

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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It really wasn't a nice summer's day for our meeting this month in fact it rained all day, so much for 'flaming June'. I picked up Colin Gamble at the usual time, for the gentle drive over to Roydon, the journey seems to go much quicker when you have someone to talk to and we discovered the hall buzzing with all the regular early birds.

The dealers were steady early on but as the morning progressed it soon built up to a buying 'frenzy' (well nearly). Unfortunately Roger Mann had to cancel because of a double booking but Martin, Mike, John, Peter and Ken all had a good day. After helping Alan sort out the auction lots and our first coffee of the day, we had to organise a 'self check in' system this month, as Joyce had sent me a text on Friday night telling me she didn't feel too well and wouldn't be able to make it. Get well soon Joyce and we will hopefully see you next month. Well done to all the members on helping the check in go smoothly although most didn't bother about their badges, it was great to see the book 'ticked off' with those present and the final number was 66 members and 2 visitors. I am very pleased to welcome 4 new members this month, Gary Challis from Harwich, Charlie Stringer from Eye Suffolk, Brian Pentelow from Woodbridge and G.W.Seaman from Dickleburgh. I hope you enjoy many years membership with us. Copies of our membership lists were snapped up from the reception table, more copies will be available next month.

I still have 8 copies of Murrays Price Guide left for those members who have not got a copy yet for a mere £8.50.

One of our members left a purple / red striped book with NU Vibe on the front, in the hall, it can be collected from me next month. It looks like an 'Odds' book.

It was nice to see Sally busy in the kitchen providing us with excellent food, those cakes she bakes look fantastic, just wish I could enjoy them, Alan does and I know many other members do as well. Les sorted out the Christmas dinner this month with Sally, it will be a 'Christmas themed' buffet. It went down very well last year so let's do it again. We agreed that this year's raffle proceeds will go to the Elizabeth Hospice, an organisation dedicated to helping those unfortunate to have cancer. More details will be available nearer the time.

As part of a huge collection we have been asked to dispose of, there are 1000's of Futera and Panini Football cards – all modern trading cards – after discussion with Alan we have decided to put them on the club table next month and get the best offer for them, either individually (come and 'cherry pick') or as a job lot.

Also available next month will be more of the 10p boxes we have been putting out recently in an effort to move the more common cards on to new homes, if your prepared to come and have a sort through, there will be lots of bargains. We will also be open to offers for the complete boxes !!

We seemed to be ahead of ourselves this month and after a morning of chatting and card searching, the auction hour approached. It looked to be a good auction this month with the star lot being the Allen & Ginter Flags but how was it going to go. Mike Reeve bought a full set in for us to see from the Wharton Tiger collection, he bought it many years ago from the great man himself. I do hesitate to call any cards Mint but these were as good as the day they were removed from the cigarette packet in 1890. Many members had new bidding numbers this month and were encouraged to wave them high for Alan to see, everyone did (except the front row pen waverer) it went very well. There were some strong postal bids this month and a full house meant the signs were good.

Alan has a plethora of cards at the moment to sell including 250+ lots from the Harry Bullock collection of maritime cards and 80 plus albums of cards from the John Cooper collection. These will take us into the New Year. This month we completed the sale of the Northampton collection which we have been selling (at a 100 lots a month) for the past 16 months. We have a small collection from a Huntingdon collector featuring in July and August along with more of Adrian Scarff football cards and many other quality lots from our members.

The result this month was a very creditable total of £2909. The full facts and figures, the 15 vendors provided us with 234 lots of which a modest 40 remained unsold and were returned to the sellers. There were 13 Postal bidders who spent £816 and 20 successful in house bidders spending £2093. Top of the sale went to Lot 127 a superb set of Teofani Ships and their Flags in Very Good condition for £85. The Allen & Ginter Flags didn't fly to high and were knocked down for £50.

Next month we do it all again on Saturday 16th July

– lets hope at least the sun may shine ! -

8.30am to about 3.00pm Auction at 1.00pm.

Dealers booked in are Ken Courtney, Peter Beer, Paul Lynch, Geoff McMillan, Martin Toms Alan Wilde, Roger Mann and Pete Workman

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