

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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This month is usually one of our more busier month's and with 62 members coming through the door it was once again. The weather was awful, heavy rain, fog and many new roadwork's but it didn't deter members from turning out, with two visitors travelling up from Sussex it all provided us with a great atmosphere. Ann used her charm and persuasive talent to convince two regular visitors to join , so they have been added to the membership list which now stands at 88. One is from Derby (Mike Heard's helper) Stan Parker and the other Peter Delves from Stowupland. Welcome to you both.

Unfortunately Darren Moyses had to call off again but it was nice to welcome Mike Prior and Geoff McMillan and with the regular dealers, all were well supported throughout the day. I bought 4 type books and a couple of boxes of albums, charts and associated ephemera and only took a few home, there will be more in November but not much after that.

The main attraction this month was finding out the result of the postal auction for members. We got messages to most and they came prepared with cash and cheques to collect their well won new treasures. The result of the postal auction makes very encouraging reading, there were 5 vendors, 500 lots, selling for a total of £12587.00, providing a nice profit for the club. There were 63 successful bidders (I only know of one bidder who didn't win a lot) of these 23 were regular members, the rest CSGB members. Of the 500 lots 406 were sold. leaving 94 unsold. We have pushed the unsold since the auction closing and have sold another 61 lots, this sales figure has been added to the October listing. Top spot was Lot 413 a large quantity of Kardomah Tea cards selling for £1700, not bad for my price guide of £75 - £80, well we can't get it right every time. My answer, it was a 'come and get me' price guide !!! Alan and I had a chat about the postal auction, our thoughts included - huge amount of work involved (probably more than we realised) - big financial benefit for the club, and probably something we didn't expect was around 15 new bidders some of whom will and have bid again. The initial aim was to reduce the amount of stock we have to sell, well we did that but we still seem to have a lot ! Will we do it again, well not for the next few month's but we haven't ruled it out altogether. As a interim measure we are going to have 'super month auctions' -- 400 lots in March, June and September 2025, let's hope Alan's voice can hold out that long.

As Christmas approaches we are going to have our usual Christmas party - a free 'Christmas themed buffet', free to all members (£8 to non members), our usual auction (listing enclosed), three dealers and our incredible Charity raffle (can we better last year's £500 ?). After some discussion we have decided that this year's chosen charity is the Oncology department of the Colchester and Ipswich Hospital who work closely with McMillan nurses to help cancer patients in the area. One of our members has recently undergone treatment with them and speaks very highly of them. A charity we should feel pleased to support, so please let's give it our best, bring in some nice prizes and buy a extra strip of tickets. All the income goes to this charity. Les will be selling raffle tickets from next month and prizes can be brought in from the next meeting ready for the December 14th meeting.

The new edition of Murray's Price Guide for 2025/26 otherwise subtitled ' The book of Dreams ' comes out at the end of this month and I have ordered two boxes for our members, they

will be available, at the price we pay for them,(members only) at the November meeting. They will be less than the recommended retail price (£12.50) but I'm not sure how much yet.

Don't forget to pencil in your new calendar next year's Catophilic Society convention, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th April, Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre, further details as they become available.

As a hirer of the Roydon hall, the hall committee like us to have a representative and Barry Allen has been fulfilling this role for a few years now and asked to step down. It really is to far for either Alan, Les or me to travel to the meetings but step forward Richard Spurgin who has offered to represent us. I don't think there is a lot to do but I'm sure he will protect our interests well. Thank you for volunteering.

It soon came round to 12.30 and auction time, Alan was ready, Ann (ably assisted by Chloe) and Dave were ready and off we went, only a few minutes late. I think it takes a high degree of concentration for Alan to keep us on track and keep it moving with the huge amount of distractions that goes on. Some month's are worse than others it just seemed worse this month.

Food for thought Alan has been auctioneer for 19 years (approximately 230 auctions), I have been Secretary/Treasurer for 16 years, Chairman for 6 years before that, (approximately 260 newsletters) and Les has been Chairman for 14 years, none of us are getting any younger. We are happy to continue for the present but is it soon time for new blood, new idea's even perhaps a new direction. Anyone else had these thoughts. My other thought this month has been - do we need the badges ? - very few members collect them so shall we do away with them. We do however need members to check in, I think someone told me once that's a health and safety hall rule in case of a fire.

It was a good auction with some good prices realised, the final figure was £5724 which was boosted by £1446.50 of unsold mentioned earlier, There was 34 successful postal bidders who spent £3422 on 134 lot's, a further 21 successful in house bidders who spent £2302 on 161 lots. Only 5 remained unsold for the 6 vendors. Top spot went to Lot 161 a lovely set of Duncan's Scottish Clans Arms of Chiefs (Green back) selling for £255.

Only 4 weeks until we do it again **Saturday 16th November 2024**, usual time and place., 8.30 to 2.30, Roydon Village Hall. Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Richard Buckle, Brian Pentalow, Sean Coafield, John Shaw, Steve/Paula Lewis and maybe Darren Moyse.

Finally I am really shocked to share with members, the sudden death of Alan's wife Gill, who loved coming to the club and has been a great supporter for many years. A lovely person who I know I will miss very much at the club. Our thought's and support go to Alan at this difficult time. Unfortunately another member has died, John Haddon-Silver from Bury St, Edmunds. John has been very ill for a few years but older members of the club will remember his humour, and his expert knowledge of most things cartophilic. He has not been to the club since October 2019 but maintained his membership because he wanted to keep in touch with how the club developed. You can find John and his good wife Bridget on our 2007 set personalities at number 12. John's funeral is at Bury St. Edmunds Crematorium on Monday 4th November at 12.30.

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