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Editorial

Although Lundy stamps form the largest part of most Lundy collections, the club has many members who specialise in other subjects. This issue covers quite a diverse area of Lundy collecting which I hope you will enjoy reading. If you collect and have specialist knowledge of anything that is covered in this issue, I would like to hear from you with perhaps some additional information.

This year promises to be another busy and interesting one with our Spring meeting over five days on Lundy, a new Lundy book by Roger Allen and an additional meeting in September in London as part of the World's first Cinderella Stamp Congress which will be held at the Royal Philatelic Society, London, on Sunday 18th September 2016. Full details will be published in the Summer edition of this Journal. All of this will form just part of our usual programme of meetings, auctions and Journals.

For those attending the Spring meeting on Lundy, there will be talks, members' displays, an auction and a Lundy pub quiz, so if you have anything of interest to show please bring it along. If you haven't already done so, please buy your helicopter ticket immediately. Also, please remember warm dry clothing and a torch because there are no street lights and the generator goes out at midnight!

During 2015, I 'rattled the bucket' at each Club meeting to help raise money towards the Lundy Church Restoration Fund and just before Christmas I sent Derek Green a cheque for £100.00. I know that a lot more is required to complete the final bill but as Derek said "every penny helps". I would like to express a big thank you to all members who contributed and I hope to see the start of work on site when I visit Lundy in March. Early photographs of the work will be published in a future issue of this Journal.

Please note this year's Diary dates which can be found on page 24, full details of each meeting will be published in the *Journal* nearer the time.

James

Autumn 2015 Meeting Report

By James Thomas

The Autumn 2015 club meeting was held at the Royal Oak, Pewsey, Wiltshire and started at 11:00am with tea and coffee.

Apologies were read from Bronnie and Michael Bale, Barbara and Rick Sayers, Anne and Tony Cutler, Peter Alford and Jon Aitchison.

James Thomas gave a brief explanation of the church restoration fund and about the club's Spring 2016 five-day meeting on Lundy. He then mentioned two new books with Lundy connections, the Landmark Trust publication 'Landmark – A History of Britain in 50 Buildings' and the forthcoming book of Lundy poetry by Roger Allen. He then paid praise to Mike Thompson for all the good work that he does organising the Club Auction, sometimes against the odds.

John Wright followed with a display of seven sheets of the 1951 to 1954 Lundy stamp issues and included proofs, build-ups and bromide proofs. Chris Cole continued the displays with four sheets of the Large Map issue which included proofs and printings on different coloured paper, although these were thought to be from the Rigby Hall era. Taking us into lunch Mike Thompson displayed 14 sheets of Lundy postcards, many of which dated back to 1902.

After a beautifully home cooked Sunday roast, Mike, Julie and Bob held the Club's 56th auction. Currently, Lundy philatelic material is selling well and bidding was at times quite furious.

Club new member, Robin Taylor rounded off the day with a 25 sheet pot-pourri of Lundy ephemera which included several items from the late Jim Mullett collection. Robin also, very generously, gave all present a set of four postcards which he had produced earlier in the year. Robin has a few sets left over and is prepared to sell them to members who couldn't attend the meeting for £4.00 per set. To make enquiries please email Robin at robinwtaylor58@outlook.com

With no further business, the meeting closed at 4:15pm.

Book Review

Anthology of the Poems of Lundy.

Reviewed by James Thomas.

Roger Allen has compiled a collection of Lundy related poems in a new book that he published at the end of 2015. The book is in A4 format, contains 85 pages and cost £10.00 plus postages.

It has something for everyone from classical literature to amateurish writings to modern limericks. The book starts with a poem from Edmund Spenser dating back to 1552 and then goes on through the Victorian period covering subjects of the time before finishing with poems written by Lundyphiles of our era.

The book is well researched and includes a small introduction of each writer, where known, and is interspersed with appropriate drawings by John Dyke, a few from Roger's own hand and a selection of old postcards and photographs. If a poem contains old words that are no longer used or words from local dialect, Roger has written small explanations to help the reader.

I found it an absolute joy to read and with my knowledge of Lundy I could easily picture the scenes and relate to the subjects.

To summarise:

Roger has published a new book,
A book of verse and rhyme,
I strongly suggest you take a look,
And have an enjoyable time.

