

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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It was an early start this month but although I got to Roydon hall just after the ungodly hour of 8.00am, the hall was all set out and even some dealers were ready to sell. After the early worm I reckon. Nice to see Ken Short back with us after the scare he gave us last month.

We had a full house of dealers booked in and it was particularly nice to welcome back Mike Prior and Paul Lynch who I understand both had a good day. Mike told me he was off to the Sussex branch on Sunday so he will be covering some miles this weekend. Nice also to welcome back Ken and Alice Courtney, he was looking very well after his operation. Alice confessed to me she had missed coming to the club and meeting all her friends. Charlie told me he was having a quiet day, but his coins were selling. He is looking for a £2 coin with Edinburgh Castle on, if anyone can help him find it. I didn't see any of the new £10 notes yet, no doubt they will get to us in time.

As I was early I got a wants list out and did some searching, found a few but as always the search goes on. I love the feeling you get when you complete a set!

As the day progressed the members drifted in slowly, nice to see Bruce Tyrell back with us, must be best part of a year since he last made it to the club, he was busy all morning looking for those elusive odds. Ann and Les were back after their holidays, very suntanned and both confessed to thinking about us while in Canada. Have I ever mentioned we have a regular postal bidder from that far off land? There were eventually 55 members and 2 visitors present. Did you see what was on offer this month in the kitchen, mugs of coffee – not just cups apparently you just have to ask!

We seem to have our 'Christmas' meeting plans well in hand, Kate is preparing our Christmas themed Buffet. Don't forget it is SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER, two dealers have confirmed their attendance. We are already thinking of what prizes we will be bringing this year; our chosen charity is Prostrate Cancer.

- Someone left three nice folders/albums on the members table; I have them and will bring them next month, for them to be claimed.
- I was given a copy of our March 1982 club auction list held at Thetford and it makes interesting reading. It has on it what each lot made and who bought it. I like Lot 35 a complete set Millhoff Famous Golfers sold for £24 knocked down to Ernie, catalogued nowadays at £550. Top spot was a set of Wills Double Meaning (a very rare set) for the enormous sum of £76 (£450 nowadays) to a member just called West.
- I'm sure some of the older (!) members will remember him but I have been informed of the death of Brian Sweet a regular EACCC attender in the early days.

- We have had two lovely letters this week from members ‘thanking us’ for all the hard work we do on behalf of the club, it is always nice to be appreciated.

As usual the morning seemed to fly by, it was soon auction time, in fact we started late (which is very unusual) but some of the lots were cheap common sets and Alan whisked through them. It was almost move an arm and they were yours! He was going so fast at one time Ann was two lots behind sharing the lots out to the successful bidders! The end result was, we were cashed up, cleared up and locked up by 2.35pm. It was never going to be a good auction and the end result endorsed that.

We seem to have an abundance of material at the moment. The February ‘silk’ auction is building nicely, we have over 100 lots of silks to date. Just to put members minds at rest – the auction will only have a maximum of 150 silk lots and a further 100 lots of the usual material. So there will be something for everybody. The same will apply in April when we will have a 150 lots of sports cards. We have begun to sell the retired dealers stock, that’s why we have such a large quantity of the more commoner cards and large boxes of Odds, these will continue almost certainly into the new year.

It was ‘silks’ that lead the way at this auction, the 250 lots sold for a final total of £2030. There were 17 successful in house bidders spending £984 and a further 14 postal bidders spending £1046. The total number of unsold’s was rather high at 83 lots and a total of 23 lots sold for just a single pound coin. No doubt about the top spot this month Lot 74 a very rare and unlisted almost complete set of Lever Bros Cathedrals selling for a whopping £240.

Another 250 lots comes under Alan’s hammer next month, with among the more common cards is Lot 103, a really rare set from 1898 Wills Conundrums. Although catalogued at £450, they could be a real snip at £150, the estimate. The 20p albums will be with you again on the members table with many new cards, so get there early and get sorting. The albums and pages will continue while we have stock to dispose of. Don’t forget we keep a good stock of new pages and albums on the members table at just above trade price.

**Its five weeks until we do it again == SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER
8.30am to about 3.00pm -- Auction at 1.00pm**

**A full house of dealers booked include John Haddon Silver,
Ken Courtney, Roger Mann, Peter Beer, Alan Wilde, Mike Heard, Charlie
Stringer and Geoff McMillan.**

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