invested a total of £2.5 million since 1969.
- Agent has drawn up a budget with an appointed accountant to design a no-deficit budget for 1993. (This has necessitated reducing staff on both the Island and the *Oldenburg*.)
- Launch of the "Friends of Lundy" was a great success.
- Appointment of Agricultural Grants Expert to maximize grant income.
- Decline in rabbit population during past 18 months due to myxomatosis—now only a few left near Threequarter Wall.
- Pasture has so improved that it was possible to rent out grazing for mainland cattle.
- 535 resident sheep (increased from 200).
- Intentions to increase use of the Church: a Charity has been found who will fund the rehangng of the bells, plans to make the pews removable so that the floorspace can be used for talks, exhibitions,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Continued)

film shows, etc., and to restore the vestry as a domicile for visiting clergy.

- Stamps are going from "strength to strength" after being "dormant for ten years"—philatelic mailing list now numbers 1000!
- Plans to reinstall brewery in "Black Shed."
- Road has been completed to Cove Beach.
- Old Light has been prepared for use by volunteer working parties.
- Threequarter Wall has been rebuilt by voluntary labor.
- Possibility of air connection from Exeter to be provided by the company running the service to the Isles of Scilly—would require removal of part of the eastern wall, a serious flattening of the runway, the provision of a fire engine, and training for its crew!
- The Island is keen on "Theme Weekends"—the 1992 Stamp and Postcard Meet was so successful that another is planned for October 16-18.

We then took tea upstairs and returned for the second half, which began with me being asked to auction some items that had been donated to the Society. These consisted of a book, some postcards, and some delightfully carved and painted wooden puffins. This was followed by the bird report with slides. Andrew Gibson, the Lundy Warden, then gave his report. He told of his purchases and plans—concentrating on underwater activities. John Morgan then spoke of the work of the working parties during 1992 and their plans for 1993.

The afternoon finished with me giving a talk of a recently "revealed" map of 1823, which led into an essay titled "The Great Auk on Lundy—Its Possible Breeding Site." We then closed about 5:50 and raced off to the nearby Imperial Hotel where we filled one of their bars—plenty of good chat and fellowship.

--A. F. Langham, Reigate, Surrey, England (March 14, 1993)

*Although Tony only briefly mentions his afternoon presentations on the 1823 Lundy map and Great Auk, both were far more significant than Tony's modesty indicates. Roger E. Allen's report elsewhere in this issue provides a more in-depth summary of Tony's two presentations and other aspects of the Lundy Field Society 1993 Annual General Meeting. --RSC*

Lundy Agent's Letter to "Friends Of Lundy"

I am writing to tell you a little about what is happening on Lundy and to pass on some information about an exclusive Friends offer.

The Spring is always a busy time for us. This year we are lambing about 550 ewes, an increase of over 200 on last year. We have a lambing assistant, David Rampling, and his dog, Amy, helping John Alford and Nigel Walker. Annie Alford has been feeding one or two of the few lambs that have needed supplementary feeding, and our first volunteering Friend, Eric Church, has just left after having spent a week here assisting while Nigel was on holiday. So far, everything is going well, we have been blessed with good weather, and the lambing percentage is looking good.

We have had more visitors in February and March than in previous years, possibly as the result of the extensive coverage that the Landmark Trust has received on television holiday programs in January and the new-style Lundy stayers brochure produced for this year.

We are about to start work on reinstating the Lundy brewery after its initial removal from its previous home to make way for the new Shop,

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which will be good news for those with fond memories of "John O's" (alias "Puffin's Purge") and "Old Light Bitter."

If you have not already made your reservation for the Friends dinner on October 2, 1993, please do so—it is not too late. If you live locally and do not require the whole package, the cost of the dinner only is £16, the day trip including lunch is £18, and car parking and transfers from the Durrant Hotel (optional) £3. Contact the Shore Office on 2337-470422. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

--John Puddy, Lundy, Bristol Channel/via Bideford, England  
(March 24, 1993)

*Details on John's invitation to join the "Friends of Lundy" Association were given in the Fall 1992 LCCPQ (page 5). It's not too late to join!*

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## ***Announcement***

New Book by Lois Lamplugh: *LUNDY — Island Without Equal*

June 1993 will see the publication of Lois Lamplugh's history of Lundy. The book, written both as a personal narrative and as a general history, will be illustrated, bound as a trade paperback, and priced at £9.95.

The Author, born and bred in North Devon, has written several volumes of local history, including *Barnstaple — Town on the Taw*, *A History of Ilfracombe*, *Minehead*, and *Dunster, Take Off from Chivenor*, and in 1990 published her *Life of Henry Williamson*.

The Publisher is offering, exclusively to The Friends of Lundy, copies signed by the author priced at £8.95 (post free). In addition, the Publisher will donate £1 per copy sold through this offer to the Friends of Lundy. To take advantage of this offer, please fill in the form below and send to the Publisher: R. M. Young, Roberts & Young, Gammon Lane, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1DJ, England; telephone 0271-23591.

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ copy/copies of *LUNDY — Island Without Equal*, signed by the Author and priced at £8.95 (post free) per copy. I understand that the Publisher will donate £1 per copy sold through this offer to The Friends of Lundy.

I enclose my cheque (payable to R. M. YOUNG) and would like the book(s) sent to:

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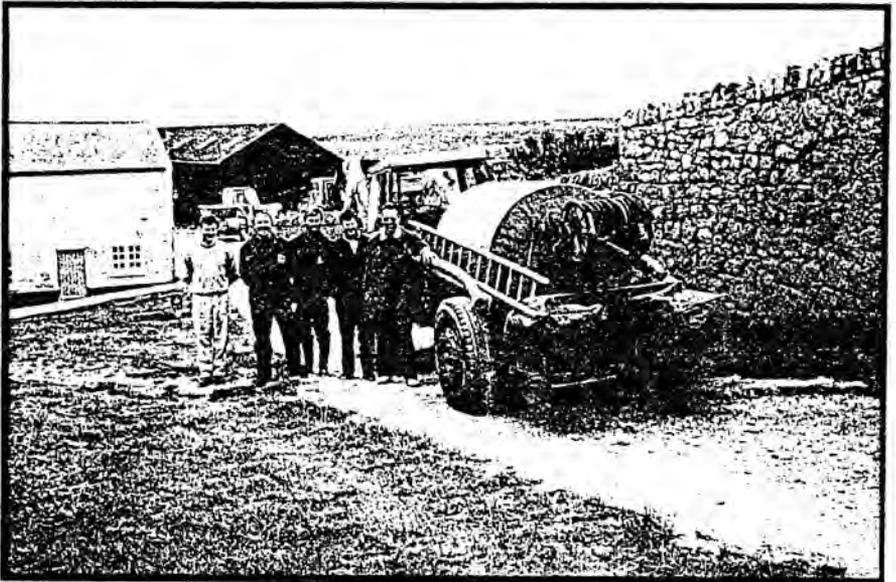
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Books will be dispatched no later than June 20, 1993.

All correspondence, cheques, and queries should be addressed to the Publisher: R. M. Young, Roberts & Young, Gammon Lane, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1DJ, England.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Continued)Lundy's New Fire-Fighting Appliance, "Puffin Billy"

Lundy is now fortunate enough to have its own fire-fighting appliance, which is nicknamed "Puffin Billy." In 1985, some of the workers on the Island were trained in fire fighting by the Devon Fire and Rescue Service. Training was given twice a year by an assistant divisional officer from the North Division. The basic equipment of a portable pump and a hose was loaned to the Island to assist in an early response to a fire, while awaiting the arrival of fire and rescue service from the mainland via the *Oldenburg* or helicopter from R.A.F. Chivenor.