This book is worthy of a place in any Lundy book cabinet and if you would like to purchase a copy, please contact Roger direct at:

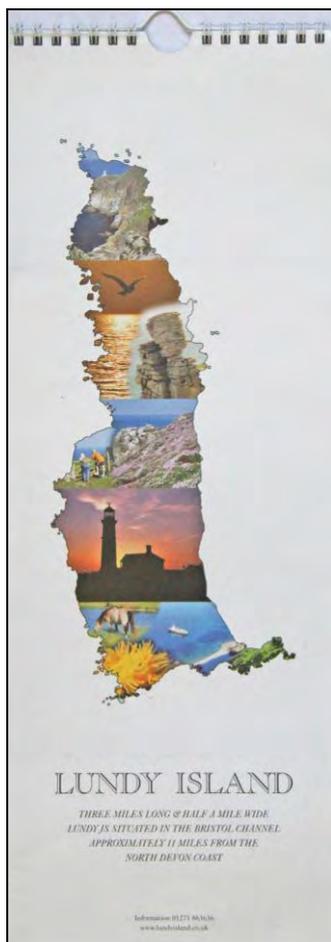
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Lundy Calendars

By James Thomas

In 2004 the Landmark Trust issued its first Lundy calendar, however, it didn't issue it on or before 1st January but started the year in July and then continued through to December 2005 which gave the purchaser an 18 month calendar. It was produced in a slim portrait format measuring 150x410mm with a plain front cover and a small picture at the top of each page.



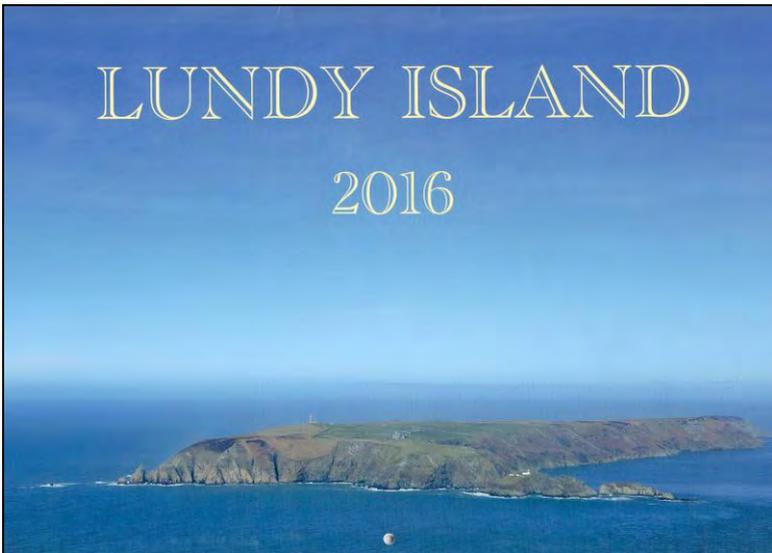
The 2004/05 calendar

There was a gap of a few years until 2010 when the new format calendar covering the 12 months from January to December was produced.

The present style is a full colour glossy card landscape format A4 size calendar with each month having a full size colour picture on one side of the page and the dates and a selection of smaller pictures on the other side. Also shown on the current calendars are the sailing dates of the Oldenburg during the summer months and the flying dates of the helicopter during the winter season.

A competition is held each winter to select the photographs that will be used in the following year's calendar. The issue date is usually quite early in the year and often coincides with the Lundy Field Society's AGM which is usually on the second Saturday of March.

The 2016 calendar was delivered to the island by the printer at the end of February 2015 ready to be put on sale at the LFS AGM on 14th March, however, a printing error was spotted and the whole delivery was returned. Well, all except two or three which Derek Green kept as proof copies. One of these proofs has now been obtained by James Thomas and will be sold at the Spring 2016 Club auction which will be held on Lundy in aid of the Church Repair Fund.

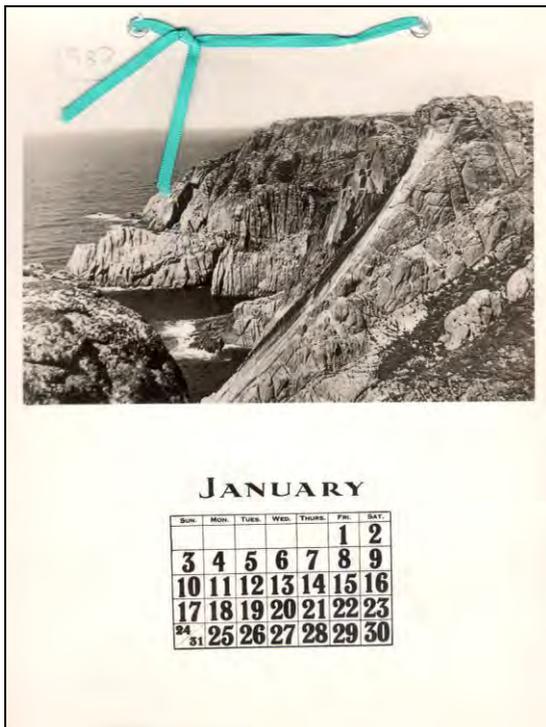


A Lundy calendar is not a new idea. With help of Graham Chadwick a calendar for the year 1937 has been found. Back then it was quite common to make your own calendar using shop bought printed dates stuck onto your favourite pictures. It was something that school children also did until recent times.

