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# *Editorial*

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This year has kicked-off to a good start with a most successful and enjoyable 5-day spring meeting on Lundy during March - full details can be read starting on page two. Although this is quite a comprehensive report more details and photographs will appear in the autumn issue of this *Journal*.

Lundy is spoiling us during 2014 with the issue of two new stamp sets and three new postcards. By the time this magazine reaches you, you will have already received full details and order forms from Lundy. If you haven't, please give them a call and add your name to their mailing list. However, because there are so many Lundy anniversaries this year, Lundy has decided to commemorate a second, very important anniversary with a single stamp in memory of the centenary of John Pennington Harman's birth and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. This stamp will be issued on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2014, which coincidentally is the day of the Club's summer trip to the island. I see an opportunity for some personalised first day of use mail!

Roger Allen has produced a superb and much needed publication titled 'Catalog of Lundy Postcards' which is a must for all Lundy collectors. Please read the review on page 13 of this *Journal*.

However, not all Lundy news this year has been good. On 7<sup>th</sup> April, Ernie Dowding who was one of Lundy's characters passed away.

At the summer meeting in Ilfracombe, the Club will be holding all of the Club competitions which will include trophies for Lundy stamps, postal history, postcards, literature and ephemera. This year we will also be holding the photographic competition so please bring along an entry or two and take part.

Enclosed are booking forms for the summer meeting, lunchtime meal and the trip to the island onboard the m.s. Oldenburg. Please complete your forms immediately and return them to Keith Hand.

I look forward to meeting you all this summer.

*James*

# *Lundy in March and all that!*

*The Lundy Collectors' Club Spring meeting on the island.*

By James Thomas

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**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014.**

The winter storms are now over for at least a few days and the weather at Hartland at 8:30 on a Monday morning is calm and dry with only pheasants and rabbits in the fields. No cars, no sound of any human activity, only the sound of the sea and the gulls circling high above. Then the tranquillity came to an abrupt end when the car park lady arrived to collect the parking fee and unlock the gate to the lower parking area. This is the start of five days on Lundy.

At 10:00 am the new safety briefing video was shown in the recently finished Hartland Heliport terminal and with the reassurance of our pre-flight preparation, we were off in batches of seven. By lunchtime most of us were enjoying a pint in the Marisco Tavern which is Lundy Collectors' Club preparation for a good week.

The first of the evening events started at 4:30 pm with a welcoming talk by Derek Green who up-dated us with events on the island over the past 12 months (details of which can be read in *Lundy News* starting on page 21). Grant Sherman, who stood-in for the island Warden, followed with a most interesting presentation about the evolution of Lundy from around 50 million years ago to more recent times. He also touched on scheduled monuments and Roman pottery discoveries.

Lars Liwendahl followed with an equally interesting historical talk about the Vikings and their connection with Lundy. The Vikings started off as merchants and traders but soon discovered that it was easier to raid and pillage which is how British history has portrayed them. However, Swedish history has seen them through kinder eyes. The room was very relaxed until Lars said "to die of age is a weakness" and with two Vikings in the room, the rest of us became a bit worried! Lars said that the best tool the Vikings had were their boats which were fast and had flat bottoms that made it easy to come ashore on any beach. In fact, although history tells us that the Vikings once landed on Lundy, there is little evidence to support the claim although it is most likely.

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Lars then covered the history behind the 1955 Millennium issue that portrayed the infamous Viking Eric Bloodaxe on the 1955 three puffin stamp. On display, in addition to the issued stamp, were images of a 3p black and white photo-bromide proof, a cover and a few parcel pieces all having the Millennium issue stamps attached.

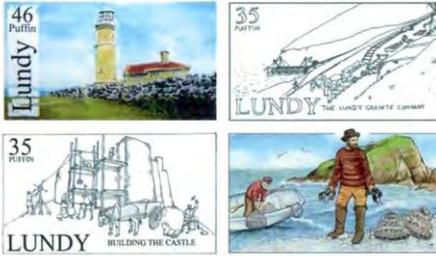


He then followed with the 2012 'Historic Lundy' issue giving details of how the stamp design competition was organised with the students of Petroc College. The competition encouraged over 50 entrants and Lars showed examples of several students' work. Sarah Lewis was finally selected and then work started on the actual stamp designs. There were a lot of telephone calls between Bideford and Sweden until the final designs were approved. All the earlier sketches showed just one value, 35 puffin and this wasn't changed until the denominations were agreed for the final designs.

