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Report of a meeting held on Saturday 15th May 2010 at Roydon Village Hall

After a cold start, the sun was shining on Roydon Village hall for our 453rd meeting (I've been told it could be our 455th meeting as two numbers were repeated way back in the 200's) and it continued to shine all day and as usual our members responded to the warmth - 84 members, 2 Visitors and 9 dealers. The third month in a row we have exceeded 80 present.

Alan had the auction set out by 9.15am and the place was 'a buzzing', great to see Keith and Jan Johnson with us from Camberley, he was telling me that his club, the Middlesex, is developing nicely, Mike Heard was busy selling his stock, he is on holiday next month and away in July and August as well, so next time we see him will be in September. He was telling me he tries to avoid holidaying on our date but needs to earn some Brownie points with his wife so has agreed to go. I can empathise with him. The smell of frying bacon in the kitchen meant Kenny was busy as usual and I saw several huge 'English breakfasts' being delivered around the hall. She tells me she will be bringing her 'summer warmer weather' delicacies from next month. I can't wait to see what she means. Apparently the huge Easter Egg she won last month was to much for her and her family, so her horse finished it. Alex and Val were busy collecting the final subscriptions in -- see back page for more -- and Vera and Muriel were sitting well back from the door -- no not hiding -- as Jim Reynolds had rung in sick, get well soon Jim from all your friends. Another member reported sick is Neville Barnard who has had a big operation and will be out of collecting action for about 3 months, we wish them both a speedy recovery.

We really appreciate the amount of travelling that dealers do to attend our club and we know they take our money but it would be a poor club without them, as a result Bill and I have agreed to give dealers **FREE** tables for the rest of this year, our way of saying **THANKS**.

Some members like to see their names in the newsletter so 'hallo' to Colin Gamble, Darren Moyse, Albert and Gus, Les and Anne Woolnough -- only 74 were to go. Special thanks to Bob and Jill Jennings who do a tremendous job every month staffing our club table. Thank you, don't forget if you have any spare cards, slip them in a album and leave them on the club table, Also its always worth a look at the members albums on this table, many nice cards available every month. We have had some problems with our Albums and Pages supplier but with a bit of luck I hope to sort it out soon.

Stems from the fact I won't pay 'transport' costs to keep the prices down but Rob Roy is not seen to often at the moment and getting a delivery is difficult. Peter Brett was with us this month and paid his £3 debt from last June and his subscriptions to avoid the dreaded RED spot. This is a highly contagious disease and if you have one on your newsletter or your envelope it means that you haven't paid your subscriptions yet. Please send £5 to Bill per return or come to the June meeting and pay it or you will be struck off our membership list. To date 26 still have to pay.

This could be your last newsletter.

I was reminded by Vera (and 1 or 2 other people) that we normally have a raffle in the summer so let's do it in August, so please bring in your prizes to the June/July meetings. Don't forget we have a grand 284 Lot auction in August.

Two new members again this month, Chris Frost's wife Susan has joined us and Mr. Lloyd Woolner from Lowestoft, who used to be a member in our Thetford days. A warm East Anglian welcome to you both. Apologies to Joan Barratt Lennard for a wrong address last month, it should have read 'Orchard Way'. Hopefully our full club membership address list will be with next month's newsletter.

Our website (www.eaccc.co.uk) is starting to develop and we had 4 online bidders this month from Scotland, Dublin and Australia.

Back in the meeting, we somehow got ahead of ourselves and we were ready to start the Auction at 12.50 but like true professionals we waited until the prescribed time of 1.00pm. A very large audience eager to spend their money and develop their collections were soon snapping up all the Lots. Top Prices £205 BAT Indian Chiefs, £155 Players Actor and Actresses £155 BAT Butterfly Girls and £120 Wills Irish Sportsmen, with only 8 'on the day lots' a total income of £4027. Next month we have some terrific Cartophilic reading material, Cameric Notes and News from the 1930s / 40s, plus Taddy sets, expensive Wills and Cope sets and part sets. Maybe next month we will break the £5000 barrier! Bill has asked me to remind Vendors (sellers) that if your lots sell for less than £50 he will pay out in cash at the next club

Dealers with us in June ..

**Ken Courtney, Martyn Thoms, John Haddon Silver,
Jim Reynolds, Dave Norman, Peter Beer and Jim Jackson**

Room for 1 more if any one wants to fill it ring Bill, remember it's free.—

Next meeting Saturday 19th June 2010 from 9.00am