

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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It's great at EACCC, you know it's going to be a good day when you can count 25 members eagerly searching for cards in the hall and it's only quarter past nine, and do you know what it didn't let up all morning. I was only slightly late on parade this month, the boys had (as always) done a great job setting up and the dealers were in full swing, eagerly showing their wares to the enthusiastic buyers.

It was a full house of dealers with us, including two member dealers – Sean Coafield having a go at clearing some duplicated stock (to make way for more, no doubt), and likewise for Richard Buckle setting up with Robert Butterworth. Two new dealers who I know both had a good day. Our established dealers Mike Heard/Peter Beer and Gary Challis also made it with Darren Moyse and Brian Pentalow making up the numbers. Geoff McMillan had to call off and he has a bad foot and couldn't drive. Next month we have a new dealer with us Mike Murphy coming from the wilds of Yorkshire, he was at convention and is coming for a long weekend to Norfolk, with his extensive stock. We have a full house again next month so will have to use the back room as well. I had a call last week from one of our 'old' dealers who wants to make a reappearance at EACCC, I think he is 'probably' one of the biggest Cigarette card dealers in the country and it will be a pleasure to welcome back John Shaw to Roydon, in September.

It was nice to see among the members several who make an occasional appearance, Gary Daynes looking for the football rarities, Ian Penistone all the way from Grimsby looking for and finding the cigarette and trade card bargains. Both Kenny boys made it this month but had to leave just after the auction started, to catch the bus then the train back to Norwich. Nice to see new members rapidly building their collections and it was a very pleased Graham Rudkin from Grantham (No.41) going home with many lots from the auction. I suppose that one of the nice things about our hobby, you can build a quite large collection for a very modest outlay. We had two visitors this month Chris Golder from Daventry (he comes at least 4 times a year as a visitor?) and Brian Smith from Heacham. I think the final attendance was 63, it's great what a good auction will bring out.

News from the Butterworth Card department .. Robert informs me that in July a new set of cards will be issued entitled Cutaway Engineering, This unusual theme for collectable cards is most intriguing and is reminiscent of the illustrations that once appeared in The Eagle comic some years ago. I am assured Peter Beer will have stock of these in the normal tea card size but in cabinet and postcard size too. A strong demand is expected so get yours without delay at our July meeting. Robert's tea company is the only company in Britain who give away cards still in their packets of tea. Enclosed is a preview of the new set.

We had a couple of issues to sort out this month and over a cup of coffee these were sorted. Firstly we had to agree what date we want to hold our December 2024 meeting, the third Saturday is the 21st, a bit near Christmas so after discussion we decided to alter our booking to the 14th December. To maintain our regular booking at the hall we have to think that far ahead, believe it or not but we have the dates in the hall's diary for the whole of 2025. The other issue needing sorting out was the matter of how we leave the hall looking at the end of our day. Okay there are going to be hiccups, we hold our hands up to forgetting to Hoover the back room last month but we must make sure that doesn't happen very often. All members can help with this task. Barry Allen is our representative on the hall committee and he will attend the next two or three meetings to smooth things over for us. I have had an email from the secretary today, thanking us for leaving the hall so clean this month. We can meet their exacting standards !

This month the auction had been circulated to an extra 550 CSGB members and this was reflected in the number of postal bids Alan had received, only a handful of lots hadn't received a bid, so it was looking really good.

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We not only beat our May 2006 (£7200) auction sales record but smashed it by over £900 with this month's total sales making a whopping £8190. The facts and figures are, there were 250 lots (plus 6 extra sold on the day), provided by 8 vendors and only 27 didn't make their reserve and were returned to their owners. There were 29 successful postal bidders spending £5521 and a further 21 successful in house bidders who spent £2669. I think we will probably be back down to earth next month.

We have a full house of dealers with us again in July including Mike Heard, Mike Murphy, Darren Moyse (we hope), Gary Challis, Robert Butterworth, Richard Buckle, Sean Coafield, Brian Pentalow, and Peter Beer.

**We meet Saturday 15th July at Roydon Village Hall
From 8.30am to about 3.00pm. Our auction will be at 1.00pm.**

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