Derek Green then returned to the room and presented everyone with a special card with two of the "Historic Lundy" stamps cancelled by a special red postmark to commemorate the Club's visit. This postmark was used throughout the 5 days that we were on the island. Two hundred cards were printed with seventy-five having the stamps affixed and cancelled with the special cancellation in red. The remaining 125 cards were blank and if used received the special cancellation in black. Producing a surplus gave collectors who could not attend the meeting a chance to acquire a copy. All other mail posted during our five day stay also received the special cancellation in black.

For those who could not attend the meeting but who would like to purchase these special cards, please contact Jon Aitchison.

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17 - 21. 3. 2014**



*The blank card without the 'Historic Lundy' stamps*

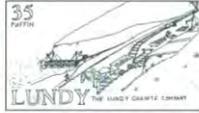
**THE LUNDY COLLECTORS' CLUB MEETING ON LUNDY  
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Dear James, welcome to Lundy!  
Have a great week  
ATVB. Derek.

*A copy of the card given to each member present with the 'Historic Lundy' stamps cancelled by the new red cancellation and signed by Derek Green.*

**THE LUNDY COLLECTORS' CLUB MEETING ON LUNDY  
17 - 21. 3. 2014**



*The front of a card that was sent through the post onboard the m.s. Oldenburg on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014.*



Mr James Thomas  
5 Manor Drive  
Kingskerswell  
NEWTON  
ABBOT  
TQ12 5HB



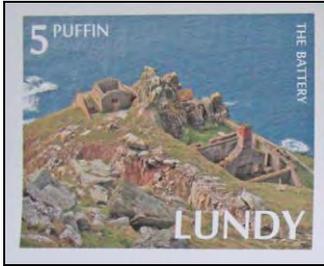
*The rear of the above card that was sent through the post onboard the m.s. Oldenburg on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 although the franking incorrectly states 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014.*



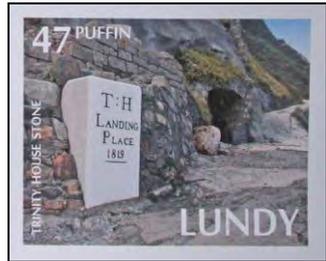
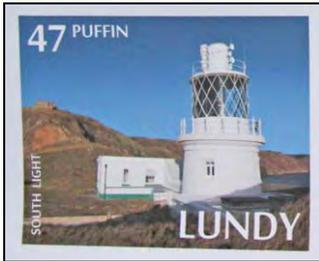
*A copy of a card that was sent through the post on the helicopter on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014 – the franked date is correct.*

Derek then showed the island's new interpretation boards which were turned around by Ceri Stafford, the island's new Postmaster, to display the new 2014 stamp designs.

The new set has eight stamp designs with just five values. Each value (except for the 5p and 15p) has two different designs which appear in the same sheet. The designs are in landscape format and are printed in sheets of 28 (4x7) with a total of 9,600 stamps by Cartor of Meaucé in France. Down each side selvedge there is a puffin and the Cartor logo and across the top selvedge the words "Trinity House 500 Years". It is my view that this is one of the best looking sets of stamps that Lundy has issued for several years.



Sheet one



Sheet two



Sheet three



Sheet four

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## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Today, we enjoyed clear blue skies and wall to wall sunshine. Although it was breezy, the weather was beautiful, so immediately after breakfast a small group took a trip up the island to visit the six head of Highland cattle that arrived on the island last year. In the midst of these beautiful dark brown creatures was a blond called Boris.

