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Editorial

I am sorry for the delay in publishing the Autumn edition of this *Journal*. For the past 16 years the *Journal* has been published three weeks before each Club meeting but on this occasion, due to pressures on my time from other areas, the Autumn 2012 edition is slightly smaller and late.

2012 has been another good year for the Club and for Lundy. The spring and autumn meetings were very well attended despite the lower than normal attendance at the summer meeting. The summer meeting is the Club's flagship event and is usually well supported, however, this year numbers were slightly down. This might be the effects of the atrocious weather that we have endured in Devon since May or it might be the effects of the economic recession hitting or a bit of both.

We are always striving to make progress where possible and fulfil a programme of continuing improvement. Since 1997 when the first issue of *The New Puffin Journal* was published we have succeeded with this promise, however, this year we have slowed down slightly due to the pressures on time for both me and Mike Thompson.

However, I learnt this week that from April 2013 I will have more time to devote to the Lundy Collectors' Club. So, from next April I will be in a much stronger position to continue with my Club duties and to work on further improvements. For 2013 I will issue a Newsletter with the spring issue of the auction catalogue. Three full Journals will be published in summer, autumn and winter. Our usual routine will then return at the start of 2014.

Please find enclosed a renewal form inviting you to continue your membership of the Lundy Collectors' Club for 2013.

I would like to thank you all for the encouragement that you have given me over the years and hope that you will support me through this difficult period. Often good comes out of adversity and if we all pull together now, the Club will come through much stronger.

I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and good health for 2013.

Kindest Regards

James

Summer Weekend Report

By James Thomas

On Saturday 14th July 2012, the Lundy Collectors' Club enjoyed another of its annual day trips to Lundy on board the m.s. Oldenburg from Ilfracombe.

Travelling to Lundy on the Oldenburg on a calm sunny day is always a pleasure and is a great start to a nice day on the island.

On our arrival we instantly saw the effects of the wettest British summer on record. The island was saturated with huge lakes and boggy areas along the main track that runs north from the village. However, the sun was out and within a short time of landing we set off for all points of the compass.

One popular site was Jenny's Cove, where for the first time I saw in excess of 50 puffins all together on the lower ledges of the cliff, walking about, feeding and flying out to sea and back. 2012 has been the most successful year in recent times for puffin numbers and breeding on Lundy and confirms that the work done over the last ten years by the Landmark Trust and Lundy Field Society to restore puffins on Lundy is now paying off.



Puffins at Jenny's Cove by James Thomas - 14th July 2012

The following day the Club held its Summer Meeting at the Landmark in Ilfracombe. This meeting is usually the most popular event in the Club's calendar, however, this year numbers were down with no more than two dozen in attendance.

It was good to meet for the first time Deborah Kmetz from the USA and Col. Bob Gilliat who was Lundy Agent between 1978 and 1983.

Jon Aitchison set up a very well stocked stall of Lundy philatelic and non-philatelic material and Simon Dell and Alan Rowland manned the Lundy Field Society book stall.

There were three free gifts handed out to all those present from Margaret Chadwick who produced a run of 48 multi-view postcards depicting summer and winter travel to the island. Sharon Read and Tom Baker produced 30 beautifully presented folded cards with two pictures of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during her 1977 Royal Visit to Lundy to commemorate her Diamond Jubilee year. The third postcard depicted the Old Light and was produced by Roy Bentley.

Due to the low attendance the only competition that attracted sufficient entries was the R.E. Allen Trophy for Lundy Postcards, Literature and Ephemera. The Stanley Newman Trophy for Lundy Philately was held this year as a 'One Sheet' competition.

Four entries competed for the R.E. Allen trophy with Graham Chadwick taking the winner's trophy with nine interesting sheets of Lundy potpourri. In equal second place was Brian Drew with eight sheets of un-official Lundy stamps, overprints and embossed Machins and Mike Thompson with an eight sheet thematic entry entitled 'The History of Lundy Island – North Devon'. Bringing up the rear in fourth place was Peter Alford with eight sheets of Lundy photographs ranging from the 1960's to the modern era.

