

Report of a Meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 18th September 2010

Once again we descended in our droves on Roydon Village Hall for our monthly get together of card aficionados, it was a lovely day and everything looked good. I drove over early and found the early dealers set up. Bill, Barry and Ken were eagerly awaiting the rest and the members. Mike Heard was back with us after a 3 month break and told me he cant get to October meeting because of his step daughters wedding, (speaking to him since the meeting he cant make it November or December so it will be January before he bring his cards our way again). Peter Russell was up from the Welsh Marshes and Chris Bree was having another go at dealing. Peter Beer wasn't with us but his capable understudy Neville Proctor stood in with Peter's stock.

The members were soon arriving, the early bird after that cartophilic bargain, Graham Convey was present and we had a nice gum card chat. During the course of the morning it was nice to see Beryl and Tony Page up from Essex, the Boston crowd had made the trip once again (still after the Wills overseas) and what a pleasure to welcome back Alan Utting and his wife Muriel able to be with us again after a 18 month break, I hope they will become regulars again. I must give a mention to some of the visitors we had this month, Vernon Young was present after travelling from Aldershot and very welcome. Vernon is well known in cartophilic circles for his extensive research work he has done on trade card issues. He came up for 2 specific lots in the auction and although unsuccessful he did have a good day. Also with us were Gary May and his good lady Christine from the wilds of the Lincolnshire Wolds. Gary writes for Card Times occasionally so I told him I expect to see an article about our club in a future issue. We also had a visitor from Burton on Trent. Final numbers 79 members, 8 visitors and 7 dealers.

Jim Reynolds was not with us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> month as he is in Dorchester hospital, get well soon Jim, we miss you. Aubrey James daughter popped in to say hello, her dad has his operation this week and he will miss a couple of club meets. We look forward to welcoming them both back.

++++ other snippets ++++ you should find with this newsletter, the popular 'date' card with all next years dates on. They fit nicely in your wallet or purse. My sincere apologies but I printed the January 2011 date wrong in the newsletter a couple of months back (thanks Kenny boys for spotting it) – we meet on the 15<sup>th</sup>. All next years' dates are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday except December, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Thanks to Alex Woollard for all his hard work preparing them.

+++ Mr. Murray's new 'book of dreams' sorry new price guide is being published on the 16<sup>th</sup> October (day after our club meet) so they wont be available to purchase until November meeting. I will put them on the club table. The full price this year will be £7.99 – from him – our price depends on what I can get them for – try the club table first if you want a copy – as Mr Murray is dealing in November and will no doubt have some copies available as well.

+++ Alex has done a wonderful job with the Club 2011 calendar and it will be available for you to collect at the October meeting. Free of charge 'of course'. We will post any left after the December meeting, please collect yours and save the club a little postage.

+++ On a personal level, I have been asked to take on the job of Membership Secretary for the Cartophilic Society of Great Britain. Tim Davidson has had to give up for business reasons. I don't anticipate it being too time consuming but it will link in nicely with the work I do for EACCC.

+++ Our Christmas Dinner this year will take the form of a 'free' buffet on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December during our usual Club meet, no need to book in this year, we will cater for 100 and hope it is enough; it will be members and spouses only. We will have our Bumper raffle and a 150 Lot Auction.

+++ I mentioned last month the possibility – for those that miss our sit down Christmas dinners – of a 'after Christmas' lunch. Well I have been exploring the possibilities and have booked The White Horse Inn (just outside Diss on the Eye Road) for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 12.00 for 12.30. Book a place with either Bill or myself and collect a copy of the Menu from the girls on the Reception desk. It is a 'pay on the day' but you do need to prebook your meal. The venue comes very highly recommended. The club will not be subsidising this meal, the costs are as detailed on the menu. Sorry I can't call it a 'post Christmas Dinner' as turkey etc is not on the menu. Final booking date 11<sup>th</sup> December.

++ Several responses to the article from the archive I circulated last month about the value of membership. Most interesting question was 'who is our current President?' Answer 'we haven't got one! Question Why not Answer ???

Back to the September meeting and it always surprises me how quick 1.00pm auction time comes round. Kelly had done a nice job keeping us fed and coffeeed (watered didn't seem the right word here) and after a stuttering start Alan was soon in the swing and the cards were soon exchanging hands at mostly bargain prices. Top price was £675 for Lot 47 Wills Metal Miniatures, best bargain of the day Players Bookmarks (minus 2) for £80. Final total £6065. Particular thanks to Joanne Tyrell and Albert Watson for helping with the distribution of Lots. Alan is lotting up January at the moment so it looks like more lots will be required for February. Quality cards always sell at our club; it is nice to have a variety of sets, odds, silks and types to cater for every collecting need.

New member Roy Wilson's wife Janet has joined us and much to Bill's pleasure; she is our 140th member – same details as Roy.

Change of Address G. Fountain has moved, his new address is 67 Neyland Crescent, Hellesdon, Norwich Norfolk NR65QE

Several people have given me corrections for the address list – usually initials wrong, or county or something minor – certainly our typing error? But it is not my intention to put these all in the newsletter Bill and I will keep a master list, please let us know if yours is wrong. The question of data protection (the hot NHS subject at the moment) was raised at the club and whether or not we should circulate a membership list. We assume everyone agrees with it on joining. We were much later finishing this month, but everything was done and I was on the road by 3.45pm another meet completed and just 28 days till we do it all over again, can't wait.

### **Dealers with us in October.**

**Neil Daniels, Ken Courtney, Martin Toms, Ken Sandeman,  
Jim Reynolds, Dave Norman, Peter Beer John Shaw and Jim Jackson**

**No spaces for any more dealers this year speak to Bill to book in for 2011**

**Next meeting Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010 from 9.00am**