

PHILATELIC QUARTERLY

A PERSONAL ACCOUNT
OF THE
JOHN PENNINGTON HARMAN
VICTORIA CROSS
50th ANNIVERSARY
MEMORIAL SERVICE

By Gwyneth White

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News of Lundy (*Nicotinell Program Follow-up and New Lundy Warden Named*)

Odds and Ends (*Information About the "LUNDY LIGHTS AND LEADS" Slogan, Previously Unreported Lundy 1953 Coronation Item, Vietnam 1995 Stamp Depicts Tufted Puffin, and Newman-Listed Items Nonexistent?!*)

News of L.C.C. Members (*My, We Sure Are a Busy Bunch of People!*)

Book Reviews (*Stanley Newman's The LL Postcards of the Channel Islands, Stanley Gibbons Channel Islands Postal History Catalogue, and David Gurney's The Post Office in the Smaller Channel Islands*)

Lundy at Auction (*1994 C.S.C. Members' and Glass Slipper's Auctions*)

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Letters to the Editor

Bradbury Proof/Trial and Presentation Pack Text Error

Regarding Format International's involvement (*with the tete-beche trial/proof illustrated on page 15 of the Fall 1994 LCCPQ*), I understand that Format purchased Bradbury Wilkinson and Company Ltd. in a takeover some years ago, and as we have noticed, certain items have recently appeared on the market. I had written recently to the manager of Christie's stamp department, asking if they have any more Lundy proofs from the Bradbury Wilkinson archives, and I received a very nice reply. Unfortunately, they say the cupboard is bare! No more! (If only I had written earlier, before that dreaded auction, I could have gotten the items for peanuts!)

I suppose you have noticed the "mistake" (missing "t" in "the island") in the text of the new, red £2.75 selection (presentation) pack (inset right)?

For further information about the island, how to visit and stay there, its postal service and stamps, please contact: Lundy, Bristol Channel, Devon EX39 2LY.

--Jim Mullett, Watlington, Oxford, England (July 12, 1994)

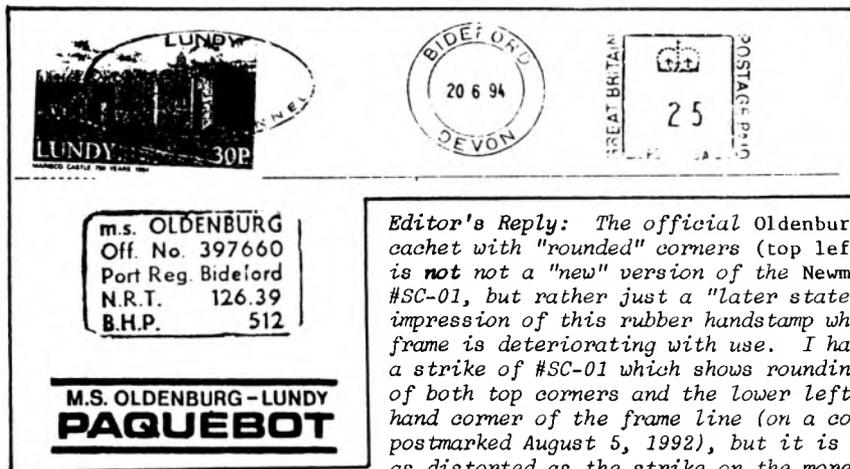
The first paragraph of Jim's letter is a reply to my (unpublished) query of why Christie's indicated his trial/proof came from Format International (see Jim's text on page 15 of the Fall 1994 LCCPQ for mention of Format). Jim's lament about "that dreaded auction" is a reference to the fact that several lots of rare Bradbury Wilkinson Lundy proofs and trials were offered in Christie's April 21, 1993 sale and that none of these lots sold cheaply! [See my "Lundy at Auction" column, Fall 1993 LCCPQ, pages 9-12, for the account of the ensuing "battles royal" for this material.] Leave it to Jim's "flyspecking" talents to spot the "error" text (which is constant, appearing on the backs of all the new red presentation packs). Thanks, Jim, for bringing this mistake to our attention. --RSC

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Continued)

Deteriorating Official "m.s. **OLDENBURG**" Cachet

On a recent visit to Lundy I acquired a postcard with the *Oldenburg's* official and unofficial cachets (*illustrated below*). I noticed they both differ from those shown in Stanley Newman's *Postal History, Postmarks & Cachets of Lundy Island*. The official cachet is shown by Newman in 1991 as having a frame with square corners, whereas the new cachet has rounded corners. The unofficial cachet is now totally different from that shown by Newman as #SC-02.

--J. P. Thomas, Kingskerswell, Devon, England (July 18, 1994)



Editor's Reply: The official Oldenburg cachet with "rounded" corners (top left) is **not** a "new" version of the Newman #SC-01, but rather just a "later state" impression of this rubber handstamp whose frame is deteriorating with use. I have a strike of #SC-01 which shows rounding of both top corners and the lower left-hand corner of the frame line (on a cover postmarked August 5, 1992), but it is not as distorted as the strike on the more

recently serviced cover of J. P. Thomas. The unofficial cachet (bottom left) is the "PAQUEBOT" handstamp (previously illustrated and discussed on page 13 of the Winter 1992-1993 LCCPQ) that was designed, prepared, and donated by Jon Aitchison and introduced for use during the October 31, 1992 inward trip for the First Stamp and Postcard Meet on Lundy; consequently, it would not be listed in Stanley Newman's *Postal History, Postmarks & Cachets of Lundy Island*, which was published in 1991. --RSC

Account of the John Pennington Harman V.C. Memorial Ceremony

[*Editor's Preface:* Gwyneth White, a longtime friend of and visitor to the Island, spent a week on Lundy surrounding the June 23, 1994 memorial service held at the V.C. Quarry for Lance Corporal John Pennington Harman in honor of his posthumous award of the Victoria Cross for acts of valor that resulted in his death at Kohima during the Burma Campaign 50 years ago. Miss White sent me a detailed, 14-page, handwritten full personal account of her activities during her stay. From Miss White's letter I excerpted portions relevant to the Victoria Cross memorial service in the hopes that readers will find her account of interest. Sadly, the June 21 scheduled Oldenburg crossing for some of John Harman's surviving WWII comrades had to be canceled because of a storm. --RSC]

Lundy, Sunday, June 19: Diana Keast (Martin Coles Harman's daughter), in her delightfully diffident, rather vague way, told us of the plans for the reception for the Burma Veterans on the Tuesday and assigned some

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people present to various vantage points and to act as guides, and others to keep an eye on the display (*about John Harman*) in the Church, as she personally handed each one of us copies of the Order of Service.

Tuesday, June 21: It may have been the sound of the rising sou'westerly wind and rain lashing the courtyard window of my Old House South accommodation that made me so wakeful I literally didn't get a wink of sleep, worrying about the *Oldenburg* sailing and conditions for the old soldier's crossing. By 3:25 a.m. I heard the South Light foghorn's electronic banshee wail start up. At 6 a.m. I managed to drop off for a couple of hours' sleep and, on waking, found no drop in wind force. Frankly, I never expected the *Oldenburg* to leave Ilfracombe, but soon after 9 a.m., Jilly Lo-vel came in to say that it had.

That announcement was followed by one an hour later from Christopher Price, having just had it from the Office that the *Oldenburg* Master was abandoning the crossing to Lundy and steering for shelter in calmer water under the cliffs of Clovelly across Bideford Bay. Later, we learned it had been against his better judgment that they'd sailed, but the 28 old soldiers had been so keen to "make it"—only to take a pretty bad crossing. Though, when feeling less queasy, they decided to hold a service on deck, and, as there was a B.B.C. cameraman on board, we saw it on the television news later that evening. But, there was a great sense of disappointment and anticlimax on the Island after all the preparations.



