

# EAST ANGLIAN CIGARETTE CARD CLUB

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## Newsletter No. 496 --- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2013

It was festive holiday time, once again at Roydon for all the members of EACCC, an opportunity to celebrate in the Christmas spirit. And there was lots of that.

I managed to get myself organised this month and turned up in good time, only Barry and dealer Paul there. Everything was set out, we were ready and all we needed was the members. They slowly drifted in, with the auction set for 11.00am, it was very quiet at 10.30, just a few, and I thought they were going to get some bargains. Thirty minutes later I counted 46 members eagerly awaiting the juicy offers.



Alan gave them a further 15 minutes and eventually started off trying to find new homes for the 160 lots. *Facts and Figures of the 171 lot, 42 remained unsold; there were 19 in house bidders who spent £996, 15 postal bidders who spent £986, a total of £1982. 6 Vendors. Top spot went to Lot 70 nice set Fry's Nursery Rhymes for £95.* Everyone was in good spirits today and that was before the wine came out. There was lots to do including organising the drinks for the early morning. Once again Barry came to the rescue and after a quick trip to Morrison's; we were all able to enjoy a hot drink. Ann was busy selling raffle tickets and Les distributing Auction numbers and then I noticed they had swapped over (what team work) and in between all this, they made us drinks. The caterers were soon in evidence and as they had the back room to their selves they set up and were ready for us as soon as the auction finished. What a lovely spread it was as well, all sorts of delectable delights, to many to list. Plenty of it as well, not sure who had the most plate fill ups but I'm sure everyone went up at least twice, some a few more than that. Everyone agreed a festive delight; even the crackers got all round approval – well done to Gus and Barry for wearing their cracker hats. There was a lack of Christmas hats this year!

At about 1.15pm, Les called everyone to order and said a few complimentary words on all the people who make our club happen. I will really enjoy my 'Mclaran' and thank you for your continued support. It's the members who make the club but the workers make it happen ... Bob and Jill (on the members table), Albert, Barry, Ken, and the Kenny boys (for putting the furniture out and away every month), Bill, Vera and Muriel (our Wonga team) (for door duties), Ann (for help with the auction) Val & Zowie (catering), Alan (for his tremendous work on the auction) and myself. Alan gave Les a vote of thanks for his work as Chairman.

Good Luck Les in the next few month's our thoughts and best wishes will be with you. For me the highlight of the Christmas 'do' is the raffle, it always amazes me the way the members find many many prizes on offer. This year 77 prizes needed to be distributed. The first and second very kindly given by a member and I got two vouchers from M&S of £100 and £50, after that the winners came and selected a prize each. I think Chris Bree won the most prizes (although we stopped counting when he got to double figures) and admitted to being suitably embarrassed. Several members won several prizes. Try as we might we didn't pull a winning ticket to anyone on the 'Presidents' table (and they had a good number of tickets), our dealer Paul Lynch also went home without a prize. A cheque for £300 will hopefully be presented to MacMillan Nurses at the next meeting.



Now to the future .... The catering issue has been solved – Kate (who did our buffet for us) is happy to come every month. She will offer Bacon/Sausage baps, and a full English breakfast at every meeting for us. No idea of the cost but it will be reasonable, I do expect it to be little more than we are used to (she does run a mobile catering business). We are keen to continue to offer free drinks to every member and visitors and therefore will have to revert to the voucher system. Check in on arrival with the girls and collect your drinks voucher. Kate will do other food for us if we would like something different i.e. sandwiches, cake, crisps etc. etc.

... Les, Alan and I had a chat about visitors – as most members know, the same two guys have attended our club every month for the last 6 always paying a £1. It would have been cheaper for them to join. We always welcome visitors and will continue to do so but would like them to join our happy club. We discussed several options – like limiting them to a certain number a year before they must join – but have decided that from January – visitors will as always be welcome but have to pay a £2.00 entry fee.

... Next year's dates – all booked at Roydon – are all 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays except December ..  
 18/1 15/2 15/3 19/4 (our 500<sup>th</sup> meeting) 17/5 21/6 19/7 16/8 20/9 18/10 15/11  
 13/12 (this last date might change to the Sunday to avoid a clash with North Kent, what do you think ?)

**Next Meeting Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Dealers booked in are Martin Toms, Ken Courtney, John Haddon-Silver, John Shaw and Peter Beer. Space for two more – give me a ring to book a place, free tables for January to June.**

Our club table will be on the stage as usual with a fine selection of Albums and Pages plus many bargain cards.

**Happy New year to all the members of EACCC**