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# *Editorial*

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I start with the sad news of the death of Wayland Smith who was the son of Stanley Smith who lived on Lundy from the 1930s.

I am glad to announce that a Summer weekend has been organised by Sue Leather and includes a day trip to Lundy on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July followed by an all-day meeting on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Details can be found on page 25.

Recently, I have been fortunate to receive a good selection of quality articles for the Journal which has not only made my job easier but gives you the reader a lot of interesting and informative information to help you with your studies and research.

This year marks the centenary of John Dyke's birth which is commemorated on page 20. John, with his easily identifiable drawing style, has been the most prolific Lundy stamp designer.

This year Lundy is going to issue a new definitive stamp set. Full details have yet to be released, however, preliminary information has been given to me to report to you. Please read pages 2 and 3.

In addition to this new set of stamps, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Lundy is planning to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III with a commemorative cover and cancel.

More information about the new stamp set and commemorative cover and cancel will be sent to you direct from Lundy together with an order form. Also, a full report with colour images will be published in the Autumn issue of this *Journal*.

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*James*

# 2023 Definitive Issue

By James Thomas

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Since the beginning of the Lundy Private Postal service in 1929, Lundy has issued definitive stamps. Early commemorative stamps were overprinted definitive stamps such as the 1953 Coronation issue. In 1954 pictorial commemorative stamps were introduced with the Silver Jubilee issue. Definitive stamps of various designs have since continued alongside commemorative stamp issues.

In 1991, the 'Puffins on Coast' definitive set was issued and has remained as the design for Lundy's definitives since. The second generation of this design was issued in 2002 and included for the first time in Lundy postal history, Non-Value Indicator (NVI) stamps for GB 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and one stamp for European mail.

Because this John Dyke design is now considered a Lundy standard, Lundy has decided to retain its use and re-issue the design in a similar way to the Royal Mail Machin stamps, which were introduced in 1967 and continued for the rest of the Queen's reign.

This decision will give Lundy a lot of flexibility for the future. Since the very beginning, Lundy has always issued quality stamps printed by the world's best security printers, but this high standard comes at a cost. From now if Lundy runs short of a certain value or if the Royal Mail introduces an increase between commemorative sets, which is currently every two years, a definitive set will give the Island more flexibility.

Perhaps one day, the 'Puffin on Coast' or should I say the 'Dyke Definitive', could become a new collecting area as the British Machin has become!

It is encouraging that Lundy's General Manager, Derek Green, along with the Landmark Trust and Lars Liwendahl, continue to support Lundy stamps and the Island's Postal Service whilst working hard towards securing the best future for the service. A much easier option could have been to rely totally on the franking machine, however, that is not the case and secures the future for our hobby.

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On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Lundy will issue the third generation of this definitive design with new values and colours. There will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class NVIs but as I write this, the decision on the final values and colours has yet to be made. Lundy is waiting for the Royal Mail to announce their new charges for 2023 so that they can calculate their charges accordingly.



Also, Lundy is planning to issue a special commemorative cover and cancel on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Full details about these two items including prices and an order form will be included in Lundy's Spring Newsletter which if you have not already received it will be dropping through your letterbox soon.

A full report with colour images will be published in the Autumn issue of this *Journal*.

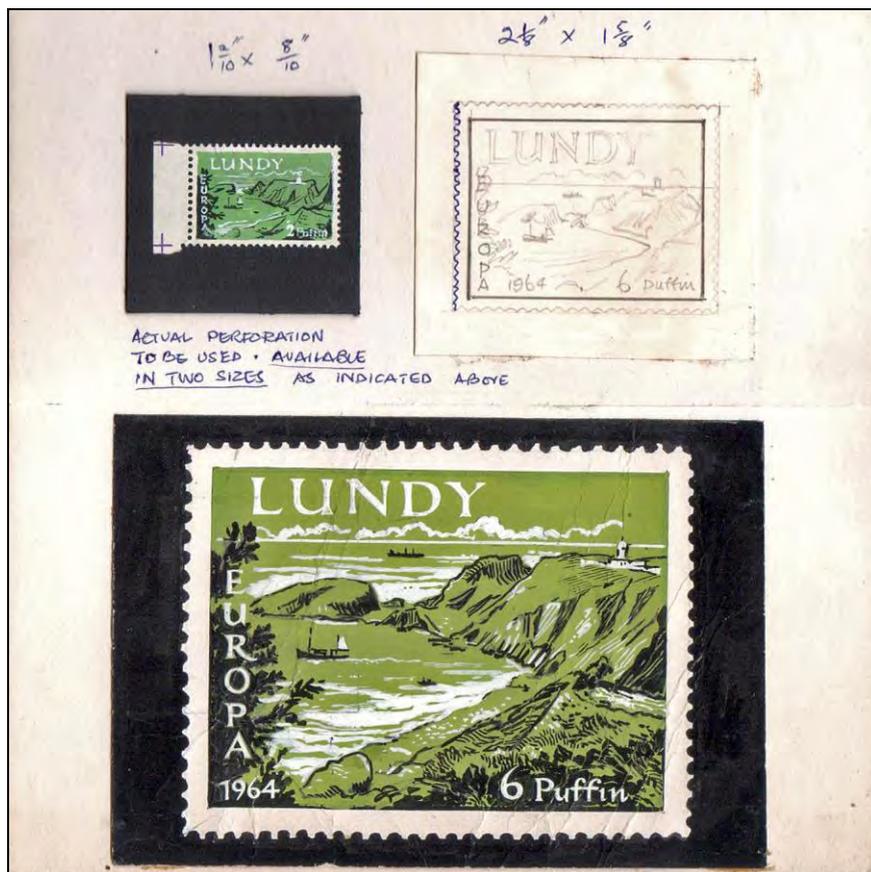
# The 1964 Europa Stamp Design!

