

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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It was Easter Saturday for our April meeting and usually the holiday period means members are away from home and can't always get to our monthly meet. As always we were well supported and a total of 55 members and 3 visitors made the trip to Roydon for our card fest.

There were a couple of dealer changes which was well communicated to the members prior ... I left Peter Workman off the list last month (sorry again Peter), Martin Toms was in Thailand but we were pleased to welcome Peter Russell to our club from the Welsh border. He told me he left at 4.50am and got to Roydon just after 8.00am – 184 miles (I think he said). It was nice to see Geoff McMillan again from the pork pie capital of England (Melton Mowbray). Also nice to see Bridgit Haddon Silver back with us and helping John sell his wonderful array of cartophilic splendour. Everyone was busy most of the morning, always a good sign.

I hadn't been there long when the girls in the kitchen reported a lack of hot water, after checking the loo's (they were cold also) I tried to ring the caretaker but he was away for the weekend, but when I rang the hall secretary she sent her husband round and it was soon sorted. The boiler had crashed. I have been asking the hall committee for five years now for a space for a storage cupboard, at last they have agreed. Anyone know of a 6ft cupboard (wooden or steel) going free (or very cheap !), it must be lockable ? I will be able to leave the badges and stock of albums and pages rather than fill my car up every month (it will also make some space in my garage).

As it was Easter we had decided to have a raffle for a change and to boost club funds. Members responded magnificently as always and over 40 prizes with an Easter theme was on offer. We spent all morning selling the tickets – thanks to Sue for selling and to Pat and Sue for doing the folding. We did the draw at about 12.15, with several members winning more than one prize. It was great to add £151 to the club funds.

It is only two weeks now to the Annual Convention, this year at Stratford upon Avon, I know several members are going. Looks like being a great event with several million cards on offer. John Shaw has told me he is taking over a million cards himself. I hope to find some of the elusive odds that have been on my wants list for a very long time.

Now for some good news – next year 2018 we have been asked to host the event in Kings Lynn. Arrangements have been made to use ‘Alive Lynn Sports and Leisure centre’, I have been and had a look at the venue and it will be an excellent venue -- big hall, ample free parking, well lit room, and easily available food. Last time we hosted it at UEA Norwich (2009) it was well supported but had one or two issues, there will be none in Kings Lynn.
Make a date now --- Saturday / Sunday 28th / 29th April 2018.

Did you see the Easter cake in the coffee bar, I was going to take a picture of it for the newsletter until one of the good ladies in the kitchen told me it was bought one and not homemade. It's back to homemade next month but it certainly looked delicious.

As it was April it was our AGM month and the usual apathy was evident at the very start. Alan, Les and I are all happy to carry on for another year (much to the relief of most present), I'm happy to continue as long as the support helpers continue to help. Although we three might do most of the preparation for the club without the support team, there would be no club. I did prepare a few facts and figures for those present, it was interesting to note our average attendance has been 56, our auction total for the year was just over £31k. for a small club I think that reflects well on the support we get from the members.

Alan was pleased to receive many auction lots for future sales from several members, he has enough for July but asks to keep them coming. We need a collection to sell but none has come to light as yet. This month we had 200 lots to sell from 8 vendors. The final facts and figures were, total sales £1980. These went to 19 in house bidders for £863 and £1118 from 16 postal bidders. Of the 200 lots only 33 remained unsold. Top spot went to Lot 107 a nice set of Copes General Knowledge. Catalogued at £200, estimated at £65, it was knocked down for £80. A rare set at a bargain price !

Next month we meet on SATURDAY 20th May 2017,

same time, same place,

Dealers booked in include John Haddon Silver, Mike Heard, Roger Mann, Martin Toms, Peter Beer, Ken Courtney and John Taylor

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