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Dear Fellow Members,

Since the issue of the March "Puffin", the 1957 Stampex has come and gone. Unfortunately, it was impossible to arrange a meeting as planned, since I was unable to attend on either of the two Saturdays, owing to business commitments. However, Mr. J. E. Moss and I met and had an enjoyable talk on matters Lundy and other subjects.

It seems to be the view of most of the British members that we should try to arrange a trip to Lundy during the summer. If there are sufficient numbers, this should prove to be very much worth while. Please let me know the best times for the trip. First steamer from Weston is in June.

Whilst at Stampex, I paid a visit to Roneo's stand, and made enquiries about their electronic stencils. Unfortunately, this process is only suited to their own, and similar machines, and mine does not fall into this category. Until we can get an alternative form of printing for the heading, I think that our present one will have to suffice.

This issue is almost entirely composed of articles from our members across the Atlantic. Mr. Austin Dulin of New York has produced a wonderful article on the Postmarks, with illustrations. Mr. Dulin did all the work, including the duplicating, himself, and he printed on two separate sheets, so that I could print on the reverse of each. However, since this is such a good article, I feel that the best way of presenting it is to issue it as a supplement to the current issue.

Some of the queries raised in the last issue have been answered by other American members, and interesting notes on dates of issue and withdrawal of the earlier Airmails have also been submitted.

Elsewhere, I have given details of our proposed Exchange Packet. Until I can get a volunteer in the U. S. A. or Canada to run one over there, it will have to be restricted to the British Isles only. However, American members can contribute to this packet if they so desire.

Our membership total now stands at 27, and I would like to welcome the following new members:-

Mr. John Sabin, 3731, Junata Street, ST. LOUIS, 16, Missouri. USA
Mr. Joseph Goodyear, 3914, W. 113th. Street, INGLEWOOD, Calif. USA.
Miss Jane Metcalfe, 562, King Street, LONDON, Ont., CANADA.

I would be very pleased to receive any further suggestions, and also to receive further articles for the next number of the Puffin.

Yours sincerely,

M. WINDEATT.

1935 Tram Ticket 3d. Second printing.

The following all have the piece missing out of top left of the bottom stroke of "3" :-

02097, 02385, 02405, 02413, 02399 (5th. roll); 02683, 02926, 02927, 02970, 02971, 02976, 02977 (6th. roll) - all show piece missing.

However, 03108 and 03109 of the 7th. roll show normal formation of the figure, and consequently, it is obvious that the fault was corrected as from 03000. The above items are Mint; also Used on cover.

John J. Britt.

FURTHER LUNDY VARIETIES

1935 Tram Ticket 1/2d. Rolls 2, 3, 6, 7, DO NOT show inverted "T" variety. This occurs only on Roll 5 of the first (thick type) ptg., and on Rolls 9 - 12 on thin type.

1943 IX Anniversary. No Dot on "i" and No Prop spin occurs on all values; also on miniature sheet.

1950 BY AIR overprints exist with both wide and narrow spacing between Opt. BY and AIR; also misplaced opt. exists on all values except 9p.

8p. on 12p. BY AIR 3-bar opt. exists with surcharge of two sizes - 12mm. and 13 1/2mm.

1953 Coronation Miniature sheet was originally made to be used to mount the overprinted issue of stamps, but it was decided at the last minute to issue the sheet as a souvenir sheet. It also exists rouletted, but this is believed to have been done privately.

1955 Millenary Imperfs. also exist on unwatermarked paper.

1956 Rotary Opts. - unofficial. These exist on the 1951 7p., and on the 1955 Millenary 6p. ordinary mail and the 1/2p. and 2p. Airmails.

1929 - From March to November, an experimental postal service existed - the purpose being to determine the best method of starting the new Local service, and 1/2p., 1p., 6p., 9p., 12p. values were used by Mr. Harman exclusively; the first Lundy postmark was used to cancel this mail. None were sold prior to issue date, but were used on an official basis ONLY between Mr. Harman and Lundy.

W. R. ROWCROFT, JR.

NOTES ON THE AIRMAILS

Large Maps. Issued 1st. April 1938.

- 1/2d. was withdrawn on 20th. July 1937
- 1d. " " " 31st. March '39
- 2d. " " " 5th Sep. 1939
- 3d. - 1/- also withdrawn on 5th Sep. 1939.

With regards to the quantities printed, my correspondent gives the following figures:-

- 1/2d. 12,000; 1d. 4,800; 2d. 4,800; 3d. 2,400;
- 6d. 2,400; 1/- 4,800.

Can anybody definitely prove or disprove this???

The "variety" - 'Stop after T' is actually a perfect stamp. It is therefore assumed, since the variety occurs three times on the 1/2d. value, that all stamps had this stop, and that due to etching the blocks, and probably wear, the stops were undermined.