By James Thomas

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Lundy was planning to issue an Europa set in 1964, however, for reasons unknown and after initial artwork was prepared, the project was scrapped.

The initial artwork can now be viewed at the British Library as part of the Harman Archive.



*Initial artwork for the never to be issued 1964 Europa stamp set.*

# 2021 & 2022 Lundy Postage Rates Detailed up-date

By Lars Liwendahl

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For those studying this aspect of Lundy Philately, I have listed full details of the 2021 and 2022 Lundy Postage Rates for foreign and domestic mail. This can be added to the information provided in the article *Lundy Postal Rates Since 1929* which can be found in the Spring 2021 issue of *The New Puffin Journal*.

Unlike most businesses, Lundy passes on to the customer the Franking Machine discount.

On 1st January 2021, the Lundy postage rates for foreign mail increased in line with the charges set by Royal Mail.

## 2021 Lundy Foreign Postage Rates

International	Europe		World Zone 1		World Zone 2		World Zone 3	
	Franking	Puffin	Franking	Puffin	Franking	Puffin	Franking	Puffin
<b>Letter</b>								
0-10g	1.60	1.75	1.60	1.75	1.60	1.75	1.60	1.75
11-20g	1.60	1.75	1.60	1.75	1.60	1.75	1.60	1.75
21-100g	1.60	1.75	2.45	2.70	2.45	2.70	2.45	2.70
<b>Large Letter</b>								
0-100g	3.05	3.50	4.00	4.60	4.00	4.60	4.00	4.60
101-250g	4.05	4.65	5.50	6.30	6.60	7.60	5.65	6.50
251-500	5.05	5.80	7.80	8.95	9.65	11.10	8.10	9.30
501-750g	6.05	6.95	10.45	12.00	13.35	15.35	10.90	12.55
<b>Small Parcel</b>								
0-100g	5.50	6.30	6.80	7.80	7.95	9.15	8.90	10.25
101-250g	5.60	6.45	7.90	9.10	9.45	10.85	10.40	11.95
251-500g	7.45	8.55	11.50	13.20	13.85	15.90	15.80	18.15
501-750g	8.65	9.95	14.15	16.25	16.80	19.30	18.45	21.20
750g-1kg	9.70	11.15	16.85	19.35	19.85	22.80	21.90	25.15
1kg-1.25kg	10.55	12.10	19.05	21.90	22.75	26.15	25.35	29.15
1.25kg-1.5kg	11.60	13.35	21.30	24.50	25.85	29.70	28.10	33.20
1.5kg-2kg	12.50	14.35	22.30	25.65	27.45	31.55	29.35	33.75

From 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the Lundy postage rates for UK mail increased in line with the charges set by Royal Mail.

### 2021 Lundy UK Postage Rates

<b>UK Standard</b>	<b>1st Class</b>		<b>2nd Class</b>	
	Franking	Puffin	Franking	Puffin
<b>Letter</b>				
0-100g	0.72	0.90	0.47	0.65
<b>Large Letter</b>				
0-100g	1.14	1.30	0.87	1.05
101-250g	1.60	1.90	1.21	1.40
251-500g	2.05	2.35	1.59	1.80
501-750g	2.87	3.30	2.19	2.50
<b>Small Parcel</b>				
0-1kg	3.68	4.20	3.00	3.45
1-2kg	5.47	6.30	3.00	3.45
<b>Medium Parcel</b>				
0-1kg	5.83	6.70	5.10	5.85
1-2kg	8.92	10.25	5.10	5.85
2-5kg	15.85	18.20	8.79	10.10

From 4th April 2022, the Lundy postage rates increased in line with the Royal Mail inflationary price rise.

The rates for heavier mail will not be plus 20% across the board because the present very high Royal Mail rates would make the Lundy rate unrealistically high, therefore, Lundy has slightly lowered some rates.

## 2022 Lundy UK Postage Rates

UK Standard	1st Class		2nd Class	
	Franking	Puffin	Franking	Puffin
<b>Letter</b>				
0-100g	0.78	0.90	0.51	0.65
<b>Large Letter</b>				
0-100g	1.22	1.40	0.93	1.10
101-250g	1.74	1.95	1.31	1.45
251-500g	2.24	2.50	1.73	1.90
501-750g	3.13	3.45	2.39	2.65
<b>Small Parcel</b>				
0-2kg	3.68	4.00	2.85	3.15
<b>Medium Parcel</b>				
0-2kg	5.95	6.55	4.35	4.80
to 10kg	6.95	7.65	5.95	6.55
to 20kg	11.95	13.15	9.45	10.40

