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

Was it really four weeks since we last 'charged' our way over to the last club meet at Roydon, so much seems to have happened since then, they say time flies when your enjoying yourself! Having just got back from a refreshing and hot sunny break to Menorca I was ready to do a bit of card hunting from the galaxy of dealers due to appear at our meeting this month. I knew there was a lot to sort out this month with the festive season rapidly approaching, decisions needed to be made and they were.

As the boys were setting up this month, I could leave a bit later and with Dennis and Colin G. in tow we made our way slowly behind tractors and lorries (it is sugar beet season again ugh) to the club. It was a bit disappointing to be greeted by two key dealers missing, nowhere to be seen Jim Jackson from Manchester (a telephone call established he forgot to put it in his diary, profound apologies) and Dave Norman (a touch of conjunctivitis). Never the less all the rest were kept busy all day.

Bill was back with us this month looking and feeling well again, he keeps the girls on the door on track making sure they keep a good check on the comings and goings. They were very busy this month 85 members were present although it didn't look that way with the empty tables in the middle of the hall. Great to see David Manning with us on his yearly visit from Tokyo, he always takes his holiday to coincide with our club meet. We had a good chat and although he doesn't get to the meetings he keeps in touch with the wonder of email and he even looks forward to reading the newsletters (he must be my one reader). There were a few strangers in this month, great to see the Bradshaws with us again and I think I saw Tony and Beryl Page sneaking in through the back door (must be out of darts season) also saw Tony Debenham (so it must be out of cricket season as well). George Smith was almost left at the end, his wife had gone shopping and was so busy bending his plastic, we reckon she forgot where she left him. He was in good hands though. We had 4 new members this month, Gary Daynes from Ipswich got caught by the girls (well done), it was his third visit, plus Gary May and Christine Yost from Newton on Trent and Jim Reynolds wife Anne has joined us (about time to Jim). For the members who like to keep the figures add another 5 visitors and 7 dealers and you have very nearly 100 present.

Around 11.00am we gathered together some of the club officers for a chat and to make some decisions paramount in the discussion was the Christmas meeting. After some discussion it was agreed that the mobile catering company Silver Nutmeg from Eye in Suffolk would be asked to provide us with a full sit down Christmas Dinner.

Full details have been circulated separately and members are reminded to reply per return, we are limited by the halls capacity to 120 (health & safety strike again) and I have a feeling we will fill it easily especially as we have agreed to make it FREE to members (but please bring a Raffle prize). We can afford to do this because as you all know we have had several good collections going through the club auction in the past couple of years and the club is currently running a bank balance of around £8000, this is club members money and we strongly believe that the current members should benefit from it (other clubs please note). Guest are welcome to the dinner for £20 (providing there is space) although members will have priority. Get your returns in now, by letter, by email, by telephone by 5th November to guarantee your place. It promises to be a great meeting, three dealers will be in the back room with reduced stock to give you something to search for and there will be a Giant Raffle (target 100 prizes) with a 1st prize £100 Marks & Spencer Voucher and 2nd prize £50 voucher, kindly donated by a member. Tickets will be on sale at the November meeting. Proceeds to the Air Ambulance Service (hopefully presented at the January meeting). The December Auction list is enclosed with this newsletter.

The caterers Val, Kevin and Lorraine have settled to the job very well and they were busy all day, I did hear that Alex hasn't found a apron big enough to fit him yet and has been appointed 'caterers general dogsbody', he had to go down to Morrisons to restock on bacon. The cake has proved particularly popular and I understand that Val is going to homebake for next month, I can't wait. The all day breakfast were very popular and Dennis was still talking about his on the wayhome. I had a sausage and egg roll and didn't get it down my shirt unlike our auctioneer, well, the Lincolnshire lads thought it was funny.

Don't forget to keep your eyes open for the Cartophilic team on Eggheads very soon, we don't know the date but was told it would be in the autumn, the other clue we have is they played for £17000. Did anyone see Antiques Road trip recently visiting East Anglia, why don't they buy Cigarette Cards, we know it makes sense, profit guaranteed !

Ken Short is wanting to sell his collection of Silks if any one is interested give him a ring on 01842 764021, he wants to sell them as a complete lot.

Back in the present time our 213 lot auction was away on good time, bidding was brisk on some lots but slow on others. We don't really like Brooke Bond cards do we and most went unsold until after the auction when one member made a respectable offer for the whole lot which Alan accepted so in the end we only had 47 unsolds. Top price went to Lot 10 a nice set of Players Famous Irish Greyhounds £140 and the total for the auction was £3078. Next month we have some cracking FJ Smith's sporting types and in all 175 with almost a sporting theme. Something for everyone. We do need more lots to sell in future auctions, Alan is currently Lotting up February and don't forget we are only deduct 10% for club funds.

Our next meeting is on Saturday 19th November 2011

usual place Roydon Village Hall usual time 8.30 - 3.00 Auction 1.00pm

Dealers booked in and coming Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, Dave Norman,

Martin Toms, John Haddon-Silver, Murraycards,

John Shaw, Geoff McMillan and Jim Reynolds

Good time assured at the really friendly club