Low tide was at lunchtime so a hardy group (Molly Adams, Mike Beck, Mike Thompson and André Dufresne) lead by Jon Aitchison attempted a brave ascent of the south face of Rat Island. However, only Mike Thompson, André and Jon made it to the top and found and changed the Letterbox stamp. The most interesting aspect of this year's adventure was the variety of footwear. Strange as it might sound, but there were three types of footwear on test. At first glance Mike Thompson appeared most sensible by wearing a pair of walking shoes although they disintegrated on the descent. Jon, who has made numerous attempts on Rat Island over the years, knew that there was a very high chance of getting ones feet wet, so he sported a pair of very clean green rubber Wellington boots, whilst our Rat Island novice, André, wore a pair of plastic sandals in true British fashion – with socks! Well done André, it gave us all something to talk about later in the Tavern.



*l-r. André, Jon and Mike waving from the top of Rat Island*

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The evening events started at 4:30 pm in the Tavern function room. James Thomas opened the evening with a display of the 2002 Lundy Collectors' Club souvenir booklets along with some of the original artwork and mock-ups. Jon Aitchison stated that a complete set of three booklets which sold for just £7.00 in 2002, recently sold for £100.00.

Michael Bale followed with a 24 sheet competition winning display of Lundy Postal History. The display dated back to the mid 1800's and the earliest known Registered item was a cover from Norway dated 1897 which appeared with two other items from 1903 and 1911. The remaining material was from the 1920's.

Jon Aitchison continued with an interesting talk about which Lundy stamps and other philatelic material has either increased in value by considerable percentages or has taken a substantial dip in value over the last few years.

The evening was rounded off by Mike Thompson who displayed 8 sheets of 'The Postal History of Lundy to 1930' and André Dufresne who showed a folder containing copy prints of some of the rarer items from his collection.

After dinner, Lars Liwendahl and Christer Brunström opened the Lundy Post Office in the Marisco Tavern and serviced approximately 100 items for delivery to the mainland by the Oldenburg on Wednesday.



*Lars and Christer manning the post office*

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## **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

At 9:00 am the Oldenburg arrived with much needed stores, by now we had run out of mushrooms for breakfast and cider for the rest of the day! Also on board were two new Highland cattle, an Environmental Health Officer from Torridge District Council who had visited Lundy to conduct a day's Food Hygiene training and our very own Keith Hand, who had to cancel only hours before the flight out of Hartland due to an accident that his wife Patsy had earlier that morning.

Everything was unloaded, mushrooms were immediately back on the menu for the later breakfasts and the Highland cattle were taken to the field behind the camping field. However, they were very agitated after their little adventure and within 30 minutes of being put into the field, they had jumped the wall and made a bid for freedom. Kevin Welsh the farmer was dispatched on his quad bike to round them up and secure them in the field with the other cattle where they then settled down.

At lunchtime the helicopter that stayed the night on the island along with a BBC TV crew, took the TV crew back to the mainland.

At 3:15 pm the Oldenburg set sail for Bideford and returned Keith and the Environmental Health Officer to reality. Also on board, was the first batch of about 100 pieces of mail posted since our arrival on Lundy on Monday.

Immediately after dinner, Lars Liwendahl and Christer Brunström opened the Post Office until the end of the Auction viewing period.

Mike Thompson, ably assisted by Julie Lester and Bob Harper conducted the Club Auction in the Marisco Tavern bar. The auction was open to all staying and working on the island and included about two dozen late lots put up for sale by Derek Green to raise money for the Lundy Fund. The room was full, the beer was flowing and the atmosphere was electric, which is more than could be said about the lights because during dinner they went out for a short while as the generator unexpectedly stopped, but after all, we were on Lundy where, as they say, "you must bring your sense of adventure".

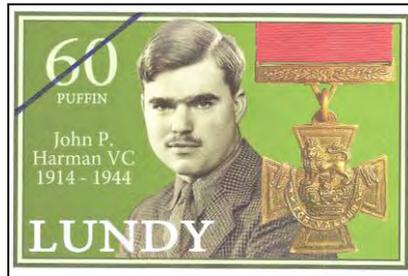
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## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Today I woke up to the sound of the wind blowing around the outside of Government House. Strong gales were forecast and as the day developed, the wind got stronger and stronger and by lunchtime it was also raining.

It was the day scheduled to visit the North Light. For those unable to walk the distance, Derek Green laid on a Landrover shuttle service whilst the fitter members of the group walked. On the way up the island it was dry and the wind was on our backs making it possible to reach the North End in 40 minutes, however, the return trip was much different, as we walked into a very strong head wind. To make it even more difficult, it rained throughout the last mile which resulted in a return time of an hour. At times the North Light bus stop was quite busy!

