

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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Everything looked good in the build up to this month's club, and with three of the top dealers in the country attending it assured a good turnout of members and 'of course' they responded well, 58 members checking in this month. Dawn was breaking when I pulled into Roydon car park, after being followed all the way from Thetford by Mike Heard. Barry (good to have you back) and Peter were in and had started pulling all the furniture out of the store cupboards. Paul arrived a few minutes later and it was a fervent 45 minutes getting everything set up. It is always nice first thing, everyone keen to catch up - mostly with golf chat - but a lot of cartophilic news and banter.

Seems to be a lot to include this month so we better get on with it first the bad news, it appears we have a 'tea leaf' in the club, we know who it is and have taken the action of revoking his membership and banning him from the club. I feel this was the right step to take as we cannot have that sort of totally unacceptable behaviour, he was seen taking cards without paying for them, we believe that is not the first time this has happened.

Plans are well advanced for the Christmas meeting (Saturday 13th December). We will get to experience one of Sally's excellent buffets and have some fun with the Giant Charity Raffle. tickets will be on sale at the November meeting, this year's chosen charity is Tapping House, a 'end of life' care charity for Norfolk and North Suffolk. They provide outstanding specialist palliative care, comfort and support to individuals and families in their most difficult moments. Full meeting information next month with timetable. For members who have a distance to travel, the auction is at 11.00am and the buffet around 12.45 with the raffle following. Always a great day so start getting prepared, generally most members give two prizes, with at least 5 different colour raffle books at least one strip of each colour each person. Last year we passed on over £500 to our chosen charity.

Now a request from a member ' In February 2026 Rob Butterworth will be issuing a set of cards entitled 'Munich Memories' recalling the tragic occasion in February 1958 when Manchester United lost 8 players in a plane crash. Reserve your set now with Peter Beer as demand is expected to be heavy. In this connection Rob will be writing an article for Card World about the event and card publication. He would very much like to illustrate it with appropriate contemporary cards of the players etcetera but has none in his collection and wonders if any member can help. If so please contact by email at robndula@btinternet.com or by phone 01284 703288 to discuss. All contributions will be acknowledged in the magazine.

At the November auction there will be 5 extra lots added at the end, this will enable us to conclude all the items from the John Haddon Silver collection in one month. A copy of whats on offer is included along with the December auction list.

Alan has completed the May 2026 listing and the items bought in this month will start the June list, we do need more if we are to keep the auction at the 250/300 mark. We only sell them for the club minimum (£1) if the vendor doesn't want them back, but are happy to put a reserve/minimum price on them if the vendor wants us to.

I have restocked the club cupboard with Albums and Pages and have most colours and sizes in stock now, so just ask if you need any. There are no used albums or pages available at the moment, any that I have sell out first thing in the morning.

I bought a dozen sets in this month from a member who wanted to put them in the auction but couldn't wait six months. I had him price them (what he wanted) then tried to sell them for him. I sold a few and he was pleased and said he might have some more next month. They were priced 1/3rd to 1/2 Murrays catalogue but were all excellent condition. Our members certainly know a bargain.

This month's auction didn't look to be much, with only a few bids from our regular postal bidders but we finished with a creditable total of £2858 for the 300 lots. Only 36 remained unsold and although 38 made only a £1 coin, it turned out to be our 2nd lowest total of the year. There were 27 successful postal bidders who spent £1627 on 79 lots as well as 24 successful in house bidders spending £1237 on 185 lots, these were provided by 8 vendors. Top slot this month was Lot number 40 a lovely set of BAT Wild Animals of the World being knocked down for £150.

Next month we meet on Saturday 15th November at Roydon Village Hall

from 8.30am to about 3.00pm Auction at 12.30.

Dealers booked in to attend are Peter Beer, Richard Buckle,

Brian Pentelow, Ron Smith, Steve/Paula Lewis and John Shaw

Talking to Steve and Paula, they want to clear there excess stock and are going to offer some real bargains, sounds real good, can't wait.

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