

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

(Celebrating 50 years in October 2019)

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You never know how each meeting of our club is going to turn out, we had a prolific number of dealers booked in today, the weather was perfect, Norwich are at the top, Ipswich the bottom (I really mustn't gloat) but where were the member's. For the first time in a long while we didn't make the magic 50.

Barry was on his own this month, Ken was still recovering == they kept him in hospital for four days last month == he is slowly getting better. I bet he will be with us next month, he loves his silks ! The tables and chairs were out and dealers were soon set up. Gary Challis was so keen to stand again, he bought his own tables and stood in the lobby. I think he did alright as well. The hall was bristling with cards and dealers but seemed bare at times, of members. Nice to welcome Mike Prior back with us after at least a year. Also Derek Golson who was staying in Fakenham, he joined us and paid his subscription for the year.

As most people know subscriptions (£10) are due next month and I took the opportunity to collect a few tenners from members I knew wouldn't be with us in April. It really is almost certainly the best value for money membership in the country.

I have heard that a couple of members are poorly. I understand Beryl Page has had a heart attack and is recovering slowly at home after an operation and Brian Lawrence is poorly – his wife called in to pay his sub's. Get well soon all and lets see you at Roydon next month.

The morning was steady, plenty of time to chat, look through cards, drink coffee and relishing the opportunity to seek that elusive last card needed to complete that rare set. Why is it always difficult to find the last one. I can't really agree with the suggestion that manufacturers held back some cards to make you keep buying their product. It is not beyond the realms of possibility but surely highly unlikely – any thoughts or opinions on the matter.

I hope members have completed their plans for the trip to Nottingham at the end of next month – it is the weekend after our club meet – the annual convention is Friday 26th and Saturday 27th April at the Jubilee Conference Centre. If your coming and using your Sat Nav. you need NG8 1DH. Try and make it, if your an enthusiastic collector you can't afford to miss it. One member told me he can't afford to go because there are so many cards there he would love to have in his collection. Opening times are 11.00am for cartophilic members on the Friday. 1.00pm for visitors and 10.00am for all on the Saturday. I understand 35 dealers are booked in, using 100+ tables. There will be a swap area this year to encourage new collectors. If

you collect modern cards (Match Attax/Panini) you can swap them. Next years Convention will be announced at Nottingham and I don't want to spoil the interest but I can tell you it's a lot further to travel and we musn't tell the Russians. All will be revealed in next month's news letter.

Our next meeting is Easter Saturday so we are going to have a Easter Raffle for club funds, please bring a prize – tickets will be on sale from about 9.00am and the draw will be made about 12.45, just before the auction.

The auction list has been circulated and as you know it is primarily a Silk's auction. This is a great opportunity to see very rare and delicate silk cards. I don't collect silks myself but I can appreciate the fine work that has gone into producing these very collectible cards.

Have you checked out the club table recently, there is always some cards to look through and don't forget you can get all the new albums and pages you need to look after your collection. We carry the full range and all sizes at very reasonable prices, the club makes a little so you members can benefit. Bob and Jill will welcome you and help you find what you need. All sizes of new albums are available but not always on display, just ask.

It soon came round to 1.00pm and everything was ready, Ann was busy sunning herself in Spain (current temperature 28 degrees)but we had an excellent stand in with Doreen, she did an excellent job of showing and delivering the treasurers to their new owners. Alan is well ahead at the moment having completed the June auction listing and has enough for the July then nothing. **We need a collection.** We knew today wasn't going to be a auction for records and that proved to be the case. Nothing to get excited about but in the end the results reflected those thoughts. Facts and Figures were the 250 lots sold for a total of £2243. There were 16 successful in house bidders who spent £1507, a further 11 successful postal bidders spending £736. There were 10 vendors and unfortunately 98 unsold. Top spot was Lot 31, a set of Anglo Confectionery UFO selling for £112.

Next month we meet Saturday 20th April – Easter Saturday – usual place and usual time.

Dealers booked in are John Haddon Silver, Peter Beer, Mike Heard, Charlie Stringer, Brian Pentelow, Peter Workman, Ken Courtney and Gary Challis.
Room for ONE more if anyone is interested.

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