In 1936, D.G. Armstrong of Bedford produced a set of six Lundy calendars for 1937. Each month had a Lundy scene at the top and the dates further down. The pictures appear to be copied either from Lundy postcards or from personal photographs and are all printed in black and white.

From a handwritten inscription on the back of the last page, each calendar was numbered and dated 16.12. 36, so I can only assume that they were given to either family or friends as Christmas presents.

Below is a copy of the first page.



Lundy Postal Newsletters

By Lars Liwendahl

Sometimes I receive questions from other stamp collectors such as “Lundy has issued some 350 stamps and now after many years you have them all. How can you then continue to be so active looking for Lundy stamps?”

Well, I think all of us LCC members know the answer, postal history. Many, probably most of us, collect not only the stamps, we also collect Lundy postal history, meaning we are looking for covers, postcards, different cancellations and so on. To tell the truth, most of us probably collect everything related to our island. Who of us can resist a piece of Lundy Goss china from the early 1900's?

One area to collect related to the stamps and the postal history are the different information sheets and newsletters of various kinds produced and sent out to collectors informing about new Lundy stamps to be issued. Quite often these newsletters, if we call them that, are just photocopied items (as is the case today), but on some occasions real book print has been used. Regardless the way of printing they are interesting and they also often give a lot of information. When collecting Lundy stamps “in depth” they are nice items to begin a section of a new stamp set in our albums.

Being collectors we are also keen to do research and trying to get everything complete. For which of the Lundy stamp issues have there been special newsletters produced? I guess most of us have the ones from more recent years, but how is it for the older issues? Here we can perhaps all help and try to put together a list! Let's start and look into our collections and report to James! I am sure he would be keen to include this in future Journals!

Although now coming up with this “newsletter research idea” I must admit I do not have my newsletters in my own collection in 100% order. Anyway, being much involved in the issuing of new Lundy stamps I can say that since the first issue I was actively working with, the 1990 provisionals, there have been a newsletter for every issue since. I am a bit unsure about the 1996 Lundy Field Society issue. I have looked into my “Lundy boxes” but haven't found any (but it could well be put somewhere else!). This is the only issue in the last few decades which I have not taken part in.

To reprint all newsletters here in *The New Puffin Journal* will probably be a bit too much and take up too much space. Still, one or two of the oldest I am sure James will find space for.

Without starting to make up a list myself of what I have I can however, mention a few. The 1967 'Save the Seabirds' has two documents of printed information, also showing the actual stamps (in black and white). The 1971 and 1972 issues have photocopied letters written and signed by Felix Gade.

Two very interesting pieces are actually printed on Lundy postcards, the same in both cases, John Ogilvie's "puffins on a rock" postcard. One of them I have seen once or twice before, but the other one is totally new to me (and which in fact was "the trigger" for this article!). The first one has a printed text on the reverse side informing about the 1962 Europa stamps and was sent to a collector friend here in Sweden. The other one I recently got from another friend who knew of my Lundy interest. He had found it at a dealer in "a mixed box" and thought it perhaps could be something for me. The printed text on the reverse side is again about the 1962 Europa stamps and is in this case obviously primarily directed at stamp dealers. The sender is most interesting, A. Medawar, the wholesale dealer who was heavily involved in the issuing and printing of most of the Lundy stamps from 1951 to 1962. It is the first time that I have seen a newsletter like this sent by Medawar and also sent out from Lundy. The receiver is a stamp shop in Stockholm which is no longer around today although I knew the owners well. Have you seen similar cards from other issues?

I am sure that this will spark some interest with Club members who will look forward to learn more about the Lundy stamp newsletters. Let's start looking into our collections and go searching at dealers, stamp fairs etc., and report back to the Journal!

On the following page are images of the two newsletters printed on the reverse sides of postcards.

I have many of the printed sheet newsletters going back over the years in my collection and will now arrange them in order and report on them in a future issue of this Journal. I wait to hear from you with your findings. Ed.



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 PHOTOGRAVURE
 POST CARD

LUNDY,
 BRISTOL CHANNEL,
 Via BIDEFORD,
 NORTH DEVON, ENG.



At the end of September Lundy will issue 4 values of ordinary mail stamps for the 1962 anniversary of the Europa CEPT. The denominations will be 1 puffin, 2p, 6p and 9p, and the face value of the set will be 1s. 6d.

There will be a limited number of imperforate sets, and of special first day covers with pictorial panel.

Yours faithfully,

F. W. GADE, *Lundy Agent and Postmaster*
 Puffins.

These quaint seabirds, sometimes known locally as Sea Parrots, are here seen on Lundy in the Bristol Channel. This rocky island off the North Devon coast is one of their favourite haunts.

