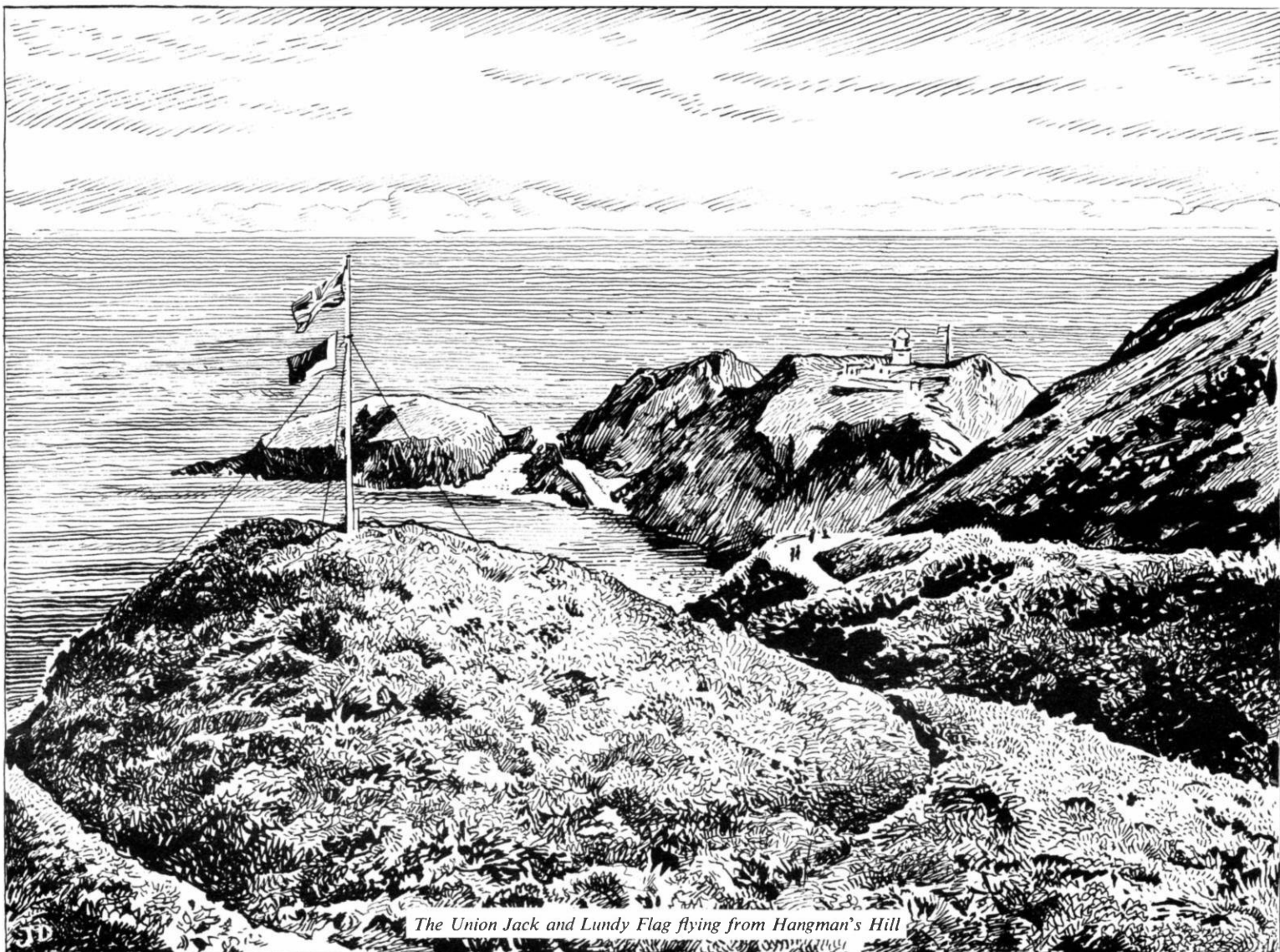




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The Union Jack and Lundy Flag flying from Hangman's Hill

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28th A LANDMARK IN LUNDY'S HISTORY

AFTER many anxious months, Lundy's future is assured, thanks to the action of Mr. Jack Hayward, The National Trust, the new tenants, The Landmark Trust, and the nation-wide appeal organised by the three Westcountry M.P's, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. David Owen, and the Right Hon. Jeremy Thorpe.

The twin flags fly in celebration from the Masthead on Hangman's Hill, overlooking the Landing Bay, on September 28th, 1969.

