

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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The run up to this club meet was at times frenetic with lots of different things happening, I was always confident things would work out and another good day was to be had by all. This month is traditionally a busy one and always well supported although we only had 4 visitors, the members were out in force, I think the final number was 67.

It was great to see some members who hadn't been around for a while, the Kenny boys dropped in, Mike Reeve was a welcome face who has had a difficult year but hopes to get along more often this year. Most of the regulars made it this month including the early birds, who came this month before we were set up. We got them involved though and it made the whole process so much easier. The wheeling and dealing was soon in full swing.

Unfortunately Doreen wasn't able to be with us this month and so it was back to the 'self check' in system which seems to work for our club, only 4 members forgot to tick the book. I had a couple of dealers drop out - Peter Russell got his dates mixed up and Sean wanted to buy not sell but we were adequately covered by Mike, Peter, Richard, and John, even Darren eventually turned up - to much teasing. Should be good next month full house of dealers including two who don't come our way very often (which is a pity because they have some good cards to sell us including odds) which I sometimes think is missing from some dealers.

This month was the first opportunity for members to get a look at the September postal auction lots and I think most members did. There has been a lot of enquires about the lots, Alan and I have sent a lot of scans out of the cards to interested buyers, which have resulted in several significant bids. They will be available to view again next month then it will be time to put your bids in. There are some lovely and very rare cards available. The general rule is, if you want a particular lot bid strongly otherwise a 'cheeky' bid might win some lots. Auctioneers discretion is final on the acceptance of all bids. We had over 800 lists printed and have only a few left so please bring your list with you when you view. A member asked if we will be doing another 500 postal auction next year - for members to include some of their treasurers, most of this one is from the Gus Garrod collection. Our response has been let's see how this one goes but maybe next summer (May 25) might be considered. There is a lot of work goes into its preparation, it's distribution and the run up. The club should have a significant income from it though.

I am pleased members are buying our stock of new albums and pages, it is boring counting them but we are getting quicker at it nowadays. We have all sizes of pages and albums in stock. The middle albums are at the moment unobtainable as the manufacture has gone 'bust' but we are searching for a new supplier. Everyone keeps asking me about next year's convention but there has been no announcement year of the venue, not even guesses although we do know it will not be Pudsey (Leeds).

Les and I had a chat this month about our Christmas Extravaganza - we agreed it has run so well in the past why change it, so we are not going to. Sally has been booked and will do a buffet Christmas themed feast as usual. The only decision we need to make is which charity to support this year from the raffle. We have helped several national charities these past years so this year let's make it a local one. Over to you now with recommendations. The only stipulations are it is a local (East Anglia) relevant, registered and will come and collect it. Let us know who you want the money to go to. Once again I bought a couple of books of types and a large box of ephemera for members to dig into and buy at a fair price. Everything sold again, well done and thanks. Members enthusiasm for the deals amazes me every time. Next month I will have another large box (maybe two) and a box of reference books, there will be more types later in the year.

Sally was busy all morning, every time I went in there was queue but once again I had to have one of her delicious Ham & Leek pies, I think she sold out of most of the delicacies she bought. The back room is fast becoming the social hub of the club where members go to have a short breather from the buying and selling, but to chat with friends and like minded collectors. A new neighbour called in today as he wanted to know what was going on as he has never seen the car park so full, maybe a new collector in the making.

We still have some way to go to completing the listing of the Gus Garrod collection, I'm currently listing May 2025 (151 to 300), Alan has completed and printed January 2025, he has enough for February so any received at the moment will be March at the earliest. It doesn't seem to bother anyone though. We are limiting entries to 150 maximum.

This month the auction was a right mixture with many surprises, Alan was ready at 12.30 and we started only a few minutes late. It seemed to start really slowly with it being really difficult to stir up bids (except when we had a postal bid) but things did warm up and the final figure of £4686 was very satisfactory. I was very surprised by Lot 296, a quantity of Panini Argentina 78 Football stickers which caused a lot of interest, our estimate of £12 - 15 was soon passed it being knocked down eventually for £440. Shows what we know !! The rest of the auction results were 30 postal bidders successfully won 122 lots for £2711, a further 22 in-house bidders were successful and spent £1975 on 173 lots. Only 4 remained unsold and 1 was withdrawn. Unfortunately 28 lots only just sold for a single pound coin. Check out next month's auction list (21st) there some nice interesting lots - don't get the two list's mixed up - although I'm sure somebody will !.

We meet in September on the 21st (five weeks away) at the usual venue and usual time. The dealer's booked in are Peter Beer, Brian Pentalow, Richard Buckle, Peter Russell, Gary Challis (should be back), Paul Lynch from Nottingham and John Taylor from Melton Mowbray. Who knows whether Darren Moyses will be with us.

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