

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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This month seems to have come round very quick, would the nice weather bring out the members or would it being Easter weekend persuade them to other pastures. Well I've said it before (and will almost certainly say it again) there is nothing like a dedicated collector and they all belong to our busy club.

The club is a great team effort and nothing was more apparent than this month, the setting up of the tables and chairs is a physical thing and our team working together it took just 15 minutes. We were set up and ready to roll by just after 8.00am and it didn't take the punters (sorry, members) and dealers long to set up and begin the action.

We had five dealers booked in and I'm sure they all had a good day. Darren was a little late on parade but when he had set up with his daughter Gemma helping, he was soon selling. Peter was back after missing last month and Gary was also back for a selling experience. He hopes to be with us most month's but sometimes doesn't finish his lorry driving very early on the Friday so can't always guarantee getting to us.

A good number of members turned up – 52 in total – and enjoyed the day, many had to stay just a short time mainly because of family commitments and we had just 22 left in the hall at the start of the auction. There were three visitors, Dave Turnball dragged along our good friend Garry Ford a well known collector from the south coast and a couple from Ipswich made their first visit and were very impressed. They bought cards and albums and went away very happy with the words 'see you next month'. Chris Bree couldn't wait to get home to sort some cards out and spent most of the morning going through some Topps Footballers.

All subscriptions are due this month (**£10**) and about 70 have paid to date. If you have the dreaded GREEN spot on your envelope then we haven't received your subscription, you have a month to rectify this. Last payment date May meeting, I will be updating the membership list and the circulation list that month. If you have not paid, your last ever newsletter will have dropped on your doorstep, and 'of course' your email box for those who receive it electronic. Postage has gone up this month making your membership subscription even better value for money.

I know of several members making the trip to Hemel Hempstead at the end of the month, don't forget to say 'Hi' I'm sure you will find that elusive card to complete your favourite set. If it's as popular as usual there will be around 30 dealers from all over the country with millions of cards on view. I don't have any more information on the event but I'm sure will take the usual format. We will be giving a

report on our club to the Cartophilic Society at their AGM on the Saturday afternoon. Alan and I will be representing the club at the pre convention golf tournament on the Friday this year at Whipnade Golf Club. I will be defending the trophy which I surprisingly won last year.

As this meeting was on Easter weekend we had a raffle with a Easter theme and I must thank everyone who generously gave a prize and we had over 30 to distribute. I hope Gary Challis bought a lottery ticket for Saturday night because his luck was certainly in today, he went home with 7 prizes. Total raised was £187 which has gone into club funds. Finally thank you to everyone who bought tickets.

I understand that Paul Lynch is working on a new Murray' price guide, which he thinks will be available in time for our October meeting. I have ordered a box (24) for the club. I understand the selling price will be £12.50, if I can sell them cheaper to members I will. I would rather not take reservations for the guide (as I usually forget who asks me) so try to remember to get yours at the meeting. ' It's the one they all use'

We are ticking over with the auction, Alan has enough items for the July listing, please keep bringing the items in, we can only sell what we are given and lately you have to dig deeply through the common items to find the quality cards. That was especially obvious this month, common cards will sell for £1 or £2 and we had a lot this month but rarer cards sell for a fare price and they did this month. Future auctions Alan would like to make the August listing a Silks auction as they are very popular usually, this will also be circulated by the Cartophilic Society in their magazine Card World. This should attract a number of extra postal bidders.

This was the first auction to be hit by a lack of cards to sell, as a result we only had 200 lots, so the final figure of £2253 was alright. There were 14 successful in house bidders who spent £1008 and a further 15 successful postal bidders spending £1245. There were 10 vendors and 25 remained unsold and returned to the vendors. Top spot went to Lot 62 a part set 42/50 FJ Smiths A tour round the World selling for £180.

Next month we meet on Saturday 21st May 2022 at the same venue and same time. There are 8 dealers booked in ... Peter Beer, Robert Butterworth, Mike Heard, Darren Moyse, Brian Pentalow, Ken Sandeman, Charlie Stringer and almost certainly Gary Challis.

Hope to see many members at Hemel Hempstead on the 30th.

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