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Editorial

By James Thomas

2023 has been a very busy year for Lundy collecting with the issue of a new stamp set, a commemorative cover for the Coronation of the new King and Queen, the John Dyke Centenary and the introduction of a new general use canceller. In addition to this we also have a new Postmistress.

In July we held our Summer weekend which had mixed fortunes. Sue Leather organised a perfect weekend which was only spoiled by the weather. Late on Friday evening Lundy informed us that the Oldenburg would not sail the following day because of a storm in the Bristol Channel. However, our meeting on the Sunday in Bideford was most enjoyable with a good turn-out of members. At the meeting Michael and Bronnie Bale said that because of their mature years, Michael is now 90, they will no longer be able to travel to Club meetings, although I am sure Michael's lively spirit will keep his interest in Lundy going for many years to come.

Lundy has suffered this year, first of all with the late return from dry dock of the Oldenburg after its winter service and then weekend after weekend of bad weather which caused many cancelled sailings through the summer months.

The trip that I planned in May for the launch of the new stamp set was cancelled and then two months later the Club's annual trip was also cancelled.

Our new Postmistress, Sam Scantlebury, has been very helpful supplying me with information via email about the new material which I was originally hoping to gather on the launch day.

However, I have to end with some very sad news. Mike Thompson who was the Club's Auctioneer and Meetings Chairman until last year, passed away. Mike attended the Summer Meeting in Bideford, with assistance, and was looking very ill so it came as no surprise when the message came in September that Mike had died. No matter how prepared you think you are, when the news arrives it comes as a big shock.

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James

Obituary

By James Thomas

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Mike Thompson on Tuesday 26th September 2023.

Mike was instrumental in the setting-up of the Lundy Collectors Club British Chapter (as we were then known) along with Stanley Newman, Tom Baker, Roger Allen and myself in the Autumn of 1996.

At the beginning, Stanley saw potential in Mike as the Club's Auctioneer. At the time Mike was working for a London auction house and had the knowledge and experience to do the job so professionally.

After Stanley's death in January 2004, Mike took on the post of Meetings Chairman and did a brilliant job controlling the meetings.

However, Mike will always be remembered as the Club's Auctioneer. He worked tirelessly behind the scenes obtaining enough material to fill the auction catalogue three times a year. On the day of the auction Mike would work hard conducting the auction and later in his hotel room, sorting through the sold lots that needed posting, the unsold lots ready for the next auction and the accounts.

Most Club members accepted the auction on the day without a second thought about all of the hard work that went into organising it.

He received a lot of help from Julie Lester on auction day as well as behind the scenes.

Last year Mike's illness got worse so he handed the reins over to Jon Aitchison.

Mike has no family, so Julie, who has been Mike's carer throughout his illness, has also made his final arrangements.

2023 General Cancellor

By James Thomas

Lundy has introduced a new *General Use* canceller.

The old cancel was last used on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 and the new one came into service on Thursday 25th May 2023.

The new cancel measures 30mm in diameter and uses a mix of three font styles.



The new 2023 cancel

Lundy's New Postmistress

Earlier this year Sam Scantlebury took over from Tiina Pehkonen as Lundy Postmistress.

Working mainly in the island's Reception Office, Sam has worked on Lundy since January 2020 and is married to Matt who is the island Cargo Coordinator and can often be spotted driving the tractor.

I welcome Sam to the *Lundy Philatelic Family* and wish her well with her new responsibilities.

2023 Definitive Stamp Issue

By James Thomas

On Saturday 13th May 2023, the third generation of the 'Puffins on Coast' definitive stamp design was issued which will complement the existing stock and new commemorative stamp sets.

The set is comprised of seven stamps with values to cover present postage rates which are based on Royal Mail charges. The set has four stamps with values from 20 puffin to 300 puffin and three Non-Value Indicator (NVI) stamps for UK 1st class, 2nd class and ROW to cover the letter rate for the Rest of the World.

The new denominations and colours are:-

20 puffin	grey
75 puffin	dark yellow
100 puffin	light blue
300 puffin	red
1 st class (currently 105 puffin)	purple
2 nd class (currently 75 puffin)	green
ROW (currently 225 puffin)	brown

Each value was printed in sheets of 25 in single colours by Cartor Security Printing of Meaucé, France.

