

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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There seems to be a lot of information to share this month so maybe cut the usual preamble to charge right in with the news to share. There was a big turnout for November and although we were a couple of dealers short, it was nice to see John Haddon Silver and Peter Workman busy most of the morning. Charlie has cornered the market for collectable coins and very interesting to see the members around his table who have a broader collecting habit. I brought numerous albums of 20p cards and like bees round a honeypot members swarmed in after a bargain. It was to be their final appearance before being prepared for an auction next year but several mentioned to me that they hadn't had time to look at them as close as they would like to, Alan persuaded me to bring them out again in January – that will be their final appearance.

There were 61 members present today and a further 4 visitors also a new member has been enrolled, he is Keith Kiddie from down the road in Diss. Keith was telling me he has inherited his father's collection and when he started sorting it out, he discovered his collecting bug. We welcome you Keith, you will find many like-minded collectors at our regular meet.

I have been told that one of our members has died, Roy Cock from East Harling, quietly at home on the 4th November. He came to the club regular with his good friend Ron Newman and will be missed by several members. With my other hat on, there have been no less than 3 deaths this past two days of card collectors.

Other news – a bit more cheerful – I have heard that Muriel Peck (still our Vice President) has moved into a Care home in Yaxley (Suffolk), also I understand Bruce Tyrell has moved within Ipswich. I hope they are both comfortable and happy. I haven't seen Ted Wareham this month but have spoken to him on the phone and he tells me that his wife Margaret is in hospital for some tests. Get well soon Margaret, Ted needs you, Alan and I are going to visit him in December.

- Please read the enclosed notice carefully it will affect you. It is necessary to make some minor changes and we hope you will continue to support the biggest and best card collecting club in the country.

Our Christmas meeting is next up and like many of you I look forward to the relaxed friendly atmosphere and fun raffle. Our regular sponsor has done us proud again this year and up for first prize again is a luxury weekend for two at a nice hotel. Ask last year's winners they had a great time. Tickets were on sale this month and I have already banked £100, which will be given eventually to Prostrate Cancer. Please remember to bring at least one very nice raffle prize.

Also with this newsletter is next year's dates (also 2019) so put them in your diary/calendar and don't book your holiday on them. Plans are well advanced for the Card Convention in Kings Lynn, remember the dates Saturday/Sunday 28th/29th April at Lynnsport.

There has been a good early response to our forthcoming Silks auction in February, Alan is putting the final touches to the list and it will be with you between Christmas and New Year. Free adverts are going in the January edition of Card World and it will be mentioned in Card Scene (!).

We have yet another collection to pick up (this time from Reading), it will be listed and included in the March 2018 auction, I haven't seen it yet but the collector specialised in Film Stars, so that is something to look forward to, as is the final 160 lots I picked up from Wendy Bullock this month, Harry has some lovely cards for us to sell.

We launched into our November auction on time and Alan in his indomitable fashion rattled through the 250 lots in next to no time. The final result was the 250 lots sold for £2276. There were 19 successful in house bidders who spent £1328 and a further 11 postal bidders who only managed to spend £928. There was some expensive James Taddy cards in today and it was no surprise to see Lot 79, a nice set of Orders of Chivalry in top spot at a mere £180. There were 69 unsold from the 8 vendors. Next month we have a much smaller auction and don't forget it will be at 11.00am.

As next month is our Christmas meeting, it will be slightly different, a timetable was circulated last month – don't forget auction at 11.00, free buffet approximately 12.30, giant charity raffle around 1.45pm. Peter Beer and Paul Lynch will be the only dealers available to satisfy our thirst for cards.

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Important Information concerning our club

The committee would like to implement from April 2018 some minor changes to our club

Background - the club has been the same for the past 15 years and costs have gone up considerably in those years. The club needs to raise it's income level to meet the rising costs. The cost of the hall is going up in February 2018 from £87 a meeting to £100. The cost of postage has gone up several times in those years and will go up again in April 2018.

Proposal - to raise income we need to :

- Increase subscriptions to £10 per person a year.
- Raise vendors fee from 10% to 12.5% from May 2018.
- Apply a club minimum of £2 per lot to every lot
- Move more members to email receipt of the newsletter

This will generate an income of £500 per annum..

Membership has always (as long as I can remember) been £6, I think this represents tremendous value for money. Remember the thoughts of our President a few years ago

I believe this was sent to members in July 1987 by Ritchie Summers

It all still applies today with additions and amendments

(a) your share of the £1200 hire charge p.a.....	£12.00	
(b) 12 free cups of tea/coffee	£6.00	
(c) monthly newsletter (includes postage/envelopes etc	£9.20	
(d) subsidised Christmas lunch	£9.00	<u>£36.20</u>

Plus subscription only £10 and no attendance fee.

Plus opportunity to dispose of your collection whenever you want.

Plus opportunity to view many very rare cards (often beyond your pocket)

Plus a bigger auction

Plus more dealers per meeting

Plus an excellent Club table

Plus opportunity to take part in a Club raffle twice a year

Plus membership of the biggest Card Collecting Club in the country.

Vendors Fee The committee would like our members to understand that an awful lot of work goes into preparing, lotting and despatching our auctions, when we sell lots for £1 the 10p generated does not reflect this, nor does it help our bank balance. It is widely known that the average auction house charges between 18 to 20% buyers premium and 18 to 20% sellers premium, plus lotting, insurance & VAT, which adds up to a whopping 40%+ that every seller loses, so as you can see we are still very competitive. .

We discussed other money saving/making ideas including – not providing drinks but the caterers would suffer/free Christmas buffet is very popular and allows the club to give something back to the members/producing the newsletter bi monthly but again it is popular and it reminds members of the meetings/ having more raffles/introduce an entrance fee/raising visitors fee.

Our final discussion was around the Christmas meeting – many members have asked for it to be on a Saturday so from 2018 it will be. The **SECOND** Saturday of December. Big issue could be getting dealers but we will cross that bridge when we come to it.

