

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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Saturday 18th January 2020

A new month, a new year, and a new decade but it was still the same club at the same venue and even the same faces. Everyone knows when they are on to a good thing. It seemed ages since our tremendous Christmas meet and we were all ready to begin the process of making 2020 our best ever year.

Everything looked good, all the signs were saying this was going to be a successful meet, full house of dealers, weather good with the sun shining and after a slow start a good number of members present. Barry had set out all the furniture (Ken was away for the weekend) and John Shaw was setting up. He hurt his back a few weeks ago and brought along Colin Weston to do his lifting. We soon noticed Mike Heard had not arrived – he is nearly always first in – and when we rang him to find out where he was, he drove in the car park. We soon discovered his Sat Nav had sent him to Roydon via Kings Lynn and Dereham. That is a long way to avoid the A14 roadworks. Peter Beer was on his own this month, Neville Proctor not enjoying the best of health at the moment, get well my friend we miss you. And that goes for all EACCC members under the weather, get well very soon and come and visit us.

The members drifted in all keen to get mixed in all the wonderful cards on offer. As is usual in January the final number was down but still a respectable 51 members and two visitors checked in for the day. Nice to see Ian and Joe with us all the way from Grimsby, always nice to see them. The Sussex boys were with us, complaining as usual, I should have mentioned last month they were among the 100% attenders last year, maybe I should have listed them all ? I was asked to mention John Waterfield in the newsletter, he claims never to have been mentioned in all his years membership .. there you are John Waterfield, John Waterfield, that's three times now !!

The morning was steady, wheeling and dealing, chatting and drinking coffee. Les was able to welcome Terry Wagg from the East Anglia Air Ambulance, who was fascinated by all he saw and had no idea what we do. He wandered around talking to different members before Les presented our cheque for £400 from the Christmas raffle. He told us of the great work they do in saving many many lives each year, without any government funding. Seems wrong to me when we send billions to other countries for some very frivolous projects, we should adopt the Trump policy and look after ourselves first. Mustn't get to political – is Brexit going to affect our club at all – of course not, we will be here on February 15th what ever.

It must be time to remind members that with the New Year we are getting nearer to this years Cigarette Card Convention. This year it is on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th April at the Five Rivers Leisure Centre Salisbury - a long drive for most of us but almost certainly worth every mile. I know at least six cars going, with our members in.

We had a committee (!) meeting today (over coffee of course) several important plans to make. We normally have a raffle for club funds at Easter but as the holiday falls between clubs we decided to have the raffle at our May club meeting. This past year we have had many extra expenses and as a result our bank balance has taken a hit, this has not helped by our lower auction income. As a consequence we agreed we need to increase subscriptions for this coming year to £12. This will mean we will be able to continue with the free drinks, the free Christmas buffet, the tremendous monthly newsletter and the free dealer tables every month. We did consider changing some of these but had to agree, we have a successful club because of what we offer, why change a winning formula, after all what is £2 in today's terms (you can't even get a cup of coffee in Costa for that). Maybe that means we buy one less card next year. Les will be collecting the subs at the March and April meetings.

Everyone was ready for the auction early so Alan made a ten minute early start. He had a lot of postal bids this month – mainly from an ex member now living in Thailand –so we knew the final result was going to be better than it has been for the past few month's. Final results were total sales £2655 shared by 8 vendors, 250 lots. There were 22 successful in house bidders spending £1725, and a further 16 successful postal bidders who spent £930. Only 30 lots remained unsold. Top spot this month went to Lot 95 a nice selection of Godfrey Phillips Guinea Golds selling for £150.

Alan gave me an update on future auctions, he has enough items for auctions up to and including June 2020 with many better items coming in. He needs more items to include preferably a whole collection, not tooP many common cards please. Food for thought, we believe it costs the club money to sell lots for just £1 a lot – club gets 12 and a half pence and 'of course' we get nothing for unsolds. They all take a good deal of time to prepare and list. We have included all Alan Huggins collection in the next few month's and to say his wife and daughter are absolutely delighted with the income is an understatement.

Our next meeting is on **Saturday 15th February 2020**, usual time, usual place.

Dealers booked in to attend are Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, Peter Workman,
Robert Butterworth, Brian and Charlie, and TWO new dealers.
Mike Plant – with his tremendous collection of early American cards
Darren Moyse - with his top quality cards (Odds and Sets)
offered at just 1/3rd catalogue.

Our club table will be in it's usual place, have you checked it out lately – I took 30 used albums last month and sold them all before 11.00am. I have a few for next month (unfortunately Nostalgia type) but if you don't mind them, they are an absolute bargain.

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Meeting Dates

2020

**Saturday 15th February, Saturday 21st March,
Saturday 18th April, Saturday 16th May, Saturday 20th June,**

**Saturday 18th July, Saturday 15th August, Saturday 19th September
Saturday 17th October, Saturday 21st November, Saturday 19th December**

All at Roydon Village Hall, nr Diss, South Norfolk

from 8.30am to 4.00pm