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Report of a meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 8th September 2012

This was the second Saturday for our monthly get together to discover cartophilic wonders wide and interesting. I learnt something new again this month thanks to Neville Proctor – how to identify Wills Coronation Series wide/narrow arrows, Peter Russell also is available to tell the difference.

For yet another month I have to report to members the death of a member, unfortunately Jim Reynolds lost his gallant fight for life on Thursday last. A tribute to him is over page.

You always wonder when you change a routine who will it suit, who will remember and this month was no exception (because I was slightly late giving our dates to the booking secretary – three month's this year are the 2nd Saturday, May, this month and November) but do not fear fellow members from January 2013 and all of 2014 all our meetings are the 3rd Saturday, I will be booking 2015 soon. Biggest concern from members seems to be having to wait SIX whole weeks before we meet again.

There was a very subdued atmosphere this month (as you would expect) news of Jim's death was way ahead of my arrival but the cartophilic search machine grinds on and all dealers and eager beavers were well into it by 9.00am. Ken Courtney had rung in sick (or at least his mother Alice had) but it was nice to see John Shaw, Peter Russell and Martyn Toms hard at it ably supported by John Haddon-Silver and Peter Beer. The aroma of fresh coffee was soon wafting around the hall and it wasn't long before plates full of big breakfasts were to be seen and eagerly devoured by 'you would think' starving members. Alan was slightly late this month after picking up Derek Lugo, they went for a tour of scenic Suffolk villages in an effort to find a short cut. We soon had the wondrous offerings of the auction set out in numerical order before we adjourned to the back room for our second breakfast, well I did manage some muesli before I left, but the sausage bap did go down well.

Among the members present this month I saw David Gosling with us after missing the last two months but the regulars were there as always, Ken and Barry opened up and set the chairs and tables out as usual but couldn't stop – I heard something about going to an end of the pier show, didn't go down that line about what it was !! Garry Daynes was after that rare football card, he didn't get the very rare Football Club Crests in the auction. Nice to see Peter McGough and his good wife with us. He got the best lot in the auction (a mint set of Sinclair British Sea Dogs) they are now resting in their new home in Dereham. Albert and Gus (looking well again now, nice to see) were as always searching, digging, and delving into all the dealers stock.

While I think about it the Olympic 50p collectors search seems to have peaked and reached the finish line (seems to me like it was a marathon), most people have completed the set (if you need an album for them the best one I've seen is FOC from the Royal Mint, just send them £2.95 for postage. If you haven't completed yet I suggest you speak to either Harry Bullock or Albert who both have some swaps. Incidentally a full set including free album and the completion medal sold for £75 on eBay recently. Did you enjoy the Olympics, I think our members should all be regarded as Olympians - seeking that elusive silver medal (or card) - our gold medal being a complete set. Well that was nearly a good analogy wasn't it. No Les this month, no Boston contingent but still a respectable 55 members and 4 visitors were present. Are we the biggest club in the country?

Alan had some good news for us this month - two new postal bidders, sending us lots of bids plus a regular member who couldn't make it and sent us a page of £1 bids, obviously looking for a real bargain, I think he got some as well. Top price went to Lot 115 for £190, while there was some intense bidding for the 4 lots of National Tobacco Works Newsboys all finding the same home for £38 each. There were only 49 withdrawals this month and the final total of £1728, of which over £1000 went postal. That will keep Alan busy this week. Next month it is the first 100 Lots of Ken Shorts fantastic collection of Silks, some great items on offer.

It is with great regret that I have to report to members the death of our good friend Jim Reynolds who passed away quietly last Thursday aged just 62 years. Jim joined EACCC in 1982 and has been one of our most loyal members for the past years, initially as a dealer of modern cards but always as a member. As most members know Jim had a heart bypass over 4 years ago and has been kept alive by a machine while he patiently waited for a heart donation, which unfortunately never came, he fought his illness with great bravery and will be remembered by all members for his joviality and friendship. Jim was a likeable fellow, always got an opinion and not slow to share it, his prime interest was always our club - I don't think he missed more than a handful of meetings in his thirty years membership, firstly at Thetford, then the Park and now at Roydon. I will miss Jim. I have spoken to Anne and the funeral will be on Wednesday 19th September 2012 at 12.45pm at Seven Hills Crematorium Ipswich. Rest in Peace Jim we will all miss you at EACCC.

We will begin taking orders for our Christmas dinner next month, the menu is enclosed, send it back to me with your order or bring it to the October/November meeting along with £5 per member, non-members welcome but must pay the full cost of £20.

Next month we meet on Saturday 20th October == 6 whole weeks away == the dealers booked in include Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, John Haddon Silver, Ken Sandeman and a new dealer to EACCC John Taylor from Melton Mowbray. Room for one more if anyone is interested. Plus our own Club Table with Albums and Pages and other collectable delights.