

# East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023

*A new year and we began our 15<sup>th</sup> year at Roydon Village Hall, a home that has proved ideal for our needs. Now we are in the depths of winter, once again the east coast seemed to have come out well, no snow, little rain but very cold. We all had to clear our cars of frost before we left and although it was muddy, there was very little traffic so overall a nice ride to Roydon. I'm not going to complain about the sun coming up straight into my eyes, just had to drive carefully.*

*The boys had set up and three dealers were in place ready to pass on their collectable cards and it wasn't long before the early birds arrived and set about searching. First job of the day for me is to help Alan set the auction out, then sort out the club table then it's coffee time.*

*The day was busy with a good number of members coming along to the meeting, we had two visitors today from Cambridge and Grantham, I think they enjoyed their day, who know's they may even join us sometime. We did have two ex members rejoin us after a break of 4 years, welcome back to Gary and Margaret Colman from Beccles. Unfortunately the third member of the family Tony passed away last November, he was a member of our club for many years and can be seen on card number 6 in series 3 of our personalities. A very nice man with a unique sense of humour and a ardent Norwich City fan, so he had good tastes as well. I didn't do a head count from the book today but I think the attendance was around 50/52. Check put my mention of the membership later in the newsletter.*

*Incidentally if any member wants a set of any of the three sets of EACCC personalities, there are several in the cupboard (of all three sets) just ask at the desk. They are free. Don't forget to support the club table, we have every size page and there will be some used 2<sup>nd</sup> hand albums available next month. A lot of members said how much they enjoyed the 'December' meeting, in particular the buffet and the raffle, it seems to have become a tradition now so we know what to do in December 2023.*

*We did have a short committee meeting during the morning and decided some important issues ....*

*- last year our club meeting fell on Easter Saturday so we had a raffle for club funds, this year it doesn't so we decided to have a mid summer raffle in June.*

*- the club is in a very strong financial position (with around £7k) in the bank, this is members money and we don't need to have such a high balance, let's face it " it will never be a rainy day ", so we decided that we will carry over the club membership fee (£10 due in April) and everyone will get a free year. Also all members and friends will receive a free commemorative pen with the club name, this will be linked to the April convention. If anyone has any ideas that will benefit the club and it's members we will*

be pleased to hear from you. I have sold all the 'Murray's catalogues now, thank you to everyone who bought a copy.

Now the festive season is over, we can turn our attention to the forthcoming CSGB annual convention (and their AGM), plans are coming along nicely, with at this precise moment 16 dealers are signed up and coming (our target is 30 and 100+ tables - which I think we will achieve). We have sent out over 5000 flyers advertising the event and organised articles and adverts in the local press for just before the event. As hosts of this event we will need volunteers to do specific tasks on the days, so if you are going to be there please offer to give an hour to hosting. I will outline what is needed in the next couple of month's. If you collect cards you really can't afford to miss this event, it is after all the biggest cigarette and trade card fair anywhere in the world. Remember the dates Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at Alive Lynnsport Kings Lynn. It is a absolutely great venue with plenty of free parking and as important perhaps excellent bright lighting and lots of space.

Back to today and as usual the morning seemed to fly by and just before the magic auction hour approached our Chairman Les called the meeting to order for the presentation of a cheque (for £360) to our selected charity this year Bowel Cancer UK. A representative from the charity Mr. Chris Stanley was present to receive it. He gave us an outline of how the money will be used and the important work done by the charity in fighting this terrible disease. Well done everyone for donating the prizes and buying the tickets, a truly great effort.

During the course of the morning both Alan and I took delivery of 100's and 100's of cards for forthcoming auctions. So many came in, we believe we have enough to include until July 2023. I took on 16 albums from a past member (now deceased) and although I have only flickered through them there is some real quality and rare cards. The first of these will be in May. It didn't look a particularly high quality auction this month, a lot of common and cheap cards with the high end expensive sets in short supply. Alan was ready, the team were ready. and off he went, rapidly finding new homes for the 250 lots of cards. Facts and figures are - total sales £2493. This was made up from 22 successful postal bidders spending £1114, a further 19 in house bidders who spent £1379. There were 7 vendors and only 27 unsold. Top spot was Lot 103 a rare and nice set of Barratt Footballers A4 who got kicked into touch for £95.

It is just 4 weeks to go before we do it again Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
same place - Roydon Village Hall same time 8.30am - 3.00pm Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Robert Butterworth, Gary Challis (perhaps), Darren Moyse, Mike Heard, Brian Pentalow and our good friend from Spalding Mike Prior.

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