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## Newsletter No.480

Report of a meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Our August meeting is traditionally a busy meeting and this year our 480<sup>th</sup> was no exception. Word was out that many rare to be seen members were to pay us a visit and that was nearly the case.

As the boys (Barry and Ken) were opening up, I didn't have to leave quite so early so it was just before 8.00am that I picked up Dennis and Colin. The former's first question was will there be any Cheese Straws this month, I was able to reassure him there would be (but then Lorraine forgot) not to worry. The hall was buzzing when we got there, the girls were in place waiting to ambush any enthusiastic member who failed to check in, thankfully most do (if only to collect their drinks voucher) and at the end of the day 75 was the reported attendance, much better than the previous month.

A lot of the regular dealers were in place and 'raking in the cash', Mike Heard and Martin Toms always seem consistently busy, nice to welcome Neil Daniels all the way from Yorkshire, he hopes to come more often as he loves the atmosphere and the welcome he always gets from our members. Alan Wilde was with us this month and did very well I understand. I had received a couple of weeks ago an email from a collector who lives in the wilds of Scotland, way up north, and although he loves collecting cigarette cards he never has the opportunity to see dealers and improve his collection, so me being the softie suggested he send me his 'wants' list and I would see what I could find. He did nearly 3 pages of many different manufacturers. Anyway I decided to give his list to John Haddon-Silver to try and make a hole in, so that kept him busy for a couple of hours. He did manage to complete 17 sets for the collector. This set me thinking maybe we could offer a 'Search, find and complete' service for similar remote collectors. The terms I offered him were 'no more than 1/2 Murrays catalogue' and all VG+, I think a lot of dealers would support the scheme. Food for thought!

Talking of food, full service was back this month with Val, Lorraine and Kevin very busy for most of the morning, full English breakfasts were very popular. Les and I went to Alex's funeral a couple of weeks ago along with about 10 other member's, we have sent a donation to the Critical Care Unit at Papworth Hospital on behalf of the members. Val tells me she has downloaded the 2013 calendar on to a memory stick and will bring it next month. I will arrange for it to be printed in time (I hope) for the October meeting.

News from the members this month, Derek and Cynthia Bradshaw are on the move into a penthouse apartment overlooking the river in Kings Lynn (not warden controlled I'm assured), Mike Brewster has also moved, to West Winch.

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Among the rare to be seen members Cliff Waller was with us and tells me he is off to Madagascar and Ruanda shortly on one of his wildlife expeditions. I have heard from our furthest member (Tokyo) David Manning recently, who sends greetings to all his EACCC friends; he hopes to be with us before Christmas. He times his holiday around our meeting dates. The copies of our membership list I have left out on the front desk have nearly all gone and as usual there are one or two errors (wrong postcode etc.) it will be updated and I will bring more copies to the next meeting. Among the visitors was a collector from Vancouver Canada, who I noticed snapped up a few bargains in the auction. Our reputation has grown even more worldwide.

Les, Alan and I met with the 'Christmas' caterers at this meeting to discuss this year's extravaganza, set for December 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be very similar to last year's with one or two improvements which you fed back to us at the January meeting. == did you like that play on words == Anyway after the discussion we decided that as funds are not as healthy as last year, we would ask members for a £5 contribution to the dinner (the club would still be subsidising it by £10 each), we would still have a bumper raffle but for a different charity - possibly Alzheimer's Society - unless anyone has a different suggestion.

I had to restrain Alan at this meeting, he was keen to get the auction underway and was ready at 12.45 but common-sense prevailed and at the appointed hour he began finding new homes for the various lots. For the number crunchers among you 60 went unsold, while top spot went to Lot 114 a very fine part set 50/52 Wills Double Meaning for £100. Overall a low £1329 was the final figure. The first of Ken Shorts excellent silk collection is on offer from October and will be continued in November and January, arrangements have been made to advertise these in Card Times and Cartophilic Notes and News. Alan assures me he has enough material for the November auction but urgently needs more for December onwards. Please have a dig around and see what you can find, rarer or different the better and types have been selling recently.

The new Murray (?) catalogue is due out end of August although it may be late (as the printers have gone bust) but I have ordered 2 boxes (48) for the club. New retail price I see is £9.99 although I hope to get them a lot less, let me know if you want one.

Next month we meet on

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

== 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday = don't forget

The dealers booked in to be with us are Martin Toms, John Shaw,  
John Haddon Silver, Ken Courtney, Peter Beer, and Peter Russell