The One Sheet competition for the Stanley Newman trophy was contested by three members. Mike Thompson with a sheet of Lundy's first issued stamps. In second place was Tom Baker with a sheet of the 1985 Lundy Balloon Post artwork and Peter Alford came in third with a sheet of photographs of Millcombe House and the Waverley at anchor off the landing beach before the construction of the jetty.

After a very filling lunch, Mike Thompson announced that he had designed a new Club badge which, with the Clubs support, will be put into production.

He then proceeded to conduct the auction with the assistance of Julie Lester and Bob Harper which was followed by three displays.

Tom Baker presented the first display of artwork and un-adopted Lundy stamp designs including several pieces of John Dyke's artwork and the rejected entries for the 2012 Lundy stamp issue from Jess Frankland, Dominic Spears, Toby Wilson and Josh Bond.

Roger Allen followed with 21 sheets of photographs of some of Lundy's owners and managers reaching back as far as the Heaven family of 1836 right through to Derek Green the present island manager.

The final presentation from Graham Chadwick who showed ten photographs of Lundy's most recent Fire Fighting Appliance and the island's fire fighters in their uniform.

With no further business the meeting closed at 4:45 pm.

2014 Meeting on Lundy

The next Lundy Collectors' Club meeting to be held on Lundy will be from Monday 17th to Friday 21st March 2014.

This meeting was first announced in the last issue of the *Journal* and is now already fully booked.

To ensure that any cancelled places are filled, Keith has started a reserves list. If you would like to be included on this list will you please write to Keith Hand at 19 Gloucester Road, Bagshot, Surrey, GU19 5LT. Please note that we can only fill cancelled places and not create extra ones.

1970's Lundy Philatelic Service Presentation Packs - continued.

By James Thomas

In the last issue of this *Journal* I reported how Peter Alford and John Wright presented a selection of empty black and white Lundy presentation packs to the Spring meeting.

It was thought that the packs were for issues from 1969 to 1974 and that some were genuine and others were fake copies.

Since then, at each auction variations of the packs have appeared for sale. At the Club's summer auction eight packs were sold and at the autumn auction six more were listed in the catalogue.

At the summer auction the following items were sold:-

Presentation packs with either a plain or lace design down the left-hand margin. Some packs are complete with stamps but others just have the mounts or are empty.

- 1969 Fortieth Anniversary of Lundy Posts issue. A black and white presentation pack with a beige insert, information card, lace design margin and mounted set of stamps.
- 1972 Trinity House issue. A black and white presentation pack with a pale blue insert, lace design margin, no information card but with mounted set of stamps. Illustrated below.



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- 1969 Fortieth Anniversary of Lundy Posts issue. Black and white presentation pack with a plain margin.
 - 1969 Fortieth Anniversary of Lundy Posts issue. Black and white presentation pack with lace design margin.
 - 1972 75th Anniversary of St. Helena's Church issue. Black and white presentation pack with a plain margin.
 - 1972 75th Anniversary of St. Helena's Church issue. Black and white presentation pack with a lace design margin.
 - 1974 Puffin Bust definitive issue. Black and white presentation pack with a plain margin.
 - 1974 Puffin Bust definitive issue. Black and white presentation pack with a lace design margin.

At the autumn auction the following items were sold:-

- 1972 75th Anniversary of St. Helena's Church issue. Black and white presentation pack with a lace design margin and information sheet.
- 1972 Trinity House issue. A black and white presentation pack with a pale blue insert, lace design margin, no information card.
- 1969 Fortieth Anniversary of Lundy Posts issue. Black and white presentation pack with lace design margin.
- 1972 75th Anniversary of St. Helena's Church issue. Black and white presentation pack with a lace design margin.
- 1974 Puffin Bust definitive issue. Black and white presentation pack with a lace design margin.