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*Inset: Cover of the Memorial Service Booklet.
Above: Memorial Postcard Designed by John Dyke.*

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Wednesday, June 22: Then I came to the end of the Quarry Path and walked down its gentle slope till I came again to V.C. Quarry, which I had snapped in rather better light on May 29 during my *Waverley* day trip. I gathered a little posy of forget-me-nots and kingcups from the remains of the pool beneath the memorial slab and laid them on one of its supports, and next day, that of the Service, I was glad to see them still there.

Thursday, June 23: The day dawned even more beautifully, with a mirror calm sea, and we learned the ship was on its way with a small party of officers and the Vicar of Appledore, the Reverend Rob Varty, and was expected in about 11 a.m. So, well before that, I had set out to walk to the V.C. Quarry via the "goldfish" pool and path descent to what had been the track for trucks loading the granite and pushed by hand (or pulled by horse) that is now a grassy path. When I got to V.C. Quarry previously on May 29, I had been surprised how wide a space had been made round the memorial stone by the wholesale clearance of rhododendron bushes and other undergrowth. Leaving only the little willow tree, a willow, near its foot.

I was there well before any others, though Myrtle Ternstrom and Anne Westcott who had been trailing me eventually arrived, followed by one or two others, including a young man from Birmingham, David Preece, a Field Society worker who comes periodically to help Andrew Gibson with the warden's conservation work. By about 11:30, the military party, Diana, Marion Harman-Jones and family, Cherry Richardson and husband, and about 50 of us in all were gathered round the raised group of stones on which the Reverend Varty stood. The sea was turquoise and shimmering far below, and over a mile away across the Bay was the *Oldenburg*, on whose deck the bugler waited for sounding the Last Post.

I enclose a copy of the service, which was adhered to, although it was a different clergyman than listed, and, being a local man who knew far more about Lundy and the Harmans and John's exploits than the other, he was (I feel sure) an improvement on the original choice! His address was admirable. He said all the right things about John, as if he really had known him, and it was really moving. Mid way, the veteran's representative and Diana laid wreaths of red poppies (my little fading blooms high above them). Then at the end of the resumed service, very faint and rather too far away, but very symbolic of he who lies in Burma, were those haunting notes that always bring tears, in the query, not really answered by the Reveille.

I hoped the Military party had time, after suitable refreshment, to examine the informative display in the church, which John Dyke had worked so hard over, before they left. Fortunately, the really beautiful floral displays, comprised mostly of Island flowers that Diana, Cherry, and Penny Ogilvie had arranged so effectively, were still fresh in water-filled vases. On and around the font were lovely exotic orchids, specially flown over from the East. On a red cloth on top of the font was pinned the Burma Star Medal, the Silver erect-horse Badge of the West Kent Regiment, and a photograph of the solid silver statuette of John in his service kit carrying a rifle, which his proud comrades had had made by the melting down of Regimental silverplate—a generous but fitting tribute. The Medal of Valour itself was not there, being kept in a bank, but had been presented to the Regiment by Martin Coles Harman, John's Father, in 1954, not long before he himself died very suddenly.

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After lunch I made my way along to Hangman Hill and sat near "the Ugly" writing, interrupted only by Diana, Cherry, and Penny as they toiled up from the beach, having bade farewell to the veterans, now fading into the distance aboard the departing *Oldenburg*. We were all happy it had gone so well in the end, but sad that those who should have shared in it had been disappointed.

--Gwyneth White, Penarth, Wales, U.K. (July 19, 1994)

News of Lundy—Philatelic Information and Personnel Moves

Earlier this month Lars Liwendahl and his family stayed overnight with us on their return from a Lundy holiday, and he was able to tell me that no commemoratives were planned for 1995 as they felt they had had two issues this year and ought to rest matters for a year. The other news is that Wendy Puddy is leaving Lundy with her children as she has decided to study for a one-year postgraduate teachers training certificate to qualify her as an infants' teacher. John Puddy is staying on the Island. I suspect that there will be a shakeout in the next few months and we may see more staff changes by New Year. I certainly think the Lundy Postal Service will go through a quiet period. Apparently, the Island has done very well indeed financially this year—publicity is paying off and we have had a marvelous summer, dry, hot, and windfree since June, so there have been plenty of holidaymakers around.

--A. F. Langham, Reigate, Surrey, England (August 28, 1994)

The new stamps are selling very well. Perhaps I told you before that the Marisco FDCs were almost sold out when I was there. The Landmark Trust Silver Jubilee block has created even more orders than the Marisco set. John Holman wrote a very good article all about them in the British Post Office *Philatelic Bulletin*—very good publicity! It was also nice to hear that the new orders also create orders for a lot of the old stamps. Just for example, over 200 of the new mixed presentation packs had been sold by the end of July. In other words, everything sounds good with Lundy and its stamps, but there is a change now taking place in September, and that is that Wendy will go to the mainland for a nine-month course about training and education of children. The Postal Service and philatelic correspondence will be looked after by Norman Hunter whom I am sure you know. Norman has been living on the Island for some years and has been the assistant to Wendy, mainly handling all the postal philatelic orders. As a former employee of the British G.P.O., Norman has a good knowledge of postal matters and the dealing with stamps.

--Lars Liwendahl, Hagersten, Sweden (September 1, 1994)

Aboard *Balmoral*, ex-Lundy: I made the final call of the season, 65 years after my first in September 1929. I found a number of changes as Andrew and Lorna Gibson are moving to the Scillies after six years of very good wardenship. Wendy Puddy has gone ashore with the two children, taking up a year's course in education, and Chris Bray from the ship is also leaving. Mary (*Gade*) Squire is there for three weeks and should hear the (*St. Helena's*) bells being dedicated and pealed. She has moved now, to Appledore from Bideford.

--Gwyneth White, Penarth, Wales, U.K. (September 18, 1994)

Editor's Commentary

"Bird" Contest Results and Readers' Comments About *LCCPQ*

I received only three entries to the "Identify That Bird" contest that ran in a recent "News of L.C.C. Members" feature (Fall 1993 *LCCPQ*, page 6). All three entrants correctly identified the bird as an "oystercatcher" (genus *Haematopus*) and, as requested, commented about their likes and dislikes of the contents of recent *LCCPQ*s. The name of the Tórshavn Apothecary ("TJALDURS APOTEKID") on the cachet was the key to the identification of the bird, as *tjaldur* is the Faroese name for oystercatcher, which is sort of the national bird for those islands. An oystercatcher is pictured on the Faroes' 180-øre definitive stamp issued in 1977 (Scott #29) (illustrated right). I judged the three contest entries to be of equal merit and deemed a three-way tie for first place honors, with each entrant being awarded a "grand prize" (in addition to the Lundy goodies dispatched earlier to each just for entering the contest).



The three sets of comments about likes and dislikes of the contents of *LCCPQ*s comprised too small a reader sampling for me to assess accurately readers' expectations (i.e., to draw any definitive conclusions about the types of items the majority wants). Nevertheless, I thought readers might be interested in what our three respondents had to say about the journal, so their comments are published below. I was disappointed in the overall lack of reader interest in this opportunity to express your likes and dislikes about the journal's contents, so if the *LCCPQ*s are not up to your expectations or are not meeting your needs, you have only yourselves to blame! Feedback about the *LCCPQ* is welcome at any time, however, so do not hesitate to express yourselves as your voices are important in order for me to improve the pertinence and quality of this journal. For example, as a result of recent reader suggestions and pleadings, some unusual, valuable "free gifts" will be in the offing! One last note: contrary to common belief, the "Commentary" feature is not solely the purview of the *LCCPQ* Editor. Anyone who wants to express opinion(s) or otherwise discourse about any subject(s) germane to Lundy is welcome to submit the text as "Guest Commentary"! --Roger S. Cichorz