## 2022 Lundy Foreign Postage Rates

International	Europe		World Zone 1		World Zone 2		World Zone 3	
	Franking	Puffin	Franking	Puffin	Franking	Puffin	Franking	Puffin
<b>Letter</b>								
0-20g	1.75	1.90	1.75	1.90	1.75	1.90	1.75	1.90
to 100g	1.75	1.90	2.45	2.70	2.45	2.70	2.45	2.70
<b>Large Letter</b>								
0-100g	3.05	3.20	4.00	4.15	4.00	4.15	4.00	4.15
101-250g	4.05	4.45	5.50	6.00	6.60	7.25	5.65	6.20
251-500	5.05	5.55	7.80	8.60	9.65	10.50	8.10	8.90
501-750g	6.05	6.65	10.45	11.45	13.35	14.50	10.90	11.95

## 2022 Lundy Foreign Postage Rates Small Parcels and Printed Papers

	Europe Zone 1		Europe Zone 2		Europe Zone 3		World Zone 1		World Zone 2		World Zone 3	
	Franking	Puffin	Franking	Puffin	Franking	Puffin	Franking	Puffin	Franking	Puffin	Franking	Puffin
1.25kg-1.5kg	5.55	6.10	5.65	6.20	6.00	6.60	6.80	7.50	7.95	8.75	8.90	9.50
1.5kg-2kg	5.55	6.10	5.65	6.20	6.00	6.60	7.90	8.70	9.45	10.00	10.40	11.00
1.25kg-1.5kg	7.15	7.85	7.45	8.20	7.85	8.65	11.50	12.50	13.85	14.50	15.80	16.50
1.5kg-2kg	8.30	9.15	8.65	9.50	9.15	10.00	14.15	15.50	16.80	18.00	18.45	19.00
1.25kg-1.5kg	9.40	10.00	9.70	10.50	10.40	11.00	16.85	18.00	19.85	21.00	21.90	23.00
1.5kg-2kg	10.40	11.00	10.90	11.50	11.45	12.50	19.05	20.00	22.75	24.00	25.35	27.00
1.25kg-1.5kg	10.40	11.00	10.90	11.50	12.55	14.00	21.30	23.00	25.85	27.00	28.10	30.00
1.5kg-2kg	11.90	13.00	12.40	13.50	13.55	15.00	22.30	24.00	27.45	29.00	29.35	31.00

# *Date of issue of the small ½d air view stamp without the firm's name, JA 17*

By André Dufresne



Fig 1

I was the happy purchaser of a much-coveted piece of Lundy postal history. To my knowledge it is the only instance of stamp no. JA17 postally used together with Lundy & British stamps and it is ex-Wim Ros's collection (Fig. 2). It is used on a parcel label addressed to Mr. Gade on Lundy. After my purchase I started researching everything that had been put in print about this stamp. I re-read my complete run of *The Puffin*, Newsletter of the Lundy Specialists Society, my complete run of the *Lundy Collectors Club Philatelic Quarterly* and my complete run of *The New Puffin Journal*, plus a good number of articles published since 1938 in the philatelic press, several books and catalogues about Lundy stamps, Mr. Gade's *My life on Lundy*, John Stanard's book *Lundy Island and the Lundy Locals* as well as his articles in *The American Philatelist*.



Fig 2

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Summing up what I read, 8 authors expressed the opinion that the stamp was not issued (Stanard, Rigby-Hall, Downing, Dulin, Chinchin, Wilson Smith, Gibson and Newman). Others confirm that it was used strictly on correspondence between Robert Boyd and Felix W. Gade, both directors of the "Lundy & Atlantic Coasts Air Lines Ltd." (Redgrave, Goldup, Holland, Langham, Chinchin, Wilson Smith, Gibson, Ros, Cichorz, Mullett, Liwendahl & Aitchison). The apparent contradiction for Chinchin, Wilson-Smith and Gibson is that they wrote that the stamp was unissued, but later added that it was used on mail between Boyd and Gade.

The 1942 Lundy Philatelic Bureau Official Catalogue and Current Listing offered this stamp for sale at \$15 with a mention that it was rare.

H. Stanley Redgrave was the first author to mention this stamp having been postally used on mail between Boyd and Gade, in his article "The Lundy Air Stamps" published in *Stamp Collecting* of 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1942, pages 363 & 364. John Goldup also wrote an excellent article on this stamp, titled "Notes on Lundy", published in *The Stamp Lover* of August-September, 1954, pages 40-41. Based on correspondence exchanged with Robert Boyd, he clearly stated that the stamp was used on "official" parcels between Boyd and Gade and that it was not for use by the general public.

The first mention of an actual date of issue comes from A.F. Langham in an article presumably written by Barry N.D. Chinchin, titled "The first ½d. Air View stamp" in *The Puffin*, Newsletter of the Lundy Specialists Society, no. 16, January 1967, p. 14. In a letter sent, I believe, to Barry Chinchin, Tony Langham mentioned that "You may be interested to know that I have what I think is a unique Lundy stamp. It is one of the issues of 11<sup>th</sup> June 1937 of which I believe 24,000 were printed but were withdrawn. The copy I have is used and came over to Lundy on the first day of issue before Mr. Harman had time to intervene. My air view stamp is unfortunately not on cover. When Mr. Gade gave it to me it was attached to a fragment of brown paper which had no markings on it and I am afraid in my ignorance I removed this before mounting the stamp in my collection." In a letter to the Editor in the *Lundy Collectors Club Philatelic Quarterly*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (whole no. 53, Spring 1992, pages 2-3), Tony Langham added that "Boyd flew only one consignment using these stamps, as Gade immediately saw that the new small stamp looked as if it was a Lundy stamp and being marked in "pence" values would upset the G.P.O.

