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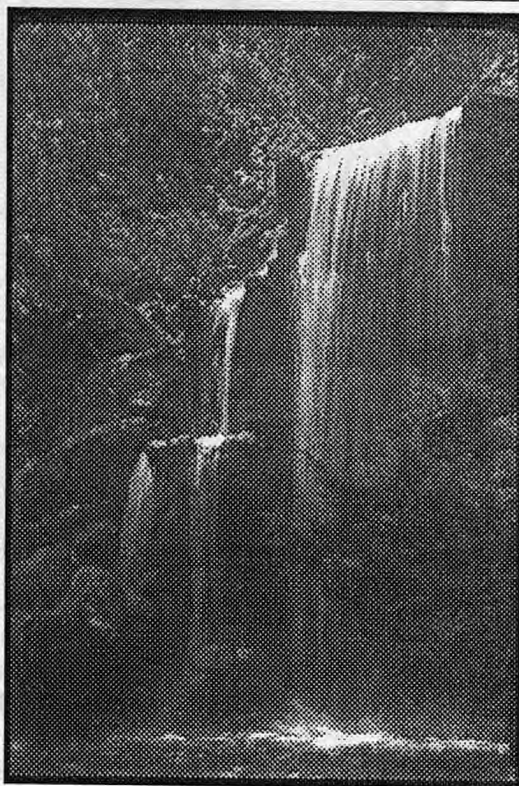
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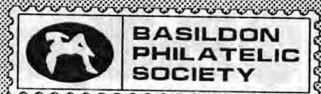


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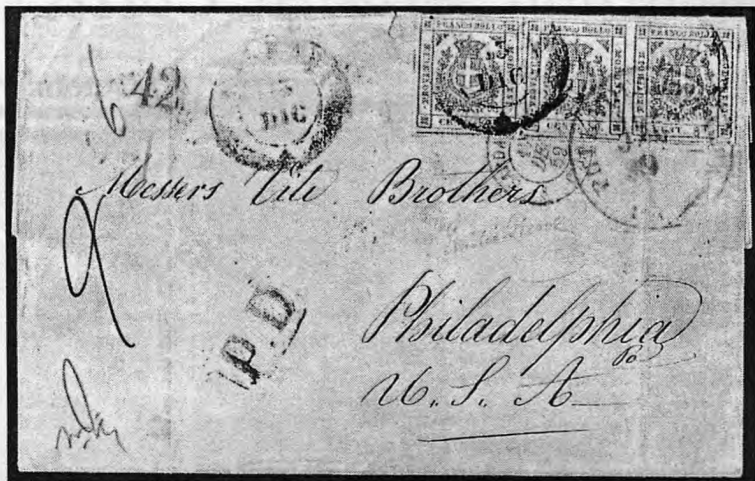
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Articles, letters and advertisements must reach the editor by Tuesday, 19 November.

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The committee are happy to deal with your questions and receive suggestions for improving the Society.

Forthcoming Meetings

7 Oct Auction Night
Over 200 lots of stamps, covers, etc.

22 Oct Mini Fair
Informal evening with local dealers.

4 Nov Competition Night
8 sheet competitions:
☐ Stamps
☐ Postal History
☐ Aerophilately
☐ Thematics
☐ Cinderella

19 Nov "P.O.W. Mail" & "Chalon Heads"
Displays from the Robson Lowe Collections.

2 Dec "Waterfalls of The World"
Gold medal display by Dr. Jean Alexander, FRPSL.

17 Dec Festive Evening & Tomex Quiz
with Quizmaster Albert Thomas.

Doors open 7.30 pm, meetings start 8.00 pm. Visitors always welcome.

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From Your Secretary

Our new year has got off to a very good start with three outstanding displays by outside speakers. Charlie Hemmings won the *Eight Pages From My Collection* competition with a display of Halley's Comet. We have had tremendous support for *Something Beginning with "I"* with not only countries but themes like "Invention" and "Itinerant".