- I always find the *LCCPQ* interesting to read, but too many pages are devoted to auction news. While it is always interesting to read about what Lundy items are selling for, I would like to see the amount of pages reduced and replaced with some general news of what is happening on Lundy. This information does not have to relate to Lundy stamps because I'm sure most collectors like myself have an interest in all aspects of Lundy life. --Roy Bentley (#330)
- I like items on Lundy stamps, books, and postmarks, the member news, "Letters to the Editor," and inquiries from members regarding unusual finds (such as the cigarette tin). Items about the Isle and its history are appreciated. I would like to see more offers of Lundy philatelic sales and dealers of such. I don't care for the auction news as I don't participate in any. --Richard VanGorder (#375)
- What I like: "Lundy at Auction" is the part I read first because it gives information on who is selling what and what prices are achieved. Both "Offers" and "Letters to the Editor" are informative sections. →

Editor's Commentary (Continued)

Nothing disliked, but "News of Members" does contain information of limited interest (mostly to the person concerned) and could be shorter. What I would like more of: news about Lundy and "free gifts" (it would be nice to have one in every issue, but that is probably not possible). --David Donald (#215)

Offer

Latest Lundy-Related Items from Market Coins. L.C.C. member #188 Ian Arnold (Market Coins, 11 Hillcrest Road, Bideford, Devon, EX39 4DQ, England) offers several Lundy items that may be of interest to readers:

- Some Marisco Castle postcards, which had been previously issued by Market Coins as mint cards, have been made into maximum cards by servicing them from Lundy with Lundy "Castle" stamps affixed (£4.50 per set). [Ian mentioned, "With a new Castle stamp issue and cancel, I figured the opportunity to use up the last of these cards was too good to miss."]
- Reprint edition of William Rowcroft's 1951 *Postal Issues of British European Airways, Channel Islands, and Lundy* (only 50 produced), £2. each.
- Black-and-white postcards of "Rounding the South Point" and "In the Lundy Roads"—copied from the famous 18th Century paintings by Dominic de Serres that are hanging in the National Gallery—£1 per set of two.
- Details of a special "mayoral" cover serviced from Lundy and priced at £5 each are given in the "News of L.C.C. Members" feature on page 9.

Terms: Payment by Sterling currency or cheques, or payment in U.S. currency (no checks) acceptable for overseas orders. Please include extra for postage and packing (U.K. orders of over £10 free, otherwise 50p; overseas £1). Ian indicated that he would soon be coming out with a list of Market Coins' Lundy offers and that those on his mailing list will automatically receive a copy. [If you are not already on Ian Arnold's mailing list to regularly receive Market Coins' *Lundy Offers*, let him know of your interest by requesting to be added. Please tell Ian you are an L.C.C. member and read about his offers in the *LCCPQ*! --RSC]

News of Lundy

Island is Set to Lose Its Lighthouse Keepers. Another chapter in the long and chequered history of Lundy will be written in December when lighthouse keepers finally leave the Island. The famous South Light then becomes automated, and the three men who currently man it around the clock will be deployed elsewhere by Trinity House. The North Light was automated in the early seventies, and the decision to cease manning the South Light is in line with most of the nation's lighthouses inexorably turning over to automation. Only nine of the U.K. lighthouses are now manned out of a total of 80. For the principal keeper on Lundy, 57-year-old Brian Burdis, it is "just a matter of natural progression," and he accepts automation philosophically, saying, "We are just resigned to the fact that it is happening. The only time it will be visited after December is for maintenance work." He has been on Lundy only a few months—his first posting to the Island's lighthouse. His two colleagues, West Countryman Mike Williams and Barry Simmons from the New Forrest, are also fairly recent arrivals. So, soon the Island's slender permanent population will be reduced by three and the presence of lighthouse keepers confined to the history books.

(Source: August 11, 1994 *North Devon Journal* article by Derek Henderson)

NEWS OF LUNDY (Continued)

Lundy Bells Ring Out Again. For the first time in 70 years, Lundy Islanders and visitors have been able to hear the eight bells of their Church of St. Helena. Visitors to the Island last Thursday (*July 7, 1994*) were treated to a touch of Stedman Triples by ringers who had worked hard to raise and install the returned bells into a new galvanized steel frame. The bells were first installed when the Church was built in 1896. A plaque commemorates the only full peal rung in 1905, and the last recorded visit by a band of ringers was in 1924. The original frame deteriorated, and the bells were finally taken down to the porch where they remained, until now, for 35 years.

The Rural Dean of Hartland, Bill Blakey, has taken a close, personal interest in the restoration. He commented: "It has been a long project which captured the interest of the Islanders. Thanks are due to the volunteers under Bob Caton and Andrew Wilby and the Doris Field Trust which made it possible. The Island's Agent and resident for the past 13 years, John Puddy, is one of those whose interest has carried the idea forward. There are 12 adults on the Island, rising to 20 in the summer season. John is confident that there will be enough to form a band, with occasional tuition from ringers on the mainland. Lundy will then have more bell ringers, as a proportion of its population, than anywhere in Britain. The refurbished bells of St. Helena's Church on Lundy will be officially blessed at a service on October 8, 1994.

(Source: July 14, 1994 *North Devon Journal* article by Peter Cresswell)

Could You Replace Lord of the Isles? If you've ever hankered to get away from it all, here's just the job for you. Lundy needs a new wildlife warden—and if you're prepared to live 12 miles out at sea with only the occasional trip to the mainland, it could be just what you're after. The present incumbent is Andrew Gibson, a former R.S.P.C.A. Branch Secretary in Bristol. He spent two years as warden on Flatholm before moving to Lundy six years ago, and he's now off to another island posting on the Scillies (*St. Mary's, the largest Scillies' isle*). The Landmark Trust, which runs Lundy and employs its 16 full-time staff, is looking for a replacement with communication skills, wardening experience, and the necessary degree. Part of the warden's job will be explaining the natural delights of the three-mile long Island in the Bristol Channel to the 20,000 visitors who go there each year. The Island hosts a unique range of plant and animal life, including the Lundy cabbage, puffins, and muntjac deers—and the seas around it have become Britain's first marine nature reserve. The attractions of the job include accommodation heated and lit by wind power, a climate generally warmer than the mainland, and an almost total absence of traffic. The Landmark Trust is expecting a rush of applications for the job and for another—that of Island Secretary. The present Secretary, Wendy Puddy, wife of Island Agent John, is coming ashore for a year's teacher training course.

(Source: September 16, 1994 *Western Daily Press* article by Chris Rundle)

IN MEMORIAM - JEAN MACDONALD

Jean Louis Macdonald, 63, died on June 21, 1994. She was the wife of longtime L.C.C. member Austin Dulin (#066) of the Chicago area. Jean was an avid philatelist who collected Irish overprints, Irish mileage marks, Irish and Scottish covers, unoverprinted Germany provisionals, and windmills on stamps. Jean exhibited nationally and internationally, receiving a Silver Medal at Stamp World London.

News of L.C.C. Members

• Ian Knight (#329) completed his year in office as Mayor of Bideford, Devon, England, by giving his approval to coin dealer Ian Arnold (#188) for a scheme of raising funds for the Mayor's chosen charity, Children's Hospice South West. Both Ians, along with John Lavington (#380), also of Bideford, are pictured on the cachet adorning a special, limited-edition commemorative cover serviced by Lundy and the G.P.O. These covers contain an attractive card stiffener, which shows "Some Birds to be Seen on Lundy" drawn by John Dyke (#135), and sell for £5 each, with profits from the sales going to the Mayor's charity. Ian Arnold commented:

The Mayor of Bideford for 1993-94 was Ian Knight, a keen Lundy collector, friend, neighbor, and customer of mine. When I was invited (along with John Lavington, another Lundyphile) to his inauguration ceremony, I saw an opportunity for a cover—three L.C.C. members together, one in his official capacity as Mayor of Bideford! Less than 100 covers have been produced (95 in fact, but it sounds better to say 100). I hope you like it and will be able to do it justice in the *LCCPQ*.

