

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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The membership of our club never ceases to amaze me and this month was no exception. This was without a doubt the biggest attendance we have experienced in many a year, final numbers of members present throughout the day totalled a fantastic 62, when you add on the 8 visitors, we were back with a bang. For me the biggest benefit from this number attending, not the least seeing new and old friends throughout the morning but the great atmosphere they all create. The hall was 'buzzing' all morning and they kept the 'happy' dealers on their toes as they helped their customers to find and buy their cards. The visitors came from far and wide, the Nash's from Market Rasen, Gary May from near Lincoln and others from Norwich.

Nice to see Mike Heard and Ken Sandeman back with us, they are always welcome. Ken made the trip up from Sussex and plans to double up with a trip to Lea Valley Club on Sunday. Sadly Darren Moyse had to drop out due to work commitments but he assures me he will be back next month. Gary Challis stall seems to get bigger every month with his vast array of ephemera. Next month we have a dealer with us who hasn't been for a few years. I understand his wife is bringing her huge Brooke Bond collection of odds so checkout what you need. I'm sure everyone will give them a true East Anglian welcome.

Great to see our Chairman Les with us so close to his major new knee surgery (8 days previous), looking well and he managed to cope throughout the day. Despite Ann's attempts to make him sit and rest, you know you can't keep a good man down. Several rarely seen faces were present I bought Gwyn Bowles who was a good diversion for the hours drive (both ways). He came because he wanted to experience what he reads every month about our great club, also there was one lot in the auction he wanted and I'm pleased to report he got it. He didn't know many members but was very pleased with the welcome he received.

Just a fortnight ago we had a good number of members at the National Convention in Hemel Hempstead, I didn't do a head count but there must have been at least 30 attend the days. It was a good event with the 30 dealers presenting millions of cards for us eager collectors all over the country/world. I gave the opportunity to another player to win the coveted Julie Hale Golf trophy sponsored by Tim Davidson. The best I could do was 3rd place just pipped by one point by Alan who took 2nd place. The winner this year was from the Nottingham club. Next year the National Convention is coming our way again and will be in Kings Lynn on Saturday 29th/ Sunday 30th April 2023. More details throughout the year as they become available.

Enclosed with this newsletter in a complimentary commemorative Platinum Jubilee card especially prepared by Robert Butterworth. We hope you enjoy the excellent production. Members who receive their newsletter by email can collect their card from the welcome/reception table at the club.

Membership Thank you everyone who has renewed this coming year, we have 8 who haven't yet paid they will be removed from the membership listing in the next few days. I know some members like a copy of the membership list, I will print some extra off and put them on the table. Numbers now stand at 73 members and 7 honorary members. It is sad to report the death of John Sarton from Debenham, he hasn't been to the club for a few years so perhaps only a few of the older members will remember him. John's collection is to go through the club auction.

Enclosed also with this newsletter is a new page 4 for the forthcoming June Auction. Please disregard the copy attached to the listings I sent out last month.

One of the more fascinating aspects of this hobby, sometimes you see very very rare cards, Alan showed me a set of 3 Edwards Ringers & Biggs Easter Manoeuvres of our volunteers issued in 1897 in all my years collecting I have never seen them before and look forward to seeing how they do in our August auction, they are lot number 1.

The allotted hour soon came round, Alan was ready, Ann and Dave were poised and we were soon ready for the big off. Before we started Alan told me he had a huge number of postal bids this month and when we counted we discovered 188 of the 250 lots had at least 1 postal bid, some as many as 4 bids. That must be a club record. Did the 39 members sitting in the hall stand a chance for some of the lots, they certainly had to dig deep in some cases. Final results were very satisfying. The 250 lots sold for £3477. There were 22 successful in house bidders who spent £1371 greatly overshadowed by the 18 successful postal bidders who spent £2106. Only 11 remained unsold and there was 6 vendors. Top spot was late in the sale number 221, a nice assorted collection of 77 FJ Smith cards from various series selling for £200.

**Next month we meet on Saturday 18th June 2022 at Roydon Village Hall
from 8.30 am to about 3.00pm.**

**Dealers booked in to come are Peter Beer, Robert Butterworth, Gary Challis, Mike Heard, Darren Moyse, Brian Pentalow (and perhaps Charlie ?)
and for the first time in a few years Mike Towersey.**

**Hoping to be with us next month is the new President of the Cartophilic
Society of Great Britain Mr. David Davis.**

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