

# *East Anglian Card Collectors Club*

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There are many factors that can influence the attendance at our regular monthly meetings, many things try, but our membership is steady and our members loyal, they just need the hint of an opportunity to satisfy their collecting cravings. With the sad loss of our lovely Queen and the whole country in mourning, would our members go and join the 24 hour queue in London or make their monthly trip to Roydon for their injection of cartopolism (I think I have invented a new word ! - probably grammatically wrong?). We all show our respect in our own way and as we had a one minute silence just before the auction we could do it today as a group. But as I'm so often told, life goes on and so did our club. I think we had a final number of 58 members with us and a further 6 visitors. More of that later.

Once again the boys did a great job of setting up they seemed to have it all sorted swiftly and smoothly. It is a very well organised operation and as the dealers arrive they are directed to their selling spots with great efficiency. We were experimenting this month with a postcard dealer, organised by Richard Spurgeon. He attracted three postcard collectors who all enthused about their opportunity to come to the club. I know they spent time on other dealers stalls, looking for their collecting dream. I spoke to all three and they enthused about the chance to come, especially as I was informed the Norwich postcard club has folded through lack of support. The dealer was well satisfied with his days takings. Chairman Les and I discussed the 'experiment' and have agreed to try and set up a link with the Bury St. Edmunds new postcard club and trial again in 2023.

We were all very pleased to welcome to our club after an absence of 15 plus years Mike Towersey and his son Lee. You couldn't get near his stall for most of the morning and I know he had a very good day. Mike was very complimentary about our club, in particular he mentioned the warm welcome he had received from everyone and the great atmosphere within the hall. He is very keen to return when we can get him in. Lee is also a dealer and I know many members have bought from him on Ebay. He is seriously considering coming to Kings Lynn for the National Convention next April. Unfortunately Gary Challis never made it again, he obviously didn't finish his full time work early enough. I'm sure he will try to be with us in October. Great to see Bob and Jill Jennings at the club again they have tried to come earlier in the year but something always cropped up. Nice to see them, I know they really enjoy the 'Christmas' event and will try to be with us again then. Our caterer Sally was with us 'thank goodness' this month and very apologetic in not making it in August, she has now bought a new car.

We had a 'committee meeting' today as a few vitally important decisions needed to be made. Firstly our December meeting will take the usual format - three dealers, 200 lot auction, free Christmas themed buffet and huge Charity raffle – like all our meetings it will be the third Saturday of the month - 17<sup>th</sup> December.

We discussed advertising our club and agreed to renew our advert in the new Murray's catalogue (due Oct/Nov) and also to have our auction circulated again in the CSGB Card World in the March or May issue. We agreed that although the calendar was well produced and welcomed by some members we would not be producing one for 2023.

The planning continues for the National Convention next April when we welcome card collectors from all over the kingdom and in fact the world. The promotional flyers are almost complete and will be ready within the next couple of weeks, circulation and advertising will commence straight away – remember the date 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, just up the road for everyone at Lynnsport Kings Lynn Norfolk. I suggest you book both dates you will need two days to fully explore in depth the plethora of cards that will be available. As we are hosting the event we will need your help in the many duties that are required from the hosts.

It was a busy day at the club, there is always something to do and the clock soon came round to 1.00pm and auction time. Alan, Ann and Dave were ready on time and although it didn't look a great auction list the quality and rare cards did sell well and in a couple of cases sold very well. Lot 147 was by far top seller, the lovely set of Robinson Regimental Mascots making £820. Alan was soon in the swing and rattled through the 250 lots in just over an hour. A couple of our regular postal bidders were missing this month but with the extra we have gained from the CSGB circulation it boosted our final figure to a respectable £3276. There were 13 successful in house bidders who spent £1045 and a further 20 successful postal bidders who spent £2231. There were 8 vendors and 44 unsold. I do like the look of some of the lots in next month's offering (circulated last month) plenty of sets, rare types and trade even some Ipswich Town ephemera (how low can we go).

We meet again in just four weeks on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October same times, same place. Dealers booked in to come are Peter Beer, Robert Butterworth, Brian Pentelow, Darren Moyse and Mike Heard. Gary Challis will be with us 'work permitting'

ROOM for one more if anyone fancies a go at selling, give me a ring.

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