Recently, John Puddy donated a 600-gallon tank trailer, specifically to aid in fire-fighting operations. With help from the Fire Service and the Island's mechanics, a fire appliance was developed. The current model consists of two portable pumps (each capable of pumping 200 gallons of water per minute) and a hose reel that can be connected to the aforementioned pumps by a flexible hose connector. Other features of the appliance include a hard suction hose, a main delivery hose, branches, and a ladder. The water required for the pumps are gravity fed from the tank via fixed pipework. This all illustrates that the "Puffin Billy" adds up to a good and effective fire appliance for Lundy.

--Alan Pearce, Bideford, Devon, England (April 8, 1993)

*Alan Pearce (L.C.C. member #213) is a retained fire-fighter stationed at Bideford with the Devon Fire and Rescue Service. The photograph of "Puffin Billy" shown above was supplied through the courtesy of the Devon Fire and Rescue Service and has been made into a limited-edition (of only 250) full-color postcards by Ian T. Arnold (L.C.C. member #188) of Market Coins. For further information about the availability and cost of this postcard, contact Ian T. Arnold, Market Coins, 11 Hillcrest Road, Bideford, Devon, EX39 4DQ, England. Thanks, Alan, for providing us with the details on "Puffin Billy"! --RSC*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Continued)An Account of Life on Lundy in 1906

I enclose the text of a letter found recently amongst my late mother-in-law's effects. The letter came from a friend of hers in South Wales. I think the first two or three paragraphs are of the most interest:

My Grandfather (my Mother's Father), George Wilton, was stationed at East Preston, Sussex. I have a group photograph taken in 1894. He must have joined the Coastguards about 1890. He was later stationed at Lepe, Near Beaulieu, Hants. My Father, Peter Black, joined the service at Lepe from the Navy, where he had been Leading Signaller. He and my Mother married at Exbury, and I was born in 1906 at Lepe.

Their nearest town was Southampton, and the journey was made by carrier's van to Marchwood and then by boat to Southampton. My Grandfather was then sent to Bovisand in Devon. A ship called the H.M.S. *Montagu*—one of the first ironclad warships—was wrecked on Lundy Island, and my Grandfather was sent to supervise the dismantling. I have a picture postcard of the ship on the rocks sent via Instow in 1907. My Grandfather described life as very isolated—one ship a week with letters and provisions. I visited Lundy some ten years ago, and the keel of the wreck could still be seen imbedded in the rocks. My Grandparents finally retired to a bungalow at Ropley, Near Winchester.

When I was four years old, my Father was sent to Newhaven, Sussex. The men had to keep watch in a hut on the cliffs. It was quite a busy port and there was also the cross-channel service to Dieppe. It was a very bleak spot in winter and the men had to make meetings with nearby stations to combat smuggling, I imagine. We always took our leave during winter to save my Father the night watch. I settled into school life, and we attended the Mission To Seamen Church which was very lively. ...

--Michael Bale, Ilfracombe, Devon, England (May 6, 1993)

The Lundy Field Society's 1993 Excursion to Lundy

I was determined to go on the Lundy Field Society excursion this year as I have missed most of them recently. Fortunately, Peter Cole and his wife were able to give me a lift there and back which made the otherwise tiresome journey to Ilfracombe all too easy. We stayed overnight in the Royal Britannia Hotel overlooking Ilfracombe Harbour and set out in light rain and a nasty wind at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 16. Sadly, because of the weather, there were no "casual" ticket sales, and we carried about 25 fewer than was necessary to "break even." The weather worsened as we progressed, and, although we managed to land on Lundy, the rain was torrential and the wind was increasing. I, as promised, led the Archaeological Tour (of one!), and we returned to the ship as soon as possible.

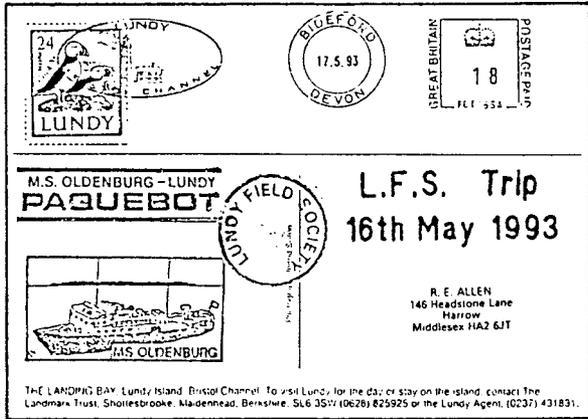
The journey home was appalling as the Captain decided, rightly, to cross the wind and tide to seek the lee of the mainland near Hartland Point. Although this meant that the journey was lengthened by an hour, at least we were in calmer waters, which gave the crew a chance to repair the damage—broken crockery, glasses, upturned tables, and life rafts broken from their holdings—as well as tending to the (60?) number of passengers

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who were huddled in corners filling up the vomit bags. (I always thought the British were a seafaring Nation!) ...

FIGURE 1. Unofficial "event card" for the Lundy Field Society 1993 excursion (produced by Roger Allen with cooperation from Tony Langham).

Roger has a limited quantity for sale at £1.50 each (be sure to include extra for postage + packing):  
Roger E. Allen,  
146 Headstone Lane,  
Harrow, Middlesex,  
HA2 6JT, England.



...Just a quickie to report on our weeklong holiday last week on Lundy. The sun shone, the birds sang, the sea was calm—it was excellent. I learned that a new commemorative issue is being planned and that it will consist of four or five stamps showing full-color pictures of special Lundy flowers. I have no idea of the proposed date of issue, of the values proposed, or the plants to be shown, but I thought enthusiasts might be forewarned to have their chequebooks poised!

--A. F. Langham, Reigate, Surrey, England  
(May 20, 1993 and June 9, 1993)

*What a difference two weeks makes in the weather! The only cover to mark the 1993 L.F.S. excursion to Lundy of which I am aware is the unofficial "event card" produced by Roger Allen (shown in Figure 1 above). Ordering details are given in the caption to its left. --RSC*

## News of L.C.C. Members

### News of Members' Activities:

- LCCPQ Editor Roger S. Cichorz (#022) gave a presentation about "Lundy and Its Locals" to about 20 members attending the West Side Stamp Club's March 18, 1993 meeting in Lakewood, Colorado. Two L.C.C. members were in attendance—Joan Johnson (#341) and Jean Love (#311). Roger also gave this presentation to about 20 members attending the April 21, 1993 meeting of the Boulder (Colorado) Stamp Club. Roger was even able to sign up a new L.C.C. member (Bob Dolan) at the Boulder meeting!

Roger received a letter from Simon Milkus in Odessa, Ukraine, who wants to "send (presumably sell or trade) stamps from the newly independent States of the former U.S.S.R. (and will) answer all serious proposals." The LCCPQ Editor does not know Mr. Milkus personally, so any readers who arrange to send material in trade or pay for material in advance of receipt should be aware of the inherent risks involved. If interested in a potential source of philatelic material from Eastern Europe, you can write to Simon Milkus, P.O. Box 313, Odessa-centre, Ukraine 270000.