Just before the start of the quiz, Derek Green made a very late surprise announcement. Because there are several important anniversaries to commemorate this year, Lundy will be issuing a second stamp issue of just one stamp on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2014 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of John Pennington Harman who was the son of Martin Coles Harman and who was posthumously awarded a Victoria Cross in the Second World War.



Thursday evening was Lundy Pub Quiz night and Jon Aitchison compered the evening's entertainment. Nearly everyone on the island had come to the Tavern and took part in the fun. Twenty-four questions were asked with the majority getting at least half correct, however, only two people managed to achieve 17 correct answers. Sharon Read and André Dufresne then battled it out over three decider questions. André finally took the winner's prize of a Lundy egg cup complete with chocolate egg and knitted Lundy egg cosy. I am sure that this is now the most coveted item in his Lundy collection!

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## **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

Today we returned to the Big Island and reality. By mid morning and after Nigel's half hour fun show, we all started our return trips in the Agusta 109 helicopter. However, before we finally departed, Mike Thompson thanked Derek Green for looking after us so well and presented him with a cheque for £75 which was raised from the auction for the Lundy Fund. Margaret Chadwick also thanked Derek for looking after those with mobility problems and for laying on the Landrover trip to the North End and presented Derek with the proceeds of a collection also for the Lundy Fund.

I say this every time I leave Lundy and I always mean it, but I really do hate leaving as life on Lundy is so enjoyable and special.



*The class of 2014!*

By the end of the week over 350 pieces of mail had been serviced by the Lundy postal service – thank you Lars, Christer and Ceri.

I am now looking forward to our next Club visit on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

# A CATALOG OF LUNDY POSTCARDS

By James Thomas

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On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at the LFS AGM, Roger Allen put on sale his *Catalog of Lundy Postcards* which has been in the making for 15 years. Roger has tried to maintain the highest standard in the production of this book.

The A4 sized publication has a spiral binding so that it can be opened and laid flat when in use and contains 100 coloured illustrations. This is no lightweight, weighing in at 1½ lbs, the 155 pages contain 1400 entries from 140 different publishers.

It is very easy to use as Roger starts with an *Index of Publishers of Lundy Postcards* and gives each publisher a two letter code i.e. TW for Twiss Brothers of Ilfracombe. He then follows with *Abbreviations and Conventions used in this catalog* which details how to use the book and explains what the various abbreviations mean in a simple and obvious way. Each page has four columns; *Catalog Number, Colour, Serial Number and Inscription and details* which also includes an indication of rarity.

The book is divided into two sections. The first and principal section with 120 pages, covers those cards from identifiable publishers. The second and smaller section covers all those items for which no publisher's name can be established. This second section is subdivided into five parts. The first part contains those cards with unidentified publishers but that have serial numbers. The second section covers Montagu cards with no serial numbers. The third part covers general Lundy views with no serial number. The fourth part covers cards with a shipping theme (but not Montagu). The fifth and last section of cards with unidentifiable publishers covers miscellaneous subjects such as people, birds and maps.

Finally at the back of the book, there are a few blank headed pages to enable collectors to add the details of any additional cards they may acquire; either newly published or old.

I am sure that there will be collectors who will acquire cards that are not listed, that always occurs when new catalogues appear. If any collectors obtain unlisted cards, the blank pages at the end of the book will enable them to write in the details. Please then advise Roger as he hopes to bring out a supplement in the next year or so.

This publication is essential to all Lundy collectors to have on their shelves but speed is essential as Roger has only printed 70 copies.

If you would like to purchase a copy, please contact Roger Allen directly at 29 Soloman Drive, Bideford, Devon, EX39 5XY. The cost is £15.00 plus £3.00 postages for the UK. If you live abroad, please contact Roger by post or by telephone on 01237 420432 to enquire about foreign postage rates.

