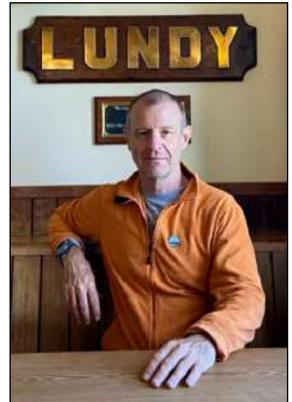

COLLECTORS NEWS

Greetings fellow Lundy collectors,

I AM HONOURED to write to you for the first time as manager in this important issue of our Lundy Collectors News. It marks both a personal milestone and a pivotal moment for the Lundy Collectors' Club as we look ahead together. Following the call to arms from James Thomas and thorough handover process, the refreshed line-up to the management team running the LCC has been working together to ensure the continuity of the Club and working to maintaining our close familial relationship by looking to bring members together at future events



As we embark on this reinvigorated journey, I am excited to see the continued passion and dedication within our Club. The commitment of the management team and the positivity of the membership will ensure that the LCC remains a vibrant and welcoming space for both seasoned collectors and those new to our community.

It has been wonderful to hear from so many members recently, whether by email or during informal gatherings and visits. Since the handover to the new management team, much work has been going on behind the scenes. We have been refreshing our website, improving our new membership processes, working on new programme ideas, and looking at ways to further promote the LCC and its unique philatelic history and passionate ephemera collectors and visitors to the island. Many members have already reached out to share thoughts, feedback, and encouragement—thank you all. With your continued support, the future of the LCC looks bright, busy, and exciting.

I look forward to meeting more of you, hearing your ideas, and building a stronger global community of Lundy enthusiasts.

Best wishes,

Mark McShane, Club Manager

Management Handover and Meeting the Members

I WAS VERY FORTUNATE to have the opportunity to meet up with LCC management team and long-standing members recently. During my handover with James Thomas, we agreed to meet up, along with webmaster André Coutanche, for a very enjoyable chat and discussion on all matters LCC related. It was great to discuss Club matters instead of corresponding over emails and the wonderful lunch venue certainly helped the conversation continue for several hours. James has given me a tremendous amount of background information on the day to day running of Club matters and I really appreciated all the input that went into ensure the transfer, particularly the laborious treasury transfer protocols that the bank requires, proceeded as smoothly as could be expected.



During the same visit to Devon, I could not pass up the opportunity to visit Tom Baker and Sharon Read. This was a wonderfully insightful first-time meet-up with two eminently enthusiastic Lundy collectors and I enjoyed listening to their shared passion for Lundy, fascinating anecdotes and reviewing items from their collections, really a remarkable visit and one that I hope to repeat at the earliest opportunity.

Left: Sharon, Mark and Tom

Below: David and Mark

Another very enjoyable meeting on this same whirlwind visit across Devon was with our Meetings Chairman, David Elliot. Over a morning coffee we discussed the LCC, thoughts and expectations for the future, how we both got the Lundy collecting bug and also other shared philatelic collecting interest.





Above: Jon and Mark

*Right: Mark and Xanthe
at Stampex*



One of the most important duties I had to fulfil as Club manager was to represent the LCC while being interviewed by fellow stamp collector and online philatelic blogger Xanthe Page. If you have missed the interview, please visit our website for a link where you can read Xanthe's blog. We met at Stampex along with Xanthe's father and our journal editor, Andrew Page. It was a busy meet-up – there was some Lundy start packs to hand out, a deep diving interview and exploration of the potential for a junior LCC.

My recent meeting with Lars Liwendahl, the Lundy Philatelic Advisor, was highly insightful. Relaxing together, there was so much talk on Lundy, the history of the philately, the stamp designing process and entertaining anecdotes from years gone-by. It was such a pleasure to host Lars at my home in Essex and to explore so much with a personality that has contributed so much to maintaining the integrity of Lundy philately and continuing to ensure that Lundy stamp issues are to the highest standards.

Mark McShane

Membership News & Renewals

THE REFRESH OF OUR WEBSITE was an opportune time to refresh our membership application form and process. The new online membership application process has been designed to make joining the LCC more convenient than ever. The preferred payment options have been highlighted as either online bank payment or by using PayPal. We retained the option to print an application form and submit with a cheque for people who may not have access to online payment options. Another small change to align and simplify the process was to use a single currency of GB sterling that can be easily managed for overseas applications through the online options.

Several members have recently asked about renewals, including payment options and due dates. As a reminder, annual subscriptions remain due as normal, and members can continue to renew via bank transfer, cheque, or the newly supported PayPal option.

We're pleased to welcome several new members who joined since the autumn *TNPJ*; a warm welcome to you all!

Liz Barrett

Tony Rees

Rosalie McShane

Membership renewals for 2026 are now due – please see the enclosed renewals form for details. Please note that new members do not need to renew as they did not enjoy the full benefits of membership during 2025.

We are also encouraging members to take this opportunity to update their personal details with the Club, in particular members are encouraged to share an email address and as an extra option, a telephone contact.

