

Newsletter No. 462

Report of a meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 19th February 2011

It was a very early start for me today, as Bill needed help getting the tables and chairs out for the meeting. After an easy drive, lots less traffic go to Diss at 7.00am, Dennis and I were knocking on Bill's door at 8.00am. Alan was with us nice and early and everything was out and ready by the time the first dealer arrived to start trading. It always amazes me when I go in to a empty hall and lock up a empty hall at the end of the day, all that happens in those 7 frenetic hours. I knew several people who were not able to be with us this month, it was pouring with rain outside and there were not too many postal bids, didn't look too good but as always I was proved wrong. In total 73 members, 5 guests and 9 dealers put in a appearance. Good to see Alan Wilde with us again, nice to have a fellow City fan to talk to, although I know there are several more members who support the lads, much more quietly than those 'blues boys' down the road. My annual bet with Alan is looking good this year; I will enjoy spending his £10 at convention. The 'wheeling and dealing' was in full swing and I even found a few cards, the members table seemed busy all day, always a good way to share your spare cards with fellow collectors (sorry not available next month see later). I had long chats with several members – Jim Reynolds has had a difficult time recently – health wise – but misses a month, true dedication, the Lincolnshire lads were with us again (I think that is four month's running) your most welcome, even dragging Gary May and his good lady Christine along. He might well right up a good article on us for Card Times. Graham Convey brought along some Gum cards for me to drool over and I even bought a few.

= = other news = = Alan and I picked up Roy Wilson's collection last week and are preparing it for Auction. To wet your appetite and prepare your wallets for a heavy pounding, there are 92 albums (all with slipcases) and hundreds of sets and odds all in excellent/mint condition (as you would expect of Roy) – they are mainly Players, Wills, Gallahers and Brooke Bond but not a bad card amongst them, many of the rarer sets are present. Alan will be lotting them up this month with the first 100+going in the May auction. In an effort to avoid sending the Albums and Slipcases off to postal bidders, Alan will be adding 5 lots of 4 A&S to each of the next four auctions all matching and like new,

= = membership renewals = = are due in March/April so please remember to bring your £5 membership fee to the meeting – Alex and Val Wollard will be waiting for your contribution. New members who joined since November do not have to renew until next year.

= = CSGB = = I'm enjoying my role as membership secretary for the Cartophilic Society of Great Britain about 30 of our members are also CSGB members but should anyone like to join, have a chat with me, it is only £22 a year and you get 6 tremendous magazines a year plus free entry to the annual convention plus lots of other exciting items of interest. The convention this year is at Stratford upon Avon on the 29th/30th April, and as someone important is getting married on the

Friday it has suddenly become a bank holiday so avoid all the glitz and glamour and come and do some card hunting in Shakespeare's home town. To date 35 dealers have booked in (at least another 10 expected) so millions of cards will be available, that elusive one you seek will almost certainly be there?

= = Calendar = = Alex is still looking for 2 or 3 member volunteers to feature on next years calendar with their favourite cards, speak to him about it when you pay your subscriptions.

= = Eggheads = = a team of Cigarette Card collectors and dealers have recently been up to Glasgow to record a Eggheads programme. How they got on is shrouded in mystery and they have been sworn to secrecy. What I did discover from them that they played for £17000 and in their team was Martin Murray, John Walton and George Rogers. The programme is to be shown in late summer, I suppose the other clue might be they haven't been seen buying lots and lots of cards in recent auctions.

Our auction this month didn't look to exciting and with only a few postal bids wasn't looking good but the signs were well hidden this month. In all we took just a few pounds short of £4000 of which about 25% went postal and about 30% went to number 10 (wasn't Patrick McGoochan number 10 in the Prisoner – no I don't think he was, maybe Mr. Cameron wanted them for his children). There was the usual bargains and best buys, all the cartophilic books sold with the Phil May book being knocked down for £100 (cheap as chips as someone we know says about 30 times every auction). Top price was £300 for Lot 237 Gallahers Sports Series

Don't forget April is our AGM month and as I indicated last month there will be some minor changes, there will be an additional 2 pages in preparation for the AGM with next month's newsletter. Early newsletter this month because I'm moving house, after 25 years in Walton Highway we are moving into the great metropolis of Wisbech, so back to the packing boxes. We have a plethora of dealers wanting to come our way for the next two month's and as usual fitting them all in becomes a logistic nightmare, but I'm sure we will.

Dealers at the next meeting.. Ken Courtney, Mike Heard, Dave Norman, Jim Reynolds, Martin Toms, Peter Beer, Murray Cards,

Geoff McMillan, Ken Sandeman, Peter Russell

No club table in March

Next Meeting Saturday 19th March 2011