# A GPO Farce!

By Roger Chapple

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*Ever since Mr. Harman introduced the Lundy postal system, the GPO refused to acknowledge the legitimacy of the Lundy Post Office and the service that it provided, and over the years many battles were fought over the issue. In my possession I have two letters which are reproduced below that demonstrate this on going farce.*

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

November 28<sup>th</sup> 1961

Dear Mr Cooper,

I am enclosing the Pension Books of Mrs Gade and myself and shall be obliged if you will kindly draw what is due, and send the cash in the Lundy Private Bag.

Mrs Gade has 11 weeks to draw, representing	£31 12s 6d
and I have 4 weeks to draw representing	<u>£11 10s</u>
<u>0d</u>	

£43 2s 6d

With many thanks.

Must you continue the farce of pretending you don't know who the letters etc. are for, which are addressed to "The Postmaster", or "the General Postmaster", or the "Post Office" Lundy? It must take up quite a lot of time, especially just now, when Lundy has a new stamp issue coming along, to open all these letters, scratch out the "Postmaster etc", write "No Postmaster" put the contents back in the envelope, and put it in a special OHMS envelope and write "The Agent, Lundy" on the envelope. If you just let these letters etc. come along without carrying out all that useless paraphernalia, no one will know but you and me, and I give you my word I will not try to profit by your connivance in avoiding this quite pointless routine.

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By the way quite a lot of letters addressed to the "Postal Department, Lundy" have been treated in the same way lately. Surely any person or firm could have a Postal Department?

How long since this order was given to you to open all letters addressed to "The Postmaster," Lundy? I'll bet it goes way back into the dim past, and the official who thought it out has probably long since retired, and may perhaps be dead.

Yours sincerely

*F.W. Gade*

*Mr. Cooper then replied with the following letter.*

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1961**

Dear Mr. Gade,

I have given your letter of 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. very careful consideration and I must say first of all that while my personal sympathies are with you they conflict at times with my conscience as a public servant reacting to orders from above.

My whole staff are aware of the standing instruction concerning the official treatment of items addressed to the 'Postmaster' or 'Post Office' Lundy, and I am not able to cancel those instructions without authority from my Headquarters.

You will perhaps be interested to know that the official who first issued that directive is not retired or dead as you surmised, but is, in fact, the present Chief of the Postal Services Department.

I have done some research into this matter with the sole object of the finding out how much discretion I personally can use – and thereby translate my sympathy into something of use to you. I have now issued a local instruction that before any item is opened it should be seen by me personally to decide the action to be taken.

I would like to wish you and Mrs. Gade the compliments of the season with good health in 1962.

Yours Sincerely,

*RC*

(R.D. Cooper)  
Head Postmaster

# A Postmaster's Brew

By James Thomas

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In honour of Lundy's most regarded and recently retired Postmaster, Reg Tuffin, Lundy has introduced a special brew called Tuffin's Tipple. It is a lunchtime brew with an ABV of 3.5%. The special pump badge shows a copy of the 1982 Definitive 16 puffin stamp and underneath is the old Lundy farewell – A.T.V.B.



# 2014 Lundy Postage Rates

Information Supplied by Lundy

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## TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> CLASS</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> CLASS</u>
<b>Letter C5 or under</b>		
Max weight 0-100g	60p	47p
<b>Large Letter B4 or under</b>		
Max weight		
0-100g	86p	73p
101-250g	127p	104p
251-500g	168p	138p
501-750g	235p	193p
<b>Small Packet</b>		
0-1kg	348p	300p
1-2kg	618p	420p
<b>Medium Packet</b>		
0-1kg	576p	528p
1-2kg	900p	822p
2-5kg	1902p	1650p
5-10kg	2628p	2430p
10-20kg	4008p	3426p
<b>Airmail</b>	<u>Europe</u>	<u>Rest of World</u>
Up to		
20g	95p	95p
60g	160p	233p
100g	246p	377p
<b>Postcards</b>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> CLASS</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> CLASS</u>
<b>UK</b>	60p	47p
<b>Europe</b>	102p	n/a
<b>R of W</b>	140p	n/a