35,000 of both the 1st and 2nd class stamps were printed and 15,000 of each of the other values.

All mail posted from Lundy on 13th May 2023 had the stamps cancelled by a special, Jan-Erik Wellerfors designed, 'First Day of Issue' canceller showing a flying puffin.





A full sheet of twenty-five 300p stamps showing the Lundy puffin and Cartor emblem in the side selvedge

To complete the set, 500 official First Day Covers and 500 presentation packs have been produced.



The cost of a set of stamps is £9.00, the First Day Cover is £10.00 and the presentation pack is £10.00. Blocks of stamps and full sheets can be purchased at a pro-rata rate.

If you wish to make a purchase please send your order direct to Lundy at either the Shore Office at Bideford or email the Postmistress at:- lundypostalservice@lundyisland.co.uk

The Coronation of the New King and Queen

By James Thomas

On 6th May 2023 Lundy issued a cover to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty Queen Camilla.



The cover costs £3.00 plus postage and can be purchased direct from the Lundy Shore Office at Bideford or online from the Postmistress at lundypostalservice@lundyisland.co.uk

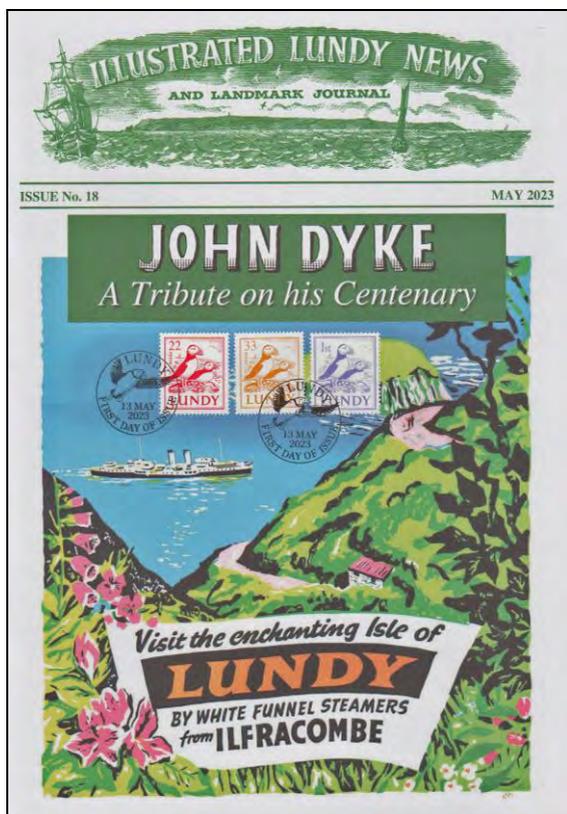
Illustrated Lundy News – Issue 18

By James Thomas

On 16th May 2023 a special issue of the Illustrated Lundy News, which was originally produced by John Dyke, was issued to commemorate the centenary of John's birth. This issue was produced by Michael Williams and André Coutanche with assistance from Reg and Lucy Lo-Vel and Derek Green.

300 copies were printed of which 50 had three of the 'Puffins on Coast' stamps affixed (one from 1991, one from 2002 and one from 2023) and cancelled by the 2023 First Day of Issue canceller.

They can be bought from the Lundy Shore Office for £2.50 (without stamps) or £4.50 (with stamps) plus postage.



2023 Summer Weekend Report

By James Thomas

The Club's Summer 2023 weekend was held on 22nd and 23rd July, however, not all went to plan. Sue Leather worked hard leading up to the event and put in place arrangements that should have given all of us a fantastic weekend. The one thing that Sue didn't arrange was good weather! On the Saturday we should have enjoyed a leisurely trip to Lundy, but it was cancelled because the sea was too rough for the Oldenburg to sail. July and August in Devon threw up some awful weather and for many weekends the weather was too bad to go out to sea, but that's Lundy, the place where the only thing you need to take with you is your sense of adventure and of course a good raincoat!

