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# EDITORIAL

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Seasons Greetings and a very Happy New Year to all our readers.

Our Autumn 2002 meeting in Eastleigh, Hants brought two welcome "*First*" to the Club. It was the first time that we have held a Meeting other than in London or North Devon, but most memorably we elected our first Club President Mrs Diana Keast. As most of us are aware, Diana is the younger daughter of the late owner of Lundy, Martin Coles Harman who put Lundy on the "Philatelic Map". Her election was not however for this reason alone, since Diana has been an ardent supporter of our Club since our inception in 1996, and she has attended practically every one of our eighteen meetings we have held. Our annual trip to Lundy on the '*Oldenburg*' each year wouldn't be the same without Diana on board!

In 2002 we welcomed the issue of the first new Lundy stamps for five years, and the Club celebrated the occasion with the issue of three Souvenir Booklets. One for each of the three Non-value stamps in the new issue (see page 21 of the Autumn 2002 issue of the '*JOURNAL*'). These booklets have proved very popular, and at the time of writing this Editorial, only a small handful of the 100 sets of booklets printed, remain unsold. Our sincere thanks to Jim Thomas for all of his work in producing the booklets.

We thank all those members who have renewed their Annual Subscription for 2003 so promptly - believe it or not, the first three renewals were received within two days of sending the Renewal Forms out! Unfortunately during 2002, two or three of our members passed away, but quite a few new members joined the Club, so that magical "200" figure is nearing fruition.

Let us look forward to another successful year in 2003. Our annual Summer Convention at Lundy and Ilfracombe is already booked for Saturday/Sunday 26/27th July, so make a date in your diary.

Finally, we would like to give a big thank you to Sharon Read, who over the last 12 months has provided the *Journal's* cover designs and the 2002 Christmas card design.

*Stanley Newman*  
*James Thomas*

January 2003

# ***AUTUMN 2002 MEETING REPORT***

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The Autumn 2002 meeting of the Lundy Collectors Club was held at The Crestwood Community Centre, Shakespeare Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2002. The meeting was preceded by the HAMPEX exhibition, which was held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October just down the road at Chandler's Ford.

The club meeting started at 10.30am with the usual bourse and a cup of coffee. The bourse was smaller than usual with only Stanley selling stamps and Sharon Read selling her Lundy artwork. At 11.15am James Thomas presented the first of the three displays which was titled '2002 Definitive Issue'. On display was a complete copy of the new set, a presentation pack and an official first day cover for the benefit of those who are still waiting for the island to process their order. In addition to these standard items was a copy of the official Press Release letter, a colour 'blow-up' showing the differences between the 1991 and 2002 issues, a piece of House of Questa packing as used with the 6 puffin value and copies of the two postmarks used. Also on display was a complete set of the LCC 2002 Booklets showing all three varieties for each value (see article commencing on page 11) and some of the proofs and artwork.

Mike Thompson followed with a display of Lundy Airmail which included amongst other things, the Large Map issue in complete sheets of 12, in proof form and used on cover, two photographs of Mr. Boyd beside his Shorts Scion aeroplane, Pitman paquebot mail and KLM Amsterdam-Lundy mail. Also on display were two 1d bisepts and some items of overpaid philatelic mail.

The third and final display was also conducted by Mike who gave a second showing of his 16 sheets of World War Two overprints which was first seen at the club's 2002 meeting at Ilfracombe (see Competition Report on page 5 for more details). At this point the meeting adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon part of the meeting commenced with viewing the Auction lots which was followed by Secretary's announcements. Stanley had only one topic for discussion and that was the venue of future meetings. As Eastleigh proved to be a venue favoured by the majority in attendance, it was decided to hold at least one meeting a year at Eastleigh, the Summer meeting in North Devon and have one meeting in the Midlands.

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At 3.00pm sharp Mike Thompson, ably assisted by Julie Lester and Stanley, started the Auction. Bidding was brisk at times with many postal bids and most of the 18 present in the room were participating. For a full report see page 23.

On completion of the Auction, Stanley made a couple of special announcements. Firstly, Diana Keast was presented with a card from the club to celebrate her birthday the day before and secondly he invited Diana on behalf of the club to become Club President, which she accepted with great honour and somewhat surprise.

The meeting ended with an informal session and the new Club President and Julie made tea and coffee for all.



*Stanley Newman, Mike Thompson and a mystery black bag!  
(Photo Bob Harper)*

# LUNDY NEWS

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## **THOSE DREADED RATS**

During November 2002, English Nature started the eradication of both the brown and black rats from Lundy. Baited traps have been used and it is anticipated that all the rats will have been removed from the island by Easter 2003 despite a lobby by a minority to save the rats.

## **FOR SALE – LUNDY**

That is correct, Lundy is for sale and only for £60 plus £25.99 down payment! However, before you all reach out for your chequebooks and rush off to North Devon for the first boat out of Ilfracombe, you can only buy Lundy for this bargain price if you are playing the latest variation of the game 'Monopoly'. It is called 'Devon Monopoly' - no more Mayfair or Old Kent Road, one can now buy Lundy along with many other famous Devon sites. The game can be purchased from high street shops including WH Smith for £25.99.

## **MICHAEL IS STARTING TO BALE OUT**

Michael Bale who has been dealing in Lundy stamps, postal history and Lundy ephemera for the last 13 years, has decided to reduce the size of his operation. However, Michael is still to carry-on with his auctions and catalogues and will continue to trade as 'Puffin Stamps'. He has also told the *Journal* that he intends to remain an interested member of the Lundy Collectors Club. Your editors wish Michael and Bronnie all the best for their partial retirement and look forward to seeing them at future Club meetings.

## **'FLY LUNDY'**

On 6<sup>th</sup> January 2003, the Lundy Winter helicopter service started. It is intended to provide a Winter helicopter service each year whilst the Oldenburg is in dry dock for its annual overhaul. The service is provided by Castle Air Services of Liskeard, Cornwall and the flights are from Blagdon Farm at Hartland Point.

## **LUNDY FIELD SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**

This year's LFS Annual Meeting will be held at the Peter Chalk Centre, Exeter University on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

# 2002 COMPETITION REPORT

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The 2002 Club Competitions were held at the Summer Meeting at Ilfracombe on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2002. For the second year running, there were only enough entrants to support *The Julie Lester Cup* for Postal History and *The R.E. Allen Trophy* for Lundy Postcards, Ephemera or Literature.

## **The Julie Lester Cup**

1<sup>st</sup> Mail Boat Cachets – Brian Drew

Brian displayed a comprehensive collection of Lundy Mail Boat cachets starting with the 'Gannet' and including the 'Polar Bear', 'Waverley', 'Oldenburg' and 'Balmoral'. The covers were mainly commemorative with one or two commercially used.

