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# *Editorial*

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During March this year the Club held its Spring Meeting on Lundy which was one of the best we have ever had and you can read all about it in this issue starting on page 2. Because of the success of this meeting we have decided to hold another meeting on Lundy between 30<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017. Due to the demand of the Spring meeting, additional places have been booked and are all located around the centre of the village. If you would like to attend please write to James Thomas to book your place together with a cheque for £125.00 payable to James Thomas. This will be the full payment for your accommodation. Your helicopter ticket can be bought nearer the time direct from Lundy. More information will be published in the Journal as we get closer to the meeting. So, if you would like to attend, please reply now to avoid disappointment!

From 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September the World's First Cinderella Stamp Congress will be held in London and the Lundy Collectors' Club will be holding a meeting within the Congress. Also, Lundy will be producing a special cancel for the day. For more details about the Congress and the special cancel please read pages 17, 18 and 23 of this Journal.

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016 the Club will be organising a day-trip to Lundy onboard the m.s. Oldenburg sailing out of and back to Bideford and then on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July the Club will be holding its Summer Meeting in Ilfracombe. Booking forms for each event are enclosed, so if you wish to attend please return your form immediately. Also at the Summer Meeting we hold all four Club competitions for Lundy Stamps, Postal History, Postcards, Literature and Ephemera and Lundy Photographs. Please bring something along and take part in the fun.

I look forward to meeting you all.

*JAMES*

# *Lundy in the Spring Time!*

## *A Report of the Club's Five Day Meeting on Lundy*

By James Thomas

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### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

I was convinced that I had taken a wrong turn on my drive to Hartland because as I arrived at the Lundy helicopter terminal the air was clear, the sky was blue and the light was warm. Is this Hartland or have I arrived in a warm Mediterranean fishing port? However, as soon as I stepped out of my car and into the cold easterly wind I realised that my feet were firmly planted on British soil. But compared to the previous three months of continuous rain and dull cloudy skies, this was paradise and a perfect omen for a good five days on Lundy. The helicopter flights were quick and efficient and it wasn't long before we were all breathing in the sweet Lundy air.

At 4:30pm Derek Green met us all in the Tavern Wheelhouse and greeted us with an up date of Lundy life.

Lars Liwendahl followed with a detailed talk and slide show about the design and production process of the two 2014 and the 2015 stamp issues. He explained how they developed from ideas to artwork to the final products. Lars talked about his invitation to the Cartor works in France to inspect the production of the Lundy stamps and how at the same time he was given a tour of their operation, which even to a long term stamp collector such as Lars, was a very interesting and unique experience. A special full length feature article about the design and production of the 2015 'Landmark Trust 50 years Rescuing Buildings' issue will appear in the next issue of this Journal.

Just as we left the meeting, Derek Green presented everyone in the room with a signed card with stamps cancelled by a special canceller. 500 copies of the card with the stamps cancelled by the special canceller in red were produced. This canceller was also used on mail posted from the island between Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016 using black ink.

Tom Baker and Sharon Read produced a postcard for the meeting and Margaret and Graham Chadwick produced a postcard in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

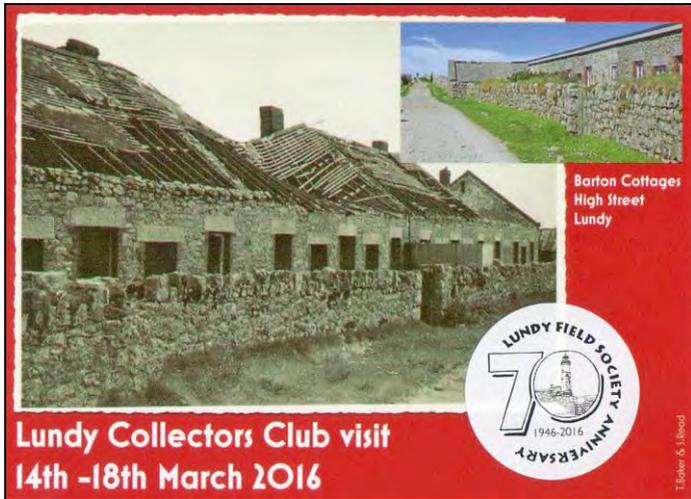
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14 - 18.3 2016**



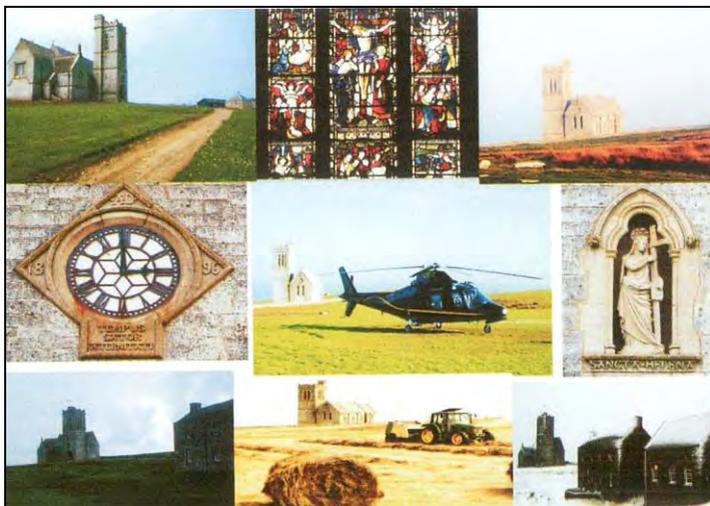
*Dear James Welcome to Lundy: 2016.  
Derek Green      Ceri Stafford*



