

# *East Anglian Card Collectors Club*

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Saturday 19<sup>h</sup> November 2022

The temperature has dropped, winter is with us, it's dark nights leaving us plenty of time for indulging in our favourite hobby of card collecting. Only EACCC members do it all year round. This month is usually one of our more popular days and as usual the loyal, dedicated, enthusiastic cartophilists from East Anglia were keen and ready to search for that elusive card and set.

We had six dealers booked in – unfortunately Mike Prior has a chest infection that was effecting his breathing and was unable to make the trip from Spalding. He has been in touch with his apologies and is going to try and come again in the new year. We did have Peter Russell with us again – all the way from Market Drayton (over near the Welsh border) and he had a very good day. Peter supposedly retired from dealing a couple of years back but is keen to move on his extensive stock. He gave Alan several items for the auction.

The boys had done their usual excellent job of setting up, and the dealers were soon selling and the early birds were soon searching for interesting items to add to their collections. I think the final number was over 50 (so I forgot to count). Several members are not checking in on arrival, please try not to forget to just tick the book and take a drinks voucher. Doreen wasn't feeling her best today and couldn't make it, so self check in was more important. Nice to see Mike Reeve with us again after a long absence. Mike is our longest serving member as he came to our 2<sup>nd</sup> club meeting way back in May 1970.

I want to express my special thanks this month to Sally our caterer, who unfortunately lost her mother early last week and really didn't want to let us down. She arranged for Katrina and her friend (not the waves !) to step in. It was greatly appreciated, our thoughts and best wishes are with you Sally at this difficult time.

On a happier note I took Gus to see our good friend Albert in his care home in Shouldham last week. He was on very good form and talked about the club and some members. Unfortunately he can't continue his collecting 'addiction' (and yes that's what it is) in his new home. He sorely misses it and the club.

We had another two members join this month, Paul Dale and his niece Sarah Dale from Ipswich. We hope you enjoy your membership and are able to come most months. They take our membership number up to over 90 now, a very healthy number.

We have finalised our plans for our December meeting and an approximate timetable is enclosed with this newsletter. Please don't forget to bring your raffle prizes in, they don't need to be anything expensive or extravagant just nice, perhaps with a Christmas theme. This year's chosen charity is Bowel Cancer UK. Tickets were on sale at this meeting and I have already banked £135. Please remember the auction of 200 lots starts earlier at **11.00am**. The free Christmas themed buffet will be around 12.45, don't forget to bring your 'docky bags' there is always plenty to go round. The final reminder is for every one to wear a Christmas jumper or shirt, or hat or even just socks – whatever takes your fancy.

Also enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer for next years convention, make a note of the date, it's not to be missed if you are a card collector. I was busy this month selling the new Murrays price guide (or book of dreams as it is known by some people). The club has bought 2 boxes of 26 for club members and after discussion with Les agreed to sell them to members for what we paid for them, £10, the retail price is £12.50. I did sell a lot of them but have about 20 left, please ask me if you want one. It's the book all cigarette and trade card collectors use.

The auction was soon on us and Alan was ready to find new homes for the 250 lots, some of them were very keenly fought after but as usual we had the more common sets that weren't. The final figure was a respectable total of £2897. There were 20 successful postal bidders who spent £1401 but there were also 20 successful in house bidders who spent a further £1496. There were 7 vendors and only 21 remained unsold. Alan had some 'silly bids' this month (you know what I mean, £2 bid for a set listed at £200) which he used his auctioneers prerogative and refused to offer them up, even as a starting bid, that's not fair to the vendors who wouldn't appreciate us selling them at the bids offered. We had to wait until Lot 249 for top of the shop, a really nice set from 1908 Salmon & Gluckstein The Great White City, selling for £300, just short of half catalogue. Next month it is easy to predict the top seller, and you won't have to wait long, Lot 1 – a part set 45/50 James Taddy very rare Black back British Medals and Decorations, almost certain to exceed their lower estimate of £600.

Alan has told me he has completed the listings for January (copy enclosed), February and March and is about to start on April. This will be a special auction of mostly top quality rare cards, so we will be trying to beat our club record – see below --- it will also we hope be included with Card World and circulated to it's 550 members. If you want to include any items for this listing they must be with us by the next meeting. We have about 100 lots already so more room if you have any you wish to include.

**Next meeting our Christmas Special Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

If you can't make it I really hope you have a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and that 2023 will bring you everything you wish for in your continued search to improve your collection.

**Current Club records ....**

**Top lot seller .. April 2013 set 50 Wills Animals and Birds in Fancy Dress £2300**

**Top total sales .. May 2006 £7200**

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# **East Anglian Card Collecting Club**

**Christmas meeting -- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

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

**8.00 Hall set up – dealers arrive and set up**

*Dealers coming are Paul Lynch, Mike Heard and Peter Beer*

**8.30 am Members arrive – Auction available for viewing**

**Check in as usual. Tea/Coffee/Baps available until auction time.**

**Raffle Tickets on sale      Check out the Prize table**

**11.00 am      200 Lot auction = usual format  
(list already circulate)**

**12.30 ish      ‘Father Christmas’ aka Chairman Les  
has his usual word of thanks.**

**12.45 ish      Our wonderful FREE Christmas Buffet  
with great food, mince pies, wine and lots more.**

**2.00 pm      Giant Christmas Raffle – all proceeds to  
– ‘Bowel Cancer UK’ a very worthy charity**

**3.30pm or thereabouts – clear up and go home to  
celebrate another Christmas Festival.**

**Please note it is normal for members to bring at least  
two prizes each for the raffle.**

**Non members are welcome but we will require a donation  
to the club, if they wish to enjoy this sumptuous feast**

