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Report of a meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 18th February 2012

After two weeks of snow, all the EACCC members knew it would be clear by the 3rd Saturday and in true Norfolk weather fashion it was, made me think we ought to have a system in place to cancel a meeting if the weather is too bad. Such is the enthusiasm of the cartophilic connoisseur collector that the 'what's a little bit of snow' attitude to us enthusiasts that we become blinkered to safety and sometimes even common sense. Must talk to Chairman Les.

All was in full swing by 9.00am and the early birds were soon swooping for the bargains, all eight dealers were soon grasping the last pennies and last pounds of the East Anglian collectors. It was nice to welcome Jean Dixon with us again on one of her rare dealing days. I had some bad news from Chris Bree that he has decided to give up dealing and concentrate on collecting. He has sent all his dealing stock to Lockdales. Finally on dealers most people would have heard that Murray Cards International Ltd has been sold and the new owner and Chief Executive Officer is Daniel Epstein. Apparently he will trade under the title Murray Cards Ltd and will be opening a new shop in North London shortly. He also plans to produce a new price guide in June/July, Martin Murray will continue on for a short time as advisor.

I had received a very nice 'thank you' letter from the East Anglian Air Ambulance and a certificate for the £400 donation we made last month. Apparently it appeared in the Diss Mercury, Bill has cut it out and it will go in the archives. Photos are already on the website.

Muriel wasn't feeling very well for most of the day and despite numerous offers to take her home, she wouldn't go, with true East Anglian grit she stayed all meeting. We discovered afterwards that she had double dosed her morning tablets, they rang her doctor and he has reorganised her dosage with Bill in charge of distribution.

It was a quiet club today, with numbers significantly down to 64 members, 5 visitors and 8 dealers. Anne and Les made an unexpected appearance; Derek and Cynthia were also present on one of their bi monthly visits. One or two other 'different' faces present this month, Cliff Waller among the more rarely seen members. With Alex in charge of serving (instead of washing up) he was kept busy all morning, I even saw him and Kevin taking time out to do some card searching. Going back to the voucher system was a smooth transaction and I'm sure has helped to satisfy the thirsty collectors. They must have been busy all morning because they run out of coffee and we had to settle for tea.

Next month Alex begins his usual job of collecting the member's subscriptions so please come prepared with your £5 notes. Did you see the Cartophilic team on Eggheads I thought they did very well getting three to the final and then only losing on the 5th extra question (only one was shown on the programme). Our website -www.eaccc.co.uk -- continues to be well visited. It has had over 15000 hits (people looking at it) in the last 18 months.

A couple from Harleston had seen our site and brought in their grandfathers collection, rescued from the loft, for us to have a look at. They wanted a valuation with a view to selling, although there was 1000's of cards the condition was appalling and they were all common Players and Wills. I sent them to Gazes to sell where the less concerting collector might buy them.

Quite a few responses to last month's discussion topics, everyone against a 2.00pm Auction so it will stay at 1.00pm. Several members interested in a minibus to Lincoln, best suggestion seemed to be to leave Ipswich, pick up in Norwich and Kings Lynn and or Thetford and cost shared by all participants with a contribution from EACCC, just needs someone to organise it. We are still working on this year's Christmas dinner.

April is the AGM; Les has begun planning that, I hope to put together some financial figures for the members to peruse so it might take a few minutes more than usual. If you would like to be more involved in running your club, let us know we could always use your skills.

As always the morning seemed to fly by and for the first time ever we were ready to start the auction early so we had to wait for the appointed hour, the usual suspects were ready, bidding cards in hand, then away we went. We were done cleared up, paid up, cashed up and away by 2.15pm. Unfortunately it was the lowest auction for over two years; the final figure was only £1700. Top slot was shared by 3 Lots, numbers 127, 147 and 148 all selling for £100, with a huge 60 Lots withdrawn. We miss the collections we have been selling. Thanks to all the members for responding to a Supa Dupa auction in May of only quality cards, Alan has quite a few but there are small gaps still. Apparently four members claimed those unidentified lots from last month but it has been sorted now.

Soon another meeting was over and we were heading home reflecting on another day out, purchases made, deals done, wallets empty and all happy soles. Dennis bought the 'left over' cake – Cherry Madeira –this month and was planning to have a slice with custard for his tea.

Next month - with spring finally sprung (we hope) we meet on the 17th March, yes it is a leap year, and so let's do it all again.

The dealers with us are Ken Courtney, Martin Toms, John Shaw,
John Haddon–Silver, Geoff McMillan, Peter Beer, Ken Sandeman
And Jim Reynolds,



Space for two more if you feel inclined
Regrettably no Members table next month