

East Anglian Cigarette Card Club

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This was going to be a good club meet, how did I know well, it felt that way! The day dawned (as it always does) and it was off for a slightly earlier start and nice smooth ride through the forest to Roydon.

The club was in full swing on my arrival, the boys having done a great job sorting out the tables and chairs. Graham Convey was making his debut as a dealer and he was sorted and selling well from an early hour. It is a well-known fact that a new dealer does well at our club on his first show and Graham was no exception. Graham was selling 'in the main' the fantastic football cards of our recently departed friend Adrian Scarff, he also added a few of his own cards but these were all 'got at' early by the early dealers Martin Toms, Peter Beer and John Shaw, as well as the early bird members. Some real bargains! I did manage to find a few cards for a change and look forward to sorting them out sometime in the future. Graham was kept busy all day so it was good he bought Ray Huggins with him to help out selling. He is a past member from our Thetford days, I know several members recognised him and I know he enjoyed his day. I hope he returns again soon and takes up his membership again.

There was a very good attendance today; we made it 62 members and a further 8 visitors. The two young men in last month's picture was Graham Convey and Mike Plant, haven't they aged well. It was nice to see Joyce chasing those who thought they could slip by her !! I did get a bit of stick for not bringing the badges (no I didn't forget them, I just couldn't get them in the car), they will be back next month, the same for the Albums and Pages. Next month I have a huge quantity of used albums and slipcasses, which I will bring with me. They are to be sold for club funds and will be available from £1 to £4. I do not want to take any home (they take a lot of room up in my garage!), first come first served on the club table. I do have several boxes also of used pages but they will have to wait until November as they need a bit of sorting. I normally sell them at £1 for a 100.

On a similar note I had an telephone chat with Paul Lynch recently – he has taken over the Murray guide book -- and he told me a 'new edition' will be available from the April convention next year. Let's hope he gets his values right – well I had my tuppence worth, he's with us in December, have your say then. A brief reminder next year's convention will be at Bracknell Leisure Centre in Berkshire on Saturday (30th April) and Sunday (1st May), biggest change – non CSGB members will not be allowed in the main hall until 12.00 midday (Members have access from 10.00am). Speak to me if you want to join the Cartophilic Society of Great Britain. The North Kent club has been renamed Kent Cigarette Card Collectors Club and their dates are now confirmed for next year, speak to Granville for more details.

Somebody left a set of Wills cards in a brown paper bag in the hall, I have them, speak to me to collect them.

Christmas meeting -- **SUNDAY 13th December 2015** will be a buffet and bumper raffle this year – more details next month. –

- We need a rough idea of numbers for catering purposes, please register your intention to attend with Joyce on the door at the October / November meet, or ring me on the number below. The buffet will be free to members and just £7.50 to non-members.
- This year the raffle proceeds will be given to ‘EACH’ a very worthwhile local charity. The rumour going round that we have invited its president to collect the cheque in January is completely unfounded. She is not available.

And now for something completely different

It has been suggested to us that we consider changing our club title (at next year’s AGM) – if you can’t remember what it is look at the top of the page !!! - Cigarette’ is a persona non grata word at the moment and we are also about Trade cards as well. If you think about it Cigarette Cards are also Trade cards. The suggestion is we consider changing to ‘**EAST ANGLIAN CARD COLLECTORS CLUB**’. It covers all sins! What do you think, should we change or are we too established and renowned as it stands. We do need to consider methods of recruiting the next generation of collectors and that might start the process.

There was a great atmosphere this month, everyone was busy, searching, looking, talking, chatting and buying. It was mentioned to me a couple of months ago that some members are not spending with the dealers but saving their cash for the bargains in the auction, that was certainly not the case this month everyone had a good day. Even the dealers spent well in the auction.

After several cups of coffee and a snack Alan and I were ready for the auction, the merry hour of 1.00pm soon came round and the 223 lots were soon exchanging hands at a rapid pace. We did have a few gremlins with the computer on completion which taxed Alan’s computer skills but he was up to it and soon had it sorted. We locked the front door at 2.35pm so were not late finishing.

The results were ... total sales £3057 which went to 10 vendors, and 49 remained unsold. 18 in house bidders spent £1271, whilst £ 1786 went to postal sales and the 15 postal bidders. Top spot went to Lot 129 a very nice set of Churchman Birds and Eggs for a whopping £121.

Next month we meet on Saturday 17th October, same place, same time and we have a hall full of dealers booked in. Those coming are John Haddon Silver, Ken Courtney, Peter Beer, Martin Toms, Ken Sandeman, Geoff McMillan, Jean Dixon and Peter Russell.

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