

THE PUFFIN



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NEWSLETTER OF THE LUNDY SPECIALISTS' SOCIETY.

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Dear Fellow Members,

Lundy's stamps may gain popularity as a result of the British Post Office issuing different stamps for Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man. If a Great Britain Collection has to be split up into seven sections (England still has ordinary G.B. stamps) maybe collectors will not be so unwilling to make Lundy an eighth.

In this issue I have put forward some suggestions for New Rules. The old ones were designed to conform with those of a society whose members were in close contact with each other and so almost every rule has suffered some change. Unless I receive any objection to the new ones, they will come into operation at the end of the year. One of these rules, (though you have yet to approve them) makes subscriptions due after this issue from those who received the first Puffin. i.e. those whose receipt book numbers are from 1 to 12. It would be helpful if they could be paid promptly.

I regret to inform you of the death last summer of Mr. R.H. Pendree, a member.

I welcome one new member:-

MISS R.A. PYLE, 71 BRODRICK ROAD, UPPER TOOTING, LONDON. S.W.17.

Once again Mr. Gade has been very helpful. He lent me two magazines; the Post Office Magazine for SEPT. 1956, and San Jose Filatelico, No. 4 organ of CENTRO FILATELICO DE SAN JOSE from Uruguay. Copies of the articles appear in this issue. I have included the Spanish as well as the English translation of the Uruguayan article. As I do not understand Spanish the translation is only rough. The detail in the article is not always reliable, if my translation is correct.

It is fine to see that the fame of Lundy stamps has spread beyond English speaking countries.

Mr. Winleatt has said that he hopes to visit Lundy soon, and that then he will write a detailed report for the Puffin. He suggested that later on we could have a poster designed to publicise the Society, and use it for Exhibitions &c., Stampex for instance. Another suggestion was that the society should publish a series of Monographs, similar to the present series by the Channel Is. Society. What do you think?

Those of you who have stamps which could be included in an Exchange packet, please send them to me, with prices clearly quoted. They need not be mounted as I will try and obtain slip in stock books to contain them. The details will be the same as those in the 3rd. "Puffin", except that I cannot undertake to value the stamps myself.

The drawing of Mr Moss' unique war-time cover on page 4 has not reproduced well, but you should gain some idea of its layout.

Yours sincerely,
Barry N. D. Chinchin.

WANTED

1935 Tram-ticket type Air-mails to complete a set of one stamp from each of the rolls of 500.

½d. - Roll# 1 - 4 - 7 and 8.

3d. - Roll# 3 and 8.

W. Rowcroft Jr.

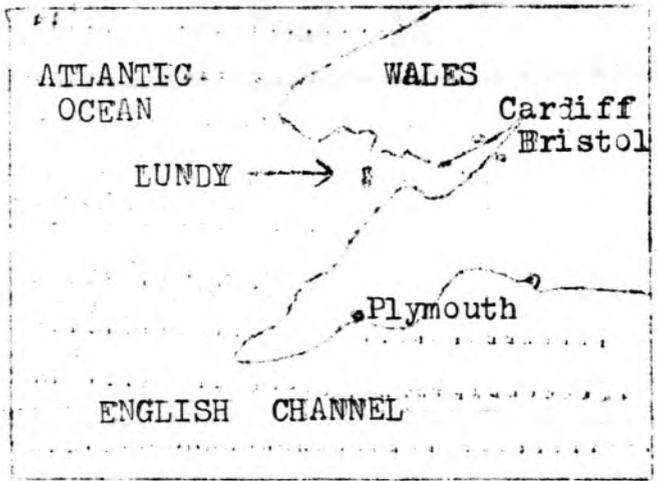
HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY...AND STAMP COLLECTING

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THE STAMPS OF LUNDY.

The little island of Lundy is situated to the S.E. of Great-Britain, in the Bristol Channel. It is about 12mils. from the British coast and has a small area: $\frac{3}{4}$ sq.mil. (measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ ml. long by 550yds. wide). Only 45 people live on the little barren islet, home of the native bird: the "puffin". In 1925 a rich english banker named MARTIN COLES HARMAN, who besides being wealthy was an eccentric, bought this place; once he was settled he decided to mint coins, and this was done the pieces have on one side the effigy of King George V and on the other that of a "puffin" whose name the money bore, being equivalent to the English "penny". Also he wished his island to have its own postal service, and printed stamps in these values $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 6, 9 and 12 puffins, portraying respectively, half, one, six, nine and twelve of these animals.

