

# East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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If your addicted to card collecting or just like meeting fellow members with the same inclinations then you have to be a Roydon Village hall on the third Saturday of every month and this month over 70 member's, friends, carers and wives did. I was up with the dawn and very soon heading down the road wondering as always what we were in for this month. I was a bit earlier than usual and got to the hall to find 3 dealers eager to get in and set up, the boys arrived soon after and the room was soon set up and ready.

I knew I had a full house of dealers this month because Gary brought along a new dealer, we squeezed him in next to Peter Beer, he obviously had a good day because he joined (and became our 97<sup>th</sup> member), he also booked in again next month, his name is Michael Bott. Also making his debut at the club was Mike Murphy who had driven down from North Yorkshire to be with us. Mike had been to convention and learned about us, he had some lovely cards and although a little expensive (my thoughts) had a very good day. Unfortunately once again Darren never made it (he got the date wrong) and will hopefully be with us again in September. I am getting a lot of requests from dealers to stand at the club and have had to turn two away recently because we simply don't have room in the hall, can I ask please, if you are booked in and can't make it please let me know as early as possible because there is a good chance I can replace you.

The total attendance this month was 63 members, 4 visitors and 6 helpers everyone together helped to create a unique atmosphere. It always amazes me how far some people travel to come and see us, this month there was Mike from Derby, Neil from Leeds, Dave from Hastings and two of our visitors were Paul from Bournemouth and Keith from Winchester, most of these are a good 4 hour drive away. It was good to welcome some lesser spotted members, Mike and Mavis from Spalding, Garry Daynes from Ipswich after the football deals and how often do we see Gary and Margaret Colman (from Bungay), not often enough. Also putting in a very rare appearance were Peter Chance and Barry Andrews. I had a phone call earlier this week from Bridget and John Haddon Silver, who wished to be remembered to everyone, they miss the club and their trip every month from Bury St Edmunds, they appreciate the newsletter every month as it keeps them in touch.

Our caterer was busy all morning and provided us all with all day sustenance, over 60 people used their free drinks voucher. It was interesting to see the different variety of pies she brought along for us. All very tasty.

I can confirm next years convention will be in Pudsey, Leeds in early April,

venue has been booked but the dates have not been announced yet. We didn't have a committee meeting this month as we didn't have any decisions to make. Next month we start planning our Christmas extravaganza, first decision do we change it from the last few years and which charity do we support this year? I have paid the village hall rent this month up to December and had our dates confirmed for 2024 and 2025.

We have had a steady income of auction lots and have some nice collections to sort out, Alan, Les and I have been busy sorting out the cards into saleable lots. There are as always a lot of common cards but some real gems and rare items as well. Alan has enough for the rest of this year and into the new year. After last month's record breaking auction sale this month's looked quite tame but the final figure of £3434 was better than expected. Alan as usual conducted the auction efficiently and professionally despite several members trying to distract him and he was able to sell most of the lots. Again this month he had several postal bids he was unable to take (because they were too low) but there was some nice cards and good bargains to be had. The facts and figures were : there were 250 lots, which sold for £3434. A total of 22 postal bidders were successful spending £1688 on 93 lots. A further 20 successful in house bidder bought 125 lots spending £1746. There were 7 vendors and only 32 remained unsold and were returned to their owners. There were several members who missed a lot or hadn't spent all their money and Alan was able to sell them off at their withdrawal price. Only a few had a reserve. Top spot this month was Lot 95 a lovely and quite rare set of Hyde's Modern Wonders.

With this newsletter is the September auction list, check out Lot 133 a complete set Barratt A12 Famous Footballers, including the very rare George Best card. One recently sold a couple of months back for over £6k, our lot has a £4k reserve, if it sells it will be a club record. Current record sales .... total sales June 2023 £8190, record individual lot record April 2013 £2300 for a set of Wills Animals and Birds in Fancy dress.

Can I give a reminder about our club table, we have a large stock of NEW albums and pages – all sizes at trade price – ALSO – we have several second-hand albums to sell in August only at £1 each and £1 for the slip case. Sold as always on a first come first served basis, they are filling our club cupboard so have to go !

**Our meet is Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August at Roydon Village Hall**

**From 8.30am to about 3.00pm. Our auction will be at 1.00pm.**

Traditionally August is one of our busier months so don't be late.

Dealers booked in are Gary Challis, Michael Bott, Peter Beer, Mike Heard

Robert Butterworth, Brian Pentelow - room for one more, ring me.

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