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## EDITORIAL

First may I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. I am sorry I was unable to complete the "Puffin" before Christmas.

I must express my gratitude to Mr Gade for providing the information to make this Newsletter possible. It is his patience and helpfulness that makes the collecting of Lundy stamps so much more satisfying than any others.

You will find a leaflet enclosed which is designed to fit into the back of Mr Windeatt's Catalogue, bringing the list up to date.

Finally I have to ask you to support the "Puffin" by sending in material for articles.

Yours sincerely,

B.N.D. Chinchen.

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Editor of the PUFFIN.

## TWO RECENTLY DISCOVERED ERRORS

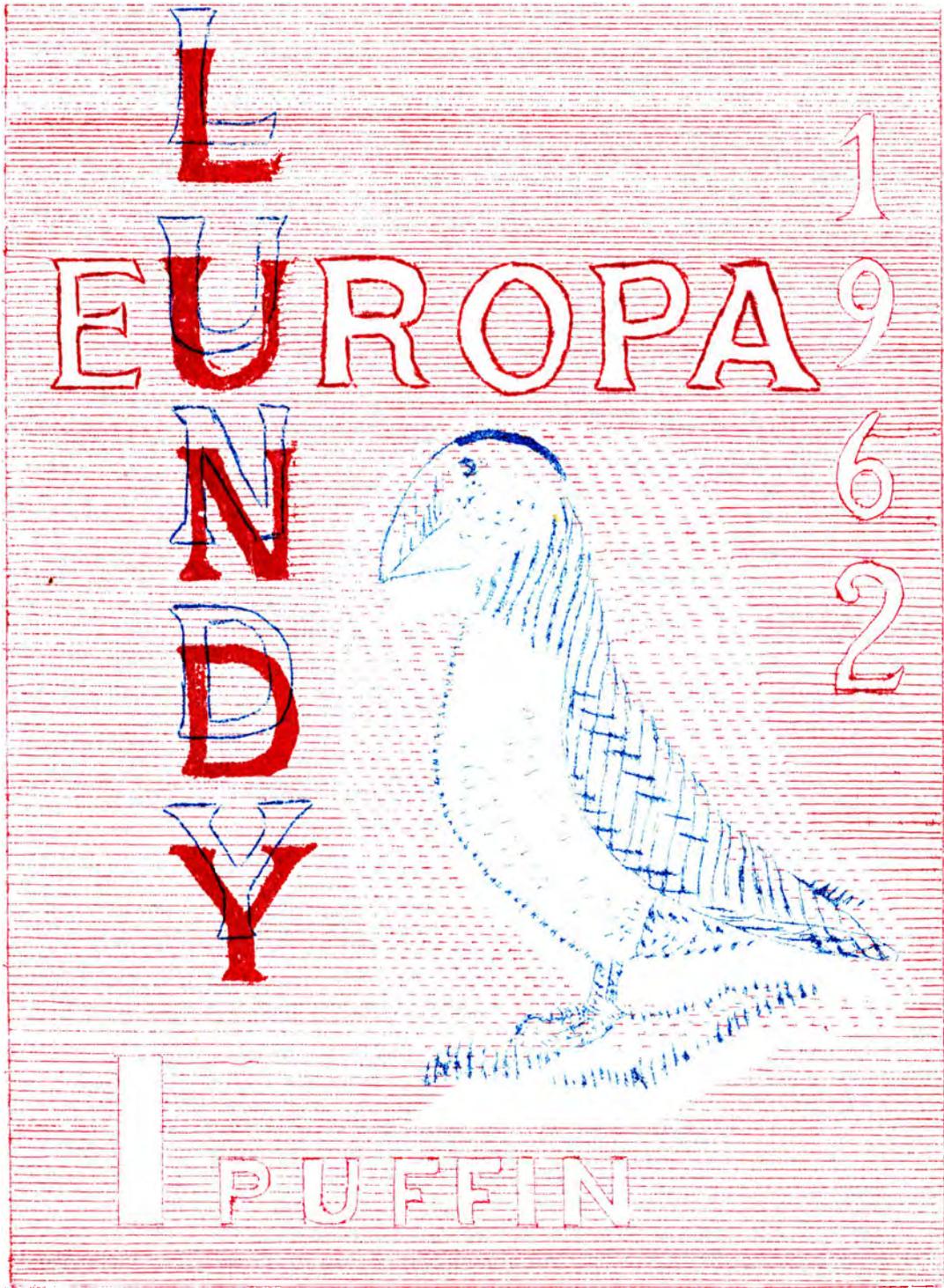
One sheet of 50 stamps of the 1p value of the 1962 Europa issue was found to have an error in printing, in that the sheet has slipped in the press, resulting in double printing of the word Lundy. Once in blue and once in red. Judging by the position of the perforations the red printing slipped down. This variety is illustrated by a sketch overleaf.

