

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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This month seemed to come round much quicker and with the weather forecast warm, I drove to Roydon in a thick mist (fog really) but a steady pace and found Barry and Peter busy setting up the hall. Mike followed me through the gates. It is great first thing, everyone full of expectations, and most month's they live up to our hopes.

Several significant members were missing this month and our final attendance was just 44, lowest for quite a while. Sally was having 'car issues' and wasn't sure she could make it, but she did, thank goodness, and the smell of coffee and bacon was soon circulating from the kitchen.

The members were busy most of the morning looking for that odd card or that set that looks so great. I gave Mike two lists of odds from a couple of members, who cant get to club, and he found some nice cards for them completing 6 or 7 sets, they will be pleased. I sold a lot of new albums this month as I have restocked the cupboard. I'm pleased to report that the verysmall increase in the cost of the stock can be absorbed by the club so all prices for the new stock remains the same. Our plan is to take two or three boxes of albums and pages to the convention although will add a little to the price to ensure the club makes a little on their sale.

Convention is getting closer, just 5 weeks away and looks like it will be one of the best ever. Of the 108 tables available for dealers all have been taken by the 35 dealers who have registered as coming from all over the country. As part of our hosting duties we have to welcome all the visitors to the event and collect £5 off them (we get half that as it is shared with CSGB) so I have started putting together a rota of volunteers, please offer to help for a short shift on the door or at the Club table. The Sunday is free entry to everyone so only the club table has to be covered.

To this end I have upgraded (and moved EACCC into the 21st century) by getting a card reader for the club. This one is a terminal and is guaranteed to work anywhere. The one we had a couple of years back wasn't very reliable and didn't work in the hall as it required Wifi. I took it to the club at this meeting and four members used it after the auction and it worked fine. I checked our account on Sunday morning and everything went through alright. It costs the club £1.50 every £100 we put through it. We have discovered that we can't take payments over the phone with this machine, apparently you can some. The other thought is members might bid more if they know they can pay by card - not sure about that, it remains to be seen. I hope members will come to the convention, it is once in a life time experience to have it local, there will be millions of cards available including 6 Pokemon dealers, so bring your grandkids along as well. It is mainly a social event for the dedicated card collector. The venue is brilliant, well lit and very large full of national and international (at least one form the States) dealers from all parts of the country, and most important for some a free car park. Hot food is available all day. What more could you want.

Several years ago I put together a portfolio of the history of our great club with letters, photos, press releases all mostly of the early years, as we are now in our 55th year I wondered if any member would be interested to read our early history. I did plan to get it published into a booklet but never got round to finishing the project. Let me know if anyone would like to read it, take it home one month, and bring back the next. It makes very interesting reading.

Subscriptions are due next month - £15 for the year -Les will be collecting them at the meeting, you can pay cash, card or cheque, which ever suits you best. If you can't get to the meeting send it to me (address and bottom of newsletter).

We have some great lots coming up in the auction in the next few month's, Alan has been busy listing some great quality lots including some very rare cards. With the lots brought in today he is able to complete the November lists, so anything else that comes in will be December. We have two collections coming very soon (including Stuart Barker's, who many members will remember) so the auction looks to be in good shape for the next few month's at least. We don't want to increase the auction lots, 250 seems about right, maybe another postal auction (like 2 years ago) or maybe just a straight sale of sets. Watch this space.

This month we had a great auction with the final total of £3914 being a good final figure. There were 9 vendors and only 28 remained unsold. With 14 successful in house bidders spending £961 on 132 lots and 24 postal bidders who spent £2953 on 90 lots.

Next month we meet at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 18th April from 8.30 to around 3.00pm. We have a new dealer coming next month, all the way from Lincoln, Gary May will be making his dealer debut at EACCC. Joining Gary will be Mike Heard, Peter Beer, Richard Buckle and Darren Moyses.

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