

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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It was not looking good for today as I made the 65 minute drive to Roydon – 3 dealers had dropped out the previous 36 hours but although I had several booked in and then our good friend Mike Prior was able to step in at very short notice it seem as if everything would be alright. Many thanks Mike.

By the time I arrived just after 8.00pm, the boys had the hall almost ready and two dealers were busy setting up there wares. The remainder were able to spread their wings. It was just a little while later that the early birds started to arrive and start the search for that elusive rare card. It was a busy morning for the 57 members and 4 visitors who showed up. Nice to see Phil Lane with us after a few month's absence. We had two new members join us this month, David Smith from Heacham (near Hunstanton) and Cliff Waters from Banbury in Oxfordshire, welcome to you both, I hope you have many happy years with us. I have spoken to Albert Watson on the phone and although he is in good spirits, he doesn't feel able to join us yet, come on Albert, we miss you.

I am very sorry to have to inform members of the death's of Derek Bradshaw and Derrick (Gus) Garrod. Please read my personal tributes to my friends and both loyal and dedicated EACCC members for over 45 years. The club meant a lot to both lovely people.

Alan, Les and I had a lot to discuss this month not least the Christmas meeting. First decision it clashes with Norwich City v. Ipswich local derby, as several of our members support one of these teams, it would certainly effect our attendance, so do we change our date. Unfortunately the decision was made for us by the availability of the hall, we stay on the 16th December. Pleas to the Football Association to change their date would only fall on deaf ears. We might re arrange the structure of the day to enable the football followers to leave at 1.00pm. That is next month's decision. We did decide that this years chosen charity would be Breast Cancer, Les is sorting out which group.

I had to clear this month a huge number of S/H albums that had built up and I know members love a bargain, so I offered them all for £1 each and a further £1 for the slip cases. They all went extremely quickly. I will have more next month (and pages) but they will have to be back to their usual very cheap price.

I can now confirm that next years CSGB convention will be on Friday 5th and

Saturday 6th April at the Civic Hall Pudsey near Leeds. Put it on your calendar, keep the date free. We might consider having a couple of tables from the club, we did really well last year as no other dealer had albums and pages available. We will think about it and decide nearer the time.. I'm assured by one of the organisers of the pre convention golf tournament will be back next year on the Thursday afternoon.

I think our caterer excelled herself this month, there was a lot of delicious food available, lovely pies, even croissants and a lovely fresh cream sponge cake. Well done it is really appreciated.

The time soon came round to the auction at 1.00pm unfortunately Ann wasn't able to make it this month (food poisoning) but Les stepped up and did a really fine job assisted by Dave Turnbull. It wasn't a particularly inspiring auction this month, well on paper, nothing really stood out (except the 7 lots of cigarette boxes which it turned out were mainly reproductions) and the final figure of £3018 was a surprise. Some one gave Alan some cards (including Sun Soccer cards) for a future auction, all nicely listed but not with a name – please identify yourself next month or sooner!

The facts and figures are the 251 lots sold for £3018. There were 8 vendors and only 9 remained unsold. There were 19 successful in house bidders spending £1331 on 133 lots, also a further 24 successful postal bidders who spent £1687 on 109 lots. Next month we have the star lot of a Barratt George Best card with a £4k starting bid, lets hope it sells it will be a club record. We have taken delivery of 3 collections recently and are busy sorting them out into saleable lots. Alan has completed the November listing and he believes we have enough for December, January and February.

Next month we meet on **Saturday 16th September** – Roydon Village Hall – 8.30 to about 3.00pm. Auction at 1.00pm

Dealers booked in are Brian Pentalow, Richard Corby, Peter Beer, Robert Butterworth, Gary Challis, Michael Bott, Mike Prior – perhaps Darren Moyse - and the return after a very long absence of John Shaw. Looks like the back room will house one or two, isn't it nice to be popular.

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True Legends of the East Anglia Cartophilic World

I am very sorry to have to inform members of the death's of two club

members, Derek Bradshaw and Derrick (Gus) Garrod.

Derek Bradshaw passed away quietly on Sunday (20th) after a long illness, he was 94 years old. It was Derek who introduced me to EACCC in 1983 and we travelled together to the club for many a year. I was pleased to call Derek my friend, he was a very knowledgeable cartophilist. Derek worked for a national insurance company, here in Kings Lynn and I used to love going into his office and talk cards, what he didn't know about cards wasn't really worth knowing. He sold his collection (through the club auction) a few years back and he was always amazed at how much I paid him out each month. Derek was club secretary in 1982/83 and helped provide much stability and wisdom to the club and its members. Although he has been in a care home for the last couple of years, I still sent him the newsletter every month and I understand Cynthia his wife would read it to him so he could keep informed on how the club was progressing. I have a lot to thank Derek for and I will always appreciate and remember a nice man. His funeral is at Mintlyn Crematorium in Friday 1st September at 1.45pm. I will certainly go and say thanks to Derek from myself and all club members. Derek's picture is number three in the 1993 EACCC Personalities.

Derrick (Gus) Garrod died in Queen Elizabeth hospital Kings Lynn on Friday (25th) after a fall in his home, he was 96. He loved coming to the club every month and will always be remembered for travelling miles in his three wheeled Reliant Robin. He was a member of the Cartophilic Society of Great Britain and also the Boston Card club. He always bought Albert Watson to the clubs and when doctors told him not to drive any more he was always grateful for a lift to the clubs from me and lately Colin Gamble. He was always a good passenger in the car and had many a tale to tell of his younger collecting days, He rarely missed a meeting and was last with us in June. I don't have his funeral details yet but will pass the word when known. Gus is number 11 in the 2007 set of EACCC Personalities.