

## **East Anglia Card Collecting Club**

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It was 5 weeks since we last met at Roydon so we were ready for our regular infusion of collecting mania, with like minded individuals all looking for a 'bargain buy' or the elusive odd to complete yet another set. We were ready, Barry and Peter had the hall set up in good time and 'Mr 20p' was first to arrive through the door. With Mike/John/Paul all away at a card fair in Woking we were adequately covered by Colin Weston and Sean Clover both in attendance and providing a good array of cards. With every card at 20p Colin provides every opportunity to complete those sets without breaking the bank. I believe Sean is one of the best organised dealers in the country, with all cards and albums labelled to make them easier to find, it is always a pleasure to welcome him and his wife to the club. Sean is booked in again for the same two month's next year.

As everyone knows we have recently taken delivery of a very large collection from a Portsmouth collector, a lot of work is needed to get it ready for auction and sorted to sell but it will take us into late summer 2027 to feed it through the system. The first lots will appear in April and every month thereafter. Early signs are good for some interesting and scarce cards - 99% cigarette cards, very few trade.

We have completed the postal auction, the 400 lots were available for bids up to 1st September and we were pleased with the final figures. They received bids from 40 collectors (only 7 club members, this was disappointing) but the final figure was £4756 for the two vendors. There were quite a few unsold on the day, some of which has sold since and the ones remaining will be offered at knock out prices next month. What's left will be off to EBay land that big selling auction house in the sky. The top selling lot was very late on a lovely set of BAT Indian chiefs being sold for £350.

We had a short 'committee meeting today to decide what to do for our Christmas shin dig on Saturday 12th December after several years of the same, we decided not to change anything this year. So there will be a Giant Christmas Charity raffle, a free buffet and just 3 dealers. Sally is going to prepare a 'menu' for us and we will begin the process of pulling it together. A local charity will once again be the main beneficiaries as well as you the members having a memorable day out. Next year's club meeting dates have all been confirmed by the hall, I will send out a copy to all in the near future.

After years of being assistant to the assistant auctioneer and chief runner Dave Turnbull has decided to retire in the new year so we need a new volunteer to help Ann with the distribution of auction items. Full training and guidance will be available and compensation is in the form of gratitude from the members. The ability to stand and walk would be helpful. We are very grateful

to Dave for his help over the years and hope he will continue to come to club from his home in Hastings, he will always be welcome.

There was a good attendance this month with some less spotted members coming to see us. Nice to welcome and chat with Steve England again and our good friend (or he tells me he is) Gary Colman. We had a visit again from 'the Nash's' from Market Rasen, third time this year, they plan their weekends away in Norfolk around our club date. Also a local visitor who has inherited a collection and plans to develop it. He is coming again next month and will join us.

Please note Alan has a new landline telephone number -- 01473 843468 -- unfortunately his old number is on the next few month's auction lists which have been printed. His mobile remains the same.

This month's auction list didn't look to exciting, one or two more interesting lots which proved to be the case. Final figures were for the 250 lots £3289, there were 5 vendors and 37 unsold. There were 23 postal bidders spending £1967 on 84 lots and a further 18 in house bidders spending £1322 on 129 lots. Top spot went to lot 49 a lovely set of FJ Smith Nations of the World being knocked down for half catalogue £250. As I mentioned earlier we have a huge stock at the moment for future sales but we can still accept quality cards from members. There seems to be a lot of collections being sold nowadays but with limited finances prices are going down and the more common cards are more difficult to sell. I think Brooke Bond are a good case in point, I've got to the stage now of giving them to charity rather than include them in our auction, or sell them on Ebay or Facebook. they may at least get 50p for them. Talking of prices the new Murray's catalogue will be available at the November meeting. Paul tells me he has had to put the full retail price for it this year to £15 (from £12.50), I usually buy a quantity (50) and get them a little cheaper, but always have trouble selling the last few, so maybe I should do it by order only. Watch this space.

Next month we meet on Saturday 17th October at Roydon Village Hall  
from 8.30 to about 3.00. Auction at 12.30.

Dealers planning to be with us are Peter Beer (sorry I missed you off last month Peter), Darren Moyse, Paul Lynch, Richard Buckle, Mike Heard, Brian Pentalow and John Taylor -- a full house --

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