2<sup>nd</sup> Registered Mail of Lundy – Mike Thompson

Mike displayed 8 sheets of Lundy Registered Mail, which included a 1911 cover with the Lundy Island Registered label, 2 George V ½d reds and a 1d Victorian revenue stamp. The rest of the display was made up of 7 sheets ranging from 1939 to 1964.

## **The R.E. Allen Trophy**

=1<sup>st</sup> A Day Trip to Lundy – Mike Thompson

This display captured all present as it contained a collection of old black and white and sepia postcards and was presented so as to tell the story of 'A day trip to Lundy'.

=1<sup>st</sup> HMS Lundy 1943-82 – Brian Drew

A most detailed study of HMS Lundy which included considerable research and many photographs never seen before by Lundy collectors. As this entry was considered so good it was published in full in the Autumn 2002 issue of *The New Puffin Journal*.

# **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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## **LUNDY ISLAND FRANKING MACHINE**

Just for the record, the island is now using a new Die in their Franking machine. Its number is – PB929744. PBK 02950 must have been replaced sometime between 21<sup>st</sup> May 2002 and 10<sup>th</sup> January 2003.

Jim Mullett.

## **NEW PRINTERS FOR LUNDY STAMPS**

As a result of De-la Rue buying out The House of Questa for £3.2 million, it will be interesting to see who will get the next contract for Lundy Stamps? Or indeed supply re-prints of last years definitive issue if required.

Jim Mullett.

## **TRAMTICKETS ISSUED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 1935**

Although it is stated that Tramtickets were issued on 1<sup>st</sup> April, it would be interesting to know how many stamps and covers were actually used in April and to try to find out the earliest recorded date of use since there are no FDC's of this issue.

Jim Mullett.

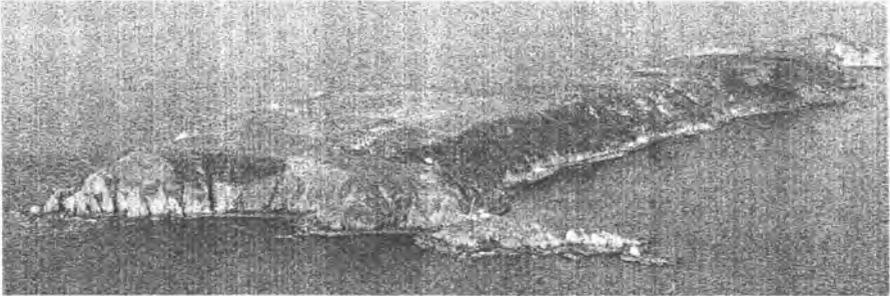
*Thanks Jim for your letters and I agree that it would be interesting to know a bit more about the 1935 issue. I have still got to finish off the 1969 Appeal survey, however, once this is complete I will start a survey on this issue. If in the mean time anyone can provide any information please contact the Editorial Office.*

*Ed.*

# ***EU MADNESS***

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## This is no longer an island!



When Britain first joined the European Common Market, British jam had to be re-labelled as jam substitute, Cornish pasties could only be made in Cornwall and I wouldn't like to print what the French said about our cider! Now Lundy which has been an island since it split with the mainland about 100,000 years ago, is no longer an island according to Brussels. Although we in Devon can still see 12 miles of cold wet sea between Lundy and the mainland, European bureaucrats have ruled that because it has a population of under 50 people it can no longer be classed as an island.

Caroline Jackson, an MEP for South West England said, "the EU was trying to weed-out islands eligible for funding". Another South West MEP, Graham Watson said, "The statistical definition of an island was being used on an European Commission study into the general characteristics and socio-economic handicaps which islands face. They needed a statistical definition to compare like for like across the EU."

Paul Roberts, Lundy General Manager is quoted in the 'Western Morning News' as saying "We did get Objective Two money a few years ago to build a new jetty for boats to moor but other than that we have to rely on money from charitable donations. What I would like to see is Lundy classed as an island so if future EU law is changed we don't miss out on vital money which could pass us by".

Lundy currently qualifies for Objective Two funding from the EU because it is classed as being part of Devon.

# **BOOK REVIEW**

By Roger Allen

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## **THE SCUBA DIVER'S GUIDE TO LUNDY MARINE NATURE RESERVE** By Paul Kay

This superbly produced book, published by English Nature specifically for divers but so well prepared and full of interesting facts that non-divers will find it equally absorbing and a copy should be on every Lundy Collector's shelf.

The first third of the book contains short sections on the island itself, its scenery on land, and the life and scenery below the surface of its waters. This includes the plants, the rare creatures found there, the caves and sandy sea floor. There are also chapters on the seals and basking sharks. The most famous wrecks are also covered in detail with a very fine photograph of the Iona II, the huge paddle steamer that sank off Lundy in 1864.

The second part of this book consists of a whole series of diagrams and maps of each of the diving sites around the island. Each page consists of a map of a site, a route map and instructions. The page is meant to be removed and then laminated, using a waterproof method, and then carried underwater by the diver.

The final section of the book contains pages of magnificent underwater photographs of seaweeds, fish crustaceans, anemones, sponges, corals, jellyfish, etc., etc. The idea being again that each page is removed and laminated and taken below. The book is so well produced and so interesting however, that the concept of cutting it up seems inconceivable, unless you buy two copies.

Produced in a completely square format, in 62 pages with firm card covers, there is no date in the book, but it appears to have been produced in 2001. It is available from the island shop at £5.00 plus postage, but the address of English Nature (Devon Team) is also given as Level 2, Renslade House, Bonhay Road, Exeter, EX4 3AW.

# ***LUNDY ISLAND HOT AIR BALLOON CHARITY CHALLENGE***

By Jo Upton

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The Lundy Charity Challenge took place on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2002, when the first Hot Air Balloon to fly solo from Lundy Island, flew 22 miles over the sea to the mainland and landed at East-the-Water near Bideford. This challenge also raised a grand total of just over £5,000 for three charities; CLIC, ME and The Lundy Fund.

The Lundy Charity Challenge team comprised of members from many places. The pilot and challenge organisers, Jordan Rivers-Scott is from Loughborough, Leicestershire where he met Jo Upton from Woolley at Loughborough University. Whilst completing their final year at university they came up with the idea of the Charity Challenge and were joined by many others, including the Loughborough University Hot Air Balloon Club and their families, also Jo's family, John and Jan Upton and Grenville Colwill.

The team has been raising money over the last year by visiting many areas to sell draw tickets around Loughborough, North Cornwall and Devon. These included Safeways Bude, The 'Big Sheep', Killarney Springs and Kilkhampton Post Office. Sponsorship was gained in addition to the fund-raising from several companies including Woolacombe Holiday Park, Midlands LPG and Woolacotts in Bude.

