

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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Although it was six weeks since we met, it didn't seem that long, maybe the convention helped make it seem less! More of that later. After discussions with Barry and many others we decided to tweak our opening procedures. As I have reported in the past our good friend Ken has collapsed at the club early in the morning setting out the furniture, well we decided Ken should do only light setting up duties and that was what we implemented (I don't think he liked it but it is for his own good). We also agreed that the doors would not be opened before 8.00am and I passed that message on to nearly all. As the setting up is more than a one man job, I went early to help Barry. It seemed to work alright, the dealers were much more involved in setting up their tables, and they were asked to take them down at the end of the club meeting.

It didn't take long for things to get organised and everything was soon 'buzzing', with the early buyers and eager sellers all starting to create our unique great atmosphere of friendship, whilst sharing our collecting experiences. The dealers had changed slightly in the past couple of days, Darren Moyses had to call off with a trapped nerve in his back (sounds painful) and Ken Sandeman has moved house and had to cancel, they will both be back next month. At the convention I managed to persuade (it didn't take a lot) a new dealer to venture our way, his name is Mark Davies and he is from Melton Mowbray, he had with him Colin Weston a collector well known to many members. They had a very good day and have booked in again next month. I'm sad to report two dealers reported missing items from their stall at the end of the day, does this mean we have a 'tea leaf' in the club, I certainly hope not. We may have an inkling as to who it is and they will be watched very closely in the next few months. We had a final figure of 51 members and 7 visitors attend this month. It's getting back to how it used to be. Our current membership stands at 90. Apologies to Geoff McMillan for missing his name off the dealer list last month.

Nice to see a lot of new faces maybe some will develop into members, Tony Debenham came in this month, looking for those rare Cricket cards no doubt. I chatted to most throughout the day, Bob and Jill were seen relishing their new found freedom and eagerly searching through the dealers cards, Bob told me they have been doing the club table for 32 years. I did hear that Granville Elliot and Albert Watson are both in a care home as a temporary measure we hope. I took Gus to see Albert a couple of weeks ago and he would love to be back here with us. Lets hope they both will be back very soon.

The convention has come and gone, there were quite a few EACCC members at Salisbury and it was great fun chatting to friends who I only see once a year and I did find two cards that have been on my list for many years, it made it worthwhile. I started the convention period well by winning the pre convention golf (sponsored by Tim Davidson's Auctions) on the Friday. Funny really, I didn't think I played very well, everyone must have had a worst round. There have been mixed reactions to this years event, there was a greatly reduced attendance in both members and dealers but the hall, the lighting and venue was good. Next year it will be back in April but not in Southport as was previously reported, rumour is Nuneaton in Warwickshire is the favourite, more news as I hear.

Plans for our Christmas meet are now well advanced and a draft outline programme of the day is included with this newsletter. Please pay a particular note of the earlier auction time of 11.00am. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the November meeting. You can bring your prizes in from next month as well. Unfortunately the member who always donated a very large prize has died, so we have a vacancy, any member or member's business who would like to donate a first prize please speak to me or Chairman Les.

Next month we have a free gift for every member a 2022 Calendar, please collect it on arrival at the hall. It is a collaboration between our club and Butterworth Tea company. On the calendar you will find our club meeting date for the next two years. A real professional effort.

After a hectic morning, wheeling and dealing and searching it soon came round to the magic hour of 1.00pm – auction time. The committee had discussed last month's auction in some detail and it was felt very wrong that Ann had no help with the showing and distributing the lots, she must have travelled up and down the hall at least 150 times. We had two choices either two members volunteer to help her with the deliveries or all members come and collect their lots after their successful bid. (we estimated that would add at least an hour on the auction). Thank you Peter and Dave for offering to deliver.

There was a rather interesting innocuous lot in this month, Lot 64 a 1958 Football programme, Arsenal v. Manchester Utd, dated 1st February. We strangely had a top bid of £120 for the one programme, so we explored further. It appears it was the last match programme to be issued before the Munich air crash (four days later) in which many Busby babies died, seven of them were listed in the programme. Alan knocked it down for £75.

With the auction in full swing Alan quickly dispatched the 250 lots with his usual gusto, despite losing his voice towards the end. This month was the final sale of the John Knowles and Ted Wareham collections, the latter was extremely challenging to sort and list, mainly because of its size. We have enough lots for January and February, then nothing. Time to sort out and bring in your cards for inclusion, or just bring them in, we will sort them out for you. The final details this month are sales of £3121, going to 19 in successful in house bidders spending £1841, and a further 19 successful postal bidders spending £1280, There were 8 unsold and 4 vendors. We were very pleased to discover the card reader worked today, (have we at last mastered technology I wonder,) four members took advantage of this payment method. Top spot went to Lot 157 a large box of over 3000 Barratt/Bassett Football cards selling for £150.

Next month we meet on **Saturday 20th November** – usual place usual time -
Dealers booked in to come are Brian Pentalow, Peter Beer, Darren Moyse,
Mike Heard, Ken Sandeman Mark Davies and Robert Butterworth.

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Christmas meeting -- Saturday 18th 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**