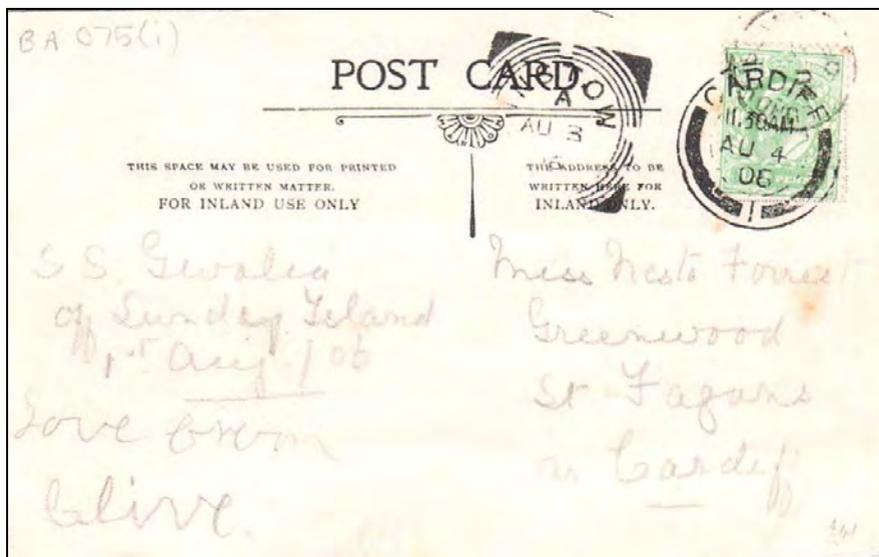
The basic Lundy rate has now returned to 10 piffin.

# Paddle Steamer "Gwalia".

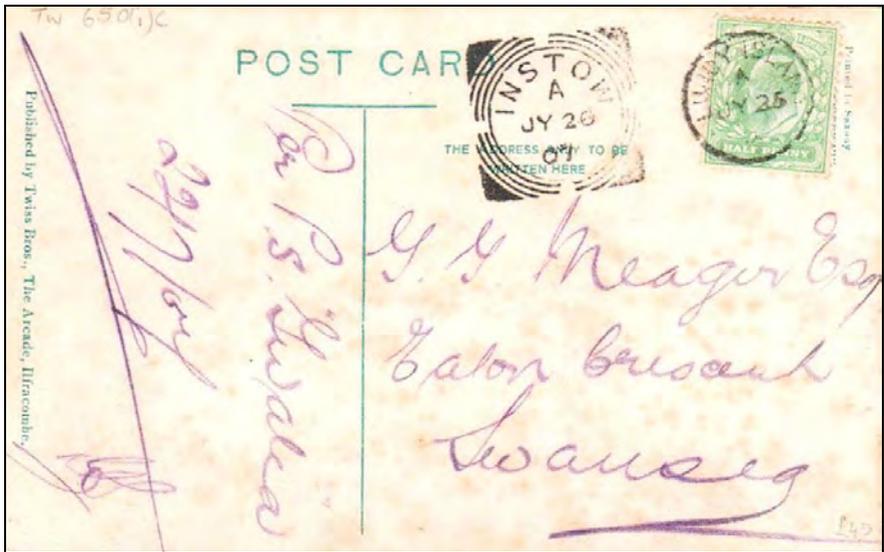
By Roger Allen

Two postcards in my collection indicate that they were posted from the P.S. *Gwalia* off Lundy Island. They both carry the squared circle postmark of Instow plus the Lundy thimble postmark and were worthy of a little further investigation.

The Instow mark on the earlier card is dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1906 and also has a Cardiff date stamp of 4<sup>th</sup> August 1906. Unfortunately the date of the Lundy thimble is not legible but must have been earlier than the above two dates. The card is a poor quality black and white photograph of the *Montagu* by Batten of Ilfracombe. The inscription reads HMS MONTAGUE BATTLESHIP ASHORE AT LUNDY ISLAND MAY 30 1906 BATTEN PHOTO. (Allen Postcard Catalog number BA075(i).) The picture shows the *Montagu* with the Shutter Rock behind it, to the right. The text on the message side reads "S.S. *Gwalia* off Lundy Island 1<sup>st</sup> August 06. Love from Clive". The address is "Miss N Forrest, Greenwood, St. Fagans, nr Cardiff."