The crew for the challenge sailed to Lundy on 22<sup>nd</sup> June ready to stay for a week and wait for the perfect weather opportunity. Hot Air Ballooning requires a gentle breeze and a westerly wind was hoped for (so as not to end up in the Bristol Channel or Atlantic!). On the second day of the visit the weather looked good and at 06:40 the balloon took off and headed for the mainland. Part of the crew followed the balloon in a "safety boat" to provide extra fuel in case of an emergency. Fortunately the flight went without problem and 2 hours later, landed safely, to be met with a bottle of Champagne and the Westcountry News crew.

Celebrations for the challenge took place at the Upton's in Woolley where a charity auction was held, auctioning equipment and ballooning items used in the challenge. This was hugely successful and raised an extra £388 towards the total. The fund-raising target was now fairly close and then Bryn Vanstone stepped forward and offered to top up the funds to meet the target. The Grand Draw was then held where the main winner won a Champagne Hot Air Balloon flight for two, second prize was two tickets for a trip to Lundy Island and third prize was a DVD player.

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The challenge met both targets: a trip into the record books and £5,014 for charity. The three charities now have a total of £1,671 each to go towards their cause.



*Balloon flying away from Lundy (above)  
Presentation of the cheque on completion of the flight (below)*



# ***2002 LUNDY STAMP ISSUE IN DETAIL***

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In the Autumn 2002 issue of this *Journal*, I published basic details of the new 2002 Lundy Definitive stamp issue and the Lundy Collectors Club 2002 Souvenir Stamp Booklets. I am now able to expand on those articles with more detail of the Officially produced material and our own Club's souvenir material.

## **The Stamps**

The stamp issue is a slightly reworked version of the 1991 definitive set. There are new values, including for the first time three non-value indicator stamps, and new colours. In addition there are slight changes to the background hatching. This is illustrated in the enlargement below and overleaf.



*Enlargement of the 1991 24 puffin stamp showing in detail the hatching between the back of the bird and the word 'PUFFIN'*



*Enlargement of the 2002 European stamp showing in detail the additional hatching behind the back of the bird*

### **First Day Covers**

The Official First Day Cover was produced using the type 'XX' 30mm diameter single ring canceller which was first used in 1996 on the 'Lundy Flora' issue. However, unofficial First Day Covers were cancelled with the larger 32mm single ring canceller which was first introduced in 1997 and used on the St. Helena's Church and the Lighthouse issues. This cancel has yet to be catalogued as it supersedes the current edition of 'Postal History, Postmarks and Cachets of Lundy Island'.

Illustrations of the two cancellers used on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2002 are shown on page 13.



*Part of an Unofficial First Day Cover showing the larger 32mm canceller.(Above)  
The corresponding part of the Official First Day Cover showing the smaller  
30mm canceller. (Below)*



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## Lundy Collectors Club Souvenir Booklets

The final number of Souvenir Booklet sets produced by the Club for the Summer 2002 Meeting is One Hundred. Each set consist of three booklets containing five stamps of the three non-value indicator stamps.

Due to the way in which the sheet of stamps was produced, there are three different types for each value. The difference can be found in the margin, which holds the strip of five stamps to the cover. The margins can be found either Plain, with Puffin or with the House of Questa Balloon and were produced in the following numbers:-

House of Questa Balloon – 20 Booklets of each value

Puffin – 20 Booklets of each value

Plain – 60 Booklets of each value

### Additional Information

When the sheets were transported from the printers to Lundy, they were protected by grey dense card cut to the exact size of the sheets and on the top piece of card an identification label was fixed. The one used for the 6-puffin sheet can be seen below.



## ***POSTCARD TO AND FROM MEMBERS OF THE HARMAN FAMILY***

By Roger Allen

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In July 1952, Daphne Harman, niece of Martin Coles Harman, and a friend were staying on Lundy. She sent a postcard to her parents, her father Denis Harman, the brother of MCH, and her mother Mrs. Georgina Harman, addressing it to Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Harman, The Poplars, Upper Halliford, Shepperton, Middlesex. Sadly, Daphne Harman died in 1989 and her parents had died some time before that.

Although Daphne was a regular visitor, Mr. and Mrs. Denis Harman only visited Lundy once, in the Spring of 1932. Mrs. Harman was so ill from the boat trip that neither of them ever went again. Denis had been in the cavalry during World War I and on that visit to Lundy, he helped Mr. Gade subdue some unbroken ponies and lead them down to the Landing Beach for shipment to the mainland.

Daphne's message on the postcard reads as follows: 'Wednesday, Many thanks for letter received this morning – it was very cloudy yesterday – so the plane did not come over until today – so if it is not possible to get off the island on Saturday, I will send a telegram. We love it here and don't want to come home. We watched supplies being hauled up to the lighthouse today. Love D & R.' (The 'R' could possibly be the initial of Ruth Harman Jones.)

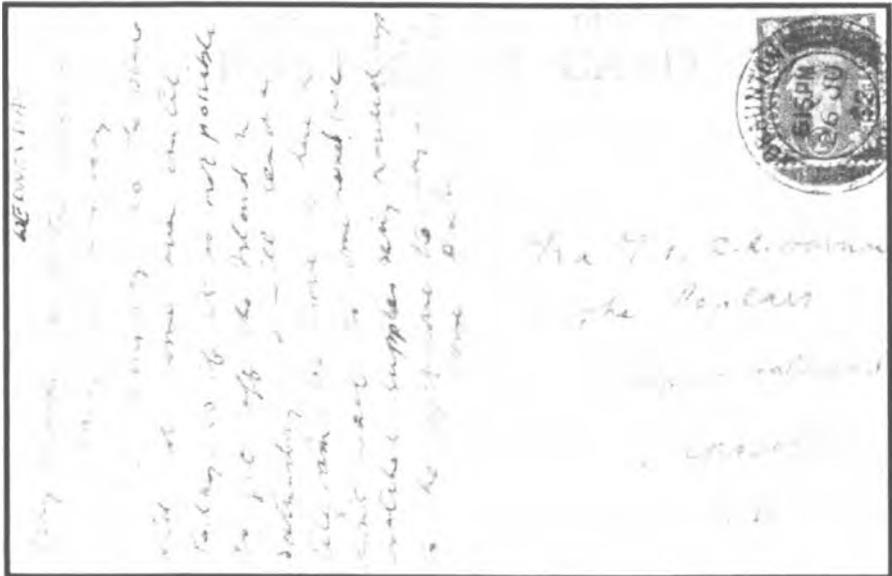
This short message conjures up quite a picture of the island of those days. The plane was the only regular means of transport in the early 1950's and bad weather must often have interrupted the plans of visitors and islanders alike, much more so than today.

