

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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We don't mind whether summer is here or not, well it will get here eventually, it actually poured down today during the auction but had cleared by the time we went home, It didn't matter to us we were nice and dry.

When I pulled into the hall (behind Barry) the hall was open and all the furniture was out - I knew it was a good idea to give Peter Beer a key !! and we were soon sorted out and ready to go. We had a maximum 10 dealers booked it today so we knew it was going to be tight, unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately) Darren Moyse had to drop out which helped. It was nice to welcome Derek Golson, all the way from Derby on one of his rare visits and the Lewis's were trying their hand again, Sorry we had to put Brian and Sean in the back room but I think they didn't mind really and I will make sure they are in the main hall next month. It is nice to be a popular club when dealers want to come, they are made to feel welcome and are well supported and appreciated by the members.

Sorry to report the death of a ex member and dealer, Martin Murray, who retired many years ago, he hasn't been too well these past two years and died at his home in the south of England on June 4th. He was a great ambassador for our hobby with his extensive knowledge of all cigarette cards, his price guide has been used by most collectors for over 51 years (a new one is coming out in October) and he has been on the Cartophilic Society Council for well over 50 years and was their current Vice President. His research work has been outstanding and he has produced many books on our hobby. Martin doesn't appear on any of our sets of cards which I was surprised to discover. I was asked today who was still around from our card sets and I'm pleased to report, 2 are still with us from the 1991 set, 4 from the 1993 set and 15 from the 2007 set. Maybe it's time for another set in 2025. First step find someone who is good at taking photo's.

The early birds were soon in evidence and as always keen to get among the cards, all the regulars including Gary Daynes, who was very apologetic for not paying his membership subscription, he is all paid up now and we have 87 members on our books now. Another member who was very apologetic was Chris Bree who told me he will miss next month's meeting as he is on his annual fishing holiday, the first meeting he has missed in many, many years, he has a 100% attendance record. I told him to get his house in order and get his priorities right. In total 62 members attended throughout the day and we had three visitors.

I bought the 13 type books today (for the last time) and three boxes of ephemera - albums, articles, pictures, all sorts for members to sift through and 'boy' were they popular . I sold the lot, including the type books and took home 5 empty boxes.. There will be more ephemera boxes next month and possibly more type books later in the year. They are all from Gus's great collection and in the first six months of selling his cards I have paid out over £19000 to the solicitor of his heirs. There is much more to come over the next few months.

No decision has been made yet on the 2025 National convention venue, we are waiting on the CSGB councillors to make their decision, as soon as I hear, you will.

We didn't have any issues to discuss this month so no committee meeting was necessary so we had more time for card hunting. I found a nice ITC Canada silk set of Animals and Flags that I hadn't seen before so was very pleased to add that to my collection, the first silk set I have ever bought.

We have printed the September Postal auction and Alan brought them this month, for me to put the final touches to, they will be sent out next month with the newsletter. I would like to think we have 'broken the back' of Gus's collection with his listing going on to January 2025 all done and complete, then I see many more books and boxes waiting to be sorted and listed. I'm confident we will complete it by late next year. Everyone is benefitting from his vast collection exactly as he wanted. We will continue with 300 lots until all his are listed. Members can bring in quality sets if they wish, not too many common sets please, they just don't make any money for you the vendor or us the club. This month we had one lot catalogued at £75, described as very good, selling for a £1 coin, doesn't seem right to me but that's auctions for you. It would be difficult to find a dealer selling sets for that price, most seem to be asking over half catalogue for the most common sets.

Sally was busy all morning and I saw several members enjoying her all day breakfast, I had one of her pies and really enjoyed it, hope she brings some more next month.

It soon rolled round to 12.30, auction time and Alan soon had us all spending our money, it looked an 'okay' auction today with a few star lots, but as usual it was a something for everyone auction. The final facts make satisfying reading, total sales £4958. That breaks down to 26 successful postal bidders who spent £2203 on 83 lots, a further 19 successful in house bidders who spent £2755 on a further 109 lots. There were 26 unsold and 2 vendors. Top spot went to Lot 219 a large quantity of Godfrey Philips Green Stamps selling for £200. We completed today the sale of Neville Barnard's collection. Next month it's a first for us, all 300 lots coming from the Gus Garrod collection.

We meet in July on Saturday 20th, at Roydon Village Hall from 8.30 to about 2.30pm with the auction at 12.30. Dealers planning to be with us are Brian Pentalow, Mike Heard, Peter Beer, Sean Coafield, Richard Buckle and Darren Moyse. Room for one more if anyone wants to have a clear out, don't forget it's free to stand.

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