

## East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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I must start this month by thanking on behalf of the club, Alan Worthington for his kind donation of a 'almost new' computer to the club. As I reported last month my computer crashed and was proving difficult to use but Alan came forward and saved the day with a spare machine he had and was not using. So we are back as we were and should be okay for the time being. I have been busy learning the new machine and it's idiosyncrasies.

This month most of us travelled to Roydon in very heavy rain and it was a very difficult drive, what with lying water on the road, lorries squirting it everywhere and the sky giving us a heavy dosage, you had to concentrate all the way.

I was very pleased the boys were up and about and soon set up and started welcoming the house full of dealers we were expecting. Great to welcome Derek Golson who had travelled up from Derby, he had a great day and has booked in again next June. Also present for a second time Mike Murphy all the way from the wilds of Yorkshire, both dealers brought with them top quality high end cards. Mike has booked in again next February. My apologies to local dealers we did manage to squeeze everyone in and special thanks to Brian for going in the back room. Nice to see a member having a first go at dealing, Richard Spurgin brought his lovely collection of Norfolk/Suffolk postcards but told me he sold more discount stamps. Well where else can you get them, cheaper than a post office, Richard will be trying again in January. At the moment I have a plethora of dealers wanting to come to East Anglia and next year's meetings are filling up nicely. As last month our numbers were slightly down on average although 47 made the journey along with 4 visitors (one surprisingly from Diss !). The auction is always one of the main attractions to the club and this month's wasn't looking to good so a lot of members left before it started. there were many bargains to be had for those that stayed. Other news first ....

-- Peter Beer tell's me that Martin Brodie has died, he was a long time member of EACCC, joining in 1982. he can be found on card number 19 of the 1993 set of Personalities. Martin was the chairman of our neighbouring club Lea Valley for many years.

-- Make sure you read the enclosed opportunity for a club member to make an offer on Gus's unique collection of 'Typhoo Tea' and 'Only Fool's and Horses' memorabilia, both collections are extensive and very interesting.

-- Also included with this newsletter is an outline plan for next month's Christmas meeting with approximate times, two main thing's to remember == the auction is at 11.00am and please bring at least one prize for our Charity raffle. This year's chosen charity is Breast Cancer Now. We sold £155 tickets at this November meeting, hopefully we can double that in December. As

always we hope members will get in the spirit of Christmas, let's see plenty of jumpers, hats, even socks, the louder the better. As another nearly as important event is happening just up the road - football shirts will be an acceptable form of dress.

The new year is looking good for our club, the auction is going up to 300 lots from January (providing Alan's voice holds up), there are some very nice and diverse lots coming up. We hope to open up the auction to members lots again early in the new year. We had a young couple come into the club today with their fathers collection of 14 albums, although they were in good condition there was only 3 sets in the collection of any value. We did offer to buy them or to put them in our auction much later in the year but they wanted to think about it and took them away home to put them back in the bottom of their wardrobe for another 10 years. They found out about us from our website.

Details are slowly emerging about next year's Annual Convention which will be on Friday 5th/Saturday 6th April at Pudsey Civic hall (between Leeds and Bradford). We are going and as usual making a short break of it, the hotel is booked. I will keep you informed as always about the event. I have been told that CSGB want to establish a 4 year pattern for their convention that will include Pudsey 2024, Hemel Hempstead 2025, Salisbury 2026 and Kings Lynn 2027, we will see how that develops.

As I mentioned earlier in the newsletter the auction had no great attraction and many, many cheap common sets (you can only sell what you are given) and the final figure of £1920 reflected this observation. Unfortunately December look's the same !! Fortunately we have several good lot's coming up from January (list enclosed), February, March and April have all been completed and we are working on May now. Anyway this month, the 250 lots sold for £1920. There were 13 successful in house bidders who spent £464 on 103 lots, while the successful postal bidders totalled 22, spending £1464 on 110 lots, Alan certainly had a lot to post. There were 37 unsold and 8 vendors. Top spot went to lot 71 a part set Wills Overseas British Beauties selling for £60.

We seem to have got the end of the day down to a fine art now, and we were driving out the car park by 2.45pm. I must say a very warm and sincere thanks to all the members who clear up the hall at the end of the day. The hall committee have very high standards and with all your great help we seem to be able to help them maintain it.

Next month in just four weeks time we meet again for our Christmas meeting, remember to read the attached notice and make a point of coming along. Dockey bags at the ready. Saturday 16th December, Just the three dealers will be present, Mike Heard, Mike Prior and Peter Beer. Normally Paul Lynch would grace us with his presence but he is having a new knee fitted so can't drive for six weeks.

Hope everyone will make an effort to be with us, for the free buffet, to support our chosen charity and probably most important of all, to see all your fellow card collecting friends.

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