As always we would like to see more members at our meetings. In October we have our autumn stamp fair and auction. Two events which help to raise funds for the Society.

For our meeting on the first Monday in December Dr. Jean Alexander, FRPSL will be displaying her gold medal winning collection, "Waterfalls of The World". An evening not to be missed.

I would like to remind members who only take the packet that subscriptions are now due and may be paid with you packet returns. Some members are tending to hold on to the boxes for much longer than the three days allowed. Persistent offenders may find themselves suspended from the packet.

Pat Harris

Auction News

A number of late lots have been received since the list was published for our Autumn Auction. A supplementary list will be published listing the additional lots.

Diary Dates

5 Oct AEPS Autumn Rally
Caterham High School,
Caterham Ave., Clayhall,
Ilford. 10.00am-4.30pm.

Sussex Federation Day
Eastbourne

12 Oct Autumn BasPex
Society stamp fair at
Laindon Community
Centre. 10.00am - 5.00pm.
Dealers, Displays, Refresh-
ments, Raffle. Free car-park

Kent Federation Day
Gravesend

**23 Oct Hampshire 40th Anniver-
sary Convention**
Bournemouth

2 Nov Surrey Federation Day
Wimbledon

16 Nov Stamp Fair
Laindon Community Centre

Recent Meetings

German East Africa

Display by Mike Farrant, FRPSL

Monday, 1 July, 1996

Report by Pat Harris

The early July meeting of the Basildon Philatelic Society opened with the introduction of three new junior members. The chairman then introduced the speaker for the evening Mike Farrant, FRPSL who gave a gold medal winning display of German East Africa. He started the display by saying that there were only four official issues of stamps between 1893 to 1905, but there is a wealth of material from the time. The first issue was of stamps of Germany overprinted with Pesa values this was followed in 1896 with the same stamps further overprinted with "Deutschstraafrika". One of the first items displayed was an entire lettercard that had been posted in Tanga to Germany and returned in 1896.

German East Africa ran from the coastal area to the lakes of central Africa. It could take up to two months for mail to make the journey by foot and camel. This work was given to a private contractor Schulke & Mayr who issued their own stamps. The first issue of stamps were for revenue use purposes with the 2 Mark stamp of Germany being used for registered mail. This stamp not being sold over the counter

was fixed to the letter by the postmaster and removed by the receiving postmaster. Mike displayed several sets of these stamps including a part sheet with gutter pairs.

The display continued with a series of covers in three main sections. Inland mail, mail to Germany and mail to foreign destinations. In 1901 the "Yacht" type stamps were issued throughout the German colonies. The display included the stamps of this issue and a number of covers. The retouched cloud variety, not known before 1990, was shown. With the change of currency in 1905 the stamps were reissued in new rates of Hellers and for the first time on watermarked paper.

The final part of the display consisted of TPO covers. With the advent of the railways the mail was taken up the coast and transferred to the railways of British East Africa to go across country then back on to the German railway to travel south. This saved many days of travel. In this section Mike displayed a number of covers from the various warship that constantly patrolled the coast. The highlight being a cover from the ill fated Khonisburg.

Arthur Hobbs gave the vote of thanks to Mike saying that we have had a marvellous evening seeing material seldom displayed at society meetings.

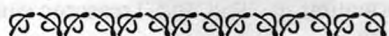
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## **Eight Pages From My Collection**

**Tuesday, 16 July, 1996**

**Report by Pat Harris**

Dispite many of our members being away on holidays we had a near record number of entries in our Eight Pages From My Collection evening. Most encouraging was that two of the entries were from newly joined junior members. Most areas of the hobby were represented from Canadian postal history to Cinderella material and an entry on modern registered mail. Charles Hemmings our newly appointed Competition Secretary was the winner with Arthur Hobbs and Dennis Livermore sharing second place. Vice Chairman, John Pettit thanked all those who had entered the competition and presented certificates to the winner and two juniors.



