

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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The sign's were good for this month, some good lots in the auction, weather good, convention over and done with for the year and as usual the members responded appropriately.

I had a full house of dealers booked in and all received good support from the members, Daryn Moyse was unfortunately involved in an accident on the way to club and didn't make it. As a result he took his wife to A&E but 'thank goodness' she was declared fit and with a few scratches mean't they were all well. Gary rang up, he was running late but got there just after 9.00am. Sean had a few things to sell so had a 'pop' up table near the stage, it has given him a taste for selling so he has booked a table for next month. The convention was good for our club and as a result we have a new dealer coming in July, Mick Murphy – he tells me he is a collector really but enjoyed himself so much at convention he would like to stand at our club.

It was great to see such a good turnout of members this month, 57 in total with 3 visitors. The Nash's from Market Rasen and a visitor from Kings Lynn (just up the road from me). I tried to persuade him to join and he is certainly interested. I will send him a copy of the newsletter and auction lists that will either inspire him or probably put him off all together ? It was nice to see Steve England with us again this month, he doesn't make it often but is always welcome as all members always are.

There were no decisions to be made this month so our committee chat was just social – mainly about Ipswich getting promoted!! and 'of course' Peterborough being cheated out of play off glory. Funny how nobody has mentioned Norwich lately, they must be in trouble ?

The day progressed well, with a constant opportunity to check out cards, expand knowledge, buy and sell and most importantly chat, socialise with 'like minded' people who are friends. I had a chap drop in with two large frames of cards, Modern Naval Craft and History of Naval Dress which he has given for club funds. I will put them on the club table next month, best offer to take them home. Have you had a look at our club table lately, we seem to do well there, as we have some real bargains. 'Good as new' (but used) Albums just £2 plus I have been putting some of the unsold lots on the table (if the vendor doesn't want them back) and they have sold. Check it out next month.

We knew this month's auction was going to be a good one, with some very nice

items to sell and that's how it turned out. Alan started on time knocking the first lot down for a healthy £400 but it wasn't 'top dog' that honour went to Lot 50 the very nice set of Dukes USA set Breeds of Horses galloping away for £660. It was decided to rest Dave Turnbull this month from auction delivery duties so Ann had Gill helping her distribute the lots to the successful in house bidders. Interestingly there were 37 members sitting down at the start of the auction. The final figures make very satisfactory reading, final sales of the 250 lots totalled £5786 (the best for many a month). There were 25 successful postal bidders who spent £3406 on 73 lots, a further 21 successful in house bidders who spent £2380. There were 12 vendors and only 20 lots went unsold. The club gained over £550 from the sale. Next month auction is also looking to be a good one, we already have many postal bidders and as it has been circulated to all 550 Cartophilic members more will be forthcoming. Lets see if it becomes the best of the year. Some really nice lots are included as can be seen on the auction list I circulated last month.

Next month we meet on **Saturday 17th June** (almost the longest day) Usual place Roydon Village Hall, IP22 5RB, usual time 8.30 to 3.00, Auction at 1.00pm. Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Mike Heard, Geoff McMillan, Brian Pentalow, Robert Butterworth, Sean Coafield, Gary Challis and maybe Daryn Moyse.

Oops a downer on this meeting, the hall committee (for that read 'caretaker') are not happy, we didn't Hoover the back room – slapped wrists – and remember to do it in the future. The hall committee have a new set of guidelines on how the hall should be left after each booking on this occasion,we didn't come up to their high expectations. I can understand where they are coming from, you want the venue to be right for everyone who uses it. We must try harder next month !

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