The other card bears a Lundy thimble dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 1907 and the squared circle Instow dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 1907. The card is by Twiss Brothers, Ilfracombe, with a view of the Landing Beach. The inscription on the card reads LANDING BEACH LUNDY ISLAND. There is a serial number A40076. (Allen Postcard Catalog number TW650(i).) It is a coloured card or rather a black and white card that has been hand coloured with blue sea and green cliffs. The view includes the South Light, the Fish Palace in good repair and the last section of the Beach Road with a couple of small boats pulled up. The text on the message side reads “Per P. S. *Gwalia* 29/7/07.” The address reads “G. G. Meager Esq., Eaton Crusach, Swansea”.



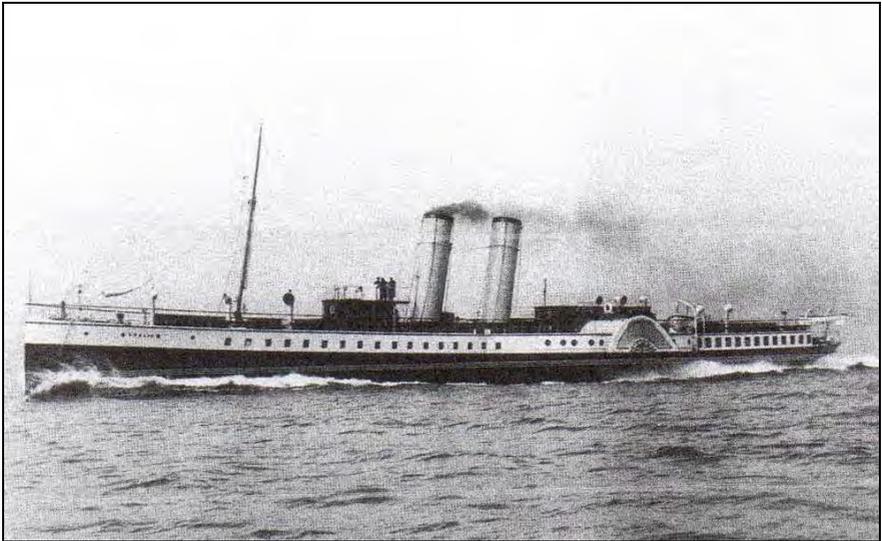
The history of the Paddle steamer *Gwalia* is quite complicated and starts in 1905 when she was built by John Brown at Clydebank. She was a purpose built paddle steamer for passenger carrying, built for the Barry Railway, with specifications 519 tonnes gross weight, 245 feet in length and licensed to carry 1133 passengers. In June 1910 she was sold to the Furness Railway and renamed the *Lady Moyra*.

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In 1919 she was sold on to the Yellow Funnel Fleet of Cardiff and she was known as the Greyhound of the Bristol Channel because of her speed. She was again sold in September 1921 to Campbell's "White Funnel" fleet and continued running in the Bristol Channel for another twelve years.

In March 1933 however, she was moved down to the South Coast of England and renamed the *Brighton Queen*, the second paddle steamer of this name. She was re-registered at Bristol from Furness and became known for her cross Channel sailings.

In 1939 she was commandeered and converted at Milford Haven for minesweeping work during the war, mainly on the east coast of Scotland. While returning from the Dunkirk operation on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1940 with 700 troops on board, she was sunk by German bombers with heavy loss of life. A sad end for a fine ship with a varied history. Coincidentally, the first *Brighton Queen*, built 1897, was also sunk by enemy action in the First World War, mined in October 1915.



The P. S. Gwalia

# *Lundy News*

By James Thomas

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At the Lundy Field Society annual meeting held at Crediton, Devon on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Derek Green made the following report.

Despite the severe winter gales endured over the West Country, Lundy survived very well with damage to no more than two dozen roofing slates, and a slight landslip at Jenny's Cove.

During 2013, the number of visitors travelling to Lundy on board the Oldenburg increase by 8% over the previous year to 13,845, however, the number of visitors staying on the island was down by 4% and forms part of a three year downward trend. The down turn is blamed on the last few years of bad summer weather and the current financial recession, so in an attempt to turn around business the management has introduced summer short stays and has stopped the mid-summer double runs for the Oldenburg.

