

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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Most collectors I know, like a challenge, you know what I mean, looking for that elusive odd card or set, well today we had a new challenge, getting into the village hall. Today Norfolk County Council decided to resurface the road right in front of the Village hall, closing the road entirely! When I got there at 8.00am there was no way we could drive into the car park, but after a few minutes 'sweet talking' the gate man, he relented and let in 5 cars that were waiting, then he closed it permanently. Our resourceful members parked up the road and walked in. So we got three dealers and the auction in the hall. It was nice to see Gus arriving with the help of one of the road workman. Our caterer arrived with a box and then members went back to her car with her so we had food and drink. I wonder how many members turned back and went home (I know of 3 so far). It didnt seem to help the matter when the diversion the workers set up got lost half way round. In all 36 members attended. They did tell us it would be 3.00 pm before we would be allowed out of the hall but one of there guys gave us the thumbs up about 1.30pm, so in the end it worked out fine. It did make an interesting discussion point for most of the morning.

It was needless to say a quiet morning, I am sure the three dealers (Gary Challis, Peter Beer and Geoff McMillan) all did well. Darren didn't make it this month as he suffers from Vertigo and didn't feel confident driving, he will hopefully be with us next month. I am pleased to report to members that we have two new collectors join our club this month, Paul from Caister on Sea and Mike from Skegness, we hope you enjoy many years collecting with us. That means we have 96 members now. I have heard our good friend Albert Watson is home again after nearly 2 years in a care home following his cycle accident. I hope we will see him at the club again very soon.

--- Final plans are being put into place for the eagerly awaited Cartophilic Convention in Kings Lynn on April 22nd and 23rd, there are 24 dealers booked in from all over the country. I was asked last Saturday what time members can get in to the fair. Cartophilic society members can get in at 10.00am on both days. Non members from 12.00 on Saturday and 10.00am on Sunday. Being a member of EACCC does **not** get you early entry. Cartophilic membership is a personal decision, some of our club members are Cartophilic members also but not all. It costs an extra £27 to be a CSGB member. Thank you everyone who has offered to help, Les is drawing up a rota and will share it at our next meeting on the 15th April. The sports centre has a well stocked coffee bar with hot food available all day.

--- We have been having major issues with our website and haven't been able to up load newsletters, auction lists and results. Graham is working on it and hopes to have it sorted very shortly. Keep checking back to it.

--- we have a lot of club pens available don't forget to collect one on your next visit. The company I got them from 'mucked' my order up and consequently gave us another 100 in compensation.

--- we also have a limited number of lanyards available for members who don't feel comfortable wearing a badge. Just ask at the reception desk.

--- April is usually the month we renew our subscription but this year everyone is to receive a free year, so no renewal needed until April 2024. That's more money to spend on cards !!

--- news from other clubs our nearest neighbour Lea Valley has gone to meeting every other month starting in May 2023, the same as the Orpington club., must be sign of the times.

We took the major decision to start the auction early this month and Alan was ready for a 12.30 start. There were 20 eager members ready with their bidding cards. Ann was absent today but Les took her place and worked well with Dave to show and distribute the 260 lots. We knew this was not going to be a record breaking auction as it had a lot of common cards and as members know we only get £1 or £2 for them. We had in all 96 lots sell for £1 or £2 ! There were 18 successful in house bidders spending £1022 on 177 lots and a further 17 successful postal bidders who spent £522 on their 60 lots a further 23 remained unsold and were returned to their owners. There were 5 vendors and total sales of £1574.. The top spot this month was a nice set of A&BC Scottish Autographed Footballers kicked in to play for £50.

Next month we meet on the 15th April (week after Easter, and week before the Convention). I'm sure the roadworks will be complete so we won't have that obstacle to overcome. Roydon Village Hall --- 8.30 am to 3.00pm --- Auction at 1.00pm Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Robert Butterworth, Gary Challis, Darren Moyse and Brian Pentalow.

--- Room for one more, ring me it's time you had a clear out !! ---

Don't forget to support our club table, I've had a new delivery and have many new and used albums available and all sizes of pages.

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