

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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Sometimes some things just get better every day and that certainly applies to our club meetings. Years ago the club December meeting was a much more formal affair, everyone sat down to a Christmas dinner, in their best Sunday 'togs'. It was finished off with 'long' (at times) funny speeches by the officers, if you ever knew John Knowles, he could go on forever, nobody dare move because you would certainly be spotted for one of his 'ditties'. Usually well meaning but not always welcome. Thank goodness we are much more relaxed, friendly and sociable. I think this December meeting highlights that more than anything else, a nice relaxed approach to club membership and to collecting in general.

When I got to the hall, the dealers were in place and ready to sell, the tables were up so we were ready to go, members already looking and buying. Nice to see Mike Heard, Peter Beer and Paul Lynch busy throughout the morning, I even found a few cards on Paul's table. Many thanks to Barry and the early birds for getting everything ready, special thanks this month to Ian Penistone for setting out the auction lots and helping Alan get it ready for viewing. That was a great help. As we were having an early auction, it got frenetic at times in the continuing search for that odd elusive card we all need to get that feeling of satisfaction in completing a set.

The raffle tickets were soon out with Ann, Les and Chloe doing the selling and Barry and Sue doing the folding. Everyone got involved and despite me putting two extra books of tickets in (sorry about the Greens) they actually sold out of tickets. With everyone very generously donating prizes, a final total of 107, it was going to be a long raffle. A couple of members couldn't make it today and sent either a prize or two or a donation. The final total being given to the Oncology dept. of the Colchester & Ipswich Hospital (McMillan Nurses) was a magnificent £547, (the club will 'of course' round this up to £550). This year we will be able to Gift aid it which means the charity will actually receive a further 25% so the grand total will be over £680. It looks like I may have got ahead of myself here before the raffle we had the auction and the buffet.

The attendance this month exceeded our usual number with 72 members, visitors and guests checking in for the day. Can I remind members to tick the book (and collect your drinks voucher) on arrival, I could identify at least 10 members present not ticked in. We had two new members join us this month Gary Ford and Mark Smith both from East Sussex, welcome to our club, we hope to see you at our monthly meetings. This brings our membership to 89. It was nice to welcome some members who don't get along very often, Bob and Jill Jennings and Gwyn Bowles, to name just a few. Also our best wishes go to Alan Neale in hospital at the moment and to Paula Lewis who isn't feeling too great, Get well soon and we hope you can make it to the next meeting. I usually include a review of attendance in the December newsletter and I'm pleased to share the fact that 16 members attended all 12 meetings in 2024 (that's a record) and a further 13 only missed one meeting. Well done everyone.

Okay we started the auction 5 minutes late but Alan was on good form and we soon found new homes for 251 of the 300 lots., only 49 were unsold and returned to their owners. The final selling total was £4626 for the three vendors. There were 26 successful postal bidders who spent £2370 on 88 lots, and at further 26 successful in house buyers who spent £2256 on 163 lots. Top lot was late on number 291 an almost complete set of Godfrey Philips P/C size Silk Beauties being sold for £300. It took just 95 minutes to sell up and pay up so we were in good time for the 'Christmas themed buffet excellently prepared by Sally. What a feast it was, she certainly did us proud, plenty of food for everyone, with many members making two or even three trips to restock their plates. To members it was free and 8 guests enjoyed the food as well (paying £8 each to do so). many people had bought bags to take home left over's so it was well appreciated.

Buffet over it was Chairman Les's turn to say a few words of appreciation to the many members who make our club happen, be assured without them there would be no club. Special thanks to Alan for the many hours he puts in to make the auction work so well, it is very time consuming effort needed to make sure everything falls into place. I would like to thank everyone who gives something to the club, it is really helpful. The reward we get is seeing everyone come through the door every month, long may it continue. I think I look forward to the club each month as much as I did back in 1983 when I first joined.

Then it was raffle time, what a view everyone sitting with their tickets spread out before them, hoping their numbers will be drawn. I am usually able to identify a specific member who comes forward to collect a prize the most times but I couldn't this year. I think the most anyone won was 7 prizes but more importantly I can't think of any member who didn't collect at least one prize. Well done everyone a truly great effort and 'of course' the big winner our chosen charity. Alan and Les will present our cheque sometime in January.

We have to wait six weeks before we meet up again **Saturday 18th January 2025**

-- usual time and usual place --

Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Mike Heard, Brian Pentalow, Richard Buck and for the first time 'Mr 10p' Colin Weston who sells every card for just 10p

There is room for 1 or 2 more if you want to sell some cards, just give me a ring first please.

We have now been at Roydon Village Hall for 16 years and we go into 2025 with a further two years dates already booked in with the hall. It is our home and will continue to be so while it meets our needs. We will start our 56th year as a club next April. I hope to see everyone in 2025, let's make it the best collecting year ever.

Next month January only --- Used Albums (but Good +) --- 50p

Home made Albums --- FREE

All must Go we need the space.

ALSO Thousands of Odds Cigarette and Trade cards -- List enclosed -- Best Offer 11.30am

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Odds for Sale 18th January 2025 meeting.

Hours of sorting on all boxes -- all must go, best offer at 11.30am

- 1 Very Large box of Trade cards all large size plus
1000+ big assortment**
- 2 Tartan Biscuit tin crammed full Players and Wills Large cards
100's - many different series**
- 3 Spitfire tin with 150/200 small Trade cards
(no Brooke Bond) - many different manufacturers**
- 4 Family Circle Biscuit tin of Large Cigarette cards
(no Players or Wills) 500+**
- 5 Heroes tin crammed full Players and Wills small cigarette cards
1500+ many different series**
- 6 Large square tin small Cigarette cards 100's
Mixed manufacturers**
- 7 Celebrations tin full Small Trade cards 1000+
Mixed manufacturers**
- 8 Cigar box Football cards - Pinnacle, Thomson.
80+ nice cards, Singles and Doubles**
- 9 Box with 12 'as new' Albums in unused. Grandee/Rarer Trade etc
- Two albums have cards in**

All the boxes need a good sort out, hours of fun !

Postal bidders welcome, bids with me/or Alan by Friday 17th January

