

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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Much needed rain was forecast today and it absolutely poured down as I drove to Roydon (maybe my lawn would be green again when I returned home !)but first I had a full day at the club to enjoy. It was a slow start to the day, Colin Weston and Peter Beer were sorting the hall furniture, Mike Towersey arrived at quarter to eight and we were soon set up and ready to start. Nice to welcome Mike back with us all the way from Staines in Surrey, he tells me it has been 3 years since his last visit. Please don't leave it so long next time, I'm fairly sure he had a good day. Colin Weston was with us again with his enormous stock of 20p cards, members like that selling process and he did very well. For the first time in many a month I only had one box to take and brought it back empty, can't be bad.

The usual early birds were with us, well nearly all, Ray was missing and although the early morning was quieter (number wise) it picked up around 11.00am and the final number was 62. This included two visitors who consequently both joined so welcome to Ed Lowis from Bury St Edmunds and Steve Martin from Earl Soham, I hope we see you regularly and you enjoy your time at EACCC. Nice to welcome the lovely Di Scuffham who came along for a rare visit with regular attendee David. We had two postcard collectors call in from Bury St Edmunds Postcard club to check out some auction lots, I completely failed to get any visitors fee from them, but they did buy a quantity of postcard albums which had been donated to the club. A few regular faces were missing Les and Ann (Les has been in hospital but he will be back next month), no Gary Daynes, or Gary Colman or Ian Penistone, I expect they will all be back next month. Sally was with us, just after 8.30 and the smell of the coffee and bacon soon wafted around the hall. It is very strange but we have 4 members moving house with in the next few weeks, 3 staying local but Brian Smith is moving from Heacham to Derbyshire so next month will be his last visit.

Note for your diary, next years annual convention will definitely be at Kings Lynn Alive Lynnsport on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th April 2026 - full details will be available in the New Year.

I did hear a story of a member buying 215 sets of cards from a antique shop (in Sussex) for just £75 so it proves you can find bargains by trawling around the right shops or car boots.

Don't forget to support the club and get all your new albums and pages from the club stock. They are all sold, to just cover their costs at virtually trade price, they can be found on the club table up on the stage.

Before we come to the auction maybe a word or two about the future, Alan and I have had an extensive discussion about the future and we have amended our thoughts from last month. Alan will continue wield his gavel to do the Saturday sales auction and deal with the postal sales on the Sunday but he will give up the preparation, listing and storing of the lots from May next year. If I tell you we are currently listing the March 2026 auction and have nearly enough stock for April. We will have completely listed up all the stock we have, so now would be a good time to have a sort out and get them included. Remember from January we are going down to 250 lots and returning to a 1.00pm start. The auction provides the main income for the club and enables us to have treats for all members, you know and appreciate what I mean, free drinks, free pens, free Christmas buffet, free tables for dealers, all income is fed back to the members, we don't even store for a 'rainy day'.

The hall have recently increased the days rent to £130 a meeting. I have recently ordered 1400 cheap stamps for the newsletter circulation and postal auction saving the club £100s of pounds.

It was an interesting auction this month, nothing exceptional but a good mixture to suit all pockets. Total sales was £4150 from 4 vendors. There were 18 successful in house bidders spending £1770 on 177 lots, a further 26 postal bidders were successful and spent £2380 on 99 lots. Top lot was number 34 a lovely set of Barratt Footballers being sold for £200, and just 24 lots remained unsold.

Next month we meet on Saturday 18th August at Roydon Village Hall

from 8.30am to about 3.00pm Auction at 12.30.

Dealers booked in to attend are Peter Beer,

Richard Buckle, Brian Pentelow, Mike Heard and John Shaw

**If anyone else fancies making a bit of money or want to downsize their collection,
have a table, give it a try, give me a ring.**

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