*Souvenir card produced by Lundy and signed by Derek Green and Ceri Stafford was given to each member present. The special postmark in black that was used on mail posted from the island during the five days of the Club's meeting.*



*Souvenir postcard produced by Sharon Read and Tom Baker to commemorate the Club's meeting and the Lundy Field Society's 70th Anniversary that was given to each member present.*



*Postcard produced by Margaret and Graham Chadwick to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund.*

## **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

At 10:30 Simon Dell led a mixed group of Lundy collectors and a visiting working party on a tour of the southern end of the island. The tour started with a visit to the Sir Antony Gormley sculpture which is located close to the Rocket Pole. After a quick photo shoot the group moved on towards the Castle and then down to Benson's Cave. But before walking down the cliff to the cave, we spent a few minutes watching the *Oldenburg* battling through the heavy seas towards the Landing Jetty to deliver vital supplies and to return to the mainland the old fire engine, yes, Lundy has a new one, this time a Land Rover which is more suitable to Lundy's terrain.

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At 4:30pm we all met in the Wheel House for the members' displays.

James Thomas opened the evening with a display of Lundy stamp publicity sheets covering many decades and including a couple of Press publicity sheets. This display was inspired by Lars Liwendahl's article titled 'Lundy Postal Newsletters' in the Spring 2016 edition of the Journal and has led to a follow-up article in a later issue.

Margaret Yeo, née Dennis, brought along, what she described as "a few bits from a box in the roof". Margaret's Grand-father was the bailiff on Lundy during the First World War and her father, as a young child, grew up on the island. She had a selection of photos including some of the Harman family, a Gade Christmas card, old postcards many of which I have never seen before and a letter to the Rev. Heaven informing him of a £1,000 inheritance. She also had her father's autograph book which included a signature and verse from Charles Oldfield who crash landed his plane on Lundy during WW1.

Barry Chinchen surprised us all with a huge pack that he gave to each of us. Earlier this year Barry visited the Public Record Office at Kew and researched several aspects of Lundy history that is not recorded in other publications. He prepared information sheets covering the following subjects:-

- 1) A plan and picture of Lundy drawn and painted in 1804 when the island was proposed to be used as a depot for prisoners from the Napoleonic Wars.
- 2) The Tax Position of Lundy Island 1882 – 1979.
- 3) Lundy Signal Station 1904 – 1910 which discusses the provision of a new War Signal Station at Tibbett's Hill and a lookout hut near the North Light.
- 4) The Lundy Coastguard New buildings 1903 – 1909.
- 5) Aerodrome Licences for Lundy Island and Devonshire aerodrome.
- 6) The Payment of Selective Employment Tax on Lundy Island 1967 – 1970.

This pack is a thoroughly detailed piece of research and with Barry's permission will be published in sections in the Journal over the next couple of years.

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Lars Liwendahl presented a pot-pourri of sample material produced by the Cartor Security Printers and included original photographs used for the 2015 Lundy miniature sheet, hand sketches and sheet layouts together with many other interesting items.

Jon Aitchison displayed a selection of covers of an airmail theme and among the many beautiful items on show were a 1939 1d and ½d stamps bisected and a selection of war-time censored mail.

Mike Thompson showed a selection of scarce 1927 to 1929 envelopes used after the discontinuation of the Post Office on the island and before the introduction of Lundy stamps.

Chas Povey brought the afternoon's displays to an end with a mouth watering display of unique Lundy material for the 1929 issue and included the unadopted essay from the Bradbury Wilkinson archive, bromide proofs mounted on presentation cards, imperforated sheets, a facsimile of a mounted uncut pane of four sheets of the ½p red stamp (he couldn't bring the original from Canada for fear of damaging it!) and a proof of the 1puffin stamp signed and dated. He finished off with a few Lundy straight line cancels on cover.