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The example I have in my collection was sold to me by Mr. Gade who told me this story. He thought it was unique as it was the only one, he had kept in his special box of "treasures".

J.N. Holland, in his "Notes on the Airmails" in *The Puffin*, Newsletter of the Lundy Specialists Society, no. 3, May 1957, p. 2, writes that the stamp was "issued 20-7-1937. Withdrawn the following day".

An excellent article by the late Jim Mullett and Lars Liwendahl published in *The New Puffin Journal*, no. 14, Summer 2001, pages 11 to 15, (The 1937 Small Air Stamp "No 18e"), refers to a copy of this stamp that was in Stanard's collection, that went over to George Ulrich and ended up in Jim Mullett's collection. The authors write that it was mounted on a page where the "printing date" was given by Stanard as June 11th, 1937. Stanard's information came directly from Boyd and is as reliable as can be. Reading Mullett's and Liwendahl's article together with the above other sources, one must conclude that:

- 1) The stamp was indeed issued and it was in general use for one day only.
- 2) It was then withdrawn from public sale but continued in use on parcels exchanged between Boyd and Gade until sometime after 18<sup>th</sup> April 1938. Thus, Jim Mullett and Lars Liwendahl were right in concluding that this stamp is not an essay but Lundy's first "official stamp", even though it was issued by the airline company rather than by the island.

Now the last question that remains unsolved is: when was it issued? We have three possible dates: Langham gives 10<sup>th</sup> June 1937, Stanard 11<sup>th</sup> June 1937 and Holland gives 20<sup>th</sup> July 1937 but he does not mention his source. I may have part of the answer.

In Negev Holyland's (Michael Bale's) 7<sup>th</sup> August 1991 Number 3 Lundy auction, lot 54 was described as a "vertical strip of three of this essay with centrally struck Chinchon type Cd cancellation". This strip now rests in my collection and it has a partially legible dated type Cc (not Cd) cancellation reading 1\_JU\_ 1937(Fig. 3).



Fig 3

The date could be anything between 10 and 19 as only the digit "1" is legible and it is clearly the first of two digits. As to the month, the third letter is illegible with just an upright left stroke that could be the left leg of the "N" in "June" or of the "L" in July (Fig. 4). By using a high-resolution scanner and increasing the size 10 times, it is possible to make out certain parts of a diagonal stroke of what would be the diagonal leg of the letter "N" of June but these traces are very faint. So now we have narrowed down the date of issue to June or July 1937, and we still have 3 possible dates according to Langham, Stanard and Holland: 10<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> June or 20<sup>th</sup> July. Thanks to the dated cancel on my strip of 3 we also have proof that the month of issue was either June or July 1937 but more probably June.



Fig 4

Based on all the above my guess would be that the date of issue was 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> June 1937. This strip of 3 could well have been cancelled on the day of issue.

There are a few other copies of this stamp around in cancelled condition. There was a block of 6 in Jim Mullett's collection, and Roger Hudson's block of 5 later broken down as a block of 4 that also ended up in Jim Mullett's collection and a single in Lars Liwendahl's collection. Does anyone have a used copy with a readable 1937 cancellation date? Is my strip of three the only dated cancellation on the JA17 small Air View 1/2d. violet? Because this stamp was essentially used on parcels, multiples seem to have been the rule: heavier weight meant a higher postal rate. I have two used strips of 3 in my collection and we know of a block of 5 (now broken down) and a block of 6.



Fig 5

I also have 3 mint copies of JA17, one with slanted perforations (Fig. 5) possibly coming from Michael Bale's find of an almost complete sheet (L.C.C.P.Q., no. 65, Spring 1995).

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My copy would be the third stamp from the bottom right-hand column; one copy with a double row of horizontal perforations at top (Fig. 6) and another with an additional row of horizontal perforations at bottom (Fig. 7), plus an imperforate proof (Fig. 8).



Fig 6



Fig 7

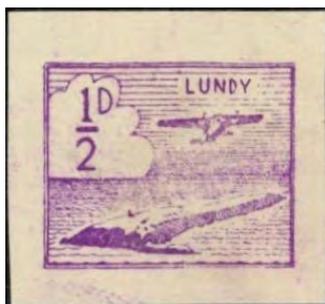


Fig 8

Now getting back to what started this search, my newly-acquired parcel label. It was used on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1938 according to the Lundy cancellation (Type Bb) on the Lundy 1p stamp (JA2) and partial British parcel cancellation. The Air Stamp is cancelled with the Type Cd (undated) cancel. We know of at least two more copies on cover or on piece: there is a parcel piece with this Air View stamp only, with an undated type Cd cancel as well as a cover with the stamp cancelled by a manuscript cross by pen, both shown in Mullett's and Liwendahl's article. Does anyone have more "on cover" or "on piece" examples, or dated cancelled copies, strips or blocks?

