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Editorial

The winter has lasted much longer than most of us would have liked. When we reached March I thought that the cold and wet weather was behind us, however, on the day of our Spring meeting the weather returned to deepest winter and gave us some of the worse snow conditions that we have experienced for several years. Because of this our meeting was cancelled only hours before we were due to commence. At 8.00 o'clock that morning I started to ring everyone who had returned the meeting attendance form and several others emailed me to give their apologies due to the weather.

Our Summer weekend, which I hope will not be snowed off, will this year be centred in Bideford. On Saturday 30th June the Oldenburg will sail from Bideford at 8.00 am and return to Bideford at 7.00 pm which will give us approximately seven hours on Lundy to enjoy some walking, lunch, visiting the refurbished church and taking photographs, as well as enjoying a pint whilst catching-up with friends. On Sunday 1st July we will be holding our all day meeting in the comfortable surroundings of the Royal Hotel, Bideford. Here we will have a similar agenda to previous years with a bourse, competitions, auction and displays. So, please make an effort to come along and join in the fun. Full details can be found on the back cover of this *Journal* and on the enclosed meeting attendance forms.

The Lundy Collectors' Club in its present form has been going for 22 years and was started by Stanley Newman who described it as the British Chapter of the Lundy Collectors' Club. Shortly afterwards, the American run Club folded and the British Chapter became the Lundy Collectors' Club. However, 22 years is a long time and members' requirements have changed. So, to keep up with the times there have been a few changes/improvements made which I hope will help to maintain a strong Club over the next few years and into the next decade. More details can be read on page two.

I hope to see you all at the end of June.

James

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Half Price Membership

By James Thomas

I thought that would grab your attention!

Over the last few years the Club's membership has been falling which I attribute to the older age group of our members. Although we have been attracting new members, the numbers not renewing each year has more than doubled the numbers of those applying to join.

So, starting this year, I have been putting into place a few new measures to help to increase the membership numbers and to improve meeting attendances.

The first change was to only hold two meetings a year, for a trial period, with only one 'flagship' meeting in any one year. Roy Bentley has designed a Club web site (www.thelundyclollectorsclub@weebly.com) which will help to project the Club to the whole World and hopefully attract much needed younger members. In this case I refer to younger members as being under 60 years old. Now to the headline, if you introduce a new member to the Club, you will qualify for half price membership on your next renewal and a further 10% discount for each member after that.

Members of all ages are more than welcomed but if we could also attract a few younger members I think the Club could go into the next decade in a much stronger position.

Club Competitions

At the Summer meeting each year the Club's four competitions are held.

The Stanley Newman Trophy for Lundy Philately

The Julie Lester Trophy for Lundy Postal History

The R.E. Allen Trophy for Lundy Postcards, Literature and Ephemera

The Keith Hand Memorial Shield for Lundy Photography

Please bring something along, have a bit of fun and support this event, you might even go home with a piece of silverware!

A Montagu Postcard First Day of Use – Perhaps?

By James Thomas with help from Reg Lo-Vel

H.M.S. Montagu went aground on Lundy at 2:12 am on 30th May 1906. The news went out to the local area immediately and by the following day boats were taking day trippers out to see the wreck.

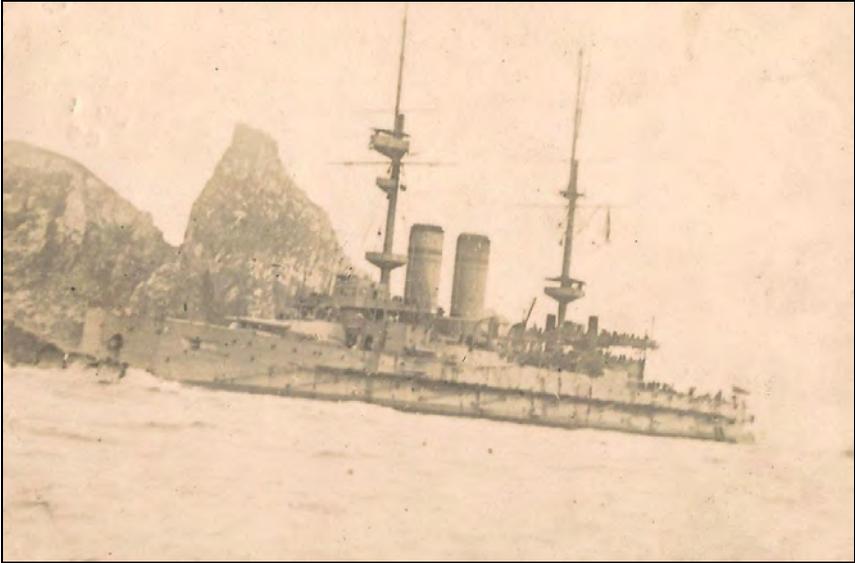
One of the first ships that went out to see the wreck was the Westward Ho! on 31st May 1906 and on her was a Mr. B. who took his camera. Now think back, it was 1906, photography was still in its infancy and the people with cameras were mainly professional photographers. So, I am guessing that the Mr. B. referred to on the postcard was either Mr. G.K. Bolam of Bolam Photo, Runnacleave Studio, Ilfracombe, which produced postcards, or Mr. Batten who was also a photographer from Ilfracombe who produced postcards.