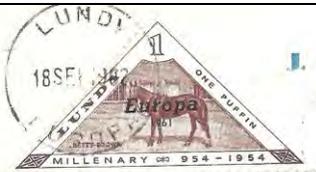
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J. Arthur Dixon
 PHOTOGRAVURE
 POST CARD



This year Lundy will add to the sets issued for over 33 years, the 1962 Europa issue comprising 4 values 1p, 2p, 6p and 9p, total face value 1/6.

This set can be obtained from:—

A. MEDAWAR,
 30/32 Grays Inn Road, London, W.C.1
 England.

Puffins.

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Special Lundy Postmarks and Cachets since 2008

By James Thomas

In his publication *Stamps and Postal History of Lundy Island, Fifth Edition*, Jon Aitchison has listed and illustrated all of Lundy's Postmarks and Cachets up to the end of 2008. Since then eleven new special postmark and cachet designs have been introduced and are listed below and on the following three pages.

2nd to 6th November 2009 – 'LUNDY 2-6 NO 09 COLLECTORS CLUB MEETING' - type FFF

This postmark was introduced to celebrate the Lundy Collectors' Club five day meeting on Lundy and was used with red and black ink. The use of red ink was restricted to seventy-five copies. All mail bearing Lundy stamps that were posted during the five day visit received the special postmark using black ink.



6th November 2009 – 'LUNDY – SENT BY HELICOPTER' - AIR-12

This cachet was first used on 6th November 2009 and has been applied to all mail that has since been flown from Lundy by helicopter.



15th May 2010 – ‘LUNDY FIRST DAY OF ISSUE’

A new 37mm diameter First Day of Issue postmark was introduced in 2010 and first used on the ‘Lundy Wildlife’ issue. So far it has only been used with black ink.



3rd January 2011 – ‘LUNDY 40 YEARS OF MARINE CONSERVATION’

This postmark was used with black ink throughout 2011 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of marine conservation around Lundy.



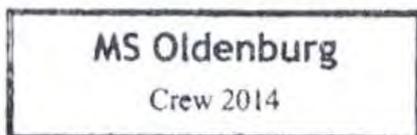
31st October to 4th November 2011 – ‘LUNDY 31.10–4.11.2011 LCC MEETING’

This postmark was introduced to celebrate the Lundy Collectors’ Club five day meeting on Lundy and was used with red and black ink. The use of red ink was restricted to seventy-five copies. All mail bearing Lundy stamps that were posted during the five day visit received the special postmark using black ink.



2014 'MS Oldenburg Crew 2014'

During 2014 the Crew of the m.s. Oldenburg received their own 'ship's cachet' to apply to invoices and general items as a kind of signature. It is not intended to cancel stamps.



17th to 21st March 2014 – 'LUNDY 17-21.3.2014 LCC MEETING'

This postmark was introduced to celebrate the Lundy Collectors' Club five day meeting on Lundy and was used with red and black ink. The use of red ink was restricted to seventy-five copies. All mail bearing Lundy stamps that were posted during the five day visit received the special postmark using black ink.



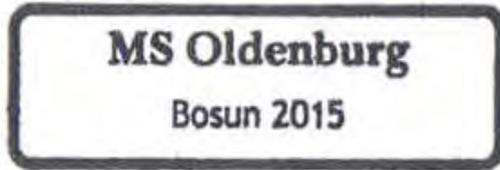
29th May 2014 – 'LUNDY 29.05.2014 TRINITY HOUSE'

A special one day of use cancellation was introduced to cancel the 2014 'Trinity House – serving the mariner for 500 years' stamps that were used on mail on 29th May 2014. This was only used with black ink.



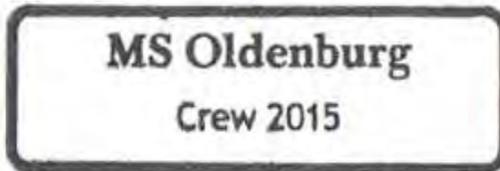
2015 'MS Oldenburg Bosun 2015'

During 2015 the Bosun of the m.s. Oldenburg received his own 'ship's cachet' to apply to invoices and general items as a kind of signature. It is not intended to cancel stamps.



2015 'MS Oldenburg Crew 2015'

During 2015 the Crew of the m.s. Oldenburg received their own 'ship's cachet' to apply to invoices and general items as a kind of signature. It is not intended to cancel stamps.



16th May 2015 – 'LUNDY 16 MAY 2015 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE'

An oval shaped canceller first used to cancel the 2015 'The Landmark Trust – 50 Years Rescuing Buildings' miniature sheet. This was only used with black ink.



Note – none of the images in this article are actual size.

Letter to Commander Cyril George Illingworth, Dated 24th October 1930 from F. W. Gade.