Anyone interested in my 20 pages of notes and excerpts of articles on the JA17 Air View stamp can send me an email to: [dufresne@generation.net](mailto:dufresne@generation.net)

# *Mail Possibly Originating on Lundy during the GPO Era (1887-1927), but without a “LUNDY ISLAND” Thimble Postmark*

By Roger Cichorz

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During my research of the “LUNDY ISLAND” thimble postmarks quite a few years ago, Michael Bale reminded me that mail originating on Lundy during the GPO era (1887-1927) may have been hand-carried off the Island and posted elsewhere or given over to a ship representative to be posted at the nearest port. Postcards with Lundy scenes and H.M.S. Montagu postcards that are endorsed “Lundy” are likely to have originated from Lundy, but others whose written messages mention the Island and/or the Montagu may also have been written on Lundy. Of course, some postcards with these references, particularly to the Montagu, may have been written by day-trippers on steamer or paddle-ship excursions around the Island, without the writers stepping foot on Lundy, and then posted after they got back on the mainland.

With this in mind, I did a survey of items in my collection that appear to have originated from Lundy, and included one Michael Bale sent me and one in a C.I.L.A. auction. Many of you may also have Lundy view or Montagu postcards lacking the elusive G.P.O. “LUNDY ISLAND” thimble postmark that were posted elsewhere, but have either handwritten “Lundy” endorsements or other indications of having originated on Lundy.

Readers are encouraged to submit information about similar items to the LCCPQ Editor or author (rcichorz@comcast.net) for inclusion in a future compilation. Reports of these “Lundy items” may be useful in providing additional information about Lundy routes, excursions, and mail postings while the G.P.O. suboffice was operational on Lundy from 1887 to 1927.

As examples of what to look for, the following is my compiled list of G.P.O.-serviced postcards that may have originated from Lundy but are without “LUNDY ISLAND” thimble postmarks – an asterisk (\*) immediately after the bullet and before the date indicates an almost certainty that it was written on Lundy. The G.P.O. postmarks are indicated in brackets at the end of each entry [c.ds. = circular datestamp (thimble) postmark, s/c = squared-circle postmark, and d/c = double-circle postmark].

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- June 8, 1906 (Friday) – Phillipse “H.M.S. Montagu on the rocks at / Lundy Island May 1906.” posted from Ilfracombe to Stoke on Trent: endorsed Went to Lundy on Monday and saw this also the other battleships that are there watching... [Ilfracombe “Ju 8/06” d/c]
  - June 21, 1906 (Thursday) – T. W. Wills “H.M.S. Montagu / Ashore Lundy Island” posted from Bideford to Stoke, Devonport: endorsed We all went over to Lundy last week, had a nice time. [Bideford “JU 21/06” d/c]
  - June 26, 1906 (Tuesday) – (Note: Not written on Lundy but Realphoto postcard taken earlier by sender on visit to Lundy), handwritten title H.M.S. Montague (sic) ashore at Lundy June 1906: endorsed I thought you would like a P.C. of the Montague (sic) ashore at Lundy. I took this Photo of her on June 15th when I went there on a trip by the S.S. Normandy. It is the first shot I have had at Photography and was lucky to get a few good ones. [Tenby “Ju 25/06” cds]
  - July 5, 1906 (Thursday) – Twiss Bros. “H.M.S. Montagu / Ashore Lundy Island” posted from Ilfracombe to London: endorsed July 5 -06 / Just returned from a cruise to Lundy Island to see the Montagu. It seems a marvel how it got where it is. It is all life around it now trying to save it. [Ilfracombe “JY 5/0” d/c]
  - July 9, 1906 (Monday) – T. W. Wills “H.M.S. Montagu Ashore / Lundy Island” posted from Bideford to Lymington: endorsed We have come to Lundy Island to see the Montagu. Never had such a day talk about bad, & it was so foggy we couldn’t see anything. [Bideford “JY 9/06” d/c]
  - \*July 10, 1906 (Tuesday) – T. W. Wills “H.M.S. Montagu Ashore at Lundy” posted from Holsworthy to Northampton: endorsed 10/7/1906 / I have just been inspecting the wreck of H.M.S. Montagu – it is still fast. Writing this on a rock. [Holsworthy “F/JY 13 06/P” s/c] (Note: The reference to inspecting and writing on a rock plus the three-day difference between the endorsement and postmark dates suggest almost certain Lundy origin for this card, then taken on return to Holsworthy for posting.)
  - July 13, 1906 (Friday) – Percival “H.M.S. Montagu” posted from Ilfracombe to London: endorsed I Went and seen this boat last Thursday, it’s a fine one and there were some fine boats there besides... [Ilfracombe “JY 13 06” d/c].
  - July 29, 1906 (Sunday) – Twiss Bros. “H.M.S. Montagu ashore on Lundy Island. May 30th 1906” posted from Bideford to Liverpool: endorsed I saw this today. [Ilfracombe “JY 29/06” d/c]