At the end of the day Mr. B. took his glass plates back to his studio, developed the images and then printed them onto postcards ready for sale the following day. To do all of this work he probably worked into the night to ensure that his postcards were amongst the first images of the wreck for sale. The remarkable thing is that someone who was known to the photographer purchased a card and at 5:45 pm on 1st June 1906 posted it from Ilfracombe to Tiverton. Nowadays, we expect everything to happen instantly but in 1906, something like this would have normally taken some time.

The message on the back of the postcard reads: *“Dear C. Thought you would like a photo of the battle ship “Montagu” which has run ashore at Lundy Island. Mr. B. took this photo. The Westward Ho ran a trip to Lundy yesterday to let people see the boat. Crowds went. Tell Alice I forgot to tell her and also thank her for the PG which I had all safe. And ask her if she can’t come a week earlier. SR.”*

I believe that this is the earliest use of a postcard with a wrecked Montagu image. I would like to be proved wrong even if the time in the postmark is earlier in the day. Although not catalogued by Roger Allen, it is similar to Batten BA 065.

On the following page are images of both sides of the card.



POST CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE

Mr. C. Monday
 1 Morrille Place
 Barrington St
 Tiverton

Dear S. I thought you would like a photo of the battleship "meritonic" which has been captured at Sunday Island. and S. took this photo. The vessel was seen on the 23rd of Sunday yesterday. I had people see the vessel. I think it was the same. Tell S. I forgot to tell her that I had sent her for the P.O. what I had made says. I am sure of it and some in week earlier. S. H.

For Inland Postage ONLY, this space may now be used for Communication.

Book Review

By James Thomas

Lundy Guidebooks published by Old Light Press

ISBN 978-0-9541254-3-1

A new 40 page soft back booklet detailing Lundy Guidebooks since 1910 has been jointly compiled by Roger Allen, André Coutanche, Alan Rowland and Michael Williams.

This beautifully produced guide, which includes colour illustrations, is divided into seven sections. Section one details ad hoc publications from 1910 to 1950, section two covers the Joan Watt-Smyrk period from 1936 to 1950, section three details the Rosemary Studdy guide of 1950 and section four covers the Felix Gade 'Blue' Guides between the 1950's and the 1970's. Section five delves into the independent guides from 1963 to the mid 1990's, section six covers the Landmark Trust guidebooks from 1987 to 2016 and the final section covers guidebooks on specialised interests and activities.

Each section provides information about the guides and lists all the known variations or up-dates and throughout the publication are little insights into the people who prepared the guidebooks.

It is full of valuable information and is an essential reference for all collectors of Lundy literature as well as being of general interest to other Lundy collectors.

It is priced at only £5.00 plus postage and can be purchased at the Summer meeting in Bideford or by post from Alan Rowland, Mole Cottage, 4 Chapel Close, Woodford, Morwenstow, Cornwall, EX23 9JR. Please send a cheque payable to Alan Rowland for £5.00 plus £1.00 UK postage. For foreign orders and PayPal payments please email Alan at morwenstow@btinternet.com for more details.

New Lundy Cancels

By James Thomas

During 2017 Lundy produced three new cancellations to celebrate the Lundy Collectors' Club 2017 five day meeting on the island and two new general use cancellations.

1st January 2017 - LUNDY Bristol Channel

A new 29mm diameter circular cancel came into use on 1st January 2017 and it was planned that this would cancel Lundy's general mail for the next twelve years.



Sometime after 13th May 2017 – LUNDY Bristol Channel

Sometime before 13th May 2017 the above cancel broke and a new 28mm circular cancel was acquired which is very slightly different to the one introduced on 1st January 2017. However, the first date of use was not recorded, so if you have an example of this postmark will you please contact me with the details as we would like to establish the earliest date of use?