## **From Dragons Wings to Supersonic Display by Brian Asquith**

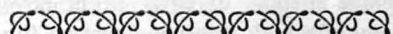
**Monday, 5 August, 1996**  
**Report by Pat Harris**

Brian Asquith from Phillips of New Bond Street visited the Society to give his display From Dragons wings to Supersonic. He started with a brief resume of his work at Phillips showing a

number of banknotes including a £50 British note forged by the Germans during the last war, also shown were British army currency vouchers for use in occupied areas to exchange for goods at the NAFFI. A 1,000 dollar bond issued during the American civil war was the centre piece of this section. The final part of the Phillips disply was given over to cigarette cards. The earliest shown were issued in 1889. Another early set, from the collection of the late Peter Cushing, showed genuine postage stamps stuck to each of the cards.

Part one "Dragons Wings" was an extensive display of early flight covers many of which originated from China. Mostly pre-war with one posted in 1929 from China to Brazil. Among this display was a cover posted in Pearl Harbour on 7 December 1941, the day of the Japanese attack. A cover from 1948 was shown with 48 stamps on it totalling some 2.4 million in Chinese Currency. Covers from Ethiopia formed the next part of the display starting with a 1929 air mail cover that had to be sent by sea because the plane that should have taken it never showed up. In this section were a number of covers posted in Ethiopia using stamps from Sudan, Somalia and India. These stamps being used by the British troops that freed the country in 1942. The display also included a cover that had been collected from a ship at sea by an airship and delivered to land a full day earlier.

Moving on to "Supersonic" Brian showed all the stamps issued to commemorate the maiden flight of Concorde. This was followed by the winning designs from a national newspaper competition, including original art work and preliminary sketches. The section was enhanced with the showing of David Gentleman's original sketches up to the final design. Brian also included a number of varieties with missing colours and other features. The display finished with some Concorde memorabilia including the menu for the 10th anniversary dinner at the House of Commons.



## Cyprus

**Display by Richard Everett,**  
FRPSL

**Monday, 2 September, 1996**

**Report by Charlie Mead**

The stamps of Cyprus provided an entertaining evening when Richard Everett displayed to the Society.

Starting in 1864 with Austrian stamps used in Cyprus the display continued with GB stamps used from 1878 and the overprints on GB stamps of 1880. A selection of different cancels were shown, including 969 Nicosia, 942 Larnaca and 981 Paphos.

The first Cyprus issue of 1881 and the

later Victorian issues were displayed along with Edward VII and George V issues.

The first QE II issues from 1955 were shown together with independence overprints.

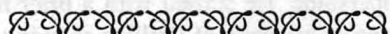
The second half of the display included the island's narrow gauge railway, postal history, promotional postmarks and censored covers. Postmarks from villages before and after the Turkish invasion were particularly interesting as were the examples Cyprus lace.

## Treasurer Required

As many of you already know John Church, one of our founder members, has decided to give up the post of Treasurer after more than twenty-five years service to the Society. John has been an active member of the Society since its formation in 1968 and Treasurer since 1970.

The Society would like to hear from any member interested in taking over the Treasurer's post and John will be very happy to show his successor the ropes.

If you feel you would like to actively contribute to the running of the Society please contact the Secretary, Pat Harris.

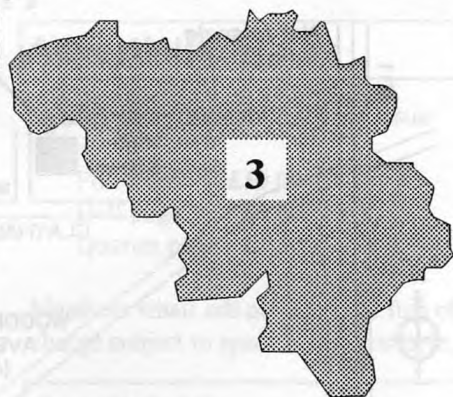
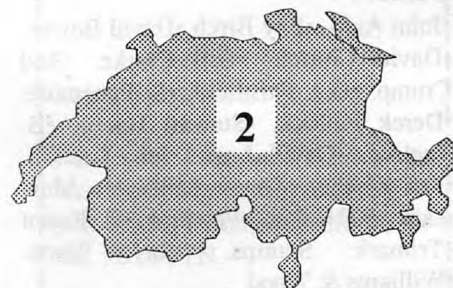




