

# East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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It has been a long five weeks since our last meet and that horribly dangerous white stuff that fell in March has given way to glorious sunshine and warmth. The more observant of you will have noticed I had even bought out my shorts, along with three other members including our sun baked chairman Les. With Gus and Albert all fit and able, I had Colin Gamble back as a travelling companion and as we travelled the Fen roads of Norfolk, we discussed a strategy for next week's convention (Colin's first). Rule one don't spend all your money on the Saturday if you're planning to come back on Sunday. Rule Two check out the dealers we don't see at our club first, Rule Three Barter. Rule Four Enjoy yourself.

The boys had come set up and gone when I arrived and the club was in full swing. Bridget Haddon Silver had rung to tell me John has a chest infection and couldn't make it. Get well soon John. Apologies for putting my wrong mobile number on last month's newsletter – typing error, corrected now. No news from Charlie Stringer, not like him not to let me know if he can't make it. Several members asked after him. I rung him when I got home and he has mixed up his dates. He will be with us next month.

Everyone seemed busy most of the morning; Alan Wilde was with us on one of his rare visits as was Peter Workman and his trusted associate Phil Lane. There were 61 members with us today and 2 visitors, one of them from Northampton. The guy had bought from me on Ebay, who I told about the club, so he decided to come along and see for himself. Graham Gower told me they have completed all the work on their home in Spain and will be moving there permanently at the end of May. He is taking his card collection with him, who knows he might start an EACCC branch out there. He did assure me he would time his return visit to the UK with our club date. Good luck Graham, keep in touch. Happy to send you the newsletter via email, but you can see it on the website.

Two other strangers in the camp this month, Mike Hicks from Radio Norfolk called in and did some interviews for his antiques and collecting spot on Wednesday morning. I must remember to listen in. Les told him about the early days of cigarette cards and I noticed he spoke with Mike Heard, Roger Mann and Ann Woolnough. We also had a visit from a young lad reporter from the Diss Express; he took lots of pictures and information about the club. He promised a two page spread probably this week. If anyone sees's it please let me have a copy for the archives.

I will have the new Murrays catalogue available for members next month. I will only have a few (30) so it will be first come first served. RRP is £10 but I will sell them cheaper depends what I will have to pay for them.

It was great to see Ann and Les back with us after their travels around the world, they were both suntanned and said that they had missed their monthly excursion to Roydon. They soon set about their regular spring job of collecting the yearly subscription. We had a lot to catch up on including a full feedback to Ann on the silk's auction. Some 66 members have now paid their subscription for the year. Final chance will be the May meeting, only 30 left to pay, so don't miss out. I had a chat with Stuart Barker who wasn't going to renew as he doesn't come every month but he soon changed his mind when he realized he wouldn't get

his newsletter and auction list. It is remarkably good value.

We had a lovely letter from Prostate Cancer thanking us for our Christmas raffle donation. Our next Raffle will be in June. Prizes accepted from next month.

There is only seven days to go to the Annual Convention in Kings Lynn this year, the excitement is building, the plans are being finalized, hotels booked, wants list sorted. Thank you everyone who has volunteered for door duty, its good fun really, taking the entrance fee off all the visitors and welcoming them to the annual extravaganza. I think over 30 dealers are booked in, including 2 from USA and 1 from Malta. It is going to be a great event. Unfortunately the event organizer David Davis is too ill to be present and Dave Scuffham is his stand in for the weekend. Get well soon Dave.

After all the chatting, searching, organizing, interviewing, eating, drinking and whatever else we had to do in the morning it soon became 1.00pm and AGM / auction time. As usual the AGM didn't take long; everything is satisfactory the club continues. Our funds have taken a hit this year, everything seems to have gone up in cost so it is with regret that we have had to increase the annual subscription to £10 – first increase in over 10 years – and secondly we will be increasing the selling fee to vendors in the auction from the May meeting from 10% to 12.5%. This should bring our bank balance back up to a comfortable level. I have done a balance sheet and will leave copies on the reception desk for those members interested.

On paper it didn't look to be a great auction, a predominance of sport, as we planned. There was a huge quantity of cards to find new homes for, particularly Odds which a lot of members will enjoy sorting out. That was the last of the Northampton dealers collection we have been selling for several months. It has been hard work sorting it out to sell; I hope the vendor appreciates the many hours of work that went in to the sale on her behalf. We have a Film/Cinema collection from Reading to sell next and that will be totally different. It is a tremendous collection of cards and we must sell them for their worth, I don't think there will be any for the £1/£2 buyers. We know true quality always sells and this collection is true quality throughout. Alan tells me they will be in May / June and even a few in July with another 100 lots of very rare silks. I have another collection to pick up this week from Peterborough, which looks like a cigarette card collection of smaller manufacturers. More of that next month.

This month we had 250 lots which Alan knocked down for £2636, there were 16 successful in house bidders, a further 17 postal bidders who spent £1264. There were 15 vendors and 55 remained unsold. We have a joint top spot this month, Lots 28 and 29 were both bought by the same postal bidder for £300 each. It was a set and part set of Godfrey Phillips Football Colours.

Next month we do it all again on the Royal Wedding day (and Cup Final)

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May.**

As my invitation to the wedding is obviously lost in the post I will be at Roydon.

Dealers who have also not received their invitations yet and so will be with us are

Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, Charlie Stringer, John Haddon Silver, Mike Heard,  
Roger Mann, and John Shaw. Room for one more ?

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