**30th October to 3rd November 2017 –
'30.10-3.11 2017 LCC LUNDY MEETING'**

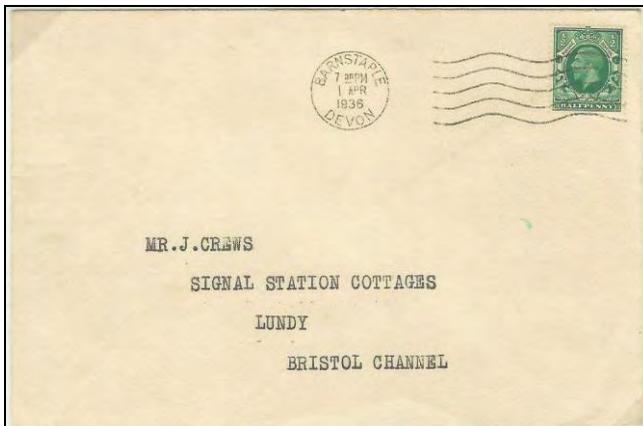
This 29mm circular postmark was introduced to celebrate the Lundy Collectors' Club five day meeting on Lundy and was used in red and black. Red ink was used on 100 specially produced souvenir cards and the black ink was used on approximately 250 items of general mail over the five day period.



A New Lundy Discovery?

By Howard J. Wunderlich

Sometime in 2016-17, I bought a cover with the "Large Map" 1d (Aitchison no.12). What caught my eye originally was the April 1 cancel date on the Great Britain stamp. The obverse and reverse of the cover are shown below.





The cover was addressed to Lundy and appears to be philatelic in origin as the Great Britain cancel was from Barnstaple, there was no return address, and the flap was never sealed. When I received the cover I was surprised to find that the Lundy and ACAS cancels were also 1 April 1936, as the original picture I saw was not clear. It was a first day cover for the 1d large map stamp

Immediately, I looked through Jon Aitchison's *Stamps and Postal history of Lundy Island* catalogue (fifth edition). Under the listings for "Large Map" first day covers, there are listings for a ½d only cover, a ½d, 1d & 2d cover and a complete set cover. There was no listing of a 1d only first day cover. Looking through other early Lundy catalogues and scanning other literature I found no acknowledgment of the 1d only first day cover. Reviewing through *The Stamps & Postal History of Lundy, Volume 4, The Lundy to Devon Air mail Service, Part 2, Atlantic Coast Air Services, The 1936 "Large Map" Issue* by Michael R. Thompson I also found no mention of the 1d solo first day cover.

Similar to other "Large Map" first day covers, this cover has the Lundy "First Definitive" 1 puffin and cancels Bb and Cb (Aitchison's numbers).

My question to everyone is: Are there other 1d solo use first day covers out there or is this a possible unique cover?

I can be reached at hjwesq@yahoo.com.

New Official Lundy Postcards

By James Thomas

Recently the following official Lundy Postcards were issued covering various island subjects.



This card has no title. Photograph by Michael Orme



'DEVIL'S SLIDE FROM THE SEA'. Photograph by John Tyrer



'LUNDY PUFFIN' Photograph by Shaun Barnes



'LUNDY PUFFINS' Photograph by Linda Brennan

1930 Mystery Stamps

By André Dufresne

I recently purchased a trio of Lundy vertical blocks of six that I had never heard of before. They are the 6, 9 and 12 puffin stamps from 1930.

They are imperforate and are peculiar in that they have margins on all four sides. They are gummed and have been mounted before. They correspond exactly to Barry Chinchin's plating of this issue, positions a, b, c, d, e and f as per Barry's plating, except for the last three 9 puffin stamps, which do not match his plating.

My theory is that they are an early "pull" by Bradbury Wilkinson, prior to duplicating the block of 6 to form a sheet of 120. This would explain why three plate flaws are missing on the 9 puffin value, which could be normal at this early stage.

They do not appear in the Grosvenor's sale catalogue of Jim Mullett's collection and I do not remember reading anything about them in my 50 years of collecting Lundy stamps.

I would welcome members' input through James Thomas at thenewpuffinjournal@aol.com



Lundy Postcards produced by Robin Taylor during 2015

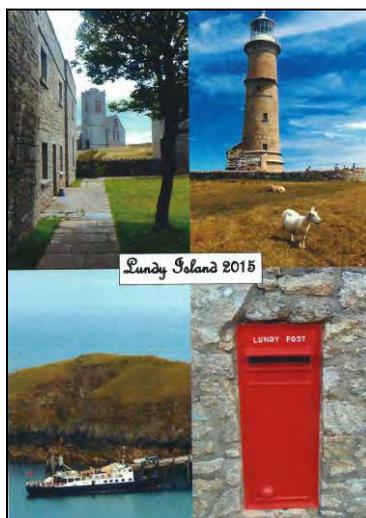
By Robin Taylor

The series of pictorial postcards that were printed between July 2015 and March 2017 are as a result of me purchasing a small collection of Lundy covers and stamps at a Midland based auction house. The project developed and within six months ten cards were produced and by the following December another 20 were added to the collection.

