

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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I have often heard the phrase ‘blazing June’ we ‘thank goodness’ we had that on Friday and by Saturday we had cloudy and wet. Never the same in England is it. It would have been very uncomfortable in the hall if the temperature and hot sunshine had still been with us. As it was a good number of members made the trip to Roydon.

The boys had set the hall up by the time I arrived and three dealers were busy setting their cards out. We were all looking forward to welcoming Mike Towersey to our club as a dealer we see him very rarely, unfortunately he had to cancel because of a stomach bug, he will come later in the year. We still had six dealers in attendance and I think they all had a good day. The 57 members and 7 visitors all had something to look at and buy.

Member news ... many members have asked about our good friend Albert Watson, who is still in a care home near Kings Lynn, Gus and I visited him last week and found him to be much improved on previous visits, and hopes to be home eventually but it won't be in the immediate future but he did ask to be remembered to all. I did buy the John Wayne card in the auction for him and Alan found him a John Wayne tin picture which I will take to him on our next visit. I understand Derek Bradshaw (one of our previous secretary's) is in hospital with dementia. It was Derek who introduced me to EACCC way back in 1978. Get well soon my good friend. Nice to see Keith Kiddle with us again after his home accident, he was most welcome.

It seemed a short morning and many friendships were renewed and some familiar stories of found cards or elusive sets were shared. This is an important part of our club and helps create the atmosphere and ‘bon homie’ of a busy club. Three more members renewed their subscription and I have only removed a few from the membership list. One of the visitors to the club was David Davis, the new President of the Cartophilic Society who came to talk to us about hosting next years convention and AGM (as we did in 2018). Much more about that later in the year.

Some snippets – our experiment to bring in two postcard dealers to the club is looking good, Richard Spurgin has it in hand and they will be at the September meeting – lets see how they get on.

– I have drawn up a short list of members to be invited to go on our 4th series of Personalities, all being well we will talk to them in July and our photographer will be busy in August and September. Who knows, with a bit of luck they will be ready by Christmas. Main criteria for being selected on to the list is attendance in the past few years.

- like most things in the current social climate, our caterer Katie has to put up her prices (very slightly) from next month, this makes your free drink voucher even better value. Lets face it though she does a tremendous job for us every month and is worth every penny we pay. I don't think there will be significant card price rises in the forthcoming new Murray price guide, due in October, in fact there should be many reductions, we all know that card prices are no where near the prices listed.
- don't forget to check out the club table up on the stage each month, we have a good stock of new pages and albums at almost trade price and when we have them a good number of used Albums and Slipcases. We put 11 on the table this month at £4.00 each, and they all went by 10.00am, next month we will have 20 more on a first come first served basis.
- Our August auction will be circulated to the 550 CSGB members and will be in their July edition of Card World, your copy is enclosed with this newsletter, so hopefully that will bring in many more bids.
- We are having one or two issues with the website at the moment but our webmaster (or perhaps more correctly his son) is hopeful it will be fixed in the next few days. Auction lists, newsletters and prices realised list can all be found on the site. www.eacc.co.uk

As the day progressed it soon came round to 1.00pm, Alan was ready, I was ready, Ann and Dave were ready and an eager hall of 30 keen enthusiastic bidders were eagerly anticipating the next hour. It didn't have the feeling of being a record breaking sale but there was some nice lots available, as well as a nice quantity of the more common cards. Like all our auctions it didn't run smoothly, there were one or two hiccups but Alan persevered and got there in the end. Every one paid up and we were on our way home by 3.00pm, another successful club meet under our hat.

The auction numbers reads total sales £2952 for the 10 vendors. There 22 successful in house bidders who spent £1604, a further 14 postal bidders were successful and have paid £1348. There were 30 unsold. Despite there being a number of James Taddy cards in the auction top spot once again went to a FJ Smith set. Lot 118 a nice set of Nations of the World selling for £160.

It's only 4 weeks till we do it again, **Saturday 16th July 2022** same place, same times. Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Robert Butterworth, Mike Heard, Geoff McMillan, Darren Moyse, Brian Pentalow (and perhaps Charlie) and John Taylor

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