By Roger Allen

This short letter seems to be nothing out of the ordinary. It just acknowledges the receipt of a tiny valued postal order for 3/6d and informs the addressee that he has sent him a set of Lundy stamps as requested. Mr. Gade cannot resist adding an extra piece of information, however, pointing out that the Lundy stamps are only valid to and from the island and that the Puffin is the equivalent to one English penny.

The address to which this letter was sent is interesting in itself, it reads;
Commander C. G. Illingworth R.D., R. N. R.,
Staff Captain,
R. M. S. "Scythia",
Cunard S. S. Co. Ltd.,
Liverpool.

The envelope used by Gade was a stamped addressed envelope sent to him by Illingworth and thus has the Cunard Line logo on the reverse.

My first thought was that it is somewhat unusual for a senior officer from the Cunard Line to be interested in acquiring Lundy stamps. There is no answer to this question other than that he was. But we can gather some information about the ship the "Scythia" and Commander Illingworth himself.

R.M.S. "Scythia". She was built in 1921 and had a weight of 19,730 gross tonnes; 624 feet long with just one funnel and with a maximum speed of 16 knots. She was capable of carrying 2,200 passengers in all classes. She continued as a passenger liner until 1939 when she was commandeered as a troop-ship, in which capacity she continued until 1948, when she returned to her civilian duties. Between 1948 and 1950 her duties included the repatriation of Canadian war brides. Sometime during the war she was torpedoed off the coast of Africa but did not suffer severe damage. She was scrapped in 1958

In October 1930, at the time of Gade's letter, Commander Illingworth was second in command of the "Scythia", the actual captain at the time was A. D. Gibbon. Commander Illingworth, born in 1883, had a very successful career with the Cunard Line which he first joined in 1910. He was quickly promoted to commander and in 1930 he was posted as a full Captain. In 1942 he was made the Captain/master of the *Queen Mary*, the largest liner in the world at the time. The ship had already been commandeered by the government for the duration of the war, and was used as a troop carrier.

During the war, while transporting 11,000 G.I.s, the *Queen Mary*, under Illingworth's captainship, was involved in a collision with the cargo ship *Curacoa*. Because of the importance of its voyage, the *Queen Mary* sailed on, almost undamaged. There was a death toll of 39 as a result of this collision but further information of the incident is not available at this time. Illingworth became one of the most famous non Royal Navy captains of the time and in 1949 was Knighted by King George VI for maritime services to the nation. He died in 1958.

It is interesting to speculate whether Gade, in his later years, knew of Captain Sir Cyril Illingworth and his successful career and whether he remembered that 3/6d postal order that he had received way back in 1930. Illingworth is not mentioned in his memoirs *My Life on Lundy*. We can also wonder whether Illingworth kept the Lundy stamps he had purchased and if he continued with any interest in the island.

For much of the above information I would like to thank Charlotte Dunne, archivist at Liverpool University, where the Cunard Line records are held.

LUNDY,
BRISTOL CHANNEL.

24/10/30.

Comdr. C.G. Illingworth R.D., R.N.R.
Staff-Captain,
R.M.S. "Scythia"
Cunard S.S. Co. Ltd.,
Liverpool.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 14th. Inst.
enclosing P.O. value 3/6 for which I have pleasure to send
herewith one Set of Lundy Stamps as requested.

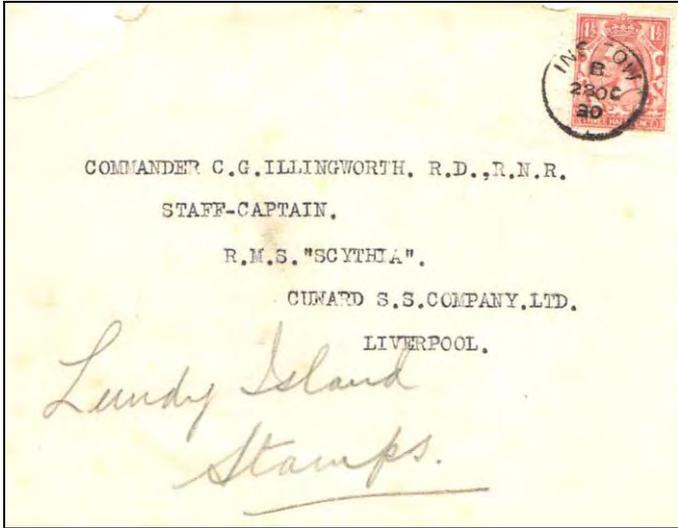
The Island Stamps are not recognised by the Postal
Union and are only used for the Mails to and from the Mainland
and the Island.

The Puffin is the equivalent to one English Penny.

