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Report of a meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 21st April 2012

As it was 5 weeks since our last meet we were ready and eager for the April meeting, on a day of sunshine and heavy showers including hailstones it was good to get together again. Just two of us made our way across the fens and through the forest to Roydon to a morning of wheeling and dealing. Seventy four other members joined us for our day of cartophily.

Everything was buzzing by the time we walked through the door, the usual early birds searching for the bargains, as usual a crowd was swarming around Peter Beer's corner stall and I'm sure by the end of the day all the dealers had a good day.

I was interviewed (by telephone) a couple of months ago by a local magazine who were doing a series of features on local collecting clubs and our club featured in the April edition. As a result I had had 5 people contact me with cards to sell or find out more about? mostly handed down from their grandfather. They all called in and I talked to them about their card collections. Unfortunately three of them were just common cards mostly stuck in their albums, you know the ones we can never sell them in our auction, I sent them off to Gazes Auction house, and the other two will be in the July auction. No rare Taddy's though we can live in hope. I will arrange for a copy of the article to be on the website.

News from the members .... Alex is making slow progress; he is out of intensive care and in a ward now, thank you Anne for organising and all the members for signing a get well card for him. I know he will appreciate it. Val, Kevin and Lorraine were back providing our food and drink needs, I saw several people tucking in to 'the big breakfast' and Bill, Muriel and Vera certainly enjoyed their bacon butties. Not sure about next year's calendar yet we will have to wait and see how Alex progresses. We really appreciate their efforts in the kitchen and as we have said before it is the combined efforts of all the volunteers that makes our club such a success. I had a call from Bob Jennings to tell me he and Jill weren't able to make it after all this month and I was very grateful when Derek and Cynthia Bradshaw stepped in and staffed the club table for us. It was nice to see Alan Wilde with us again he told me he had got all (except one) of the Manchester City squad autographs on their recent trip to Norwich. We won't mention the score. Martin Toms told me about his previous month's adventure (?) and was really sorry for not making it to the club. We did seem a bit thin on dealers this month but with Messrs Murray and Bree retiring we have lost two large dealers. Maybe I will be able to recruit some more dealers at the forthcoming convention; no other club can offer a consistent 80 eager buyers in attendance so they are normally quite keen to come.

Looking forward to next week's convention, several cars are going from East Anglia and even some members are going by train. With 45 dealers coming including 2 from USA it promises to be a good event. Let's hope that we can find that one rare card that has been eluding us for so many years, we all have at least one don't we?

The Olympic coin collectors were not so abundant this month, as all 29 coins are in circulation now they are more available. I've completed my set and was able to help Albert Watson complete his. I understand no more are to be released so it time to start swapping.

As it was April it was AGM time and as predicted the usual wave of apathy prevailed, we don't spend time on reports or whatever else – if you come to our meetings or read the newsletter you know what goes on – but I did prepare a balance sheet on the clubs finances . I highlighted the main areas of income — Auction £1918,Albums & Pages £710 etc etc – and expenditure – Roydon Hall £1020,Christmas Dinner £1383,Newsletter £1164, copies are available if any wants a copy but the bottom line with all the in's and out's we still have £5235 in the bank. I did point out to members that with the forthcoming postal increases it will cost us £6 to circulate the newsletter and auction list to each member and they are only paying £5 subscription a year. I have taken the 'bull by the horns' and have bought 3000 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps, which will last us two years and save the club £600. I presently send out the newsletter by email to 22 members at no cost to the club, let me know if I can add you to the list and make the stamps last longer. To date 108 members have renewed their subscriptions, this is the last month of asking, the dreaded red spot makes its annual appearance this month, along with the last newsletter for those not paid their subscription..

Following the AGM we had our 150 lot auction and a disappointing one it was too .. final total £1232 with nearly half (68) not attracting a bid. Top price went to Lot 130 a terrific set from ATC of Beauties – Curtain background for £200. We all had a great laugh when Peter Beer got his numbers mixed up and bid for and won a lot he had put in ! I've seen the May and June lists and they will be better, some very rare and expensive cards are available.

Not sure what happened this month but we were cleared and cashed up and locking the hall at 2.00pm.

Next meeting

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday and only 3 weeks away.

Dealers booked to be with us are Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, Mike Heard, Peter Russell, John Haddon-Silver, John Shaw and Martin Toms – Jim Reynolds will be with us but not standing, ring him if you want him to bring anything for you.

Our Club table will be with us as usual so bring all your books with Odds in and don't forget to stock up on pages while you have the chance.

Something from the past ..... EACCC Meeting Places

March 1970 to May 1970	Grafton Arms Barnham Suffolk
July 1970 to August 1975	Euston Social Club Euston Thetford
September 1975	Tolly Cobbold Brewery Ipswich (1 meeting)
October 1970 to July 1977	Euston Social Club Euston Thetford
August 1977	The Great Hospital Norwich (1 meeting)
September 1977 to April 1978	Euston Social Club Euston Thetford
May 1978 to July 1979	Thomas Paine Hotel Thetford
August 1979	Ministergate Thetford (1 meeting)
September 1979 to May 1980	Thomas Paine Hotel Thetford
June 1980 to September 1980	Rushford Hall Rushford Thetford
October 1980 to April 1982	Breckland Sports Centre Thetford
May 1982 to March 1985	The Anchor Hotel Thetford
April 1985 to May 1985	Coney Weston Hall
June 1985 to May 1995	Anchor Hotel Thetford
June 1995 to December 2008	The Park Hotel Diss
January 2009 to today	Roydon Village Hall Roydon Diss