Sunday was another day and our meeting at the Durrant Hotel in Bideford was a great pleasure. The meeting started at 10.00am with the bourse and because the attendance was very good the room was bustling. The bourse was well supported with Jon Aitchison, Lucy Lo-Vel and the Lundy Field Society all covering tables with a most varied stock of Lundy material. The only disappointment was the lack of competition entries and displays. The morning passed quite quickly and we all retreated to the hotel dining room for a well-priced lunch.

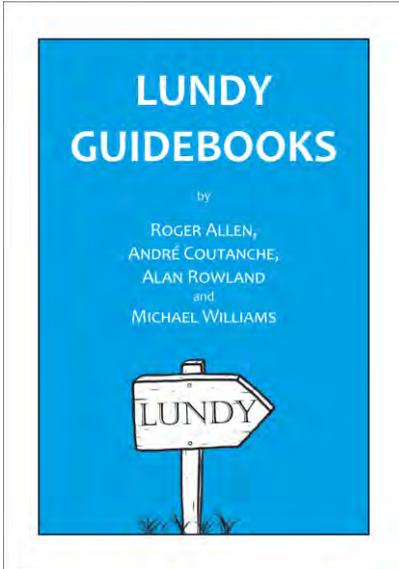
After lunch Jon Aitchison conducted a very professional auction which was full of a lot of material rarely seen. Jon was helped by Julie Lester who did the 'running' and James Thomas who helped with the record keeping. The bidding was strong throughout and many members went home very happy with their purchases.

The meeting finished at 4.00pm with many saying how much they enjoyed themselves. The only improvement for next year will be for more members to support the competitions and displays which is something we will have to work on.

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Lundy Guidebooks

By André Coutanche



Lundy Guidebooks was published in 2018 by four members of the LCC and LFS - the late Roger Allen, André Coutanche, Alan Rowland and Michael Williams.

The book lists and describes the guidebooks sold to visitors on Lundy, from the earliest known publication produced by Arthur St Claire in 1910, through the Harman years (1925-1969) and into the Landmark era of the present day.

Many guidebooks from the mid-twentieth century have no publication date, and this work analyses their content and other evidence to assign dates and place them in chronological order. Background information on

authors and illustrators adds to the context of the guidebooks.

Now a supplement has been published, bringing the book up-to-date with new information and corrections. The supplement was launched at the Club meeting at Northam on 23 July. It's free on request to anyone who has a copy of the original book or it can be downloaded as a PDF file (363kB) from www.oldlight.co.uk/LGSupplement.pdf.

If you haven't got a copy of *Lundy Guidebooks*, you can send a cheque for £5 payable to A.P. Coutanche to 14 Queens Road, Bishopsworth, Bristol, BS13 8LB, and enclose a stamped addressed envelope. A copy of the supplement will be included. The book and supplement are A5 size so the envelope should be C5. Book and supplement plus envelope weigh just over 100g, i.e. it counts as 'large letter'. Instead of a cheque, payment by internet bank transfer is welcome – please e-mail acoutanche@gmx.co.uk for details.

British Revenue Stamp on Lundy-Related Banker's Receipt

By Roger Cichorz

Recent articles in this *Journal* on "Lundy Revenue Stamps" reminded me of a Lundy-related revenue item I have in my collection. Obviously, this is not a Lundy stamp used as a revenue on some invoice, but rather a banker's receipt from the Lundy Granite Company, Limited, dated 31 August 1864 and franked with a Great Britain 1860 inland revenue 1d stamp tied by a manuscript signature. I do not recall this item or a similar one ever being pictured in *The Puffin Journal*, *LCC Philatelic Quarterly*, or this *Journal*, and thought this uncommon ephemeron might be of interest to readers.