Readers who are interested in obtaining one of these special covers and helping the Bideford Mayor's chosen charity in the process should remit payment of £5 (please include enough extra for postage and handling) (or U.S.\$10 in currency for postpaid airmail overseas delivery) to Ian Arnold, Market Coins, 11 Hillcrest Road, Bideford, Devon, EX39 4DQ, England.

• Thomas D. Green (#129) was appointed in June 1994 the new Editor of *Les Iles Normandes*, the quarterly journal of the Channel Islands Specialists' Society. Tom appeals to any of us who are Channel Islands collectors to send him articles of any length on any C.I. philatelic subject. [Tom's address is Knysna, 27 Beech Grove, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 6LQ, England. Tom, you glutton, we understood you retired from philatelic "work" a few years ago—so what's going on?! --RSC]

• Jon Aitchison (#167) was awarded The Picton Phillips Cup—General Class for his exhibit of "The Introduction of the First Herm Island Postage Stamps" at the Channel Islands Specialists' Society's Annual Competitions, held February 19, 1994 at The British Philatelic Centre in London. Prior to the C.I.S.S. formal competitions, Jon displayed a selection of Smaller Channel Islands material, ranging from a Herm pigeon post item to the BEA Letter Service with various rates and an assortment of flight covers for Alderney, Herm, Jethou, and Brecqhou, and concluding with some waybills, delivery notes, and privately produced trials and proofs for a balloon post. Congratulations, Jon, on your fine C.I.S.S. showings!

• Roger S. Cichorz (#022) has given a monetary contribution in the name of the Lundy Collectors Club to the debt-retirement fund for the American Philatelic Society's headquarters building in State College, Pennsylvania. A special brick inscribed "LUNDY COLLECTORS CLUB/A.P.S. AFFILIATE 121" will become part of the refurbished entryway to the A.P.S. headquarters building as a permanent record of the L.C.C.'s support for this national organization with which the L.C.C. affiliated during 1982. Randy Neil (#300) is currently serving a two-year term as elected President of the A.P.S., and Roger serves as the L.C.C.'s A.P.S. Affiliate Representative.

• Lars Liwendahl (#087) relates the story of the "svarslösen" stamps of Sweden on their 25th Anniversary in an article published in the April 1994 issue of *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift*. Lars is an avid cinderella philatelist who serves as a philatelic advisor to The Landmark Trust.

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

● Longtime member André Dufresne (#041) of Montréal, Québec, Canada reports that he was elected President of L'Académie Québécoise d'études philatéliques (Québec Academy of Philatelic Studies) for a two-year term in June 1994, and it came as a surprise to him as he had not submitted his name as a candidate but the members decided otherwise. André has served in the past as Secretary of L'Union philatélique de Montréal (Montréal Philatelic Union), President of La Fédération Québécoise de Philatélie (Québec Philatelic Federation), and Editor of the magazine *La Philatélie au Québec (Philately in Québec)*. André wrote:

We held our first, informal members' meeting at my home in Mascouche today (August 6), and it was a gorgeous day. We had a horrible Summer with rain almost every day, but today the sky was cloudless and blue, with perfect temperatures in the upper seventies. We spent the day outside, enjoying the swimming pool and beautiful weather, drinking French wine and eating for hours, and talking philately—how nice!

● The publication of two new philatelic books by The Traditions Press has been announced by publisher Randy L. Neil (#300). The first book is a monumental reference work on United States postal rates by the late Henry W. Beecher and Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz. Titled *U.S. Domestic Postal Rates 1872-1993*, the "Beecher Book" (as it will be referred to by most users) is the full comprehensive story of U.S. domestic postal rates in one encyclopedic volume, with 49 chapters, 240 pages, and 300+ illustrations, including over 100 pages of detailed, easy-to-use rate tables. The "Beecher Book" is available as a soft cover volume, 8½ by 11 inches in format, with full-color outer covers, at \$29.95 plus \$3.50 shipping costs. The second book, described as "an incredible companion volume to *The Philatelic Exhibitor Handbook*," is titled *Philately & The Computer* and written by Richard Wolf and Alj Mary, philatelists, exhibitors, and professional computer experts. This book consists of 272 lavishly illustrated pages written for the average computer user and is available as a softbound edition for \$29.95 plus \$3.50 shipping costs. To order either or both of these books, contact Randy Neil at The Traditions Press, 10660 Barkley Lane, Shawnee-Mission, Kansas 66212-1861, U.S.A.; telephone 913-649-3666, Fax 913-341-6031. Credit card (MasterCard or VISA) orders are welcome. Tell Randy you read about these in the *LCCPQ*.

● Jamie Selko (#353) wrote an interesting feature article titled "Spitzbergen Locals Drew Polar Fans" that appeared in the July 16, 1994 issue of *Stamp Collector*. Spitzbergen, also known as Svalbard, is an archipelago of mountainous, ice-covered islands north of Denmark. Jamie's article gives an overview of the Spitzbergen local stamp issues produced by the Hammarfest steamship line beginning in 1896 and by the Spitzbergen Post Office Company beginning in 1907 and continuing until the Norwegian Post Office took over the Spitzbergen postal administration in 1925. [Readers interested in obtaining copies of this article should write the *LCCPQ* Editor and include a SASE or 35p in mint G.B. postage stamps.]

● Stanley Newman (#083) is the author of an article titled "Carteret in 1994" that appears in the September 1994 issue of *Les Iles Normandes*, the quarterly journal of the Channel Islands Specialists' Society. The article discusses both historical and present background information about this French resort's links with the Channel Islands and the postal service via the Jersey-Carteret route. Incidentally, this issue was the first *Les Iles Normandes* with Tom Green (#129) at the helm as Editor!

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

● Honorary L.C.C. member Herman ("Pat") Herst, Jr. recently contributed \$5000 to Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, to establish a philatelic literature collection on its campus. The collection, which occupies a room in the S. E. Wimberley Library, was opened to the public on July 1, 1994. Pat, who lives in Boca Raton, is regarded as the dean of American philatelic authors and still writes extensively for various contemporary U.S. philatelic publications. Dr. William Miller, Director of FAU Libraries, commented: "We hope others will support this project with donations of books on philatelic subjects or cash gifts." Further information is available from the FAU Library Director at 407-367-3760.

Pat Herst is the author of an article titled "Not All Topics Are On Stamps" that appeared in the July-August 1994 issue of *Topical Time*, the bimonthly journal of thematic philately of the American Topical Association, A.P.S. Affiliate No. 177. In this article, Pat discusses the fantastic scope of philatelic material that is available to the topical collector. Pat's mailing address is P.O. Box 1583, Boca Raton, Florida 33429-0494, U.S.A., in case anybody would like to drop him a line.

● Les Winick (#037) offers sound advice in the January 1994 issue of *Astrophile*, the bimonthly journal of the Space Topics Study Group, A.P.S. Affiliate No. 29, on evaluating the "Face on Mars Stamp" that "so-called investors" in the U.S. are promoting. [*Editor's note: This Sierra Leone 1990 extended set (38 stamps on 4 sheetlets and 2 souvenir sheets) is being touted by some as a sure-fire investment and being offered at outrageous prices of from \$2000 to \$10,000 despite their Scott Catalogue valuation of about \$103 and the fact that several sets featured (with catalogue cover photograph) in a recent McBride auction sold in the \$80 to \$100 range! --RSC*] In this same issue of *Astrophile*, Les and Stuart Schneider report on the "Soviet Space Souvenirs Sold for Staggering Sums at Sotheby's" auction.

● Stanley Newman (#083) spent the period of September 2-12, 1994 in Boulder, Colorado as the guest of Roger Cichorz (#022). During this visit, Stanley and Roger did some driving through the mountainous areas of the State, enjoying the magnificent "high country" with stays in Rocky Mountain National Park, Glenwood Springs, and Aspen. Of course, these two spent a not too considerable amount of time exchanging Lundy stories, perusing Roger's Lundy and Herm Island stamp and postal history collections, and trading for one another's superfluous Lundy material! Stanley reports that after his return to England he met up with Honorary L.C.C. member Herman ("Pat") Herst, Jr., the doyen of U.S. philatelic writers, while Pat was spending some time in Britain. These visits marked the first time Stanley had met either Roger or Pat in person (and vice-versa). Pat's review of Stanley's book, "*m.s. Oldenburg*"—*Lundy's Supply and Mailboat*, appeared in the Third Quarter 1994 issue of *Philatelic Literature Review*, the publication of the American Philatelic Research Library, which is housed at the American Philatelic Society's headquarters in State College, Pennsylvania.

