

COLLECTORS NEWS

Editor - James Thomas

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Lockdown and the pandemic – so much to say about it and so much not to say. I went into lockdown thinking that I have a very respectable collection of books. I have over 500 books, reports, journals, etc. about Lundy alone, not to mention the various other subjects that I am interested in, so I thought that I am doing quite well until the start of lockdown. Nearly everyone who has been interviewed on television since March last year have displayed behind them the most magnificent book collections. At this point my heart sunk because my collection, in comparison, appears quite small. Then one day I saw on television a report from a Somerset bookseller. Before lockdown he sold books in bulk for TV and film sets and at the start of lockdown, he feared that his business would suffer, but to his great surprise he found that he was selling to new clients. These new clients were politicians, actors and other celebrities who were placing orders for well-thumbed books with intellectual titles or books of a certain colour. The books were used to fill shelves behind them whilst making video calls to impress the audience. When I heard this, my heart lifted again, returning my thoughts back to genuine book collecting along with many of my Lundy friends.

I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our Summer and Autumn meetings. Please read page two for more details.

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Diary 2021

By Sue Leather - leather430@btinternet.com

The announcement of the Club's meeting dates is usually made in the Spring issue of the *Journal*, however, Boris did not co-ordinate his Covid announcements with James' deadline dates!

Since the publication of the Covid easement roadmap at the end of February, I have been able to confirm the Summer and Autumn 2021 meeting details.

Summer 2021

Saturday 26th June – Optional day trip to Lundy on the m.s. Oldenburg sailing from Bideford at 7:30am and returning to Bideford at 6:30pm. I have agreed a special group booking discount which will reduce the standard day return fee from £44.00 to £37.50. Please refer to the enclosed booking form.

Sunday 27th June – All-day meeting at the Royal Hotel, Bideford starting at 10:30am. At the meeting we will hold the four Club competitions for Lundy Philately, Postal History, Postcards, Literature and Ephemera and Lundy Photography. Also, we will have members' displays and an auction. A bourse will run throughout the day and there will be an optional lunch in the hotel restaurant. Please refer to the enclosed booking form. Because of the uncertainty of the easing of the Government's Covid restrictions, this year it is essential to reserve your place for both the day trip to Lundy and the meeting in Bideford to enable the Club to work within the Government's regulations. The Club cannot accept members arriving without a reservation and the programme might have to change at the last minute.

Note: If you wish to attend the trip to Lundy and/or the meeting, will you please return your forms with the appropriate money immediately to avoid disappointment.

Autumn 2021

Sunday 31st October – All-day meeting at the Woolavington Village Hall near Bridgewater, Somerset which is close to Junction 23 of the M5 motorway. This meeting will start at 11:00am and more details will be published in the Autumn Journal. So please come along and join in with the members' displays and grab a bargain at the auction or the bourse.

'The Lundy Field Society 75 years' stamp issue

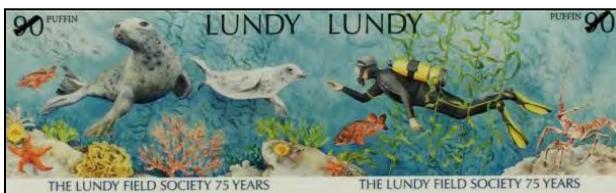
On Saturday 8th May 2021, Lundy issued a new set of stamps to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Lundy Field Society.

The three se-tenant pairs were designed by the London artist Sharon Smart in collaboration with LFS Chairman Alan Rowland, Lundy stamp advisor Lars Liwendahl and Lundy General Manager Derek Green.

The stamps are valued at 65p, 90p and 175p and can be bought as mint stamps, in a Presentation Pack or on an official First Day Cover.

By now you will have received the Spring Newsletter from Lundy which gives details and prices for each item together with an order form. However, if you are new to the Club and haven't received the Newsletter, please give the Lundy Shore Office a call on 01271 863636 or email them at info@lundyisland.co.uk and ask to have your name added to their mailing list. They will be very pleased to help you.

Full details and colour images of this new set will appear in the Autumn 2021 issue of *The New Puffin Journal*.



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Treasurer's Statement

By Graham Chadwick

Statement of accounts from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

	INCOME (£)	EXPENDITURE (£)
Balance C/F 1-1-20	620.71	0.00
Subscriptions	2030.02	0.00
Advertisements	40.00	0.00
Auctions	6718.30	6437.37
Meetings	0.00	0.00
Journal/Printing	0.00	1234.79
Postage	0.00	423.56
Miscellaneous	56.00	13.00
Badge/Binders	8.00	0.00
Donations	80.00	385.00
Total	9553.03	8493.72

At the end of 2020, the Club had a surplus of £1059.31 which is £438.60 more than the year's opening balance. However, because of 'lockdown' throughout 2020, the Club held only one meeting, which was held on Lundy and incurred no room hire fees.

Since February 2021, postage rates have increased yet again and this time by quite large amounts so the annual subscription rate, which has only increased by £1.00 since 2013, might need to be reviewed at the end of the year.

Despite this, the Club is well managed and is in a very healthy position.

Member News

By James Thomas

I would like to congratulate Club member Sid Morginstin from America for achieving a Large Silver at the Virtual Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition for his philatelic exhibit titled '*Lundy Island*'.