

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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Although we have had five weeks since our last meet (seems much longer than that sometimes), it is always worth waiting for as August is always one of our busiest. If you add in a specialist silks auction, a new dealer, many very rare cards in the auction and other club's not opening this month, we are certain to have a busy month. Let's not pass by this special occasion – our 600th newsletter – it's got to be some kind of record ? While members are happy to read my ramblings, I will continue to do it, I started way back in 2008, newsletter number 432.

We had a dilemma before the meeting, an email from Sally on Friday night telling us 'her car had failed it's MOT' and she couldn't do any catering for us. It really was too late to get anyone else in so it looked like no drinks or eats for us ! Step forward three gallant members – Ray, Neville and Graham – on hearing of our dilemma, went down to Morrisons and brought back sausage rolls, tea, coffee, jam doughnuts and bananas and spent the whole morning providing sustenance to the members. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all three it was much needed. Sally was very sorry she let us down and has assured us she will be back next month.

As Barry had rung me Thursday night to tell me he had Covid and couldn't come this month, I left very early and got there in good time to let Mike and Peter in. After a short time we soon had the hall set up to our liking and ready for the hordes (sorry members) to descend. We had a full house of dealers including retired dealer Peter Russell who had travelled to us from his home on the Welsh border. He told me he had a really good day and will be back in November. Unfortunately Gary Challis was stuck at work and unable to get to us this month, hopefully he will make it in September. We are experimenting next month with a postcard dealer – Dennis Cross – lets see how he goes. We have Mike and Judith Towersey with us next month, who will bring their extensive Odds including many Brooke Bond. The other new development to report to members is a new dealer for us later in the year who specialises in 'modern issues'. We haven't firmed up with him yet (November looks best) but I know a few of our members collect more modern cards. Apparently there was a large fair in London recently for modern card collectors that attracted 1200 collectors, surely there must be a link there for us?

As I said earlier, August is usually one of our busy month's and it was all day, a total of 54 members turned up and a further 6 visitors making it a great day out and in the process creating a great atmosphere. Five of the visitors were local (Norwich/Ipswich), pity they don't join especially as they have all been before. I thought a few members might be missing today as a rail strike was due and therefore no trains running, but such is their enthusiasm to be at the club, they came on the bus instead ! Well done for the initiative. I had some news from a members daughter recently that our good friends (and ex Secretary) Derek / Cynthia Bradshaw were having a tough time., Derek has had two strokes and

Cynthia a nasty fall, both are in a Care Home being looked after very well. I called in to see them on Friday to see how they were getting on to find Cynthia in very good form unfortunately Derek has advanced dementia and didn't know me. Nevertheless we had a good chat recalling the club from many years ago and familiar faces and names. Derek introduced me to EACCC way back in 1982.

As it is our August meeting we had a very short "committee meeting" and agreed that our December meeting would take it's usual form of buffet and charity raffle. After discussion we agreed that a Bowel Cancer charity was worth supporting this year. More details later in the year. Our plans to run next years CSGB convention in Kings Lynn are progressing slowly but will gain momentum as the year progresses.

We received during the morning a steady stream of items for future auctions and Alan is able to continue listing up to January 2023 now, some nice items to look forward to including some early football memorabilia. We have been given by a member over 100 lots from a collector 'to test the water', if they sell well there is a promise of 100's more. Some members have been asking Alan for scans of the lots (if they can't attend the club) late on the Friday before the club. This is very inconvenient, Alan is happy to do scans but only up to the Thursday evening, so if you ask on the Friday don't get upset if he says sorry he can't do it. At the request of two members Alan was asked if he could start the auction slightly early (they had a bus to catch !!!) so we were ready for the off at 12.50 for a change. This auction list had been circulated to 550 Cartophilic members as well as the usual postal bidders, it cost us £50 with the extra printing and distribution costs and resulted in 12 new bidders, so we have covered our costs and made a few pound for the vendors and the club. More importantly it made more collectors aware of our club and auction and hopefully they will bid again in the future.

It was a very good auction which started off very well with the top spot item, three nice Edwards Ringer & Biggs Easter Manoeuvres of our Volunteers issued in 1897 and sold today for £490. Some top prices were made for the more top quality cards as usual though the more common cards were available for the more discerning collector ! The final result was a very satisfying total sale of £5373. There were 15 successful in house bidders who spent £2024, a further 30 postal bidders who spent £3349. There were 10 vendors and only 40 remained unsold. As a result of all this buying and selling the club has managed to bank over £500.

Next month we do it all again on **Saturday 17th September** at Roydon Village hall from 8.30am to about 3.00pm. Auction as usual at 1.00pm. Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Robert Butterworth, Gary Challis, Darren Moyse, Brian Pentalow and Dennis Cross (mainly postcards). We are also very pleased to welcome after a gap of many years Mike and Judith Towersey.

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