The combined displays of this meeting surpassed anything shown at a Lundy Collectors' Club meeting since we started in Britain 20 years ago. Thank you to all members who made the effort because it was a real pleasure to see such rare and interesting material.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

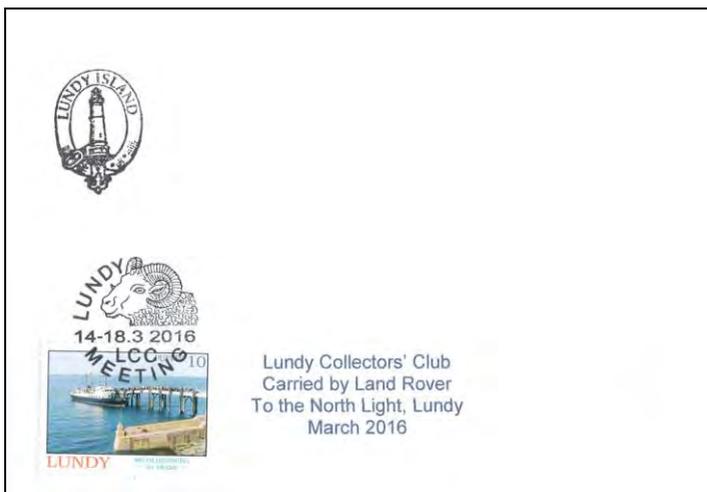
The evening started with Simon Dell showing a Westward Television programme that was filmed on Lundy during the early 1970's and presented by the late Clive Gunnel.

After dinner Mike Thompson with the help of Julie Lester and Bob Harper held the Club Auction. The first four lots were late lots put in by Derek Green to raise money for the St. Helen's Church Restoration Fund. The main part of the auction consisted of 268 lots and bidding was enthusiastic throughout.

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## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Today we started with a trip to the North End. Despite the bright sunshine, the wind was bitterly cold and the hardy troopers who walked the 3 miles were rewarded with spectacular views. To help those with walking problems, Derek Green took seven members in the Land Rover. To commemorate such an auspicious event everyone received a commemorative cover stamped with a Lundy stamp and cancelled with the special canceller that was used throughout the week. Derek also applied the Lundy cachet that he personally uses on his office correspondence.



To start the evening events Margaret Yeo gave a reading of her father's notes of Lundy from the time he lived and worked on the island during and after the First World War. Derek Green followed with a short discussion about the forthcoming Lundy Postal Code of Practice. The final version of this document will be published in a future issue of the Journal.

After dinner Michael Bale compèred the Lundy pub quiz and after twenty-four Lundy related questions, Ceri Stafford, Lundy's General Postmaster took top honours and won the silver trophy, well, to be more accurate, a silver plated Lundy spoon!

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## **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

All good things come to an end and today we departed for the Big Island. Breakfast in the tavern was a quiet affair which I thought was an indication of how everyone had enjoyed their five days and didn't want to go home.

Since Nigel's retirement, Lundy's new Island Manager, Rob Waterfield conducted the helicopter safety briefing after which we had just two last jobs left to do. Firstly, Margaret Chadwick presented to Derek Green £185:00 which she raised for the Church fund from contributions for the Land Rover trip to the North End and for her postcard. Mike Thompson followed with £310:00, also for the Church Fund, from the sale of the late lots in the auction. Derek said a big thank you to the Club for the money and for all of the help and advice that Lars Liwendahl and other Club members had offered. The final job was a group photograph of the 'Lundy family' of 2016.



*The 'Lundy Family' of 2016*

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**Further Information.**

Lundy has a small stock of the souvenir card for sale to members who couldn't attend the meeting.

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**The 2015 'The Landmark Trust – 50 Years Rescuing Buildings' miniature sheet.**



*The 2015 'The Landmark Trust – 50 Years Rescuing Buildings' miniature sheet was printed in sheets of nine. The miniature sheets were all cut to size before leaving the printers. However, one full sheet was kept and is now in Lundy's secure archive.*

*I was granted permission to photograph it for all members to see.*

## *In memoriam Rev. Hudson Grosett Heaven.* *26 February 1916.*

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There had been no communication with Lundy for three weeks, the cable being broken and the constant tempests and easterly winds preventing any landing even from the patrol boats. Remembering that on earlier occasions, in testing the cable, a message had been delivered by getting words through spasmodically, my husband Jack followed my suggestion of writing to the Chief Signalmen at Croyde Bay, the mainland end of the Lundy cable, on 27<sup>th</sup> February asking him to try & get through the words "Squire dead - prepare grave", before attempting to send the prepaid telegram message which was enclosed. The man wrote he could not get a word through, but knowing a patrol boat was leaving Ilfracombe for Lundy the next day (Monday 28<sup>th</sup>) he had sent the message on for them to deliver. My brother Walter received it at about 4:00 pm that day. Meantime, Helen - my cousin at Torrington, had instructed Capt. Beer to give Walter the coffin dimensions, and Jack had also written to him, enclosing a letter to Walter to be delivered as soon as he possibly could. The "Devonia" being again due to land mail & provisions on Monday 28<sup>th</sup>, in spite of easterly wind, Capt. Beer managed to land, but had to wait for a certain state of tide so in the meantime he broke the news by semaphoring "Have you heard from Torrington? The Squire is dead".

I went down to Torrington on the 28<sup>th</sup> and Jack joined me there on Tuesday night. I spent the Tuesday ordering some flowers and going to Abbotsham Coombe cottage to ask Uncle Spencer if he would mind giving me a letter of credit for the Bideford tradesmen, as I felt sure, that the provisions must be nearly out, for Hilda, my sister-in-law had written three weeks previously because they were getting low, and I believed there had been no chance of ordering any from the island. Uncle's letter was so effective, I received the utmost courtesy from the Manager of Tattersills the High Street shop and the collecting and even cooking of items being undertaken by them, and the box of provisions was delivered to the Gannet.

