

# East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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Although very cold, it was a lovely, clear, sunny morning for a drive to Roydon. Barry had done a great job of setting up and the dealers were busy sorting out and getting their stock ready for the anticipated early bird buyers.

We had a phone call from Sally who had a stomach bug and couldn't make it so after a few calls and emails we had the 'make do' drinks and snacks sorted out. Thanks Ray it was much appreciated and also to Ann and Les for stepping in when Ray had to go.

The dealers were busy all morning with a steady flow of members (56) and visitors (3) searching for that elusive card to complete yet another set. Mike had bought all his stock this month so there was plenty to search through. Les spent his first hour at the club this month collecting the yearly subscription (£12) from members present and I'm pleased to report 56 members have now paid for the year. If you are one of the 36 still to pay, please do so by the April meeting. I can assure you it will be the best value money you will ever spend. Pleased to report two of the three visitors this month joined our ranks, so a true East Anglian welcome to Ian Lane and Malcolm Parsons. I hope we will see you regularly at the club. Malcolm likes to deal as well as collect so he has booked a table with us next month.

I have for sale a quantity of nearly new used standard size albums with slipcases. These are 'as new' condition. We sell new at £12.50, these are only £5.00 each. All are Red and Blue with an odd Black or Green. First come first served, I will reserve for you if you message/ring/email/text me.

I'm sure most people know that postage is going up again next month so it makes your membership even better value for money. You can save the club £10 a month if you get the newsletter by Email (22 members already do it) just give me your email address and I will action it. The auction list is on the website. I do understand members do like to feel the hard copy of the newsletter, even getting it through the post is encouraging for many people, please think about it, it will certainly help the club.

Alan and I have been busy this past month and have picked up two quite different collections to go in a future auction(or two) The first we collected was John Haddon Silver collection of dealer stock. Comprising mainly of single cards (literally 1000's) all nicely organised for selling. Many members will remember John who dealt for many years at EACCC. It is our intention to bring the stock for one last opportunity to find some more common cards to improve your collection at the May meeting. After that they will be entered in the club auction as 'Odds and Types'. The second collection belonged to Richard Corby (who died while on holiday in Mexico in July 2023). He has a 'thematic' collection of 43 albums which will fit nicely in our club auction later this year. Plenty of sorting to do.

We have completed October listings and Alan has enough to fill November, so any given to us now will be for December. As always we have a limit of 150 lots to any one seller. This month was our first 'super' auction which comprised of 400 lots, more details later in the newsletter however we have discussed it in some detail and have agreed it was perhaps a step too far. Everyone was tired at the end of it and although we coped, we think it was a bit too much for everyone. As we get older our concentration levels are difficult to maintain but we support each other very well and get through it. We will honour the next two 400 lot auctions as they are already planned and printed but they will be our last. We will probably move back to 250 lots in January 2026.

Next month we meet on Easter Saturday and will have a Easter themed raffle for club funds, so please bring in your prizes (many thanks to those that have already done so), tickets will be on sale on the day at the club on the Saturday.

One of the issues we have at the club at the moment is that of a welcoming smile at the 'book in' desk. Self check in does work and most members make it happen but the system falls flat when we have visitors/strangers wanting to come in. We welcome everyone to our remote outpost but need ideas / volunteers to plug that gap.

I have had a delivery of new stock of Albums and Pages, so more are available to members. There has been a slight increase in cost to one or two items (XL albums have gone up from £38 to £41) but we only charge what we pay. There are no, 9 to a page sleeves available at the moment (these are probably our best seller) but I will keep trying to get some.

Our 400 lot auction proved interesting especially when you read the facts and figures ... total sale figure was £4522 with 71 remaining unsold. There were 29 successful postal bidders spending £2957 on 148 lots. There were 18 successful in-house bidders who spent £1565 on 181 lots. There were 9 vendors. Top lot this month was 189, a rather nice almost complete set of Godfrey Phillips silks Football Colours being kicked into touch for £180.

Next month we have a full house of dealers booked in .... Mike Heard, Mike Prior,  
Richard Buckle, Darren Moyse, Paul Lynch, Brian Pentalow Peter Beer  
and for the first time Malcolm Parsons.

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