The majority of the cards were four picture format and in colour, unfortunately the numbering of the cards was not given the importance that was deserved as it was never intended that the series would run to over 30 postcards. So, here is a listing of the subjects of the cards and any additional information concerning quantity produced. The Printer for these cards was Parchments of Oxford. The front of the card shows four views and a white box in the centre with script text reading *LUNDY ISLAND 2015* in black.

2015 SERIES 1 .

Card No. 1. Vertical card, print run of 100 showing side view of The Old House and church in the distance, Old Light, m.s. Oldenburg berthed at Jetty, The Red Lundy Post Box.



Card No. 2. Horizontal card, print run of 100 showing Old Light, The Barn and a distant view of the Tavern and Church, the Ramp at the harbour and a view showing the East Coast from the walkway to the plateau.

Card No. 3. Print run of 100 showing The Tavern, The Jetty with the Oldenburg and Rat Island, a more distant view which includes South Light, The Old House and St Helena church.



Card No. 4. Print run of 100, printed up as a sepia card but the print quality was not up to standard and the card was destroyed, therefore a rare card and one on the 'wish list' of most Lundy postcard collectors.

Card No. 5. Print run of 100. This is a four view horizontal card showing old style postcards with South Light, Church and Manor House, Marisco Castle and the Tavern and Church.

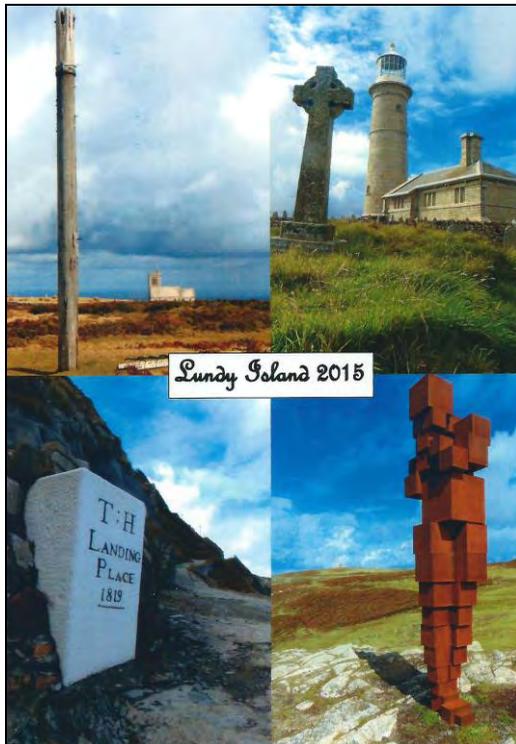
Card No. 6. Print run of 50. This is a horizontal card showing in colour, Rocket Pole, Airstrip and distant Old Light with a visiting light aircraft, St Helena church in Golden autumn light, and Tibbetts.

Card No. 7. Horizontal card with a print run of 50 showing Hammers Cottage, South Light, Jetty, and Rat Island from Marisco Castle. The Daze IV Land sculpture by Sir Antony Gormley and grazing Lundy ponies.

Card No. 8. Horizontal card with a print run of 50 showing Trinity House landing place stone, Marisco Castle, Old Light and aboard the Oldenburg departing from Lundy.

Card No. 9. Horizontal card with a print run of 50 showing the red Lundy post box with 50th anniversary text, Marisco Castle, The Gormley LAND Sculpture and the Tavern.

Card No. 10. Vertical card with a print run of 50 showing the Rocket Pole and St. Helena church in the distance, Old Light and Gravestone, The Trinity House landing place marker stone and the Sir Antony Gormley LAND Sculpture.



A second article will appear in a later issue of this Journal covering the postcards that I produced during 2016 and 2017.