The English Government began a Law-suit against the eccentric banker and he was obliged to withdraw the money from circulation. But the postage stamps continued in service,



An airmail service commenced in the year 1934 between Lundy and the English Coast,

These stamps are not mentioned in the principal world catalogues, but do not cease to be of interest to those philatelists who gain pleasure from the curiosities of the hobby, and which already constitute a postal series of the smaller lands of the world.

Note: This item is taken from the Philatelic section of that renowned Brazilian review O CRUZEIRO (Spanish Edition). On the centre page you will see the types of stamp of two issues of Lundy. The second commemorating the Postal Jubilee.

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Mr Gade Writes: "I must correct you on the item "A further addition to the list of Birds seen on Lundy". No Bee Eater has ever nested on Lundy, and, in my time here (30 years) BeeEaters have visited Lundy once, and that was in May 1940, when six arrived from the south west and remained on the island a week. They certainly ate a lot of bees, but they did not eat all the honey bees, and they did not nest. Bee-Eaters have nested very occasionally in the southern counties of England, and in the Channel Islands, but they are rarities. The six Bee-Eaters of 1940 flew away towards South Wales, and a week later they flew back to Lundy, but they did not stop that time, they went straight on in a south westerly direction.

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During 1957 a find of different kinds of Miniature Flints dating back to the Mesolithic Age (3000 B.C.) was made.

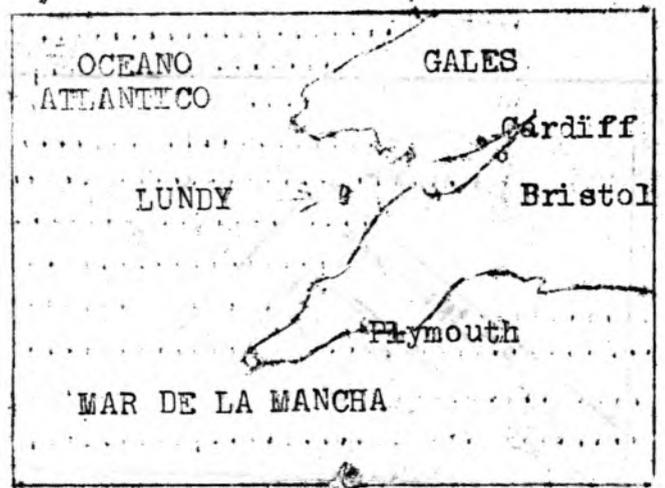
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LOS SELLOS DE LA ISLA DE LUNDY.

La pequeña isla de Lundy se halla situada al S.O. de la de Gran Bretaña, sobre el canal de Bristol. Dista alrededor de 20km. de la costa británica y tiene un área reducidísima: 0km. cuad. 20 (mide 4 km. de largo y 50 metros de ancho). Sólo 45 personas habitan el minúsculo islote, haciéndole compañía al ave nativa del mismo: el "puffin". En 1925 un rico banquero inglés llamado MARTIN COLES HARMAN, que además de ser rico era un excéntrico, compró el citado territorio; una vez instalado en el mismo decidió acuñar moneda, lo cual realizó y las piezas tenían de un lado la efigie del rey Jorge V y del otro la de un "puffin", con cuyo nombre denominó a la moneda, teniendo ella una equivalencia con el "penny" inglés. También quiso que su isla tuviera servicios postales propios, e imprimió sellos de correo en los valores de 1/2, 1, 6, 9, y 12 "puffins", luciendo los mismos media, una, seis, nueve y doce efigies del citado animal.

El gobierno inglés inició un proceso al excéntrico banquero y le obligó a retirar su moneda de la circulación. Pero los sellos de correo continuaron en servicio, inab-



gurándose en el año 1934 los servicios aeropostales entre la isla de Lundy y la costa inglesa.

Los sellos que comentamos no figuran en los principales catálogos mundiales, pero no por ello dejan de ser interesantes para los filatelistas que gustan de las curiosidades del "hobby" ya que constituyen la serie postal del territorio más pequeño del mundo.

