

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

(Celebrating 50 years in 2019)

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Saturday 16th February 2019

It was a beautiful early spring day and the sun was shining and all was well in the world, after all we were going card hunting. Brexit deal or no deal wasn't going to affect the cartophilic collecting fraternity of enthusiastic card members of our club. East Anglian members were blooming just like the snowdrops in Thetford woods. I got there nice and early this month and although the boys had done their usual excellent job of setting up there was a crisis happening - Ken Short's legs had given up on him again and he had collapsed. Barry had called an ambulance and they soon arrived and after a thorough check over took him off to hospital. Remember the same had happened at a club meeting last year. Get well soon Ken. I will include an update on him if I hear before I print the newsletter.

The dealers rolled in early, most were ready and set up selling by 8.30am. Roger Mann had had to call off but I managed to persuade Paul Lynch to step in and we had a full house. Gary Challis was spread out with more room and he was doing a steady trade all day. He is really getting the dealing bug and has booked in for the rest of the year. Charlie and Brian were set up with their array of cards and coins. Peter Workman and his assistant Phil Lane had looked good with their impressive 'giant' albums. I put out a very large box of 10p cards - a real mixture - and many members spent a lot of time going through them looking for those elusive odds. This was the third and final time they will be available. They will be removed from the pockets and included in a future auction in boxes of 500/1000.

It was good to see Doreen back with us, welcoming everyone, she had a good birthday celebration in January and told me she was thinking about us.. As the morning developed the members drifted in, keen to find a cartophilic gem. It was good to see Ian and Joe with us all the way from Grimsby and 'of course' the Sussex boys made it as usual. In all I think 58 members and 1 visitor from Norwich. She has discovered the club and I am sure will be back with us real soon as the two bids she left in the auction were both successful.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer for the forthcoming Annual Convention in Nottingham at the end of April. The previous one I sent out needs to be thrown away as the venue has changed. I'm sure the event will be as good as ever and for anyone who is a keen card collector it must not be missed. It is on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th April, at the De Vere Jubilee Conference Centre Nottingham. Full details on the flyer. I hope to see many EACCC members making the short trip to this big event.

Future events for the club include a special silks auction in April (list included with this newsletter), lots of rare collectable silk cigarette cards, many never before seen and certainly not in any catalogue. If you don't especially collect silk cards take the opportunity to admire and appreciate the amount of delicate work needed to make these wonderful, colourful cigarette and trade cards.

It is going to be a busy month in April as we intend to have an Easter Raffle (the April meeting is on Easter Saturday), so bring along prizes please in March and April. Proceeds for club funds. Also subscriptions are due in March and April and I will be around to relieve everyone of a £10 note, the best buy you will ever make. We have to fit in a AGM as well, (not that ever takes long).

Les was ready at 12.30 to make a presentation and when order was achieved, he introduced two representatives from our chosen charity 'Help the Heroes'. The proceeds from our Christmas raffle.

It soon came round to 1.00am and that only means one thing to our members, Auction time. The lots had been perused with appraising eyes, numbers noted down, and an eager audience sitting ready to furiously wave their yellow bidding number. We knew it wasn't going to be a great auction and the final result proved us right. Of the 250 lots, 68 remained unsold many not even receiving a bid. This was because there was a lot of common Players and Wills sets and although the quality was good, the rarity was missing. Most of the membership have all the common sets they want in their collection. We don't want to refuse to take items in for the auction but common cards do not sell and therefore do not help the club or the members. They are a waste of time us trying to sell them. My personal opinion is we need to have a change of attitude to what is acceptable to be included in the auction - take all cards but maybe bundle the more common sets up into 'bulkier' lots of maybe 10 sets. What do you think, why not tell us your views. The facts and figures for February auction are the 360 lots sold for £2887. There were 18 successful in house bidders parting with £1739, a further 10 successful postal bidders who spent £1148. There were 7 vendors and unfortunately 68 remained unsold. We had to wait until the very end for the top spot, Lot 250 a lovely set of Singleton and Cole, Famous Film Stars being knocked down to a postal bidder for £130, a real bargain.

Next month we do it all again - in just 4 weeks time on Saturday 16th March with a plethora of dealers. Booked in are Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, Ken Sanderson, Mike Heard, John Shaw, John Haddon Silver, Gary Challis, Geoff McMillan, Derek Golson and 'believe it or not Mike Prior. Standing room only in the hall. It hurts me to say this but if anyone wants to drop out it might help after all there is only so much money to go round. I have a waiting list of dealers wanting to come to us and to be realistic 9 is our maximum.

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Meeting Dates

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Saturday 18th May, Saturday 15th June,**

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All at Roydon Village Hall, nr Diss, South Norfolk

from 8.30am to 4.00pm