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

- Double congratulations are in order for longtime member Tony Langham (#113), who celebrated his 65th Birthday Saturday, February 20, 1993, two days after his middle daughter Jenny (who, according to Tony, was "named after the Lundy wreck!") gave birth to a son—the first male born in the Langham Family since Tony arrived in 1928! Congratulations to Jenny (who obviously is faring better than her namesake) as well!
- Honorary L.C.C. member William Rowcroft (#011) recently wrote that he received a Bronze Award from the Cardinal Spellman Museum in Weston, Massachusetts, for his 24-page booklet published by the Aerophilatelic Federation of the Americas (A.F.A.). Titled *A.F.A. Local Post Issues 1971 to 1991*, the booklet features the various early railroads in the U.S. Mr. Rowcroft also reports that he has an inward cover to Lundy that is addressed to Lighthouse Keeper Chas. F. Waghorn, with a G.B. 1d definitive stamp postmarked October 11, 1949, and a Lundy ½p definitive postmarked November 1, 1949. The rear of this cover has the Shuna 2d mauve "local" stamp that has been the subject of two brief articles (see Summer 1992 *LCCPQ*, page 13, and Winter 1992-1993 *LCCPQ*, page 20). The Shuna stamp is tied by a Shuna October 11, 1949 c.d.s., and in the center of the cover backside is a "first day" cachet that is approximated above.
 

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- Richard Drews (#199) received the Evanston-New Trier Philatelic Society Grand Award for his "Lundy Island" exhibit at COMPEX 93, held May 28-30 in Rosemont, Illinois. COMPEX is the annual stamp exhibition and bourse sponsored by 12 member stamp clubs from the Chicago area. At COMPEX 93, each member organization presented up to 70 frames of exhibits, for a total of more than 125 individual entries. Congratulations, Rich, for the fine showing on your Lundy exhibit!

Richard Drews, who is currently serving as a Director for the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) until 1996, funded a special AAPE Award for the best new exhibit at the national level by an AAPE member to be given each year at AAPE's annual convention. AAPE is now a 1300-member organization that was formed in 1987 in order to share and discuss ideas and techniques geared to improving standards of exhibit preparation, judging, and the management of exhibitions. If you exhibit ("display" for U.K. members) or are considering exhibiting in the future, then membership in AAPE is a must! For modest annual membership dues of \$15, members receive a subscription to AAPE's award-winning quarterly publication, *The Philatelic Exhibitor*, in addition to numerous other benefits. AAPE membership applications are available from the *LCCPQ* Editor—please request one today and become an AAPEer!

- Several L.C.C. members fared well with their exhibits at PARFOREX XXXIII, held April 3-4, 1993 in Park Forest, Illinois. PARFOREX is the annual stamp bourse and exhibition sponsored by the Park Forest Stamp Club. L.C.C. Vice President Jim Czyl (#002) captured the show's Grand Award for "Phantoms of Philately." L.C.C. President George Fabian (#001) was awarded a Gold Medal for "Ireland 1922-1937" and Bronze Medals for "The Local Post of Herman Herst, Jr." and "Herm Island." Les Winick (#037) received a Gold Medal for "Half Center, the Definitive Study of EFOs of One Issue" and a Bronze Medal for "Laser Cancellations." Michael Andre (#200) captured a Bronze Medal and the Novice Award for "Selected Lundy Island" and, in the process, successfully carried on the L.C.C.'s tradition of having a Lundy exhibit on display at just about every PARFOREX! Gentlemen, congratulations for another fine L.C.C. representation!

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

- Randy L. Neil's "On Exhibits and Exhibitions" column in the May 1993 issue of *The American Philatelist* mentioned two L.C.C. members for their recent contributions to organized philately:

David Kols (#298) has become a stamp dealer by opening a giant new shop in St. Louis, Missouri. With the support he has given the three local stamp clubs in his city, he has managed to organize St. Louis' first national stamp exhibition in nearly 40 years. ...Chicago is at it again. Philatelists in that town cannot sit still for very long. Last year, they pulled off World Columbian Stamp Expo and brought more than 90,000 people through the doors. Now WCSE chief Richard Drews (#199) has formed a committee to put together the country's first international youth stamp exhibition in 1994. (*Rich*) may soon have McDonald's using its Kiddie Meal place mats for a design-a-stamp contest.

[*Editor's note:* The national stamp exhibition organized by David Kols is St. Louis Stamp Expo 93. Sponsored by the St. Louis Stamp Dealers' Association and all St. Louis area stamp clubs, St. Louis Stamp Expo 93 will be held October 1-3 at the Frontenac Grand Hotel in St. Louis. Show data may be obtained from David Kols, 1177 N. Warson Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63132, U.S.A. If you contact David, be sure to mention you are a Lundy stamp collector and member of the L.C.C. David, best of luck with St. Louis Stamp Expo 93! --RSC]

Randy L. Neil (#300) is one of three candidates nominated for President of the American Philatelic Society. The complete slate of nominees was included in the May 1993 issue of *The American Philatelist*, and member voting will be conducted later this year. Randy is extremely active in many local and national philatelic organizations and very well known in U.S. philatelic circles for his activities within the hobby. Good luck, Randy, in the upcoming A.P.S. elections!

- The 43rd Anniversary of the formation of the Channel Islands Specialists' Society was celebrated in St. Peter Port, Guernsey, over the Liberation Weekend (May 7-10, 1993). L.C.C. U.K. Representative Jon Aitchison (#167) presented one of the nine invited displays ("exhibits" for U.S. members) on Saturday, May 8, the subject of which was the "Smaller Channel Islands." Jon showed just 36 sheets from his vast collection, concentrating primarily on Herm Island. He began with the Herm double-circle datestamps and the rare Neopost meter mark. With Herm locals, Jon showed rejected designs, bromides, essays, and die proofs, together with the issued stamps and varieties. Jon also displayed Jethou, Lihou, and Brecqhou items, as well as Commodore Shipping and Alderney Parcel Service labels. Among the 48 C.I.S.S. members attending this Guernsey event were five other L.C.C. members besides Jon: Tom Green (#129), Roger Hudson (#095), Neil Nelson (#250), Stanley Newman (#083), and Derek Tomlin (#114).
- Honorary L.C.C. member Herman "Pat" Herst, Jr. recently wrote that his thirteenth book of philatelic writings, *Still More Stories to Collect Stamps By*, a 200-page compilation of 75 individually titled stories and published in 1993, is now available for \$10 postpaid from Book Depot, 1098 S.E. Spanish River Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33432-1619, U.S.A. Pat indicated that 1993 will be his greatest as an author as another book is due out later this year! His fourteenth book will be a compilation of "Herst's Outbursts" columns from a house organ that had a circulation of 6000 while Pat was a dealer in U.S. stamps from Shrub Oak, New York,

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

prior to his subsequent retirement from the trade (but not from the hobby!) and move to Boca Raton, Florida. Pat concluded his message: "Book Depot (*address on page 8*) has a philatelic literature list available free to any reader sending a self-addressed stamp envelope." At 84 years young, Pat shows no loss of enthusiasm for philately and his philatelic writing! [*Editor's note: Herst's Outbursts* is must reading for collectors of U.S. stamps. I intend to publish a review of Pat's *Still More Stories to Collect Stamps* By in a future *LCCPQ*, but already can recommend the book as \$10 well spent! The *LCCPQ* will provide more information on Pat's #14 book as soon as details are available. --RSC]

- Ameristamp Expo 93, the first all one-frame national stamp show held in the United States, was sponsored by the Collectors Club of Kansas City with the patronage of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) and took place April 23-25 in Kansas City, Missouri. Les Winick (#037) received a Silver Award for his exhibit titled "The Laser Cancel Tests," and Randy Neil (#300) was made an Honorary Life Member of the AAPE in a ceremony at the show. Congratulations, Les and Randy!

