

# *East Anglian Card Collectors Club*

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It had been 5 weeks since we last met and I'm sure most members were ready for the monthly meeting. A lot has happened since April as we have had the Annual convention this year in Bracknell, Berkshire. EACCC members were *present* in numbers; I counted 25 on the Saturday alone. Everyone had their own experience and I have heard no negative comments on it this year, the venue was big, well-lit and easy to get to. The dealers bought plenty of cards and for us the opportunity to see dealers who can't get to Roydon for whatever reason.

My CSGB responsibilities were completed by 11.00am so I had over 1 days card searching. What I found is for another day. One of the nicest things that did happen was Ann/Les, Peter and Neville, Sue and I, all spent the evenings together enjoying a meal and the social company.

Our club could easily have been an anti-climax after the convention but in the intervening fortnight I have been down to Italy for a coach holiday and that is definitely a story for another day. David Hasselhoff had no experience like my 'night rider' experience.

The action was in full swing when I pulled into the car park, closely followed by Alan. It was great to see John Shaw busy as always, only 2 dogs present this month. Mike Heard was busy all day providing cartophilic needs to the EACCC multitude. Martin Toms was back with us and was in great demand. I have sorted out Roger Mann's name now it's not Nigel (!) I will try and get it right next month. It was nice to see the club table was also in great demand and was busy. I left some of the new 'Murrays' catalogues on the table and had to keep 'topping them up'. I bought 50 copies for club members and have only 12 left so it's not too late to pick one up, at the knock down price of £8.50 – 15% less than the retail price, at the next meeting. My assessment of it is quite positive. The presentation is similar to the usual format but the quality of paper used for it greatly enhances its quality. Paul Lynch has started to identify some of the rarer cards and has priced them individually, that helps but is a continuous process and the next copy in 2018 will develop this in more detail. I like the advert section he has added, very handy to have contact details of clubs and dealers. Our advert is on page 311 and looks good.

As the morning progressed, the members drifted in and out and our final number of 62 was not surprising. It was nice to see Joyce in full swing with her cordial and friendly welcome, a lovely feeling for everyone who ventured through the door. We had 5 visitors' this month and a new member Mark Newstead – Ron's son - maybe you can keep him in order throughout the auction (just joking Ron). One of the members has suggested that we look at buying a microphone/speaker system to help project Alan's voice and unique selling style during the auction. It does sometimes get noisy at the back of the room.

Alan is going to see what is available. Congratulations to Alice Courtney on celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, love and best wished from all your friends at the club. Graham Gower told me he is shortly off to Spain to live and is taking his cards with him. Good luck Graham, I hope you find many cards in sunny Spain.

I don't know what you think but I think the caterers are doing a great job, did you see the deep Quiche on offer this month, absolutely delicious. The Black Forest sponge cake looked (and I'm sure tasted) wonderful. Well done girls.

I have collected the last few subscriptions and have now closed the list, the new membership list will be available at the June meeting from the check in table, and we have 104 members. **It will mean that a lot of members will have a new bidding number next month.** Les, Alan and I will be discussing the Christmas dinner at the June meeting, tell us if you want anything special included. Next year's convention will be in Manchester, will probably be earlier in the month and revert back to a Friday/Saturday. I will keep you in touch.

I have to sell a huge number of reference books and will put them on the Club table next month and put 'come and get me' prices to clear them. This will be your opportunity to pick up gems of cartophilic reference. If you think of the amount of work that goes into each publication and all it will cost you is a £1 or £2. As always first come first served.

The auction looked 'run of the mill' and produced the usual bargains for all. To help clarify our position, sometimes a vendor tells us they don't want the cards back and ask us just to sell them for what we can get; other vendors put a minimum price on their cards so we can't always sell them at giveaway prices. Alan has completed the listings for August and September and will now start to sort out October. After the meeting I went to Great Yarmouth and picked up Harry Bullocks 'maritime' collection of cards. A lovely collection of many rare and expensive cards, they will start in October. Today's sale figures read like 237 lots were available. There were 13 postal bidders who spent £1271, 19 in house bidders spent £1211, total sales £2482. Unfortunately 58 lots went unsold and will either be returned to the vendor or sold on Ebay. Top spot went to a cracking set of 50 Churchman cards Rivers and Broads for £155. Next month watch out for a smashing part set of American Allen & Ginter Flags they will fly.

It is just four weeks until we do it again, **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016**, same place, and same time. Dealers booked in include Roger Mann, Ken Courtney, Peter Beer, Martin Toms John Haddon Silver and Mike Heard.

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