

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

(Celebrating 50 years in 2019)

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Withdrawal symptoms were obvious this month as it has been 5 weeks since our last meet and everyone was keen to get together and get searching for those lovely cartophilic wonders. There was certainly a need from members and a good number made the monthly pilgrimage to the eastern capitol of the cartophilic world. The weather was hot, but we didn't head for the crowded beaches but to the village hall full of dealers for our enthusiastic bunch of collectors.

The final number I gather was 61 members and 4 visitors. Among the lesser spotted was Barry Beckett who had flown in to the UK on the Friday, timing his attendance, with a flight home to the USA on Sunday. Ken Courtney had rung his apologies but where Roger Mann was, I have no idea. Nice to welcome Mike Heard back looking fit and well after his recent knee operation. Geoff McMillan and Alan Wilde both were with us on one of their rare visits. The four visitors were from Grantham, Nottingham, Northampton and Peterborough.

There seemed a lot going on during the morning, Doreen was busy doing her usual excellent job of welcoming everyone, the girls in the kitchen were busy with bacon but ties and did you see the coffee cake. Did you notice how quiet Shona was, she had a bad throat after attending the Latitude festival the previous weekend. She reckoned she was working in the catering area and not screaming at the bands performing? There was a steady flow all morning for the club table with sales of pages trickling along nicely. I don't have any used albums at the moment and none on the way. We need a nice collection to sell.

I had a chat with Les, Alan and Ann about an idea I have been playing around with for next years 50th anniversary. I believe I have enough material to write a small book (probably 50 pages) on the history of the club. Using past newsletters, plus cards, plus input from many members (past and present). I think we can come up with a good quality commemorative book for members and friends, it would be a limited edition probably only 150/200 copies, It would be lavishly illustrated with locally sourced East Anglian cards and professionally designed (I already have had an offer to do this for us FOC). Would you help us make this a reality, there are two ways ... find some cards for us relating to East Anglia, and photocopy them for us to be included. If you haven't access to a copier bring them in and we will do that bit. And secondly write a few words of your collecting experiences at our club. There will be a few pages dedicated to members experiences. All inputs will be acknowledged in the book. The other two ways to celebrate our anniversary mentioned to me so far, is a special pen and a buffet on the day. Incidentally it is October 2019 we are planning for.

Goodness knows what the temperature was in the hall today but it certainly helped us when we found the switch for the ceiling fans.. My car said the outside temperature was 31 degrees.

As usual the morning seemed to fly by and the magic hour of 1.00pm was soon on us Alan and Ann set out the auction items for the sale for what 'on the surface' looked to be a good one. We had an issue with one lot missing but this has since been found and sold on. It is always worrying when this happens but the pages do sometimes stick together.

Alan is ahead of himself at the moment and has completed lotting up all auctions for this year. He is now listing January 2019 but has nothing left to list – so have a clear out and bring them in to be included. We had some nice lots this month – our 2nd silks sale and our 3rd Film/Cinema Stars – both included together. There was some frenetic bidding on some lots which resulted in a final figure of £5193. The 249 lots went to 22 in house bidders spending £4031, and 7 postal bidders who spent £1162. For the first time in three months we had 32 unsold items. There were 8 vendors. Top spot went to Lot 228 a lovely part set 37/50 Wills Scissors Cinema Stars selling above catalogue at £220.

Next month we only have to wait 4 weeks before we do it again.

Saturday 18th August 2018

Village Hall Roydon near Diss in South Norfolk

Doors open 8.30am Auction 1.00pm

Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, John Haddon Silver,
Mike Heard, John Shaw, Peter Workman,
Derek Golson, Charlie Springer

a full house.

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