

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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It seemed a long while since we last made the journey to Roydon so it was something to look forward to a good days talking and dealing ‘cartophilic wise’ – can’t be bad. As most clubs close for this summer month we usually have a better turnout than normal and with 9 visitors and 59 members it was a good day. The furthest visitors were Frank and Sue Nash from Market Rasen, Lincs.

Quite a few lesser spotted members were in evidence this month including David Bartrum, Graham Gower, Ian Penistone, Mark Riches, Richard Spurgeon, Cliff Waller, the Bradshaw’s Cynthia and Derek, and the real blast from the past Mick Plant. He has offered to come and deal again soon. Steve England even made the trip up from Hatfield in Hertfordshire. Nice to see everyone, just don’t leave it so long next time. Several regulars were away on holiday including Mr. and Mrs Chairman (Les and Ann) on holiday in Canada. Ken and Alice Courtney will hopefully be back with us soon.

There was plenty of action at the club before I even got there today, apparently Ken Short was setting up the back room tables and chairs and collapsed, an ambulance was called and he was whisked off to Norwich hospital. He was conscious and worrying about cards and pages etc. (*Latest report is he is comfortable and undergoing tests*) Hope your back with us next month but get well soon from all your friends at EACCC.

There was a full house of dealers this month, nice to see John Shaw and Alan Wilde with us again. We were going to have a change around this month – and we did a little bit, - but it was thought John Shaw has such a vast array of cartophilic items we couldn’t squeeze them up to a different corner. However Charlie was on the stage and the club table in the back room. Perhaps it worked a little bit but people do get used to looking for dealers in their usual place. When I was at work a change indicated fresh thinking and new ideas but now as we are older we like thing the way they are – especially if it works. Next month we will play find the Club table and find Charlie! At the end of the newsletter is the list of dealers booked in next month including 3 dealers who haven’t been with us for a while.

= Had a nice letter this month from Eileen Smith, thanking us for selling Georges collection and wished to be remembered to all who know her. There grandchildren have all benefitted from the income. It is nice to receive such letters.

= We have been invited to nominate a representative to serve on the Roydon Village Hall committee from the club. Would someone like to volunteer, I don’t think it is too time consuming as they don’t meet very often (4 or 5 times a year) but it would be good to have our voice heard. It took us nearly 10 years to have a cupboard agreed. The AGM is Thursday 19th October at 7.00pm. Please speak to me if you would do it for us.

= we have some nice ideas to discuss for next year’s convention in Kings Lynn – that’s going to come round faster than you think. Watch this space.

= I have been asked to mention that Stuart Barker (can he really be 90) has lost his Murrays catalogue somewhere in the hall. Can everyone check there copy Stuart's has his name on the inside cover?

= While thinking about Murray's catalogue, Paul Lynch tells me he is working on the next edition and is hoping it will be available next April at the convention. That's the 2018/19 edition. I will order some for the club as usual.

= Everyone has been enjoying the 20p card box and very cheap albums available on the members table, sorry they won't be available next month, but will be back with many more friends in October and for the rest of the year,

= Alan wishes to thank and congratulate the members who spotted his deliberate mistake on this month's auction list. What!! You didn't see it, what were you looking at?

= A special plea for more quiet during the auction please, we are all getting older and like all the Specsavers ads are suffering from hearing loss. Alan can't conduct the auction any louder!! A good start would be for the dealers putting some grease on the trolley wheels

= talking about the auction (clever how I keep writing these threads!!) we are planning TWO special auctions next year. Alan has plenty of items for the next few months and is currently lotting up December, but we have been given some special lots for early in 2018. The February auction will be predominately (not all) a Silk's auction with some extremely rare and valuable silks included – some even not listed. This will be followed in April by a predominately (not all) with a Sports auction. Both events will be extensively advertised. If you want to include some similar items in these special auctions they need to be with Alan by the October meeting.

There were some lovely lots available this month – not all hidden amongst the more common cards but some new visitors and members helped us to achieve only 24 unsold in the 205 lot auction. Facts and figures make interesting reading. The 205 lots sold for £2441 (our best for a few months). There were 43 hopeful bidders in the room at the start of the auction, of these 24 were successful spending £1558, the 12 successful postal bidders spent a further £883. There were 12 vendors. If I tell you Lot 99 flew away with top spot for £100, can you work out which set that as without looking at the list?

Next month we meet on == **Saturday 16th September 2017** == once again at Roydon Village Hall, doors open 8.00am for dealers, 8.30am for members with the auction at 1.00pm.

We have seven dealers booked in Peter Beer, Charlie Stringer, Roger Mann, Peter Workman, the return of Ken Courtney. Michael Prior will be making a rare appearance, as will Paul Lynch from Nottingham.

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