The Island's blue and white flag was also unfurled at the same spot on another celebrated occasion when Her Majesty, the Queen Mother, spent a few quiet hours on the Island on May 11th, 1958.



A Great Day for the Island

Recognition of Jack Hayward's benevolence



Outside the Marisco Tavern on July 6th, 1969, Mr. Gade presents the illuminated scroll on behalf of the inhabitants, to Mr. Jack Hayward, in recognition of his wonderful gift of £150,000 to enable the Island to be purchased by the National Trust. Onlookers include Mr. Hayward, Senior, Mr. Peter Mills, M.P., Mr. Arthur Dennis, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, M.P. and Mrs. Diana Keast.

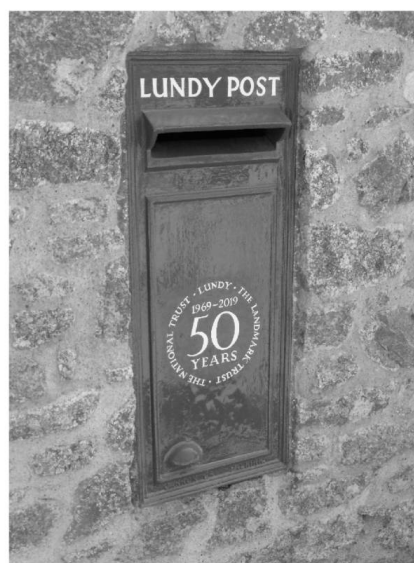
Mr. Hayward receives the bound volume of coloured views of the Island from two of the Parliamentary promoters of the Lundy Appeal, Mr. Peter Mills, and Mr. Jeremy Thorpe. On the left of the picture is Mr. and Mrs. Gade, and Mrs. Jack Hayward; on the right, Mrs. Hayward, Senior, The Earl of Antrim (Chairman of the National Trust), and Mr. Hayward, Senior.



Photo: Jack Smith

The Jack Hayward Presentation Scroll

Drawn in Indian Ink and decorated with Gold Leaf, on Vellum, by John Dyke, the inscribed scroll is surrounded by popular views of the island, together with the mythological figure of the "Lusty Black Browed Girl" mentioned in Drayton's "Polyolbion", 1613; and "Neptune" with the inscription "Lundy Lights and Leads"—a slogan originated by Mr. Martin Coles Harman, owner of Lundy for twenty-nine years until his death in 1954.



Keeping You Posted

The earliest recorded date for any kind of postal service based on Lundy is 1887, but it was not until 1929 that a private postal service was established on the island. In 1927, the General Post Office (GPO) ended its presence on Lundy by closing their post office on the island. Martin Coles Harman initially carried the mail free of charge, but to cover the cost of conveyance to the mainland, in 1929 he introduced Lundy stamps, and the Lundy postal service was established.

Since 1929 more than 350 different Lundy stamps have been issued, many of them now very rare and highly collectible. Many themes have been depicted in their artwork, from the earliest Puffin stamps to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, and from William Shakespeare to the anniversaries of the Lundy Field Society. Some 40,000 pieces of mail are sent from the island every year and today, Lundy operates the world's oldest private postal service, which will celebrate its 90th anniversary in November 2019.



The Golden Jubilee

In September 1969 the National Trust leased Lundy to the Landmark Trust. Fifty years on almost to the day, the island is hosting celebrations to mark the Golden Jubilee of this enduring partnership and the agreement of a new lease between the two Trusts which secures Lundy's future for the next half century. On these firm foundations, the coming decades should be positive and productive for the island, its wildlife and enthusiasts.

Over the centuries Lundy's successive owners have cherished and championed this diminutive kingdom, from the lawless Mariscos of the Middle Ages through to the remarkable Heaven and Harman families of the 19th and 20th centuries. Thanks to the generosity of Sir Jack Hayward, and the imagination of Sir John Smith, the island was acquired by the National Trust in 1969 and since then has been managed by the Landmark Trust. As the 50th anniversary passes of both this remarkable event and the ongoing partnerships between the two Trusts, we celebrate this endlessly fascinating island.



John Smith (later Sir John, left) and Jack Hayward (later Sir Jack) on Lundy.



Left: Some of the islanders in 1969 at the time of the sale to the National Trust and the start of the management by the Landmark Trust.

Seated, Felix and Rene Gade. Standing, left to right: Jane and Arthur Strick, Penny and John Ogilvie, Jean and John Stockwell, Chrys and 'Dave' Davey.

Below: the current staff in 2019.

