

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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For our second meeting of the year everything looked good, including the weather, so a nice gentle drive, with very little traffic set me up for a day of 'wheeling and dealing'. It was very nice that 49 other members decided to join me. When I got to the hall, Barry and his team had the tables up and ready. John and Peter were busy setting out, with John taking all the tables, window side. What a tremendous selection of cards he has to sell. Richard made it this month and was soon ensconced in his chair solving the problems of the world with anyone who would listen. What an interesting man, I spent a fascinating 30+ minutes chatting with him. Darren also made it and had a good day and Sean filled a space with his stock. Unfortunately Brian Pentelow didn't make it, his lovely wife (who often comes with him) is ill and he stayed at home to look after her. He is going to miss a few month's until she is fully recovered. We wish her well and a speedy recovery as we do all unwell members. I'm afraid it's the penalty we all pay for getting old.

Several prominent members were missing this month, I hope they will all be back with us in March. It was nice to see Peter Kenny making a quick visit (as always), his brother John couldn't make it after a fall at home, Richard was selling his stamps 'cheaply' as usual, David was busy selling his modern cards in the back room (although he told me in January he couldn't get in February !) but you can't keep a good member away. It was best of all to welcome Sally back from her extended holiday (2 month's) in India, she had everything organised the way we like it, thank you Sally. I did tell her we coped without her, but missed her cooking.

As the 2026 Cartophilic Society convention rapidly approaches (25th/26th April) we talked a lot this month about our preparations. Over 30 dealers local, national and international (a guy from the US) have booked so it looks like being a BIG event. I hope everyone plans to spend at least one day at the super venue in Kings Lynn. We have a club table booked and have decided to take all the Albums and Pages from our club cupboard and sell them to all, proceeds will go into our funds. As will half of all entry fees (non CSGB members have to pay £5) to come in this year (Saturday only). We thought we might take a few lots from our May and June auction to see if we can encourage more bids, so Alan is having a few extra lists printed. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help - we have to staff the visitors door on the Saturday (from 10.15 to 4.30) and collect their entry fee and also our club table (both days). I am drawing up a rota with 1 hour slots and although I have several offers, will starting names on the list next month. Please offer to help by doing a short 1 hour turn, it will help the club.

One of the issues we have identified and discussed is that the entry fee of £5 will not always be paid with a blue £5 note and with modern day payment methods so different, we need to upgrade our system. We did have a card reader a few years ago but it was very unreliable in the hall (no wifi) so we don't use it, but card readers have improved in the last couple of years and we need a new 'use anywhere' terminal. I hope to have one in place next month.

I still have a few pens left if anyone wants some, £1 donation please, they are very good quality, also have many sets of EACCC personalities (all 3 sets), if you want a set or 2 please just ask. I'm working on a new publicity brochure for the club as it would be good to raise our profile a bit and encourage new members. Like a lot of members, I sell on Ebay and often send cards out to collectors in our catchment area so I often put a auction list in with their cards, so a club flyer would let them know even more about us.

The day moved on at a pace everyone keen to develop their collections, all the dealers busy all morning. Alan was keen to get the auction underway and he began 'spot on' 12.30. It proved to be a good one this month with the final figure being £3783. Alan is currently listing October auction and he has enough stock to fill it so anything coming in now will make the November listing. We would very much like to get this shorter, perhaps down to 3 month's because there is a belief that the long wait puts people off giving us items. Watch this space.

Anyway this month there were 18 successful in house buyers spending £772 on 152 lots, a further 23 successful postal bidders spending £3011 on 88 lots. There were 5 vendors and only 10 remained unsold. Top spot this month was very early Lot 18 an almost complete set of Godfrey Phillips Cricketers Brown, which catalogued at over £2k, selling for £800.

Next month we meet on Saturday 21st March 2026, same times and place. Auction at 12.30 ish.
Dealers booked in are Mike Heard, Richard Buckle, Darren Moyses Peter Beer and Gary Challis.

Room for one more if anyone fancies having a go.

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