

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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We started the New Year on a crisp winter's day (unlike Decembers meeting), and although the rain came later it was so much better for travelling. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year break, and was ready to begin 2018 card searching. Let's hope that elusive card we all search for will turn up sometime this year.

Unfortunately I have some bad news to start this month. Our club much loved Vice President Muriel Peck had a fall in early December and died quietly on the 20th. Muriel and Bill ran EACCC for many years and she will be remembered for her warm smile and the welcome she gave to everyone who walked through the door of our club. Muriel was 98 years young. Les/Ann/Alan and I represented the club at her civil funeral last Monday.

As the morning developed the dealers were kept busy and I think all had a good day, we must support them to keep them coming. A good number of members were in today, final number was 57, with a further 2 visitors and a new member. Through his buying and selling on Ebay, Graham Convey met an American collector, Barry Beckett. (Originally from Ipswich) Who came to the club today, was so impressed he joined. Although he has a flat in Ipswich he works in Minneapolis and comes back every six weeks so I hope he will time his visits to our club weekend and come and see us again soon.

We had a panic on during the morning as our set of hall keys had gone missing. Barry who has our 2nd set didn't stop too long and was gone before we realised they were missing. We had to ring the hall caretaker to borrow a key to lock up I hope it is sorted out for next month.

There were a few significant members missing this month, Albert wasn't with us as Gus was in hospital after a minor stroke. I understand that he is progressing well and hopes to be with us next month. As it was the first meeting of the year, I can report that 12 (9) members made it to every meeting in 2017, a further 13 (12) missed just the one and 10 (17) missed two meetings, unfortunately a further 10 (17) never made it to any. Numbers in brackets are the 2016 figure.

There was a fever of activity around the members table, Bob and Jill do a great job every month, and we had a good quantity of used albums and pages to find new homes for and soon sold out. There will be more next month, as always on a first come basis, so don't be late. We have finished sorting out the dealers stock we have been selling for the past few months and that will go through the auction until May (maybe June) and to be honest we have learnt a lot by sorting it out. We must be more circumspect about what we want to include in our auction. We accept that to sell better quality cards included in collections we have to accept common cheap cards unfortunately this dealers stock had no better quality cards to sell, just quantities of Players, Wills Gallaher's etc., which we all have. We have some real quality cards coming up, high catalogue value, mostly in excellent condition, so start saving your pennies and be prepared to enhance the quality of your collection. Next month is our Silks auction – first 145 lots – many rare, some not even catalogued. It has created a lot of interest – countrywide – and Alan already has some nice bids. We have advertised it in all the card collecting magazines and we know of several specialist silk collectors will be coming to our remote part of East Anglia. We have planned a 'Sports' card auction in April and are talking about a 'Film Stars' themed auction (May), and another Silks (July). If you want to include any items in these auctions bring them along to any of our meetings. We will continue to have 250 lots each month and these specialist themes will only be for the first 150 lots. Ideas for the future include a Types auction, a Ephemera auction even a 'Gum' card auction. Let us know what you think.

As the day progressed Les called the club to order to present a cheque for £300 to Prostrate Cancer UK, the proceeds of our Christmas raffle. Ann was at the ready with her camera and the results are below (if there is room), well done everyone a truly great effort. Our next raffle will be in April, along with our AGM and the start of the membership renewals.

Our club featured in a two page feature in Card World (Jan/Feb) issue, it was well written and had some good photos. The convention in Kings Lynn is rapidly approaching (13 weeks to go, but who's counting !!) plans are now well advanced, I hope members will make an effort to be there, believe me, if you're a card collector from this area you don't want to miss it. I will be looking for volunteer helpers from next month. Granville is preparing a 'welcome' board for the entrance; I know he will appreciate any offers of help.

It soon came round to 1.00pm and auction time; Alan was soon testing out his new £30 amplifier and after a few adjustments was ready to start. There was no problem with noise this month and we all heard Alan's side whispers? We have restructured the numbers system and Alan is having trouble remembering postal bidders are number one, he will get used to it eventually. It was one of our usual auctions, the good, the common and the £1's. But the final figure reflected a good result. The 250 lots sold for £2699, there were 10 vendors and 51 unsold. There were 14 successful in-house bidders spending £1196, and a further 17 successful postal bidders who spent £1503. Top spot this month was very late in the day Lot 240 a nice set of Taddy British Medals & Ribbons which sold for £210.

Next month we meet at the same place, same time for 546th meeting.

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■ **Saturday 17th February 2018**

Dealers booked in include Charlie Springer, John Haddon Silver, Mike Heard, John Shaw, Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, Roger Mann and Peter Workman



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