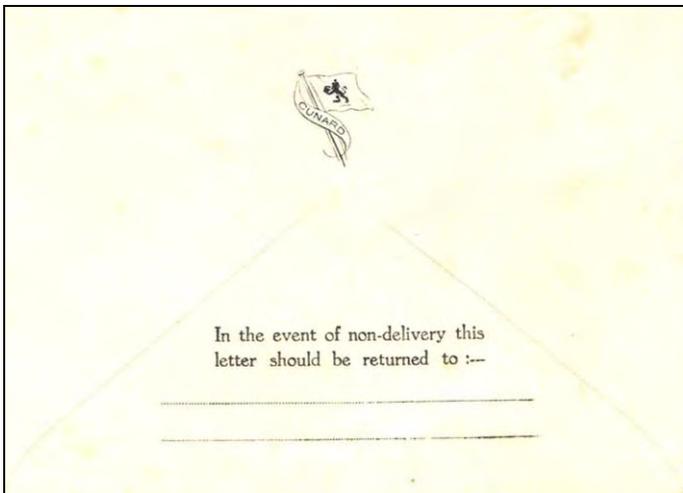
Yours faithfully,

W. H. H. H.

A copy of the letter



The front face of the envelope



The rear of the envelope showing the Cunard logo

Lundy Fly-In

By Roy Bentley

On the 2nd August 2015 Lundy organised a Fly-In Day, offering a discounted price of £25-00 on the Oldenburg to encourage visitors to make the trip. Setting sale at 10-00am some 195 passengers boarded the Oldenburg for the trip from Ilfracombe to Lundy, with near perfect conditions. Half way across we came up on a large pod of dolphins chasing after Mackerel, we were told this was the largest pod of dolphins they had come across this year.

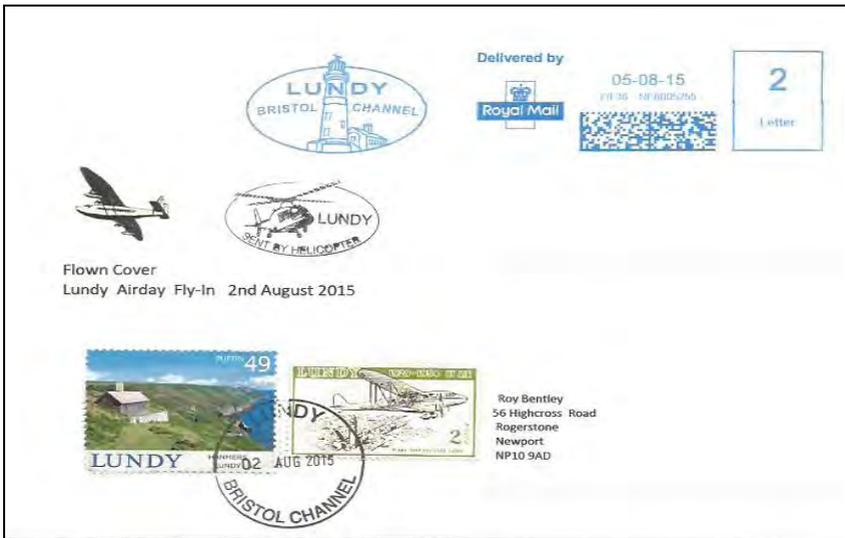


As we walked up from the jetty to the Tavern we could see some of the aircraft circling and then landing in the field adjacent to the Old Lighthouse. We were told they were expecting some 40 plus aircraft on the day.



Marshals were on each side of the runway to shepherd the aircraft into rows 100 metres away from the runway. I counted 34 aircraft in two rows by 1:00 pm with still more coming in to land later in the afternoon. One plane came in too fast and as its wheels touched the ground it powered up again and went around for a second attempt on landing where there were no problems this time. I can't imagine when Lundy would have had so many aircraft on the airfield in one day. After spending 90 minutes watching the aircraft come in we decided to see if a visit to Jenny's Cove would show any signs of the Puffins still around, we were told by Lundy staff there were a few still here but we did not see any, along with the many others visitors who were there with cameras and binoculars hoping to see Puffins.

Making our way around the island on what was a very hot day, even the sheep were looking for the coolest place to drink and sleep.

