

# East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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It was fairly obvious to the most tuned in collector that this month was going to be special and it was! With a room full of dealers with thousands and thousands of cards to choose from and a very mixed auction it could only be a great collecting day.

It was nice to welcome some of the country's top dealers with John Shaw, Mike Heard and Peter Beer, we had three of the best, well supported by the regular local dealers. No Brian Pentalow this month but Gary Challis and Darren Moyse made it. I think the latter got a bit of ribbing for his late show. Nice to see Richard with his postcards getting good support, (he's the man to see if you need cheap stamps), eat your heart out Royal Mail. I am sure many decide whether to come or not by the list of dealers. We are just about filled all our spaces for the rest of the year and even have reserves for some months. What a nice position to be in.

The member's responded and I believe the final attendance figure was just about 68 with a further 5 visitors. If the atmosphere was anything to go by, everyone had a great day, the room was 'buzzing' all morning. Social interaction in all four corners of the hall, buying and selling frenetically all day. I think we have all the subscriptions in for the coming year, only 14 members haven't renewed, so that's a few less newsletters to send out but we did have a new member join, he is Alan Thorpe from Felixstowe, welcome I hope you enjoy many years with us. I will draw together a new membership list and leave a few copies on the reception desk for those that would like a copy. Doreen was feeling a lot better this month and provided a welcome smile to all who ventured into the hall. Sally was busy in the kitchen all morning serving up breakfasts for the early starters, coffee, cakes and pasties for everyone else.

Alan and I have been busy putting together the special 500 lot postal auction and I think it is just about ready to go to the printers and I can promise you some exceptional lots, many rare and never seen cards. The lists will be available for the July meeting and circulated that month, the Cartophilic Society have agreed to send it out with their July magazine Card World. Members and Visitors will be able to view the lots at the August and September meetings. It is a postal auction and all bids have to be on the special bidding form that will be available, This is a different format for our members but at least you will be able to see the lots prior to bidding. The closing date for bids is Monday 30th September 12.00 midday. If you don't want to do a form, just tell us and we will help you, even suggest a minimum bid for any lot if you want.

No venue has been found yet for next year's National Convention, the Cartophilic Society want to go north next year but can't find a suitable venue, that ticks all their boxes. Rumours suggest Stratford upon Avon or Worcester are also being explored.

I hope to have the Albums and Pages cupboard fully stocked up by next month, our suppliers has had trouble getting the stock from the manufacturer but hopefully has it sorted now. I was able to clear most the used albums this month, members can't resist a special offer of just £1 an album each. There will be a few next month but back at the original price of £2 (that is still a lot cheaper than a new one for £12.50). we have a few lesser quality albums I can sell for 50 pence but they have writing on or are slightly damaged. The type books remain popular and they will have their final outing next month, but there may be a few more later in the year. I have managed to sell Gus's collection of 'Only Fools and Horses' I found a local collector (on Facebook) who was delighted with them, his collection of Cigar Bands have also been sold.

We discovered who the vendor was in the March auction who never put their name on their listings so we couldn't pay them but it's all sorted out now. We are taking lots from members again now although it may be 2025 before they come to auction, Alan is currently listing December. This month we had a very mixed auction, something for everyone. A lot of work goes into putting together our club auction, many hours of sorting, listing, numbering etc and it is rather dispiriting when we have 53 lots sell for a £1 coin, as we did this month, this means the club only gets 12.5 pence. The members are getting some real bargains some month's especially if the vendors don't want the cards back, we have to sell them for the best offer. We started this month nearly on time and at 12.30 everyone seemed to be ready and Alan was soon rattling through the lots, we only had 6 unsold (it didn't seem right to sell a £300 (catalogue) set for just £2. The final details were the 300 lots sold for a total of £5309. There were 23 successful postal bidders who spent £2536 on 95 lots, a further 21 successful in house bidders who spent £2773 on 199 lots. There were only 3 vendors. Top spot went to lot 175 a nice set Churchman Sports & Games in many Lands for £320.

With the auction complete, everyone paid up, the dealers packed up and that was it for another month, I was on the road by 2.45pm, another very successful meeting.

Next month we meet (in just four weeks) on **Saturday 15th June** at Roydon Village Hall same times as always 8.30 am to about 3.00pm. Auction at 12.30.

Dealers booked in are Mike Heard, Darren Moyse, Peter Beer, Gary Challis, Richard Buck, Sean Coafield, Brian Pentalow, Steve Lewis, Mike Prior and a welcome return of Derek Golson

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