The Oldenburg has had its annual service at a cost of £85,000 and discussions have started about the ship's long term future.

During the 2012/13 winter period, 1,497 visitors used the helicopter service.

The paddle steamer *Waverley* made a few visits during the summer as well as four large cruise ships.

Lundy has negotiated a lease until 2064 to use the field at Hartland as the island's mainland heliport. Also at Hartland, in line with British safety requirements, an automated safety briefing video for helicopter passengers has been installed, although, Nigel will continue with his 30 minute comedy show in the Tavern before visitors return home.

The weather during the 2013 summer was very kind to Lundy which enabled a good crop of silage. The current small herd of Highland cattle that can usually be found around the Pondsburry area will be enlarged by two more head of Highland cattle during the spring 2014.

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During the last year a considerable amount of repair and improvement work has been done. The supporting wall to the Castle Parade has been repaired together with various other walls throughout the island. A two bedroom property has been formed from the old dairy to house visiting contractors, under floor heating and insulation has been installed in Square Cottage and in Government House the floors have been sanded, some general decoration has been carried out and the old blue sofa has been refurbished. The boiler at Millcombe House has been relocated to a new external boiler house. A Heritage Lottery Fund application is to be submitted for the proposed works to the Church and a legacy of £15,000 has been received for repairs to the lower lantern room at the Old Light, however, another £5,000 has to be raised before work can commence on site.

The 'Landmark Trust' is to be more prominent on marketing material.

The 2015 Lundy calendar is now on sale at £8.00 plus postage and packing.

The number of puffins on Lundy in the year 2000 was so low that the bird was nearly extinct on the island; however, through the hard work of Derek Green and his team, the bird has made a remarkable recovery with 190 birds recorded in 2013. So far, all of the birds have inhabited the western and northern coasts, but during 2013, one bird took up residence on the eastern coast.

Keep an eye out for the next series of the television programme 'Coast' as the team is planning a visit to Lundy during 2014.

### *Other News.....*

Congratulations go to Club member, John Wright, who recently won the Basingstoke Philatelic Society President's cup with a 16 page competition entry of Lundy 'Small Air' stamps and the club's Rose Bowl with 10 sheets of the Lundy 1951 'Flying Birds' issue.

### *Autumn 2014 Club Meeting*

The Club's Autumn meeting this year will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Pewsey. Full details will be published in the next issue of this Journal.

# *Ernie Dowding*

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*Photo – Shaun Barnes*

*Ernie Dowding sadly passed away on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Since 1971, Ernie has worked on many of the island's building projects as a plumber and general building contractor and of an evening he could always be found on the stool at the end of the bar in the Tavern. On Quiz nights Ernie would never join in but liked to mumble the answers and those who didn't know the answer quite often wrote down what Ernie had said. However, Ernie was invariably wrong! Ernie was one of Lundy's characters and will be greatly missed.*

# *Magazine Binders*

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The Club has a new stock of binders for *The New Puffin Journal*.

Each binder will hold 12 'Journals' and is bound in maroon leatherette with gold lettering and logo on spine.

They cost £8.00 each if ordering from the UK or £10 each for foreign orders which includes postage and protective packing.

To place your order, please write to:-

James Thomas, 5 Manor Drive, Kingskerswell, Devon, TQ12 5HB, UK, stating the number of binders required and enclosing a cheque made payable to the '**Lundy Collectors Club**'.

# *The New Club Badge*

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Following up a request from Club members, a new *Lundy Collectors' Club* lapel badge has been produced.

It is a full colour metal badge, 20x40mm and shows a picture of the 1929 Lundy ½ puffin red stamp with the words 'LUNDY COLLECTOTORS CLUB' alongside. On the back is a safety brooch pin.

To place your order please send a cheque for £4.00 for UK sales or £6.00 for all foreign sales to James Thomas, 5 Manor Drive, Kingskerswell, Devon, TQ12 5HB. Please state how many badges you require and please make your cheque payable to the **Lundy Collectors' Club**.

**If you order a badge at the same time as a binder, the badge can be sent in the same packaging at a reduced price of just £3.00 each for both UK and Foreign sales.**

**Badge and Binder - £11 UK, £13 for all foreign sales.**