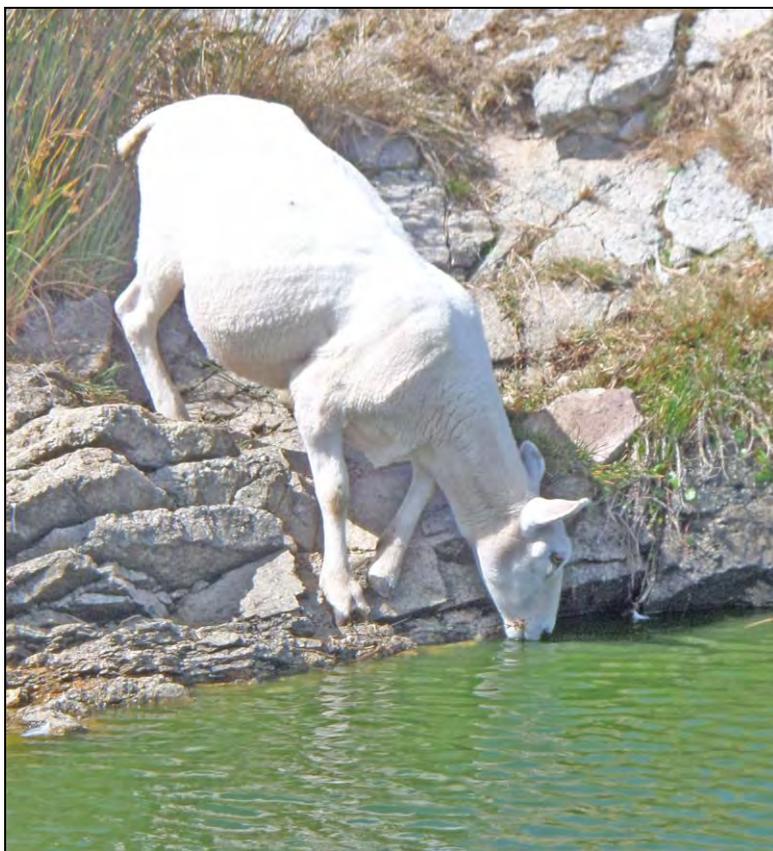


The Tavern and the shop were busy selling cold drinks and I can recommend the Lundy beers in the Tavern on a hot Sunday afternoon, very refreshing!

I prepared a couple of covers as a souvenir of the day as there were no official Lundy covers issued.

The evening return trip was in very calm waters but sadly with no dolphins to see.

It was nice to see so many different types of visitor enjoying a day on Lundy.



Lundy Specialists' Society – Early Days.

By Roger Allen

Some years ago I obtained several documents and other ephemera from the archives of Barry Chinchin which he had placed into the Lundy Collectors' Club auction. Amongst these miscellaneous papers were the membership lists of the Lundy Specialists' Society for 1961 and 1964 and a book of receipts for membership fees going back to 1956.

Membership numbers varied widely from year to year, in 1957 there were 27 members recorded, plus 8 names recorded in the receipt book for December 1956, the very end of the year in which the Society was formed. In 1958 there were 23 paid up members, in 1961 there were 31 and in 1964 there were only 20. Membership details for the other years in this period are not available. Membership fees were officially payable annually on the 1st January or one year from the date of joining and remained the same throughout this period 1956 to 1964 at 7/6d per annum.

The first "Puffin" newsletter is dated January 1957 and states that the Society was formed in 1956. The editor for the first three numbers was Michael Windeatt of 4, Albert Road, Weston-Super-Mare. Barry Chinchin then became the Secretary and took over the editorship of the "Puffin" in May 1958 with issue number 4.

The names of many of the founding members are familiar to Lundy collectors today. Comments on a few of them, in alphabetic order, are given below.

Allington F. D., Hitchen, Herts. He joined the Society in 1956 and was the seventh member to pay his subs. But he had been corresponding with the island since 1954, as a letter from Martin Coles Harman attests. Many long letters from Gade to Allington exist right up to 1974, so he was a very faithful friend of the island. The letters were mostly about philatelic matters, postcards and even the coins.

Downing, F. R., Pharmacist from Sway, Hants. He appears to have been founder member No. 2, joining in December 1956. Best known for his 1956 catalogue and guidebook "The Lundy Locals". This is a most comprehensive work covering not only the stamps but also the history of Lundy, geography, birds and even a genealogy of the Mariscos. Felix Gade knew this work and refers to it in his memoirs "My Life on Lundy" and also in his Postal History.

Downing remained a paid up member from 1956 to at least 1961, but his name does not appear in 1964. In 1956 and 1957 he wrote articles for inclusion in the "Puffin", Nos. 1 and 2, on the subject of the Butlers and St. Ledgers 1450 to 1600 and Lundy under the Grenvilles.

Dulin, Austin. Liverpool, New York, USA. Founder member No. 13, joining the Society in January 1957, remaining paid up until at least 1964 and certainly beyond that date. He submitted notes to the "Puffin" on birds and minerals (tourmaline, schorl and China Clay) and on a mysterious cover in "Puffin" No. 2. He appears to have contributed nothing else in those early years. He is best known for his 1982 imaginative work titled "A Cross reference to Catalog Numbers used for Lundy Stamps". This starts with a column of Barry Chinchin's catalogue numbers up to the 1979 '50th Anniversary of the Lundy Posts' set. Alongside these numbers he gives, in columns, the catalogue numbers of Downing, Gerald Rosen (airmails only) Rowcroft, Sanabria and Stanard.