● Larry Dodson (#028) wrote about "The Strange Genius Charles Babbage" in the October 1993 issue of *Philamath*, the quarterly journal of the Mathematical Study Unit, A.P.S. Affiliate No. 130. In the January 1994 issue of *Philamath*, Larry discussed stamps with "Combinations"—multiple subjects related to computers. Annual dues for the Mathematical Study Unit are \$10 (\$13 overseas) and include a *Philamath* subscription. Write: Estelle Buccino, 135 Witherspoon Court, Athens, Georgia 30606, U.S.A.

Odds and Ends

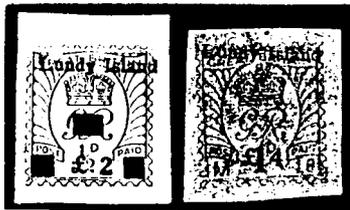
Bogus "Lundy Island" Overprints on KGV-Reign Meter Marks

Maurice E. J. Dart (#322) reports two obviously bogus (but nevertheless interesting and previously unrecorded) "Lundy" items in his collection. They are meter marks from meter stamping machines produced sometime during the KGV reign (1910-1936) that have been overprinted "Lundy Island" and surcharged with excessively high denominations for that period (£2 and £4, respectively) (*shown at right*).

The script "GvR" cypher and meter number of the £2 on ½d surcharged meter mark has been obliterated by three blocks.

Additionally, this piece (on thin, white cardstock) has a numerical "5" printed on its backside. There was no attempt to obliterate the "KvG" and "M18" meter identification number of the £4 on 1d

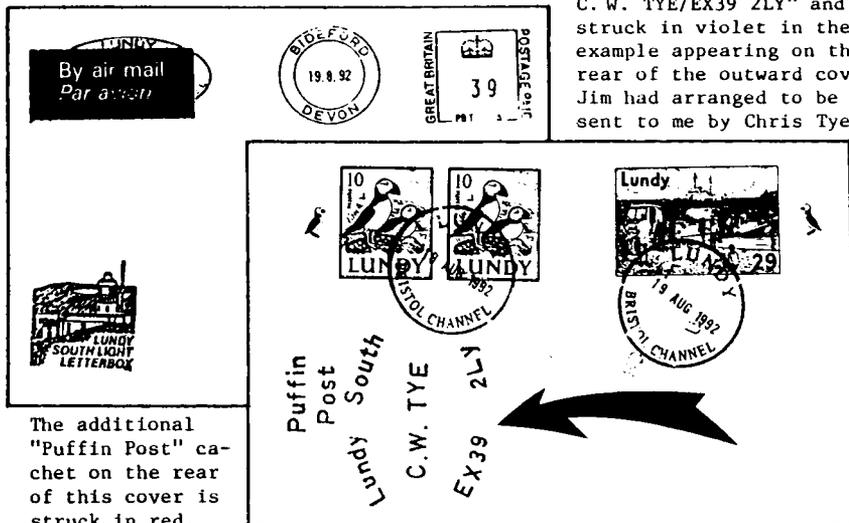
surcharged meter mark piece (which is on transparent paper and, unlike the other item, has no printing on back). The "Lundy Island" overprint is contrary to Martin Coles Harman's insistence that the Island be known simply as "Lundy"—but, as Mr. Dart correctly pointed out to me, these items could have been overprinted prior to the Harman (1925) Lundy era and are consistent with the "Lundy Island" designation used for G.P.O. *thimble* postmarks. Of course, these overprints/surcharges could have been applied posthumously at any time up to the present. Readers who possess similar items or can provide additional information about this "handiwork" are encouraged to contact the LCCPQ Editor. --RSC



Lighthouse Keeper's Private Cachet Used on Lundy

Jim Mullett brings to our attention the existence of another private cachet used on Lundy. Prepared circa 1992 by Chris Tye, past assistant keeper of the Lundy South Lighthouse, the cachet is worded "Lundy South/

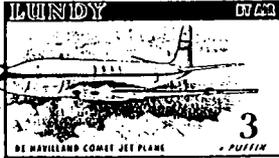
C. W. TYE/EX39 2LY" and struck in violet in the example appearing on the rear of the outward cover Jim had arranged to be sent to me by Chris Tye.



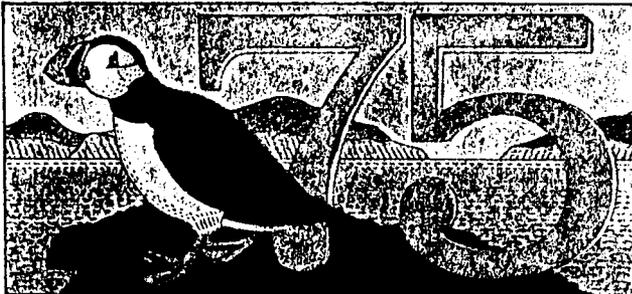
The additional "Puffin Post" cachet on the rear of this cover is struck in red.

ODDS AND ENDS (Continued)Silver Jubilee Airmail Freak With Misplaced Center

Maurice E. J. Dart reports a 1954 Silver Jubilee airmail definitive 3-puffin stamp with its blue center badly misplaced to the left with respect to its frame (*shown left*), a dramatic printing *freak* that gives the impression of the plane flying out of the frame. Maurice found this stamp in a Lundy collection he purchased from a local dealer. Maurice reports that he also obtained a Jubilee airmail definitive 1-puffin stamp with its center misplaced upwards with respect to the frame.

Design Essay for Unissued Canadian Stamp Features a Puffin

André Dufresne reports the existence in the archives of the Canadian Postal Service a stamp design essay that depicts a puffin. This essay (*illustrated below*), which is the original artist's drawing, was prepared while the Canada Post Corporation was contemplating a new definitive stamp series with a Canadian fauna theme. This drawing was subsequently rejected, and the 1987 "Fauna" definitives (*Scott Catalogue* #1155-1180,



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type A538) were issued instead, so, technically, this item is only a *design essay*. The actual artist drawing is quite striking in that it is a multi-colored design of black, red, orange, blue, and blue-green ink on variegated light orange background. André explains:

This item is a "one-of-a-kind" item. About seven or eight years ago, one of my friends, who is an architect and a philatelist, obtained a contract from Canada Posts (*to perform some work that is irrelevant to this discussion*). While working on the project, he obtained permission to have access to the secret archives of the Canadian Postal Service, and while sampling the material in a vault in Ottawa, he found this essay. He managed to secretly take a picture of the essay and asked me to keep it secret for a while so that he would not be identified as the source of this "leak"! Canadian stamp designs are copyrighted, including, I believe, rejected designs. So far, nothing has ever been written about this essay, and I believe it would do no harm if you mention this "puffin stamp that never was" in the *LCCPQ*. At this time, nothing is known of the artist's name or the number of essays he prepared with a puffin design; I know of this one only. The Canadian 1987 "Fauna" definitives are a rather ugly issue. They should have used the "puffin" design!

ODDS AND ENDS (Continued)Two 1920 Reports About Lundy Postmaster Fred Allday

John Dyke sent two 1920 newspaper accounts of Frederick William Allday, who was placed in charge of the Lloyds Signal Station on Lundy in 1896 and appointed Postmaster of the Lundy Suboffice in 1898 (a position he held until 1926). John found both articles amusing and thought they are worth sharing with readers, so the verbatim accounts are given below.