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- July 31, 1906 (Tuesday) – Batten “Wreck HMS Montagu Lundy Island” posted from Ilfracombe to Freshford: endorsed Went over as far as Lundy yesterday. [Ilfracombe “JY 31 06” d/c]
  - August 4, 1906 (Saturday) – Ingram Clark “HMS Montagu on the Rocks at Lundy.” posted from Clovelly to Westcliff-on-Sea: endorsed We all went here by steamer – had a lovely view of the wreck – which is a fine sight. [Clovelly “A / AU 4 06” cds]
  - August 24, 1906 (Friday) – Britannia “HMS Montagu on the Rocks at Lundy” posted from Clovelly to Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex: endorsed We all went here yesterday by steamer – had a lovely view of the wreck... [Clovelly “AU 24 06/A” cds]
  - \*October 12, 1906 (Friday) –Twiss Bros. T83 Knight Templar Rock posted from Pembroke Dock to Watchet, Somerset: sent by Lundy lighthouse keeper via Trinity House supply ship based on Pembroke Dock to his home in Watchet. [Pembroke Dock “Oct 12 06” d/c] (CILA #14, 9/11/90)
  - \*July 22, 1910 (Friday) – Instow to Pensford Nr. Bristol: endorsed Lundy, 22nd July 1910. [Instow “JY 22/10” s/c]
  - \*August 25, 1910 (Thursday) – Twiss Bros. T45 The Castle, Lundy Island posted from Instow to Dartmouth: endorsed Lundy Island 25.8.10 by M. Heaven. [Instow “A/AU 26/10” s/c]
  - August 10, 1911 (Thursday) – Twiss Bros. T307A posted from Instow to Bristol: endorsed We are going to picnic tomorrow on Rat Island, the piece of rock right in the corner... [Instow AU 10 11/C” s/c] (M. Bale)
  - \*July 13, 1922 (Thursday) – A. St. Claire Knight Templar Rock Lundy Island posted from Cardiff to Crewe: endorsed Lundy Island - July 12 1922 / Having a 14 hour sail in glorious weather to Ilfracombe, Clovelly and here. [Cardiff “13 Jul/1922” cds and Cardiff “13 JY/22” d/c]

The four postcards illustrated on the following two pages are examples of postcards written on Lundy during the GPO period, but posted elsewhere and not receiving the “LUNDY ISLAND” thimble cds.

Lundy Island  
25. 8. 10

Thank you for letter with packet of books, map etc. I did not expect a CMS report, will send you the 7 when you return home. Suppose you are on your journey. I do hope you will have some real summer weather for your holiday as for we seem to have had hardly any - don't get two fine days together. We have a book now that print also seems very out of the way, but I have put Mary's address down in my book in case of accident, thank you for card etc. Must send you a letter again in time to day - must be long but that is all for every best of the best with you affly. M. J. [unclear]

CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE.



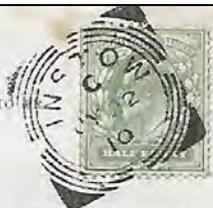
Miss N. Napper,  
Bailey House,  
Stoke Fleming,  
Nr. Dartmouth.

Published by Twist Ticos, The Arcade, Hiramcombe

POST CARD.

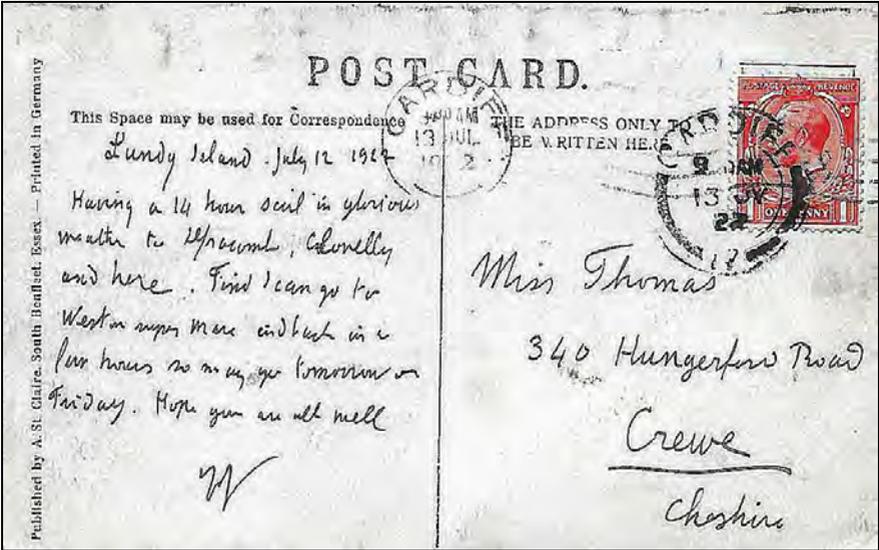
THIS SPACE MAY BE USED FOR COMMUNICATION.

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE.



Lundy. 27<sup>th</sup> July 1910.  
Thank you for letter & addresses - I think J. D. will be at 60 Oakfield Road till 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> August, if Mr D. has to leave on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr J. has had to have the best of Mr. Leonard's uniform, as he has had to go to camp again to get his water near Hartstone, quite unexpectedly. Both of them, if you get the key on 3<sup>rd</sup>, I shall be glad to take it & the plants to tell we come back. I think Mr. J. returned on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Perhaps Mr. J. had better come back on 4<sup>th</sup> - if you both stay at the house: we may not catch right mail.

Miss E. Clements Bryant  
178 Woollard  
Penzance  
Nr Bristol.



