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The wind was blowing a 'hoolee', the rain had just about relented and 'once again' the trusty cartophilist ventured forth to the delights of Roydon, and a meeting of 'like minded' fanatical cigarette card collectors. The weather does affect our attendance but we still chalked up a healthy 50 plus members, with visitors (2) and dealers and the number was up in the mid 60's. By the time Colin Gamble and I pulled into the car park the club was in full swing, the early birds were all swarming over the dealers present looking for those elusive odds. Mike Heard was a bit late after being diverted through Peterborough and Wisbech as the A14 was blocked after an accident, but he was soon up and running and as he hadn't been with us for a few month's he had a very good day.

I had received apologies from Ken Courtney, he has recovered from his illness of the previous month but wasn't able to be with us, he will be at Roydon in March, weather permitting. Ted Wareham has reported in sick, he has been in hospital and also hopes to be with us in March. You can't keep good EACCC members away for very long. I was surprised to see Neville Proctor with us, he told me he would miss two meetings as he was going to visit his son in Australia, but he had got his dates wrong. He was, as all the members were, very welcome.

Bill and the girls were on duty and as always were collaring everyone who ventured into the hall. I had a long chat with Bill who told me he is 98 in two weeks' time. He struggles a little nowadays, he doesn't find the hall chairs very comfortable – but will hopefully continue to organise the EACCC welcome as long as he feels able.

Les, Alan and I had some important items to discuss to finalise this month as none of us wanted the Quinn centenary meeting in April to go by with acknowledging this tremendous feat, (I don't know any other club to reach this milestone). Anyway we are going to do several things to recognise this memorable occasion. A Commemorative Card is being designed that will be given to every member as a keepsake; this will be a limited edition of just 300 cards. We are having a free 'finger' buffet for all members and visitors and friends who join us on the 19th April. So mark this day on your calendar, make it a priority and come and help us celebrate this unique occasion.

The girls in the coffee bar were kept busy all morning, their £4.00 big Breakfasts went down as the most popular. One member said to me he wouldn't need anything else to eat for the rest of the weekend. They kept us going with excellent sausage/bacon baps, ham rolls and tea / coffee all most welcome.

I'm pleased the voucher system is working well, we had to remind a couple of members to check in and get their free drink voucher but it is working well for everyone.

I was asked by several members about their subscriptions but they are not due until April so hang on to your £6.00 until then. On other matters I know the forthcoming Southport Convention is nearly on us and only a few members will be heading up there (about 10 at the last count) but I did hear at this meeting that Worcester has been confirmed for 2015 and it will be a Saturday and Sunday. Will they be returning East in 2016 – who knows?

It didn't take long for 1.00pm to come around and our popular auction was off on good time. For the number crunchers (those members who like facts and figures), the 209 Lots took £2390, of which £920.00 went to 15 postal bidders and £1470 went to 17 in house bidders. Incidentally the postal bidders also include members who come early to the meeting and leave bids. There were 5 vendors and 71 remained unsold. Top spot went to Lot 125 a lovely set Ardath Yorkshire Football teams transferred for £78.00. Alan is lotting up June (he has enough for this month) and requires items for July onwards. On a word of caution this current collection from Surrey will be complete in October and we have no further collection for inclusion. We have to plan well in advance so over to you, speak to Alan at the first opportunity. Food for thought - without this current collection this month's auction would have been 59 Lots.

We have a plethora of dealers booked in for next month including John Haddon-Silver, Ken Courtney, Peter Beer, Mike Heard, Peter Russell, Ken Sandeman and Martin Toms.

Saturday 15th March 2014 - Roydon Village Hall
9.00am -- 3.00pm

Don't forget to check out our fantastic Members table, all sorts and sizes of Pages and Albums plus members unwanted cards, mostly at silly prices. Check it out I bet you find something of interest.

Don't forget to make a date for our 500th meeting on Saturday 19th April, let's set a target of 100 members present, now come on EACCC members, do your bit! It is Easter Saturday as well, shall we have a Easter egg raffle. Space for more dealers that month, ring me