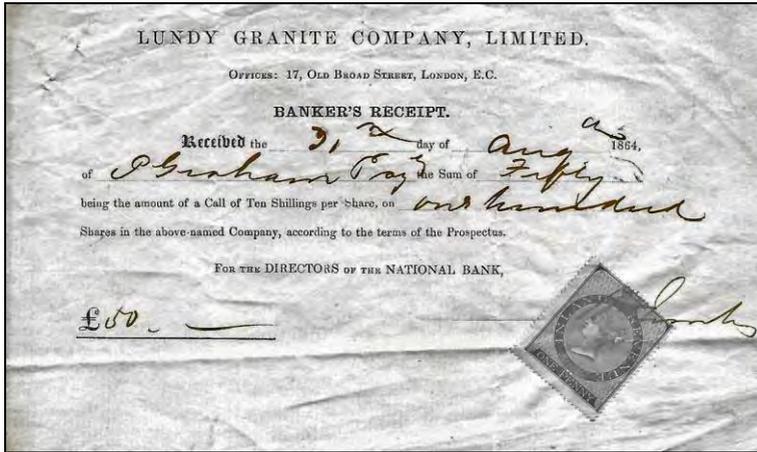
British Inland Revenue stamps were initially introduced in 1860 when the previously issued 1855 stamp depicting Queen Victoria inscribed "DRAFT PAYABLE ON DEMAND, OR RECEIPT" was overprinted "INLAND REVENUE". New Inland Revenue stamps were issued later in 1860, so the stamp on this document represents a relatively early use. I presume the one penny denominated stamp on this banker's receipt served fiscal use indicating a required documentary fee was paid.

A number of British Inland Revenue stamps were issued over the next two decades, both surface printed designs depicting Queen Victoria as well as embossed adhesives with an underprint. The Customs and Inland Revenue Act of 1881 necessitated that dual-purpose stamps be issued for both postage and revenue; consequently, the Penny Lilac with the inscription "Postage and Inland Revenue" was issued in July 1881, superseding the older inland revenue stamps.

Unfortunately, the Lundy Granite Company, Ltd. was not in existence long enough to experience use of the subsequent 1881 postage and revenue stamps. The Lundy Granite Company was registered on 18 July 1863 and operated for five years during which time it cut and worked the quarries on Lundy's east side. The Company met with some initial success but eventually closed 19 November 1868 as the shipping of stone to the mainland presented persistent difficulties and other problems were experienced during its brief lifetime.

An extensive, detailed account of the Lundy Granite Company, Ltd. and other quarrying activities on Lundy throughout its recorded history is given by the late A. F. Langham in his 1994 magnum opus, *The Island of Lundy*. Readers desiring more information on this subject are encouraged to consult this book and/or the other references cited below.

I wonder if documents with British revenue stamps exist for other Lundy-related companies or enterprises operating in the 19th Century? Readers are urged to report any to the *Journal* Editor.



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“Distance Designing”:

The Lundy Field Society 2021 stamp issue

By Lars Liwendahl

Time is really flying! I am just back from Lundy and the issue of the 2023 definitives which celebrate John Dyke’s centenary. However, I have not written an earlier promised article about the 2021 Lundy Field Society jubilee stamps so here it is!

I am right now sitting on a small cliff about two feet above sea level at my island place outside of Stockholm. No Lundy tide water here in the Baltic Sea! The sun is shining and it is all very peaceful, with some wild ducks swimming nearby and a heron standing on a stone in the water a bit further away, there is hardly any wind. This is one of the very few places that can compete with Lundy!

Since the Golden Jubilee miniature sheet that was issued in September 2019, much has happened both on Lundy and worldwide. Even if only focussing on Lundy I cannot avoid mentioning Covid. In one way one would think that on an isolated island like Lundy everything “just goes on as before”. In reality this is not the case. If we just look at the last 5-10 years there have been challenges like the beach road, the church restoration, Covid and now this spring’s problem with the Oldenburg.

In addition to this we have the Lundy weather, which is always on!

The idea to do a stamp issue commemorating the Lundy Field Society’s 75th anniversary was considered during early Spring 2019. Because the jubilee was in 2021 it would suit the island’s policy to issue new stamps every second year, and not least that the jubilee or theme highlighted should have a strong relation to Lundy.

In connection with the Golden Jubilee in September 2019 Alan Rowland, Chair of the LFS, Derek and I sat down and discussed the new issue. Derek had already approved the project, so now there was only “one small job” left: to produce the new stamps!

These were the main questions:

The design theme

What to show on the stamps?

How many different stamps?

Using photos or watercolours?

Perhaps finding an artist?

Denominations of the stamps

Printing

Preparing FDCs and presentation packs.

Before our meeting I received some ideas from Alan and the LFS. I had also done some thinking myself and at the meeting I showed some early sketches that I had made.