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, the Vicar of Torrington (Rev. Emlyn Jones) held the service with all but the committal mangers at the church before the hearse should start for Bideford. He was assisted by Rev. Arthur Seymour (Archdeacon Seymour's youngest son) and several neighbours attended. I was very glad the Vicar suggested this, for this was the day the Germans named as being the renewal of submarine hostilities and I had in my mind the possibility of "frightfulness" from a lurking submarine on our voyage over.

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We took Uncle on board the Gannet from Bideford Quay, near the Rose of Torridge Inn, but close by the bridge at 3:30 pm in a drizzling rain. With flag half mast the Gannet motored to Instow, and the weather having changed - easterly wind again in the channel and snowstorms threatening in a pitch dark night, Fred Dark advised waiting for the morning tide, and leaving Uncle on board the little cutter he had so often sailed in, we spent the night at the hotel there.

By 6:15 the next morning we were underway again for Lundy – a fine morning but still easterly wind. We had a good passage, but the island was veiled in such thick haze, we were at anchor before our advent was realised. Thanks to Fred Dark's good seamanship, and the help of two signalmen who were on the beach, Jack and I were landed dry, but Fred urged us to hasten people down to launch a larger boat than his punt to land the coffin, before the state of tide favourable for landing with easterly wind had ebbed away. Jack and I had ascended the hill as far as the desolate old home, when I heard Walter's voice the opposite side of the valley coming down Trinity Road, talking to Allday (the postman & clerk). I had to coo-ee loudly before Walter heard me, to stop his going down the old road, and he came down with Allday meeting me at the stables as I retraced my steps, and where we were shortly joined by Jack, who had gone some little way further up the path than I had. While turning the last corner of the beach road, I had noticed the patrol boat had steamed in, and launched a big boat whose occupants were talking to Fred Dark in his punt near the "Gannet". Urging Walter to try and secure the services of the King's men to land our Uncle, and he instructing Jack to hasten Pennington down with the hay cart and then to go up to the churchyard on Beacon Hill to inspect John Dark's progress with the grave, which he himself feared would not be ready before Saturday, we parted.

We reached the farm about 10:30 am and after some refreshments; Jack went up to the wind swept God's acre, while I started for the Palace to arrange with the Rev. Swatridge to meet us all at the farm to settle details. It was drizzling again and on the way a signalman meeting me, respectfully informed me the cart was near at hand, so I waited, and fell in behind with Walter. King George's men had landed our "King of Lundy", - his favourite horse Lion was in the shafts, and the "Gannet's" sail was shielding the coffin and flowers on the bier.

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Allday, Pennington, one of the "Gannet's" crew and two signalmen not being quite enough to lift it down, and carry him into the church, Walter helped to bear his uncle up to the chancel, and there, in the church he had built, with crosses, wreaths, and an anchor of the flowers he took such joy in, we left him "lying in state", lighting candles at dusk, and leaving them alight all night, and the church open, till we had made ready his last resting place.

The wind freshening to a gale from the east, the "Gannet" had to get underway and cast anchor off the Rattles, and we woke on the morning of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to find the Island white with snow, but the sun rising, melted all away by noon. John Dark, who is a mason, helped by old Bill Thomas and Pennington, worked splendidly, on being aware Jack must be back in Bristol by Saturday, and that we could not wait for the last offices. If the funeral did not take place on Friday, and the grave was ready for us by the time we reached the graveyard. Walter had only Bill Thomas and Pennington, the War having called off all his other hands, besides these there were five lighthouse men and six signalmen on the island, three light keepers and four signalmen besides Fred Dark and Allday assisted as bearers, not enough to carry him all the way from church to graveyard, so the hay cart and Lion led by Pennington had to be used. The chief officer at the signal station and his wife attended, he kindly loaning the coastguard a burial flag to cover the coffin. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Allday were present in church and at the churchyard, but only Walter and I, Jack and Hilda followed. All the way the weather was too bad to be able to make definite arrangements for other members of the family to attend, though many wished to have followed their much loved and revered kinsman to his last resting place. As he wished for "a very simple funeral, to be laid beside his father and sister at Lundy" I think we carried out his wishes, which I had promised to do, and instead on all arrangements being made to that effect, in hopes of slipping across with him, in the lull of the tempests, which is a great comfort to me to have accomplished.

We assembled in the church at noon on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the roads were sodden with melted snow and rough in one place beyond Benjamin's Chair where we had to make a wide detour to avoid a swamp, but were otherwise sheltered under the wall from the wind, which had abated a bit by the time we reached the graveside. We have laid him on the south foundation wall of the ruins of St. Helen's Chapel, beside his father.

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Walter had not been home when the Grandfather and Aunt were laid to rest, so I had to draw on my memory for precedents for his guidance, and he greatly felt the loss of his Uncle and the simple ceremonial of the funeral. Somehow, it did not seem unfitting that “Duke” and the other island dog he knew had followed us, for Uncle was so fond of dogs he observed. I had spent the morning helping Hilda, as she had only Mrs. Pennington, who was obliged to bring her two babies with her, besides Noelle’s Nurse to help her. The latter kept Noelle in the Nursery, we, and Mrs. Swatridge joined them in the dining room and the rest assembled in the Kitchen for refreshments.