# John Dyke Centenary

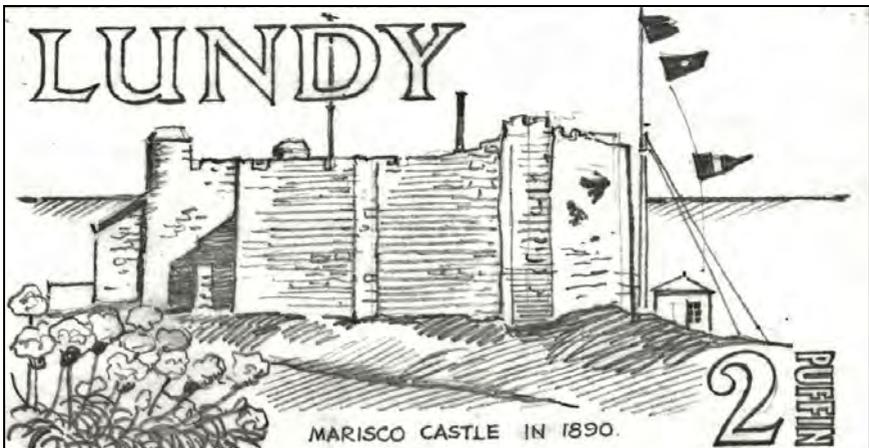
16<sup>th</sup> May this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Dyke's birth.

John was a talented artist and a gentleman with a wicked sense of humour, but he will mainly be remembered for his Lundy artwork.

John was responsible for many stamp designs from the 1951 *Flying Bird* definitive set to the 1997 *Centenary of Lundy South and North Lighthouses* commemorative issue.

Illustrated on this page is a piece of John's artwork that he prepared in 1961 and submitted to the Harman family for a proposed Marisco Castle stamp issue, however, on this occasion, the design was not used.

This artwork now resides in the British Library as part of the Harman archive.



# *The 2023 Lundy Postbox*

By Derek Green

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During the winter the postbox found in the end wall of the Island's Office was repainted by the Island's maintenance team.



# Lundy's 1939 Mail Returned to Sweden

By Roger Cichorz

Two interesting April 1939 covers that were intended to be delivered to Lundy are illustrated as Figures 1 and 2. Both were addressed from Göteborg, Sweden by the same individual (Gustaf Bendroth), "To the Postmaster of Lundy Island" via Barnstaple, but were never delivered to Lundy, instead being directed through the Bristol Post office where one was ignominiously endorsed in red ink, "To Sweden" and in pencil "Office Closed," and the other "No Postmaster at / Lundy Island" — and both stamped "UNDELIVERED FOR REASON STATED / RETURN TO SENDER" and "RETOUR." and returned to the addresser in Sweden.

When Felix Gade, the resident Lundy Agent and its acting local postmaster, became informed that this had occurred, he promptly sent a letter of protest to the GPO headquarters in London, arguing that neither Britain nor the GPO has a monopoly on the title *Postmaster!* The GPO capitulated, probably under threat of litigation, and this practice halted immediately. Consequently, such "redirected" / "return to sender" covers were few in number and today are highly sought-after rarities!

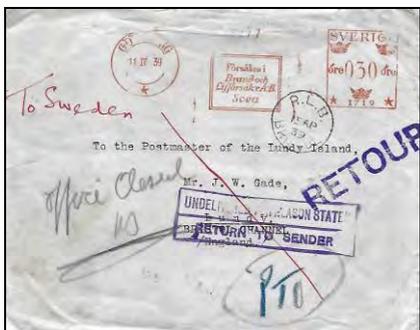


Fig 1

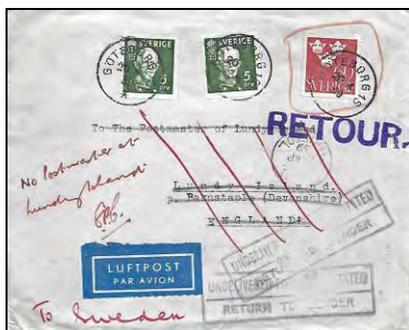


Fig 2

Figure 3 shows a 10<sup>th</sup> May 1939 cover to Lundy, also from Gustaf Bendroth in Göteborg, also addressed to F. W. Gade but with no reference to "Postmaster" and it went through the British mail stream without a hitch! Perhaps, after receiving his other two returned covers, Mr. Bendroth decided to take no chances!

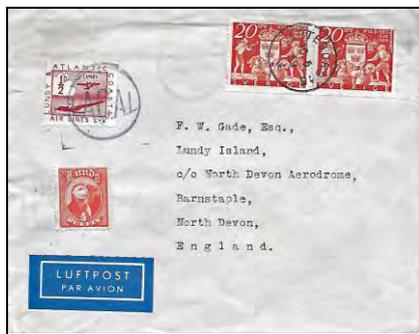


Fig 3



Fig 4

Gustaf Bendroth must have been at least a casual, if not avid, Lundy collector at that time as exemplified by a Lundy outgoing airmail cover posted to him in February 1939 (Figure 4). This cover was obviously prepared by Mr. Bendroth with his two address labels applied front and back and sent on to Lundy in a separate cover with a request that it be serviced and returned to him via the GPO mail stream. This cover was indeed serviced on Lundy and subsequently flown from Lundy by the Lundy and Atlantic Coasts Air Lines Ltd. (LACAL) to the British mainland as indicated by the backside franking of the postmarked Lundy 1/2p definitive stamp and LACAL 1/2d carriage label canceled by the airlines. It entered the GPO post at Barnstaple with the proper airmail to Sweden rate as indicated by the postmarked G.B. KGVI 2 1/2d definitive on front.