Nota: Estos datos los hemos recogido de la Sección Filatélica de la prestigiosa revista brasileña O CRUZETRO (Edición en castellano). En la página central se pueden apreciar los tipos de sellos de las emisiones de Lundy. La segunda conmemora el Jubilee Postal

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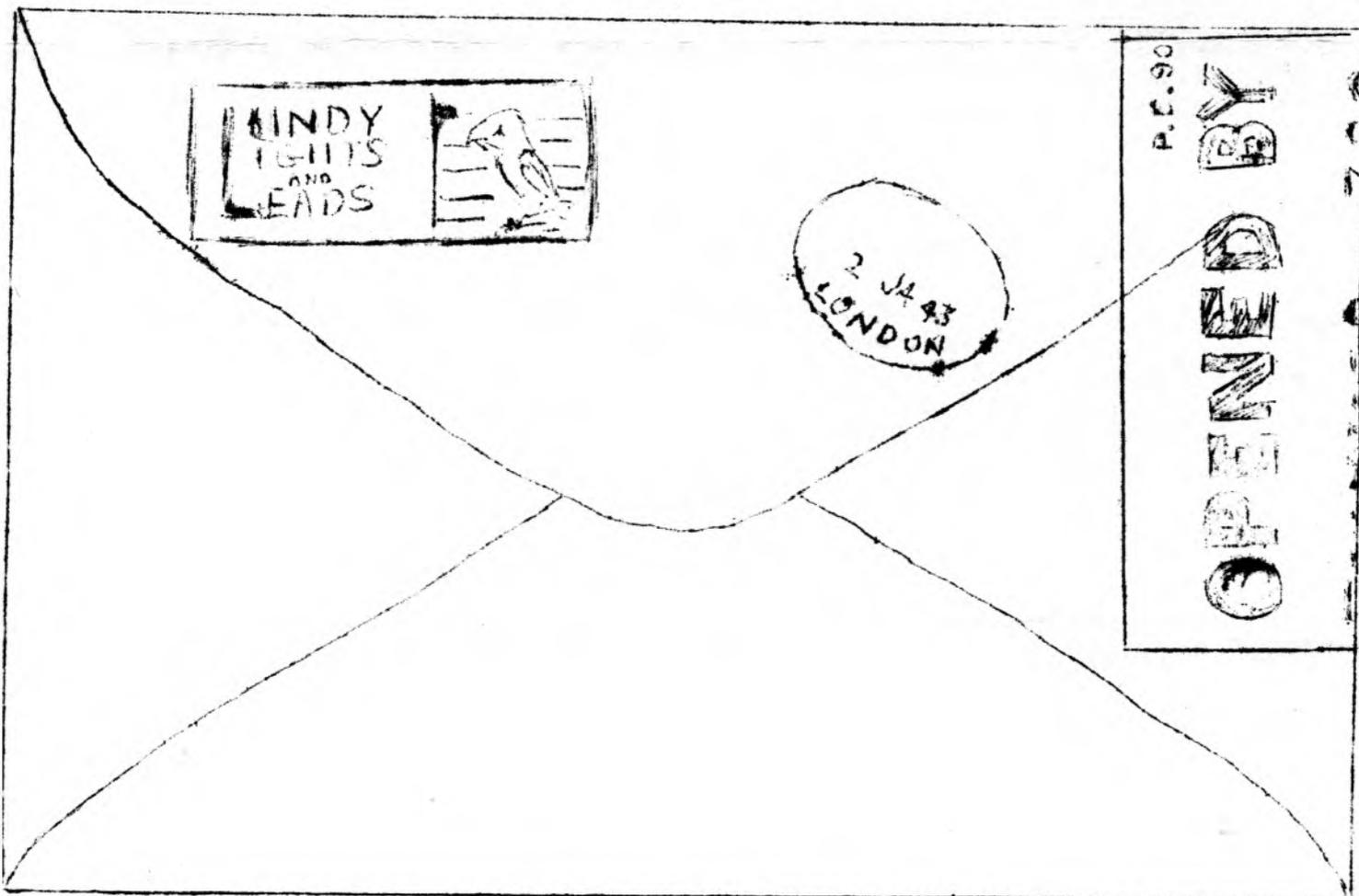
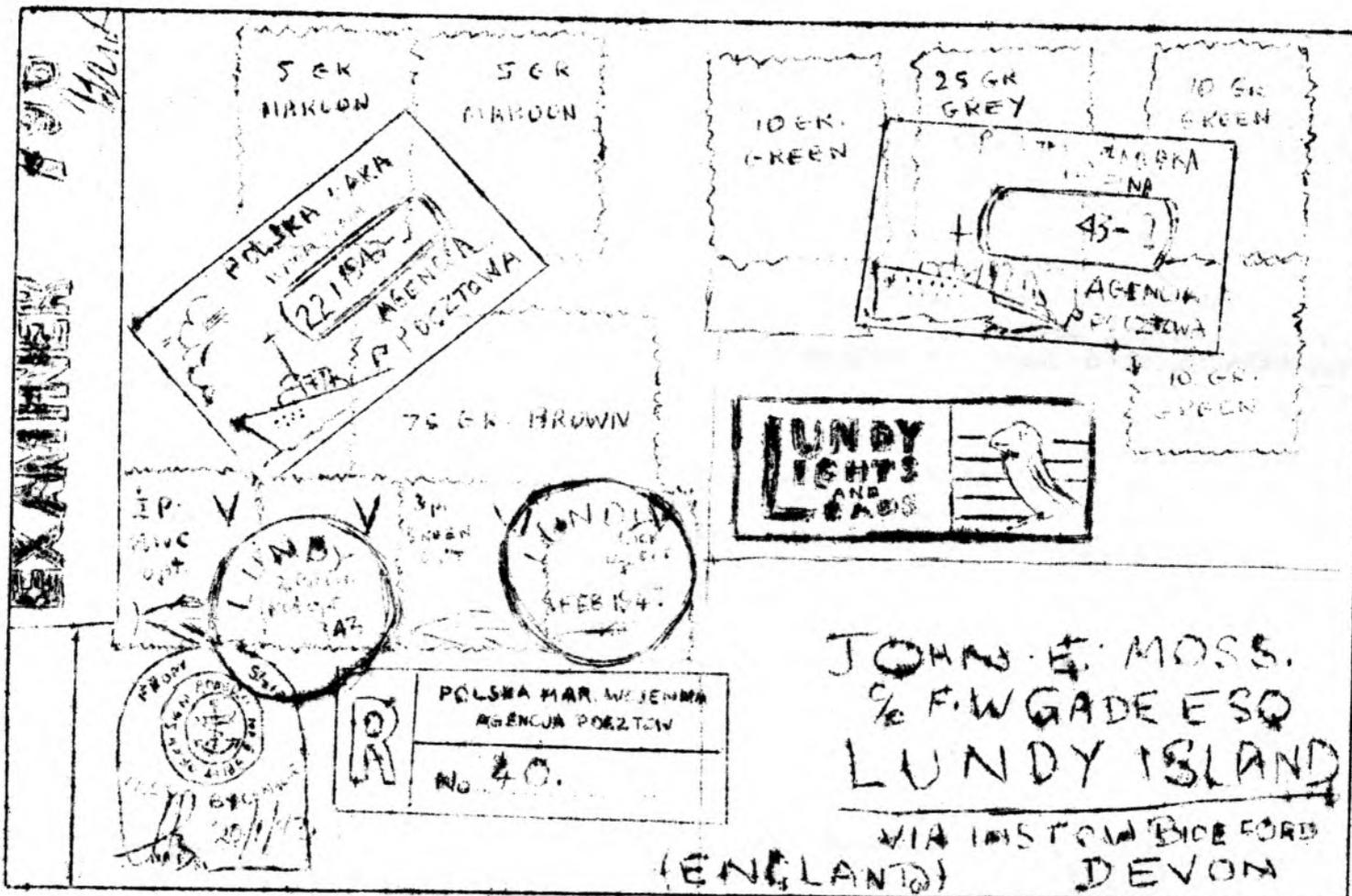
South Western Region