One sheet of the 1/2p value of the first Lundy - Europa issue of Dec 8th 1961 was found not to have the overprint EUROPA. This stamp is illustrated on this page with poor colour rendering.

Mr Gade writes that the first of these errors can be purchased at 25/- each and about 18 remain unsold.

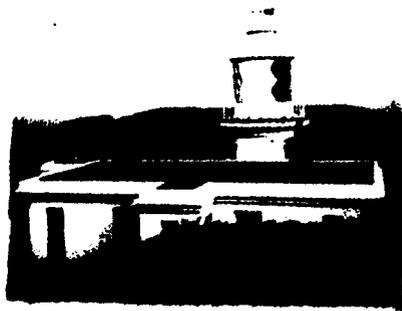
Of the second error Mr Gade says "None of these stamps, of which there were originally 50, are now in my hands, but if any of the Specialists would like to acquire one or two, I know where to obtain a limited number at 2/6d each."





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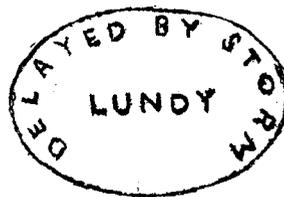
### An Important Concession

After much correspondence with the Head Postmaster of Bideford, who kindly took up the matter with the Post Office Commissioners, or whatever their title may be, it was agreed, in the summer of 1962, that Lundy should be permitted to affix the Lundy stamp to post-cards only, on the front, or address side, but in the top left hand corner, provided that any coloured ink for cancelling the stamps is used except black, as used in British post offices. This is an important concession, and may, in time, lead to a further concession, or I should say, an extension of the concession to include letters and parcels.

F. W. Gade.

### DELAYED BY STORM MARK

This mark was on a letter I received announcing the Anti-malaria issue, in April 1962.



## LUNDY CABBAGE

When I visited Lundy in 1959 I decided to look for the famous Lundy Cabbage plant which is listed in Clapham, Tutin and Warburg's 'Flora of the British Isles', with a full description.

I found about half a dozen plants answering the description growing on the steep slopes beside the path to the beach. There were very few flowers as it was rather late for them, but I did obtain a few seed-pods.

I was told that the seeds would not grow away from the island, so I was determined to try. Next Spring I succeeded in raising a fine crop of seedlings which were planted in a garden in Durham. These flourished but very few flowered that first year. The plants survived the winter and although I left Durham the next Summer, a friend sent me some of the seed. Early this year there were still some Lundy Cabbages growing in that garden in spite of the fact that much of it had been freshly dug.

In the Spring of 1962 I again attempted to raise the seed, but this time, although leaves appeared they soon withered through lack of attention.

This year I tried again and I have several clumps of plants growing in my front garden at the moment. They have not flowered this year, but if they survive the winter I am sure I will get more seed.

B. N. D. C.

## The Six Puffin Blue of 1930

Some time ago I experimented with copies of the six-puffin violet stamps of the 1930 issue to determine whether the stamp was a colour changeling or not.

I left a specimen in the sun for several weeks and it faded to a dull grey-blue. This I assumed was the six-puffin blue.

But recently, Mr Fred H Bloedow of Chicago informed me of his specimen of the blue stamp overprinted for the Wright Brothers anniversary issue.

He most generously lent me this stamp and I found it to be of a turquoise blue, quite unlike my faded specimen.

This encouraged me to take more drastic action during my trials. First I tried Hydrogen Peroxide with negative results. I tried salt water, but with no effect. Then benzene, again without any success. Next I tried ammonia, but the stamp remained unchanged. Lastly I tried detergent on one corner of the stamp. Nothing at all happened.

Not to be defeated I steamed the stamp, and at last something happened. The gum under the corner which had been coated with detergent went pink, and when the paper had dried the ink above this was turquoise blue.

The pink gum did not enhance the stamp so I dipped the stamp in boiling water and the rest of the stamp changed colour and the pink gum was washed away.

DO GENUINE BLUE STAMPS EXIST?