April 6, 1920 Times

24 YEARS IN EXILE,
LUNDY POSTMASTER'S
VISIT TO THE MAINLAND
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ILFRACOMBE, April 4.

Mr. Frederick Wm. Allday, who is on a visit to Ilfracombe from Lundy Island, is visiting the mainland for the first time since October 1896. "I should not have come now," he said in conversation yesterday, "only I was run down and it was a case either of my going to the doctor or the doctor coming to me."

Mr. Allday is postmaster and Lloyd's sub-agent on the island, whose inhabitants do not number 20 at the present time. This is the first time he has seen a motor-car in motion, but a few years ago he saw some on board a vessel that called at Lundy. Although he has not ridden in a motor-car, he once

went for a short trip in an aeroplane.

Asked if he intended to have a ride in a motor-car before returning home, Mr. Allday remarked that he was "under the doctor" and did not feel quite equal to it this time.

For the past two years, he has been acting as lay reader at the little church on Lundy, having sole charge. A native of Lewisham, Kent, where his relations are still living, Mr. Allday served for many years in the navy under Lieutenant (now Admiral of the Fleet Lord) Beatty.

November 14, 1920 Punch

Mr. Allday, a resident in Lundy Island for twenty years, who has just arrived in London, states that he has never seen a tax-collector. There is some talk of starting a fund with the object of presenting him with one.

Customized Self-Adhesive Stamps from Canada Post Corporation

André Dufresne (#041) of Montreal, Quebec, Canada reports that during early 1994 the Canada Post Corporation (Canadian Post Office) issued two different self-adhesive postage stamps that lend themselves to customization. André's cover to the LCCFPQ Editor (dated and postmarked February 28, 1994) that contained an explanatory letter was franked with two of these self-adhesive stamps, which were personalized with his portrait and two puffins, respectively (*illustrated right*). Andre explains:

The stamp on the envelope is rather peculiar (*in that*) it bears my portrait and is perfectly legal! The Canada Post Corporation issued these self-sticking stamps in two basic types—both have a white circle about 11/16th of an inch (17.5 mm); one has "CANADA" on the left and the other on the right. They come with circular self-sticking designs, but you may also stick whatever picture you want. You may even create your own "puffin" stamps—what fun!



Lundy at Auction

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C.I.L.A. Lundy Postal Auction Number 22

The Channel Islands and Lundy Auction (C.I.L.A., Gemini Business Centre, 136-140 Old Shoreham Road, Hove, Sussex, BN3 7BD, England; telephone 0273-732464, Fax 0273-732342) Lundy postal auction number 22, which closed on June 27, 1994, was the most successful Lundy stamp auction conducted to date by Stanley Newman (L.C.C. #083), both in terms of the number of lots and estimated value of material offered. This sale contained 908 lots with estimates totaling £13,223; of these, 549 lots sold at 5.5 percent above estimates, realizing £7493.50 against estimates totaling £7106. The lots that sold represented 60.5 percent of the number of lots offered and 53.7 percent of the cumulative estimate of the material offered. Table 1 below summarizes the performance of the lots by category.

TABLE 1. Summary of C.I.L.A. Lundy Auction No. 22 (June 27, 1994).

| Category | Lots Offered | | Lots That Sold | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | No. | Estimates | No. | % | Estimates | Realiz'ns | %R:E* |
| 1929-39 issues | 24 | £ 256.50 | 11 | 45.9 | £ 119.00 | £ 135.50 | 113.9 |
| ACAS "trams" | 27 | 591.00 | 5 | 18.5 | 139.00 | 151.00 | 108.6 |
| ACAS "lge. maps" | 32 | 311.00 | 19 | 59.4 | 162.00 | 173.00 | 106.8 |
| LACAL issues | 30 | 512.00 | 18 | 60.0 | 261.00 | 328.50 | 125.9 |
| 1939 issues | 27 | 540.00 | 14 | 51.9 | 264.00 | 256.00 | 97.0 |
| 1940 "Red Cross" | 20 | 830.00 | 14 | 70.0 | 496.00 | 462.50 | 93.2 |
| 1942 "V + plane" | 61 | 724.50 | 32 | 52.5 | 334.50 | 360.50 | 107.8 |
| Tighearna s/s | 26 | 225.50 | 9 | 34.6 | 83.50 | 95.50 | 114.4 |
| "IX Anniversary" | 40 | 398.50 | 22 | 55.0 | 259.50 | 280.50 | 108.1 |
| 1943 provisionals | 9 | 130.00 | 5 | 55.6 | 60.00 | 62.00 | 103.3 |
| R'-Hall reprints | 59 | 386.00 | 49 | 83.1 | 316.00 | 190.00 | 60.1 |
| "W. B. biplane" | 47 | 650.00 | 29 | 61.7 | 442.50 | 468.00 | 105.8 |
| 1950/53 o'prints | 56 | 837.50 | 38 | 67.9 | 556.00 | 574.00 | 103.3 |
| 1951-57 issues | 119 | 1792.50 | 85 | 71.4 | 853.50 | 999.00 | 117.0 |
| 1961-69 issues | 71 | 893.00 | 52 | 73.2 | 736.00 | 858.00 | 116.6 |
| 1971-79 issues | 52 | 691.50 | 37 | 71.2 | 457.00 | 542.50 | 118.7 |
| 1982-92 issues | 44 | 619.00 | 28 | 63.6 | 342.00 | 380.00 | 111.1 |
| Stamp Lots | 744 | £10388.50 | 467 | 63.0 | £ 5881.50 | £ 6316.50 | 107.4 |
| bogus/oddities | 100 | £ 766.50 | 54 | 54.0 | £ 338.00 | £ 378.00 | 111.8 |
| FDCs/max. cards | 43 | 388.00 | 13 | 30.2 | 86.50 | 98.50 | 113.9 |
| coll'ns/w'sale | 21 | 1680.00 | 15 | 71.4 | 800.00 | 700.00 | 87.5 |
| Misc. Lots | 164 | £ 2834.50 | 82 | 50.0 | £ 1224.50 | £ 1176.50 | 96.1 |
| Total (All Lots) | 908 | £13223.00 | 549 | 60.5 | £ 7106.00 | £ 7493.00 | 105.5 |

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

Somewhat surprisingly (at least, to this columnist), post-1950 material fared better in this auction than did the pre-1950 material. A whopping 240 of 342 (or 70.2 percent of the) lots of post-1950 material sold; these sold lots comprised 60.9 percent of the cumulative estimate for this category (£2944.50 sold against £4833.50 offered) and fetched £3354, or a hefty 113.9 percent of estimates—all statistics being above the average (mean) for the auction as a whole! By contrast, only 227 of 402 (or

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56.5 percent of the) lots of pre-1950 material sold; these sold lots comprised 51.3 percent of the cumulative estimate for this category (£3473 sold against £6776 offered) and realized £3398, or only 97.8 percent of estimates—all statistics being below the mean for the auction as a whole. Even if the Rigby-Hall reprint lots, which fared miserably in terms of the ratio of realizations to estimates, are excluded from the pre-1950 totals, then 178 of 353 (or only 50.4 percent of the) lots sold; these sold lots comprised 49.4 percent of the cumulative estimate for this category (£3157 sold against £6390 offered) and realized £3208, or 101.6 percent of the estimate—all statistics still being below the mean for the auction as a whole.

Besides the aforementioned Rigby-Hall reprint material, there were only a few disappointments in the realizations of the other lots that sold. One was the "substantial" 1929-1991 Lundy collection that was offered at an estimate of £500 in the "Collections and Accumulations" section and sold for £400. If this lot is excluded from the "wholesale" lots, the statistics for this category approach those for the auction as a whole (that is, the ratio of realizations to estimates increases to 100.0 percent, £300 sold against £300 offered, which realized £300).