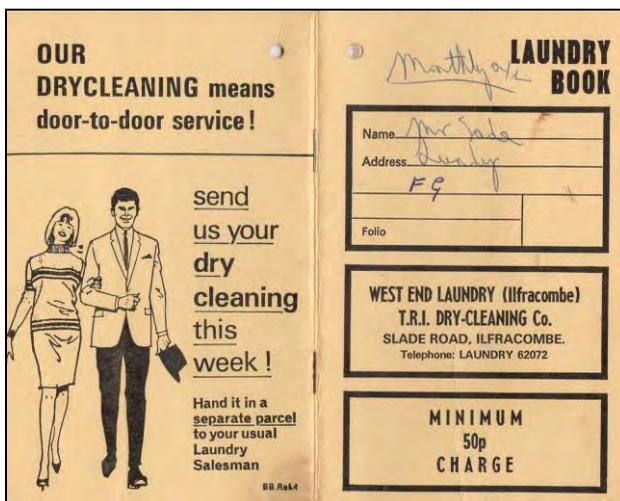
Laundry Lists and Stamp Accounts.

By Roger Allen

Several years ago I acquired, for almost nothing, a small book containing lists of the personal laundry of Mr. Gade sent on a monthly basis to the West End Laundry, Slade Road, Ilfracombe. James Thomas has recently sent me details of two similar books, also listing Mr. Gade's personal laundry, sent to the West End Laundry. These three books cover the months from March 1974 up to November 1978. I also have two books used for sending Lundy laundry to the Buckleigh Laundry, near Bideford, and two other booklets used by Mr. Gade for the sales of stamps and usage of his stocks. I will discuss these in due course.

Mr. Gade's private laundry books.

The first of the three laundry books used with the West End Laundry, Ilfracombe, is a Lion Brand Memo Book with red covers. The first date is 19th March 1974 and the last date is April 18th 1978. Both the second and third of these books are buff coloured and have been printed on the cover with the name of the West End Laundry (Ilfracombe), TRI Dry-Cleaning Co., Telephone Laundry 62072, Minimum charge 50p. The second booklet covers the dates 25th September 1977 to 26th October 1978. The third book covers the dates July 6th 1978 to November 6th 1978. It is obvious, from the overlapping dates in these books, that more than one book was in use at any time; one was with the clean laundry received from the ship and another was included with the laundry being sent off on the same sailing.



Mr. Gade's address on one of the West End booklets is given as Marisco Cottage, but by the time this booklet was actually started, he was already living in the Quarters. On the inside of the front covers of the West End booklets is a long printed statement of the code of practice of the Association of British Launderers and Cleaners Ltd. of Pinner, Harrow, Middlesex.

Mr. Gade's laundry lists comprise mostly of sheets, pillow slips, towels, pyjamas and a few shirts. The average bill is for about £2.50. The lists are not written by Gade, but in many different hands, corresponding to the various carers and islanders that looked after him in his last months. Mary Gade was with him in the Autumn of 1977 until September and again for short periods in April, June, July, August, September and October 1978. The procedure for dealing with the laundry seems to have been as follows;- the list would be completed on the island and the book sent off in a box, together with the laundry. The employee in the Ilfracombe laundry, who always seemed to receive and process his laundry, was named Miriam, we are not given her surname. Before sending off the box, Mary when she was there, would always add in the booklet a short letter or note to Miriam with gossip, and some news about her father. Miriam in turn would write a short note to Mary in the booklet, before returning it with the clean laundry. Judging by the familiarity of the notes passed to and fro in this book, Miriam was well known to both Mr. Gade and to Mary.

A few times in these booklets when Mary Gade was not on Lundy, Miriam writes directly to Mr. Gade, these notes appear on 17th August 1977, 12th November 1977 and 6th December 1977. Miriam says nothing much in her notes, merely hoping he keeps well and warm in the cold weather and wishing him a happy Christmas. Only after the list for 12th November 1977 does a short note by Gade himself appear. Mary was not on the island at the time, and Miriam has written in the booklet a note addressed directly to Mr. Gade. He replies next time with the words "Dear Miriam, I thank you. I am still in good health, but hate the cold winds. Yours, F. W. Gade."

Poignantly, the last of Mary's notes to Miriam was sent on October 26th 1978. Mr. Gade died two days later. Mary writes "Dear Miriam, I have sad news to tell you. Poor dear Dad is nearing his end. The Islanders have been so very wonderful & kind to us. Love. Mary." One can hear the tears in her words.

By the time the laundry is done, Miriam has learned of Mr. Gade's death and sends the book back with a note containing some irrelevant news, asks to be remembered to Chris and Dave Davey, and tells Mary to be brave, but if she feels like a good cry to have it. A final batch of laundry was sent after his death on November 6th and this is the last entry in this intimate little booklet.

Buckleigh Laundry.