Many of us will remember seeing the cable stretching down from the South Light to the Landing Bay. We may perhaps have seen the Trinity House supply ship bringing in stores and watching the keepers hauling them up the cliff in a large box, to the tripod by the gate to the lighthouse compound. The same box and cable, in fact, up which, on that famous occasion in 1965, Doctor Ruddock and Brooke were hauled during a fierce storm, to care for a patient on the island, who had suffered a severe haemorrhage.

When Daphne states that she will send a telegram to her parents if she is delayed, she must be referring to the 'Lundygrams' that Mr. Gade relayed by radio to Hartland Point Coastguards for their onward transmission. These were white 'radiogram' forms, which he had devised and on which he wrote the messages. He charged the sender per word. Copies of the radiograms were given to the sender inside grey-green envelopes.

The sepia postcard is Sweetman card number '9941'. The Manor Hotel and Farm, Lundy'. The card has a George VI 2d stamp on the message side, cancelled with a Braunton c.d.s. dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 1952. This postmark was common at that time, as the Lundy mail was flown from Lundy by Devonair to Barnstaple Airport, now called Chivenor, which is near Braunton. The picture side of the card is franked with a blue one-puffin stamp overprinted BY AIR (Newman 70A, wide spacing).

The photograph of the village on this card, almost certainly predates 1952 by a good many years but was obviously still on sale on the island at the time. The card was probably part of the stock that had the Lundy stamps already fixed on them before being put on sale in the shop. This ensured that the purchaser not only brought the Lundy stamps, but also that they were placed in the correct position. Many cards during the Harman period were treated this way, pre stamping before sale. Such cards can now be useful evidence both for dating the cards themselves and also for being sure that the card had been sold on the island.



# ***ARTICLE BY FRANCIS KIDDLE ON THE 'LARGE MAP' ISSUES IN STAMP MAGAZINE, FEBRUARY 2003***

By Roger Allen

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In the February issue of 'Stamp Magazine', Francis Kiddle in his regular Cinderella Corner column, gives a fairly comprehensive history of the Lundy 'Large Maps' issue of 1936. He obtains most of his information from Michael Bale's fourth edition of the 'Stamps of Lundy Island' but he also draws upon his own collection.

In his article, Francis mentions the tramtickets and the small air stamps, ½ puffin violet and red, and 1 puffin black, that were issued from 1937 to 1939, but the main thrust of his two page article is the background to the 'Large Maps'. He also gives the briefest of background information about the island and relates the origins of the Atlantic Coast Air Services.

Francis is the chairman of the Cinderella Stamp Club and seems to have collections of just about everything. His Lundy material includes at least one of the FDC's of the 'Large Map' issue containing all six values. This item is illustrated in his article. Michael Bale says that only ten such FDC's are known. Francis has other FDC's with less than all the values on them, and covers signed by R. T. Boyd, one of which is also illustrated.

Perhaps the finest Lundy item mentioned in this article is a letter, signed by Boyd and addressed to a Frank Trestrail dated 10th March 1936. In the letter he replies to a request for stamps and covers and gives other information. The letter is on the headed notepaper of the Barnstaple and North Devon Aerodrome, Heanton Court, which was the home base of the Barnstaple and North Devon Flying Club. Boyd was the owner of the Aerodrome, proprietor of the Club and operator of the Atlantic Coast Air Services. The headed notepaper is printed in a violet colour and is clearly illustrated in the article.

On this letterhead, alongside the address of the Aerodrome, is a map of North Devon, the Bristol Channel and Lundy, indicating the routes flown by the Air Service. The map shows several features and places; Barnstaple, Bideford, the Aerodrome, Lundy and Cardiff. There are two air routes marked on the map by dotted lines and small aeroplanes; one to Lundy and the other across the Bristol Channel to Cardiff.

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The design of this notepaper is more than reminiscent of the design of the 'Large Maps' themselves. In the text of his letter, Boyd tells Mr. Trestrail that the 'Large Maps', are due to be issued on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1936. As the letter is dated 10<sup>th</sup> March, it is fairly clear that the design of the headed notepaper, drawn by Boyd, predates the stamps and formed the basis for the design of the Large Maps, also drawn by Boyd. It is also interesting to see evidence of the other routes that Boyd operated.

The only incorrect piece of information in the article comes right at the end. Francis states that after the war there was only one flight but the plane crashed and no further flights were made. In fact as we know, flights were resumed on Lundy from 1950 to 1956. It is true that the ditching of an Auster Autocrat in 1955 caused the flights to be suspended, but they continued after that until 1956, when the MV Lundy Gannet commenced service.

## **DIARY 2003**

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2003  | Lundy Field Society Annual Meeting at the Peter Chalk Centre, Exeter University.         |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2003   | Lundy Collectors Club all day meeting at the Crestwood Centre, Eastleigh, Hampshire.     |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2003  | Lundy Collectors Club day trip to Lundy on board the m.s. Oldenburg.                     |
| Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2003    | Lundy Collectors Club all day meeting at 'The Landmark', Wilder Road, Ilfracombe, Devon. |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2003 | Lundy Collectors Club all day meeting at the Crestwood Centre, Eastleigh, Hampshire.     |

# STATEMENT OF CLUB ACCOUNTS

For the 12 months ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002.

During the year the Club purchased our new Digital Colour Printer. The cover and certain pages of 'The New Puffin Journal' now appear in colour – a step welcomed by all readers of our Club magazine. In spite of this expenditure, we have managed to make a small surplus on our accounts. As you will already be aware, we have been able to maintain our Club Subscription rates unaltered, for the Fifth year running.

| <u>INCOME</u>            | <u>2002</u>   | <u>EXPENDITURE</u>           | <u>2002</u>   |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Member Subscriptions     | 2065.00       | Printing of <i>Journal</i>   | 716.98        |
| Auction Commission       | 586.98        | Other Printing & Stationery. | 1076.13       |
| Auction Donation to Club | 75.00         | Postage                      | 406.61        |
| Adverts in <i>TNPJ</i>   | 96.00         | Ilfracombe Meeting           | 807.70        |
| Sale of Binders          | 53.50         | Room Hire (3 Meetings)       | 340.63        |
| Sale of Stamp Booklets   | 654.35        | Club Admin. Expenses         | 169.85        |
| Ilfracombe Meeting       | <u>741.75</u> | Club Stamp Booklets          | <u>529.93</u> |
|                          |               |                              | 4047.83       |
|                          |               | Surplus in year              | <u>224.75</u> |
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**THE "ALTERNATIVE LUNDY" CATALOGUE**





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# **LUNDY – THE ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION – PRICED CATALOGUE – NOVEMBER 2002**

Reviewed by Stanley Newman

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Gerald King, the arch-protagonist of the “Alternative Lundy Collection” has now published a much enlarged 36-page, A4 size catalogue, unleashed to his fans at a give away price of £4.50! At first sight, the conservative cover of this catalogue would consign it to the technical section of one’s bookcase, but open the catalogue and you would realise that it would be better placed on the section of your bookcase marked ‘Fiction’!