A further item of this style of presentation pack was listed in the auction catalogue but withdrawn before the start of the sale. Several senior club members viewed the item and all considered it to be bogus.

- 1974 Black and white presentation pack with a lace left-hand margin and a selection of Lundy stamps.

A note of caution. With modern home printers it would be quite easy to reproduce these items, so please buy with caution as some may be fakes. At present it is difficult to establish what is genuine and what is bogus and more research will need to be done before they can be included in any Lundy reference book.



Presentation pack for the 1969 40th Anniversary issue printed on stiff white card and with a beige insert and a separate information card.



Presentation pack for the 1974 Definitive issue printed on thin white card with the stamp mounts stuck directly onto the pack without the use of an insert card. Information details printed on the rear.

The Chadwick Postcards

By James Thomas

In 2009 Club members Margaret and Graham Chadwick produced a postcard with a limited print of 60 for giving out to each member in attendance at the Club's summer meeting. The photograph used was of Lundy ponies taken by M. Gray in July 2002. This was a raw attempt at postcard making with the words 'POST CARD' and the number produced written by hand.

Following on from this, in 2010 they produced the second of a series using one of their own photographs of the altar in St. Helena's Church. This card had a limited print of 40 and although fully printed on the rear side was still in a semi raw stage.

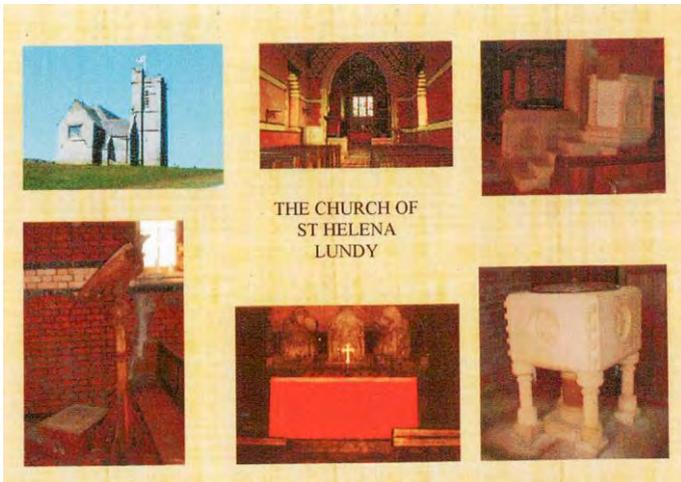
In 2011 they produced a run of 40 multi-view cards depicting six views of St. Helena's Church and then this summer they produced the fourth of the series, a run of 48, with a picture of the helicopter on Lundy and the Oldenburg tied-up at Bideford.

All of these cards were produced to give to members attending the summer meetings, however, should you have missed a meeting and would like to purchase one, please email the Chadwicks at margrachad@hotmail.co.uk or send £1.50 (GB members) or £2.00 (Rest of World) to Margaret Chadwick, 81 Kilnhouse Lane, Lytham St. Annes, Lancashire, FY8 2AU.



