

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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Saturday 15th February 2020

I really wasn't sure what to expect at this meeting, the BBC reported how dangerous it was going to be outdoors with 'Storm Dennis' expected to hit us late morning with extremely strong gusts of wind which was going to cause extensive damage to property and danger to life. Several people rang up to check the meeting was still on and it most certainly was. We have only closed once in the past 20 years (February 2013) and then there was 6 inches of snow.

Okay it was windy but as usual the East was not battered or even bruised for that matter, we got off light again compared to other areas of our fair isle, but we all know that a gust of wind won't put off our sturdy enthusiastic band of collectors and true to form it wasn't long before the members flooded in (perhaps that is the wrong descriptive word?) through the door. The boys had set up in their usual brilliant way, (I heard Barry picks Ken up at 6.15am) to come and set up and they were eagerly waiting for the kettle to go on. The early birds were lead by Garry Daynes looking for football cards closely followed by Chris Bree and the rest of the mob of early collectors.

We had no big dealers booked in this month and when Peter Workman emailed me about 2 weeks before to tell me he has decided to retire from dealing (to concentrate on collecting), I was left short of a dealer with Odds. I rang or contacted 3 other dealers to see if they could help out to fill the gap in the hall without success. We did however have two new member dealers booked in and thankfully they filled the gap really well. Darren Moyse with his top quality cards selling at a 1/3rd catalogue, had a great day, ably assisted by his daughter Gemma. I was told that all his proceeds were going towards a school holiday for Gemma. Mike Plant bought along his marvellous array of American cards – odds and sets – and he sold quite a few. These cards were a joy to see considering they were printed in the early days of printing (1880 – 1890), their colour quality is far better than many printed much later. I knew our two North Lincolnshire members, Ian and Joe were coming especially to see and buy these cards. Darren has booked in again for April and Mike will come again when I am short of dealers. At the end of the day I believe we had 49 members and 1 visitor (from Daventry).

Thanks to everyone who came and experienced our 'self check in', it seemed to work alright. Doreen will be back next month as also will Les and Ann currently on holiday in Singapore (will they have to self isolate on their return because of this nasty virus on that side of the world?) It's not often I have to send best wishes and congratulations to a member but we all wish Brian Pentalow the very best on his forthcoming marriage. Because of that he won't be at the next club meeting poor

excuse if you ask me.

Unfortunately I have to report several members experiencing ill health at the moment, Neville Proctor / Ron Newstead / Ted Wareham / John Haddon Silver to name just the few I know about, get well soon and lets see you all back with us in the next few month's.

Next month (March) and April is subscription time, Les will be collecting them to ensure you maintain your membership for a further 12 month's. I guarantee that it will be the best £12 you will spend in that time.

We will be having a raffle for club funds at the May meeting, prizes can be brought in any time before then. Also that month the new Murray's Price Guide will be available to club members at a specially reduced price (don't know yet what that will be, depends what I can get them for) I will have 30 plus copies so remember to ask me for one, I don't do reservations (because I forget who asks me !) but you will know when they are with us. I am hoping to pick them up at the annual convention in Salisbury. Incidentally I read somewhere that next years convention (2021) will be in Southport Lancashire. We have been there before and I can tell you it is a good venue in a nice place.

The auction was looking good this month, some nice cards, Alan made the decision to start slightly early (15 minutes) as all likely buyers were sitting comfortably and ready to begin. I have calculated this was Alan's 178th auction on behalf of the club!

We had discussed before the auction where we are with regards to the forthcoming Lots, as Alan has completed the listings for June with all the items he has left. We there fore need you to bring some quality cards in to us to sell from July onwards. You don't need to sort them out, we are happy to do that but please not common sets they just don't sell.

The facts and figures this month are the 250 lots sold for £3912. There were only 2 vendors and just 38 remained unsold. There were 22 successful in house bidders spending £2626 and a further 16 successful postal bidders who spent £1286. Top lot was number 186 a part set 14/25 Godfrey Phillips Types of British Solders selling for £165.

Next month we meet on **Saturday 21st March 2020** – five whole weeks away –

– Roydon Village Hall ... 8.30 to 3.00pm

The dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, Derek Golson, Mike Heard, Geoff McMillan, John Shaw and Robert Butterworth

Chairman Les Woolnough 01473 743794

Secretary/Treasurer Colin Fawcett 01553 674358

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Meeting Dates

2020

**Saturday 21st March Saturday 18th April,
Saturday 16th May, Saturday 20th June,**

**Saturday 18th July, Saturday 15th August, Saturday 19th September
Saturday 17th October, Saturday 21st November, Saturday 19th December**

All at Roydon Village Hall, nr Diss, South Norfolk

from 8.30am to 4.00pm