

East Anglian Cigarette Card Club

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As we start our 8th year at Roydon Village Hall, you wonder what 2016 will bring for us as a club and for our enthusiastic bunch of collectors. It was 3 years ago (2013) that we had to cancel our club meeting because of deep snow but that wasn't to be the case this year, our 83rd meeting at Roydon was to be a busy and fun filled day. Yes it was cold and wet but very little ice so a careful drive saw us draw into the car park at around 9.00am as usual.

The boys had done a great job as always, the tables were up. The chairs out and although we were missing some of our early bird collectors, the dealers were ready. We had a new dealer this month – I actually met him at Kings Lynn Collectors Fair and invited him along – his name is Roger Mann and he comes from Aylsham. He has a wide collection of interesting collectables to sell, including stamps, coins and postcards and cigarette cards. It was nice to see him active in our auction later in the day. He did have a good day and has booked in again for next month. Nice to see Mike Heard with us again and he intends to be with us more this year and has booked in 7 times. John Shaw was in evidence with his vast stock and four 'doggy' friends, missing though was Martin Toms. I will have to contact him. Alan had the auction lots out promptly and the club table was busy most of the morning.

First thing was a coffee and catch up with Alan, solving all the problems of the collecting and golf world. I don't like to keep reminding him Norwich are a Premier team and I forget which league Ipswich are in. That will probably all change again later this year.

As the morning progressed the members drifted in and were soon in amongst the cards, sorting and looking for those elusive odds. Nice to welcome Darren Moyse and his daughter Gemma to the meeting, she was a great help with the auction later in the day, come and see us more often. The regulars were with us, the Kenny boys both present, Dave Scuffham (the cartophilic treasurer) was eagerly looking for those rare Wills odd, Albert and Gus made it this month (car trouble was the problem in December), I had to laugh at them bidding against each other in the auction !. Nice to see Gary Colman was off the leash this month, but where was Dad. Doreen was doing a great job for us on the door, ensuring a warm welcome to all who ventured in from the cold. Doreen won two prizes in the December raffle and was gladly sharing the chocolates to all who collected their badges – nice touch. In all 44 members were present and a further 6 visitors. One of them was Peter Workman a dealer from Essex way – checking us out I reckon - I did invite him to stand next month, he is going to let me know. Our good friend Ted Wareham is still in hospital after having his leg amputated, get well soon Ted we miss you.

This month was the last one that Katie would be providing the catering for, as she has closed the business down in order to do a Child Psychology degree at University, Les and I made a point of thanking her on behalf of all the members and wishing her the very best for the future. Our new caterer next month is Sally (Katie's Mum), and she is most welcome.

We had a visitor from the Diss branch of EACH (East Anglia Children's Hospice), our chosen charity this year. Les was pleased to present her with a cheque for £350 from our Christmas raffle. I did take some pictures and have reproduced the best one below. If anyone sees a report in the local press I would be grateful for a copy for our archive.

The club table was busy most of the day with Bob and Jill selling our pages to members.

There will be two big boxes of used albums and slipcases available next month, at just £1 each (album & slipcase £2) for club funds. I do not want to take them home so please provide new homes for them. If I get time to sort them out used pages might also be available.

There was an interesting array of goodies on offer in our auction and the final figures were impressive for a new year. The first few lots were boxes of end numbers and Alan had some strong bids for them, they all went to the same postal bidder, he has some sorting out to do. I had a long chat with Alan about the auction, he has already lotted up March and April and has enough for May, after that nothing. We will have cleared the Northampton collection and Adrian Scarffs collection and nothing else lined up, so now would be a good time to have a clear out. You know what sells, all sorts except common cards, why not let us have some cards and make yourself some cash to reinvest in more cards. Speak to Alan or me as soon as possible to get your cards in our auction. Everything went smoothly this month, no computer gremlins. The facts and figures were, total sales £2457, there were 5 vendors, 56 unsolds. The 19 'in house' bidders spent £1270. The 15 postal bidders spent £1187. Top spot went to Lot 196 a lovely set of Ogdens AFC Nicknames for £93. The auction list for March is enclosed with this newsletter. We do need some help at the end of the meeting putting the chairs and tables away, please don't rush off until they are all clear it does help us tremendously.



We do it all again in five weeks, Saturday 20th February same time, same place.

Dealers booked include John Haddon Silver, Peter Beer, Ken Courtney,
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