My design idea was to show different activities the Society are doing on the island, and NOT just doing an “ordinary set” with 4-5 different stamps.

Since childhood I have always liked pictures, photos, films and paintings which are really w-i-d-e, getting a panorama effect. With this in mind I had the idea of se-tenant pairs of stamps with two stamps together horizontally and one motif covering them both.

Derek and Alan liked the idea but the subjects to select were harder. It was soon realised that many of the LFS activities actually are rather small in size such as bird ringing, or hard to show in a nice way on stamps such as rhododendron cutting. After some discussions we had three themes: Education, Diving and the two front figures, the first Secretary and patron: L.E. Harvey and M.C. Harman.

Choosing these designs also meant we had to choose watercolours. For some time Lundy and The Landmark Trust had worked with an artist called Sharon Smart of London, on various projects. Among other commissions she had done a number of postcards for the island. So, Sharon was contacted and she was keen to help with the stamp designs.

Sharon is a professional artist who does commission work for various companies and institutions. She uses different techniques and methods such as pencil drawings, watercolours as well as Photoshop which she combined for this issue.



Sharon Smart at her London studio

Just before the LCC 5-day meeting on Lundy in March 2020 I met Sharon in London to start the design work. I have to say I was extremely happy we managed to meet before I went to Lundy and the meeting, and not after. All who attended know how that week ended, Covid became critical! The UK, Lundy and the rest of the world closed down! I had immense trouble returning home from Lundy to Sweden. It was very strange to arrive at a dark and almost empty Heathrow Airport with all shops and eating places closed. I flew home on one of the very last flights to Stockholm.

We all know the turbulence that followed but Derek said we should continue. We all thought “all this” would be over well before May 2021 and the LFS jubilee. Now we know better! Still, Derek was strong and wanted the stamps issued (all other jubilee activities had to be eventually cancelled!). Lundy also needed new stamps in new denominations.

I can also reveal that in the early summer of 2020 it was discussed if Lundy should do a special Covid Appeal Stamp, with a high surcharge. Perhaps an overprint on an existing Lundy stamp. This was discussed in detail. Lundy being closed to visitors they urgently needed money to make up the shortfall, and in large sums. Although going through different alternatives we could not find that such a stamp issue would give any substantial net income. Also, most of the staff were furloughed which presented a shortage of labour, so the whole idea was dropped. Lundy was thankfully helped out with grants from the government.

For the record, there were no proofs made for a Lundy Covid stamp issue.

Back to the LFS issue! The general work plan was to firstly do some pencil sketches and get the designs right in black and white. After this doing the watercolours, and finally adding the text and the denominations. For comparison and for space reasons, I have for this article put together a selection of the different design steps and highlighted some of the more important ones. This is to give you an idea of how we work. Of the images shown and with the comments on them you can see that we had detailed discussions about the different designs before we all were satisfied.

The first design Sharon and I focussed on was the Marisco Castle one, then the top values and last the underwater one. We both thought the underwater one would be the hardest but it turned out to be the opposite!

The black and white designs were ready in the autumn of 2020 and the watercolours at end of the year. Then January was needed for some adjustments, especially the portrait of MCH, which was a real challenge. It took a long time before we all were satisfied. The work was carried out by Sharon with me leading it. As before it was all a process, two steps forward, one step back. Alan was also much involved all the way along, making sure we got everything right. Just to get all the sea plants correct in size and colour took some time! Due to Covid this whole working process was made with all of us working from different places. Emails and phone calls were used continuously, as different sketches and designs were sent in the post! Alan sat isolated in Cornwall, Sharon in London, Derek on Lundy and in Bideford, the printers in France and I was isolated here at our island place outside Stockholm! You can indeed say this stamp issue was a “distance job”!

The denominations were the last to be decided, due to the Royal Mail changing their rates. The printing then took place during March and the start of April. The stamps were delivered to Lundy three weeks before the issue date of 8th May 2021.

When the stamps were printed at Cartor S.A. I contacted my friend Jan-Erik Wellerfors, who now lives on the island of Öland in the Baltic. With a full snow storm outside his window, he sat and designed the first day cancel showing an island pygmy shrew which I think we all like.

