

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

(Celebrating 50 years in October 2019)

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Saturday 19th October 2019

We always knew this was going to be a special meeting, after all 50 years old needs to be celebrated. Not many clubs can claim that accolade. The day was bright, all the plans were in place, all I expected was for the members to come and for it to happen and they did. The hall was buzzing when I got to Roydon, the dealers were setting up, the furniture was all set out, a great atmosphere was building. A few golden balloons and some 50th bunting gave a bit of colour to the hall, then the members started to arrive and the reminiscing began.

A full house of dealers provided an incentive with John Taylor and Ken Sandeman making a rare appearance, the hall was full. With Charlie and Brian occupying the stage it meant Bob and Jill had a month off to search for odds and enjoy the club from a different angle. It was very helpful of John Haddon Silver and Derek Golson to drop out dealing for the month, that gave more space for the others. Gary Challis had rung me to stand in the doorway but was a no show again ? The members turned out in force with a final figure of 72 members and 11 visitors, it was the best for many a year. The visitors came from far and wide, including a member from the early days who made the trip up with the Sussex boys. Also nice to welcome Rob Butterworth from Bury St Edmunds, who is still producing cards for his tea, the next series he tells me will be to celebrate the end of WW11. It was nice to see Mike Reeve reminiscing about the club, after we defined the oldest member – he came to the second club meeting, way back in 1969, but is not the oldest club member in age. It was soon clear that everyone wanted to be a part of this special day. The commemorative pen was collected by all as they checked in with Doreen (and her helpers) and was gladly received. Those that didn't get one can claim one next month, after that we will send them out, with the newsletter.

It was a 'full on' morning, wheeling and dealing, reminiscing, remembering tales of the good old days, and 'of course' older members no longer with us. I'm sure Bill Peck, John Knowles, Alex Woolard and many other members from days gone by would be pleased to see how the club has progressed in it's first 50 years. I wrote an article for the Card World about the club and enclose a copy for all members. A follow up with photos will be in the next edition (providing I have the time to write it). A lot of photos were took at today's meeting, I will bring them along next month to share.

Several members had rung up to tell me they couldn't make it for various reasons and to wish us a good day. There are many reports of illnesses and hospital visits among them Ted Wareham, our own Alan, Brian and Ann among just a few. Ken Courtney was ill with a heavy cold. I hope everyone is fully recovered and

fighting fit for our next meet.

We aimed to have the buffet around 12.00 and so we had to clear the back room at 11.30 for Kate and her team to set out the feast and after a few words from Chairman Les a very orderly and civilised queue formed to pick up the delicacies on offer. We did get time for a few pics before it was enjoyed by all. The spread was very good and a lot of compliments and thanks were very forth coming. to the caterers. The two cakes that were made were excellent and just what we needed, they were soon devoured by all present. I think some members had bought 'doggie bags' to save it from the bins.

Also enclosed this month is the dates for our future meetings for the next two years, 2020 and 2021, all confirmed by the halls booking officer. So you can now book your holidays around them (yes I know several members and the committee who do!) They are all the 3rd Saturday of the month. We are rapidly approaching our Christmas meeting – **Saturday 14th December**. Our raffle this year in aid of Air Ambulance, please bring your prizes from November meeting. Again we will be having one of Kate's tremendous buffets, free to all members. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the next meeting.

Feeding time over it was auction time and it was a good number of members who sat down with their bidding cards at the ready. Unfortunately there was a lot of common cards amongst the lots on offer and that reflected on the final figures. Some of the lots sold for only a pound when the pages alone would have cost more. Alan has completed listings for the first three month's of next year and as April will be primarily a silks auction has nearly enough items for that as well. We would like some quality lots to follow these please, so have dig around and see what can be found to be included. Not so many common lots please. We started on Alan Huggins enormous collection this month and it will run at approximately 100 a month until May. The other half of his collection will be collected later this year or early next, it was nice to see his daughter and grand daughter paying us a visit.

This month's figures were £1846 total sales. They came from 18 successful in house bidders spending £1131, a further 10 postal successful postal bidders who spent £715. A total 97 went unsold and there was just three vendors. Top spot this month was shared, Lot 47 a FJ Smith's set of Cinema Stars and Lot 228 a set of Ogdens Solders of the King both selling for £120.

Next month we meet on **Saturday 16th November 2019**, same time same place

Dealers booked in to come are Peter Beer, Derek Golson, John Haddon Silver, Mike Heard, Brian & Charlie, and John Shaw. Don't forget to check out the club table, many bargains to be had there, along with new albums and pages.

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Meeting Dates

2020

**Saturday 18th January, Saturday 15th February, Saturday 21st March,
Saturday 18th April, Saturday 16th May, Saturday 20th June,**

**Saturday 18th July, Saturday 15th August, Saturday 19th September
Saturday 17th October, Saturday 14th November, Saturday 19th December**

All at Roydon Village Hall, nr Diss, South Norfolk

from 8.30am to 4.00pm