The two laundry books used by Lundy with the Buckleigh Laundry date from 1984 up to 1994. It was precisely in 1984 that Lundy changed its operations centre from Ilfracombe back to Bideford and as a consequence, the island ceased using the Ilfracombe laundry and began using Buckleigh. I have no record of whether Lundy had previously used the Ilfracombe laundry for all its letting cottages laundry as well as for the private laundry of Mr. Gade. In a 2010 history of the Buckleigh Laundry by V. J. 'Jack' Boyle, I searched in vain for details of the use made by Lundy of this company; the only mention is that in 1907, three horses were purchased from Lundy to be used to haul laundry vans.

The first of these two Buckleigh books is buff coloured and printed on the front with the words: Laundry Book. Angel Cleaners and Launderers, South Molton. This name has been covered by a label with the name and address of the Buckleigh Laundry. There is a logo reading Guild of Professional Launderers and Cleaners. In the space for the customer address, appears 'Castle Cottage, Lundy'. Inside the cover there is a printed text stating that the laundry accepts full responsibility for every article received and will re-process or compensate fairly in case of loss. This seems to be an all-encompassing and generous offer.

The laundry lists inside start on February 1988 and end with May 1990. They consist, unsurprisingly, of sheets, pillow cases, towels, bath mats and bedspreads. The average cost is £20.00 for each sending and there appears to be about two lists per month, but dates vary considerably, perhaps due to the reliance on the sailings of the ship.

It is interesting to note that this book appears to be exclusively for Castle Cottage and one asks whether at that time there were similar books for each of the letting properties. Buckleigh Laundry continues to be used by Lundy to this day, but nowadays the laundry from all the properties is thrown into one large container, with just the total number of sheets etc. recorded.

The second Buckleigh laundry book has green covers and has been printed especially for them. It reads Buckleigh Laundry & Cleaning, Buckleigh Laundry Ltd., Westward Ho! Bideford, EX39 3PX. The client name is The Lundy Company and the dates in the book run from April 1991 to April 1994. Although it states on the front that the book is for 'Linen Hire Only', all the lists in this book are for boiler suits/overalls for named persons sent for laundering. The named persons include John and Wendy Puddy, John Ogilvie, John Alford and others. Interestingly, the acceptance of responsibility clause that appeared in the first book has disappeared from this book. Buckleigh Laundry is obviously not so generous in its offers of compensation.

It seems that island workers received the laundering of their overalls free. However there were some occasions where the clothes were marked as private or unknown. A laundry employee has asked, in a short note in the book, for the private items to be recorded in a separate book. Wendy, and I believe it is in Wendy's handwriting, retorts sharply "I haven't got a separate book. We are supposed to send a maximum of five pairs of overalls per week. Private and named. Please see the manager if you are in doubt".

Gade's booklets recording sales of stamps and the usage of his stocks.

Along with the above laundry books, I also acquired two other memo books, both connected with the sales of Lundy stamps. The first is a small grey notebook simply printed with the words 'Note Book' on the front. The first eight pages are written in pencil by an unknown hand and are simply reminder notes of things to do, each one crossed out as it is accomplished. For example "Remind Mr. Gade writing harvest article" "Stores list to be revised" "Send for BR timetable" "I found a white purse £5 and some change on North cliffs" "Tariff and sailing list to Miss Foules" "Ask Arthur (Strick) about Bell's cheque". There are also mini listings of the sums due from Ian Grainger, John Dyke and Mr. Gade for their personal mail.

The rest of the book, in Mr. Gade's unmistakable handwriting, has been taken over for a daily detail of British stamps on the left hand pages, and Lundy stamps on the right hand pages. The dates of the entries appear to be all for 1971, Mr. Gade's last year as Lundy agent. He details minutely every value of every set e.g. "10 x 1929 ½p Total 5p", i.e. the original face value. It is possible that this book is a record of the actual stamps that he used from stock, rather than those he sold to clients.

In the later entries he records large numbers of complete sheets both in British stamps and in Puffinage, as he calls them. This adds to the possibility that he was recording his usage of stock rather than sales.

This book seems to be recording the amount of stamps he took into use; large numbers of stamps, or whole sheets, both in puffins and in British Postage. As he sold them, he records repaying round amounts of cash to reduce the balance of the stock he held. He heads the columns detailing the values of the stamps as £ and d. It is 1971, the decimalisation year, and he has not yet got used to referring to the currency as Pounds and Pence (£ and p).

The last of the memo books is a small red booklet inscribed on the front 'Lion Brand Memo Book. A John Dickinson Product'. Gade has also stuck a white label on the front giving useful details as to what the book contains: '1. Material Supplied to the Store (shop). 2. C. van Zon's Account. 3. Ian J. E. Wilkinson's Account. 4. Anders Backman's Account. 5. J.H. Rathbone' a/c.' The book covers the dates 1971 up to September 1973. This corresponds roughly to the period after his retirement when he continued dealing with stamp business.