## L.C.C. Membership Information:

*Effective May 1, 1993, the following 86 persons have been dropped from membership in the Lundy Collectors Club for nonpayment of dues:*

021	Denys Voaden	259	G. H. Longden
040	Jack G. Gesund	260	John Wilson Smith
042	Thomas K. Reeves	262	K. W. Machin
053	Paul Russak	263	R. F. McCormick
064	Forney H. Lundy	264	Dr. C. Robinson
085	Ray S. Noise	265	Mrs. H. R. Chubb
089	Anders Backman	270	M. D. Collins
090	Jill (Gilliam M.) Davis	273	Christopher I. Willis
092	David E. Lundy	276	A. J. Perkins
100	Mike Martin	280	Andre Zeller
103	Victor Popiel	281	S. P. Jackson
114	Derek Tomlin (C.I.S.C.)	284	Brian Walker
115	Gylfi Gunnarsson	290	Ray Shapland
126	William B. Huckenpoehler	291	M. J. Webber
139	Frank R. O'Connor	292	Alan Marshall
159	Richard T. Crowe	294	J. R. Pierce
166	Julie E. Moore-McKown	295	Roy Hyde
168	Virginia Wirtz	299	Dan Edgerton
172	Nicholas C. Giles	302	Kurt Trotzig
180	Ronald Carpenter	308	Alfred Consiglio
207	Brian R. Davis	314	Cmmdr. J. A. McPhee
208	Henry E. Frye	315	W. R. Owen
210	Nate Unterman	321	Miss Pat N. Goate
221	David Wilshire	324	Gary Jones
222	Leslie Brown	327	Derek S. Weston
227	A. George L. DeLacroix	328	Murray Graham-Bonnalie
229	Henry P. W. Molony	332	Robert Dickgiesser
248	Markus S. Ashton	333	David K. Wilson

*May 1, 1993 Membership Summary:* 205 members having the following geographical distribution: U.K. 105, U.S. 69, Canada 9, Australia 6, Germany 4, Netherlands 4, Japan 2, Sweden 2, and others 4 (1 each from Belgium, Finland, Italy, and New Zealand.

# Lundy at Auction

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## Glass Slipper Postal Auctions

*Prologue:* This is the first time I mentioned Glass Slipper Auctions in the "Lundy at Auction" column. Although I had seen advertisements for Glass Slipper Auctions in *The Cinderella Philatelist* over the years and was aware that this firm conducts regular auctions of cinderella material (telegraphs, locals, railway/air/shipping companies, philatelic exhibitions, other labels, bogus/forgeries, and ephemera), I never requested one of its catalogues, nor had any reader of this column brought any Glass Slipper auctions to my attention. I received the Glass Slipper February 6, 1993 postal auction catalogue as a complimentary mailing to members of the Cinderella Stamp Club and was I in for a surprise (and a treat) when I began looking through it and discovered some seldom-seen Lundy material among the offerings. I have since contacted (and placed bids with) Glass Slipper principals Andrew and Pauline Hall and am now on the firm's subscriptions list. Glass Slipper also conducts sales circuits and private treaty sales for revenues, handles cinderella approvals, and distributes retail lists of specialty philatelic books (stocking many difficult-to-find titles), so it may be worthwhile to contact Andrew Hall and request a sample auction catalogue and book list to learn more about this firm: Glass Slipper Auctions, P.O. Box 62, York, YO1 1YL, England; telephone 0904-701505, FAX 0904-702684.

Glass Slipper's February 6, 1993 auction contained 35 Lundy lots with a cumulative estimate of £849 and featured some unusual and exceptional material from the collection of Harry F. Rooke, a cinderella specialist and philatelic writer from Yorkshire, England, who during the 1960s wrote a regular feature column titled "Cinderellas" in *Stamps*. Harry Rooke managed to pepper some of his columns with information about so-called *album weeds* of Lundy—the bogus overprints and other fabricated items that made appearance back then. At any rate, Lundy collectors obviously appreciated this esoteric material as 32 of the lots (91.4 percent) sold, realizing £941 against a cumulative estimate of £774, or a whopping 28.0 percent above estimates.

Three lots consisted of items that I had never seen offered (either at auction or for retail sale) in the 16 years I have been following the Lundy market. To indicate these items are *rare* is probably an understatement as I am not aware of any Lundy specialists who have examples. (Perhaps there are some in the Chinchin Lundy Collection in the British Library?) These three lots consisted of mint Lundy Philatelic Bureau 1943 trial provisionals (essays)—the 1930 6p definitive stamps overprinted (surcharged), respectively, with a set of large red crosses, rectangular blocks, and four red dots as obliterations over the 6p values. These items are not listed in Stanley Newman's *Stamps of Lundy Island* but are illustrated (along with two other surcharge trials) on page 33 of Barry N. D. Chinchin's *A Catalogue of Lundy Stamps*. These three trials were modestly estimated at £45 each and fetched £100 each, still a bargain when their relative scarcity is considered!

Other seldom-offered items (with £ estimates/£ realizations in parentheses following brief descriptions) in this sale included: mint 1942 "V + plane" printer's waste—1p with inverted violet overprint (£15/£16), 2p with inverted scarlet overprint (£15/£20), 3p with inverted green overprint (£15/£15), 4p with double intense-black overprint (£20/£20), and

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6p with double emerald overprint (£20/£20); mint 1943 "IX Anniversary" green overprint proofs—1p (£30/£22), 3p (£30/£30), 4p (£30/£30), 6p (£35/£35), and 12p (£30/£25); and a mint 1943 Tighearna sheetlet with proof black overprint and another with the "bogus" black overprint for comparison (£60/£60).

There were seven interesting lots of bogus material. Two consisted of the first definitive ½p issue (one of 15 genuine stamps and the other of seven forgeries) with various colored and arranged "J.F.K./MEMORIAL/1917/1963" overprints. The "forgeries" lot realized its £12 estimate, while the "genuine" lot (and scarcer of the items) sold for £16 against its £10 estimate. The other five lots consisted of items produced in the 1960s (bogus "Europa" overprints on 1954 and 1961 issues, 1962 Europa set with "SAVE/THE/SEA/BIRDS" overprint, 1962 anti-malaria set with "D.D.T" overprint, etc.); four sold, realizing £57 against a cumulative estimate of £50. Two more-recently produced covers with G.B. and Lundy stamps tied by bogus "ARMY SIGNALS" postmarks sold for the £12 estimate.

Glass Slipper's May 8, 1993 postal auction contained 26 lots of Lundy material at a cumulative estimate of £552. The material appears to be a continuation of that offered in the previous sale, although there were no spectacular items (such as the 1943 provisional surcharge trials) in this sale. This time only 15 of the lots (57.7 percent) sold, realizing £292 against a cumulative estimate of £337, or 86.6 percent of estimate.

