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Report of a meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 18th September

There was an 'air about' today's meeting, what it was, I didn't know, but it was still dark as I picked up Dennis and left the dizzy heights of Wisbech. The Fen boys were on their way. A lot of decisions needed to be made today and we were up for the task. As usual the autumnal air brought out the early regulars eager to pursue that cartophilic rarity. Bill wasn't feeling very well and didn't make the meeting but received a full report from me at the end of the day.

It was nice to welcome Peter Russell to the club this month and the complimentary remarks he made about our club was very much appreciated. It is always nice to hear complimentary words about what you are doing. No sooner that the tables and chairs were out than everyone started to arrive. My apologies to Peter Beer I missed him off the dealers present in last month's newsletter but as usual he was in his corner 'raking in the cash' eagerly proffered by enthusiastic members. All dealers seemed to be busy all morning.

Alex was busy sorting out the calendars in to envelopes and giving them out; don't forget to collect yours when you next come to the club. They are expensive to post so the fewer left after the December meeting the better for the club. They are free and have all next year's dates clearly visible each month. Well done Alex a great job -- believe it or not but he has begun to draft out 2013.

I knew the catering was in good hands this month and Val, Lorraine and Kevin soon had the kettle on. The bacon sizzling and this month, 'breakfasts' available. They really enjoy providing this much needed service. Before Chairman Less departed for the sunny clines of Spain he arranged for a local catering company to visit today and see if they could provide us with a regular service. I met her quite early in the day and outlined what we needed and she said that they would have no problem providing us with a good service including a full sit down Christmas dinner. I was very impressed by what her company could offer and although they were slightly more expensive than the previous caterers, there was some flexibility in their prices. So things looked very encouraging. Then 'out of the blue' I was approached by Val, Lorraine and Kevin with a request/offer to continue doing the catering on behalf of the club each month. They have made us £50 profit on the first two months they have been doing it. After lengthy discussions with many members it was clear that everyone wanted this to happen and so it will be.

I will however ask the new catering company to provide us with a sit-down Christmas dinner. I hope to provide all members with final details next month. There is no news of what may have happened to Kelly.

It was nice to see some members who have been ill with us again most notably George Smith and Ted Wareham, welcome back you have been missed. Many members took the opportunity to go down into Diss later in the morning as the 'Tour of Britain' cycle race passed through the edge of the town around 12.15. All were back in time for the auction. The final numbers were 78 members, 7 visitors (furthest Birmingham) and 10 dealers present.

It always amazes me how time flies by in the morning and just after 1.00pm Alan was ready to go on with the auction. Anne was not present this month so Albert Watson kindly stepped in to hand out the auction lots to successful bidders. The first 150 Lots were collected by Roy Wilson and were all top quality cards albeit quite common Players/Wills/Brooke Bond. Top Lot Prize went to 238 Wix Postcard Flowers, 13 in all for £190 runner up Lot 24 players Butterfly Girls for £160. About £2338 went postal and the final total a respectable £5083. The final 127 lots of Roy's collection are on offer next month.

Finally with regard to the auction a little moan It is very difficult to concentrate when conducting the auction if a lot of noise is coming from the hall, I'm sure bids have been missed, please try to keep it down. Alan is accepting items for future auctions and is currently lotting up January.

Anyway with us in October is Jim Reynolds, Ken Courtney
Martin Toms, Mike Heard, Ken Sandeman, ChrisBree,
Dave Norman, John Haddon Silver
And all the way from Manchester Jim Jackson
Also our great club table with an extensive stock of albums and
pages at rock bottom prices

Next Meeting Saturday 15th October 2011
At Roydon Village Hall from 8.30am to 3.00pm
Auction at 1.00pm

PS I have today spoken to the new caterers and they are quite happy to just do our Christmas Dinner, she is going to send me a menu and prices

PPS a shorter newsletter this month I'm off on my hols but will be back by the 15th .. That's the trouble with being retired you never get a holiday.