

East Anglian Cigarette Card Club

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Report of a meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 11th December 2010

Our last meeting of the year was, as always eagerly anticipated by most members, the Christmas meeting takes on a party atmosphere and all 82 members soon got into the spirit of the occasion. The 50 prizes in the Raffle bought about a fever of buying activity everyone hoping to win the magnificent 19" TV with built in DVD, very kindly donated by a overseas member. The lucky winner was Margaret Colman so the telly winged it's way to Beccles.

The 'bring on the day' auction attracted a total of 32 Lots and Alan started reeling them off about 11.00am. Starting each Lot at £1 (except those with reserves) ensured they all sold. There must have been some real bargains as Albert Taylor brought the most number of lots.

The Raffle started about 12.00 and it took a good 30 minutes to get through the 50 prizes and we had to ban 'put backs' so some members took home 3 or 4 wonderful prizes. Thank you to all the members who very kindly donated the prizes. Thank you Val and Anne for selling the tickets and the final income was £294

It was my pleasure to play Father Christmas again and the presents given to the club helpers were all richly deserved. It takes a lot of voluntary work by several members to make our club happen and be the success it is, so it was the least we could do to say 'thank you'. The birthday card and present given to Muriel for her birthday, was much appreciated as were her, thank you words.

We wondered whether the members would all get to this meet, as for once we clashed with North Kent and some regular members chose to travel south, what a day they missed. The heavy snow of a few days previous had started to disappear and in all 82 members and friends had a great day and without a doubt the best buffet ever experienced by the majority of members who went up for 2nds, 3rds and then took a 'docky' bag home stuffed full of Christmas cake and Mince pies. Well done Kelly and family a magnificent spread. Thanks also to Alan Tyrell for volunteering to serve the wine out, it was a great help, I heard he also volunteered to wash up ?

We are pleased to welcome our 145th new member and I'm sure he will enjoy his visits to the club. Apparently he was very impressed with the atmosphere and friendship offered to him. His details are Mr. Ralph Catchpole, 10, River View Road, Harkstead, Ipswich, Suffolk IP91BC Tel. 01473 327312

Thank you to the dealers who supported this event especially Jim Jackson who travelled all the way down from Manchester to be with us. I'm fairly sure all had a good day. It was nice to see Cliff Waller with us on one of his rare visits also his son who picked up 2 or 3 lots in the auction, outbidding his dad on at least one occasion. The auction was a low key affair (compared to recent month's) because we know there isn't so much money for cards around in December, the number of postal bids was also well down so the final total of £2555 was rather surprising. Top price was for Lot 126 part set Salmon & Gluckstein Transvall Heroes £184

There is a great deal of interest in next months auction especially Lot 171 a set of ITC Canada Perils of Golf an extremely rare set of cards, could the club record for a individual lot be broken (May 2009 £1700). We already have some overseas bids in for the January auction so all the signs are good for a good day. Alan is currently lotting up March so we have closed the gap slightly but we do have two collections coming up very shortly.

Some 'food for thought' for the future

----- there have been several requests from members for the re introduction of our Christmas 'sit down' meal, suggestions on how this is could best implemented will be most welcome. Very small take up on the post Christmas dinner at the White Horse on January 9th 2011 - 15 members will be sitting down to a Sunday lunch.

----- any member interested in joining the Cartophilic Society can speak to me at any time, I always carry enrolment leaflets with me. It is tremendous value at £22 a year, the 6 magazines a year are full of fascinating cartophilic information and research. Convention next year is at Stratford upon Avon and is in Lincoln in 2012. Venue for 2013 is up for debate at the moment but will be in the south somewhere.

Dealers at the next meeting.. John Haddon Silver, Ken Courtney,
Mike Heard Dave Norman Jim Reynolds Mike Towersey
Peter Beer + Members Table (so bring you odd books.)

Space for another one if any one would like an opportunity to sell some cards ring
Bill

New dealer rates for 2011 1 x 6ft table free, 2 or more x 6ft tables £10

**Next Meeting Saturday 15th January 2011
from 8.30am - 3.00pm - Auction at 1.00pm**

***May all our members, dealers and visitors have a very good
Christmas and that 2011 will be to all, a good collecting year***