

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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With the forecast not good = a mini beast from the East – meant snow was a big ‘No No’ for only a few members and I’m pleased to report 40 intrepid enthusiastic collector aficionado’s made the trip to Roydon. It snowed all the way there and for most of the morning but as the ground was so warm from the recent spring spell it didn’t settle.

All the dealers made it except Roger Mann who sent his apologies earlier in the week, nice to see Geoff McMillan with us from Melton Mowbray and Mike Heard was an early arrival all the way from Derby. I got there early thinking I would miss all the snow and although arriving around 8.00am found the hall all set out and the boys happily chatting away over a cup of coffee. I did try to fill the vacant dealer spot but I think the weather was a significant deterrent.

Among the members, it was great to see Ken and Alice Courtney back in their usual spots and also with us after an absence of over 2 years David Manning from Norwich and points further east. There were a further four visitors of which two joined our ranks. Welcome to Brian Lawrence from Yoxford and Mark (?) Prendergast from Great Yarmouth. Two of the visitors told me they were postcard collectors and came in hoping to see some, they will be back they said. It was great to see Gus with us after his recent illness, he was taxied to the meeting by Colin Gamble. The boys from Sussex didn’t make it, probably still have memories of the December snow meeting. Hope to see them back next month.

The girls seemed always busy in the kitchen and the Lemon and Orange sandwich cake was magnificent. I even had a piece and I’m not allowed (?).

Alan was soon with us and we set about sorting out the auction lots into some sort of numerical numbers – the 250 lots were a right mixture of rare and common, even some types – in fact something for everyone. A summary is at the end of the newsletter as usual.

The morning progressed as it normally does and I even had time to sort out some Odds and to check out the Butterworth cards on Peter Beers table. We spent a lot of time this month talking about cards, most recent acquisitions and cards we were looking for.

To the future

- 1 The convention is nearly upon us, I hope there will be a good turnout of EACCC members, it promises to be a good weekend. I still have one or two gaps on the Door rota, please help us out by volunteering to sit on the visitors door and collect the entrance fees. All monies shared by EACCC, CSGB and the Boston club. I have 1 hour slots each afternoon to fill.

== Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th April 2018 ==
== Lynn Sport Leisure Centre Kings Lynn .==

2 Listen in to Radio Norfolk on either the first or second Wednesday morning in April. Ted Wareham is going to be interviewed by Mike Hicks on the morning antique and collectors spot about Cigarette cards and the Convention.

3 Next month April is our mainly Sports auction, don't miss it. This will be followed in May by a 'Film Stars' auction, the list is enclosed. Some truly magnificent, many unseen cards from the early days of the cinema. Just check out the grading column, all Very Good to mostly Excellent. Better start saving my pennies.

4 All subscriptions are due at the April meeting. Ann and Les are back and will be collecting your £10 yearly membership subscriptions. It remains a real bargain at £10, that's less than a pound a meeting and you get a cup of tea at every meet and a free Christmas lunch. You can send it to me if you can't make it next month or pay it in May. The book closes in June.

5 Also in April it is the AGM and we will do that before the auction at 1.00pm. If anyone has any points to make about the club that's the time to do it. I'm hoping to get some accounts together before the meeting but can't promise, with my house move imminent it might not get done. We will have to see. I will try and get something put together before the next newsletter goes out. It has been a poor year for the club financially, with our main source of income – the auction – well down on previous years and our main expenditures have gone up – hall rent, postage etc – the result a lower bank balance.

6 Alan and I made an executive decision to postpone the Easter raffle in April to a summer raffle in June.

I did have a long chat with Alan about our auction, we have good auctions for April / May and we have enough for June, but nothing after that. We have another 50 albums of 'cinema' related cards coming but no other collections lined up. So now is the time to have a sort out. Just to give you an idea, May/June will be mainly Film/Cinema related, July will be another silks, followed by a types auction in September. We are open for ideas after that?

We did have the idea to start the auction early this month because of the inclement weather but it was only a few minutes before 1.00 that Alan knocked down the first lot. The results today were: the 250 lots sold for £2541, there were 15 in house bidders spending £1269, a further 15 successful postal bidders who spent £1272. With 12 vendors and only 45 went unsold. The top spot was a lovely set of Copes Boats of the World which sailed away for a lovely £170.

Next month we meet on **Saturday 21st April**, same place, same time.

Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Mike Heard, John Haddon- Silver, Charlie Springer, Ken Courtney, Roger Mann, Peter Workman and Alan Wilde.

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