Some of the better lots consisted of scarce 1940s material, but not all of these items sold despite moderate estimates. Examples (with £ estimates/£ realizations given in parentheses following brief descriptions) included: six pairs of "V + plane" overprint proofs in various colors on white or cream wove papers (£20 each/none sold); 1943 "IX Anniversary" double gold overprint printer's waste—1p (£30/£30), 4p (£30/no sale), and 6p (£30/no sale); 1943 Tighearna sheetlet with proof "IX Anniversary" green overprint (£45/£36) and Tighearna sheetlet with inverted "IX Anniversary" gold overprint (£45/£36); and 1943 "Wright Brothers biplane" overprints—1p with "biplane" overprint only and a 6p stamp as a blue color changeling (£12/£10).

A scarce 1961 Europa miniature sheet with the "missing brown" error sold for £32 against an estimate of £40, and a mint block of four 1969 red surcharge "error" provisionals, along with a letter from Felix Gade that explained the need for provisionals, fetched £45 against an estimate of £60.

The parade of bogus material from the 1960s (ex-Harry Rooke) continued with seven lots estimated at £85 all selling and realizing £78 (91.2 percent of estimates). These lots were conservatively estimated on a per stamp basis and offered collectors the opportunity to obtain some items relatively cheaply; for example, one lot with 22 sans serif "Europa" overprinted stamps sold for its £20 estimate, and another lot with 24 Gothic-style "Europa" overprinted stamps sold for £13 against its £10 estimate. A lot consisting of three of the more contemporary "Lundy Toy Post" stamps (see Summer 1990 *LCCP*, page 20, for an illustration and particulars) sold for its estimate of £10, which I considered to be relatively high considering that I was giving them away free to readers just three years ago.

There was only one Lundy lot offered in the next Glass Slipper Auctions' postal sale, which closed July 31, 1993. This lot, estimated at a hefty

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f45, was a mixed collection of "mainly miniature sheets with Lundy 1961 Europa cream and white paper, 1977 Jubilee and Royal Visit" along with several Sark and Alderney 1964 issues. I noted the firm's catalogue changed from "Glass Slipper postal auction" in its previous two sales to "Glass Slipper Auctions postal sale" for this one—probably to reflect the change (effective with the July 31 sale) of going from a "20 percent seller's commission with no buyer's premium" to a "buyer's premium of 10 percent with commission rates to vendors reduced on a sliding scale depending on how much material is entered in any one sale." In closing, I hope Glass Slipper Auctions will continue to offer a varied array of Lundy material in its future sales and I will be able to continue to mention the firm in this column.

Channel Island Stamp Company Postal Bid Sales

Channel Island Stamp Company (C.I.S.C., Havilland Street, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands, U.K.; telephone 0481-725560, FAX 0481-711012) offered only one Lundy lot in its No. 100 postal bid sale, which closed March 31, 1993—six mint LH values of the 1943 "IX Anniversary" issue to 9p at an estimate of £11 against a catalogue valuation of £34; this appeared to be a duplicate lot of the one offered in C.I.S.C. sale No. 99, which closed February 26, 1993. There were six Lundy lots with a cumulative estimate of £92.50 offered in C.I.S.C.'s No. 101 postal bid sale, which closed April 30, 1993. Perhaps, the best lot was a 1914 black-and-white photocard showing the Captain and passengers of the *Devonia*, a boat that serviced Ilfracombe-Lundy during 1915-1920; this card was postmarked Ilfracombe July 11, 1914 and given an estimate of £25.

C.I.S.C.'s No. 102 postal bid sale, which closed May 31, 1993, had 16 Lundy lots at a cumulative estimate of £528. This material was a grade up from the usual Lundy lots offered by C.I.S.C. and included four postally used *Montagu* postcards (but not posted from Lundy) at estimates of £10 to £15. An A. St. Claire, Benfleet "South End Lighthouse & Rat Island" black-and-white photocard postally used from Lundy ("Lundy Island" *thimble* postmark of August 21, 1912 and an Instow *thimble* alongside) was estimated at £90. There were eight covers from the period 1936 to 1959, with a 1942 outward to Ipswich franked with a "V + plane" ½p on the back that was estimated at £25. A set of six mint LH ACAS 1935 "large maps" was estimated at £35, a 1940 "Red Cross" ½p value as a mint block of four with margin salvage was estimated at £45, and a complete set of eight mint LH 1942 "V + plane" issue was estimated at £70.

C.I.S.C.'s No. 103 postal bid sale, which closed June 29, 1993, offered four Lundy lots with a cumulative estimate of £66. Two lots were *Montagu* photocards—a Twiss Bros. black-and-white used from Ilfracombe in 1906 that was estimated at £16 and an unused Twiss Bros. sepia that was estimated at £12.50. A 1940 plain cover to Francis Field, with a Lundy "1929-1939" overprint ½p stamp tied on the rear by a May 1, 1940 type Fa datestamp, was estimated at £25, and another short set of six mint LH "IX Anniversary" stamps to the 9p value was estimated at £12.50.

C.I.S.C.'s No. 104 postal bid sale, which closed July 30, 1993, offered nine Lundy lots with a cumulative estimate of £94. Two *Montagu* postcards (one postally used in 1906 from Ilfracombe to London and one unused), which did not appear to be unsold lots from the previous sales, were estimated at £10 each. The other seven lots were stamp lots, ranging from a mint LH block of four LACAL 1937 violet ¾d "airview" stamps (plus a sepia photocard of "Jenny's Cove with Earthquake Rock, Lundy" with a

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Lundy 1957 1p definitive postally used in 1960) modestly estimated at £10, to another short set of six mint LH "IX Anniversary" stamps (no 4p and 12p values) estimated at £11. The smattering of early photocards, interesting covers, and moderately estimated stamps from the 1930s and 1940s in these recent sales have made perusing through the 1993 C.I.S.C. auction (postal bid sale) catalogues somewhat of an adventure!

C.I.L.A. Lundy Postal Auction Number 20

The twentieth Lundy auction conducted by L.C.C. member Stanley A. Newman and thirteenth under the aegis of his Channel Islands and Lundy Auctions firm (C.I.L.A., Gemini Business Centre, 136-140 Old Shoreham Road, Hove, Sussex, BN3 7BD, England; telephone 0273-732464, FAX 0273-732342) was the largest "stamps" auction in terms of numbers of lots offered that had been conducted by Stanley since he began alternating postal history and stamps auctions with C.I.L.A. Lundy #15 in April 1991. Although this auction offered less lot cumulative estimate (£12,708) than either #16 (£13,158) or #18 (£13,054), both the total realizations (£4712) and percentage of lots sold (39.8) for this auction surpassed both predecessors.

Judging from the results of this auction, the market for Lundy material appears healthy. In total, 865 lots were offered in C.I.L.A. #20, and 344 lots (39.8 percent) having a cumulative estimate of £4448 (or 35.0 percent of the total estimate) sold, fetching £4712, or 5.9 percent above estimates. Most significantly, the almost 40 percent of the lot total that sold far surpassed the 30.3 percent mean of the previous two C.I.L.A. stamps auctions. Once again, the largest category of material offered was the 1940-1943 issues, but whereas in #18 where only 21.5 percent (52 of 242) of these lots sold, 45.6 percent (110 of 241) found buyers in #20. Table 1 below summarizes the offerings in this sale by categories, permitting a direct comparison with #18, which was also broken down into identical categories (see Table 1, Summer 1992 *LCCPQ*, page 15).

TABLE 1. Summary of C.I.L.A. Lundy Postal Auction Number 20.