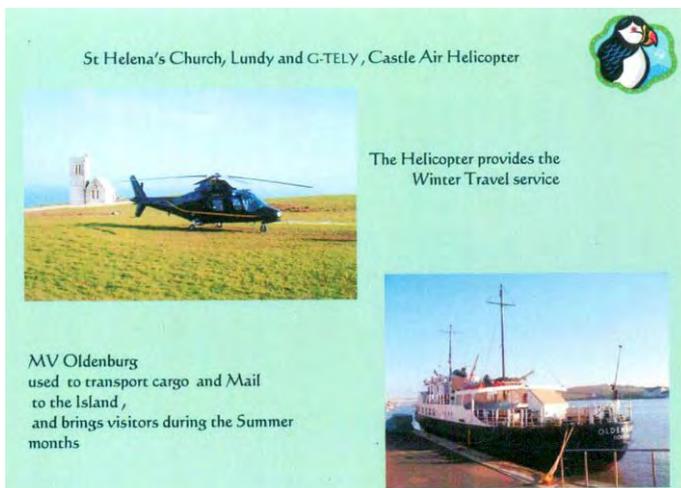


2010 Postcard



THE CHURCH OF
ST HELENA
LUNDY

2011 Postcard



2012 Postcard

Letters to the Editor

Although I have been a member of the Lundy Collectors' Club for a number of years I have been unable to attend the previous club meetings. However, I had the opportunity to attend the visit to Lundy and the summer meeting for the first time this year and had a very enjoyable weekend. Both the Saturday and Sunday events were very well arranged and I wish to pass on my thanks to those involved with the organisation. I must also pass on my appreciation to everyone who made me so welcome. I won't mention them by name for fear of missing someone out, but I was made to feel at home and met many prominent 'Lundyites' who I have only read about previously. I believe that numbers were down on previous years, probably due to our poor summer weather. I therefore wish to encourage members who have not attended the meetings to consider doing so, as they will be made most welcome and have a really enjoyable time. I hope to attend again in future years and may even put together a competition entry.

Paul Hassell

‘All The Very Best’

From a letter owned by Roger Allen

At the Summer 2011 meeting of the Lundy Collectors' Club, Roger Allen displayed a selection of Lundy related letters and amongst them was a letter from Felix Gade explaining the origins of the now famous toast "All The Very Best" or as it has become abbreviated, "ATVB".

It's a lovely letter and so, with Roger's permission I have reproduced it for all to read.

Telegrams, "Lundy, via Hartland point."

**LUNDY,
BRISTOL CHANNEL
via BIDEFORD,
N. DEVON**

May 5th 1960

Dear Stanley,

I don't know whether you have heard or not, but Mr Scudamore died on April 10th very unexpectedly and suddenly. As he had been a regular visitor to Lundy since 1927, and was known to many other regular visitors, I think you might like to record his demise in the Lundy Review. Particulars are:-

Mr E.A. Scudamore died suddenly at the York Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, where he lived. He was a member of the firm of Veale & Co Solicitors of Bristol, and was the partner in charge of their Weston-super-Mare branch. First came to Lundy in 1927 with the late Colonel R N Harrison OBE, to camp with the 99th Bristol (Cabot) Sea Scouts, of which he was Assistant Scoutmaster. He camped with the 99th Sea Scouts for several successive years, and then, after resigning from the Sea Scouts, became a regular visitor at the Manor Farm Hotel until the outbreak of war. During the war he was the Manpower Board Executive for the Ministry of Labour in Bristol. For some years prior to the war he was one of the organisers of the party of well known Bristolians, who styled themselves the Bristol Ornithologists, who made an annual pilgrimage to Lundy, and it was on the occasion of one of these pilgrimages that he was responsible for instituting the well known Lundy toast "ALL THE VERY BEST".

For many years, in association with Col. Harrison, he organised the entertainment which was a feature of the celebrations on the occasion of Mrs. Gade's birthday. He could sing a good song, and one of his most popular numbers was "Woad", sung to the tune of "The Men of Harlech". Of recent years Lundy has not seen much of Scuddie, as he was affectionately called, but his memory will be mourned by many who met him here. He was 57.

I wish you would ask John to send me the 10/6 he owes for telegrams he sent when he was here last summer, and he also owes 4d for 'puffinage'.

All the best, and kind regards to all,

Yours sincerely,

F.W. Gade

Congratulations

The Lundy Collectors' Club would like to congratulate Dr. Myrtle Ternström who was rewarded in the Queen's Birthday Honours list with a British Empire Medal for her work on Lundy history.

Myrtle was nominated for the award by the Lundy Field Society in recognition of 60 years of studying Lundy history.

Myrtle published her first Lundy book with her late husband in 1960 and is well known throughout Lundy circles for her well researched books, articles and papers ever since.

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*Repairs to the Old Lighthouse
The scaffolding was erected by Chris Sedgeman Scaffolding Ltd
of Penzance, Cornwall
Photo Taken on 26th April 2012 by Alan Rowland*