We had to be on board the “Gannet” by 3:30 pm Thomas, Pennington, John Dark and a light keeper handled our luggage and the bier accompanied by Walter, Hilda and little Noelle, we soon started for the beach, lingering to look into the windows of the empty home as we passed down the road. Walter never goes that way to the beach otherwise I think, like myself, it is too full of poignant memories, and saddens with the knowledge the voices we loved and heard there, are for ever still to us on Earth, and yet their presence unseen, unheard, are felt in every room!

The wind had again freshened, and rolling seas were breaking on the beach, the tide too high to make our way along the rocks, so we had to go over Lametry to the back of the Gates. Even there the spindrift was flying, and a slight ground sea rolling in. Exhausted with the long climb over Lametry in my heavy warm clothing, and the staggering buffeting of the wind, which several times nearly blew me down, I quailed at the prospect of embarking, having never, in my 50 years experience of the Island had to either land or leave at the back of the Gates. However, it looked worse than it was and by 3:30 pm we were again underway and with double-reefed mainsail, after a rough voyage, during which we got wet through with heavy spray dashed on board, we were landed at Instow Station at 6:15 pm. I kept the old lighthouse tower and the Church in view till long after ‘Bell buoy on our lee’ was called, for in spite of the “Gannet’s” tumbling & tossing, I had the soothing realisation it was far too rough for any enemy submarine to waylay us.

Jack spent Friday night at Torrington and returned to Bristol on Saturday, stopping at Bideford on the way to interview Uncle Spencer who his late brother had made co-trustee with my husband.

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I stayed on at Torrington with Helen to arrange Uncle's possessions for probate duty. The house and garden are on our hands until 14<sup>th</sup> July, so she and her aunt Annie have plenty of time to make arrangements. The latter realises her beloved Cousin is dead, but at her age forgets the loss during many hours of the day, and happily did not suffer from shock when the news of his sudden passing was broken to her.

To Walter the shock was rather overwhelming, for he had it in his mind "the news" from Torrington semaphored from the "Devonia" meant cousin Annie was called home. Helen gave us particulars: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February was sunny, but a keen easterly wind was blowing, of which she warned Uncle on seeing him sallying forth to the garden and Thursday evening he complained of feeling so poorly she begged him to stay in bed the next day. Friday morning she found him spitting blood, and sent for Dr. Mortimer, who at once pronounced his case serious.

I received her letter Saturday morning and began to make arrangements to leave home; while I was out a telegram arrived summoning me immediately. Eileen my youngest daughter started to pack for me, and I found, on returning home I could catch the last train to Torrington. But before my cab came, another telegram announced that our dear Uncle had died at noon on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1916. Though Helen was anxiously awaiting my arrival, I was then obliged to postpone my leaving home until Monday, having mourning to attend to, besides making arrangements with Nicholas as legal adviser. Helen meantime had attended to all needful matters here even to performing the last service herself with "Mary's" help. We are very glad Uncle was still owner of Lundy and Walter in occupation of the island, and we feel whoever may subsequently own Lundy; we leave those three who loved it so passionately, forever in possession of it. But I am afraid all his possessions, save one or two personal bequests, will have to be sold, even things belonging to his Mother and Sisters.

'Winny' M. C. H. Heaven.

The original text is in John Heaven's possession.

