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You never know what is going to happen each month at EACCC (I think I've said that before) and as usual everyone continues to surprise. This month is traditionally a quieter month but with some very nice lots in the auction and top dealers present, we had a really good show of members. I picked up Colin Gamble at the usual time and had already got Alan (must be something good in the auction) Neale in tow we ambled our way East to Roydon, via the delights of Downham Market, Mundford and Thetford, arriving at the normal time of 9.00am. Alan was already busy setting the auction lots out. Barry and Ken had been and set the tables/chairs out and gone back to Thetford, (Barry had a golf match, hope you won), and the room was busy. I was being chased up by Joyce who was keen to get everyone checked in and badged up, we were soon organised and running.

There was a real buzz in the air, the normal early birds were searching and digging out those much sought after rarities. Graham Convey was back with us after his recent foot operation and he wasn't even limping. Gary Daynes was keen to see the auction lots, particularly the Panini lots I'm told. The boys from Boston were with us, Dave and Jack keen to savour our unique atmosphere and renew many friendships. I know Jack has been sorting out his collection recently and filing his cards into new pages, sorry I forgot to fill up the boxes this month but will make sure everything is available next month. I saw several rarely seen faces this month, Mike Plant from Stowmarket, the Kenny boys keen as always to discuss the fortune (at the moment) of Norwich City, (well at least there above that other 'so called' Championship team ?? if only temporarily). Also with us were those other NCFE stalwarts, the Coleman's Tony and Gary from Beccles. It was also the month the Bradshaw's make the journey from the metropolis of Kings Lynn and he tells me that he has now disposed of all his collection but will still be coming over to see us regularly.

The dealers were busy all morning and in John Haddon Silver's absence John Shaw filled up the middle tables and had a good day. It was very pleasing to see Peter Russell had made the trip from Market Drayton to be with us along with the other regulars.

We had 8 visitors this month including Jim Broderick, who left Liverpool on the 5.00am train, changing in London, and was picked up by Alan at 10.40am; He came for two specific lots in the Auction and got them. Good for him, nice to see you Jim. Also visitors from Spalding, Burton on Trent, Bexhill (Kent) and Bexley Heath.

Anne and Les were with us early - Les looks extremely well considering he had a major operation just a few weeks ago. We had plenty to discuss and plan for the future - not least our Christmas extravaganza. I can now reveal our final plans for our Sunday 14th December meeting. We are going to have a 'three course sit down Christmas Lunch', with a 150 Lot auction, a 100 prize raffle for the Royal British Legion (a most appropriate charity to support this year), and 3 dealers. Full details on the attached flier and for all members it will be FREE. We have had a very good year financially and we can see no reason to store it away in our accounts (particularly as interest rates are virtually non-existent) let's spend some of it !! The girls who provide us with refreshments every month have put together a lovely menu for us to select from a good day guaranteed. All you have to do is return the menu to me by the November meeting. Full details are enclosed. Non-members can come but have to pay £10.00 in advance.

We have had copies of Card Scene available for members to take up but as we haven't sold them I have arranged for Peter Beer to sell them each month. There is a major mistake in the 2nd issue apparently all the dates for all the club meetings are wrong. The editor John Devaney rang me to apologise for this mistake and has promised it won't happen again.

The day seemed to fly by 'as usual' and I didn't get very much time to look for odds or at dealers stock but I did a lot of chatting. We lunched (well, a cheese pasty and a piece of diabetic cake) at around 12.00 and the magic hour soon came round. Alan was sorted and waiting, gavel at the ready, I was ready change 'stacked up' and pen poised, Anne and Albert were ready to go and distribute the delicious lots to their new homes. This month saw the penultimate lots from the Surrey collection, the first of the John Myatt collection and the variety of lots from the Essex collection. On a sad note I heard that Harry Bullock's collection has been sold through Warwick&Warwick, and his widow was disappointed with the final cheque. I know we would have done better. On another note we have acquired another collection to dispose of, this time from a Northampton collector. I'm not sure what it comprises of but will know shortly, let's hope it has some quality cards in. We now dispose of common cards (which don't sell in our auction) on Ebay for vendors taking a further 10% for the club. Some sell well, others don't, but that's auctions for you. This month our results were, total income £3521, from 8 vendors, 94 unsold. The 17 postal bidders spent £968, whilst the 20 in house bidders spent £2553. Top spot went to Lot 159 a bag of Panini Football stickers (1000's) (80, 82 & 83) estimated at £20 to £30, sold for £310. That bodes well for the future of our hobby.

Next month it's Saturday 18th October, Roydon Village Hall, 8.30am to 3.00pm with our auction at 1.00pm. Dealers booked in include John Haddon Silver, Ken Courtney, Peter Beer, Martin Toms, Ken Sandeman and John Taylor. Don't forget our Club table - full of pages and albums for you to keep your cards in nice order. I will have a few second-hand albums this coming month.