

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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Saturday 15th January 2022

As it was our first meeting of a new year and the start of our 14th year at Roydon, we had high hopes that maybe this year we would make all twelve meeting's, lets continue to hope we have beaten this covid bug and we can have a great year of meetings. This is usually one of our quieter month's with bad weather expected, we never know what is to come. Today's forecast was of thick fog and I did wonder what sort of drive I would have, when I stepped outside at quarter to seven but today the weathermen had got it wrong and although there was a thin mist it turned out to be a nice clear drive to Roydon. The boys had the doors open and were busy setting up at the agreed opening time of 8.00am.

We had 5 dealers booked in today and as usual Peter Beer and Mike Heard were the early arrivals and soon set up, ready for their first customers. The Cleaver brothers were the first members to arrive, up from Waltham Cross, they were soon in amongst the cards on offer. Unfortunately Darren Moyse had to cancel but assured me he would be with us next month. We put the dealers around the outside of the hall and left the centre clear, which made the hall look empty for a lot of the day. So the comment 'quiet today' was heard several times. I had a discussion with Barry about the two club tables – which are stored behind the stage, at the hall – they are getting on for 20 years old and showing signs of wear and tear. The locking mechanism underneath doesn't work properly and is in danger of collapsing any time. We decided to recommend to the Chairman that they be disposed of, he agreed later in the day and they will be removed next month. We can afford to replace them and will do so if we need to, a decision will be made later in the year.

It was quieter today with a few members not making the trip but 42 did and I think they all had a good day. I have no inhibitions in challenging unknown faces and I did today, apologies to Dave Bennett for not recognizing him. We had the self check in working again today and most people now know and remember to put a tick in the book and collect their drinks voucher.

It was a busy morning for Alan behind the club table and he sold a good quantity of pages as we had restocked, at the current sale rate I will be re-ordering every month. When Les arrived we sat down and had a 'committee meeting!', as one or two decisions needed to be made. It was agreed we would have a raffle at the April meeting (16th) as it falls on Easter Saturday, more about that next month. Secondly we agreed that subscriptions are such good value they will remain the same for next year at £10, they become due in April/May. The third item we discussed was that an Annual General Meeting was long overdue. This has never been a priority at our club (and probably won't be just yet) but none of us are getting any younger and we do wonder how much longer it can continue? Of course we will while we can and believe me when I tell you your support is key to this. We have a successful club fulfilling the needs of many collectors and long may it continue.

One of the factors that could affect the future of the club is 'how we organise the auction' in the future. With the income we get (as a club) from the auction we are able to finance many things for the membership – hall rent, free drinks, calendar, dealers tables, newsletter plus many other general running costs. As things stand Alan has enough items for

March and April meetings to keep the level at 250 lots. We are only able to sell what we are given and with no collection to sell we will not be able to maintain that level and consequently the income. Please keep the items coming in to sell, we do have some nice cards coming up but please, please keep them coming in.

The Cartophilic convention is confirmed for 30th April/1st May 2022 at Hemel Hempstead, a lot more local for us, I will share details as they become available. For most of us it is less than two hours drive away and I recommend that you make the effort to go. One tip, the Saturday (first day) is always the busiest with fanatical collectors, the Sunday it is always easy to get near the dealers tables and the best bargains to be had.

As I said earlier this was the beginning of our 14th year at Roydon Village Hall, I thought it would be interesting to reproduce our previous venues.

March 1970 to May 1970	Grafton Arms Barnham Suffolk
July 1970 to August 1975	Euston Social Club Euston Thetford
September 1975	Tolly Cobbold Brewery Ipswich
October 1970 to July 1977	Euston Social Club Euston Thetford
August 1977	The Great Hospital Norwich
September 1977 to April 1978	Euston Social Club Euston Thetford
May 1978 to July 1979	Thomas Paine Hotel Thetford
August 1979	Ministergate Thetford (1 meeting)
September 1979 to May 1980	Thomas Paine Hotel Thetford
June 1980 to September 1980	Rushford Hall Rushford Thetford
October 1980 to April 1982	Breckland Sports Centre Thetford
May 1982 to March 1985	The Anchor Hotel Thetford
April 1985 to May 1985	Coney Weston Hall
June 1985 to May 1995	Anchor Hotel Thetford
June 1995 to December 2008	The Park Hotel Diss
January 2009 to today	Roydon Village Hall Roydon Diss

When did you first come to EACCC - for me it was Euston 1977

We were ready to swing into action at 1.00pm, Alan had the lots lined up, the buyers sitting in eager anticipation, with their bidding numbers at the ready. It wasn't a great auction line up but there was a few highlights. The top lot came early at 45, a nice collection of early Wills Cricketers from the late nineteenth century being eventually batted down for £165. (That's more than the England team scored today !!) Final figures were better than expected, total sales £2927, there were 22 successful in house bidders spending £1596 and a further 22 successful postal bidders who spent £1331. There were 7 vendors and only 3 went unsold because of the reserve.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 19th February 2022 at Roydon Village Hall from 8.30 am to 3.00pm. Auction at 1.00pm

Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Mike Heard, Brian Pentalow, Robert Butterworth, Darren Moyse .

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