

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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We knew we had to wait five weeks before this September meeting but it was certainly worth the wait. Okay we might have been slightly less in number but the action was intense all morning. Several members told me they didn't have time to do and see everything they wanted.

It was dark when I left home for the drive to Roydon, the full moon was sinking in the clear morning air and the sun was rising (straight into my eyes) as I got nearer the hall. Peter Beer and Paul Lynch were already setting up and we were ready for the members at the unearthly hour of 8.00am. First member through the door (7.50am) one of the Cleaver boys but only a few minutes before the early birds arrive. It was great to welcome three dealers who don't come our way too often, Paul Lynch from Derby (he organises the Murray's catalogue and told me the new one will be available for our November meeting), John Taylor and his assistant Colin Weston from Melton Mowbray and our good friend from the Welsh borders Peter Russell. I was asked by Peter to recommend a good hotel for him to stay in Friday night and said the Park Hotel in Diss used to be very good. For those who have been members a while that was our home prior to Roydon, however unbeknown to me, it is now an immigrant hotel. All the dealers have reportedly had a very good day, I know I found several cards from all three and completed a few sets, some dating back years. Pity Gary Challis and Richard Spurgin didn't turn up, I knew Darren Moyse wasn't coming. We had plenty of cards to look through.

Everyone has had the opportunity to check out the Postal lots, there has been a lot of interest from non members, Alan and I have sent out over 30 scans (of the cards) to collectors all over the world and the bids have been flooding in, many members left their bids and they have all been added to the computer. Closing date is Monday 30th September at 12.00 midday, (I'm not sure this newsletter will be with you before then but just in case I get my act together) get your bids in. Please don't ring Alan or me before the Wednesday to see if you have won any lots we probably won't be able to tell you that quick. We will bring any items you win to the October meeting to save you the cost of postage. We are considering offering members a 2nd chance bid on any unsold's or if the bid we received was not enough / fair. Alan and I have put a lot of work into this special auction, it is very time consuming but the club will benefit greatly from our efforts. Expect a full report in next month's newsletter.

Chairman Les and Ann were in sunny Spain this month so missed the meeting but we managed alright, thanks to everyone who did a bit extra to make the club work so well. I think a few other members must have been on holiday as well as our attendance number was just 48.

The Cartophilic Society have announced details of next year's Annual Convention, it will be on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th April 2025 at Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre. We have been there before a few years back. I have Goggled it (don't we all nowadays) and its slightly over 2 hour drive for me, so convenient for most of our members. More details shared as they become available.

I know a few members do Face book but there is a strong and vibrant 'Cigarette and Trade Card Collectors' group, many newcomers to the hobby and with a lot of cards to sell. But many newcomers keen to learn more about the cards they may well have inherited, not always from a monetary perspective. It's worth a check out when you have a hour or two to pass the time.

It seemed to come round to auction time very quickly today and we were able to get the sale off and running almost on time. Dave Turnball did the 'showing' and running up and down the hall, ably assisted later in the sale by Peter Beer. Alan got a really good smooth rhythm going and completed finding new homes for most of the items by just after 2.00pm. The final details are, total sales £3685 with just 3 unsold for three vendors. There was 28 successful postal bidders who spent £1998 on 118 lots, and a further 20 successful in house bidders who bought 179 lots for £1687. Top seller this month was early in the sale, Lot 41 a nice set of WD&HO Wills Sports of all Nations being knocked down for a meagre £140 (catalogue currently £660).

The November auction list is enclosed with this newsletter so check it out, there are some nice lots coming up. We have several cards to sell over the next few months, I'm currently listing May 2025, still with the Gus Garrod collection but there is room for some of your cards if you want to bring them along.

Next month we meet on Saturday 19th October as always at Roydon Village Hall from about 8.30am to about 3.00pm. Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Richard Buckle, Sean Coafield, Mike Heard, Geoff McMillan, Darren Moyse, Brian Pentalow and Mike Prior. I would encourage dealers to get organised and get booked in for next year - two new dealers have already booked in, space is limited and we want to be fair to all.

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