The bulk of the book consists of names and addresses of purchasers of philatelic material and what they purchased. There are four columns; The names and addresses; Sets; FDCs; Payment. The names ring the changes of all the well known collectors and Lundy personalities. .

A few of the better known names are given here:-

The book starts with John Holman, who was a great Lundy collector and the editor of the British Post Office Philatelic Bulletin. His name appears frequently.

Jane Strick, the wife of Arthur Strick who had been the farmer on Lundy up to about the same time as this book begins.

Jeremy Thorps M.P. who was famously involved in the sale of Lundy to the National Trust.

C. N. Heaven who does not appear in the Lundy Heaven family pedigree.

Francis E. Kiddle, one of the famous Kiddle brothers who were prominent in the Cinderella stamp world.

André Dufresne, a prominent member of the Lundy Collectors' Club even today.

Anders Backman, a well known author of stamp catalogues of the Channel Islands and Scandinavia.

Barry N. D. Chinchin. C. van Zon of Holland. Ian G. Wilkinson. A. F. Langham.

Brian Christopher Smith, a close personal friend of Roger Allen.

F. D. Allingham, a frequent correspondent with Mr. Gade since the early 1950s.

Clovelly Estate (Mr. John Rous), 200 sets of stamps were sent to them. There was some sort of arrangement between Clovelly Estate and Gade for the selling of Lundy stamps.

Brian Sherwood, who was involved in Barry Chinchin's Lundy Specialists Society and wrote, with Tony Langham, a catalogue of Lundy stamps.

J. Sanders Ltd , Southampton, stamp dealers.

Lars Liwendahl, first entry in early 1972, interestingly Gade calls him Lasse. The final few pages are devoted to Philatelic material supplied to the Store (Shop) and only covers the period from April to September 1973.

Five simple little memo books, entirely written for utilitarian purposes but giving us a window into the past and an additional glimpse into the life of Felix Gade.

Treasurer's Statement

By James Thomas

Statement of accounts from 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017.

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Balance C/F 1-1-2017	464.36	0.00
Subscriptions	1672.96	0.00
Advertisements	60.00	0.00
Auctions	8183.14	7824.43
Meetings	342.00	893.90
Journal	0.00	1063.76
Postage	0.00	381.97
Miscellaneous	0.00	85.40
Badge/Magazine Binders	16.00	0.00
	10738.46	10249.46

At the end of 2017, the Club had a surplus of £489.00 which is £24.64 more than the year's opening balance.

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

Lundy Church Services

By Roger Allen

Amongst the papers in my Lundy archives, I have a small collection of service sheets for church services held in St Helena's on Lundy, or in a few cases, funeral services of persons very closely connected to Lundy held elsewhere than on the island. The earliest service sheet that I possess is for the Transfer of Ownership to the National Trust on the 28th September 1969. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Crediton and the sheet illustrated on the front by a John Dyke sketch showing puffins, the *Lerina* and Lundy in the distance.

I have two simple sheets dating from April and May 1973 stating simply that they are for services in St. Helena's Church on Lundy. They have no indication of the order of the service but are just hymn sheets, each with three hymns, some in Welsh and some in English. These may have been produced for visits to Lundy by the *Waverley* or *Balmoral* from Wales.

In fact, from the 1980s and even up to 2003, it seems to have been the standard practice to organise church services in St Helena's in association with the visits of these two ships. The service sheets were all very similar in format for both ships, and always contained a rubber stamped impression of a small sketch of St. Helena's on the front and sometimes on the back. Full details of the BCP services were usually included as well as the hymns. The services were conducted by a clergyman who came with the ship, usually from Wales, bringing with him his organist and choirs. These services were always held with the permission of the Priest in Charge of Lundy who was variously the Revd. Andrew Edwards of Ilfracombe or Bill Blakey, Rural Dean of Hartland.

I only have one service sheet for a marriage on Lundy and that is for the nuptials of Susannah Betts and Seamus Tucker in June 1991. Revd. Bill Blakey married them and it states that they signed the register. I wonder where the registers are kept. The Betts family, parents and children, became for a few years, great devotees of Lundy and were close friends of the Langhams.

In June 1994 Diana Keast and the Burma Star Association organised the 50th Anniversary of the death and award of the VC to Diana's brother John Pennington Harman, who died in India towards the end of WWII. The service was conducted by the Chaplain of the Burma Star Association, North Devon, and held in the VC Quarry where wreathes were laid. The last post sounded up from the beach below the Quarries and flags were slowly lowered. It was altogether a very moving ceremony. The sheet contained details of the hymns, readings and prayers.