# The Bideford Pottery

By James Thomas

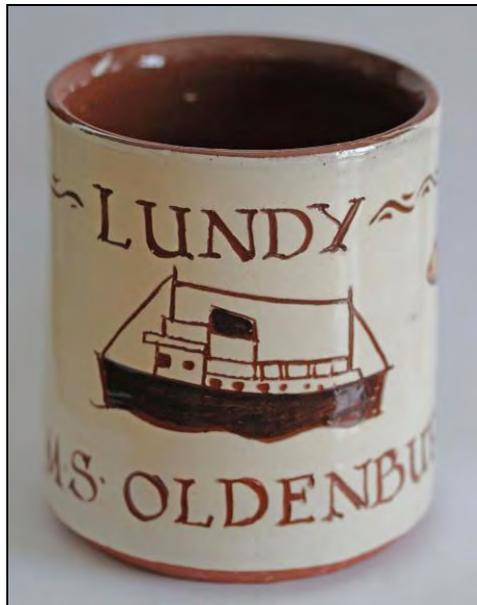
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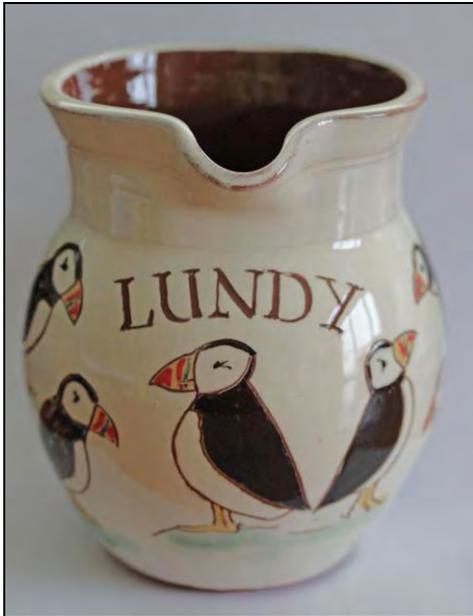
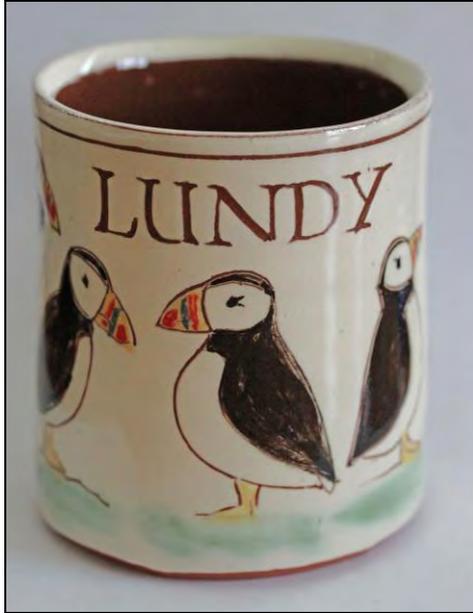
In 1983 the Bideford Pottery was established by local artist Harry Juniper. Harry works from his shop and studio in Ropewalk, Bideford with his daughter Susan and son Nick and a few days a week he can be found manning a stall on Butchers' Row in the Bideford Pannier Market.

Harry, a quiet gentleman in his mid eighties, told me that he knew and attended the Bideford School of Art with the late John Dyke.

Harry uses the red earthenware clay commonly found around the Torbay area of Devon and has over the years produced small quantities of hand thrown pots and jugs for Lundy to sell either on the island or on the *Oldenburg*. Because the quantities produced are quite small, about one or two dozen at a time and at irregular intervals, it is very difficult to collect or even catalogue everything that Harry has produced for Lundy.

However, to give you a taste of his beautiful work, I have shown below and on the following page the three items from my own collection.





# *The World's First Cinderella Stamp Congress*

By Jon Aitchison

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**Hosted by the Cinderella Stamp Club of Great Britain**

**From Friday 16th September until  
Sunday 18th September 2016**

**At The Royal Philatelic Society London and other  
London Venues.**

## **Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Bältespännaren, the Swedish Cinderella Stamp Club**

Cinderella collectors and Societies from around the World are invited to this major event. All collecting interests within the field will be catered for, such as locals, poster stamps, revenues, railways, shipping, aviation and transport, franking meter marks, phantoms and bogus, in fact all 'back of the book' subjects.

The Congress is held at the end of Stampex week, the major British national stamp exhibition that opens on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Stampex will have featured Cinderella exhibits throughout and we encourage everyone to enter. (Entry details from [www.abps.org.uk](http://www.abps.org.uk)). There will be an opportunity to have lunch together at a local pub on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Friday 16th September the Congress commences** with a welcoming drinks and buffet reception between 5pm and 8pm at the Royal Philatelic Society London, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY. There will be an invited display from members of the Cinderella Stamp Club of Great Britain of up to 50 frames and a special souvenir for all attending.

**Saturday 17th September** starts with an optional visit to Charing Cross Collectors' Market then we meet at the Royal Philatelic Society London from 10.30am for tea and coffee. The morning session starts at 11am and the subject is World revenues. A paper related to the subject will also be presented and there will be an invited display from the Revenue Society of Great Britain followed by a chance for anyone else to display on that subject.

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Auction viewing and dealers' stands will be present throughout the day. Tables are available free of charge to any dealers that want to participate and there will be another souvenir.

After lunch at a local pub (optional) the afternoon session starts at 2.30pm. This will be hosted by **BÄLTESPÄNNAREN**, the Swedish Cinderella stamp club that celebrates its 50th anniversary on that very day. A research paper will be presented by Lars Liwendahl and their members will present an invited exhibit, after which everyone is encouraged to display any aspect of Scandinavian Cinderellas. They will be providing a souvenir and special cachet. After a refreshment break we will have a Cinderella and Revenue auction until 7pm, followed by the Congress dinner in the evening (dress informal).

**Sunday 18th September.** After gathering from 10.30am for coffee we start the third session at 11am and the subjects will be poster stamps and locals. At the same time The Meter Mark Study Group will hold a separate meeting in the building for those that are interested. A research paper will be followed by an invited display of poster stamps and another of locals, after which those present will be encouraged to display. There will be another special souvenir and a Lundy Island posting facility. The dealers' bourse will continue throughout the day.

After lunch the final session commences at 2.30pm with the signing of the Maurice Williams Roll of notable Cinderella Philatelists, by both new nominees and those that had previously not had an opportunity to sign. The afternoon will be devoted to displays from those present on any other aspects of Cinderella philately not covered so far. There will be a further souvenir and the **Lundy Collectors' Club** will hold a separate meeting elsewhere in the building that is open to all. After a closing address the Congress will close at 5pm.