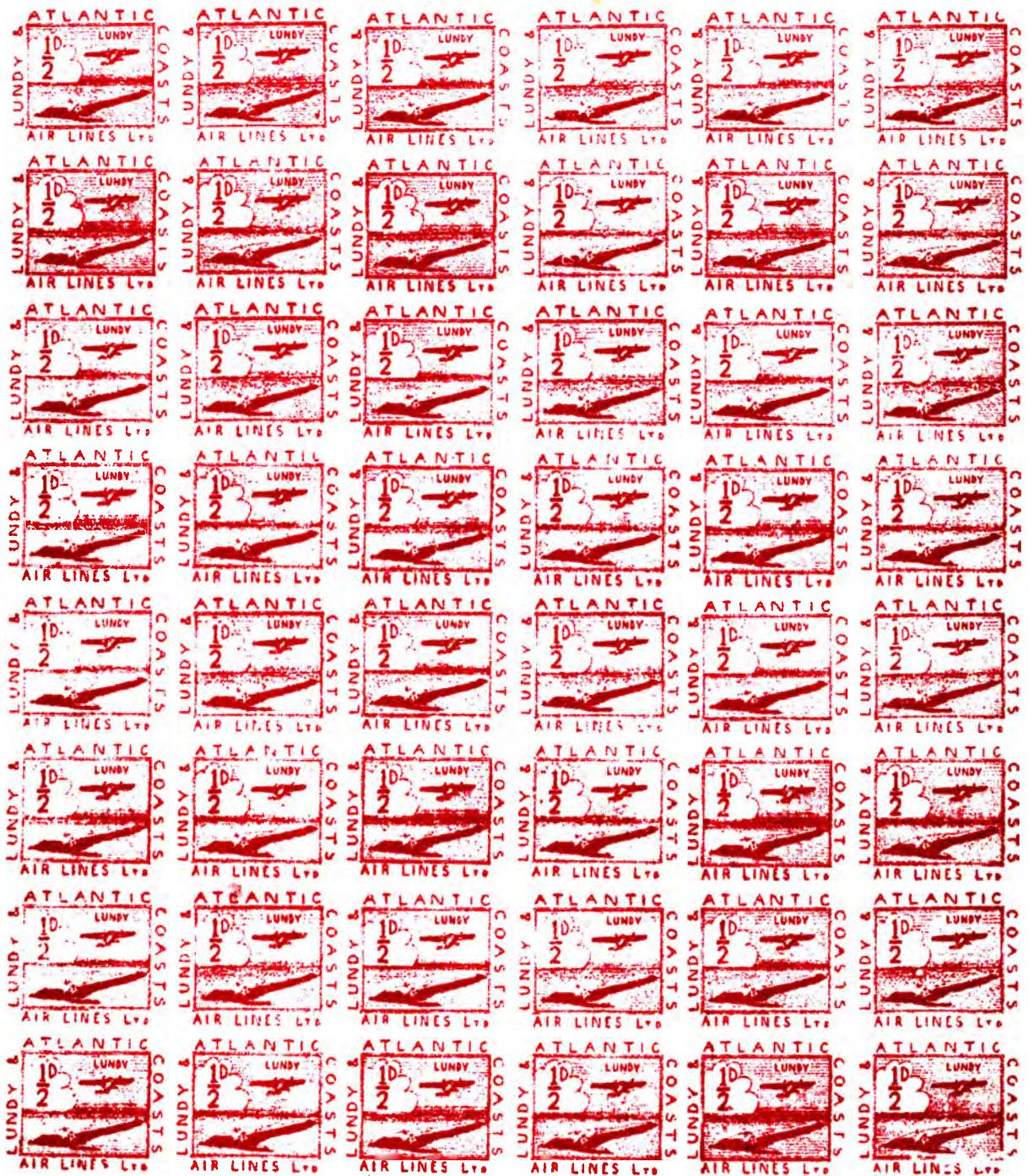
In "the LUNDY LOCALS" Mr F.R. Downing writes: - In the 6 puffin value, the very first printing (which is rarely seen) was made in blue, but this was quickly changed to mauve to avoid confusion with the 1 puffin.

In Mr Windeatt's Catalogue, it is priced both mint and used in two places. as number 6(a) and as 53 (h). That is with a Green V and plane overprint.

Could anyone owning specimens which are supposed to be genuine (especially mint) let me know, and I can then send them my colour changeling for comparison.

Perhaps we can settle once and for all the puzzle of the six-puffin blue stamps which some say were never issued.

B.N.D.Chinchen.