TO MANY OF OUR READERS Lundy Island is a mere speck on a map: to some a hazy outline some 20 miles offshore: to some a place of happy memory, and to the staff at Bideford it is a live part of the community of North West Devon.

There are two services to help the lonely Lundy keep in contact with the mainland: a radio-telephone link between the Island and H.M. Coastguard Station at Hartland point, and the ordinary mail service which is the responsibility of the Bideford P.O.

During the 1930's the mail was carried, with such other goods as pigs, poultry, calor gas and cattle in the M.V. Lerina, a converted fishing trawler. In 1950 the Lerina was withdrawn from service, and the link was modernised by the services of Devon Air Ltd. The owner of the Island is responsible for making the transport arrangements, and recently he bought an ex-Scottish fishing vessel, so the sea link with the Island was re-established.

If any of our readers should happen to be in Bideford and see a seafaring type with a mail bag on his back, they will know that it is not an experiment with postmen's uniform, but the mail for that 'Puffins' Paradise', Lundy Island.



This Cover was posted from a Polish Naval Vessel working with the British Navy. It is franked with the special stamps issued by the Polish evacuee Government in Britain for use By Polish Military and Naval forces.

THE LUNDY SPECIALISTS' SOCIETY.

RULES.

1. The Society shall be known as the LUNDY SPECIALISTS' SOCIETY hereinafter referred to as the "Society".
2. The object of the Society shall be to promote interest in Lundy and its philatelic history. Reporting on all new varieties etc.
3. The affairs of the Society shall be conducted on a postal basis, the chief form of contact between the members being the Newsletter published six times a year.
4. There shall be an Honorary President, who shall receive all the publications of the Society, and be treated as an ordinary Member, but who shall pay no subscription.
5. An Annual General Meeting will be arranged on a postal basis, topics for discussion, nominations for President etc. being sent to the secretary before a certain date, and these being arranged on a form, such that voting can take place or suggestions put forward.
6. Membership of the Society shall be open to all specialists and anyone interested in Lundy and its stamps.
7. The annual subscription shall be 7/6d. sterling (In Canada or the U.S.A. \$1.00). and is payable on joining and annually thereafter. Subscription details in other currencies may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.
8. Only one reminder of renewal of Subscription will be given, after this only one more Newsletter will be sent if the Subscription is not paid.
9. The Society shall publish six times a year, a newsletter, entitled "THE PUFFIN" in which all news of new issues, finds, additional varieties, and anything likely to be of interest about Lundy shall be reported.
10. All members are entitled to insert in the Newsletter TWO small advertisements for Wants, Sales &c., in the year, FREE OF CHARGE. A nominal rate of 2/- (25c) will be charged for further insertions; the proceeds, together with the excess receipts over the cost of producing the Newsletter will be devoted to maintaining the General Fund of the Society.
11. The rules enumerated above may not be altered except after notification of All members as to the proposed change, and none being in disagreement with it.

FOR NEW MEMBERS

I, the undersigned, having read and agreed to the rules of the LUNDY SPECIALISTS' SOCIETY, hereby make application to join that Society.

Signed..... Date.....

Name (BLOCK LETTERS).....

Address.....

Subscription of 7/6d. - \$1.00 i..... is enclosed. Cheques etc. to be made payable to B. N. D. CHINCHEN.

Balance Sheet of Lundy Specialists' Society

Expenditure:				Income: - from Subscriptions
Stencils	10 - 0	14 @ 7/6		5 - 5 - 0
Paper	14 - 9	9 @ 7/1		3 - 3 - 9
Postage	1- 12 - 0	2 @ 7/2		14 - 4
Envelopes	2 - 3	2 @ 7/3		14 - 6
Miscellaneous Postages	4 - 0	1 @ 7/7		<u>7 - 7</u>
Other Expenses	5 - 0			<u>£10 - 5 - 2</u>
			Balance: by excess of income over expenditure	<u>6 - 17 - 2</u>
	<u>£3 - 8 - 0</u>			<u>£3 - 8 - 0</u>

Taken from Mr. Windeatt's record of expenses and income.

From above	3 - 8 - 0	From above	10 - 5 - 2
Duplicating Ink	11 - 8	1 Sub. @ 7/1	7 = 1
Stencils	#1 - 8		
Paper	19 - 9		
Postages	12 - 2		
Gazettes	6 - 9		
Miscellaneous Postages	2 - 0		
Envelopes	<u>1 - 8</u>	Balance:	<u>10 - 12 - 3</u>
	<u>£6 - 15 - 8</u>		<u>3 - 18 - 7</u>
			<u>£ 6 - 13 - 8</u>

B. N. D. Chinchen. September 1958.