

East Anglian Cigarette Card Club

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It was a very early start – still dark outside – when I left, but dawn had broken when I pulled up at the Roydon Village Hall gate at around 7.30am. The first dealer Ken Sandeman followed me in, with us, on one of his twice yearly visits.

We were soon busy setting up the tables and chairs and by the time we had finished more dealers and our early bird members were with us, keen as always to begin the search for those elusive odds. Nice to welcome Peter Russell with us, he has just returned from a holiday in Canada and was keen to get stuck in selling.

There were several apologies for the day and I did wonder what our final numbers would be, but as always I don't know why I worried. I know some members worry about absences so in a nutshell -- John Haddon Silver had a car accident in the week previous, luckily he is alright but his car is a write off Martyn Tons is in Thailand, Ken Courtney's wife has had a stroke, we hope she recovers soon, Bob Jennings has had a bad head cold so wasn't able to be with us, Dave Scuffham is on holiday in Hawaii (I'm waiting to see the picture of him in a hula hula skirt – dread the thought), Derrick Lugo got his dates mixed up and finally Jean Dixon rang me, as she planned to stand, but had a complete stock sell out at last week's Norwich Postcard Fair and has nothing left to sell until she restocks.

Among the 56 members and 3 visitors with us, I spotted Beryl and Tony Page (just call me Mr & Mrs Taddy), Derek and Cynthia Bradshaw called in towards the end, the Kenny boys were with us and it was great to chat to Tony Colman (a font of wisdom on all things like postcards and the only Premier football team in East Anglia), nice to see Neville Proctor fully recovered from his illness.

My mention last month about changing our name has provoked several comments mostly very positive to a change, points made includes 'will encourage more younger members' and ' will reflect what we are about more realistically'.

I looked after the members table this month and was very busy all day, I bought some postcards I have been asked to sell and I'm pleased to say found new homes for all of them (mostly with Albert going to Kings Lynn – he tells me he will spend Christmas sorting through them). I bought two boxes of second hand albums and sold half of them, more next month. The 25p boxes brought in by Graham Convey proved very popular with many members spending the day sorting through them.

I met with Les during the morning to put the final touches to our Christmas party preparations. Kate has provided an extensive buffet menu which includes lots of delectable tasty delights. Members were asked by Joyce as they came in whether they would be with us in December and the number to date is around 45, so at least we have a number to cater for. Please let me know by November meeting if you want to be added to the number. It's a free buffet for members and don't forget we will have dealers with us this year with their stock, a list of whose coming is on the next page.

Start planning your raffle prize now, it would be appreciated if everyone would bring at least one nice prize. I understand John Devaney is coming up from Reading to do an article about our great club in his magazine Card Scene, smiles please he will be bringing his camera.

Christmas meeting -- Sunday 13th December 2015

To give members an idea of how our Christmas meeting will take shape here is a rough programme.

8.00 – 8.30am Hall set up – dealers arrive and set up

Dealers coming are Paul Lynch, Peter Beer and Peter Russell

9.00 am Members arrive – Auction available for viewing, Tea/Coffe available,

Raffle Tickets on sale, prizes made ready

11.00am 170 Lot auction = usual format

12.30am Kates wonderful Christmas Buffet with crackers Mince Pies, Wine and lots more

2.00pm ‘Father Christmas’ aka Chairman Les has word of thanks

2.15pm Giant Christmas Raffle – all proceeds to EACH – a local Childrens Hospice charity

4.00pm or thereabouts == clear up and go home to celebrate another Christmas Festival.

The morning seemed to ‘fly by’ and in their usual laid back way, Alan and Ann started to get the auction ready and he was off at great speed, dead on the hour of 1.00 o’clock. He couldn’t keep the fast pace up – mainly because of distractions from the floor (and no I don’t mean bids!) but the lots were a bit special and the result was the best of the year.

The 250 lots on offer made an excellent final figure of £4623 was recorded. These went to 21 in house bidders spending £3153, whilst £1470 was spent by 10 postal bidders. We had 5 vendors and 71 unsold. Some members had money left at the end of the auction and a further 5 lots were sold later, this does cause difficulty for Alan but we are always keen to sell them for the vendors. The high flyers this month included :

Lot 148 an Album with 700 Godfrey Phillips Pinnacle Footballers for £300

Lot 212 a lovely set of FJ Smith Famous Explorers for £240

Lot 195 a rare set of Godfrey Phillips Types of Solders for £225

We have to wait a whole 5 weeks before we meet again

== Saturday 21st November 2015 -- usual time, usual place

== Dealers booked in include Martin Toms, John Haddon Silver, Ken Courtney,
Peter Beer, John Shaw, Mike Heard and Graham Convey.

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