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Report of a meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 16th July 2011

Once again we were off early to Roydon for the start of another meeting, leaving early we certainly make better time with far less traffic. Glad to report our President has made a good recovery and was waiting at his front door at 7.45am. We had no sooner got the tables and chairs out when the dealers and caterers arrived, closely followed by the early bird enthusiastic and eager members. Bill spent the day relating his hospital experiences to all (don't ask him about his eyeball cleaning operation ugh!). Great to have him back. More tales of the unwell later. It doesn't take long to warm up and very soon the dealers are wheeling and dealing, especially Peter Beer in the corner who seemed busy all day. No matter how often you look at his stock (and other dealers for that matter) you always find something new. For me it was a 1960's Leaf footballers set, which was identified by Gary Daynes (we must get him to join next visit). Nice to welcome Geoff McMillan back and Ian Murray from Murraycards. I can confirm that they are closing down at the end of the year but might well continue to come to clubs and fairs providing they don't sell all their cards before then - good opportunity for a young entrepreneur. Biggest discussion topic today was what would we use as a 'price guide' in the future as they don't plan to issue any more catalogues - opportunity number 2. Who ever takes it on will have a golden opportunity to get the prices right for Players, Wills and Brooke Bond common cards and do us all a big favour.

There was a lot of time today to spend chatting and catching up with everyone, Ted Wareham reported back in fully recovered health, John Eaves told me he has been in hospital since last meeting and I have just heard that Beryl Page has broken her ankle. She assures me her 'dart' throwing arm is in good working order. None of us get any younger but if you have been unwell please accept our good wishes for a speedy recovery.

This was always going to be a busy month as the auction was special but I am reliably informed that 80 members were present along with 5 visitors and 8 dealers many with assistants. Nice to welcome Don Acott back to the fold after a absence of 5 years and a new member from Sunny Hunny, John Smith told me he has been collecting cigarette cards for many years and only recently discovered us from looking at the website. He told me later that he had a great day, picking up all the cards he wanted particularly from the auction. A warm welcome and hope to see you regularly at Roydon. I put out 12 copies of our Membership list and they went early, more copies will be available next month if you didn't get one.

Alex is well up with next years calender and he gave me a final copy to check over for errors, hopefully it will be at the printers in late August. Kelly has promised me a Christmas menu for next month so invites can go out with the September newsletter. Next years dates have been agreed with the hall and are listed below, please note 3 of them are on the 2nd Saturday of the month because the hall was already booked. I made the assumption that because we always have the 3rd Saturday it would be saved for us - not so I'm afraid. I wont be caught out again and will be giving them our dates for 2013/2014 and 2015 very soon.

Back to the action of the day and as always Alan, Anne and everyone was ready for the 280 lot 1.00pm auction. Away we went with high expectations and full wallets, what a auction it turned out to be, bidding was lively and fun especially for the Gallahers, many reaching over 50% catalogue. Quality cards always sells. We did have 68 unsold lots mostly Brooke Bond but top price was for Gallaher Sports set £480, their Royalty set made £220 closely followed by both Great war sets making £200 and £210 respectively. For the 3rd month it was the late Roy Wilsons collection attracting good interest and active bidding. Total price £7125 just short of the club record of £7800, only £1900 going postal. Alan and I have been investigating insurance cover for the auction lots prior to them being sold but no company will take us on so we have been advised to make the following statement ' Although every care and consideration will be given to all items given to us for auction, EACCC officers cannot accept any responsibility for any loss or damage that may occur whilst in our care' we never have had a issue and hopefully never will, but at least we feel more confident in our dealings on behalf of the club. Alan whipped through the lots at his usual pace and with no computer gremlins this month he was able to depart on holiday well early. Check out our August listing some cracking cards are coming up. Alan is currently lotting up November but with the items given to him today has probably got enough for December as we limit it to 150 lots. We will be returning to 10% vendors fee from January except for total collections which can be negotiated. We have been in touch with Mrs. Neville with regard to selling Herbies's collection through the auction and although they will be going through she is not ready to do so at present. Apologies for the different auction list format this month, we had to do it different hopefully back to normal next month.

Something of interest - want a good day out - try Huntingdon Festival of cards at Wood Green Animal Centre near Huntingdon on 12th/13th August. I went last year and found many ciggy card dealers present.

Next month we have a plethora of dealers coming to Roydon including Mike Heard, Ken Courtney, Martin Toms, Peter Beer, Dave Norman, Jim Reynolds, John Haddon-Silver and Mike Towersley.

Date Saturday 20th August 2011
Venue Roydon Village Hall, near Diss South Norfolk.
Time 8.30am to 3.30pm

Next years dates -- all Saturdays -- January 21st, February 18th, March 17th, April 21st
May 12th, June 16th, July 21st, August 8th, September 8th,
October 20th, November 10th, December 15th 2012