Lundy, Charles D. Belleville, Ontario. Became founder member No. 12, joining in January 1957 remaining a paid up member until at least 1964. He was a dealer and his only contribution to the "Puffin" seems to have been short advertisements for what he had on offer and what he wished to buy.

Moon, Gladys (Miss), Peoria, Illinois. Miss Moon joined the Society in May 1958. She was a paid-up member of the Society up to at least 1964 but there appears to be no mention of her after that date. She is best known for her long and very comprehensive article on Lundy, which appeared in the American Philatelist of September 1961, Volume 74 , No. 12. This covers the history of the island from ancient times right up to the latest Harman days. The earlier parts are brief and sketchy but the sections on modern history are detailed and accurate. It includes a section on the postal history and the stamps. The illustrations include five relevant early covers, a John Dyke map and a photo of Martin Coles Harman.

Moss, John E. Harpenden, Herts. Member No. 6, he remained a paid up member till 1960 and contributed articles on "The Lure of Lundy" in the "Puffin" Nos. 1 and 2 and a note on Donald Heaysman in "Puffin" No. 5, but seems to have had little other connection with the Society after this.

Rigby Hall, Brian. of Bournemouth. Founder member No. 8, joining the Society in December 1956, and remaining a paid up member until at least 1961. He had long been associated with the island however, as in 1941 Martin Coles Harman instituted the Lundy Philatelic Bureau and appointed Rigby-Hall to run it. The reason for this bureau was the difficulty of dealing with stamp matters from the island during the war. Rigby-Hall was responsible for all the wartime overprints and he took advantage of the situation to issue all the many overprints such as the V and plane and the Red Cross. He also produced the 1943 3p, 10p and 30p essays. In 1945, the Bureau was closed. As late as 1970 he produced reprints of the 'V and plane' and the above Essays, in sheets, on many different coloured papers. Jon Aitchison in his 2009 "Stamps and Postal History of Lundy", covers all the Rigby-Hall issues in great detail.

Rowcroft Jr. William, South Ozone Park, New York. Founder member No. 5, joining the Society on the 19th December 1956. He remained a paid up member until at least 1964. He had already been associated with Lundy since 1951 when he produced a catalogue of the stamps of Lundy and the Channel Islands. There was a second edition in 1954. In 1957 in "Puffin" No. 3, he contributed an article on varieties in Lundy stamps. In "Puffin" No. 4 he wrote notes on the life of the puffin and on birds. In "Puffin" No. 5 he added notes on overprints and surcharges on Lundy stamps. In Puffin No.6 he commented on Mesolithic Flint discoveries. Though not mentioned in "My Life on Lundy", Felix Gade knew Rowcroft well and in his correspondence with him addressed him as "Bill".

Windeatt, Michael. He had paid his subs in 1961 but by 1964 he had dropped out of the picture, in spite of having been the first editor of the "Puffin". In 1957 he had produced his catalogue of Lundy Island Locals (priced 5/-); a professionally printed and quite comprehensive list. These seem to be the total of his contributions to Lundy.

Of the other twenty or so names on Barry Chinchen's membership lists, nothing is known of them, though three or four contributed short notes to the "Puffin", these include John J Pritt, J. N. Holland and Joachim Simon. Mr. Gade had earlier corresponded with one other member, Jerome Price of Cleveland, Ohio, who, in 1951, was able to supply spare parts for an American diesel generator on Lundy in exchange for Lundy stamps (see page 325 in "My Life on Lundy").

Book Review

Landmark – A History of Britain in 50 Buildings.

Reviewed by James Thomas.

This book is published by the Landmark Trust in celebration of its 50th birthday.

It is a beautifully produced large format book containing 288 pages detailing 50 of the Landmark's properties including the Castle and Old Light on Lundy. The authors are Caroline Stanford and Anna Keay who is the current Director of the Landmark Trust and a historian.

Anna's passion for her job and the Landmark properties shines through. The introduction details how John Smith and his wife Christian started up the Landmark Trust and the people involved at the time. It describes how some of the early properties were acquired, including a detailed account of how Lundy came into the Trust's control.

This publication is a 'coffee table' book which is of great interest and beautifully illustrated and I am sure will be a good addition to any Lundy collector's book cabinet.

It cost £25 and can be purchased direct from the Landmark Trust.

Diary 2016

Saturday 12th March 2016

LFS AGM, Crediton, Devon

Monday 14th to Friday 18th March 2016

LCC Spring Meeting on Lundy – this event is already fully booked.

Saturday 23rd July 2016

LCC Day trip to Lundy

Sunday 24th July 2016

LCC Summer Meeting, Ilfracombe, Devon

Sunday 18th September 2016

LCC Meeting at the Cinderella Stamp Congress,
The Royal Philatelic Society, London

Sunday 23rd October 2016

LCC Autumn Meeting, Pewsey, Wiltshire

Magazine Binders

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**'.

Club Badge

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.