Unfortunately, this cover does not have a Göteborg receipt postmark so the skeptic can question whether or not it actually arrived in Sweden. However, neither of the other two GPO-returned covers have a Göteborg receipt postmark, so application of a receipt datestamp by the addressee's city apparently was not a Swedish Post Office custom in 1939. Note that the backside of this envelope served as the front of this cover and the front served as the back – the Lundy and LACAL stamps had to be applied to the backside in accordance with the GPO regulations. Mr. Bendroth apparently wanted the side with the Lundy and LACAL stamps to serve as the front of his cover (for show in his album or an exhibit?) as he lightly penciled instructions on both sides which stamps were to be applied where – barely visible in the Figure 4 illustration, "1/2 + 1/2" appears on the label on the Lundy side and manuscript text on the lower righthand portion of the flap of the GPO side. The GPO apparently did not concern itself with this anomaly as long as the G.B. and Lundy stamps were not on the same side of the cover.

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There were two other occasions during the 1950s and 1960s when mail addressed either to the *Lundy Postmaster* or *Lundy Post Office* was returned to senders, but in both instances, protests from Mr. Gade to the offending mainland Post Offices again halted this seemingly discriminatory practice. Today, Lundy's local post and the GPO have a relatively harmonious relationship, and there is an avid interest in Lundy postal history and its local stamps among some philatelists.

Lundy still has a strong philatelic connection with Sweden. A principal member and officer of the Sweden Cinderella Club, publisher of *Bältespännaren*, its semi-annual publication, is Lars (Lasse) Liwendahl of Hägersten, who has been active in the design and production of Lundy stamps since 1991. A longtime collector of Lundy stamps and postal history, Liwendahl has written numerous Lundy articles over the years for *Bältespännaren*. On a more serious philatelic side, Liwendahl is the author of two Swedish-language handbooks available for loan from the Scandinavian Collectors Club Library: *De Svenska Svarslösenmärkena / The Swedish Reply Stamps* (SWE B157) and *Sveriges och Norges Svarslösen-märken samt Helsaker, 1968-1978 / Sweden's and Norway's Reply Stamps and Postal Stationery, 1968-1978* (SWE B157).

**Figure captions:**

**Figure 1.** *Controversial 11<sup>th</sup> April 1939 posted letter from Gustaf Bendroth in Göteborg, returned to sender from the Instow (North Devon) via Bristol Post Offices, presumably because of the "To the Postmaster of Lundy Island" addressee and the fact that the GPO sub-office on Lundy had closed some 12 years earlier. Note the earlier receipt postmark from Instow on the backside.*

**Figure 2.** *Controversial 20<sup>th</sup> April 1939 posted letter from the same sender in Göteborg, also returned to sender from the Bristol Post Office, presumably because of "To the Postmaster of Lundy Island" address and there was "No Postmaster / at Lundy Island." There is no Instow receipt postmark on this cover, though it undoubtedly arrived at Instow before being forwarded on to Bristol.*

**Figure 3.** *10<sup>th</sup> May 1939 posted letter from Gustaf Bendroth in Göteborg that arrived on Lundy via Barnstaple by air with no apparent G.P.O. interference. Note the absence of any reference to a "Postmaster" in the address.*

**Figure 4.** *An earlier (25<sup>th</sup> February 1939) outgoing cover from Lundy addressed to Gustaf Bendroth in Göteborg. This cover was flown from Lundy to the British mainland after paying the ½ puffin Lundy "puffinage" and ½d airline charges as indicated by the cancelled Lundy stamp and Lundy and Atlantic Coasts Air Lines Ltd. (LACAL) carriage label on the back. It entered the GPO post at Barnstaple with the proper airmail to Sweden rate as indicated by the postmarked G.B. KGVI 2½d definitive on front.*

# 2023 Summer Weekend

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The Club's annual meeting will be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023, at the Penthouse Suite, The Durrant House Hotel, Heywood Road, Northam, Bideford, EX39 3QB.

A full programme will be published in the Summer Newsletter which will include Members' Displays, the four Club Competitions and an Auction. Complimentary tea and coffee will be provided and an optional lunch will be available.

To help the hotel, they have asked us to select our food choice in advance. I have enclosed their menu and would be grateful if you could state your choice on the enclosed booking form. Will you also include payment with the form?

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the Club has reserved 15 places on the Oldenburg for a day trip to Lundy. **These places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so reply immediately to avoid disappointment.**

The ship will leave Bideford at 9:00am and return to Bideford at approximately 8:30pm which will give us a full day to explore the island and enjoy the island's cuisine.

Booking forms for the meeting and the trip to Lundy are enclosed and must be returned to Sue Leather **no later** than Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June so that arrangements can be finalised.

There is no charge to attend the club meeting, however, if you wish to go on the day trip to Lundy the discounted cost of the Oldenburg ticket is £45.00 per person. Please send your cheque made payable to **Lundy Collectors Club** to Sue Leather with your booking form. Tickets will be handed out on Bideford Quay alongside the Oldenburg one hour (approximately) before sailing.

**Please make all cheques payable to  
Lundy Collectors Club**

**Send all booking forms and cheques to  
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