

# *East Anglian Card Collectors Club*

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It seemed a long while since we last got together for our monthly meet, but then 4 weeks is sometimes a long time. This month is usually a busy month and although the build-up was quiet, the day seemed slow starting but was buzzing with the usual number of members around mid-morning. Doreen eventually checked in 55 members and just one visitor.

Amongst the dealers with us, it was great to welcome once again Peter Workman and his excellent array of card's, he was busy most of the morning and was keen to book in again with us, so we shall see him again in November. Martin Toms was back with us in his usual good form. He tells me he is retiring in 18 months and moving to Thailand permanently, he has an enormous number of cards to move on unless he plans to take them with him. We will miss him at Roydon. There was a late dealer booking, a visitor from a few weeks ago with some of his collection to sell, I hope he did alright. It's nice to see the number of members who come every month and to date we have 17 with a 100% attendance this year. Among the members with us this month who have missed a meeting or two are Dan Browne, Garry Daynes, the 'up the city' member Tony Colman and Cliff Waller, welcome back.

I did have the opportunity this past month to call in and see our good friend Ted Wareham and his good lady Margaret. To say they have been 'through the wars' the past few months is an understatement. Ted has recovered well from his amputation operation and is eagerly awaiting delivery of his electric wheelchair. He is in good spirits and the 2 hours I spent with him were most enjoyable. He has sent us 60 plus items for our auction with many more to come in the next few months. He did tell me how much he looks forward to the newsletter each month and so wants to be with us. Take heart Ted, we hope you will make it to Roydon in the not too distant future. Mike Reeve brought me in another of his wonderful rare American sets this time it was the Allen & Ginter Great Generals from 1886 and currently catalogued at over £2k.

It was nice to see three young people sitting in the coffee bar checking out some Match Attax albums and cards. I have no idea how this came about, but I didn't feel it appropriate to ask them for £2 visitor's fee as I hoped they might come again. The young people are the future for our club and the hobby, they must be encouraged. As well as look at the cards they also enjoyed one of Kate's huge Breakfasts. Once again Kate brought us in a magnificent cake and as last month it was soon devoured by our hungry members. Les met with Kate to discuss the Christmas feast and next month we will have full details of the December meeting. There will be a Charity raffle as usual and members can bring in prizes from next month, I'm sure we can equal last year's total of 75 prizes.

Now a correction from last month, the first edition of last month's newsletter had the wrong dates for next year's convention, it is **29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> April** at Stratford upon Avon. My apologies for the error. The Cartophilic Council have a policy of moving the convention around the country and would like to come back our way sometime in the future.

Can anyone recommend a suitable venue (anywhere in the East), it has to be a well-lit have of about 800 sq. metres (about 4 badminton courts), with easy access by road and rail and as cheap as possible. It was a pleasure to host it at the UEA Norwich back in 2008; it's about time for it to return!

I don't know why but the morning as always seemed to fly by, where do the 3 hours vanish to, chatting, catching up, talking all things cartophilic, drinking coffee, even a little card hunting, but the magic hour of 1.00pm soon comes round.

This month's auction was different and it obviously didn't appeal to at least 3 of our regular attenders and bidders. All the lots came from the same collector (our good friend John Cooper) and contained a lot of sport (mostly football) and certainly a lot of modern cards. Well it made a change for us and provided a lot of real bargains for the members interested in this line of collecting. Of the 249 lots on offer, Alan did a magnificent job of selling 233 of them, leaving only 16 to be sold on the Ebay auction site. The full facts and figures are 249 lots sold for £2627.00. This went to 15 in house bidders spending £1332.00 and 17 postal bidders spending £1295.00. Lot 74, a lovely set of Ogden's Football Club Captains (£86) just beat Lots 141 and 162 (£80) for top spot. Alan has quite a few items for inclusion in the auction at the moment and is currently listing February 2017. There is another big variety of items on offer next month in the 250 lots, including a cracking set of Copes Dickens Gallery at Lot 20 but also a great selection of American cards in types and sets all will add to make this the best auction of the year.

We also have a full house of dealers with us, Roger Mann, Mike Heard, John Shaw, John Haddon Silver, Martin Toms, Peter Beer, Geoff McMillan and making a rare show for the first time this year Ken Sandeman.

**The date is Saturday 15th October 2016 - The place and time the same as always.**

Now we will have to have a self-check in system in operation as Doreen unfortunately can't be with us. All you have to do is tick your name in the book, collect your badge, then find Alan or me for your drinks voucher. Please tell us if any strangers / visitors are around so we can 'collar' them for their details. Unless of course someone would like to offer to do the door for us in the morning. We will also need some help with the auction as Les and Anne are in sunnier climes and can't be with us. I'm sure Albert would appreciate a runner to deliver the lots to their new owners.

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