As is generally the case in C.I.L.A. auctions, material offered in the section titled "Bogus Overprints, Essays, and Oddities" fared well. Two lots of note included the 1930s Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd. "house" label (its vignette showing the printers' building), which realized £13 against an estimate of £6, and an example of the unofficial "John Dyke" souvenir sheet printed in brown on white paper and in a presentation folder (this item was prepared in 1991 by an L.C.C. member in the U.K. and is based upon the "Felix Gade" souvenir sheet produced in 1978 by the Lundy Philatelic Service), which fetched £18 against an estimate of £12.

The best performers in this auction include the following items (with estimates followed by realizations given in parentheses after brief descriptions): a mint example of the rare 1937 red ½d "air view" essay (£85/£130), a mint block of four of the 1939 LACAL 1d "lighthouse" stamps but imperforate between the upper and lower pairs of stamps (£20/£26), a mint example of the narrow setting of the "Wright Brothers biplane" overprint 12p stamp (£18/£25), a mint set of imperforate proofs of the 1954 Jubilee airmail commemoratives in the frame color only (£22/£36), a mint 1961 Europa miniature sheet with the green color missing (leaving the ½p and 6p stamps as frame and overprint only)—"a startling item!" (£75/£93), a mint 1961 Europa miniature sheet with the brown color missing (leaving the 1p stamp as frame and overprint only)—"another outstanding item!" (£60/£83), the 1967 R.S.P.C.A. issue as a complete half sheet containing six mint se-tenant blocks with all margins and markings (£15/£21), the 1967 R.S.P.C.A. issue as the other complete half sheet containing six mint se-tenant blocks with all margins and the printer's imprint (£18/£24), and an example of the 1978 "Felix Gade" souvenir sheet mounted in its official presentation folder as produced by the Lundy Philatelic Service (£85/£120).

No doubt these "best performers" fared as well as they did because they are scarce and desirable items that will enhance any Lundy collection. These realizations are probably indicative of the philatelic market as a whole of late, with collector demand for elusive material being as high as ever. Stanley Newman was pleased with the outcome of this sale and continues to see a bright future for and interest in Lundy philately.

LUNDY AT AUCTION (Continued)Warwick and Warwick Auctions

Warwick & Warwick (Pageant House, Jury Street, Warwick, CV35 4RX, England; telephone 0926-499031, Fax 0926-491906) offered one Lundy lot in its August 3, 1994 auction. It was tantalizingly described as a "superb and detailed accumulation of material in box, including large range of adhesives from 1929 to late 1970s, with duplication, including complete sheets, miniature sheets, 1950 'BY AIR' overprints in red $\frac{1}{2}$ p, 1p, and 2p mint, 1935 "tramtickets" $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 3d mint, 1936 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, and 3d mint, a few presentation packs, range of covers, including 1939 with "LACAL" handstamp, early picture postcards, ephemera regarding White Funnel Fleet, literature, including *The Postal History of Lundy* by Gade, etc." This lot was modestly estimated at £50 but sold for a whopping £220, which appears closer to its actual value, judging from the description. My thanks go to Pat Herst for sending me the auction catalogue clipping that brought this lot to my attention.

Warwick & Warwick's Sale No. 407, which closed November 4, 1994, offered five Lundy lots, all of which were modestly estimated. The first lot was described as an "attractive collection of covers and stamps in stock-book, including real photographic KGV picture postcard of schoolhouse, KGVI picture postcard of landing stage, 1930 cover bearing Lundy stamps tied by *Newman* cancel Bb, with KGV 1d canceled at Instow, 1936 commercial cover bearing KGV 1d and 1936 philatelic cover bearing KEVIII stamps with $\frac{1}{2}$ -puffin tied by Bb and ACAS $\frac{1}{2}$ d label tied by special cachet, two further covers bearing Bb cancels, four covers bearing "LUNDY LIGHTS AND LEADS" cancels, one apparently commercial addressed to Mr. Gade with Devon meter of 1941 (scarce wartime incoming mail), two picture postcards bearing *Newman* Na and J cancels, and 17 further covers, including cover bearing 1953 Coronation, 1942 'V and plane' overprint, values to 9p, 1939 10th Anniversary $\frac{1}{2}$ p, 1943 'Wright Brothers' set to 6p on 1p, 1943 'IX Anniversary' values to 9p, 1936 ACAS 1d and 2d, 1957 set to 6p on display folder, etc. Seldom-offered material." This lot was estimated at £200 and sold for £180, which appears to be a relative bargain!

A 1905 real photo postcard of "St. Helena's Church and Manor House Hotel" bearing a G.B. KGVI 1d on the address side tied by a G.P.O. "LUNDY ISLAND" *thimble* postmark realized £55 against its estimate of £40. The 1929-30, 1939, and 1957 definitive sets in mint blocks of four were estimated at £40 against a *Newman* valuation of £136 and sold for only £34! A 1937 postally used black-and-white photocard of "St. Helena's Church" was described as "bearing (*on the picture side*) a 1929 1-puffin tied by unusual straight-line rubber handstamp 'LUNDY IS'(?), unrecorded by *Newman*, with KGVI 1d (*on the address side*) tied by Instow c.d.s." and was given a "?" estimate. I recognized the handstamp on the accompanying photograph of this item (thankfully, it was a "photo lot") as the rare *Newman* #TU-1 temporarily used cachet (valued by *Newman* at £150 on cover or card) and secured it at my modest bid of £70! The Instow postmark is dated July 29, 1937, within the period of use for this straight-line cachet reported by *Newman*, so this was an exceptionally pleasant acquisition for my Lundy postal history collection. The final Lundy lot in this sale was a G.P.O.-serviced FDC for the 1943 "Wright Brothers biplane" set; it was estimated at only £60 against a *Newman* valuation of £125 and realized only £60, a bargain for the lucky purchaser. I have received two subsequent auction catalogues from Warwick & Warwick, but neither of these contained any Lundy material.

LUNDY AT AUCTION (Continued)October 29, 1994 Postal Sale of Glass Slipper Auctions

The October 29, 1994 postal sale conducted by Glass Slipper Auctions (c/o The Post Office, Bishop Wilton, York, YO4 ISR, England; telephone and Fax 01759-368577) offered 14 Lundy lots at a cumulative estimate of £290. Many of these lots were given modest (conservative) estimates. An approval sheet (titled "The Strange Story of the Man Who Thought He Was King of Puffinland") from the Littleton (New Hampshire) Stamp Co. complete with six Lundy stamps was estimated at £5. Three 1930 "C.T.O." covers franked only with Lundy stamps were estimated (too high in my opinion) at £10 each. An unusual 1988 (George Fabian-prepared) souvenir cover, which bears only a bogus Lundy ½p KGV "key type" stamp canceled Park Forest, Illinois, was estimated at £10.

Three Lundy 1935 inward flown covers—each franked with an ACAS ½d "tramticket"—were estimated at £25 each. A lot consisting of three flown 1936-37 covers franked with ACAS ½d "large map" stamps was given an estimate of £30, and another lot consisting of two flown 1937-38 covers franked with LACAL ½d "air view" stamps (tied by respective type Cc and Cd cancelations) was modestly estimated at £25. FDCs for the LACAL 1939 ½d "air view" and 1d "lighthouse" stamps were estimated at £10 and £15, respectively. Perhaps the two best lots in this sale were a Smye-prepared 1940 cover to Ireland (with a superfluous ACAS 3d "large map" stamp tied by an "AIR SERVICE...SUSPENDED..." cachet) estimated at £40 and a 1953 C.T.O. Coronation FDC (franked with a set of the four "wrong color" overprints) estimated at £50.

November 5, 1994 Sale of Western Auctions Limited

Western Auctions Limited (Bank House, 225 City Road, Cardiff, CF2 3JD, Wales, Great Britain; telephone 0222-484934, Fax 0222-450522) offered 27 Lundy stamp lots estimated at £1048 in its November 5, 1994 auction. In addition, a lot comprised of ephemera and literature (which included Gade's *Lundy Postal History* and the *Official Lundy Guide*, Windeatt's 1957 Lundy price list, Lundy photographs, Paddle Steamer press items, and a cigarette card) was estimated at £20, and one Lundy stamp lot and three Lundy coin lots were offered with no estimates given for these.

