

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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This month seemed to come round quicker for a change and it was a beautiful day to have an event free drive to Roydon. No sugar beet lorries today and more importantly frost free.

The boys were otherwise occupied this month (Barry was on a charity 5km run) so I agreed to go over early and open up. When I got to the hall at around 7.30am I discovered the main door and the Gents toilet window all open. It didn't look like a break in but more a previous user hadn't locked up properly. I have reported it to the hall secretary. Bye the Bye, I didn't have to wait long for Peter and then Mike to arrive and we soon got the day going. It was nice to welcome back Mike Prior with his new assistant Mavis Watson after a long break (at least 2 years), I know he had a good day and has booked in again later in the year. Michael was a member in the early days and his father one of the founder members, I dug out a picture of Michael from the first series of EACCC Personalities, I would like to say he hasn't changed much but we all have matured with the years. Mike has rejoined the club. Unfortunately Darren had to withdraw from dealing because of family issues but Gary Challis did manage to finish work early and be with us.

The early birds were soon in evidence and searching out those elusive cards. It is very sad to report to members the sad loss of our good friend and loyal member Neville Barnard. He very rarely missed a meeting and was one of the early birds. I liked Neville, his infectious smile, his quiet enthusiasm for all things cartophilic. A very nice man and someone I am very pleased to have called my friend, he will be missed by many many club members. His funeral is on Monday 6th March at 9.45am at Seven Hills Crematorium Ipswich. I know the club will be well represented at his funeral. I have sent a card on behalf of the membership. Neville's entire collection has been given to the club to sell through the auction, it will keep Alan busy a few weeks preparing it into saleable lots.

It was nice to see Mike Reeve with us again, he gave me a copy of an early newspaper article from 1976 about the club, for the archives. Mike attended the 2nd ever meeting of the club way back in March 1970. The newsletter from that meeting is on our website. There was a very good turnout this month, I made it 57 members, 1 visitor and four new members (2 from Bungay, Mike / Maxine Riches and 1 from Grantham Kevin Rudkin), they all very welcome.

Plans are now well advanced for the forthcoming convention in Kings Lynn, thank you to everyone who has volunteered an hour of their time to help run the event. Ann and Les are putting together a rota of volunteers to staff the door. We could do with a couple more to fill the gaps. It is going to be a great event, I know of

at least two collectors are coming from the US of A. The latest news is, there will be 25 dealers (with some more to come) occupying 65 tables. If you like your card collecting you can't afford to miss it – Saturday 22nd / Sunday 23rd April at Lynnsport, Kings Lynn.

The day progressed well, lots of wheeling and dealing, chatting, catching up with the buzz and the atmosphere very apparent throughout the day.

= = I have acquired some more copies of the Murray's catalogue if anyone wants one £10 each.

= = I bought some used albums this month and they sold out very quickly, there will be some more next month. I am very aware that some members can't get to the club earlier enough and miss out on these bargains. For this coming month only – ring me if you need some albums and I will keep them aside for you.

= = someone left a black glasses case at the club today, I have it, no glasses but pen and tweezers inside, ask me for it in March.

= = the caterer who does a great job for us every month was very pleased this month, she completely sold out of everything she bought with her.

It soon came round to auction time, on paper it didn't look a great auction, lots of common cards and the final figure reflected that observation. The final sales totalled £1993, there were 24 successful postal bidders who spent £975, and a further 18 successful in house bidders spending £1020. There were 6 vendors and only 16 remained unsold. It wasn't going to take much to get to top spot and this honour went to Lot 118 a nice set of 100 Gallaher Woodland Trees. Alan has a lot of items to sort out for the auction, he estimated enough lots that will last us through to at least October but we will see. We have two top quality month's coming up, May and June with many cards not seeing the light of day for many years, very rare and some very expensive, start saving now. The May list will be with you next month (it's already on the website), in the mean time the April listing is enclosed with this newsletter.

Next month we meet again on the 18th March, at Roydon Village Hall from 8.30 to about 3.00pm. The auction will be as usual at 1.00pm. The dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Robert Butterworth, Gary Challis (yes, he is going to be with us) Darren Moyse, and Geoff McMillan. Room for at least one more, ring me if you would like to give it a try, it's free.

Don't forget to support our club table, I have done a new order, so there will be a full stack of all new pages and albums, as well as some 2nd hand albums.

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