

# *East Anglian Card Collectors Club*

(Celebrating 50 years in 2019)

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Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018

This is a meeting I always look forward to and with a certain apprehension. You never know how it is going to come together. Oh yeah of little faith, this is EACCC it always comes good and it was this year, something really special. I picked up Derek and Cynthia Bradshaw and enjoyed the convivial chatty atmosphere for the short ride over to Roydon.

I was a little late today (well by my standards anyway) but only 3 members reminded me including Paul Lynch pointing at his watch as I got out of the car, Everything was in full swing including a large number of members looking at Alan's 20p table. I know several members who came early just to get in among the bargains. Busy all morning they took over £250 in just under 3 hours. As we only had two dealers both were busy from the start. Paul hasn't made it at all this year and left his home before 5.00am to be with us, but he told me he did have a good day.

A good number of members made it and the final figure was 58 members and 5 visitors. Nice to see Steve England who hasn't made it very often this year. Even the Sussex boys were there before me, they must have left very early. The buying and selling was much more compressed this month with our 195 lot auction beginning about 11.15am. But Alan was on good form and had them all done and sold by quarter past 12. It was fortunate this month the computer was in good order, well no gremlins ! Everything balanced so we were able to collect all the monies quickly and smoothly, even two of the vendors got paid out before the buffet. The facts and figures from the auction are 195 lots sold for a total of £2832. There were 18 successful in house bidders spending £1457, a further 12 successful postal bidders who spent £1375. There were 5 vendors and only 32 unsold. Top spot this month was Lot 64 a lovely set of Boys Cinema Famous Heroes selling for £130 – this is a very rare set and sold for well over catalogue.

Alan and Les had words of thanks and Christmas gifts to all the members who have made a significant contribution to the workings of the club. Everything goes smoothly in the club as it is a team effort.

The caterers were ready at 12.30pm, Shona with the more than capable assistance of her grandchildren produced an excellent buffet, full of truly scrumptious and delicious spread. There was not a mad rush, the queue was most orderly and every one came back in the hall with plates laden. There was plenty for all, most members made two trips (some more), the 'docky bags' were filled by many.

There were many compliments about quality and quantity of the food all of which was passed on to the caterer. A wonderful memorable foodie experience.

Then it was time for the GIANT raffle – the prizes were stacked high on two tables in front of the stage. A grand total of 86 prizes. Thank you everyone who bought in prizes and in particular to the member who gave us some money to buy a fantastic first prize of a long weekend in a luxury hotel – won incidentally by Cynthia and Derek Bradshaw. Ann and Les did a great job selling the tickets and sold more this year than ever before. We have a total of £352 to pass on to ‘Help the Heroes’, this will be done at the February meeting. It is difficult to decide who won the most prizes, among the contenders must be Beryl/Tony Page, Chris Bree (again) and Mike Saunders. I don’t think many members didn’t win a prize but if you were unlucky please accept our thanks for your support. Only two prizes to be collected in January. A very successful event.

At the end it was time to clear up and say our farewells to another brilliant day at our beloved club. One member left their bag in the hall and it took us all quite a while to work out where it belonged. With mobile phone, cash, glasses and car keys in we knew it would be missed and it was collected by it’s owner on Sunday morning.

So that was it for another year at Roydon Hall, we start our 11<sup>th</sup> year in the hall at our January meeting, and perhaps more significantly our 50<sup>th</sup> year as a club in October 2019.

So we hope everyone will have a great Christmas and wonderful New Year and be ready to continue to develop your collections at the club in six weeks time on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

The dealers booked in are John Haddon Silver, Peter Beer, Mike Heard,  
John Shaw, Charlie Stringer, Brian Pentelow  
and making his debut at EACCC Colin Weston – the 20p man --

***Chairman Les Woolnough 01473 743794***  
***Secretary/Treasurer Colin Fawcett 01553 674358***  
***Auctioneer Alan Worthington 01473 714411***

# Meeting Dates

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Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June,**

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**All at Roydon Village Hall, nr Diss, South Norfolk**

*from 8.30am to 4.00pm*