East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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It was going to be interesting today, to see what support there would be for our April meeting after all it was changed to a week later (and we don't like change!) and it was straight after the National Convention. There was a good turnout of EACCC members at Salisbury, I think something like 25 members made the trip. The event was well received and although the attendance wasn't record breaking it was a great opportunity to checkout new dealers and generally socialise with other like minded collectors. Interesting to see our own Darren Moyse standing as a dealer and for the first time the Cleaver boys were selling some of their cards They will stand at Roydon later in the year.

This month we had a full house of dealers, unfortunately Gary Challis had to call off but we had Steve and Paula Lewis standing for the first time and I think they did very well. There was, as expected, a lower turnout and I think we totalled 52 at the end of the day with just one visitor.

I'm pleased to report that 70 members have renewed their subscription for the year unfortunately this means around 30 haven't! If you have a GREEN dot on your envelope, it means we haven't received yours yet so this could be your last newsletter and auction list. If the £12 is not received by the May meeting you will be removed from the membership list. We are pleased to welcome a new member Frank Eyles from Brandeston to our club. If any member would like to receive their newsletter by email this can easily arranged and save the club over £10 each per year. Currently 24 members receive their newsletter by email., just let me know your email. The auction lists are always on the website. We have been experiencing difficulties with our website, apparently you can access it but not do a lot on it. Our webmeister (and his son) are on the case and will hopefully have it sorted in the very near future.

Does any member collect Cigar bands? I have four large albums and some Odds to move on, please speak to me if your interested. I still have the 'Only Fools & Horses' collection to sell, I would like to move it on so it will be available for 'silly' offers, there's a lot of it so it has to be over £20. I sold a lot of albums this month for a £1 coin so will have more of them at the May meeting. The type books got bigger again this month and now total 21 albums, as they are so popular they will be back next month as well. Please don't forget we have a cupboard full of new albums and pages, most sizes and colours available at cost price.

It was great to have Sally back with us this month after her holiday to Tunisia, her offerings were well received and she was busy most of the morning.

We are well ahead with our auction plans for the next few months, Alan has finalised and had printed all lists to September (thanks mainly to the inclusion of the Gus Garrod collection). We have the September Postal auction listed up in draft and will be sending to the printers after the May meeting. It has taken a lot of time and work to pull all this together and we hope members and other collectors appreciate it. I can't see us completing the sale of Gus's collection until late 2025 but we are accepting lots from other members now the bulk of it has been listed. We sold a collection in our march auction and there was no name on the listing so we can't pay out !! If you are waiting for us to sell/pay out please speak to Alan or myself. You will need to identify some of the lots. Any items bought in for inclusion in the auction must be listed and have a name on. Alan is now working on completing the October auction.

Auction time seemed to come round very quickly today and we were ready at 12.30 to start finding new owners for our 300 lot sale. I am always amazed how Alan manages to keep the sale moving and isn't too distracted by the numerous attempts by members of the audience. He does a tremendous job for the club. This month was one of the strangest auctions we have ever had, the first 150 lots sold for around £800, the second 150 for an amazing £5k. The total sale was £5897, which is absolutely great. Top lot was 151 a nice collection of Kinney Military cards selling for £400. Quality cards always sell as all collectors want to improve the collections with quality cards. Now is the time to do it as we have them to sell. Some nice cards are coming up for the next few months, so be ready to spend to improve.

This month's full facts and figures are total sales £5897, there were 18 successful in house buyers spending £2587 on 180 lots, a further 28 successful postal bidders who spent £3310 on 83 lots. With just 4 vendors and only 31 unsold, it was a good sale for the club.

Next month we meet (in just three weeks) on Saturday 18th May at Roydon Village Hall same times as always 8.30 am to about 3.00pm. Auction at 12.30.

Dealers booked in are Mike Heard, John Shaw, Darren Moyse, Peter Beer, Gary Challis, Richard Buckle, Richard Spurgin and Sean Coafield.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR MAY MEETING ONLY, ALL USED ALBUMS £1 FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

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