The humour incorporated in Gerald’s original A5 size catalogue has been considerably amplified in the new edition. Two examples:-

*GUM – Manufactured locally from broken eggs and puffin droppings. Can vary from clear to brownish yellow with intermediate shades of patchy or streaky grey or green or even bright pink, depending on puffin diet at the time. Beware of stamps with original gum washed off and replaced with that made from pigeon droppings by unscrupulous pigeon fanciers. A comprehensive handbook detailing the differences in the gum origins is available from most newsagents at £199.99 +VAT (Editor’s note – Gerald there is no VAT on books nor catalogues!)*  
*1938-43 Issue – Note. The 3d “Opera House” design. The building was erected in 1877 in honour of the great Lundy composer Guiseppi Puffinini. It is now the favourite venue of the renowned tenor Luciano Puffinarotti.*

Gerald is to be congratulated on his magnificent output of “spoof” Lundy stamps, Commemorative Covers and Postal Stationery items (many of which are now commanding very high prices on Internet auctions!) When looking through the catalogue, don’t be put off by some of the astronomical prices (in £.s.d.) quoted for some of the stamps. In the introduction, Gerald explains “*The prices quoted herein are for “mint mounted” specimens based on realisations held by Messrs. Hammer, Pryce & Co. on Easter Island between 1935 and 1960. Beware of unmounted mint specimens offered with faked hinge marks added*”. Gerald has personally assured me that a list of actual prices required (in decimal currency!) is included in each catalogue.

My only minor reservation is that the catalogue is published in A4 size, which doesn’t fit into everyone’s bookshelf. Perhaps a much thicker A5 size might have been considered, but then that might have inhibited some of the Postal History illustrations with their hilarious descriptions!

The catalogue can be obtained direct from:-

Gerald King, Cobbler’s Cottage, No.1 The Street, Bramfield, Suffolk, IP19 9HT

# THE "SACK"

By The 'Archivist'

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Amongst the unanticipated reasons that the recent Autumn 2002 Club Meeting was such a great success, was the welcome appearance of that 'doyen' of Lundy philately – Barry Chinchen, who happens to live locally in Eastleigh. After the morning displays, Barry disappeared – only to return shortly thereafter with a huge black polythene sack, which he stated contained his "rubbish" from the 1970's, and had laid untouched for well over 20 years!

Barry very kindly offered the "sack" for auction in aid of Club funds, and all present agreed that it should remain firmly secured until after it was auctioned. Before the Club Auction commenced after lunch, our Hon. Auctioneer Mike Thompson put up the "sack" for auction and the bidding was indeed very brisk – starting with a bid of £5 and increasing in £2 steps until it reached £20. Then the "heavyweights" stepped in - £25 - £30 - £40 - £45 - £50 until somebody (taking a complete gamble) called out £75 – and the "sack" was knocked down!!

After the Club auction finished, the sack was opened and at first sight it did indeed appear to contain nothing but rubbish – mostly selvedge and margins from sheets stripped of their stamps. Normal shape from the 1929/39, 1951 and 1957 definitives, triangular shape from the Millennium issues, and rectangular shapes from the "Save the Seabirds" issue. This was not wasted however, as Sharon Read eagerly gathered it all up with the idea of designing some "new" Lundy stamp ideas, which she hopes to display at a future Club Meeting! During the course of the following few days the "sack" was examined in greater detail, and as well as containing no less than about 450 unused FDC's for the 1974 definitives (destined to be used by the Editor of our *JOURNAL!*). It proved to contain a considerable amount of very interesting archive material from the Lundy Philatelic Service, which existed in the 1970's to distribute Lundy stamps, FDC's and Presentation Packs to Lundy Collectors and was also concerned with interesting experimental work on Lundy Philately. Much of this material will be offered to members in our Club auctions, commencing with the Spring 2003 auction (see attached Auction Catalogue).

The most interesting item in the "sack" was a set of the five trial proofs designed by John Dyke for a commemorative issue on the "Grounding of the Montagu". This issue was never proceeded with and whether any more of these trials exist is completely unknown. The trials are illustrated on the next page.



*The very rare, possibly unique, trial proofs depicting the  
Grounding of HMS Montagu.*

## ***NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS***

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In our attempt to maintain continuing improvement, the *Journal's* e-mail service provider has been changed. The new e-mail address is:

[thenewpuffinjournal@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:thenewpuffinjournal@tiscali.co.uk)

# AUCTION REPORT

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The first of our Club Auctions not to take place in London or North Devon, was held at the Club's Autumn 2002 Meeting at the Crestwood Community Centre in Eastleigh, Hants. The usual crew (Mike, Stan and Julie) were in attendance, and Mike started off the Auction with an extra lot – 'THE SACK' (see page 21 for details). This unopened black rubbish sack was donated by our Hon. Member Barry Chinchin (who ran the Lundy Philatelic Service in the 1980's), and realised a whopping £75 00! The normal Club auction then commenced, and the resulting 'highlights' of the sale were as follows:-

| <u>Stamps</u>   | <u>£</u> |
|---|----------|
| 1935 "Tramticket" 3d. value, Roll 4 – N7. M/M   | 26       |
| 1938 LACAL ½d. overprinted small violet stamp.<br>Marginal block of 4 M/M                       | 26       |
| 1940 Red Cross 2-puffin, 'broken cross' variety. M/M  | 22       |
| 1940 Red Cross 3-puffin with broken bottom margin. U/M  | 27       |
| 1942 "V+plane" o/p's – 9 used stamps ½p x 4, 1p x 2, 6p, 9p & 12p                               | 18       |
| 1942 Tighearna M/S M/M  | 13       |
| 1943 Wright Brothers overprints. Set of 12 values very fine used                                | 105      |
| 1951 "Flying Birds" ½-puffin Imperf. proof on white paper                                       | 31       |
| 1953 Coronation 2p & 4p in wrong colour o/p's, blocks of 4 U/M                                  | 26       |
| 1957 New Definitive 1-puffin in pair with l/h margin. U/M                                       | 36       |
| <u>Postal History</u>   |          |
| 1906 Lundy "Thimble" cancel 6.9.1906 on P/C sent to London                                      | 85       |
| 1936 FDC of ½d., 1d. & 2d. Large Maps on Pilot-signed<br>Cover to Plymouth                      | 68       |
| 1938 FDC of overprinted LACAL ½d. small air stamp (violet)<br>Sent to Lundy 1.11.38             | 95       |
| 1939 Stanard cover to USA with 1929 ½p & 1p, also ½ LACAL<br>o/p with Db cancel                 | 16       |
| 1969 APPEAL Receipt card bearing Appeal overprint stamp<br>cancelled 11.10.1969                 | 600      |
| 1972 Cover to Sandy, Beds., with 1p on 9p o/p 16.5.72 contains<br>Illustrated Lundy News        | 37       |
| <u>Photographs &amp; Albums</u>   |          |
| Six B/W photographs (6"x4") taken of the <i>Oldenburg</i> when<br>in service in Germany in 1980 | 30       |
| 1970 Lundy Stamp Album issued by Barry Chinchin for 1929 1969                                   | 15       |
| <u>Bogus</u>  |          |
| 1953 Coronation set with forged small EUROPA diagonally<br>across stamps M/M                    | 10.50    |

