

# *East Anglian Card Collectors Club*

**Newsletter No. 591      Saturday 20th November 2021**

This month the sign's were all good for a successful meeting, a full house of dealers, a good looking auction and a good weather forecast, and that's what happened, we had a turnout to match the sign's.

I set out before it was light as I was determined to get there early and help Barry set up the tables and chairs and prevent Ken from doing any heavy lifting. Although I targetted an 8.00am arrival the traffic at that time in the morning was virtually non existant and I pulled into the car park at a quarter to and found two dealers waiting. Please remember all, no doors open before 8.00am.

We were soon set up and ready for business, first member to arrive was Tim Bloomfield, as ever keen for an early bargain. The dealers were soon set up and sorted ready to sell, Brian Pentalow was a no show (unusual for him not to let me know, but he did ring up on Monday to apologise) but with six dealers tables sagging in the middle 'with cartophilic delights', there was something for everyone. Darren turned up with his daughter Gemma assisting him and Colin Weston had his stock available for the final time (bargains galore for everyone). Ken Sandeman has completed his move from Essex to Sussex, so has further to travel to be with us (took him just 3 hours, he told me), he is back in March.

There seemed to be a frenzy of searching, seeking and buying on all day, everyone busy looking for that elusive card needed to complete that nice set. I found one card and it did complete a very nice set. As everyone checked in they were given a copy of our new calendar, which received a good reception. I will send one to any member who haven't collected theirs after the December meeting. The calendar has all next years dates on (and 2023) so keep it handy. At the end of the day we had 57 members checked in and 1 visitor.

News from missing members, Beryl and Tony Page have trouble getting to the meetings but still buy regularly in the auction and have sent me some money to buy some raffle tickets. Albert Watson is still in a care home, Gus and I will go and see him before Christmas. I understand Granville Elliot although not completely well yet is hoping to be with us for our Christmas meet.

Les kept himself busy selling raffle tickets most of the morning and I have banked already £130 on behalf of the Air Ambulance. Thank you to the members who bought tickets but can't make it next month, we will pick you a nice prize and store it until the January meeting if you win. Thank you also to the members who brought in raffle prizes, I have about 25 prizes so far. The target is 100 prizes and a £300 donation to the Air Ambulance.

Alan and Gill opened the club table around 10.00am and were kept busy as members were keen to pick up new pages and albums. I have done a restock and order, so we have a full stock of all shapes and sizes.

The Cartophilic Society have finally been able to sort out a venue for next years convention and it is favourable to our members. We are going to Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire on the 30<sup>th</sup> April / 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. More details as they become available. Incidentally they need a volunteer Event Organiser for future conventions (2023 onwards), full expenses will be paid. David Davis has been doing it for many years and has decided to retire for the second time. I have more details if anyone fancies an interesting part time voluntary job.

It was great to see the hall 'buzzing' all day, it creates a wonderful atmosphere and that means all the members are enjoying the club. I'm sure that is the reason we have something to look forward to each month and people want to come and see us.

It soon came round to 1.00pm and auction time, some nice items were available so a good number of members were sitting in eager anticipation. Ann had two helpers ready to share out the delights, and 'once again', Alan was able to sell the majority of the lots with just a few remaining unsold because of the reserve put on them by the vendor. The final figures were, total sold for £4741 with 25 successful postal bidders spending £2317 and a further 20 successful in house bidders spending a further £2424. There were 5 vendors. Top spot went to Lot 146 a near complete set Gallaher Footballers with proofs. There was some speculation that the proofs were unique and extremely rare. There were several other lots that caused some intensive and fervent bidding, Lot 134 some American Kinney Novelties selling for £310, two very old (1887/1889) Dukes albums, keenly fought over and finally knocked down for £110 and £170 respectively. Altogether one of the best auctions we have had for quite a few month's.

**URGENT REQUEST .. Alan has listed up to February 2022 but has no further items to sell ....**

**Ideally we need a collection to sort and list but members can help – have a sort out, make yourself some extra money to spend on different cards but please bring us some items in to put in the auction. We will even collect them if it helps. But we need items next month.**

Next month we meet **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
**remember** 3 dealers from 8.30am  
200 lot Auction 11.00am  
Chairmans words of wisdom 12.15pm  
Free Christmas buffet 12.30pm  
Giant Raffle in aid of Air Ambulance 2.00pm  
the full detailed programme was circulated last month.

Christmas Jumpers to be dug out and in full view please – as always.

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## **Christmas meeting -- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**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, Mike Heard and Peter Beer*

**9.00 am Members arrive – Auction available for viewing**

**Check in as usual. Tea/Coffee/Baps available until auction time.**

**Raffle Tickets on sale      Check put the Prize table**

**11.00 am      200 Lot auction = usual format  
(list already circulated)**

**12.30 am      Our wonderful FREE Christmas Buffet  
with great food, mince pies, wine and lots more.**

**2.00pm      ‘Father Christmas’ aka Chairman Les  
has word of thanks, with a special presentation this year.**

**2.15pm      Giant Christmas Raffle – all proceeds to  
– ‘Air Ambulance’ a very worthy charity**

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

**Normally members bring at least two prizes each for the raffle,  
lets see if we can top the 100 prizes this year.**

**Non members are welcome but will have to pay the full buffet cost  
(£8.00 each) if they wish to enjoy the sumptuous feast**