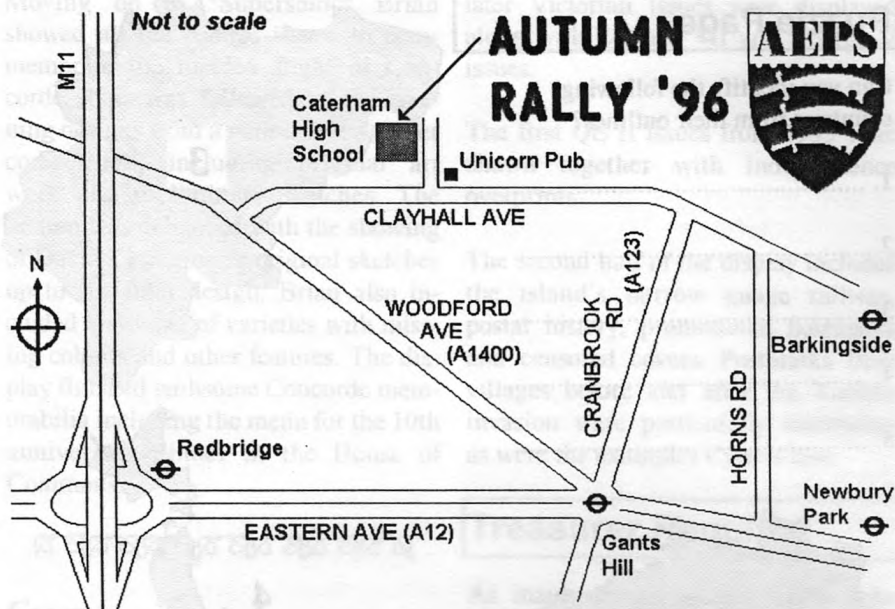
**Puzzle Page**

Can you identify the following countries from their outlines?

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....



Answers will appear in the next issue.



## A.E.P.S. AUTUMN RALLY

Hosted by Leytonstone, Wanstead & District P.S.

Saturday, 5 October, 1996

10.00 am until 4.30 pm

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### AEPS Competitions

- Thematic.
- Cinderella.
- Modern Material.
- Inter Society Quiz.

### Timetable

- 10.00 Doors open.
- 14.00 Inter society quiz.
- 15.30 Presentation of awards.
- 16.30 Doors close.

### Refreshments

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IX, CK/KC, WK/KW, XO/OX, VP/PV.  
Contact Charlie Mead.

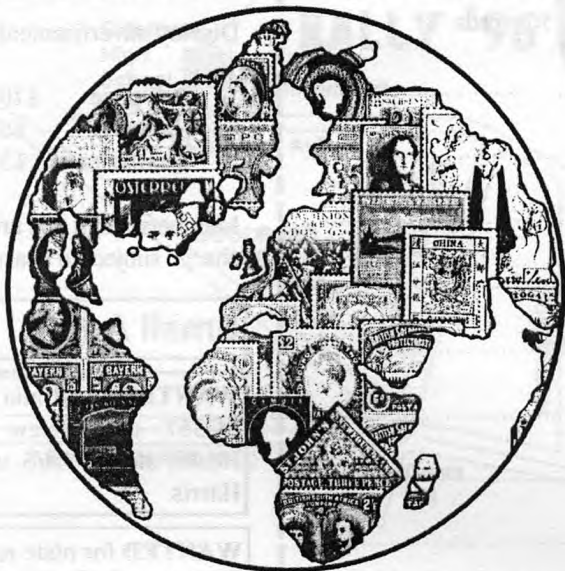
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