As we all now know, Covid was not over in May 2021. The island was partly open, but regretfully all LFS jubilee activities had to be cancelled. All that could be done in the end was the stamp issue. Thanks to Tiina and Helen on Lundy and Alan with his wife Sandra and Michael Williams from the LFS for preparing the FDCs, presentation packs and all the postal orders. Regretfully, I could not come to Lundy which is something that I have done in connection with most stamp issues that I have been involved in.

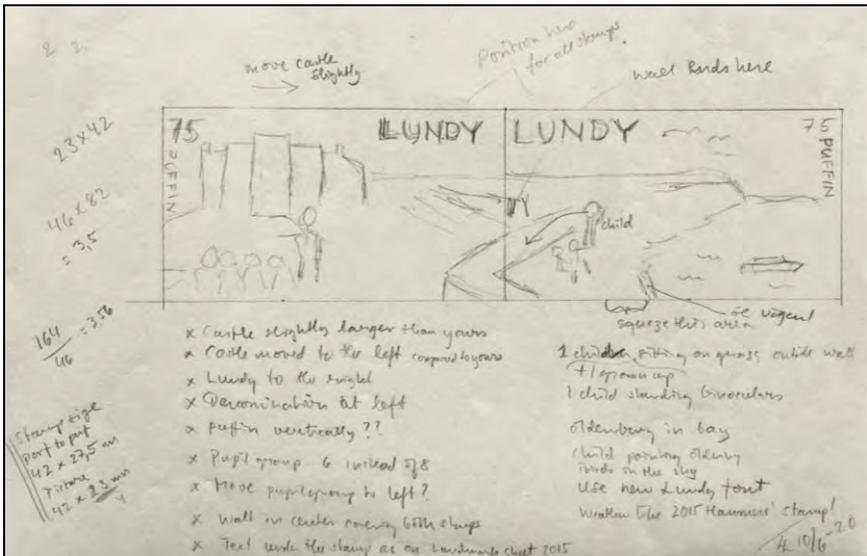
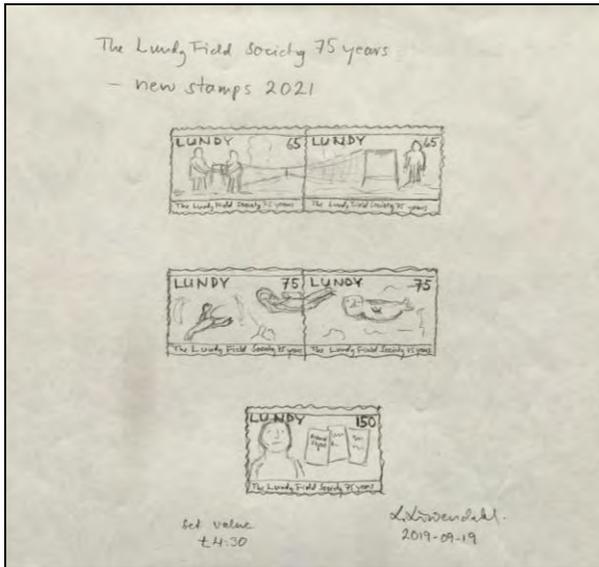
To do a new Lundy stamp issue is a quite comprehensive task and to have a Covid pandemic ongoing at the same time does not make it easier! Still, if I may say it, I think we managed well, doing this issue and completing the job. This stamp set has been very well received by the island, the Lundy Field Society, Derek and his team, all island visitors and stamp collectors worldwide.

My friend Christer Brunström, one of the foremost international philatelic writers, wrote three articles about the new Lundy LFS stamps, which were published in the UK, Sweden and Australia. They all gave good publicity, especially the four pages(!) in "Gibbon's Monthly", Britain's No. 1 stamp magazine.

Our brilliant editor and Lundy trip organiser, James Thomas, helped to market the new stamps in this *Journal* and also spread the information to many others, all very important, especially during the long Covid period.

I would like to end this article by from my side sending a big Thank You to all who have been involved in making this stamp issue possible. To me it has been a very good example of international team work!

On this and the following four pages are some of the initial sketches, mock-ups and draft artwork by Lars Liwendahl and Sharon Smart.





