

# *East Anglian Card Collectors Club*

(Celebrating 50 years in 2019)

Newsletter No. 555

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018

It was the first time I had travelled to the club since our move to the metropolis of Kings Lynn and I was keen to learn whether it was nearer or further to travel and how long it was going to take, so I was pleasantly surprised to discover ,it was 56 miles and the road a lot better,(although traffic heavier) and it took me only 65 minutes (almost the same time and distance).

It was an easy ride and when I got there the boys had set up and two dealers were busy setting up and very soon they were all present. There were travel difficulties on the A14 again and at Thetford where a diversion was in place. I did hear that one or two members got lost in the diversion which made there journey interesting.

I had a full house of dealers again and Brian/Charlie turned up without a booking but I squeezed them in the back room, with Geoff McMillan in there as well, there was not a lot of room for sitting around and chatting, but we copied.

While on the subject of dealers, I have a plethora of dealers wanting to come and even a waiting list. I have a four member dealers who want to stand but can't be fitted in. I'm now taking bookings for 2019 (and I have several already booked in ) so if you want to stand let me know, to guarantee your place.

It seemed a quiet morning but got more lively as the day progressed, the boys from Sussex were late after being delayed in heavy traffic but made it eventually. All the regular suspects were with us and in the end we recorded 61 members. We had only one visitor all the way from Daventry in Northamptonshire. Unfortunately I have to inform members that our good friend Alan Huggins from Stowmarket has died. Alan has not made it to the club this year due to poor health but has been sending in bids almost every month. He was a regular attender and always sat at the front of the hall during the auction, bidding regularly with his number. He will be missed by many EACCC members. I will be writing to his widow with our thoughts and condolences.

We had several things to discuss this month, so a committee meeting was the order of the day mainly to tie up the loose ends with regard to the December meeting and or Christmas extravaganza. More about that later.

**October catch up** sorry about last month's brief newsletter. Just to catchup because I know several members are interested in the statistics. There were 67 members in attendance (so a very good turnout). Nice to welcome back Mick Plant from Stowmarket, he hopes to be with us more regular from now on and will stand as a dealer when I am short. One of the visitors we had was Les Cassidy who lives in Canada and had timed his holiday to be with us., he went home happy with several lots from the auction.

The auction itself was good, total sales were £3693, there were 18 successful in house bidders spending £2037, and a further 6 postal bidders who only spent £1656.

There were four vendors and a massive 79 unsold. Top lot was number 82 a De Beukalar set of Film Stars 6<sup>th</sup> series selling for £130. Incidentally our move went alright, not to many problems and we are now beginning to settle in Kings Lynn. I have included our new address and telephone number on the bottom of the newsletter.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book is coming along well, I have enough material and am beginning to pull it into shape but I have no experience of how to move on to the next stage – preparation for printing – if any member can help, I would love to hear from you !!

I always find it strange how time seems to fly bye at club meetings and it was soon time to begin the auction and although we only had two vendors, the 250 lot auction had some appealing items and there was some very enthusiastic bidding on many lots. The final facts were :Total sales were £2839 from 18 successful in house bidders spending£ 2246. A further 8 postal bidders were successful spending £593. There were 63 unsold lots.Top spot went to Lot 146 a full set of Carreras Turf slides uncut Famous Film Stars Singles for £130. Next month is the final month of film related material from the Reading collection, there have been some fantastic cards from this collection from which the club has made some much needed cash. It has been a pleasure to see and to sell the cards. Alan is well ahead of himself and has completed the listing for March 2019, April will be another specialist silks auction (and there are some very rare and beautiful silks on offer) – he has enough material for this sale and anything brought in now will be in May 2019.

We have a huge collection of more common cards in very good condition and have decided to have a **20 pence table** at the December meeting, so come early and get stuck in to the bargains. Don't forget to bring your wants list. It will be up on the stage where the members table usually is.

December plans – we meet next month on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** from the usual time. A provisional timetable is enclosed with this newsletter along with a list of items the buffet will include. There will be a **GIANT** raffle, this year the proceeds will be given to 'Help the Heroes'. Please bring along a couple of raffle prizes each person, lets see if we can reach that elusive 100 prizes. The buffet will be free to members (and only £7.50 to visitors). Christmas dress is essential and I hope to see many hats jumpers etc etc, to celebrate this festive season.

***Chairman Les Woolnough 01473 743794***

***Secretary/Treasurer Colin Fawcett 01553 674358***

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***Auctioneer Alan Worthington 01473 714411***

# **East Anglian Card Collecting Club**

## **Christmas meeting -- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**To give members an idea of how our Christmas meeting  
will take shape here is a rough programme.  
All times are approximate**

**8.00 – 8.30am Hall set up – dealers arrive and set up**

*Dealers coming are Paul Lynch and Peter Beer*

**9.00 am Members arrive – Auction available for viewing  
Check in as usual. Tea/Coffee/Baps/Mince Pies available,  
Raffle Tickets on sale Prizes made ready**

**11.00am 195 Lot auction = usual format**

**12.30 midday Our wonderful Christmas Buffet  
with Great Food, Mince Pies, Wine and lots more.  
More details over page**

**2.00pm ‘Father Christmas’ aka Chairman Les  
has word of thanks**

**2.15pm Giant Christmas Raffle – all proceeds to  
– ‘Help the Heroes’ a very worthy charity**

**4.00pm or thereabouts – clear up and go home to  
celebrate another Christmas Festival.**

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# Meeting Dates

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

*from 8.30am to 4.00pm*