

# East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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Our February meeting is always a quiet affair, who wants to leave a warm fireside for a trip in the cold to our lovely meeting hall at Roydon, well 46 members and 3 visitors did. I think they made a wise decision as although the auction didn't look great, we had a room full of dealers present and everyone wanting to improve their collections. As you know true cartophilist's will always go that extra mile to find a bargain.

The dealers were keen and set up early, Oliver Cleaver was the first member through the door followed closely by Bob Scrivenor both before the dealers were set up. They both offered to help get ready for which we are very grateful.

With John Shaw in attendance we knew there would be lots of cards to look at, the late booking of Gary Challis helped fill the room up nicely. With the variety of dealers present it would be fair to say there was something for everyone and I think they all had a good day. I have a full house of dealers booked in for most of the year, it was difficult to fit Paul Lynch in when he rang up a few days ago. Although the numbers were down this month with several significant regulars not with us, there was still a good atmosphere.

Sally had to leave us at 11.00am for another outside catering booking but Katie stepped in and filled her role very well. I think she wondered what was going on as between 11.00 and 12.00 is always the busy time. Well done and thanks for helping us out.

I sold quite a few albums and pages this month and would encourage members to stock up as soon as possible as our supplier has not been able to let us have an extensive order I placed with them back in December. Apparently the manufacturer (in Germany) went bust and closed down. She has found a new one but the quality and colour are not the same and are more expensive. The plastic used to make them comes from China !!! I have sold out of some of the more popular sizes ( Large '9s', small '1s') and all size albums but have plenty of most of the other sizes in pages. Buy them now while they are still available.

Alan and Les went along to Colchester hospital to present our cheque from the Christmas raffle, which was well received. I have included a picture at the bottom of this newsletter. Our next raffle is going to be an Easter raffle special for club funds, you can bring in your prize donations from next month if you want. Tickets will be on sale at the April meeting.

Membership subscriptions are due next month (March) it will be the best £12 you spend all year, Les will be collecting them again this year. Thank you to the members who knew they couldn't get next month and have already paid. If you are not likely to be with us in March please send me a cheque (address below) payable to EACCC or pay by Bank transfer (but please tell me you have done so).

Have you booked your hotel yet for the much anticipated Cartophilic Convention in April at Hemel Hempstead. It's a 'must go' for all cartophilist's and a card heaven, with millions available to buy or even just look at. If you have lot's of set's just missing the one or two cards then you must go to Hemel they are almost certain to be in at least one of the dealers vast stock. That's Saturday and Sunday 26th/27th April Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre. I hope to see you there.

The auction started on time and despite a couple of hiccups and hindrances, Alan managed eventually to get through the 300 Lots. Not such a good result as in past month's as the final figures reflect this. The final sale total was £2830 for the five vendors. There were 24 successful postal bidders who spent £1945non 96 lots and a further 16 successful in house bidders spending just £885 on 158 lots. Unfortunately 46 remained unsold and returned to the vendors but a further 44 were sold for just a solitary one pound coin. Top lot way out on it's own was Lot 29 a lovely set fro 1898 of John Player Old England Defenders being knocked down for just £420. Next month is the first of our '**Super Auctions** - 400 lots of cartophilic splendor, something for everyone.



**Next month we meet in four weeks time  
on Saturday 15th March**

**Roydon Village Hall -- 8.30am to 3.00pm**

**Dealers booked at the moment are**

**Mike Heard, Peter Beer, Brian Pentalow,  
Richard Buckle, Gary Challis and Geoff  
McMillan**

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