

# EAST ANGLIAN CIGARETTE CARD CLUB

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It was once again an early start for me, we were on the road by 6.45 am and after a smooth drive to Roydon, we opened the doors by 7.50am, only John Shaw beat us (I reckon he left on Friday night !!!). Colin Gamble came with me and was a great help putting up tables and chairs. It didn't take long for other dealers to make an appearance and the first two members through the door was Adrian Scarff and Graham Convey, both keen to get amongst the cards.

We had a lot of apologies for today, Ken and Alice Courtney had rung up Thursday to tell me they couldn't make it, also Bob and Jill Jennings had a family issue to sort out, Barry Allen had to work and therefore Ken Short couldn't be with us. I did hear that Harry Bullock wasn't very well and had been in hospital, our best wishes are with you, get well soon. The girls told me that the final number was 58 plus 4 visitors and 6 dealers.

My plea last month for more dealers resulted in John Shaw coming again and we were pleased to welcome Jean Dixon on one of her annual pilgrimages to Roydon. Along with Mike Heard, John Haddon Silver, Martin Toms and Peter Beer all had steady business all day.

It wasn't long before the smell of coffee and bacon came drifting into the hall and we all knew that Val. was with us and this time had a helper (daughter in law I think). They were kept busy all day, bacon rolls, the most popular. I did see a few members tucking into a breakfast. Most welcome especially after an early start. I was ready when Alan said the magic words 'coffee time'. The 206 lot auction was out and already being looked over and so we took the opportunity to catch up and plan for the future. Les and Anne made an early appearance and were soon set up collecting the member's subscriptions and doubling up selling the albums and pages at the same time. Thank you to the 64 members who have paid up, hopefully everyone else will pay next month and we will register our usual number of 150 members. I had a lovely letter from Joan Barratt-Leonard who will not be re-joining this year but will try and visit us at least once a year. Joan's first love in collecting is bottles and cigarette cards are a secondary interest. We had a new member this month Richard Corby from Attleborough and an ex member has re-joined Jim Jackson the dealer from Manchester way, he misses us and wants to keep in touch. Jim tells me he specialises in postcards nowadays but has fond memories of his trips to Diss and the warm welcome he always received. We had four visitors this month among them a Julian Tice-Hurst from Vancouver Canada. He was on holiday in Suffolk and one of our members brought him along. He bought well in the auction and his suitcase will be full of cards on his return home. I hope he doesn't have to pay for overweight luggage.

It was nice to have the opportunity to check out some cards as well as chat to everyone about all things cartophilic. There is great anticipation for next week's Convention at Woking in Surrey, many members from EACCC will be going and looking for that elusive card needed to complete the set. I did hear that 46 dealers had booked in on 110 tables, lots of cards should be a good 'do'. Next year was supposed to be Sheffield but there have been some problems with the venue and it has been moved to Southport in Lancashire again (we were there in 2010), that decision did not meet with the approval of EACCC members (I talked to) because of the distance involved and the lack of dealers last time we were there. It will be coming round to us again in 2015 or 2016, I have been given to understand. Maybe we can find a better venue than the UEA we used last time, Ipswich has been suggested. Know any good venues?

We have a good stock of cards to sell in our auctions for the next few months. Our good friend Dennis Towler's collection have been sorted and listed for May, June and July (nearly 500 lots) and I have collected a massive collection of cards from Surrey. It took a Transit van and 22 'apple size' boxes to bring it back for sorting out. I'm in seventh heaven going through the totally unsorted collection, I believe will total over 2000 lots in all. To ensure regular members are able to still sell their cards in the auction we will be limiting this collection to 150 lots a month. Early signs I've looked in two or three boxes are quantity wise - never seen so many, quality in the main very good. Not seen any really rare cards yet i.e. Taddy Clowns but there are some nice cards. The club will do well out of this collection, and the members will have a great opportunity to enhance and improve their personal collections.

As it was April it was also AGM month - the usual apathy was apparent and all embarrassments were quickly overcome as all officers were prepared (not allowed could be an alternative phrase) as no one else wanted to do it, but anyway we moved on quickly. There will come a time sometime in the future when someone will have to be elected. I had prepared a financial sheet for the year which showed an increase of income over expenditure of about £700 on the year - mainly from the auction.

This month's auction proved to be a bit disappointing the final total was only £1691, when I tell you 87 lots remained unsold, that's not far short of ½ the auction. Top spot went to Lot 129, a nice set of Wills Cricketers who bowled their way up to £100. Postal bidders spent £1017 and there were 8 vendors, Everyone was saving their money for the convention ! Next month we have the Two Taddy Wrestlers in lots making a first time appearance at the club. Start saving your pennies now.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 is our next meet.

Dealers booked in are Ken Courtney, John Haddon-Silver, and Martin Toms, Peter Beer, John Shaw and making his second appearance John Taylor from Melton Mowbray plus our fabulous Members table.

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