## NEW ISSUE ?

There has been rather vague talk for some months of a definitive issue to replace the definitive issue of 1957, but nothing has been settled. The possibility of a definitive issue came up because the 1p value of the 1957 issue is now exhausted, and it means either that the 1p value is reprinted, or a new issue. After using the 1p Lundy-Europa stamp of 1962 up to the end of July 1963, it was felt, with the rapid approach of a 1963 Europa issue, by many European countries, but not by Lundy, that it would be somewhat ridiculous to continue to use the 1962 stamp. With the 1p 1957 exhausted, there was no alternative but to revert to the use of the 1p stamp of the original 1929 issue, and that is the stamp for ordinary letters and post-cards, now being used, and which has been in use since August 1st 1963.

If and when there is a definitive issue, it is likely to be a short set, probably four or five values, and the stamps will depict indigenous animals of Lundy, of which there are only five, to wit, grey seal, pigmy shrew, black rat, brown rat and rabbit.

F. D. Gade.



## New Members

Mr F.H. Webster, 20 Hinderton Drive, Newton, West Kirby, Cheshire.

Rev. A.W. Ronald Hughes M.A. The Vicarage, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire.

C.V. Zon, Dennenlaan 12, Post Berkum, Zwollerkerspel, Holland.

Fred H. Bloedow, 5065 N. Wolcott Ave., Chicago, Illinois, 60640, U.S.A.

The Lundy Philatelic Bureau

Recently, in answer to an enquiry from Mr Fred H Bloedow, I quoted from Mr Gade's "The Postal History of Lundy" the following paragraph.

"Towards the end of 1941 Mr Harman instituted the Lundy Philatelic Bureau, and appointed Mr. T. Rigby Hall as its head. This step was taken mainly on account of the difficulty of providing for the needs of philatelists from remote Lundy, hampered by war-time restrictions and the curtailment of transport facilities. At the conclusion of the war in August, 1945, the Bureau was closed. The headquarters of the Bureau were successively at Northampton and Kettering. Lundy stamps were affixed to all letters etc. sent out by the Bureau, and it used a special cancelling stamp, but no date stamp."

Mr Bloedow replied: " The information you gave me was very enlightening, but your quote from Mr Gade's booklet concerning the closing of the Lundy Philatelic Bureau taking place in August 1945 seems in direct contradiction to one of the two examples of the Bureau Mail cancellation I have in my collection. This cover is very dog-eared and is apparently from Lundy as it bears a 1/2 puffin stamp on the reverse which is cancelled with the circular Lundy cancellation dated 25 SP 45. The front of the cover bears a 2 1/2d stamp cancelled APPLEDORE, BIDEFORD, DEVON, 25, 26 or 28 (not clear) SP 45. The cover is addressed to : PHILATELIC BUREAU OF LUNDY; TAJESTOCK CHAMBERS: BEASTMARKET HILL; NOTTINGHAM., and is cancelled on the back with the Bureau Mail cancellation over the Lundy stamp and date cancel." Can anyone explain the late date, or the address on the cover? Ed.

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 \* I am interested in purchasing any material relating to LUNDY. \*  
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 \* : Stamps, Covers, Articles, Clippings &c. \*  
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### World Health Organisation's Malaria Eradication Campaign

These stamps were issued April 25th 1962. 200,000 sets of the six stamps were printed plus an additional 100,000 of the 1p value.

The printers, Messrs Harrison & Sons Ltd., made available 800 sets of imperforate colour proofs. These were offered to philatelists at 21/- per set, and are still available from this office at that price.

Lundy was criticised in the philatelic press for this issue on the grounds that malaria eradication could have no possible interest for Lundy. Mr A.P. Harman wrote to the editors of the periodicals which had contained these critical references, pointing out that, if Lundy inhabitants were not subject to malaria, he, personally, had a very particular interest in the eradication of the disease, in that his main business interests lay in Nigeria, West Africa, where he employed many people, both British and African, most of whom were subject to attacks of malarial fever, and that he had himself had the disease, in a most malignant form, not once but several times. His interest in the Organisation's campaign was such that he made a contribution to its funds of £500. The periodicals concerned without exception, did not print Mr Harman's reply to the criticisms, which seems to me to indicate clearly that the editors of most of the popular philatelic magazines of Great Britain and the U.S.A., are actuated by a malicious hostility to Lundy which is hard to understand.

F.W.Gade.

This article was omitted when the Puffin was made up.

I apologize for raving to include it as a loose sheet. B.N.D.C.