

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

(Celebrating 50 years in October 2019)

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Saturday 20th July 2019

The signs were good this month for a good meeting, the sun was shining, a reasonable auction was looming and we had plans to make.

With a car laden with goodies – over 500 lots for future auctions to be precise and a giant bag of Albums – it was a leisurely drive behind lorries and tractors with trailers full of straw to the easterly outpost of Roydon.

The hall was up and ready when I got there, the boys had done a great job as usual and John Shaw was busy setting out his enormous stock of cartophilic wonders. Unfortunately two dealers called off late, John Haddon Silver had had an accident at home and Ken Courtney had unexpected visitors, so there was plenty of room in the hall. It was nice to see Geoff McMillan had brought his wife with him and he did a very brisk trade all day, as also did Brian and Charlie.

It didn't take long for the early birds to arrive and they were soon head down looking for that elusive card that will complete that set. There was a good turnout of members again and I think the final number was over 60 along with 5 visitors and two late renewals. It was great to see Darren Moyse with us again and as he was once again, looking for those rare golf cards. Another ex member with us as a visitor was Peter Durrell, who some may remember used to be a dealer, he told me he only collects now but will be coming again very soon.

The members table was busy all morning with most members taking advantage of the great deals that can be found on the table. My giant bag of used albums sold out again by 11.00am, what a deal at £1.50 each. There will be more next month. One particular member couldn't get to the club for the start and had asked me to put some aside for him, which I was happy to do. Ring me if you want the same terrific service.

After numerous cups of coffee I managed to find time to sit down with Les to plan for the future – in particular our forthcoming 50th Anniversary. We tied up the loose ends re free buffet and special gift for every member. We agreed visitors could come on the day. To ensure every member received their gift – we are going to distribute them in October and November and then post them off to non attenders after the November meeting. We discussed publicity – Card World had requested an article for their September issue with a follow up with photos in the November issue. I agreed to do this. Les would use his local press contacts to see if they were interested in doing a piece. We agreed the auction might need to be put back to 1.30 / 2.00pm to give time for the buffet to be cleared. Alan would organise the drinks and Kate the glasses.

Please take time to read the enclosed leaflet about a Brooke Bond collection I have been asked to sell. At the time of writing, with minimum advertising, the top offer I have had is £150, so ring me with a bigger one, I will close it at the August meeting.

As most members know I have been Membership Secretary for the Cartophilic Society of Great Britain for the past 9 years, well after a lot of thinking I have decided to resign. It was a very time consuming role which seemed to be getting more and more time demanding. I hand over to the new secretary at the end of the month. It will not effect what I do for EACCC in anyway (your still going to get this usual dribble) and I hope we can maintain our good relationship with the society. We will still attend the convention.

The morning progressed swiftly and as has been the norm recently Alan was ready to begin the auction slightly early, the last members were dragged back into the hall and then 30 expectant buyers were ready with their bidding cards. I have been busy this past month listing up half of Alan Huggins collection and have completed just over 1000 lots – some fantastic cards as well. It's a collection that has taken years to put together – mostly bought at our club (some have the lot numbers still on !) and the club will benefit from it as well. Alan will put a minimum 100 lots in a month, depending what we get from other sellers, so we have enough for the time being, he is currently listing December.

This month didn't look great in the listing – quite a bit of common cards – one or two special lots but the end result was satisfactory. The figures read, total sales of £2435, there were 22 successful in house bidders spending £1579, a further 15 successful postal bidders spending £916. There were 11 vendors and only 36 went unsold. Top spot went to Lot 53 a lovely set of Wills Nelson series selling for £120.

Next month we meet on Saturday 17th August 2019.

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Roydon Village Hall – 8.30am to 3.00pm Auction 1.00pm

**Dealers booked in are Peter Beer,
Ken Courtney, Mike Heard, Mike Prior and of course 'Brian and Charlie.**

Space for ONE more if you would like to sell some cards.

As most clubs close in August for their summer break, it usually is a busy month for us as many come to us for a day out.

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