2020-07-05

Topic: Lundy stamps
 - still great, good the island scene? (Sharon?)
 - scale problem (challenge) especially with
 - problem of the picture & being used twice

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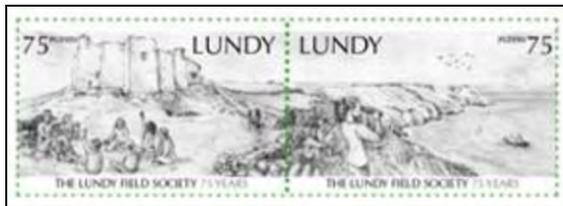
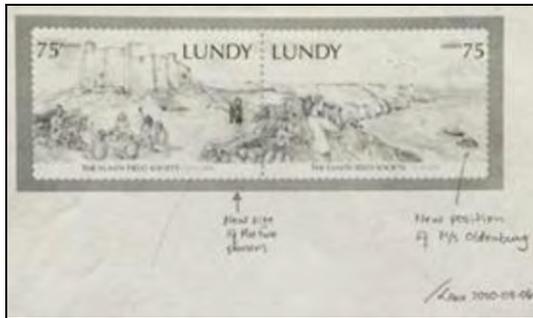
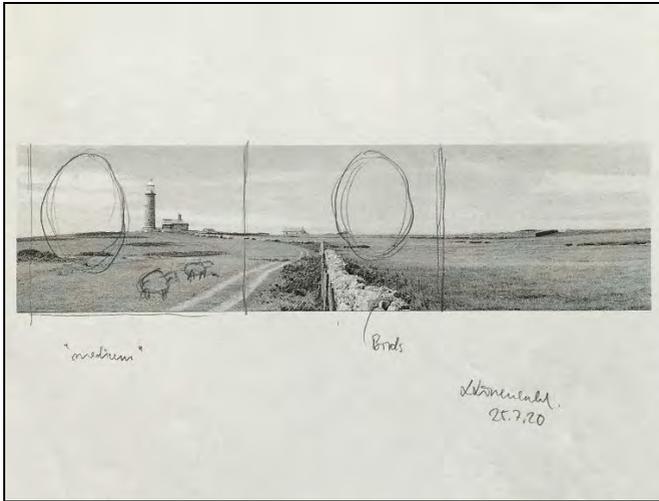
Attached are some variations based on our discussion of these two stamps. Please can we discuss again once you've had a chance to look. Let me know when you available to that.

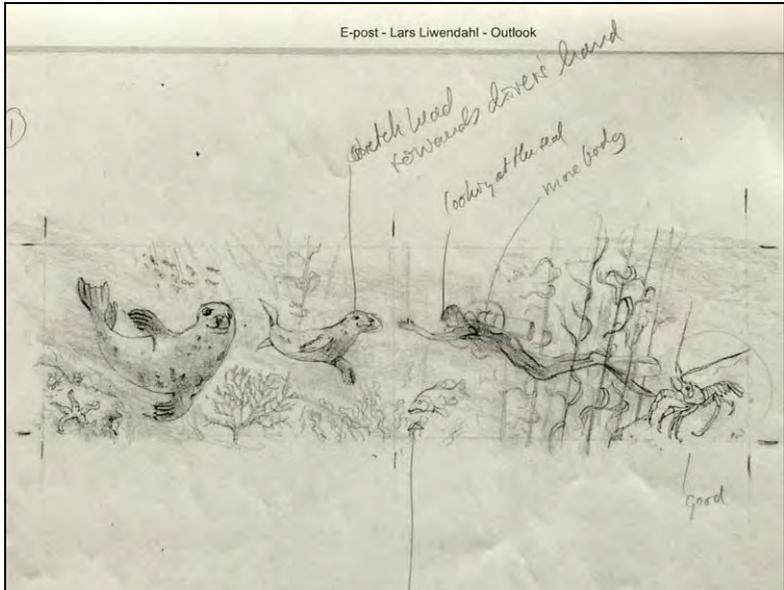
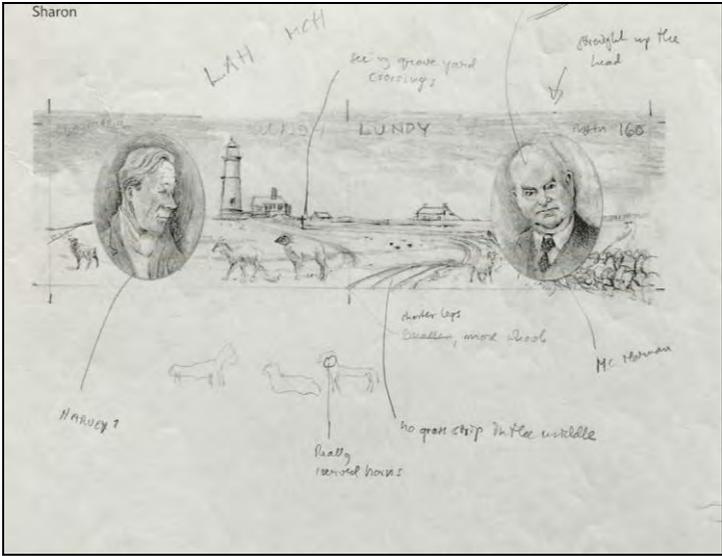
Best,
 Sharon