If you have questions about subscriptions or need help updating your contact details, please get in touch anytime. *See the Contact details on the back page.*

Mark McShane

We report with regret that Joan Rendell died in September. She was a member of the Lundy Collectors' Club and the Lundy Field Society and a regular visitor to Lundy. Joan and her late husband Stan wrote *Lundy by Air* covering Lundy's history of aviation. She and Stan were also very involved with Steep Holm and wrote *Steep Holm: The Story of A Small Island*. It is reported that her Lundy archives will be deposited with the North Devon Record Office.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

THE CLUB has an active and expanding programme for the following year. This should help members plan for the events that they may wish to attend. We have also published the latest information on the next Lundy island visit for 2027, so that all members, particularly those residing outside the UK, have sufficient time to plan and join those special five-day events. The management team continue to investigate other potential meeting events and new ideas are being developed thanks to membership input. One such event that we will likely proceed with in 2026 is a meeting at Stampex, London. Several LCC members did meet informally for the 2025 exhibition, but there has been discussion and support for holding a formal meeting in 2026.

2026 Programme

21 February 2026: Meeting at The Halls, Easter Compton, starting at 10.30am. Includes a short auction of Lundy material, members' displays and a bourse of members' surplus Lundy items.

28 May 2026: Presentation at 2.00pm ET by LCC member Sid Morginstin at Boston 2026 World Expo. His topic is 'Lundy Mail To/From Destinations/Origins Other Than the United Kingdom'.

1 August & 2 August 2026: Summer weekend meeting. Day trip to Lundy on Saturday 1 August; Club meeting on Sunday 2 August at Durrant House Hotel, Bideford. More details to follow but get the dates in your diary now!

Stampex 2026: Will take place on 28-31 October at The Business Design Centre, London. Further details to follow.

15-19 March 2027: 4-night visit to Lundy, including meetings, events and auction. The reserved accommodation is for Members Only. Anyone on the island at the time is welcome to come to the events. Pre-bookings and deposits are now being accepted - please contact the manager. (*Contact details on the back page*).

The latest details for all planned events will be available on the LCC website - Future Programme page. To ensure that members are aware of changes to the programme, we will promulgate the updates through an email communication that will supplement *TNPJ* and *Lundy Collectors News* regular updates. Members are encouraged to share ideas, suggest venues, and let us know if you'd like to help organise or host a meeting.

Mark McShane

The New Puffin Journal – Lundy Collectors News

WITH SO MUCH Club news and updates to share it was felt that publishing this *Lundy Collectors News* issue was appropriate to make sure all the membership was made aware of the latest information without waiting an undue length of time before the next *TNPJ* in spring 2026. There are no plans to change the regular *Collectors News* being published once per year; however as we continue our journey we will review the need for further issues during the year.

The next issue of *The New Puffin Journal* will be published in spring 2026 featuring updates on ongoing Club matters, contributions from members, and summaries of the year's developments. It promises to be a busy and content-rich edition.

Members have already begun offering possible articles –covering topics such as early Lundy sheet varieties, postal history, and personal research collections – all of which help enrich the Journal for everyone.

If you would like to submit an article, photograph, or discovery for a future issue, please get in touch. Contributions from members are warmly encouraged. *See the Contact details on the back page.*

Social Media

THE LCC now has an active presence on X and Facebook, which are great resources to help promote the LCC and make our presence visible to other prospective collectors. Members are encouraged to follow, like, and share posts to help raise the Club's online profile and attract new members. Links are available on the website homepage.

Mark McShane



The New LCC Website

THE CLUB has had a website for a while, and our thanks are due to Roy Bentley for setting up our presence on the web. When the Great Reorganisation started, following the five-day visit to Lundy in March 2025, I said I could perhaps help with the website. This happened to come at a time when Roy was ready to hand over responsibility, so I was starting with a clean slate.

The first thing to do was to register a new URL – the ‘web address’ which identifies us. We are now at <https://www.lundyclollectorsclub.org.uk>. (I looked at using ‘org’ rather than ‘org.uk’ as a nod to our North American and other overseas members, but it’s more expensive!). If you have the old weebly address bookmarked, please update it.

There’s nothing fancy or cutting-edge about the website I’ve set up. There are two reasons for that: I don’t believe in ‘fancy’ – and my HTML skills aren’t very advanced! But we hope that the website will serve two main purposes: to let non-members know about the LCC, and why they should join, and to inform our members about Club news and activities.

We also want the website to be a resource for Lundy studies – philatelic and otherwise. So we have uploaded all the editions of *The New Puffin Journal* and *Lundy Collectors News* as searchable PDFs, as well as the 80 editions of the *Lundy Collectors Club Philatelic Quarterly* which were produced between 1979 and 1998 when the Club was based in the U.S. They contain a wealth of information about Lundy, much of which is difficult to find elsewhere. We have also made a start on uploading *The Puffin/The Puffin Journal* which was published by the Lundy Specialists’ Society, the forerunner of the Collectors’ Club.

So if you want to check out what’s been said in the past about your prized 6-puffin blue, or if you’re interested in following Lundy news and gossip over the years, have a rummage through our archives! And let me have your comments on the website, please – we want it to be useful for as many people as possible. Contacts details are overleaf.



André Coutanche

Together We Grow

A CROSS all recent correspondence, one theme is clear: the LCC is entering an exciting new chapter, fuelled by its members' enthusiasm, ideas, and passion for everything related to Lundy.

Whether you're researching early stamp issues, sharing recent auction finds, meeting fellow collectors at events, or simply reading the journal at home, you are an important part of what makes this community special. As we move forward with expanding meeting programmes, strengthening membership, improving communication, and reaching collectors worldwide – the Club's future is brighter than ever.

We look forward to hearing from you, meeting you at events, and continuing to build the Lundy Collectors' Club together.

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