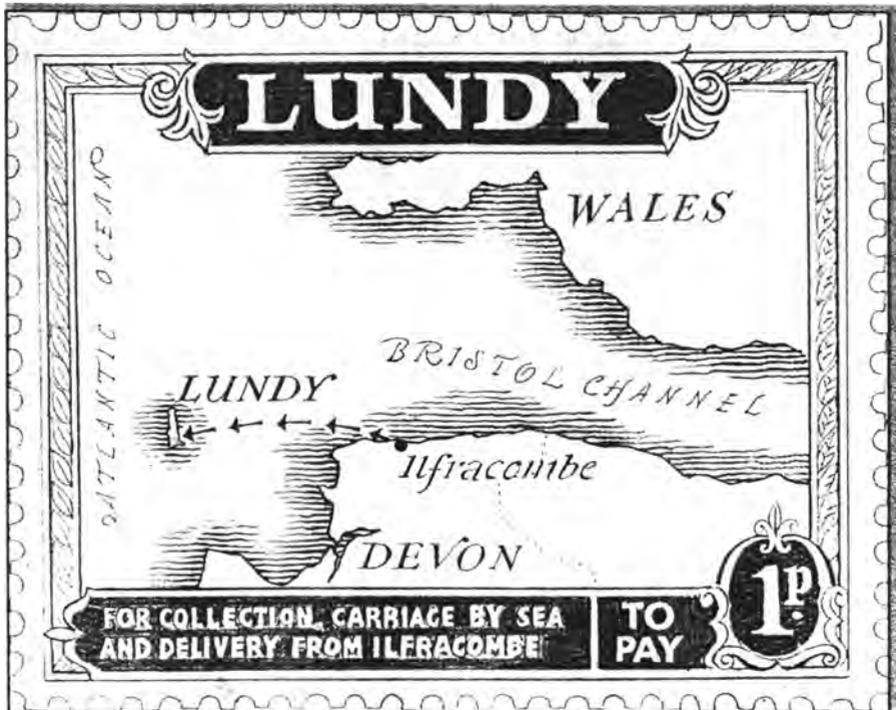
# THE PROJECTED LUNDY ISLAND "TO PAY" STAMPS

By Jim Mullett

I have recently been privileged to view an exciting portfolio of designs, sketches and essays for a Lundy Island receipt stamp.

This project was undertaken in the 1960's when the island was still in private hands and when every penny was needed to support the island economy. Incoming mail was charged for when collected by the islanders and the idea was to affix a receipt stamp upon payment of the required fee. In the event, the decision was made to continue using the existing Lundy definitives for the same purpose.

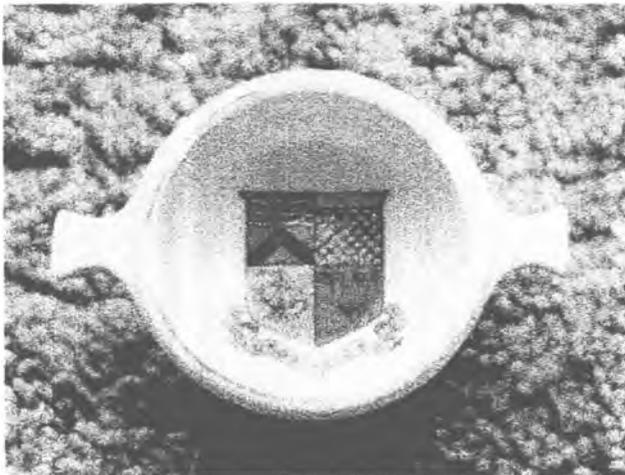
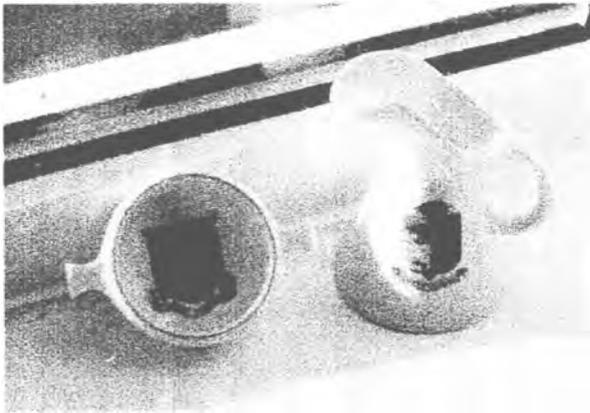
The sketches and hand painted designs by John Dyke show various options including some of the "Polar Bear" supply ship (which gives us the rough date for the design) and various designs of the island located in a map of the Bristol Channel. All have the wording:- "TO PAY, FOR COLLECTION, CARRIAGE BY SEA AND DELIVERY FROM ILFRACOMBE".



# ***MORE LUNDY CHINA***

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Sharon Read has kindly supplied photographs of some newly acquired pieces of the elusive Lundy Crested China. They are believed to be a Whiskey Bowl and a Jug, but details of the manufacturer are unknown.



A full description of the piece illustrated above was given on page 14 of *The New Puffin Journal* of Summer 1998, in an article on Lundy Crested China by the late Ian Wilkinson

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At the Summer 2002 Meeting, Alan Pierce presented as a display a glass cabinet full of some of Lundy's rare and sought after china. The cabinet contained 3 shelves packed with mugs, jugs, ornaments, a couple of ashtrays and an engraved goblet. Ten items of crested china and a pie funnel with the Lundy parrot! Two very rare orange pots had a radio-active glaze and everything on display had the word Lundy on it.



*The inside of Alan's display cabinet*

# **LUNDY FIELD SOCIETY EPHEMERA**

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## **NEW SERIES OF CARDS. LUNDY – PEOPLE FROM THE PAST**

Produced by the Lundy Field Society.

Available from the island shop or from the Field Society at £3.75 plus postage, is a new pack of notelets with the above title. These come in four designs and there are two of each design in the pack, plus envelopes. The designs are in fact photographs from the Heaven collection belonging to Myrtle Ternstrom and the subjects are described below.

