

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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It was 5 weeks ago that we last met and everyone was ready for our monthly get together, our wheeling and dealing, and to experience the fantastic atmosphere that makes up our great club. There seems a lot to include this month so lets get on with the first MEMBERSHIP. Thank you to the many members that have renewed their subscription but we still have 15 to pay, so check your envelope, if you have a RED sticker on it, you are one of the ones who hasn't crossed our palms with £12 yet. This will be your last newsletter if we haven't received it by the May meeting. As we have said before it will be the best £12 you ever spend. Every penny the club makes is spent on the members, whether it be free coffee, half price Murrays, free Christmas buffet, free special pens you know it makes sense to be a member.

As it was Easter weekend we didn't expect the usual full number but 48 hardy soles made the trip plus two visitors. We had seven dealers plying their trade including a new dealer Malcolm Parsons who despite finding the Dartford tunnel closed and a long diversion in place, his trip up from Sussex was much longer than it should have been. I think he had a good day because he has booked in again for next month. Unfortunately Darren Moyse had to cancel again as his wife is in hospital, we hope she will make a speedy recovery and he can make it next month.

When ever our club falls on Easter weekend we have a extra raffle for club funds and although it is a much lower profile than our Christmas extravaganza. I didn't count the prizes but there must have been at least 30 plus and not all Easter Eggs. Thank you to everyone who bought a prize. Les did the selling of the tickets, Ann did the folding and the members won the prizes. Total income for club funds £205. Thank you everyone who bought tickets on the day. A truly great effort.

Sally was back with her many food delights and much needed coffee to keep us going all day. I had left home rather early so I could get organised before the masses arrived and was ready for my infusion of caffiene at 9.00am. I did spot Sally had Hot Cross Buns for us, I hope members ate them.

Next weekend is the Cartophilic Convention and I know several members will be going to Hemel Hempstead. Les will be giving a report (on our club's year) at the Annual General meeting and we will have two days of searching out those elusive rare cigarette cards. Most of the dealers at the convention come to our club during the course of a year (two or three from the south, don't make the trip) but we are very well supported. Next year it returns to our hunting ground - Kings Lynn - watch this space.

The big discussion this month was 'EBAY' and the charges the company have made in the past six month's. Unfortunately only for the benefit of the company, the buyer and the seller all paying extra on every sale. I know 'at least' two big sellers who are closing up shop and not selling any more. The introduction of a 'buyer protection fee' is a disaster for all buyers and sellers, it should be called 'Ebay profit fee'. In all the years I have been selling and buying on Ebay I have never had a sale go wrong in any way so why do we need a buyers protection fee ?

As usual the morning seemed to go very quickly, I had bought about 30 used 'as new' albums and pages and sold out by 11.00, doubt I will have any more for a few month's. Please don't forget we have always available NEW Albums and pages, and the good news is , thanks to a member we have '9' to a pages available again.

With the raffle running slightly longer than we expected we were late starting the auction (only by 15 minutes) but we are never in a rush, are we. Alan sorted the lots out, while Les did the raffle. It was a good auction at the end of the day, with a grand total of £4698.00. There were 5 vendors and only 29 remained unsold. A total of 18 in house bidders were successful, spending £1082 on 146 lots. By far the most this month went postal bidders way, 35 of them were successful spending £3616 on 125 lots. Top lot went to 250, a nice set of very rare Nugget Allied Services trade cards. Alan and I had a discussion about the auction and have decided that from December we will revert to 250 lots and from January go back to a 1.00pm start. We have completed all the listings up to November and Alan has enough for December so any brought in now will go in January 2026.

In May we meet on Saturday 17th May and I have a full house of dealers with Mike Heard, John Shaw, Peter Beer, Richard Buckle, Malcolm Parsons, Darren Moyse and again we have a first timer at EACCC - Sean Clover coming to us from Yorkshire. I have seen Sean's cards and he has some nice one's well organised.

Don't forget to bring you wants list of any 'common' cards you might need to make up or to improve your sets. We will have John Haddon Silver's dealer collection of 48 albums available for you to be able to find them. All cards will be 25p regardless of book price.

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