

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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It seemed a long while since I last made the trip to Roydon (only 5 weeks really) but it was a beautiful morning and going early I miss all the traffic, so it was quarter past 7 when I followed Mike Heard into the car park. Barry and Peter had most of the hall set out so they were soon setting up their stock. Sean Clover (from Lancashire) was just behind us after spending the night in Thetford. Sean comes down on the Friday twice a year and then goes on to a fair in Leicester on Sunday, so makes a weekend of it.

The hall was soon a frenzy of activity, buying and selling with the early birds. Richard Buckle has transport issues so wasn't able to be with us but hopes to be back next month. The dealers seemed busy all morning and all reported a good day.

I had the pleasure of welcoming 5 visitors today, 3 from the Hants & Surrey branch and 2 newcomers to the cigarette card collecting from Ely. They all had a great time and will return in the future. We also have a new member this month David Giles from Norwich, he has inherited a very large collection and is trying to decide whether to collect or sell, so it was a day of discovery for him. He bought a small mixed box into the hall and went round the dealers and members trying to establish their value. He has been looking at a copy of Murrays 2000, which I told him was just a guide, I think he learnt a lot about our fascinating hobby. I hope we see him next month.

My summer sale of Albums and Pages went really well, achieving well over £250 of sales, one more month of real bargains then I will restock from my new supplier. We have lots of medium and small albums left and pages but only XL pages.

Only 7 members have not renewed this year and they won't see the newsletter until they pay their subscriptions so our membership this year stands at 86 members. I will print off a few copies of our membership list and put them on the reception table for anyone who would like a copy.

Thank you everyone who supported the raffle, a final total of £215 went into the club funds. There were 38 prizes and although we did it differently (it was a lot quicker and easier for us.) It was nice to see everyone checking off their tickets, Alan won 5 prizes !!

There is a well known saying in Norfolk 'There is nowt as funny as folk' and I think that must apply to some collectors. One of the collections we have picked up recently is from a past member and it contains well over 50 sets each of Wills cards, Historic Events, The Coronation series and Wonders of the Past. The member in question told me years ago he buys these sets every time he sees them. It was his intention to 'corner the market' and therefore drive up the value of each set.

I don't think he quite realised how many thousands of sets were of each one was printed and issued. We now have all these duplicate sets to sell --- any ideas ?

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the 400 lot special September postal only auction, so have a look through it, there are some very rare cards in it along with all the usual quality cards that we seem to be getting at the moment. It is a postal auction so you need to leave your bids with Alan (or me) before the 1st September closing date. We prefer them in writing but you can email or ring your bids through to us. The lots will be available to view at the August meeting and collected at the September meeting.

Alan has completed the January auction listing and has a few lots for February so if you have any you want to sell bring them along to a meeting. We have 3 possible collections (one very large) possibly coming in soon. We would like to cut back the waiting time (8 month's is to long) to a more reasonable 3 or 4 months.

We were ready to start this month's sale on time and although the hall clock wasn't working (I can't remember the last time it was) we started as always with Lot 1 very nearly spot on 12.30. It had some very good items in it and although we had 62 unsold's we did get some better prices for the rarer cards. The final figure of £6507 reflected the better quality items. The final figure shows a good auction which is encouraging for us who spend a lot of time, preparing the monthly event, it takes hours so you have to be dedicated to it. We have been doing it for over 20 years so we must be ! There were 36 in house members and visitors in the hall when we started and 24 of there were successful bidders spending £3191 on 127 lots. We had a further 25 postal bidders who spent £2316 on a further 62 lots. Top spot this month went to Lot 185 a lovely set of Churchman Sports and Games in many Lands punching well above their weight with a hammer price of £400, this lot only just out hammered Lot 180 a three card set of Edwards Ringer & Biggs Easter Manoeuvres of our Volunteers selling for £380. There was a error in the listing of the Churchman set - no number 24, but 2 number 22 - but Alan rang the two postal bidders we had for the lot and both agreed to let their bids stand. Well done to the eagle eyed member who spotted the listing error, we all missed it. Everyone paid up swiftly and we were on the road home by 3.15pm another successful meet under our belts and only 28 days until we do it again. We next meet on Saturday 18th July at Roydon Village Hall from about 8.30 to 3.00pm. The dealers planning to be with us are Daryn Moyse, Steve & Paula Lewis, Brian Pentalow, Peter Beer, Richard Buckle and from Staines in Middlesex, making his yearly visit Mike Towersey.

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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.

