

East Anglian Cigarette Card Club

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The weather forecast was good today so we set off at the usual time eagerly looking forward to a great days 'carding', all very positive and enthusiastic. There was a real buzz around today, the boys (Barry and Ken) had done a great job setting up the hall and despite two tables missing were able to sort everyone out satisfactorily. Even Joyce was soon up and running, waiting for the badges, her pen at the ready to check everyone in.

I knew we had a good turnout of dealers booked in, nice to see Martin Toms back with us after a two month recess, Mike Heard and John Shaw were very busy all morning and although Peter Beer was busy elsewhere (delivering his daughter to the airport I believe), he had a very good stand in Neville Proctor selling his stock.

A very good turnout of members also, I made it 62. Nice to see Mike Plant back with us, also Derek Lugo both have had a two month sabbatical. All the usual enthusiastic collectors were present trying to decide whether to spend all their money with the dealers or save it for the auction, what they didn't want to do was take it home. One member told me at the end of the day they were going home with £4.00 in their pocket and wished they had bid stronger in the auction. Some real bargains were to be had this month.

Our website guru Graham Convey has been tasked with disposing of Adrian Scarf's collection, he gave Alan about 20 albums for a future auction, and he put two big boxes of good quality odds on the members table. It was great to see members fighting over them and sorting out the many different quality cards all at 25 pence each. Next month (September) Graham is going to have a table selling Adrian's extensive collection of cards predominantly football but some fantastic very rare cards.

I went to Huntingdon on the previous Saturday and came away generally disappointed, only 4 cigarette card dealers present so only picked up a couple of cards. The fair was poorly supported. I did manage to have a word with Jean from Rob Roy as she bought us a large stock of Albums and Pages for the club and as I collected them, the club never had to pay extensive carrier costs. Some of the older members of our club will remember, Jean's dad Bob Hogben, who used to come to EACCC in the Thetford days, unfortunately he has recently died. He was 'of course' the organising spirit of the North Kent club. I am assured by Granville that the club will continue (under new leadership) for the October and December meetings initially and they are exploring the possibility of opening monthly from next year if everything can be put into place.

Around 11.00am I slipped away from the meeting to go and see our Vice President Muriel and found her in good spirits. She asked plenty of questions about the club and even asked about some members, it was lovely remembering some of the past glory days. Although I send her the newsletter every month she tells me she enjoys reading it and greatly missed the club. I did suggest to her carer that she brings her up to Roydon one month when the weather is fine, let's hope that can be arranged.

I had a long chat with Alan about current stock for the club auction and there seems to be abundance at the moment. I gave him the final 45 lots of George Smith's collection. I had received another van load from Bob Scott's (Northampton) collection from his son Iain, who told me there was another van load to come in November. They will be sorted out into 100 lots a month but there are some lovely cards coming up in the near future. I reckon there are at least 500/600 lots to be included from the New Year. If you include Adrian's cards and other members lots it looks very healthy for our club and its members. Our members will have some of the best Cigarette card collections in the country. I do wonder sometimes whether we are continually recycling some cards.

Here is a picture from the archives, who are these two younger members???



The auction got off on time this month 216 'mouth-watering' lots to find new homes for, this proved quite difficult with some cards. The facts and figures 6 vendors provided us with 216 lots which sold for a total of £2460. These were bought by 16 postal bidders spending £714, and 19 in house bidders spending £1746. Only 31 remained unsold. Top spot went to Lot 146 a very nice set Godfrey Phillips Beauties for just over ½ catalogue at £150.

Sorry to say it is 5 weeks before we do it all again, **Saturday 19th September 2015**, same time, same place. Dealers booked are **Graham Convey, Peter Beer, Martin Toms, John Shaw, Ken Courtney and John Taylor.**

There will be a members table 'as always' but unfortunately **NO** albums and pages, (I can't get them in my car this month as I'm not coming from home)

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