

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

(Celebrating 50 years in 2019)

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Saturday 19th January 2019

Well, a new year is up and running and after a 6 week break everyone was keen to get back on the collecting bandwagon seeking to improve their collection and satisfy that collecting bug. We began our 10th year at Roydon Hall with a cold crisp winters morning drive to the venue. Everything was in full swing when we walked in and although the members seemed a bit sparse, the dealers were all set up and trading.

Doreen was off celebrating her birthday and her children wanted to take her ten pin bowling, so Sue and Gill sat in on the door and provided a warm welcome to everyone who stepped through the portal.

Barry had done his usual excellent job of setting up (on his own again, Ken was on holiday) and we had a full house of 9 dealers. Nice to see member Gary Challis trying his hand at dealing and I gather he had a good day, as did most of the dealers as the members slowly streamed in during the morning. Nice to see a few who have been absent of late, Gary Colman looking for his 'varieties' and Ken Courtney called in to tell us his hip operation had been done and he is fully bionic now. Only kept him in hospital two days, amazing what they can do nowadays. He will be back dealing next month in his usual spot, with Janice and Alice giving him good support. Nice to welcome Colin Weston to the club in his debut role as the 10p dealer. He has vast stocks of cards all the same price, all members had to do was dig them out and grab the bargains. Something they seem very good at. Nice to see Barry Beckett with us, who nowadays times his visits home from the USA to visit the club. Real dedication.

The club table was as always busy with a good quantity of Albums and Pages being sold and members books being carefully scanned for bargains. We finished up with 65 members present and a further 4 visitors. We also gained a new member, Mr David Bennett from Ipswich, I hope he enjoys many years membership with us and is able to develop his collection at the friendliest card collecting club in the country.

Other cartophilic items of interest = this years Convention in April has had a change of venue and is now at the De Vere Jubilee Conference Centre in Nottingham. The change instigated by the University of Nottingham thought that would provide us with better facilities and in particular better parking. We will but see, anyway make a note of the dates 26th and 27th April, I will include a postcode next month for your sat.navs.

= Alan and I will be representing the club in the pre convention golf at the impressive Wollaston Park Golf Club. Any one else interested in joining us is more than welcome.

= I know members like facts and data about our club so in January I usually reflect on the previous years attendance and I'm pleased to report we had 11 members who made

all 12 meetings in 2018 – well done to them all, a great effort. A further 10 members missed just one meeting and a further 7 just missed 2 meetings. Unfortunately there were 20 who never made it once. A warm welcome awaits everyone at EACCC.

= Following the enormous raffle at Christmas we will be presenting a cheque just before the auction at the February meeting to a representative from our chosen charity 'Help the Heroes'. As our meeting in April falls on Easter Saturday we thought it would be good to have an Easter raffle (for Club funds), more details next month.

It soon came round to auction time, everyone had viewed the goodies on offer and Alan, keen as ever, was ready to begin at quarter to one. Off he went rounding up the coffee drinkers, Ann checked everyone had their numbers at the ready and for once we started early. We already knew it wasn't going to be a great auction – in terms of income, most of the lots were common cards that are readily available to the avid collector but with an auction you never really know. Alan has quite a lot of material to sell at the moment and is currently working on a 5 month turnaround (it's usually 3 month's). This is good for the club but gives us a headache storing the material until auction day. He has completed the listing for the special silks auction in April and it will be with you next month. It promises to be something special. We had a lovely letter from Mrs Clarke whose film collection we have just finished selling last month and was delighted with the final total of just over £25k, very impressive. Today we completed the 'Peterborough' collection I picked up last summer, it has taken six month's to sell and netted the vendor a few pounds short of £4k.

Today the 250 lots went under the hammer (in just over 1 hour and 10 minutes including cashing up) for a final total of £2014. There were 10 successful postal bidders spending £1057, a further 16 successful in house bidders who spent £957. A total of 61 remained unsold and there were three vendors. Top spot went to Lot 181 a lovely set of Lambert & Butler Whose who in Sport being knocked down for £95.

Next month we meet on Saturday 16th February 2019
at Roydon Village Hall from 8.30 to about 3.00pm.

Dealers booked in are John Haddon Silver, Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, Brian Pentelow, Charlie Stringer Peter Workman, Roger Mann and for a second shot Gary Challis.

Room for one more if anyone is interested.

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Meeting Dates

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