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Report of a meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 20th October 2012

There was no doubt about it = ccws = had set in - six weeks since the last meet and cigarette card collecting withdrawal symptoms was very evident. I did wonder what this month was going to be like but as usual after a 6 week break members turned out in force and in the end 85 members had checked in with our young lady receptionists overseen as always by the Godfather (maybe that should be Cod father, he does like his fish and chips), with visitors from Burton on Trent, Nottingham and other far flung places like Stowmarket plus dealers and we totalled neigh on 100 (give or take one or two).

As it is only 3 weeks to our next meet we may all feel a bit better, incidentally ignore the date on the top of the Auction List I sent out last month it is definitely the 10th we meet. The newsletter may be a bit briefer because of the time gap.

We were pleased to welcome John Taylor and his assistant Colin Weston to EACCC for their first visit as dealers and I'm sure they will be back as I've been given to understand they had a tremendous day, they were very impressed with the 'set up' and the warm welcome they received. The big dealers decided to support a new event - a Northern Convention at Darlington - if only they knew what they missed. Ken Sandeman paid us a visit again and tells me he has retired from cricket coaching and will be with us more next year.

Among the rarer to be seen members present, Beryl and Tony Page called in and were most welcome, Tony has been ill and is making steady recovery. John Smith from Hunstanton was back, 1st time this year, well done girls on getting his subs off him. I had a long chat with Val who copied extraordinarily well in the kitchen on her own, Kevin and Lorraine were both ill, but she couldn't let us down, many thanks Val for a wonderful effort, it was appreciated. I managed to coerce my wife Sue into doing some filled rolls so we wouldn't go hungry and they were well received along with Val's cakes, all were devoured by our members.

It was good to see Anne Reynolds at the club, Alan represented the club at Jim's funeral last month at which several other club members also managed to attend. I have been given to understand that Jim's extensive entire collection of cards (except a few Anne and the family want to keep) will be going into our club auction in the New Year.

Question one of the options being discussed this month was the possibility of a bar at our meetings. There is one in the hall and The White Hart up the road would bring along the drinks if we made it worth their while by buying enough. Let Les or I know if you would use this if we went ahead with it.

Calendars and Date cards were available from this meeting, remember to collect yours next month or December, then they will be posted at great expense.

Last opportunity to book your place at our Christmas dinner, thank you to the 26 who have booked their place so far, only 3 weeks NOVEMBER 10th is the closing date. Spare forms will be available at the next meeting.

The Auction started on time this month and Ken Shorts first 100 silk Lots got us off to a good start, only a few went postal, but Ken couldn't stop to see them go. He told me that he has enough silks for three more 100 lot auctions - November, January and February. Top price this month went to Lot 36 a superb set of Godfrey Philips Victoria Cross Heroes 2nd series for £165, the 1st series went in the previous lot for only £150. There were 42 unsold (only 26 silk lots) and the final figure was a respectable £3485 which will be paid out to 9 vendors less our cut 'of course'. It was the end of the auction when the gremlins arrived and the computer decided to play games, Alan didn't panic and after a bit of a sort out managed to work out a way of calculating the buyer's total. When I got home and switched my computer on there was an email from Alan, 'Sorted' was all it said, it was enough.

Next month's meeting is on

Saturday 10th November 2012

Among the dealers coming along are Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, John Haddon-Silver, Mike Heard, Geoff McMillan, John Shaw

Usual place – Roydon Village Hall

Usual time – 8.30 to 3.00

Auction including 100 Silks at 1.00pm.