

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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It was a lovely day today to start our 645th meeting, just over 55 years since it began all those moons ago. You can read all about it in our 'potted history' which outlines lovely what happened back then at our first meeting and many more since then as well. Why not borrow it sometime, take it home, read at your leisure. Just ask me and you can go on the list, (it's only one person long at the moment).

The hall have fitted a new security lock system but Peter had it figured out very quickly (I think he was a master locksmith in a previous life) all I had to do was get it locked up alright at the end of the day. You have to remember a combination number now, not sure it is any better.

Barry didn't make it today, he had a little accident at home and thought it better to rest, he will be with us at the National next week. Just thinking you know, I listen to Tony Blackburn (as a lot of other members do) on the way to Roydon and to Norwich City all the way home. I know which makes the easier listening.

All the talk this week was the anticipation of next week's National Convention, just down the road in Kings Lynn. There will be 36 dealers, millions of cards (perhaps even the one you have been looking for the last few years) and visitors for all over the country, even some from abroad. It will be enormous - miss it at your peril - call yourself a collector ! I have to be careful how I write this, it is still a few days away but this newsletter won't come out until it has been and gone. I have been to many conventions over the past years and it is as much a social event as a card event. I love to hear what other clubs/branches are doing. Hope to see you there ?

Don't forget to come and say hello on our stall, get yourself a drink, rest your feet, have a chat. We are selling Albums and Pages (mostly new but a few Used ones), you can check out some of the lots in the May/June auction plus we have available our Club Pens (show price 50p) and even some of our 'Personality sets also 50p each. I have put together a large box of very cheap sets, the idea to interest new young collectors who have come for the Pokemon tables.

We had a steady number this month, I think the final figure was 55 so the dealers were busy all morning, one or two of the lesser seen members but as always the regulars were all with us. As everyone knows membership subscriptions are due and for the first time we offered our 'all singing all dancing' card machine for members to pay with, but only 5 chose to use it. You can't beat good old cash can you. To date 55 have paid only another 45 to go. It is the best value you will get for £15 anywhere today. Any member not paid by May meeting get the dreaded RED stamp and then are taken off the circulation list. If you can't get to a meeting to pay, put it in the post or

Bank Transfer it. One member did this and didn't tell me, but my 'Sherlock Holmes' instinct took over and I worked it out. We hate to lose members.

Now to the future, after the 'National' we won't be resting, we are having a raffle for club funds in June, more about that next month, then in September something really special an extra 400 lot 'postal auction'. You remember the one we had two years ago with all Gus's excess stock, well we have a very large collection to sell again and have decided to put most of it in a 'Special auction'. This special will be circulated not only to our members and our postal bidders but also to all CSGB members, worldwide so hopefully will attract many more bids, which generates more income for our club. income we all see the benefit off. This collection belonged to Stuart Barker who was a member with us for many years, a lot of current members will remember Stuart. There are over 500 quality sets to sell (unfortunately many duplicated). This special auction will have a September 1st closing date. This will hopefully lighten our stock load, Alan is currently listing December and has enough for the start of 2027. As always though members will always have priority in our auction. It has been suggested to me that we ought to charge more commission to non members but we haven't given that much thought yet, perhaps in the future. What do you think ?

There was some very interesting lots in the auction today - like lot 235 a lovely almost mint set of James Taddy Natives of the World. I have seen a few of these sets in my years of collecting but never one is such fine condition. I don't rate anything mint nowadays there is always someone with better eye's than me. They eventually sold in house for £690 against a £2000 book price.

The final total was very good, with it nearly making £5k, the best for quite a while, meanwhile next month looks quite tasty as well, don't forget to check it out. The final numbers are total sales £4973,with 20 successful postal bidders spending £2566 on 76 lots, a further 18 in house bidders spending £2407 on 136 lots. There were 10 vendors and 38 of the 250 lots were unsold.

I really hope you enjoy/ed the convention and you found everything you wanted, it's only a few weeks before we meet again. Next year's convention could be totally different, nothing has been confirmed yet, it's all speculation, but as soon as it is sorted you will be the first to hear.

In the meantime we will be back at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 16th May 2026 with Mike Heard, John Shaw, Darren Moyse, Peter Beer and Richard Buckle in attendance.

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