

# East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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It's been a busy month for us keen card collectors and that was reflected in the enthusiasm shown by our enthusiastic members. This month is usually a 'busy one' and with a full house of dealers (including the top two in the country) and a new one, the signs were good.

I'm not sure how many members made it to the Annual Cartophilic Convention at Hemel Hempstead at the end of April but I think we were well represented. That was the main topic of conversation with everyone having a different opinion about the event. Apparently the consensus was that Saturday was very good with about 150 collectors attending, whereas the Sunday very few attended, the comment was made to me that more attend EACCC meetings than were there on the Sunday and this was a International Collectors Fair. It's perhaps time to change it. Next year it's back in Kings Lynn, our local. I did offer the job of hosting the event to the Boston club but they declined, so it comes back to us. I'm sure we will do a good job. If it is as successful as the last time it was in Norfolk, we are in for a fun packed collecting weekend, book the dates now on your calendar, 25th/26th April 2026. It could very well be the last one in this format.

When the dealers were set up and ready to sell, several early birds were seen 'flocking'. John had his extensive stock of quality cards 'as usual', Mike with his tidy well organised stock, Peter with his piled high and then we had Richard with his books spread wide across his tables. I was pleased to welcome a new dealer this month Sean Clover (all the way from Lancashire) and I must say how well organised he was, all his albums well displayed with the cards sorted and priced. Talking to him later in the day he had a 'good enough' day and will be back with us in September. I'm pleased that was his response because he was selling against the 'titans' of our hobby. Unfortunately Darren never made it again this month despite assurances he would be with us. It is very unfortunate when he doesn't make it because I am in the fortunate position of having dealers queuing up to be with us every month. I spoke to Geoff McMillan at convention and he has made the decision to retire from dealing so won't make it to Roydon anymore.

The members were prolific this month and were 'chatting, and buying all morning, one or two regulars didn't make it but although I didn't do a 'head count' I would estimate 65 to 70 come along plus 'of course' our 5 visitors. I had a lovely letter this month from Doreen Roderick who did the door for us for many a year. Unfortunately due to ill health she can't get to the club anymore as she can't drive but wants to stay in touch as a member. I hope we do see you again Doreen in the meantime stay well. As we get older I know quite a few members are suffering from ill health, please everyone try to stay well and come and see us every month.

Members Offers : two members have some special offers for EACCC members - **STAMPS** Do you use a lot of stamps - why pay full post office prices, speak to Richard Spurgin, he sells 'new, unused' postal stamps much cheaper than Royal Mail. His current rate is £1 for first class (normally £1.70) and second class 0.50p (normally 87p). **Photo card** if you like printing your own photographs then speak to me as I have some top quality A4 glossy photo card (20 sheets) for just £1, this sells for over £8 in the shops.

Thanks to everyone who paid their membership on time, just 4 names failed to renew (the red sticker works every time) and have been removed from the membership list. I will do an updated membership list and leave a few copies on the reception table for anyone who would like a copy.

**Important Auction List notice** - please destroy the 'June' auction list I sent out last month, there has been a administrative error and it is wrong (mainly lots 151 to 300). A new copy is enclosed with this newsletter and is on the website. It is a 'SUPER ' auction with 400 lots.

This month's auction was a quiet affair with no particular lot standing out but Alan rattled through the 300 lots in just over 90 minutes with only 1 or 2 glitches on the way. To be honest they weren't glitches more distractions. The 300 lots offered sold for £3349 with 43 remaining unsold and returned to the vendors. There were 20 successful in house bidders spending £1201 on 156 lots where as 26 postal bidders spent £2148 on 101 lots. There were 6 vendors. Top lot was number 16 a lovely set of Wills Cricketers being hit for just £100 not out.

Next month we meet on Saturday 21st June at Roydon Village hall

from 8.30am to about 3.00pm Auction at 12.30.

Dealers booked in to attend are Mike Heard, Peter Beer,

Malcolm Parsons, Richard Buckle, Brian Pentelow

and Mr 20p Colin Weston

Also next month it will be the final appearance of the John Haddon Silver collection of Odds. (They will be broken up after this meeting and sold in a future club auction), all his cards are 20p, and we are open to offers for large quantity buys

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