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Report of a meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 12th May 2012

After three consecutive Saturday's card hunting our monthly excursion to Roydon came very quickly, it was after all only 3 weeks since our last meet. This was to be our first change of date for the year -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday instead of our usual 3<sup>rd</sup> - (next September and November), so who would remember, who would turn up. I hope no one turns up next week!

A nice early start and with a car full of eager collectors, wallets brimming with unspent pocket money, the 52 miles to Roydon soon passed by the wayside. It was lovely driving through Thetford Forest with the sun streaming through the trees - has anyone noticed how many pig farms there are on the Thetford/Diss road - no I thought not, you perhaps wouldn't have noticed if you didn't come that way!

It was great to see so many EACCC members at the Lincoln Convention, a great venue, well lit and spacious; I have only heard positive vibes about the two days. Cigarette card collectors are alive and well - over 250 attended the Friday and over 150 on the Saturday. I hope you found the bargains from the 42 dealers present. I managed to persuade two to book with us later in the year and a new dealer will also join us when I've agreed a month with him. We had two drop out dealers this week John Haddon-Silver and Martin Toms, but the 5 present nicely filled the gaps and did well.

News from the members .... Sorry to report the death of Ken Short's wife who has been ill for a little while, our thoughts and best wishes are with you Ken. Val gave us some good news on Alex, he continues to make slow progress and has been moved to Newmarket hospital for rehabilitation and will hopefully be on his way home very soon. It's been a big battle for Alex but it sounds like he is winning. Eight more members paid their subscriptions after getting the dreaded RED spot last month, plus three in the post, the remaining 28 unpaid will not be getting this month's exciting newsletter and will have to re-join on their next visit. With the postage costs being what they are we have to be disciplined in this matter. Thank you to the four members who transferred to email, it saves us money. Nice to see Darren Moyses with us again after a short break -- he's been treasure hunting with a metal detector in a 2000 acres farm, but like all good card collectors he can't stay away too long and was seen searching out those elusive Golf cards. He bought his charming daughter Gemma with him, you should have seen her tucking into a 'Big Breakfast', I hope she will be a regular visitor and maybe become our youngest member.

Among the visitors I saw Frank/Sue Nash from Market Rasen and John Gregson from Loughborough, who regularly sends in postal bids but wanted to come and see for himself, he bought several lots in the auction so he can come again. On the dealer front I understand Jim Reynolds is in hospital again, I hope we will be seeing him at club again very soon. I spoke to Jim Jackson recently (trying to persuade him to come south for a day out) but it seems he is concentrating his dealing on postcards nowadays and cigarette cards are taking a back seat for the moment.

Les, Alan and I had a 'committee' meeting, very informal as usual with lots of other members interjecting (I like that, it is after all a members club). Main topic the Christmas Dinner and we decided that after exploring all other avenues, that we would have a sit down dinner again at Roydon Village hall as per 2011. We learned a lot last year and will be making several recommendations to the caterers to improve on last year. Whether we can do it for the same price to members as last year will have to be decided later in the year.

Kevin, Lorraine and Val were kept busy all morning, several 'big breakfasts' were sold and enjoyed by various members and Val was sent down to Morrison's to replenish the sausage stock. Dennis as usual bought up all the cake at the end of the day and we heard all about it in the car on the way home, he didn't share it around the car though.

Bob and Jill were back on the club table after missing a meeting through illness, but Bob did tell me he won a big county veterans table tennis tournament, well done I bet he is looking forward to seeing the sport in the Olympics. Next month there will be a Club table but no Albums and Pages as I have no room in the car as I'm calling in the club next month on my way back from holiday, sorry about that normal service will resume in July.

It seemed to be a quiet morning especially early on so I was surprised when the girls told me that over 70 members were present, with 7 visitors and 5 dealers. Several comments on my space filler last month, the list of club venues I will include more later in the year.

As the appointed hour approached for our much anticipated auction, it was a special one - with some tasty lots of rare and expensive, never seen before items. As 6 of the FJ Smith" sets didn't sell, we didn't break the club record but still reached a respectable £3846. Top spot went to Lot 122 a very scarce set of Godfrey Phillips Cricketers - brown back knocked down to a postal bidder for £380. Only 60 lots went unsold and with a postal figure of only £1269 it meant most lots went to the hall, a good result for all.

Next meeting

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

**Back to the 3rd Saturday next month but 5 weeks to wait.**

**Dealers booked to be with us are Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, Mike Heard, Paul Lynch, John Haddon-Silver and Martin Toms Space for at least one more - ring in now Our Club table will be with us as usual so bring all your books with Odds in but I'm afraid there will be no Albums and pages this month.**