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It had been five weeks since the last meet so we were more than ready to get together for our monthly social occasion interspersed with a bit of card hunting.

One of the boys was ill today so Barry came alone to Roydon and set it all up for us and we drew into the car park (at the same time as Alan minus Derek this month)

The club was up and running, with most of the dealers already selling to the keen buyers. Some of the regular early birds were having a month off but we still recorded a good attendance of 53 members, 2 visitors (furthest from Leeds) and 2 dogs. Nice to see Alan Wilde with us out of football season and a big grin on his face following Norwich City perfect season end. We got a few jibes in to the Tractor boys fan (or maybe fan's there may be more than one). Very nice to see Jean Dixon who has some different card types and was very busy most of the morning. Sad to report that she had a RJ Lea set War Pictures taken from her stall – quite early in the day – I don't like this happening in our club and we will ban the perpetrator for life if we ever find out who it is. Thankfully it happens very rarely, it is 'of course' possible they were picked up accidentally, please return them if that is the case.

Since last month and the red spot several members have renewed their membership and up to date copies of the membership list will be available on the registration table from next month, we currently have 92 members.

As the morning progressed the regular members started to appear and the hall was buzzing all morning, wheeling and dealing. I found three cards and spent £1.70, no dealer went home rich from me, I will try harder next month.

Les, Alan and I had several things to discuss and decisions needed to be made about the way the club is going. Although it is only June, we decided that the December meeting (Sunday 13th December) would include a free buffet and a raffle of gargantuan proportions. The charity this year has still to be decided and we are open to suggestions. Les and Ann attended the unveiling of the bench purchased by the Royal British Legion with last year's proceeds. I attended the funeral of George Smith representing the club in Peterborough, and although it wasn't possible for any

other member to attend, I reckon there were at least 300 other people present, a very popular man.

I have to report to members yet another member has passed away, Jack Norman died on Bank Holiday Monday. A very keen (mostly trade) card collector, he was a true gentleman and good friend. He was a regular attender and has missed very few meetings in the last 3 years. He travelled from his home in Market Rasen with Dave Scuffham every month. It was nice to see Dave with us today, I'm sure he missed Jack on his 90 minute ride over from Boston. Jack's funeral was last Monday and although I went I never got there, but I think that is another story. I will miss Jack, that's four members in as many months; I soon won't need to do a membership list.

The Cartophilic Society has finally decided that next year's Convention will be in Bracknell (Berkshire) on Saturday 30th April/Sunday 1st May 2016. More details as they become available.

I have done a review of the Auction list bidding numbers – quite simply, every member has been given a membership number (on the new list) and this will be their NEW bidding number. Everyone's number is different.

There are quite a few Second-hand used Albums/Slipcases available on the members table – excellent/as new condition only £4.00 each – first come first served. All for Club Funds.

I'm sure members would agree that Kate and the girls in the kitchen do a great job for us and as they are a professional catering company they need to make a profit for their efforts so there was a danger we might lose them. We have agreed to a slight price rise. Coffee/ tea will be £1.00 a cup from next month – all members will still receive their free cup but extra ones will be £1.00 each. Kate might increase the rest of the food very slightly. It is important that we support them, to keep them.

It was soon Auction time and Alan had drawn together a list of 193 lovely lots to find new homes for. The facts and figures are 4 vendors supplied 193 lots which sold for £1807. They were bought by 16 in house buyers spending £920 and 11 postal bidders spending £887. Of the 46 unsold, 13 had reserves. Top spot went to Lot 101 a lovely set of Wills Wild Animals of the World (Green scroll back) for £90.

Next month we meet on Saturday 18th July 2015 – same place, same time. Dealers attending will be John Haddon Silver, Ken Courtney, Martin Toms, Paul Lynch, Geoff McMillan, Peter Beer and Peter Russell.

Please note next month Ken/Barry can't open up the hall and I can't get there early, so John Haddon Silver has very kindly offered to open the hall at around 8.15am. Dealers and early birds are asked to get their own tables out along with the auction/coffee bar tables and chairs.

