

EAST ANGLIAN CIGARETTE CARD CLUB

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Report of a meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 10th November 2012

This was to be the (almost) last 2nd Saturday meeting ever at Roydon Village Hall, I have booked the third Saturday every month for 2013, 2014 and 2015, the first two years have been confirmed. There is a 2nd Saturday one year in December otherwise it falls to close to Christmas, but not to worry.

The weather forecast for today was rain and then more rain so we didn't mind missing golf this week for a bit of card searching. Dennis, Colin G. and I chatted our way to Roydon mostly about cards, but other topics turn up particularly illnesses, aches and pains, world politics and TV. The journey soon passed. The club was in full swing on our arrival and with a full house of dealers, many members were already searching for that elusive card.

Alan was finishing setting up the auction, the girls were in place with a welcoming smile and the smell of Bacon told me Kevin and Lorraine were busy in the kitchen. Val was away today on a bus trip I think she said. Apparently 67 members checked in with the girls, 3 visitors (the furthest from Derbyshire), so once again we were out in force. Nice to see Tony Debenham with us, cricket season was obviously finished; all the usual enthusiastic collector culprits were with us, many keen to book in for the Christmas feast. If you haven't booked in yet, I need to know - ring me to ensure your place at the table. We have 46 booked in to date and have Four spare places - it's only a FIVER.

As always members have bought in a plethora of prizes for the bumper raffle -- I would like to have 100 prizes (we had 95 last year) - see what you can find, it's always a good event. Apologies for forgetting to bring the raffle tickets to the Nov. meeting, we normally sell quite a few beforehand. If you didn't want a Christmas dinner you are still very welcome to come to the club - we have a tremendous Auction with many glorious lots seeking new homes.

After a bit of bartering I have managed to persuade Paul Lynch to stand in December (he was booked in at North Kent but agreed to change with Bob Hogden's agreement). Paul will have copies of the new Cigarette Card Price Guide from London Cigarette Card Co. (£7 reduced to £6), and also their Trade catalogue (£6 reduced to £4.50). Latest on Murray's catalogue is January now so will we all be changing to LCCC?



I'm sorry to report to members we had a 'tea leaf' in the club this month, Neville Proctor had his wallet emptied by some unscrupulous person. He put it down on Peter Beer's table and found it later in an album minus £50/60 cash. If any member can shed any light on this please tell us without hesitation. I know we all relax at the club and enjoy the ambience and friendship but please take care of your possessions, we haven't had a theft in the club for many years and it mustn't happen again.

I understand the Northern Convention was regarded as a great success; word is, that over 30 visitors bought their collections in for valuation. Some valuable and rare cards were seen. I have sent an email to the organiser asking for him to avoid our date next October - at least 8 of our members would have liked to have gone up north for a day out. Check out our Calendar for the reminder of the National Convention next year --- April 26th/27th Woking in Surrey. It's a card collector's paradise and an event not to be missed, book your holiday now.

As always auction time came round very quickly and at 1.00pm Alan was ready with his gavel and began the process of finding new homes for the 186 lots. Following the strict instructions from the vendor the first 100 silk Lots were not to be sold for less than ½ Cat meant 30 went unsold and returned to Ken Short. They are very rare and expensive cards and must not be given away, still a healthy number of postal bids had been received and it turned out to be a good auction. Final figure was £4380. Top spot went to Lot 63 a set of Godfrey Phillips War Pictures for £270 (cat £550). There were a total of 41 unsold and the lots were supplied by 8 vendors.

Alan is currently Lotting up February 2013 and has enough to complete and start March, Jim's collection will be coming along soon but we still need new stock to sell. I had a call from a man in Fakenham who has inherited his father's collection but has no interest in collecting himself and wishes to put it through our auction (he found us from the website) so I will be checking it out in the next week or two, let's hope not to many common cards.

Next Month is the Christmas extravaganza -- Saturday 15th December.

The programme is 8.30am Doors open Paul Lynch from Nottingham the dealer present, Auction on the stage about 11.00am
Lunch sit down 12.00 ish for a 12.30 start
Chairman's words and Giant Raffle from approximately 2.00pm.

First meeting in January 2013 (and the start of our fourth year at Roydon) is on Saturday 19th January.

I hope everyone has a Christmas to remember and an absolutely great card collecting year in 2013.