We hope to have a large turnout and encourage members to distribute this information widely, especially to other clubs and societies. If you have any questions please contact the organiser, Jon Aitchison FRPSL, at Old Tithe Hall, Start Hill, Bishop's Stortford CM22 7TF, Great Britain. Telephone 01279 870488. Email [britishlocals@aol.com](mailto:britishlocals@aol.com). \*\*\* **EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS FREE EVENT** \*\*.

# The 1982 Puffin Bust Definitives

By James Thomas from Material Supplied by John Wright

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In 1982 Lundy re-issued the 1974 Puffin Bust definitive set with new values and colours and the number of values were increased from seven to eleven.

The stamps were printed in panes of 72 and each sheet contained four panes with a perforated gutter between each, however, the panes in each sheet were not of the same value.

The first sheet had a pane of 10p, 14p, 15p and 16p stamps. The second sheet had a pane of 17p, 18p, 19p and 20p stamps and the third sheet had a pane of 21p, 22p and 23p stamps. The fourth pane in this sheet was blank.

In 1992 a single un-cut sheet of each of the three different printings was discovered and torn into vertical and horizontal strips across the gutters which formed pairs of mixed values joined by a white gutter. These are listed in Jon Aitchison's *Stamps and Postal History of Lundy Island* under proofs and colour trials, as some say, they were the printers original test sheets.

This subject was covered in the Autumn 2008 issue of this Journal but only images of the horizontal strips were shown. The vertical strips shown on the following page completes the proof of how the sheets were printed.

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| <b>14p</b> | <b>10p</b> |
| <b>16p</b> | <b>15p</b> |

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>22p</b>   | <b>21p</b> |
| <b>Blank<br/>as there<br/>are<br/>only 11<br/>values</b> | <b>23p</b> |

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| <b>18p</b> | <b>17p</b> |
| <b>20p</b> | <b>19p</b> |

*Diagram showing the construction of the three different sheets*



*A set of the vertical strips*

To view the horizontal strips, please refer to the Autumn 2008 issue of *The New Puffin Journal*, pages 21 and 22.

Depending on which way the strips were torn out of the sheets, there can be no more than eight vertical strips and seven horizontal strips **or** six vertical strips and nine horizontal strips of each pair of values.

# *Not Adverse to Some More Verse*

By Joan Rendell

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Roger Allen did not know of Jenny Whiteside and her poem about Lundy, but his well-researched and illustrated *Anthology of Poems of Lundy* provides an opportunity to recall a lovely, brave and endlessly smiling lady.

Lundy captivated Jenny and her husband Colin despite their rather traumatic introduction to the difficulties of landing. Having survived an operation for cancer in 1991 and then further surgery in 1995, this caused them to cancel their first proposed visit to Lundy.

Exactly a year later they drove from Bedford to spend the night at Bideford before sailing the next day. After a rough journey, conditions at the island had deteriorated so badly that a landing was impossible. *Oldenburg* had to return to Clovelly Bay and anchor overnight. The crew rustled up an emergency hot meal before Jenny and Colin slept as best they could to the creaking and tossing of the ship. The next day they set off again and this time, were able to land.

Jenny, a former radiographer and market researcher, devoted to her family, still faced further treatment but often as possible they took the long journey to Lundy – sometimes with another delayed landing.

The poem she wrote, sitting at the window of Little St. Johns, was later framed and displayed on the *Oldenburg* for passengers to read. In 1997 it was included in a 72-page booklet *Breakthrough Into Verse*, a collection of her poems on many subjects. As Jenny was a tireless campaigner for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, all proceeds of the booklet went to that charity.

The poem has been reproduced on the following page with the kind permission of Jenny Whiteside.

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**Lundy Island**  
By Jenny Whiteside

For fifty years, a shipping forecast name  
Was all the isle of Lundy meant to me,  
But, having studied Landmark's literature,  
We knew just where our holiday would be.

So, where's the magnet, magic and unique,  
That draws the Faithful back addictively?  
It's not the only place for peace and calm,  
For starlit nights or timeless, rolling sea.

But add this wild coves and basking seals,  
And bird-decked cliffs defying gravity,  
And winding paths through daffodils that dance  
Along the route to where the boat will be.

Include the ancient castle, caves and ponds,  
The church that's seen so many rest awhile,  
The stone-built village with its unlocked doors,  
And islanders who greet you with a smile.

Beneath the lighthouse lights dream dreams of old,  
Of shipwrecks, smugglers, myth and history.  
Take shelter in the lonely Lookout home,  
Then share with sheep the moorland's mystery.

Appreciate the human-humbling force  
That once did grandiose granite cliffs defile;  
Wild rabbits play around the Earthquake's scar –  
Can all this really be in one square mile?

In mainland madness, left behind, we work,  
Assume control and proudly make decision,  
But Lundy knows how small we are –  
We only land with her permission!

