



COLLECTORS NEWS

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All of the places for the 2025 Spring Meeting on Lundy sold out immediately so I have started a reserve list in case of cancellation. For those who have booked, I will be in contact later in the year with more information about your accommodation and helicopter booking.

Following the sad news of the loss of Mike Thompson last autumn, the Club now needs to elect a new Meetings Chairperson. This is a job that I will do at this summer's meeting but is not another job that I wish to take on permanently. I would therefore be most grateful if you could give it some thought and let me know at the meeting if you would like to be considered. Should we have more than one interested person, we will have a vote at the meeting.

As reported in the Spring 2024 issue of the *Journal*, Sue Leather has organised a day trip to Lundy on Saturday 6th July and an all-day meeting in Bideford on Sunday 7th July. Those wishing to go on the day trip to Lundy and have lunch with the group on the Sunday will have already placed their bookings with Sue. If you haven't made any reservations, you can still attend the meeting which is free of charge.

When you attend the meeting will you please make an effort and bring something from your collection to display or enter into one of the Club's competitions. You might think that we have seen it all before, but how wrong you would be. We all take photographs when on Lundy, so why not bring a selection along and enter the Lundy Photographic Competition; you might even take home the winner's shield!

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Lundy Collectors' News

By James Thomas

I have some interesting news for Lundy book collectors. At the LFS AGM it was announced that Annie Alford and her siblings (Felix Gade's grandchildren) are producing a reprinted version of the book *My Life on Lundy*.

It is hoped to have the book for sale in June and Annie has accepted an invitation to attend the Club's Summer Meeting at the Durrant Hotel, Bideford on 7th July 2024 to sell and sign the new book.

The 2024 edition is a reprint of the 1979 reprint and will include the original eight pages of photographs. "The Story of a Book" and "Notes and Corrections" from the 1997 edition will also be included in this new edition.

It will cost £43.00 plus £6.95 for UK postage and packing. For foreign orders, please email Annie at amalford@aol.com for a price for mailing to your country.

If you cannot attend the meeting, you can register your interest with Annie by using the above email address.

In line with Lundy's Postal Policy, no new stamp sets were issued this year, but in a recent conversation with Derek Green, he said that it is hoped to issue a new set next year. The subject, design and format have yet to be decided but it is encouraging that Lundy is still supporting our hobby despite the last few difficult years.

As soon as I receive any news, I will let you know.

Recently Lundy regained its status as a Bird Observatory and to celebrate the achievement, a new tee-shirt has been produced in light blue with the Bird Observatory logo.

The 2025 Lundy calendar was launched at the LFS AGM in March and is now on sale. Please send your enquiries with regards to the tee-shirt and calendar to admin@lundyisland.co.uk

The 2024 Summer Meeting

The 2024 Summer meeting of the Lundy Collectors Club will be held on Sunday 7th July 2024 at the **Penthouse Suite, Durrant House Hotel, Heywood Road, Northam, Bideford, Devon, EX39 3QB** commencing at 10:30 am.

The Meeting will be chaired by James Thomas.

The programme will be as follows:-

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| 10:30 am | Bourse opens |
| 10:45 am | Competitions |
| 12:00 noon | Displays |
| 12:45 to 1:45 pm (approximately) | Lunch |
| 1:45 to 2:00 pm | Election of New Meetings Chairperson |
| 2:00 pm | Auction – Auctioneer Jon Aitchison |
| 3:30 pm | Displays |
| 4:00 pm | Bourse closes |

Treasurer's Statement

By James Thomas

As promised last year, I have managed to keep the Annual Subscription rate for 2024, the same as 2023. I will do my best to follow this rate through to 2025, however, the cost of printing and postage is increasing year on year and next year there might have to be a small increase.

By reassessing our operation, I have managed to make a few savings without affecting the service. An example of this is, I now post the Autumn Journal at the end of the autumn and include in the mailing the Christmas card and subscription renewal form. This has saved a complete mailing and approximately £150 which has helped to soak-up last year's postage increase.

I have balanced the accounts for 2023 and on 31st December 2023 the closing balance was £1206.03.

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Club Competitions

The four Club competitions are *The Stanley Newman Trophy* for Lundy Philately, *The Julie Lester Trophy* for Lundy Postal History, *The R.E. Allen Trophy* for Lundy Postcards, Literature and Ephemera and *The Keith Hand Memorial Shield* for Lundy Photography.

In an effort to attract as many entries as possible, the rules have always been very relaxed, allowing you to enter as much or as little as you prefer. However, over the last few years this has not worked with none of the competitions being contested.

This year the 'one sheet' rule will be re-introduced for the *Stanley Newman Trophy for Lundy Philately*. So, please make an effort and bring along just one sheet of Lundy stamps with the hope of going home with a silver trophy. Also, who hasn't got a few Lundy photos to enter into the *Keith Hand Memorial Shield* for Lundy Photography.

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