

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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Why does it never cease to amaze me that our club seems to go from strength to strength every month. Every pointer said low attendance this month, poor auction even the weather was supposed to be wet and miserable, obviously I was looking in the wrong direction. Yes the numbers were down (I think the final figure was around 50), yes the auction contained many common items including Brooke Bond and cheap sets but again the final figure was acceptable. == we can only sell what we are given == and yes the weather was alright on the day. I have just realised I didn't go out side all day!

As always the boys had done a great job setting up and I was a bit later than usual and several dealers had set up and were selling. I know we are going through an economic crises within the country but we can all find a few pound now and then for our favourite hobby. You have to have some pleasures in life haven't you?

I do try and make a point of speaking to everyone who comes to the club, albeit very briefly sometimes but it was lunchtime before I realised that I hadn't spoken to Mike Heard, he's not with us again until the December meeting. I think all the dealers had a busy day today. All the regular members were with us and very keen to get there eyes on the auction lots. Nice to see Ray Warnes with us again after a break a few others with us who haven't been seen for a few month's include Malcolm Wincup, Barry Andrews and Gary Daynes. We had three visitors today all who joined the club, a very warm welcome to Craig Howard and Andrew Balls from Norwich and Roger Weeks from just down the road at Bressingham.

If like me you have a new calendar for 2023 you can now add the club meeting dates to it, they are == all the third Saturday of every month = 21st January, 18th February, 18th March, 15th April, 20th May, 17th June, 15th July, 19th August, 21st October, 18th November, 16th December. = the hall is booked up by the club until the end of 2024. I have just been informed by the hall committee that the rent will be going up in January to £110 a meeting, still good value I think. As the hall was booked for a 60th wedding anniversary after us, we didn't have to put the table and chairs away at the end, that was a help.

We did have a 'committee meeting' over coffee today – all the plans are in hand for the exciting Christmas meeting on the 17th December. A free Christmas themed buffet, a charity raffle – this year for Bowel Cancer UK -and 3 dealers. Members can bring a relative/guest if they wish but we do require/ask for a donation

to the club. Full details including timings next month. We also discussed whether or not, we as a club should have a table or two at next years convention, we didn't make a final decision but we don't have to until the new year.

Now some bad news, we were told today of two card clubs closing, Orpington in Kent (the biggest in the country a few years back) can't afford to go on as the hall costs are too much and one of the two Sussex branches. I'm afraid that is just a sign of the times, we are all getting older and there are not the young collectors coming through.

Les and Ann couldn't stop today – their daughter needed a lift to the airport – so Dave Turnbull took on the responsibility to show and share the 251 lot's in the auction. That will keep him fit for a few days. Every one was ready so Alan took the major decision to start the auction 10 minutes early. There were one or two hiccups today but we got there in the end. Final figures were total sales £1522, there were 17 in house successful buyers who spent £847 and a further 16 successful postal bidders spending £695. There were 6 vendors and 38 unsold. Top of the shop was lot 82, two large albums of 37 reproduction sets selling for £70. I'm pleased to report there are some top quality and very rare cards coming up in future auctions. The listing for December is enclosed with this newsletter. Alan is currently completing the January listing and has enough for February. Please continue to bring your items in as the auction is our main source of income and with it we can keep our doors open. The circulation of our listing to the CSGB membership in August increased the income and brought about several new postal bidders, we plan to repeat that exercise in April 2023 (with the agreement of the CSGB Council).

The new Murray's catalogue is supposed to be out next week but I understand it will be late and is not expected now until the end of November. Paul Lynch the editor is at our December meeting and I'm sure he will have copies with him I understand they will cost £12.50 each.

Next month we meet on Saturday 19th November at the same venue Roydon Village Hall and between 8.30am and 3.00pm. Dealers booked in are Brian Pentalow, Darren Moyse, Robert Butterworth, Peter Beer, Peter Russell and a return of a EACCC favourite Michael Prior.

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