

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

Newsletter No. 628 Saturday 16th November 2024

This was a typical autumn day and the drive to Roydon was only spoilt by two very slow extra large lorries with a police escort taking huge coils of cable somewhere. When I drove into the car park, dawn was breaking and the hall lights were all lit up. I have had an operation on my hand a few days before and was under strict instructions from the Doctor not to lift anything so I was very pleased to see many of the tables up and nearly ready for business. Barry wasn't available today so my thanks go to Peter and John for doing some of the setting up. For the first time ever as the rest of the dealer arrived they were asked to set up their own tables.

The early birds were soon in evidence and I was grateful to many of them for helping set up the final aspects of the opening process. I knew they were keen to get their hands on the type books and see what gems they could find. This was going to be the last time they are available in this format.

My main aim this month was to sell the 48 copies of the new Murrays catalogue (kindly brought to Roydon by John Shaw). I had done a deal with Paul Lynch to buy 48 copies for just £10 each (retail price £12.50). After a discussion with Alan we made an executive decision to offer them to members at the subsidised price of 50p. They went like 'hotcakes' with many members unable to resist this tremendous offer - all 48 were gone by 12.30am. Let me know by the December meeting if you want one at this price, I can get more. This is a members only deal.

We had 5 dealers in attendance today, John Shaw was busy all morning with his tremendous selection of cards, nice to see Steve and Paula Lewis selling again and Brian was very pleased to be back in the main hall.

There was a lot of social interaction this month and a good attendance by members (52) plus 5 visitors, all who kept the dealers and Sally busy all morning. Several members took advantage of Sally's huge breakfasts as well as the large selection of pies, butties and snacks she had on offer. Next month hot drinks and snacks will only be available until 11.00am to enable the back room to be prepared for the Christmas buffet. I have included this month a list of future meeting dates, the hall is booked for 2025 and 2026, so we can plan ahead. I understand The Park Hotel in Diss is now a immigrant 'hotel', as a club we enjoyed 13 years meeting there until they wanted to increase the monthly rent from £100 to £300 in 2008. We have no regrets about moving to our new home in Roydon.

Many members offered their condolences to Alan, on the sudden loss of Gill and he was very grateful. I know several members have sent him cards as well. My thanks to Roger Weeks who found an article in the Eastern Daily Press (Saturday 26th October) about Cigarette Cards. It was written by Mike Hicks and bestowed the benefits of buying a LCCC price guide book. Unfortunately he forgot to mention our club, a point I have challenged him about.

We had a committee meeting this month, so over a cup of coffee the final details were hammered out for our Christmas special meeting. The results of our discussions are on the attached timetable for the day, please read it carefully and note particularly aspects that interest you. Please note that the auction will start at 11.00am sharp, with all the other timings flexible. The buffet will be from about 12.45, with the raffle following on after all the plates, cups, glasses etc have been cleared away. This helps the caterers clear the kitchen. There is usually plenty for all - dicky bags are welcome - nobody likes to see food wasted so please have your fill. Visitors are 'of course' welcome to attend the day and if they want to enjoy the buffet, I must collect £8 off each (that's the price the club pays), to members it is free.

The raffle this year is for the Oncology department of a local hospital and a truly worthy charity to support. Last year we gave £500 to our selected charity, can we beat it in 2024, I really hope so. All you have to do is bring in a prize or two (or maybe 3) each and buy a few raffle tickets. Les has sold £195 of tickets at this November meeting so that's a very good start. It all adds up to a good day out.

I'm glad to report to members that we have completed the listings of the Gus Garrod collection and the last lots will be sold in June next year. It has been a challenge from the start to list them as they are so varied but interesting. We have plenty of items to sell as many members have bought their treasurers in to sell. The biggest problem now seems to be storage. This month we knew we didn't have too many high price lots included and this was reflected in the number of postal bidders being well down. You can only sell what you are given and we try to organise the auction to suit all tastes and pockets, looking on the bright side we have some very nice lots coming up in the next few months. The data reflects this as the total sales was £3070 with 25 successful postal bidders spending £1609 on 86 lots. The successful in house bidders totalled 17 spending £1461 on an incredible 214 lots. There was just the one vendor and amazingly no unsold. It was a tie for top lots this month ... Lot 30 a very nice set Brooke Bond Rhodesia Butterflies of the World and Lot 60 a quantity of Ogden Tabs both selling for £110

Next month we meet on **Saturday 14th December** - timetable is enclosed with this newsletter. **Christmas sweaters** are optional but always good to see and it does help us get in the Christmas spirit, so it's time to dig them out. I hope everyone has a good Christmas and let's hope 2025 will be better for everyone, we all deserve it.

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Christmas meeting Saturday 14th December 2024

7.30am Doors Open for Dealers and Caterer

Dealers Mike Heard, Peter Beer and Paul Lynch

Hall set up

8.00am Doors open for members

Auction available for viewing

Raffle Prizes set up on table

Raffle Tickets available for sale

8.30am Hot Drinks and Snacks available

11.00am 300 lot Auction

12.45pm Words of Wisdom from Chairman Les

1.00pm 'Christmas themed' Buffet -- free to members

2.00pm Giant Raffle (in aid of Oncology Dept of local Hospital)

3.30pm Time for home and be thankful for another exciting

12 month's of club meetings.

All times are approximate



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Future Meetings January 2025 to December 2026

2025

Saturday 18th January	Saturday 15th February
Saturday 15th March	Saturday 19th April
Saturday 17th May	Saturday 21st June
Saturday 19th July	Saturday 16th August
Saturday 20th September	Saturday 18th October
Saturday 15th November	Saturday 13th December

2026

Saturday 17th January	Saturday 21st February
Saturday 21st March	Saturday 18th April
Saturday 16th May	Saturday 20th June
Saturday 18th July	Saturday 15th August
Saturday 19th September	Saturday 17th October
Saturday 21st November	Saturday 12th December

**All the meetings at Roydon Village Hall near Diss, South Norfolk
from 8.30 am to 3.00pm**

