

# *East Anglian Card Collectors Club*

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With a temperature prediction of 30 degrees centigrade it looked like today's club might well hot up, it didn't really in both ways. I was most apprehensive about our June meeting I knew two dealers had dropped out (John Haddon Silver and John Shaw) and Martin Toms hasn't been in the best of health recently (but he never sent his apologies so I thought he might turn up) but he didn't make it. So all in all the entire hall was spread thin this month. The good weather meant a smaller membership attendance and the final number through the door was 53.

I was glad to see Roger, Charlie and Peter spread out and I'm sure they all had a very good day. Ken and Alice were with us in the back room and he tells me he is to have his 'long overdue' operation this month and wouldn't be able to be with us for a couple of months. I hope everything goes well and we look forward to seeing you again later in the year. Nice to see the boys up from Sussex, Dave made it from Boston and there were three visitors the furthest from Dagenham in Essex. It was nice to catch up early on with Barry Allen and Ken Short who had done a really great job of setting the hall out for us as usual. Barry collected his 3 raffle prizes from the April meeting. Doreen was busy most of the morning; it makes such a tremendous difference when you see her smiling face and warm welcome when you walk through the door for the first time every meeting morning.

I think it has been mentioned before but after nearly 10 years at the hall, we have been allowed a storage cupboard. Les has 'twisted a few arms' and called in a few favours and managed to have one donated to the club from his previous employers, they even lent us the van to bring it over to Roydon. Alan and Les collected it on Friday and discovered it was a 'BIG ONE' and very heavy. It had to be dismantled and then we spent most of Saturday morning trying to re-assemble it. Well no guess but we failed the flat pack test. And have had all our applications to IKEA firmly rejected but eventually we got it up and working in the best part of 3 hours. We intend to store the Badges, Albums and Pages stock in it. My plan is to sort it out next month. The cupboard only just fitted in (another ½ inch) and it would have been too big.

Once again I forgot to take a picture of the cake on offer this month, it looked truly delicious (a Black Forest I think) and by the time I got in the back room for my lunch there was only two slices left. I will try and remember next month.

You may be wondering why you have two auction lists this month but we have completed the July list properly now so had a rerun. Alan has completed August and started on September.

We had some good news this week, we are picking up a 200 album collection from a retired Midlands dealer later this week so have some tasty items coming our way over the next few month's – update on that watch out for many many boxes of Odds – this collection will be limited to 150 Lots a month. There is a strong possibility that two more collections will be available to us shortly. I will let you know more as the information becomes available. In the meantime keep bringing your lots in to sell. September will include a fantastic collection of 50 lots of very rare silks.

Now I have cleared a space (albeit very small) in my garage I have found two boxes of club cards – personalities – so let's give them away -- FOC -- to all members at the July meeting. They will be on the welcome checking in table. As most people know there have been three sets issued in 1981, 1993 and 2007 – limited numbers are available of each year and you can have one of each until they have all gone. First come first served, so get there early.

It didn't take long to get round to 1.00pm auction time and a sea of expectant and hopeful faces were ready to wave their membership numbers high in the air in the hope of lifting one of the 250 lots on offer. With the new membership lists available new members bidding numbers were also in evidence and it didn't cause too much confusion, most people copied even Alan eventually.

It was an OK auction, better than last month, with the final figure just shy of £2k. The 250 lots sold for £1925. Of this £831 was spent by 19 postal bidders, £1094 by 15 in house bidders. There were 12 vendors and a final 53 went unsold. Top spot this month went to Lot 45 a lovely part set (2 missing) Sharps Toffee Dogs for £150.

We meet next month on the third Saturday of the month as usual (**15<sup>th</sup> July**) hopefully on a much cooler day. We have six dealers booked in **Peter Workman, Peter Beer, Roger Mann, Geoff McMillan, Mike Heard and Charlie Springer** (I think). I have spoken to Martin Toms and he will let me know nearer the time, if he feels well enough he will try and make it. The club table will be available as usual – why not bring a few cards along to sell. I am working towards having a few 20p books available so don't forget to check it out. The full range of Albums and Pages are always available. I also hope to bring some 2<sup>nd</sup> hand albums to sell off cheap.

We are due a visit by Captain Bob the intrepid investigator from Card World, currently doing the tour of collecting clubs interviewing members about their collecting habits. Albert is first in line and will probably completely fill his columns with his formidable collecting habits.

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