# *Lundy Philatelic News*

By Ceri Stafford, Lars Liwendahl and Derek Green

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Following three new stamp issues over the past two years we have had a rest this year, however, there is still a lot happening in the world of Lundy stamps. In March we were happy to have The Lundy Collectors' Club on the island for a week. It was a successful event and as always, it was very nice meeting many of you again. The special card produced for this occasion, and the cancel displaying a Soay sheep, were much in demand. We still have a few left for sale: unused cards are £1.50; cards with stamps cancelled in red are £2.50. Please see our postage and packing rates below.

Also in March, the Royal Mail increased their postal rates and we had to increase some of ours (although the basic 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> class rates for the UK remain the same). For Europe we had to increase the rate to 105 puffin for mail up to 10g and, for the rest of the world, 130 puffin.

This autumn The Lundy Field Society will highlight their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special 'Discover Lundy' week. This will be celebrated with a special cancel which will be used on all mail from 24<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October. Collectors wanting this cancel can send addressed and stamped postcards or covers to us on Lundy to be cancelled during this period which will then be sent from the island. Please make sure each item has sufficient postage.

During the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September the very first International Cinderella Stamp Congress will take place at The Royal Philatelic Society's premises in London. This will be a major international event, the first of its kind and will be open to all interested in private and local stamps, with collectors from all over the world attending.

Lundy, with the oldest private postal service in operation in the world today, and being a classic collectable Cinderella area, will also be in attendance. We will have a small temporary post office in place at the Congress and it will be possible to purchase a selection of our stamps, and to post postcards and covers via Lundy. All affixed stamps will be cancelled with a special Lundy cancel: 'Lundy in London'. This event will be a great opportunity to meet many old and new collectors interested in our island, and also a unique way of sending mail via Lundy. We hope to see many of you there!

Those who do not have the opportunity to attend the weekend in London and want this special cancel may send addressed and stamped postcards and covers well in advance to Lundy (**not to London**) for cancelling. Please make sure each item has sufficient postage.

For those who prefer us to organise covers, we will prepare and sell them cancelled with The London Cinderella Congress and Lundy Field Society cancellers for £2.00 each. Please add postage and packing to your order: £2.30 for the UK; £3.00 for Europe; £4.00 for the rest of the world. All items will be sent together.

# Treasurer's Statement

By James Thomas

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## Statement of accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

|                      | <b>INCOME</b>  | <b>EXPENDITURE</b> |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Balance C/F 1-1-2015 | 285.69         | 0.00               |
| Subscriptions        | 1791.20        | 0.00               |
| Advertisements       | 60.00          | 0.00               |
| Auctions             | 5028.79        | 4477.64            |
| Meetings             | 351.00         | 755.10             |
| Journal              | 0.00           | 1755.14            |
| Postage              | 0.00           | 251.73             |
| Miscellaneous        | 54.50          | 35.41              |
| Interest             | 0.05           | 0.00               |
| Club Badge           | 147.45         | 0.00               |
| Magazine Binders     |                |                    |
| Donations            | <u>64.24</u>   | <u>100.00</u>      |
|                      | <b>7782.92</b> | <b>7375.02</b>     |

At the end of 2015, the Club had a surplus of £407.90 which is £122.21 more than the year's opening balance.

The Club is a quasi-commercial organisation maintaining each year a small balance to cover any unforeseen problems that might arise.

## *Book Review*

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### **Lundy Adventure Journal.**

Reviewed by Roger Allen.

A small children's booklet has been produced by Lundy and was published last summer. It is sixteen A5 pages in length, beautifully produced and illustrated in full colour, with the character of Percy the Puffin Pirate reappearing throughout; he has a pirate hat and a peg leg. It contains some games, some puzzles and some pages of pure information, including some details of the Heaven family, a list with dates of the pirates on Lundy, a centre fold map and the story of the Lundy stamps and coins.

Although aimed at children, I believe that there are quite a few collectors who would like a copy of this booklet for themselves. At one pound plus postages it is brilliant value and can be obtained from the island – Ceri Stafford the postmaster helped me to obtain a copy.

# OUR NEXT MEETING

The Summer 2016 meeting of the Lundy Collectors' Club will be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016, at the Pavilion Room, Landmark, Wilder Road, Ilfracombe, North Devon – commencing at 10:30 am.

The Programme will be as follows:-

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| 10:30 a.m.         | Bourse opens                              |
| 11:15 a.m.         | Club Competitions commence                |
| 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. | Optional Lunch at Landmark                |
| 2:00 p.m.          | Club Auction lots on view                 |
| 2:20 p.m.          | Club Announcements                        |
| 2:30 p.m.          | Club Auction (Auctioneer – Mike Thompson) |
| 3:45 p.m.          | Members Displays                          |
| 5:00 p.m.          | Bourse Closes                             |

It is hoped that as many as possible will join us for the optional lunch at Landmark. A reasonably priced two course meal is on offer – please see booking form for menu and details.

In order that the Club can make the necessary arrangements, will all those wishing to attend the meeting please complete and return the enclosed Meeting Attendance form.

**Lundy Collectors' Club Meeting**

