

# *East Anglian Card Collectors Club*

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It was a very early start for me today, the boys were away for the weekend and as I pulled into the hall carpark at twenty past seven, dawn was just breaking. I set about the chairs and tables with a 'gusto' – wondering how long my energy would last – and eager to see which dealer was going to be first on the scene.

For the first time ever ( I think) I had a problem with the dealers, I discovered on the Friday that I had 11 booked in – and we can only get 8 maximum in the hall. Luckily one dropped out and I am grateful to John Haddon Silver and Roger Mann for stepping aside. It did mean we were going to be full to the rafters with cards, dealers and members – whoopee a great day!

First in the hall was our good friend from Essex Ken Sandeman, we had a good chat, mainly about the success of Essex cricket this year, but it was nice to welcome him again. I think he has missed us this year and has booked in again next month. Making his final appearance for this year anyway was John Shaw filling his corner out with his massive array of stock and dogs. Charlie and Brian didn't mind going in the back room along with Ken Courtney and the lovely Alice and Janice.

I had bought with me about 30 albums of 20pence cards (Alan brought another 20) so there was plenty for the early birds to look through. I also bought some second-hand albums and pages but they were soon devoured up by the keen collectors who like a bargain. There will be more next month but they will be the last, you will have to wait for the auction in the new year to see them again.

It didn't take long for the club to get going, the chatting, talking, buying, selling and general all round camaraderie, even the gentle banter of the forthcoming Norwich/Ipswich local derby was all in good fun (Sorry blues bragging rights to the yellows, AGAIN !)

There were 58 members who made it today and 7 visitors, - the furthest from Portugal – yes he lives there and timed his holiday to see us. He is going to be a regular postal bidder in the future. We also had a new member join us this month Mr.P.Wilson from Gooderstone, a very warm welcome I hope we see you every month.

It was gone 9.00 before Alan and I got round to the first coffee and breakfast and it was mobile this month, there seemed so much to do. I knew it was going to be a long day when I was ready for lunch just after breakfast.

It was nice to welcome Mr. Rob Butterworth from Bury St Edmunds to the club, Rob's tea company is the only tea company still producing cards in their packets, and he bought along the drafts of his next series 'Architecture and Design'. It was nice to see Great Yarmouth well represented on the cards. Rob is also 'Captain Bob' in Card World (you have to be a member of the Cartophilic Society) to read his interesting articles, the current series is on his visit to local branches. He was pleased to meet Mike Reeve – our oldest member (not in years but membership) and extracted quite an interview from him. It will be in Card World in the New Year along with the photographs he took.

We have received from Kate our Christmas buffet menu and it looks very appetising as well, among the goodies on offer, all sorts of delicacies including breaded chicken, cheese pasties, sausages, profitta rolls, salmon cones, salmon on brown bread, and no less than 5 different types of sandwiches (no crust, of course), then mince pies, shortbreads, meringues, and chocolate bites and much more. Don't forget this will all be free to members.

Guests are welcome but we have to ask for £7.50 (pay on the day), this is what we are subsidising for members. The date is Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, a draft programme of the day is enclosed with this newsletter, you don't have to book in just turn up – with your raffle prize – and enjoy the day. If you can't make it please bring your raffle prize to the November meeting, where raffle tickets will be on sale. Chosen charity this year is Prostrate Cancer.

I have updated the membership list this month and have discovered that I don't have a contact number for quite a few members, if there is a yellow dot on the front of your newsletter, then that means you, please correct that for me at the earliest opportunity.

Before we go on to the auction details I do feel we need to address the issue of noise during the auction, it is getting louder and louder, dealers packing up, telephones ringing, loud talking and for some of us our hearing is getting worse. Alan can't talk any louder without shouting, so can everyone please be quiet. Will dealers please consider not packing up until the auction end – we are never in a rush to go – although I do appreciate it is a long drive for some people. We are investigating the use of the hall's loud speaker and hopefully that will be made available to us and should help. Can members please be sure that their bids can be seen by Alan (or 1 of us); the best idea is to hold your bidding number up. This month we sold our 250 lots, took the monies and were packed up ready to go home in 11/2 hours, almost 'professional'.

The 250 lots in the auction were from just 3 vendors. Total sales were £2321, there were 18 in house bidders spending £1155 and 13 postal bidders spending £1166, only 48 went unsold. Top of the shop was a lovely set of Wills Overseas 1898 Conundrums , Lot 63 selling for £180.

Alan tells me he is currently lotting up January 2018 and has enough for February and March. You will remember that February will have 150 lots of Silks (we have enough) and April a Sports 150 card auction (a few more required). All auctions will still be 250 lots so there will be something for everyone. We are considering further auctions next year of Type cards, gum cards and a further Silk auction – watch this space.

We have only to wait four weeks before we do it again, next month we meet on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017** – same place, same time. Dealers booked in are John Haddon Silver, Peter Workman, Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, Ken Sandeman, Roger Mann, Mike Heard and Charlie Springer

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