On the 8th October 1994, a service was held to celebrate the re-hanging of the bells in St. Helena's. Revd. Blakey officiated and the service sheet contains the early history of the bells and the story of their restoration and re-hanging.

The 100th anniversary of St. Helena's church was celebrated on the 7th June 1997 in the presence of the Bishop of Exeter, who gave the sermon. The service sheet had blue paper covers with the usual small sketch of the church, on the front plus an outline of the island as seen from the air. On the reverse is a brief history of St. Helena's.

A service of thanksgiving and the scattering of ashes of Gwyneth White and her brother Gwilym took place on 13th June 2005. The ashes were transported to Lundy on the *Waverley* with which Miss White had been associated for many decades. The service was conducted by the Chaplain of the Cardiff and Vale Hospitals.

A memorial service took place on Lundy on 12th February 2006, to commemorate the death of Amanda Jane Green, the young wife of Derek Green the administrator of Lundy. The sheet does not indicate who conducted the service and there is a coloured photograph of a daffodil on the front.

Apart from the service sheets listed above, I have kept a few that were for services not held in St. Helena's church on Lundy but were for persons very important or extremely well known to all who know and love Lundy. On 20th February 1995, at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium, the funeral service of Tony Langham was held. It had been completely composed by Tony himself and was quite secular, with readings from literature and passages of music by Haydn and Bach. The service sheet was very plain and un-illustrated and made no mention of Lundy.

On 18th January 2005, the funeral service of Joan Dyke, the wife of John Dyke, was held in Bideford Methodist church. The service sheet was beribboned and illustrated with a youthful picture of John and Joan.

On 24th February 2006, the funeral service for Ruth Pennington Harman Jones was held at Mortlake Crematorium. The service sheet gives the details of hymns and passages of music by Bach and Fauré, and has a very fine sepia photograph of Ruth in her younger years on the front.

The Service of thanksgiving for Peter Hywel Harman Jones on the 20th November 2014 was held at the Mortlake Crematorium. The service sheet gives details of the readings and hymns and includes two photographs of Peter, as a young man and a second from his final years.

The last item and for me the saddest is the service sheet of the funeral of Myrtle Ternstrom on the 11th April this year, held at East Devon Crematorium. The sheet contains four photographs of Myrtle from four different periods of her life, including as an infant. The service was secular, with readings and passages of music from Schubert, Richard Strauss and Beethoven. The readings included a poem by Dr. John Dollar.

Obituary

It is with great sadness that we announce that on 11th March 2018, Wim Ros of Holland passed away at the age of 76.

During the late 1990's and the early 2000's, Wim travelled to Britain most years to attend the Club's summer meetings and joined the Club's annual summer trips to Lundy. During these visits he made many friends who enjoyed his laid back Dutch personality.

Although an avid Lundy collector, Wim specialised in Lundy bogus material and was planning to produce a catalogue of such material, however, his illness prevented this.

The Club's deepest sympathy was sent to his partner, Gerda de Jong and their family.

Obituary

It is with great sadness that we announce that Mary Gade, daughter of Felix and Rene Gade died a week before her 85th birthday on Sunday 20th May 2018.

Mary, who was born in Bideford, grew up on Lundy and kept close contacts with the island spending most of her adult life living and working there. She was a member of the Lundy Field Society and inherited her father's love of birds.

Our thoughts are with her partner Steve her and family.

Magazine Binders

The Club has a small 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**'.

OUR NEXT MEETING

The Summer 2018 meeting of the Lundy Collectors' Club will be held on Sunday 1st July 2018, at **The Royal Hotel, Barnstaple Street, Bideford, Devon, EX39 4AE** – commencing at 10:30 am.

The Programme will be as follows:-

10:30 a.m.	Bourse opens
11:15 a.m.	Club Competitions commence
12:45 to 1:30 p.m.	Club Auction lots on view
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	Optional Lunch at The Royal Hotel
2:30 p.m.	Club Announcements
2:35 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 reasonably priced optional lunch at The Royal Hotel which can be purchased on the day in the dining room. In order that the Club and the hotel can make the necessary arrangements, will all those wishing to attend the meeting please complete and return the enclosed Meeting Attendance form immediately.

The four Club competitions are:-

The Stanley Newman Trophy for Lundy Philately

The Julie Lester Trophy for Lundy Postal History

The R.E. Allen Trophy for Lundy Postcards,
Literature and Ephemera

The Keith Hand Memorial Shield for Lundy Photography