

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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This was always going to be a long day ! we knew that before we left the cosmopolitan town of Wisbech at 6.00 o'clock in the morning. The boys (Ken and Barry) couldn't make it this month so (Joe Muggins) had the job of starting early and opening up. My wife Sue came with me (some people will do anything for a free meal) and when we pulled into the car park at exactly 8.00am, two dealers were patiently waiting. Paul Lynch had left Nottingham before 5.00am to be with us on one of his not often enough visits. Roger Mann and his lovely wife all helped set out the tables and chairs and the club was soon in full swing.

Unfortunately Joyce, our 'Meeter and Greeter' has tendered her resignation, mostly because of the heavy traffic around Norwich she has to tackle every time she comes to us. On behalf of the members 'thank you' Joyce we will miss you. This month my wife Sue, Alan's wife Gill and Davids wife Diane stood in and did a great job.

We have a vacancy for a 'Meet and Greeter' if anyone can help please let us know as soon as possible.

The ladies in the coffee bar, sneaked in the back door and it wasn't long before the smell of coffee and bacon wafted in from the kitchen area. Being one of the first people in the back room I really appreciated the display of lovely food that was on offer, I did fight the smell and settled just for the coffee (initially anyway).

The early birds drifted in, not all with us this month, but those that were eager to search for those rare cards. There was quite a 'to do' on the stage this month. Alan had taken delivery of the complete John Cooper collection and has listed them up for auction however there is a large number of more modern cards, Panini, Match Attax etc etc and he decided to have a stall on the stage this month to move them on to new homes. There was a lot of cards but also included Albums and Pages, all sorts and sizes, unopened packets, masses and masses, mostly sport, all modern trading cards. Well there is nothing our members like than a good rummage and a bargain. Alan had very little idea what to charge so we developed a 'trust the member' attitude and if the price offered by the member sounded reasonable he took it. Result being he sold the lot and took home over £400 for John Cooper's brother.

The good news for us is he has the same again next month.

There was always a feeling this month was going to be a bit quiet (the auction list which had been circulated wasn't very exciting, with any 'stand out' lots) and I'm sure it put off some of our regular members but we did have a final number of 52 members and 6 visitors attend, which was more than I expected. Our furthest away visitor was Robin Gulliver, a prominent member of the Boston club who had made the trip from his home in Grimsby. Nice to welcome you Robin hope we see you again soon. Nice to see Mike Saunders here this month and very welcome he was to, also nice to see the four new members from last month with us. We do need to encourage more young people to our club. Maybe our change of name will start the process. Other membership news unfortunately we have two members in hospital at the moment, Ted Wareham and Bruce Tyrell, get well soon both of you and we look forward to seeing you up the club very shortly. Geoff McMillan had rung his apologies in as he has pneumonia and wasn't able to make it to us, also Alan Wilde who has some family issues at the moment which he needs to sort out. Hope to see you both back very soon.

Other news -- I still have 5 copies of the new Murrays catalogue, if you haven't got one, they will be with me in August.

Rumour has it, that next year's convention will not be in Manchester after all, There are problems at the venue with 'Robot Wars' going on in the adjoining hall. We need quiet for card searching. Apparently Stratford upon Avon has moved into the frame as a possible venue. – Watch this space.

As the magic hour of 1.00pm rapidly approached, Anne and Alan prepared the auction for redistribution. We knew it wasn't a particularly good auction as most of members are well established collectors and have the more common sets so we didn't have any high expectations, just as well with the results we achieved. The 245 lots sold for measly £1065 with 65 lots remaining unsold. There were 5 vendors, 17 in house bidders spending £625 and 12 postal bidders who spent £440. Top spot went to Lot 217, over 500 mixed Odds, some scarce selling for £100. Next month we have some cracking lots for you and we are expecting a much bigger result. My pick of the delectable treats on offer is Lot 181 a nearly complete set Wills Famous Golfers. It could be a great deal for some lucky member.

It's five weeks before we meet again == Saturday 20th August 2016
== same place == same time ==

Dealers booked in include Mike Heard, John Haddon Silver, Peter Beer,
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