1/2d. Airviews. 1/2d. violet - no 1 stop in border. Issued 20 - 7 - 1937 and withdrawn the following day - This stamp was later overprinted.

1/2d. violet, with name in border. Issued 20 - 7 - 1937; withdrawn on 31 - 3 - 1939.

1/2d. red, with name in border. Issued 31 - 3 - 1939 and withdrawn on 5th. September of same year.

1d. Lighthouse was cancelled and withdrawn on the same date as the 1/2d. red Airview.

J. N. HOWLAND.

ON MOUNTING LUNDY.....

By THOMAS E. PATRONITE.

One recent Sunday afternoon, finding myself alone in the house, I returned to the task of mounting some newly acquired Lundy stamps in my album pages. I typed out the title page - "Postal Jubilee Series - Issued January 1, 1954; Regular Postal Service; In celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the first Lundy postage stamp." That accomplished, I entered the stamps into cellulose sleeves and began arranging them on the loose-leaf in several different layouts. As you know, in the regular issue there are seven stamps; two vertical and the rest horizontal.

After eleven different positions, I finally decided upon the following:

First row across centre: 1p.
Second row across left: 1p; right: 4p.
Third row across centre: 2p.
Fourth row across left: 6p; right: 12p.
Fifth row across centre: 9p.

I had begun the task with Rimsky-Korsakoff's Scheherazade on the phonograph and had finished half-way into the fourth movement. I would like to hear from readers of "The Puffin" of any similar experiences and suggestions on the above.

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POSTMASTERS ON LUNDY

The actual date of opening of the British Post Office is given as 3rd. March 1887, and the first Sub-Postmaster, a Mr. Allday, who held office for 38 years. In 1926, a Mr. Harry Lang took over, and resigned the following year. Mr. S. Mien succeeded him, and left the same year. He was the last official Sub-Postmaster.

J. N. HOLLAND.

EXCHANGE PACKET

A number of members seem to be in favour of such a scheme, and I am now asking for contributors. All that you have to do is to send duplicates and other items down to me, with your own prices noted on a separate piece of paper, and I will arrange for the mounting here. This should save your time. I will also price material, if necessary. All paid-up members in the British Isles are entitled to receive this packet, and commission of 10% on all sales will be charged; the amounts received to be put into the Society's funds.

Owing to customs, postage, registration and insurance difficulties, members in the United States, and other parts of the world outside the British Isles will be unable to receive the packet, but they can contribute to it if they so desire.

I want one of our number who is willing, able, and of suitable standing, to act as Secretary of the American packet, should there be sufficient demand for one over there. Charges will be the same as in this country, except that postage rates will obviously be different.

All those of you who have duplicates, whether they be Mint, Used, Covers or anything similar, are invited to contact me.

The permitted time for examination of a packet will be three days, since the circuit in this country is at present about 12.

I will draw up a set of rules for this packet, and send it to all members as soon as it is ready.

Naturally, British members will be able to contribute to the American packet, as long as they send to me all their material in the first instance for transmission.

NOTES AND NEWS

Two pre-war copies of the West Wind Philatelist have been sent to me by one of my clients, Mr. James Negus. Two articles on Lundy airmail issues are included in these magazines, and may be of interest to members. I hope to be able to send them out on loan when I return from Holland at the end of the month.

Another client of mine, Miss O. Rous, a French specialist, tells me that there will be an exhibition in the South-west of France next month, and Lundy material will be on show. She has promised to write a report for the Puffin on this exhibition.

At the end of March, I had a letter from a Doctor in Eastern Germany, who is a Lundy and Herm specialist. Unfortunately, he cannot remit money to this country for anything, and so he cannot always acquire everything he wants. His only material for exchange would be stamps of the Communist countries. If anyone is interested in writing to him, his address is:

Dr. med. Joachim Simon,
ZWICKAU (Sachs)
Bundschuhweg 1.
German Democratic Rep.

Our Vancouver member, Mrs. H. Wadsworth sent over a copy of The Stanley Stamp Company's Newsletter for April. This is a six-page duplicated publication, and includes many interesting notes and offers. It seems that they sell a bit of Lundy as well. However, this isn't their main speciality, but it may be interesting to know exactly what they have to offer. Their address is:

The Stanley Stamp Company Ltd.,
877 Hornby Street,
VANCOUVER, 1. B. C.
Canada.

Their offer in the Newsletter was for a packet of 40 different at \$1.49 (Canadian).

I had the form for the B.P.A. Year Book last week. All Societies, whether affiliated or not, are entitled to have their name, and the name and address of the Secretary published in the book. Those Societies affiliated have full details of meetings and other notes included. However, I will send this off in due course, and we will have our Society before the public without charge!

