

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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Once again the signs were good for another busy club meeting and by 8.00am most dealers were set up and selling. It was great to welcome Mike Towersey to our club on his annual visit, he had a great day and was busy all morning with members surrounding his wondrous collection of cards to sell. He has asked me to book him in for July 2027 !! Steve and Paula were with us with their sales stock of old and new cards. Steve is really a collector and he told me, he spent more than they sold but had a great time. It was also nice to see Gary May with us, he was a late booking as he can't always get the time off to deal. He told me he has just returned from a card hunting holiday to Canada and his next stop is the Chicago Card fair next week and believe it or not, he is still working full time.

There was, as always a good turnout of members, sorry once again I forgot to check the number but there must have been at least 60 present throughout the day. Our three members from Sussex made the trip. We had another member renew, a past member renew and Gary joined us, taking our membership number to 89. A very warm welcome to Mike Harlock from Skegness, hope to see you soon.

Our summer sale of albums and pages has been very successful with only a few pages left to sell, so I will be sending an order off very soon and re stocking all pages and albums. As I'm going to try a new supplier we should be able to sell them at a much cheaper price without losing the quality. We all need albums and pages to store our collections in and hopefully they will be available at the next meeting. I will have some excellent used albums (various sizes) at the August meeting at a very reasonable price. I can reserve these for you if you contact me before the meeting. Have you had a look in the 'Bargain box' on the club table - 100's of complete sets (many with a catalogue value of £50 +) on sale next month for just one pound each (when you buy any 5 sets). We have many sets to sell, come and have a look and fill your albums.

Everyone has had a copy of our September postal auction, it goes national later this week (if you haven't seen it, check the website it is on there). We will bring all 400 lots to the August meeting for you to check out. Don't forget this is a postal auction and we need your bids / offers for any of the lots before midday on Tuesday 1st September - you know as well as I do, silly bids often wins ? Any lot you win will be brought to the September 19th meeting for settlement and to save you the extra cost of postage. I have had three people contact me this month with collections they have inherited and want to sell. Two of these

had seen a copy of 'Murrays' so had very inflated idea of the their value. I told them to check Ebay 'sold' prices or our prices realised lists on the website to get a true reflection of their real value. A lot of these cards were very common 'stuck in' from the 1930's or Brooke Bond. The scarcer cards we all seek were not in evidence.

The morning as always seemed to fly by and everyone was ready at 12.30 for our auction. Alan, Ann and Dave were poised to start and 'on the dot' we were off, as always Alan started at lot one. There was a mixed lot of cards in this month, some common, some rare but most were in demand. We had our usual dilemma - all our members are established collectors and over the years have had many opportunities to develop a vast collection of cards, particularly the more common ones, so we have great difficulty selling them on, result being we had 49 unsold this month (which is a fifth of our auction). We return the unsold to the vendor, if they want them, those that don't go on Ebay for a pound.

This month the 250 lots sold for a total of £5152, there were 10 vendors and as I said earlier 49 unsold. There were 23 successful in house collectors who spent £2684 on 130 lots. The successful postal collectors this month totalled 24, who spent £2468 on 68 lots. Top spot went at lot 166, a nice set of BAT Whose who in Sport selling for £280, well above Murrays catalogue. The desired card was a Bobby Jones golfer which sells for high three figures to Americans on the internet.

Next month we will probably have the country's top three dealers with us : Peter Beer, John Shaw and Mike Heard ably supported by Brian Pentalow, Darren Moyse and Richard Buckle. All with plenty of cards for you to look at and search through August is a month when most branches and clubs shut for the holiday, we don't but we do welcome many collectors who want to venture eastwards. Saturday 15th August - Roydon Village Hall (near Diss IP22 5RB) - 8.30 to 3.00 with the auction at 12.30. Sally's refreshments available all morning. Don't forget to sign in and collect your voucher.

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Special Summer Sale of Albums and Pages

(only available May, June and July)

We seem to have a very big stock of Albums and Pages at the moment so in an effort to reduce the stock, we are offering members and postal bidders an opportunity to buy them at 25% off.

These are all NEW albums and pages.

Standard Albums £7.50 (from £10.00) with slipcase £10.50 (£14.00)

Standard Pages 11pence each (15p) or £9.50 for 100 (£12.50)

Large Albums with slipcase £20.25 (£27.00)

Large Pages £2.50 for 10 (£3.50)

Extra Large Albums with slipcase £30 (£41.00)

Extra Large Pages £2.50 for 5 (£3.50)

Most page sizes are available (at the moment)

Cheaper USED A&P will be sold as they become available

We can only sell them at this price while stocks last, so don't hesitate in asking. If we have to post them to you, postage will be extra at cost price.

