

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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Sometimes you know when it is going to be a good day and although it was frosty and a bit cold everyone who ventured forth to Roydon had a great day. It was still dark when I scrapped the overnight frost off the car but she soon warmed up and a steady drive saw me at the hall just passed the hour of 8 o'clock, Ken and Barry had the tables and chairs out and two dealers were busy setting up their goodies. It wasn't long before the sweet smell of coffee wafted from the kitchen and I knew Sally's team were with us. A couple of Breakfast's were soon visible and smelling wonderful.

Alan was also early this month and we soon had the 250 lot auction out for members to make their final decision on whether they would be bidding for the lovely cards on offer.

We had a full house of dealers booked in (in fact for the 2nd month running I had to turn one away), and it was nice to welcome John Taylor and his regular assistant Colin Weston all the way from Melton Mowbray with his lovely selection of quality cards, also with us was Pete Workman and Ken Sandeman from deepest Essex, Peter Beer was back foregoing important Suffolk Council business for our more important meeting. Good choice Peter. Alan Wilde and his wife Toni were making a rare appearance; Norwich City must have been away from home this week. I'm afraid to say he let the side down a bit as I spied an Ipswich Town book on his stall. I do hope no one bought it, no our members are much more selective.

The members were in evidence early as usual one of the first as always Graham and Ray keen to snap up the bargains. I sold an album of gum cards to an early bird although it was meant to go on the members table. This early bird certainly caught the bargain. There seemed to be good frantic atmosphere all day today with many members being seen after a break. One of those was John Varden from Felixstowe and although he paid a visitors fee he rather surprisingly didn't re-join. Nice to see Ian Penistone and Joe Clark with us from Grimsby and Dave Scuffham bought Robin Gulliver from Lincoln with him. The boys from Sussex are regularly monthly members and travelled up today in a car with a broken heater so were glad of the warmth the hall offered. They were soon in amongst the cards. In all 62 members and 3 visitors were present today.

I'm sorry to report Alan Huggins is not well, he has had a fall at home and didn't feel well enough to travel this month, get well soon Alan. I heard today that Ron Newstead's son Mark, who joined earlier this year, has moved abroad for a couple of years. Apparently Mark is a doctor and has moved to St. Helena near the Ascension Islands in the mid-Atlantic. It's a bit far for him to come to every meeting but he will be bidding in the auction by email.

Our auction this month comprised of 250 lots from just two vendors, the first 150 from our good friend Harry Bullock's wonderful maritime collection. A few lots again next month complete the sale but Wendy Bullock tells me that she wishes to sell his tremendous collection of Titanic cards early next year. That's something to look forward to.

The facts and figures this November were, the 250 lots were sold for £2389 to 19 in house bidders spending £1176 , there were 18 postal bidders who totalled £1213 . Only 27 went unsold. Top spot this month went to Lot 99 some nice Almond Princess ships for £60.

Next month we meet on **SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER** (not as the auction list says!!!!); remember the auction starts at around 11.00am. This is our Christmas meeting so the wearing of Christmas hats and sweaters is nearly compulsory that will get us in the spirit. The full days programme was sent out last month, so get here early and support the two dealers Paul Lynch and Peter Beer. Thank you every one who has already brought us in Raffle prizes, we have a **STAR** prize of a **TWO** night stay in a luxury hotel of your choice for two people. Please remember to bring a prize or two for our prize table it would be great to top 100 prizes this year for the first time. The chosen charity this year is the St. Elizabeth Hospice in Ipswich which is a very worthy cause. Their aim is to improve the quality of life for people with a progressive illness. I'm sure several of our members have experienced their fantastic work in one form or another. Let's see how much we can make from the raffle to help their work. As always we sold tickets for the Christmas Charity Raffle at the November meeting and I have already banked £109.00.

I have a copy of the menu Sally is providing for us and it looks absolutely wonderful, among the delights on offer are 'hot bites' -- cocktail sausages, wedges, breaded chicken and pasties, 'cold bites' -- quiches, salmon snacks, cheese scones and vole-au-vonts, 'sandwich selection' -- turkey, cheese, ham, egg, tuna, 'sweet bites' -- mince pies, cocktail meringues, and shortbreads plus a long list of nibbles. The buffet is 'as always' free to members, visitors are very welcome but I would appreciate a small donation towards the cost of the food (£5.00)

Whether your coming to the December meeting or not may I take this opportunity to wish each and every member a truly wonderful Christmas and a bountiful card searching New Year. I hope everyone will raise a glass to the future prosperity and success of our wonderful club.

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER 2016



Christmas meeting -- Sunday 11th December 2016

To give members an idea of how our Christmas meeting will take shape here is a rough programme. All times are approximate

8.00 – 8.30am Hall set up – dealers arrive and set up

Dealers coming are Paul Lynch and Peter Beer

9.00 am Members arrive – Auction available for viewing

Check in as usual. Tea/Coffee available,

Raffle Tickets on sale, prizes made ready

11.00am 176 Lot auction = usual format

12.30 midday Sally's wonderful Christmas Buffet

with Crackers, Mince Pies, Wine and lots more

2.00pm 'Father Christmas' aka Chairman Les

has word of thanks

2.15pm Giant Christmas Raffle – all proceeds to

– Elizabeth Hospice a local Cancer charity

4.00pm or thereabouts == clear up and go home to

celebrate another Christmas Festival.