Since there are only 50 copies of the current Newsletter and Supplement printed, I am restricting supply to one per member. Further copies of the Supplement, while supplies last, can be obtained at 6d. each from me.

Another enquiry for details of our Society came in about a fortnight ago. This was from Holland, and since I shall be there soon, I will try to call on the gentleman in question, and maybe, we will have another member.

A further point about the German Doctor whose address appears above is that he can speak English, but it would better the exchange of correspondence if German could be used.

Lundy Postcard views are in demand for writing up and illustrating collections. The Postal Jubilee set and a set of similar postcards would enhance any collection. The Editor can always supply these direct from the Island.

MORE ILLUSTRATED ARTICLES NEEDED!!!

LUNDY CANCELLATIONS

by Austin Dulin

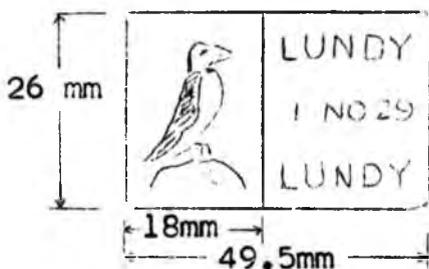
To the best of my knowledge the following is complete with two exceptions, which are described but not illustrated. I would appreciate any additions or corrections that might be made.

I. Cancellation of British sub-post office on Lundy

This is the first omission. I have never seen the cancel, but it has been described as the small circle type that was then in use throughout GB with the word LUNDY across the top, a letter "A" below the "N" of LUNDY, and the date in two lines thru the center. The first line gave the date followed by the initials of the month; the second line, the last two figures of the year.

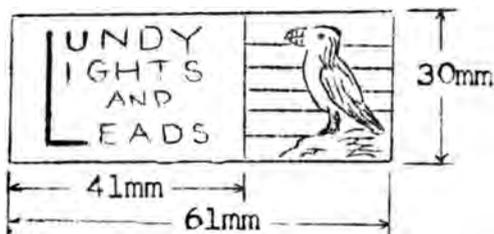
II. Lundy local cancellations

A. First cancel used on Lundy locals



Used from November 1, 1929, until November 1, 1938. Applied in black with a metal device which is still in the possession of Mr. Gade.

B. The second cancel consisted of two separate pieces, a legend killer and a date circle.



Diameter 25mm

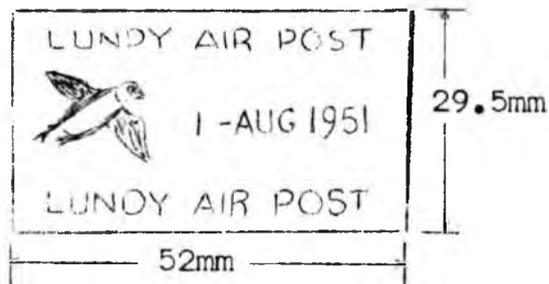
First used November 1, 1938. Applied in black or green. Cancel made up of two rubber stamps which have deteriorated.

C. This was used until December 31, 1953. It was applied in blue or black.



Diameter 30mm
Period before and after date line.

D.



Used from November 8, 1950, until early in 1952, when II C was put back into use. Applied in blue to First Day Covers and thereafter applied in black.

E. Used to cancel the coronation issue of June 2, 1953. Applied in black.



Diameter 30mm

In each case, after the use of II D. and II E., canceller II C. was returned to use.

F. Jubilee Year cancel

Used from January 1, 1954, until at least April 13, 1955*
Applied in black. Diameter 27mm



G. Millenary cancel



Used from March 7, 1955, until February 11, 1957. Applied in black. Diameter 27mm.

H. Beginning on February 11, 1957, a new canceller was placed in use. It is similar to II C., but smaller, being only 27mm in diameter. It is applied in black.

III. Cancellations of the airline servicing Lundy

It should be noted that cancellation II A. was used on the first issue of Lundy airmails and it was not until the 2nd air issue that the airlines had their own cancelling device.



Used from April 1, 1936, until November 1, 1938. Applied in black.

B. On November 1, 1938, a cancellation incorporating the words "AIR POST" and the initials L.A.C.A.L. was put into use. It was quickly withdrawn, since the use of the word "post" was contrary to British postal law.

C. Cancellation to replace III B.

Used from December 1, 1938, until September 6, 1939. Applied in blue. Diameter 26.5mm



Notes and Questions:

1. I have an example of II C. on the Tram-ticket airmail. Applied in blue. I believe this is a favor cancel.
2. What was the last known day of use of II B.? and the first known day of use of II C.?
3. Was there any surface delivery of mail between November 8, 1950 and early in 1952? and, if so, was cancel II C. used?

* - The Jubilee cancel and Millenary cancel seem to overlap. I have a card cancelled with the former April 13, 1955, while the later was first used March 7, 1955.