The stamp lots ranged chronologically from an accumulation of 14 ACAS 1936 "large maps" estimated at £60 to eight 1953 Coronation publicity sheets (seven unused type A and one type B canceled with the Coronation c.d.s.) estimated at £30. Twelve lots of WWII overprint stamps were primarily mixtures of several values of a given issue, which might appeal more to the dealer who is trying to build up Lundy stock or to the collector who is flyspecking for minor overprint varieties and/or lithographic transfer types of the basic stamps. Most of these lots were estimated below *Newman* catalogue valuations, though not at "wholesale" prices. Two Lundy stamp lots were offered at wholesale: 330 mint sets of the 1961 Europa issue in complete sheets or blocks were estimated at £30 against a £330 *Newman* valuation, and a "duplicated range" from the 1951 "BY AIR" overprints to the 1978 Marine Reserve set in stock books was estimated at £100 against a *Newman* valuation of £571.

David Perris reported that only six of the Lundy lots sold in this sale, making the comment "not a very good result considering approximately 100 collectors overseas and inland were informed." The following text summarizes the Lundy material that sold. A lot comprising a mint top-left

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block of 30 LACAL ½d red "air views" and a mint sheet of 48 LACAL 1d "lighthouse" stamps fetched £55 against an estimate of £50. Two lots of the "bogus" black-overprinted Tighearna sheets realized £72 against estimates of £63, and an accumulation of 52 commercial and first day covers from 1960-74 sold for £50 against an estimate of £60. The aforementioned literature and ephemera lot realized £18 against its estimate of £20, and a set of 1929 ½-puffin and 1-puffin coins in very fine condition (offered without an estimate) sold for a modest £10. (These realizations do not include the £4 buyer's premium that is added to each lot sold by Western Auctions Limited.)

Channel Island Stamp Company's Postal Bid Sales

Postal bid sale no. 118 of the Channel Island Stamp Company (C.I.S.C., Havilland Street, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands; telephone 0481-725560, Fax 0481-711012), which closed September 30, 1994, offered only one Lundy lot. Described as a "1929-71 selection of unmounted sets, odds, and various on stock cards with 13 sets, mainly 1950s-70s period, miniature sheet, few imperforate earlies, reprints, and C.T.O. values," with a *Newman* valuation of £30+, this lot was conservatively estimated at £12.50. There were four Lundy lots in C.I.S.C.'s postal bid sale no. 119, which closed October 31, 1994. These included an unused Twiss Bros. black-and-white "Wreck of H.M.S. *Montagu* at Lundy Island" postcard estimated at £9 and an interesting 1957 outward cover franked (belatedly) with a complete set of 1953 Coronation stamps and estimated at £10.

C.I.S.C.'s postal bid sale no. 120, which closed November 30, 1994, had only one Lundy lot—a mint ACAS "large map" reprint pair without value, one showing the "flagstaff" variety and both with offset printing on the gummed side, estimated at £16. C.I.S.C.'s postal bid sale no. 121, which closed December 30, 1994, had five Lundy lots (all flown covers between 1936 and 1939) at a cumulative estimate of £73.50. Perhaps the best of these covers was a September 1936 inward addressed to "Mr. C. Thornley," neatly franked with an ACAS ½d "large map" in addition to Lundy ½p and G.B. 1½d postage, and estimated at £20. Charles Thornley of Greystone, Ilfracombe, England, was an early collector of Lundy stamps and served as a "research assistant" to John D. Stanard for his monumental 1938 monograph titled *Lundy Island and the Lundy Locals*. C.I.S.C.'s postal bid sale no. 122, which closed January 31, 1995, had only one Lundy lot, a May 13, 1937 KGVI "Coronation" inward flight cover addressed to R. T. Boyd and estimated at £20.

The Warehouse (Knutsford) and Sandafayre Auctions

There were four Lundy lots in the October 29, 1994 auction conducted by The Warehouse (Marlborough Close, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 8XN, England). Three were 1937-39 flown LACAL covers (one inward from the U.S. and two outwards) overestimated at £70 each. A "mint collection neatly displayed on leaves" (my interpretation = "hinged"), comprised of (basic) complete sets of 1942 "V + plane", 1943 "IX Anniversary", 1943 "Wright Brothers biplane", and 1950 "BY AIR" overprints plus some 1953 overprints and "more" (but undescribed) items, was given a hefty estimate of £280!

These will be my final words about The Warehouse and Sandafayre auctions. I have been requested by a Lundy stamp dealer to cease "gracing" both The Warehouse and Sandafayre auctions in this column because (1) their estimates are so unrealistic (always absurdly high) that no knowledgeable

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Lundy collectors are likely to bid on (hence purchase) any Lundy lots from either of these firms, and (2) my continued ragging on about their Lundy offerings and estimates is simply a waste of journal space and serves no useful purpose (other than the repeated message of *caveat emptor!*). I had asked readers to let me know of their experiences with either of these two auction houses, but the only comment I have gotten to date is from one other reader who agrees with my assessment that the Lundy lots are given such out-of-sight estimates that he will not enter bids on them. Any further comments about The Warehouse and/or Sandafayre are still welcome! I want to acknowledge Pat Herst for his continuing diligence in sending me information about the Lundy lots offered by these two firms—I appreciate some humor now and then!

Corbitts' October 29, 1994 Public Auction Sale No. 90

Corbitts (5 Mosley Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 1YE, England; telephone 091-232-7268; Fax 091-261-4130) offered one Lundy lot amongst 81 lots of a "Red Cross" collection in its public auction sale no. 90, which closed October 29, 1994. This lot was reasonably well described in the catalogue and consisted of a magnificent assortment of 1940 "Red Cross" items, including mint examples of the ½p and 12p surcharges (the ½p being a type c "broken cross" variety to boot), a mint margined block of six ½p stamps with one being the "Pnffin" variety, a mint margined block of four 1p stamps with one being the "Pnffin" variety, mint 1p, 2p, 4p, and 6p stamps (the 1p being a type c "broken cross" variety), and an outward cover franked with the ½p, 1p, and 2p "Red Cross" stamps tied by November 15, 1940 type Fa postmarks and a G.B. 1d definitive canceled Instow November 20, 1940. This lot, which has an approximate *Newman* valuation of £770, was estimated at only £80, but realized £360. I was the underbidder at £350, and I thank the successful bidder, David Donald, for providing me with photocopies and additional details about the composition of this fine lot.

Auction "Odds and Ends"

- The Cinderella Stamp Club Members' January 30, 1993 auction, which was mentioned in my column in the Winter 1992-1993 *LCCPQ* (pages 17-18) will be briefly revisited here as David Donald kindly provided realizations for the four Lundy lots I described as being given extremely conservative estimates by "the 'Red Cross' set consignor" and commented "want to bet ...*(these)* four lots sell for substantially more than their respective estimates!" The complete set of mounted mint 1940 "Red Cross" stamps sold to David at £105 against its modest £20 estimate. David commented, "I consider it a good buy at £105." (So do I!) The mint set of five "1929-1939" overprints sold for £12 against its estimate of £5, the mint 1943 "Wright Brothers biplane" set (sans two stamps) fetched £26 against its estimate of £20, and the collection remainder (112 stamps) sold for £32 against its estimate of £20. Looks as though I was prophetic!
- Philangles (5 Peter Street, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 5NB, England; telephone 0606-331221, Fax 0606-350410) offered two Lundy lots in its postal auction no. 44, which closed October 17, 1994. The first lot consisted of ten inward covers franked with Lundy 1p definitives tied by datestamps plus two 1961 Europa FDCs estimated at £60 (too high in my opinion). The second lot was described as three covers of "1937 or 1939 (2) inward flights with G.B. and Lundy adhesives and all different LACAL ½d or 1d labels, flight cachets" and also estimated at £60.

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