Handwritten notes:
 - looking at good
 - possible sketches
 - 1/2 size of Lundy
 - mostly stone structure
 - rounded (stone) walls
 - steep bank
 - sealed child
 - scale up 1/2 size
 - and the look
 - more and to the left

Handwritten sketches:
 - A central sketch of a stone building with a crenellated roof, labeled 'LUNDY'.
 - A smaller sketch below it showing a similar building with a different roofline.
 - A sketch at the bottom showing a row of buildings.

Signature:
 Sharon
 2020-07-05









Jan-Erik at work with pictures of the Lundy Pigmy Shrew for inspiration

The Club's 2025 five-day trip to Lundy

By James Thomas

At the Club's Summer meeting, interest was expressed in holding another 5-day stay on Lundy.

This has now been organised from Monday 10th to Friday 14th March 2025.

The format will follow that of previous years with displays, talks, auction and a pub quiz.

A limited amount of accommodation has been booked and will cost £234.60 per person. You can buy your helicopter ticket direct from Lundy nearer the time.

The accommodation will be allocated on a first come first served basis. When all of the places have been let, I will start a reserve list.

If you would like to attend, please register your interest with me and if a place is available, I will invoice you for your payment.

Letters to the Editor

I have collected Lundy stamps for many years and have always been pleased that every issue related to the island. Recently I wrote to the Postmaster on Lundy with my thoughts on a future issue, unfortunately, I received no reply.

I believe that a set of stamps could be issued that relate to Prince Madoc who discovered North America in the 1100's some 400 years before Columbus. His second expedition, with a number of boats, set sail from Lundy but never returned. The Prince had strong connections with Lundy through his family.

From Tim White

Thanks Tim, The Island's General Manager is on the Journal's mailing list and will, I am sure, read this information with interest. I will send him your details should he wish to follow it up. James

No Post Office on Lundy

From Sid Morginstin

Recently Michael Bale celebrated his 90th birthday. I bought Michael's NEGEV HOLYLAND AUCTIONS in 1999. He also got me interested in LUNDY ISLAND. I collect mail to Lundy from origins other than the UK and from Lundy to destinations other than the UK. My exhibit has won some awards.

In the Spring 2023 issue of *The New Puffin Journal*, Roger Cichorz wrote about mail returned to Sweden. I thought that I had a similar cover from Sweden. I found an item from The Netherlands. The front and back are shown on the following page.

This was posted on 4 Dec 1961 in Scheidam, Netherlands. There is a printed address label with Lundy Postal Department c/o Devonair LTD. The Wrafton Gate and Braunton were crossed out and "c/o GPO Bideford" was added. On the back, someone wrote "No post office on Lundy Island". I cannot make out the initials. There are Braunton and Bideford transit marks as well as a 'Return to Sender' cachet.

Somehow this still got to Lundy where the stamp and postmark dated 13 Dec 1961 were added.

I am searching for a commercial cover from the British Mandate of Palestine (1917 to 1948) to Lundy. A friend, now deceased, collected Palestine to unusual destinations. I told him that if one was ever found, we would have a bidding war. He responded that I could have it. If any reader finds one, please let me know.

