

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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Another month and another meeting, this one seems to have come round very quick. Once again all roads lead to Roydon and at 8.00am we were all busy in the village hall preparing the room for our days trading and socialising. We had extra to do this month as Sally our caterer was still on holiday in some remote hot spot, so we had some prepping to do. Ann and Sue made some filled rolls, we bought some cakes and as a team we did it ourselves. Many, many thanks to Ray Huggins for spending the morning making our tea and coffee, it was a great team effort and was much appreciated by all the members. It highlighted the spirit of our great club. It is nice to report at the end of the day the club made £29, although it wasn't our intention to make a profit. Thank you most sincerely all who got involved.

Once again we had a full house of dealers booked in but unfortunately Mike Towersey had to call off, he had an operation a few weeks back and thought he was well enough to travel but a bad day Friday and he had no choice but to call off. He will be with us later in the year. It was great to welcome Geoff McMillan back with us after a short break.

There was a very good turnout of members, sorry I didn't do a count, but it must have been very close to 60 present. We had 4 visitors (and a couple who sneaked in), one I collared, the other got missed. This brings us to a plea for help after many years of helping Doreen Broderick has had to give up her 'welcoming' duties because of health and driving issues. We need one or two volunteers to take on this responsibility. It is mainly providing a welcome smile and a warm welcome to whoever comes in the door. It would suit a partner or couple to be a warm friendly welcoming face, ensuring everyone checks in and visitors pay the entrance fee and is told how we operate. We are renown for our hospitality and long may it continue. Please have a word with Les or myself if you feel you can help. How about this for an idea, make it a job share (!), one volunteer does 8.00 to 10.30, someone else does 10.30 to 1.00pm ? It was great to see our good friend Mark Newstead with us after a long break, he told me he enjoys continuing the three generations of cigarette card collecting, his grandfather and father were both avid card collectors.

Les spent the morning collecting subscriptions and I'm pleased to report 51 members renewed, proving what good value it is at £12 per year. The cost of stamps goes up 10p next month, but thanks to Richard Spurgin we can save a bit on postage, I bought some for the club at a big discount on the current price. They should last us a couple of years. For those still to pay please do so at your earliest convenience a cheque to me (address below) or at the April meeting, if you want to pay it directly into the club account, the names and numbers you need are East Anglian Card Collecting Club. Account number 80383058 Sort Code 20 26 34, please mark it subscriptions. The cost to visitors goes up next month to £3.00.

I hope members are getting ready for this year's National convention, I know several who are hoping to make the trip to Wiltshire. As there is no pre convention golf, we are going on the train this year and making a bit of a break of it. We will be back for the club meeting the following Saturday. I've not heard much this year about which dealers will be there but I am sure there will be loads and loads of cards, who knows maybe that elusive one you've been looking for years for. I do know though that it's a good venue in a lovely part of the country. The Three Rivers Leisure Centre.

Alan and I had a meeting today to discuss the club auction and although we are making progress in sorting and listing, with the Gus Garrod collection it is very slow and time consuming work and we need to try and move them on a bit quicker for two reasons, one so we can get in our garages again and secondly so other members can sell some of their excess cards. Alan is finishing off October and I'm listing January 2025. We have decided to organise a 'one off' special 500 Lot postal auction in late September, more details will be available in the coming months. There are some very interesting cards in Gus's collection, some expensive but many I have never seen before and although it is time consuming sometimes just identifying the cards, but also translating the many German cards. Google translate has never worked so hard.

The day moved on at apace this week, lots of 'wheeling and dealing', everyone had a good chat and hopefully found plenty of cards to add to their collection. I still have a lot of type cards to sell so will bring them for a couple more months. I think I have 9 albums full, well worth a look through and being sold at a fraction of book price.

It soon came round to 12.30 and the new auction time, although we started a bit late, Alan was soon in full flow and rattled through the 300 lots in very good time. It didn't look a brilliant auction this month, one or two choice lots but there was a lot of postal bidders and the end result was very satisfying. The 300 lots sold for £4927, there were 7 vendors and only 23 remained unsold. There were 28 successful postal bidders who spent £2686 on 102 lots, and a further 24 successful in house bidders who spent £2241 on 175 lots. Top spot went to Lot 240 a lovely set of 100 Wills Solders of the World being knocked down for £300.

Next meeting **SATURDAY 27th APRIL 2024**

(six weeks away !!)

Dealers booked in to come are Peter Beer, Brian Pentelow, Richard Buck,
Gary Challis, Sean Coafield and the return of Darren Moyse
room for one more if anyone interested

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