Category	Lots Offered		Lots That Sold			
	No.	Estimates	No.	Estimates	Realiz'ns	%R:E*
1929-39 issues	53	£ 818.50	15	£ 336.00	£ 312.50	93.0
ACAS "tramtickets"	28	513.00	7	125.00	121.00	96.8
ACAS "large maps"	38	354.50	15	137.00	148.50	108.4
LACAL issues	28	415.50	13	189.00	199.50	105.6
1940-43 issues	241	3710.00	110	1731.50	1798.00	103.8
1950-59 issues	164	2402.00	31	428.50	460.00	107.4
1961-69 issues	68	813.00	24	422.50	472.50	111.8
1971-79 issues	51	548.50	24	213.50	231.50	108.4
1982-92 issues	45	564.50	32	332.00	335.50	101.1
stamp lots	716	£10139.50	271	£ 3915.00	£ 4079.00	104.2
bogus, oddities	80	£ 575.50	54	£ 357.50	£ 436.00	122.0
FDCs, max. cards	47	331.00	16	102.50	113.00	110.2
col'ns, large lots	22	1662.00	3	73.00	84.00	115.1
Total (all lots)	865	£12708.00	344	£ 4448.00	£ 4712.00	105.9

\* %R:E is the ratio of realizations to estimates.

In general, the better (more costly) lots fared well, with 26 of the 40 lots (65.0 percent) estimated at £25 or greater that sold fetching more than estimates, while only 10 of these 40 (25 percent) realized below

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estimate. One expensive lot in this auction, the mint horizontal pair of the LACAL "5-line" overprint with the rare "Attantic" error se tenant with the normal overprint, was one of the four "greater than £25" lots that sold at estimate (in this instance £95).

Some representative examples of these "pricey" lots (with £ estimates/£ realizations in parentheses following brief descriptions) include: a mint set of six ACAS 1935 "large maps" (£36/£42), a mint set of five "1929-1939" overprints (£37/£40), a mint LH set of "1929-1939" overprints (£32/£35), a mint vertical gutter block of four "1929-1939" overprint lp stamps (£36/£36), a "1929-1939" overprint 6p blue stamp (offered "as is" but certainly a color changeling) (£30+/£33), a mint 1940 "Red Cross" surcharge ½p "Pnffin" variety (£40/£43), a margined mint "Red Cross" surcharge 4p stamp (£35/£36), a mint "Red Cross" surcharge 4p stamp (£32/£32), a mint "Red Cross" surcharge 6p stamp (£65/£55), a mint "Red Cross" surcharge 9p stamp (£55/£50), a margined mint "Red Cross" surcharge 12p stamp (£60/£50), a mint set of eight 1942 "V + plane" overprints (£48/£55), a mint LH set of eight 1942 "V + plane" overprints (£44/£52), a mint cross-gutter block of four of the "V + plane" overprint 9p stamp (£36/£33), a perforated black "bogus" overprinted "IX Anniversary" Tighearna sheetlet (£25/£35), a mint set of eight "IX Anniversary" overprints (£48/£53), a mint "IX Anniversary" double overprint variety (first ever offered in a C.I.L.A. auction) (£40/£49), a complete set of twelve "Wright Brothers biplane" overprints (£85/£92), a complete set of eight 1950 "BY AIR" overprints (all narrow settings except for the lp and 12p values) (£30/£33), a mint narrow-setting "BY AIR" 3p stamp with the "missing A in AIR" variety (the first that I am aware of that has been offered at auction; Stanley termed it "unrecorded" in the lot description, but this variety was mentioned and illustrated on page 9 of the Summer 1989 *LCCPQ*) (£50+/£62), mint examples of the 1953 Coronation ½p and lp "wrong color" overprints (£70/£75), a mint set of imperforate color trials of the 1955 Millenary issue on unwatermarked paper (£22/£28), a mint 1969 "APPEAL" overprint stamp (£130/£135), a used "APPEAL" stamp (£165/£130), a 1972 blue overprint lp provisional used on piece (£25/£25), the 1979 Philatelic Service 9p and 11p essays on an August 20, 1979 C.T.O. FDC (£20/£27), a complete sheet of mint 1985 "BALLOON FLIGHT" overprints (£65/£60), and a 1989 R.S.P.B. overprinted "PROOF" sheet (£36/£28).

As usual, the "bogus/oddities" category fared the best, with 67.5 percent (54 of 80) of the lots selling, fetching 22.0 percent above estimates. Only one lot in this category sold under estimate and only one sold at estimate, with all the rest going above estimates! Although collections and large lots fetched 10.2 percent above estimates, only 3 of the 22 lots sold, the statistics being skewed by one "junk box" lot that realized £54 against its estimate of £45+. Two fine, comprehensive collections offered at estimates of approximately 50 percent *Newman* catalogue valuations went unsold. Among the FDCs, the LACAL March 31, 1939 ½d red "air view" (presumably a Phillips-prepared) FDC was the best lot, realizing £28 against an estimate of £25. The only other "double-digit" FDC lot was the 1954 Silver Jubilee commemorative airmail (with dates) cover showing G.P.O. use that sold for £14 against an estimate of £12. None of the three maximum card lots sold.

It appears that Stanley Newman's thoughts about retirement from the stamp trade were fleeting as he has thrust himself back onto the scene with a new book (*Mailboats to Lundy*), a book in progress (the 1993 edition of

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*Stamps of Lundy Island*), and another C.I.L.A. auction (the "Smaller Channel Islands Collectors" sale that closed September 1, 1993). No doubt by the time this column hits print another C.I.L.A. Lundy "postal history" auction will be scheduled and catalogues distributed to clients as usual. If you are not already on Stanley's subscriptions list, it might do your Lundy collection some good to contact him about a sample catalogue for his next auction.

Auction Odds and Ends

Pat Herst brought my attention to a Lundy lot in a recent (date unknown, circa May 1993) mail sale of Messengers (8 Parkside Road, Pinhoe, Exeter, EX1 3TN, England). Described as "H.M.S. *Montagu* wrecked on Lundy Island, 30 May 1906, pair of real photo cards: a) the cable walkway along which materials salvaged from the vessel were carried onto the Island, published by Twiss Brothers, Ilfracombe; b) the salvage craft *Plover* alongside, loading salvaged materials, published by H. Mortimer Allen, Temby. Plus, two real photo view cards of Lundy depicting the East Coast & The Natural Arch, 1920s," this lot was modestly estimated at £24.

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## POSTAL HISTORY NOTE

Previously Unrecorded Date of Use of the Straight-Line "LUNDY" Cachet

Roger Hudson reports a Lundy outward flown postcard to Walsall, Staffs., with the Lundy ½p definitive stamp tied on the picture side by a clear strike in black of the rare "temporarily used" straight-line "LUNDY" cachet (*Newman* #TU-1). Roger thought the item (*shown below*) would be of interest to postal historians since the Lundy date of use (presumably June 20, 1937—the date of the postmark tying the accompanying ACAS ½d "large map" stamp) was previously unrecorded. The six recorded examples cited by Stanley Newman (*Postal History, Postmarks & Cachets of Lundy Island*, page 47) range from June 10, 1937 to August 5, 1937, so this example falls within the recorded period of "LUNDY" cachet use. This postcard (J. H. Savory photocard P1259, "Razorbills, Lundy.") bears on the address side a G.B. KGVI 1d definitive tied by a Barnstaple, Devon June 21, 1937 machine cancellation (c.d.s. plus seven wavy lines). Interestingly, the ACAS postmark is the "wingless" variant of the *Chinchen/Newman* type Cb postmark, of which only five examples have been recorded! Roger has already sold this item to a client, so it is no longer available in stock. However, Roger does have a constantly changing, varied stock of Lundy covers, so do not hesitate to contact him about your collecting requirements: Roger Hudson, P.O. Box 172, Coventry, CV6 6NF, England; telephone Coventry (0203) 686613.