- 1) H. Jukes, Coastguard, photographed at the castle about 1920. He composed a booklet on Lundy, illustrated with his own photographs. The Coastguard continued the signalling duties on Lundy as from 1909, previously undertaken by Lloyds. The photograph on the card shows Jukes in naval uniform standing by the flagpole with lowered flag, and with a baton in his hand. He is standing on the parade ground south of the castle wall.
- 2) John M. McCarthy appears on the second card. He was Old Light principal keeper from 1884 to 1893. McCarthy wears the silver-buttoned Trinity House uniform including a cap with badge. His face is amply ornamented with whiskers and beard. Also with him is his youngest son, Augustus George who was aged nine in 1893, dressed in cap and ill fitting jacket and looking like a typical Victorian street boy from London.
- 3) Unknown islander collecting gulls eggs. He carries a coiled rope, wears a cap and is situated some distance down a steep slope. His harvest of eggs lies at his feet. Myrtle states that the photograph dates from about 1875.
- 4) George Thomas came to Lundy from Sennen in Cornwall as a seasonal fisherman some time before 1879. He remained as a resident until 1911. He is shown on the card carrying two good sized lobsters and wearing a trilby hat, fisherman's sweater and sea boots. His catch of lobsters was sold not only to the island but also to passing ships and on the mainland. He crossed over to the mainland in his own ship the '*Nyanza*'. It was George Thomas who built the original Hammers, which was called 'The Palace' in his time. He visited the island more than once during Mr. Gade's early years.

These photographs are not easy to obtain especially the first two, and this set of cards will be a welcome addition to many collections. Let us hope that Myrtle opens her archives to more items of this type in the future.

# ***THE GREAT LUNDY BOTTLE LAUNCH – RESULTS***

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As you may remember, during last year's trip to Lundy, the Club organised a 'Bottle Launch' from the m.s.Oldenburgh. The bottles were launched at approximately mid-channel on the crossings to and from Lundy on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2002. The launch was in-fact a competition to find the bottle that went the furthest and the prize – a year's subscription to the Lundy Collectors Club.

Despite your Editors' fears that none of the bottles would come ashore and if they did, that nobody would find them or bother to return the slips, a total of nine of the 25 slips eventually found their way back to the Editorial Office by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002.

All nine bottles were washed-up along the North Devon coast, some were found almost immediately and others took a month or two. They were found at various points along the coast between Lee Bay near Ilfracombe to Mouth Mill near Clovelly. The distances shown below were measured from a point marked on the map halfway between Ilfracombe Harbour and the Jetty on Lundy.

So now, what you have all been waiting for – the final result in reverse order:-

| <b>Position</b>    | <b>Name</b>          | <b>Place Found</b>      | <b>Distance Travelled</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 9 <sup>th</sup>    | Keith Hand           | Putsborough             | 7.3 miles                 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Tom Craze            | Crow Point              | 8.6 miles                 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>    | Ken Lee              | Lee Bay                 | 9 miles                   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>    | Bob Harper           | Westward Ho!            | 11.3 miles                |
| =3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Diana Keast          | Clovelly                | 11.7 miles                |
| =3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Roy Bentley          | Clovelly                | 11.7 miles                |
| =3 <sup>rd</sup>   | James Thomas         | Clovelly                | 11.7 miles                |
| <b>Joint First</b> | <b>Hazel Davies</b>  | <b>Greencliff Point</b> | <b>12 miles</b>           |
| <b>Joint First</b> | <b>Mike Thompson</b> | <b>Greencliff Point</b> | <b>12 miles</b>           |

Hazel and Mike will both receive a free subscription to the Lundy Collectors Club for one year.

Well done to the winners and a big thank you to all who participated in the fun.

# BOOK SHELF

By Roger Allen

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**SIX DEVON ROGUES.** By Sabine Baring Gould. Price £3.00  
Published in 2000 by Bossiney Books, Launceston, Cornwall, PL15 8LD.

This new edition of part of this well known but elusive book first written by Baring Gould in 1908. It covers several characters of ill repute, including Sir Lewis "Judas" Stucley who captured Sir Walter Raleigh in 1618 and took him to London for his execution. Sir Lewis fled to Lundy where he died a madman in 1620.

**TWO RIVERS MEETING (APPLEDORE, NORTHAM, WESTWARD HO!, INSTOW AND TAPELEY PARK).** By Lois Lamplugh.  
Published in 1998 by Wellspring (Devon), Springside, Bydown, Swimbridge, Devon, EX32 0QB. Price £9.50

Most of the places that this book covers have a very close historical connection with Lundy and the island is mentioned throughout. Lois Lamplugh has written many books on Devon and more than one on the subject of Lundy. The book is illustrated profusely by Peter Rothwell, who has already illustrated many books on Lundy, including the newest edition of Chanter's Monograph.

**MADOC AND THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.** By Richard Deacon.  
Published by George Braziller, New York, 1966.

This is a book that has to be taken with a great pinch of salt but nevertheless reading it is a fascinating experience. Its main purport is the discovery of the Americas in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century by the Welshman Madoc.

The first mention of Lundy in the book sets the slightly unbelievable scene already. We are told that the "Archives of Lundy" record that a Welshman emissary landed at Lundy to seek the aid of the British King, Henry II. On the same page we are told that the name Lundy comes from the Norse word for a penguin. On page 82 we learn that the Heaven family found a great cache of parchments and manuscripts which include a poem of Madog. (Does Myrtle Ternstrom know of this?)

Madoc is called Madoc of Lund and it is from Lundy that he is supposed to have set off to discover the new World before Columbus. On page 166 we read that the Icelanders who made Lundy their base knew about Vinland or Winland and about the grapes that grew there spontaneously. On page 169 we are told that the Welsh poem the Mabiogion was popular in Lundy in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Later we learn that the Welsh name for Lundy is Ynys Hir, near Port Madoc.

To sum it all up, Lundy was an important centre, with its own library and archives and was used as a base for the setting out of this Welsh expedition to the Americas in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Believe it or not as you like.

# LUNDY ARCHIVE

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Thirty years ago in 1973, the advertisement for the Island's accommodation appeared as shown below.



**HOLIDAY LETTINGS** ATTRACTIVE COTTAGE CONVERSIONS

**CASTLE COTTAGE:** A ground-level granite building built onto the steep of Martin's Castle, providing accommodation for 4 people. There is a large convertible living room, bedroom, small kitchen, washing cubicle, and separate W.C.

**LITTLE ST. JOHN'S:** Adjoining Big St. John's — contains a small kitchen, convertible living room, bedroom — provides accommodation for 4 people. There is a washroom with W.C., hand-basin and h. & c.

**BIG ST. JOHN'S:** Contains a convenient kitchen, a convertible living room, and bedroom, providing accommodation for 5 people. The washroom has a hand-basin with h. & c., and a W.C.

**HANMERS:** Has two living rooms, each with a single divan. One bedroom has 2 x 3 ft. divans, and the other has bunk beds for two. There is a pleasant kitchen, washroom, and separate W.C.

