

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

(Celebrating 50 years in October 2019)

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Easy to find a starter this month – check your envelope! – if it has a **BLUE** spot on the front, it means we haven't received your subscription for this year. Please send it to me or bring it to the June meeting otherwise this will be your last newsletter and auction list.. If you receive everything by email, you will be removed from the distribution list. There are only a few outstanding, a copy of the membership list will be available on the front desk from July.

With the boys otherwise engaged it was an early start for me, but I did have the pleasure of sharing my drive over with Tony Blackburn on Radio Two with his sounds of the sixties show, just my era. I wasn't at the hall long before John Shaw came driving in and slowly every one else drifted in. No show from Gary Challis again this month, last time he was delayed at work but I haven't heard from him this month. I hope he can make it in June. Nice to welcome John Taylor (and his cohort Colin Weston) to the dealing tables, they had travelled over from Melton Mowbray. Not sure what the dealer thinking was this month – not very many odds were present, plenty of sets. I love a good search for those elusive cards that I never seem to find nowadays. I have had some odds on my wanted list for several years despite constantly looking through albums galore, I expect many other members have as well.

The members drifted in as the morning progressed, Colin Gamble bought the birthday boy Gus (I'm 93 today) and not looking at all near his age. The usual early arrivals were soon searching although perhaps not with there usual fervour, they must have spent all their money in Nottingham. Nice to see Graham Convey back after a nasty illness meant he even missed convention. Nice to see Derek and his good lady Cynthia with us, he still try's to get when he can, even if he did come via a very devious route that included Swaffham ! We had a new member join us this month or perhaps it would be more correct to say an ex member rejoin. His name is Peter Mills from Norwich who was last a member in 2001. Just one visitor this month and I'm sure a lot of members know him – Mr Robert Butterworth from Bury St Edmunds. It is he of the Butterworth Tea fame, his company the only one still producing cards in his tea packets. Nice tea, nice cards and a very prolific producer with some lovely sets available from Peter Beer his local agent.

There was a good turnout from our club in Nottingham, we were as always well represented and I thought it was a good event. The only serious issue was the lighting in the second room but your eyes soon became adjusted to it. There was a good number of collectors present from all over the country and the United States and

even two from New Zealand. Alan and I played the golf on the Thursday which was won by the organiser Paul Lynch – perhaps the least said about that the better. Next year we are going to Salisbury in Wiltshire – more of a trek for everyone we will have to wait and see.

Les and I had a chat about our clubs next big event – our 50th birthday – in October and have decided that we will have a free buffet with a special birthday cake made by Kate. It is not often that we can celebrate a milestone in the club's history so I am going to order a special anniversary gift for every member to commemorate the occasion. You have to be there to see what it is – Saturday 18th October 2019 is the date.

A member brought in for us to sell four very large albums of Liebig cards which is a specialised area of collecting. I'm not aware of a Liebig collector in the club but after discussion it was decided to put them in our auction later in the year in four separate lots.

We knew today's auction wasn't going to be a top seller, with a lot of common cards in it, you had to look hard to find a rare card or set but there were bargains galore. Highlight for me was the last 40 lots, It was a collection I picked up in Holt, Norfolk last year. The guy had written a book about the Austin 7 car on cigarette and trade cards, it was lavishly illustrated with some lovely pictures. His widow asked that we sell them and pass on the proceeds to Cancer research. I took a cheque for £180 in to our local shop. When I told the vendor she was absolutely delighted.

Top lot this month was number 33 a nice set Copes Pigeons that flew away for £70 (sorry about that I had to say it). Total sales was a disappointing £1445, with 11 postal bidders spending £308, and 20 in house bidders a further £1137. Only 21 remained unsold and there were 6 vendors. This was the lowest sales figure for quite a while, now is the time to dig out those rarities and give us something to bid and buy. Alan is currently listing September.

It's 5 weeks until we do it again

– Saturday 15th June 2019 –

Roydon Village Hall 8.30 to 3.00pm

Auction 1.00pm

Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, John Haddon Silver,
Mike Heard, Peter Workman, Gary Challis
and the deadly duo Charlie and Brian.

Space for ONE more if you would like to sell some cards.

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