

# *East Anglian Card Collectors Club*

(Celebrating 50 years in October 2019)

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The signs were good for what was to be our 560<sup>th</sup> meeting, the sun was shining, it was Easter weekend and we had a full house of dealers. The auction had the promise to be something special particularly if you like silk cigarette cards.

Barry had all the tables and chairs out for us nice and early, before 8.00am and he went back to Thetford to enjoy a relaxing game of golf (if that is possible). The dealers sorted themselves out this month and were all busy selling when I walked in just passed the magic hour of 9.00am. We were held up by a nasty accident on the A10, but the police did a great job of clearing the road and getting it open very quickly.

First task today was to sort out all the necessary things needed to make the club happen, Doreen was soon checking everyone in and although it seemed quiet, I was pleased to count 52 names ticked in the book as members present. Along with 6 visitors, the furthest from Chippenham in Wiltshire. He told me he left home at 5.30am and is a fanatical silks collector. It was nice to welcome Alan Stevens to our club, Alan is regarded as 'the' expert on Silks and has written the silk bible which is a lovely colourful well illustrated book. There were a several number of regulars missing this month, Graham Convey, Ray Huggins, Ray Warnes, Gary Challis, Bob and Jill Jennings to name but a few. I think it was because of it being a holiday weekend. Hopefully we will be back to full strength next month.

Ann and Les were soon busy collecting the yearly subscription from members and we have had 62 paid up to date. You have next month (MAY) and June before I close the book for the year. I think it is probably the best £10 you will ever spend. We had a new member join us this month, Andy Hooker from Brundall. He is most welcome and we hope to see him every month.

Sue and I went round selling raffle tickets for the 40 + prizes so generously donated by all members. The proceeds for this raffle go into the club coffers and I have banked £153. A great effort and a big thank you to everyone who supported this activity.

Next weekend is the 'big cartophilic' event of the year and I'm sure a lot of EACCC members will be making the trip to Nottingham in search of that elusive card you need to complete the set. It is always a great social occasion and for me and Alan it starts with the golf at Woolaton Park on the Thursday. Last month I gave a hint where 2020 convention will be held and I think a couple of members guessed ( ? ) it will be in Salisbury Wiltshire ( a place I have never been). The CSGB President

John Walton has told me that they would like to bring it back to Kings Lynn (remember 2018) in the not too distant future.

We should have held our AGM today but to be 'honest' we all forgot. Les, Alan and I had a chat and as nothing is going to change because nobody wants it to, we decided to give it a miss this year. We are not aware of any issues, and are all quite happy to continue in our current role, while we can. The club finances are sound and we have about £5k in the bank.

We are still looking for ideas to celebrate our 50 years in October, we will begin planning for that great event in May. Let us know if you think we should do something special.

We did the raffle at half past twelve which finished nicely for the auction at 1.00pm. The prizes went out to all successful in the draw with a young lad in the hall picking up several prizes from members who had won more than one prize. A couple of winners had gone home so ask Doreen next month if you have a prize in the cupboard.

Alan and Ann were ready at the prescribed time and off we went trying to sell the 250 lots. I think the overall result was a bit disappointing with the final total of £3348. Silk cigarette cards are a lovely collectible item but why were so many Flag sets made - we do not like Flags sets --- and many remained unsold.

Of the 250 lots (188 were silks) and 75 remained unsold. There were 16 successful in house bidders spending £1715 and a further 9 successful postal bidders who spent £1633. One postal bidder sent us 80 bids and finished up winning 48 of them and spending over £800 alone. There were 7 vendors. Top lot of the day was number 115. a lovely uncut sheet of Cohen Weenen Victoria Cross Heroes. they were keenly fought for and finally knocked down for £410.

Don't forget to bring in any quality cards you want us to sell, we have quite a few at the moment but will always fit yours in. Alan is currently preparing the list for September.

Next month we meet again on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
Same place, same time, auction at 1.00pm.

Dealers expected to be with us are  
Peter Beer, Derek Golson, John Taylor, John Shaw, Charlie Stringer.  
Brian Pentelow, Gary Challis, Ken Courtney.

Room for one more if any one wants to sell some cards. Ring me,

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