

# *East Anglian Card Collectors Club*

(Celebrating 50 years in October 2019)

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This is one of those month's when your never sure how our club is going to go, with other clubs closing for the summer we have often been fortunate to receive many visitors but not so in recent years and not it appears this year.

It was a bad sign when I got diverted 12 miles from the Thetford road because of an accident and was much later arriving than I had planned. There is some lovely Suffolk countryside to see especially the narrow car width roads. I had spoken with Alan on Friday night as he was laid low with food poisoning so was slightly doubtful but as he felt better Saturday morning he made it to Roydon with just a croaky voice.

The dealers were all busy and the wheeling and dealing was in full swing, early birds were present seeking that elusive odd card that will complete their set. John Shaw wasn't booked in but decided to make the trip and it was great to see Mike Prior (and his son) on one of his too rare visit. John Haddon Silver was on holiday (he did tell me but I forgot) and poor old Charlie had to work, both will be back next month. Graham Convey has spoken to Gary Challis and although he wants to come back dealing again his full time job is preventing it at the moment. There was a steady number of members throughout the day and our final number of 55 reflected that figure. Only two visitors, an ex member from Oulton Broad (who didn't want to rejoin, despite pressure from Doreen) = what a bargain he is missing and a lady from Norwich who we all know as Mrs Pottergate.

There was time for chatting and time for seeking cards ( I found a few for a change ) and time for catching up over a cup of coffee. Kate wasn't with us today, she has had a minor accident but will be back next month, However she sent a very helpful man and her Gran to provide us with our needs, they proved more than capable but although we devoured the cakes she brought, we didn't manage the pies.

Everything is in place for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting in October (19<sup>th</sup>), there will be a free buffet and two special cakes. With 10 dealers booked in, it will be a full house. We are expecting several visitors as well.

Sad to report we have lost a member, Brian Lawrence from Ipswich died earlier this month. His funeral was last week. Brian has only made it to the club once this past year because of illness. He has used the club auction to dispose of his collection of cards, including 116 lots this month.

Time is approaching when we begin our plans for our December Christmas meeting – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Alan has already done the auction list!! We have discussed it briefly and think that as we appear to have a winning formulae that suits most members, lets do the same thing again. Suggestions of which charity will receive our raffle income this year are most welcome, let us know.

Now I know this is an early warning but next year our convention will be at the Five Rivers Leisure Centre Salisbury Wiltshire. A beautiful city, well worth spending time in, there is so much to see and enjoy as well as millions of cards. The dates are Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

It soon came round (as it always does) to auction time and Alan with his croaky voice was ready, the lots were sorted, Ann and Albert were ready to deliver them to their new owners and we were off disposing of the 250 lots. It was an alright auction this month nothing spectacular but many many nice cards. Alan was going well without any unsold but came a cropper on Lot 92, well done for trying. I'm sure many members bought cards they didn't expect to. There were some real bargains this month many sets struggling to make 10% of catalogue. I understand several members buy them at our auction then sell them on a well known on line auction site. The huge Brooke Bond collection I sent a note around last month was sold eventually for £210, that gives the lucky buyer a lot of sorting out to do.

Alan is well up on his listings and as I stated earlier has completed December and is beginning January. I gave him another 500 lots from Alan Huggins collection so he has enough for well into 2020. There is always space for more so keep on bringing them in. I understand that six albums of cigar bands are being brought in next month. Well if it is cartophilic related we will try and sell it.

This month the figures are – total sales £2434. There were 22 successful in house bidders spending £1739, a further 12 successful postal bidders who spent £695. There were 6 vendors and only 19 unsold. Top spot went to Lot 70, a lovely collection of Ogden Guinea Gold, selling for £100.

**Next month we meet on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Same place, Same time**

5 whole weeks to wait.

Dealers booked in are

John Shaw, John Haddon Silver, Ken Courtney,  
Derek Golson, Charlie Springer and Peter Beer

Again room for ONE more, give me a ring.

Have you checked out our website lately – [www.eacc.co.uk](http://www.eacc.co.uk) –  
future auction lists, old newsletters (including No.1), links to dealers and much much  
more – have a look now.

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