

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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It seems sometimes as if everything is working against us, to prevent our monthly meet from taking place, what with Covid and wild windy storms (all with silly names !) but as always we prevailed and had a great meeting. Friday gave us strong winds and heavy rain but like as often happens, we in the East seem to have got off pretty light compared to some parts of the country. It takes more than a strong wind to blow us off course. It was an interesting drive to Roydon with the low winter sun on my windscreen most of the way, maximum concentration was needed. A few members had rung up to check we were still meeting and after reassurances about 50 turned up.

All 5 dealers turned up plus our good friend Gary Challis and his eclectic mixture of cartophilic wonders. Mike Heard was with us from Derby and had a very good day. Darren Moyse made it this month with his wife ably assisting him – apparently she is alternating with Gemma. They were all set up and selling by 8.30 to our hungry enthusiastic members. Mike Heard and Peter Beer are at Shepton Mallett next month and can't be with us, check out at the end who are booked to come in March.

There was a steady flow of members coming and going all day – buying (and selling in the coffee bar!) everyone eager to improve their collections. There was a good atmosphere all day, I'm sure enjoyed by all.

Around 12.00, Les called everyone's attention to witness us presenting the Christmas raffle proceeds £445 to Phil McGahan from the East Anglian Air Ambulance. He gave us a brief idea about how the service operates and how our money will be used. The service is completely supported by voluntary donations and needs £15m a year to present a 24hr service.

We will be having another raffle in April – this time with an Easter theme as we meet on Easter Saturday proceeds will be for club funds, if anyone would like to donate an appropriate prize it would be very much appreciated. Tickets will be on sale on the day. Next month we start collecting the yearly subscription of £10, if you want to pay it before or after next month send it to my address at the bottom of the newsletter.

Sorry to report to members of the death of Joe Clark, a member who regularly made the long trip from his Cleethorpes home. Joe was a very keen cartophilist and has always had a particular interest in early American cards, He was also a member of the Boston club and secretary of the Humberside club. A nice and very knowledgeable man

Thank you everyone who bought lots in for the auction, Alan has completed the listings for April and it is enclosed with this newsletter. We can only sell what we are given and unfortunately we have had to reduce it to just 200 lots. This will continue until we have a collection to sell. Please continue to bring the items in, we think we have enough for May. This month we had a very mixed listing, some nice stuff, a lot of the more common but some rare as well. The final figure was a respectable £3173 shared between 5 vendors. The silk collectors weren't buying this month as 11 of the 18 unsold were silks. There were 20 successful in house bidders spending £1729 and a further 19 successful postal bidders spending a further £1444. Top seller was Lot 117 a rare set of A&BC Mars Attacks finally

fought off for £340. What looks good in March – pick has to be Lot 68 a extremely rare set John Player Old England's Defenders, issued in 1898 and currently catalogued at over £1200.



Our next meeting will be on Saturday 19th March 2022 at Roydon Village Hall from 8.30 am to 3.00pm. Auction at 1.00pm. Dealers booked in are Geoff McMillan, Brian Pentalow, Robert Butterworth, Darren Moyse . Room for one more if you want to have a selling experience ring me.

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