## LUNDY FIELD SOCIETY'S 1993 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

By Roger E. Allen

On Saturday, March 6, in the Hatherley Laboratory at Exeter University, the Lundy Field Society held its 47th Annual General Meeting. There were about 40 members present, rather less than usual but still a good turnout.

The Treasurer presented his report, which showed an unfortunate loss of £2293.38, as opposed to a surplus of £1404.90 last year. This was almost entirely due to the failure of the annual excursion to Lundy, which normally provides the bulk of the annual income, but this year made a loss. The venue at Bideford instead of at Ilfracombe and the time of day and year were probably the prime causes of the low sale of tickets. However, subscriptions had kept up, and the Treasurer pointed out that subscription income from members was not subject to fluctuation or inflation and would be the prime area of concentration in the future. Working parties on the Island, funds to the Warden, and bird ringing had all increased this year and added to the loss—but as these were the prime reason for the existence of the Society, they could not be deprecated.

The report of John Puddy, the Island Agent, gave us all much to think about and to be pleased about. This year there has been a great deal of fence mending and cooperation between the Lundy Field Society and The Landmark Trust, which should benefit both organizations.

In spite of the recession, which made it necessary to reduce staff on the Island and on the *Oldenburg* in the Autumn of 1992, the prices of letting properties on the Island have been held more or less at 1992 prices for this year. "Bed and Breakfasts" and "Short Breaks" have been very popular and will continue to be encouraged.

The new "Friends of Lundy" has netted about £6000 in funds to assist the running of Lundy, and the Lundy Pony fund-raising effort has also brought in £200, enough to maintain the ponies throughout the winter. Any L.C.C. members who wish to become Friends of Lundy should write to Wendy Puddy on the Island. If they wish to subscribe towards the maintenance of a designated or undesignated pony, the cost is £10, for which they will receive a certificate and a photograph of the pony—a nice item to have in any Lundy collection. [*Editor's note:* Details of the Lundy Ponies Program were given on page 7 of the Spring 1992 *LCCPQ*. The Lundy Company accepts major credit card payments, which makes payment convenient for non-U.K. readers. Wendy Puddy's address is Lundy Island, Bristol Channel, via Bideford, Devon, EX39 2LY, Great Britain.]

The farm has raised the number of its flock of sheep, which were lambing just about the time of the A.G.M., from 200 to 535. They are of crossed Welsh Mountain and Black Faced sheep. The almost complete eradication of the rabbits has given the Island enough pasture to maintain all its own livestock for the year and has also enabled the farm to rent out some of its pastureland to farmers from the mainland—quite unheard of in the past. The abundance of hay and pasture, undamaged by the ravages of thousands of rabbits, has meant that herds and flocks can be kept on the Island for the whole year to grow and fatten without having to be sent off prematurely to slaughter.

The Lundy Stamp and Postcard Meet of October 1992 (fully covered in the Winter 1992-1993 *LCCPQ*, pages 9-13) was given a glowing report by John

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Puddy and later by Andrew Gibson with the promise of a repeat performance on October 16-18 this year. Those members wishing to take part in this extremely successful event should contact Wendy Puddy now. John Puddy gave other snippets of news, such as the fact that there are now seven children on Lundy, which is the most at any time this century.

The *Oldenburg* now struggles on with only five crew members instead of seven after two redundancies. The ship went into a disused dry dock in January 1992 at Appledore, and the whole repainting and maintenance service was undertaken by unemployed local men from the ailing ship-building industry. As a result of this refit, the ship received its class certificate for a further five years.

The Lundy brewery is to be reintroduced and will be relocated in the Black Shed (attendees cheer at this point). In view of the lean times the Island's economy is experiencing, this is the only project planned for 1993.

John Steer, a local master mason who has long been associated with Lundy has completely repaired Threequarter Wall. This was a major improvement and restoration project of the 1992 season, and he is now working on other dry stone walls on Lundy.

There is a plan to rehang the bells in St. Helena's Church on Lundy. A Charity concerned with church bells countrywide has offered funds for this project. The bells were last rung in the Tower in 1905. [Editor's note: An account of the 1905 bell tolling appears on page 3 of the Fall 1991 *LCCPQ*.] To hear them again would be a very moving and wonderful experience, but a great deal of self-help is needed as well as the funds to achieve this fantastic hope. There are many other plans for the Church itself. The pews are to be rearranged to enable the church space to form a visitor center as well as a place of worship. Andrew Gibson, the Warden, looks forward to having its use for lectures and exhibitions in connection with every aspect of Lundy life and interest.

There may be a renewed air link to Lundy—not just a local link from the nearest point of the mainland, but as part of the national network and starting from Exeter. This is only a possibility at present, and there still is a great deal of negotiation and details to be discussed. A fare of £75 return was mentioned. Apparently, the runway on the Island is quite adequate in order to obtain a license for regular flights on a national basis. A wall would have to be partially demolished and rabbit holes filled in, but little else.

Andrew Gibson gave his Warden's report during the meeting and had mostly good news for us. The Soay sheep flock is now of national importance as a source herd both for breeding and for study. It is about as important as the flocks of these primitive animals on Hirta, St. Kilda, from where they originate. There are at present 96 of these rare animals on Lundy, and they are breeding well.

The new group of Valley of the Rocks feral goats has been seen mixing with the original Lundy flock, but whether there has been any inter-breeding remains to be seen. The black and brown rats at the southern end of the Island are being constantly trapped and kept down by the Warden, but they do not disappear from that area. The black rat population has been the source of much study in the past, but Andrew has

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resisted pressure to cease trapping them. Andrew mentioned certain invasive plants on the Island, which he had hoped could be eradicated or controlled. The alexander in Millcombe can probably be contained, but the ragwort and rhododendron are here to stay, though the "rhodies" have been cleared from large areas on the east side.

John Morgan, who organizes working parties to Lundy, reported on the work achieved by these groups. The projects included: clearance of rhododendron, cutting of new paths through the rhodies, rebuilding Threequarter Wall under the supervision of John Steer, trenching and resurfacing of the main track, placing stepping stones in wet areas, clearing, and maintaining new tree plantations.

Tony Langham gave us a short exposé on an 1818 map of Lundy. The Island was owned by Sir Aubrey de Vere Hunt at that time, and many familiar names are on that map, indicating that they dated from even much earlier years. These names include the Sugar Loaf Rock, Tibbetts Point, Millcombe Valley, and Parsons Well. What we now call Pilots Quay is marked as Pyle's Quay on this map, and, indeed, Captain Pyle was a pilot who had used that spot. The Heavens misheard and mixed up "Pyle" and "pilot." John O'Groat's house was called Perrins House. Friars Garden is marked as Fryers Garden, and Parsons Well is also marked. Messrs. Perrin, Fryer, and Parsons were all tenant farmers on Lundy during those times.