**THE OLD LIGHT:** Hostel-type accommodation for 14 people is provided in the Keeper's cottage.

**TIBBETTS:** A pre-First World War naval lookout, with accommodation for 5 people. There are two rooms, an out-house kitchen, and an Elsan closet.

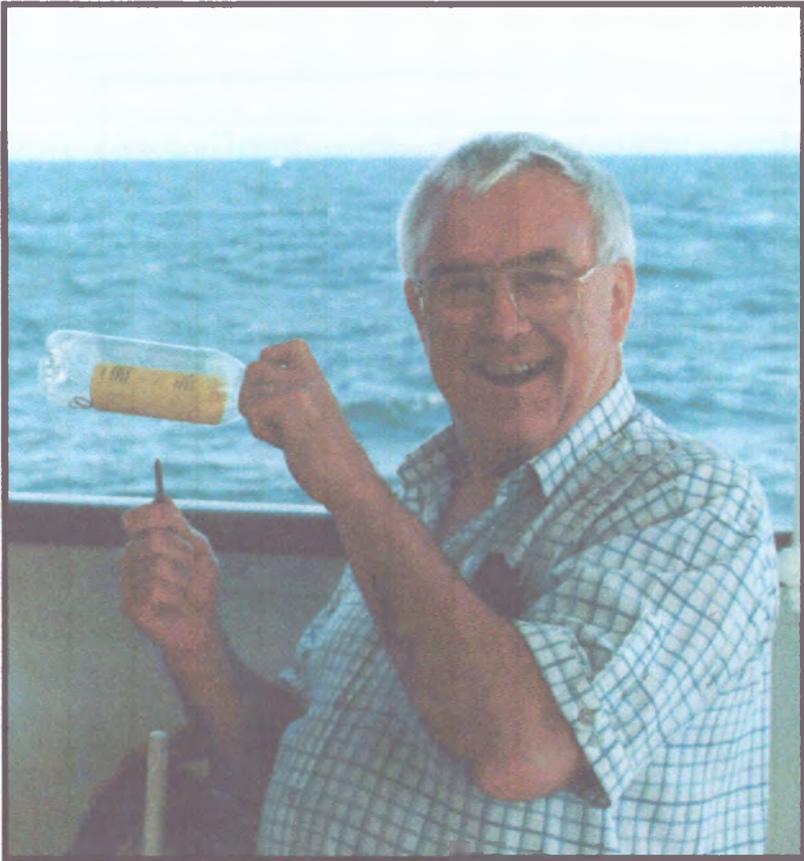
In each letting, cooking is provided by Calor gas, as is lighting and water heating, with the exception of the Old Light and Tibbetts (cooking only).

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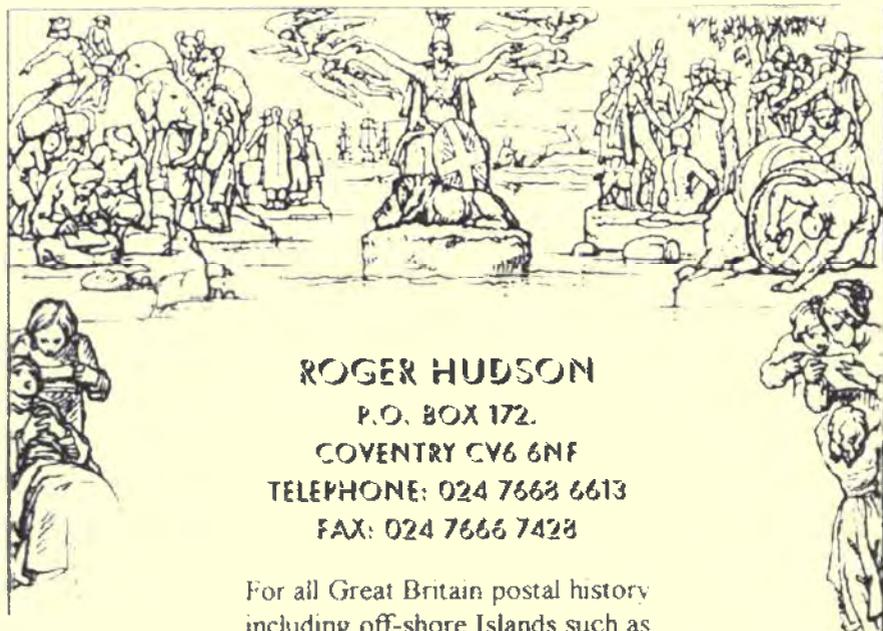
Detailed information and charges may be obtained from  
**THE AGENT, LUNDY, BRISTOL CHANNEL, via ILFRACOMBE, NORTH DEVON**      Telegrams: Lundy, via Hartland Point

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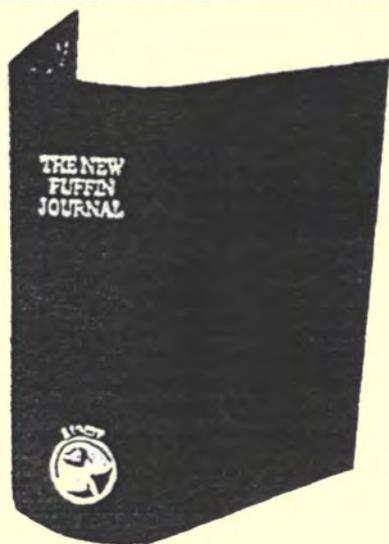
*Roger Chapple, Chairman of the Lundy Field Society threatening to sabotage your Editor's bottle in the 'Great Lundy Bottle Launch' onboard the Oldenburg*



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# OUR NEXT MEETING

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The Spring 2003 Weekend will commence on Saturday 22nd March 2003, with the Surrey Federation event at Bookham. The following day on Sunday 23rd March 2003, the Club will hold its Spring 2003 Meeting at the Crestwood Community Centre, Shakespeare Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire - commencing at 10.30am. The programme will be as follows -

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 10.30 am          | Registration and Reception                 |
|                   | Bourse Opens                               |
| 11.15 to 12.30 pm | Members Displays                           |
| 12.30 to 2.15 pm  | Lunch (not provided)                       |
| 2.15 to 2.45 pm   | Auction Viewing                            |
| 2.45 to 3.00 pm   | Secretary's Announcements                  |
| 3.00 to 4.00 pm   | Club Auction (Auctioneer - Mike Thompson). |
| 4.30 pm           | Bourse closes                              |

The Bourse features dealers with stocks of Lundy material and Members with surplus material for sale. For this year only tables are offered free of charge.

The Crestwood Community Centre can be approached by leaving the M3 Motorway at the junction with the A335. Travel along the A335 (Leigh Road) and take the 1st left into Woodside Avenue, after the roundabout take the 1st right into Shakespeare Road.

