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1930 Mystery Stamps

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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