Tony also gave us the benefit of a little research has has done on the Great Auks and Lundy. The last record of any Great Auk anywhere was in 1844. They were recorded on St. Kilda, Iceland, and the North French coast. They were called King and Queen murre—"murre" being the common name for all members of the auk family and other seabirds. Celia Fynnes reported their existence in her travel books.

After he took over Lundy, Mr. Heaven was brought one day a very large egg of the same color and texture as a guillemot egg but twice the size. A worker on the Island, who had been there for decades, described it as being the egg of the King and Queen murre and that he had not seen such birds on Lundy for over fifteen years (i.e., in the early 1820s) when he stated that two or three pairs at most would be seen off of Bird Rock at the North. This report could imply that Lundy, as well as the other known locations, was one of the last nesting spots and homes of this fabulous bird.

After the A.G.M. was declared at an end, almost all those present retired to the lounge of the nearby Imperial Hotel for refreshments and to continue the meeting informally. For many members, this annual get-together is the only time they are able to see each other, and there is always much to talk over.

*Postscript:* This report is pretty detailed, but I thought that this would give readers an idea of what happens on Lundy apart from the stamps. Possibly, some L.C.C. members may like to join the Lundy Field Society. The fees are £7 per annum to U.K. and European residents and £9 to North American residents. Membership benefits include an *Annual Report* and an annual *Newsletter*, plus notices of other events such as the annual Lundy excursion and the A.G.M. If any L.C.C. members wish to join the L.F.S., they should write/send subscriptions dues to: Peter Cole, 2 Beaufort Close, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 9DG, England. --*REA*

FURTHER NOTES ON LUNDY'S FIRST-CLASS AND SECOND-CLASS  
STAMP BOOKLETS ISSUED SEPTEMBER 5, 1988

By Bernard Stanley

Detailed information on the booklets is given in Jon Aitchison's reports in the Fall 1988 and Summer 1989 issues of the *LCCPQ*. However, in view of the updated advice from Jon in the "Odds and Ends" report on pages 3 and 4 of the Summer 1990 *LCCPQ*, the following may be of interest.

The f0.96 and f1.32 booklets were printed in sheets with two covers to each sheet to provide (approximately) 2000 covers for each value. As noted in the reports, two types of covers exist for each booklet and for convenience are referred to as "type 1" (no colon in text of outside back cover) and "type 2" (colon in text) [Fall 1988 *LCCPQ*, page 6].

While the stated issued quantity of covers for each value is 1200 (versus the approximately 2000 produced), it is to be appreciated that only 900 of each value have had the stamps inserted and put on sale. The other 300 covers of each value were used for first day covers. (The two distinct cover types that exist for each booklet are on the first day covers in about equal numbers). As the actual number of mint booklets is reduced to 900 of each value, it is clear, when noting the two distinct types of booklet covers, that the number of each type is 450.

The remaining 800 covers for each booklet value were not made up in view of the postal-rate increase during October 1989. These covers have been cancelled and a number given away as "free gifts" in the Spring 1990 issue of the *LCCPQ*, but others have been destroyed.

On the day of issue, the first batch of 600 booklets of each value had been accounted for by advance orders alone, and by November 1988 almost 1000 booklets of each value had been sold. (The figure of "almost 1000" included the booklet covers used on first day covers.) While it is probable that a reasonable quantity of first day covers are available, it is considered that the number of mint booklets remaining will be quite low.

It is known that at least 50 stamp booklets were broken up for postage during the 1989 and 1990 Stampex meetings. It is also certain that a further quantity of booklets will have been broken up for postage by visitors to the Island. It would therefore appear that less than 425 of each booklet type exist intact, although it may well be that a somewhat higher number of first-class booklets remain.

When looking at the first Lundy (f1.26) stamp booklet issued on June 1, 1988, it is seen that 519 booklets were produced, of which 20 were used on first day covers. Of the total of 499 mint booklets, a batch of 41 sent from the Island were lost in the post during the September 1988 postal strike, and it is fair to say that the maximum number of mint booklets must now be considered as being 458. However, it is known that several of the first-issue booklets were broken up for postage and the covers discarded by visitors to the Island. This would further reduce the number of intact booklets that survived.

When comparing the booklet issue numbers, since the issue of September 5 is split into two distinct types for each of the two booklet values, it is concluded that the number of mint booklets of each type is less than the number of the June 1, 1988 booklets that exist in mint condition. Therefore, it would seem prudent to ensure that any missing booklet types of the September 5, 1988 issue are obtained without delay. These booklets sold out on the Island during 1992 (exact date not known).

## BOOK REVIEW (By Roger S. Cichorz)

*MAILBOATS TO LUNDY*, by Stanley Newman, ISBN 0-9514363-4-1, published by Channel Islands & Lundy Auctions, 93 Montpelier Road, Erington, Sussex, BN1 3BE, England, 1993, 40 pages, profusely illustrated, paperback, £4.95. [Available from the author at the C.I.L.A. Erington, Sussex address for £4.95 per copy + postage (£0.55 to U.K./£0.75 to Europe/£1.25 overseas), or \$10 postpaid to the U.S.]

I disagree with the opening paragraph of the text appearing on the outside back cover of this book (repeated on the broadsheet/order form for *Mailboats to Lundy*) that states:

"...the author has now embarked upon his first nonphilatelic\* book and has turned his attention to the fascinating subject of the various Mailboats which have plied between Lundy and the mainland since 1870..." (\*Note: Boldface is emphasis by the reviewer.)

Philately embraces postal history, and if we accept the traditional definition of *postal history* to mean the history of the conveyance of mail in, or the operation of, a postal service (including routes, rates, stamps, and allied postal markings), then terming this book **nonphilatelic** is a misrepresentation to potential interested readers!

Stanley Newman's latest book is an appealing compilation of the history of mail deliveries between Lundy and the mainland. He fills its 23 pages of text with facts about which vessels carried the Lundy mails and when. Included are peripheral discussions of alternate means of Lundy mail conveyance during periods when the designated mailboats, for one reason or another, were not in operation. Consequently, I consider this book a valuable tool for students of Lundy postal history who are seeking information on how the postal service (pre-G.P.O., G.P.O., and "local") functioned throughout its recorded history.

I do not want my opening review comments to mislead readers into thinking this book centers around the Lundy postal service. The primary subject matter of *Mailboats to Lundy* deals with the relevant years of operation and statistics about the vessels themselves, starting (after a brief mention of the pre-1879 years in a two-page section titled "Early Days") with the "legendary" *Gannet* and proceeding through the *Devonia*, *Lerina*, *Lundy Gannet*, *Polar Bear*, *Balmoral*, and present-day *Oldenburg*. Other vessels are also mentioned when they played a part in transporting the Lundy mails, but their discussion is generally peripheral to the seven other aforementioned mailboats.

In summary, *Mailboats to Lundy* is an in-depth look at these vessels and the parts they played in transporting the mails. The book is peppered throughout with illustrations (including drawings by John Dyke, reproduced photographs, and Lundy stamps that depict the boats) that will give the reader perspective of the nature of these various mailboats. This book is a useful compilation of information that (until now) was largely dispersed throughout many references (both philatelic and historical). Stanley Newman spared us the enormous task of finding and compiling all that information as he neatly puts it all in one place.

I recommend *Mailboats to Lundy* as an "essential" addition to the library of anyone who has even a casual interest in Lundy, whether philatelic or nonphilatelic. In my own case, I am already finding the book useful for determining how some of the covers in my Lundy postal history collection were transported and why they have the postal markings they have!



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