

EAST ANGLIAN CIGARETTE CARD CLUB

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Report of a meeting held on Saturday 20th February 2010 at Roydon Village Hall

Wow did you notice that – 450 meetings of our club – some achievement. The King and Queen hereafter referred to as Their Royal Highnesses are still away, ‘gadding about’ the South Pacific, in Hawaii on club day and in Sydney Australia when you receive the newsletter. I hope it’s warmer where they are. Muriel has promised a picture of her in a hula skirt, Bill might even have one taken.

It was a bitterly cold day in February as we descended in our hoards to Roydon in remote South Norfolk, Barry Allen and Ken Short arrived first and set out all the chairs and tables, *what a great help this is*, thanks lads, the dealers arrived shortly after. Dave Norman had rung in sick a couple of days beforehand and Alice/Ken Courtney also couldn’t attend because of visiting relatives from the other side of the world. That’s 3 in a row Alice / Ken have missed never been known before, hope everyone will make it in March. Peter Beer turned up not booked in to deal but we squeezed him in, a mix up of dates apparently. I arrived after a hours drive following the infernal beet lorries that crowd our roads this time of year. Members started arriving and the monthly ‘push and shove’ around dealer’s and auction tables began. Vera and Carol (nice to see her again) were busy distributing badges and tea vouchers and giving everyone the EACCC special welcome. Some 66 members, 6 visitors and 14 dealers (+ friends) were in attendance, another good show. Our friends from Lincolnshire were with us, there must have been some rare Wills Overseas in the auction? Nice to see Mike Towersley and Keith/Jan Johnson on one of there ‘not often enough’ visits. Alex Woollard has had some bad family news and wasn’t able to stay very long but we wish him and his family well through this difficult time. Great to see Derek Bradshaw and his lovely wife Cynthia with us also Tony and Beryl Page (no180teee Wolfie in tow), they all had great fun looking through our archive folder, trying to remember faces from the past. Incidentally if any member has any photos of the club at any of the meetings please bring them in to go in the archive folder preferable with the names attached.

I’ve made good progress on our club history -- well I’ve read the first 100 newsletters (only 350 to go) and have established the early days of the club, hopefully the rest will follow shortly. I’m not sure yet what the finished product will look like but probably in small book form, we will see how it develops.

This year’s Cartophilic Society convention is in Southport Lancashire, a long way to go but no doubt a few East Anglian’s will make the trip seeking that elusive card. Good opportunity to see ‘northern’ dealers. Alan and I will be flying the flag in the Card Times golf tournament hoping to bring the trophy back with us. That’s 23rd/24th April more details at the next club meet. The burning question is will Gus make it in his three wheeler.

Nice link that to next month – it's our **40th Anniversary meeting --- Champagne and Cake for all** -- well any opportunity to celebrate. EDP are supposedly sending a reporter and photographer (I will believe that when I see it) and are doing a special feature on the Club in their Collectors section in a Saturday supplement. Yours truly has agreed to appear live on Radio Norfolk on Thursday March 11th – 11.30 am – if you want to listen to me make a fool of myself, what's new I hear you say. Several early members have been invited to attend the anniversary meeting, Mike Reeve, who was at the clubs 2nd meeting, Alan Mclean Pratt one of our founder members, Brian Sweet (sadly can't make it but sends us his best wishes. John Knowles has been invited but we haven't heard from him yet.

All to quickly the time got round to 1.00pm and Alan was ready with his invisible gavel, only 150 lots this month so he took it calmly in his stride. It had been suggested to me that it would be better for all especially the dealers and caterers that a 2.00pm auction might better suit the majority but a swift show of hands sent that suggestion into oblivion, so it stays at 1.00pm. The computer told us at the end that we had taken nearly £2600 of which only £1000 went postal.

From March we have 200 Lots in the auction through to October, while we dispose of a tremendous collection given to the club to sell. I have had a great time lotting these up these past few weeks, (thank you for the snow meant no golf) many very rare items in fantastic condition. The collection will comprise of 100 Lots each month so plenty of room for the regular vendors to sell their cards. Keep them coming please.

Next month the star lots are a Moore & Calvi set of Beauties in A1 condition, a nice set of Wills 1901 Cricketers, plus 8 lots of Odds boxes (not something we have very often), a lovely Bobby Jones card in lot 154 plus many many more to suit all our members collecting tastes.

By the time we had cashed up, paid our dues and demands to buyer and seller alike, the hall had been cleared – it always amazes me how the tables and chairs just seem to vanish – thanks once again to our loyal and reliable helpers and it was the end of another club, well it's only 28 days to the next one, Hurrah.

Dealers booked in for the March meeting

Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, Mike Fineron, John Haddon- Silver,
Mike Heard, Dave Norman, Jim Reynolds, Peter Russell
Ken Sandeman John Shaw

Sorry no members table in March as Bob and Jill can't make the meeting

Next meeting Saturday 20th March 2010 Roydon Village Hall
near Diss South Norfolk.