



COLLECTORS NEWS

Editor - James Thomas

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The Club's annual meeting was held in March on Lundy and coincided with the launch of the 2025 *Lundy Bird Observatory* stamp issue. If you have not received details of this issue from Lundy, will you please contact the Lundy Shore Office on 01271 863636 or email info@lundyisland.co.uk to register your interest. They will be pleased to help you.

The events over the five days included displays, presentations and an auction and a full report with colour images will be published in the Autumn issue of *The New Puffin Journal*.

The Island management was very enthusiastic about the next four years leading up to the Centenary of the Lundy Private Postal Service in 2029. It is planned to issue a new set of stamps in 2027 and 2029. The subject of the 2027 set has yet to be decided, however, I will not be holding a competition to guess the subject of the 2029 set!

This is all very encouraging for our hobby and a big thank you has to go to Lundy for its continuing support.

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James

ONE

The Future of the Lundy

By James Thomas

I have for the last three decades worked hard for the Club developing and guiding it to what we enjoy today. However, back in March at the Club's 5-day stay on Lundy it became clear that my health is no longer good enough for me to continue.

After a lot of soul searching, I made the very difficult decision to retire from all of my Club duties at the end of this year.

Now, this is where the Club needs you to step forward and help. I have already spoken to several members to confirm that they will continue to support the Club but we need one person to come forward and grab the reins to steer the Club through this exciting period. We will also need an editor for the Club's publication.

So far, we have the following members already in office:

Meetings Chairman	David Elliott
Meetings Organiser	Sue Leather
Web Master	Roy Bentley
Proof Reader	André Coutanche
Auctioneer	Jon Aitchison

Vacant positions:

Club Manager

Publication Editor

The next four years in the Lundy collecting world is going to be one of the most exciting for a long time with a new stamp issued planned for 2027 and the Centenary celebrations in 2029 and to be part of those celebrations will be a privilege for any Lundy Collector.

Collectors Club

Your Club is looking for someone with a vision to lead and guide the membership. It will involve collecting the annual subscriptions, maintaining the Membership List and controlling the bank account.

The workload will not be too onerous because by liaising with the other officers you will be more of a manager.

A second person is required to edit the Club's publication with André Coutanche as your Proof Reader and articles prepared by the Club membership.

So far, I have described the duties based on how I have been doing the job, however, the new Manager will have free rein to run the Club as they see fit for the 21st century. The present format was developed during the last two years of the 1990s so perhaps a new look at our operation is needed.

Help and guidance will be on offer throughout the transition, so please don't feel that you will be 'dumped' in the new job.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Please remember, if you don't come forward, the Club will die at the end of this year and none of us want that!

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THREE

Treasurer's Statement

By James Thomas

As promised last year, I have managed to keep the Annual Subscription rate for 2025 the same as 2024, however, the cost of printing and postage is increasing year on year and next year there might have to be an increase.

By reassessing our operation last year, I managed to make a few savings without affecting the service. An example of this is that 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 saves approximately £150 which helps to soak-up postage increases.

I have balanced the accounts for 2024 and on 31st December 2024 the closing balance was £966.60.

Lundy Collectables

As already mentioned, the 2025 *Lundy Bird Observatory* stamp issue together with the First Day Cover and Presentation pack is now on sale. Also, a very smart Lundy Tee-shirt commemorating the Lundy Bird Observatory has been produced.

The sad news is that the island has not produced any new postcards over the last few years.

For the book collector, a new title has been published; *Lundy Shipwreck and Rescue* by Robert Carl Smith.

For the ephemera collector, a metal drinking mug with a picture of the Landing Bay and the word "Lundy" is now on sale.

For more details of all these items, please contact the Lundy Shore Office on 01271 863636 or email info@lundyisland.co.uk.