

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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Saturday 16th September 2023

I know I have said it before but EACCC always continues to amaze me, this month was no different --- would we break the club individual lot sale. Well I will tell you later ! I was on holiday this month and travelled to the hall from my holiday lodge in the wilds of Suffolk, perhaps you have been there it's called Saxmundham. The boys had set up and the dealers were ready to sell, it was great to welcome back to the club after a lengthy absence John Shaw with his extensive range of quality cigarette cards. He has booked in for 3 month's in 2024, the first being February.

We had a bit of a panic set in early on, no Sally, no coffee, no bacon roles what were we going to do. Alan went across the garage and got milk (we have tea and coffee) so at least we should get a drink and 'of course ' what happened while Alan was away, Sally turned up, she was just running late! Food and drinks were soon available. Some good news by popular request Sally will be offering full English breakfasts from next month.

Bob Scrivenor was the first member to arrive today all the way from Grantham, he couldn't sleep, so left earlier than usual. I reckon he is just a really keen member looking for an early bird bargain Nice to see Paul and Sarah Dale with us this month after a break. I didn't do a number check from the book this month but think that at least 45 came in through the door this month. There were three visitors. It was certainly busy early on and a lot quieter at auction time.

Plans are well advanced for the Christmas meeting, we did explore changing the date as it clashes with the local football teams meeting but no other dates were available at the hall. Lets hope they move the fixture to the Sunday. Les has been exploring a Breast Cancer charity to receive our donation but they all seem to be under the one umbrella of Cancer Research so they will be invited to attend our January meeting.

I represented the club recently at the funeral of our past club secretary Derek Bradshaw. And received a warm welcome from his lovely wife Cynthia and asked me to pass on her sincere thanks to all members who have sent her good wishes. Derek loved coming to the club. She has asked me if I could continue to send her the monthly newsletter as she would like to keep in touch with the club. It is my pleasure to continue to do so.

Last month I reported also the passing of our good friend Gus Garrod, his funeral was on Friday 22nd September, I know several members intend to be present. We dedicated a front row chair to his memory, we miss you Gus, thanks for being our friend. and such a loyal member. His children would like his entire collection to go through the club auction so I went along last week to do an assessment and believe me, 90 years of collecting result in a 'HUGE' – 350+ albums. Gus was a very astute collector and over the years has made some very 'canny' buys, it is going to keep the club auction busy for well over the year. Alan Colin G. and I ,will be busy sorting, listing and grading for many a month, because of this we have to adjust the auction for a few month's. When we lose a loyal and dedicated member it makes us realise our own vulnerability and our Chairman Les bought this up in our coffee break chat how would the club continue if Alan, myself or Les were to be not

available (see I can't even put die) - we are all replaceable but there are no actual members identified to replace us. Do we need to do something about that ? Don't get me wrong, we don't intend to go just yet but you don't know what fate holds in store for us. Do I need to tell you none of us are getting any younger – we are all in our late 70s, we have put the last 20 years into developing the club into what it is today and over 200 people benefit from our efforts ever month so we haven't been wasting our time. We all want the club to continue as long as it is needed so perhaps we need to do something about it ! Your thoughts/offers please to any of us. I normally send out the new years dates with the September newsletter and they are included along with the December auction list.

We have made several momentous decisions with regard our auction.

- 1 from January 1st 2024 the auction will increase to 300 lots
- 2 We are **unable** to take any more items from members until at least January next year – this could be extended, I will keep you informed. We have simply run out of storage space.
- 3 ... We will have a special nationally circulated auction in May 2024

We currently have 100's of items to sell, plus Gus's collection means we have no storage space left, our garages and spare bedrooms are full. Please bear with us, we will reopen the opportunity to sell your cards as soon as we can.

The allotted time came round for the auction, everyone was ready except the auctioneer who was outside on the phone (was it some late telephone bids he was sorting out, who knows), but we all know we started five minutes late. It was never going to be an amazing/memorable auction unless that George Best card in Lot 133 sold. One sold recently for \$15k dollars but would ours sell with a £4k reserve but it wasn't to be. With the vendors agreement Alan came down to £2.5k but there were no big spenders tempted by it. We are not really in that arena are we, as a club, maybe one day. The final details were total sales £2555, there were 9 vendors and only 19 were unsold and returned to their owners. The 18 postal bidders accounted for sales of £1495 while the 15 in house bidders spent £1060. Top spot went to Lot 34 a set of Wills Cricketers 1908 (with a small s) selling for £125. Incidentally a couple of members have asked why we don't bring the auction to an earlier time but we have to be fair to the dealers who travel from a great distance to be with us and need time to sell their much appreciated stock.

Our next meeting is 5 weeks away on **Saturday 21st October** at Roydon Village Hall 8.30am to 3.00pm. Auction as usual at 1.00pm.

Dealers booked in for October are Peter Beer, Sean Coafield, Mike Heard, Gary Challis, Richard Buckle, Brian Pentalow, Robert Butterworth, and the return of Mike Murphy.

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Future Meetings

October 2023 to December 2025

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Saturday 21st October, Saturday 16th December, Saturday 18th November,

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