

# East Anglian Cigarette Card Club

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Report of a meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 15th January 2011

After the recent cold spell and with Christmas and New year done and dusted, the members were keen to start 2011 with a collecting spree, and what a meeting it turned out to be! A small group of us had met the previous Sunday for a post Christmas Sunday lunch at The White Horse Stoke Ash and although we were small in number we enjoyed an excellent meal and a very friendly sociable affair. There is a strong recommendation that we try a full 'sit down' Christmas dinner next year at Roydon but I do know that all the members enjoyed the free buffet and were still talking about it at the meeting. What to do for the best, it is difficult to meet the needs of all the members all the time.

When I got to Roydon, it was really 'buzzing', I thought initially I was late but no it was just our 'early bird' enthusiastic members doing the 'biz'. You always get some idea early on if it was going to be a busy day by the 'pushing and shoving' that goes on round the dealers tables and it was like that at this meeting, members were looking at the auction lots before Alan and I could get them all out. There were 289 choice lots and some very rare cards, we knew we were in for a good one.

I love the 'chit chat' that goes on in our club every month, every one has a story to tell, whether it's personal life story or a collecting experience. What one person doesn't know about cigarette cards another does, so as always the mornings just fly by. I discovered that one member lives in Hertfordshire and takes 4 ½ hours by train and walking to get to the club each month and the same to get home again afterwards, and rarely misses a month, that true dedication. I did find time to look through the dealers and other members stock and the wheeling and dealing went on all morning. I did discover that 'swapping' still goes on (I thought it was a dying art) and that brought back memories of early collecting days, way before dealers turned up with their boxes of cards stacked high with the hidden gem. Like all collectors I often hear stories about car boot finds and although they don't seem to happen so often (we must as a society have become more monetary aware) they still do turn up. There was the story going about the car boot dealer who had a old suitcase full of gum cards ..100s..and thought the suitcase was worth more and sold it with the cards in for a tenner. Unfortunately it wasn't me but one of our members did.

Kelly was hard at it in the kitchen, the bacon smell was spreading rapidly around the hall and she was producing rolls and other delicacies to satisfy our every food need. Panic never set in when the coffee machine broke down and it was business as usual in a very few minutes. The other problem of the day was a blocked men's toilet, a call to the caretaker 'surprisingly' elicited some swift action. Blue and white tape to seal it off, apparently it had happened twice earlier in the week. There was a promise it would be sorted for next month.

I wasn't at all surprised when Bill told me, 98 members, 9 visitors and 8 dealers had come through the door. There was a good number stayed on for the auction and it was just after 1.00pm that Alan called order and away we went. We must buy him a gavel so he can look more professional. There was speculation that one or more of the club records could go with this auction but at the end we came just a little short. Final total £7265 with just £3029 being postal, top sales Perils of Golf £650, Dukes Fancy Dress £290 well supported by the Kinney lots at over £250 each. For the all inclusive collector several lots sold for just a £1 coin only about 20 were unsold. Alan is currently lotting up April and had a car full to take home so that is probably full now especially if he decides to limit the auctions to 200 lots. I would encourage members to continue to bring in their spares or sets to include despite the fact that we have 2 collections shortly to be included (Mr Wilson's and Mr. Nevills). Did you know we had 18 different vendors this month that might even be a record?

For the future ... Alex has started on next years calender, we need 12 volunteer members to feature each month with their favourite cards. It will be a bigger size next year. A few copies of the 2011 calender are available on the club table – free now – if you would like a extra copy.

.... our AGM this year will be a bit longer at the April meeting we are planning a few 'tweaks' to the current structure – more later.

.... change of address Joanne Tyrrell has moved to 106, Moorgate Road,  
Dereham, Norfolk NR191NX

Dealers at the next meeting.. John Haddon Silver, Ken Courtney,  
Mike Heard Dave Norman Jim Reynolds Martin Toms  
Peter Beer Chris Bree + Members Table (so bring you odd books.)  
Space for another one if any one would like an  
opportunity to sell some cards ring Bill  
New dealer rates for 2011 1 x 6ft table free, 2 or more x 6ft tables £10

**Next Meeting Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
from 8.30am – 3.00pm – Auction at 1.00pm**