

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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It was always going to be interesting to see how the May meeting was going to be, with the convention in the recent past although the ingredients were there for a good day. The three top dealers in the country and an auction of quality rare items all helped bring in the members.

The forecast was good, the morning bright, the traffic very light and the hopes high in all the members. I didn't do a count but believe there was 60 plus present throughout the day. It was nice to see one or two members with us for the first time this year.

Everyone seemed to have had a good experience at the convention, all the feedback has been very positive which is encouraging. Next year it is back to Salisbury, then in 2028 Hemel Hempstead. It will be back in the East either 2029 or 2030. They hope to find another venue further North. There was a good attendance from collectors coming from all over the country including 2 from the United States. I'm not sure the 'Pokemon' dealers had such a great time on the Saturday but they certainly did on the Sunday. Although they didn't really 'fit in' with our collecting world they brought colour and youth into the hall.

Our hall was set up and the dealers busy sorting out when I pulled into the car park at 7.30am, so everyone was keen and it wasn't long before the early birds were arriving and looking to see what was on offer. It was great to welcome Brian Pentelow back to his dealing tables, his wife is feeling a lot better and he felt confident he could leave her for the morning. I understand she is hoping to be with us next month, and we look forward to welcoming her back.

Sally hasn't been very well this past week and on Doctors advice she had to miss us today, because of specific rules 'working with food' so wasn't able to be with us, so we had to reorganise our catering arrangements. Step in the EACCC team spirit, Gary, Graham, Ann and Les took on the awesome responsibility of feeding us. Kate (Sally's daughter) brought in some food and drinks and our band of volunteers saw that everyone was fed and watered. Thank you for a tremendous job everyone it was much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their yearly subscription, Eleven remain to pay, of which I know 5 will do so, when they see the **BLUE** dot reminder on their envelope. Check now, is there one on your envelope? This will be your last newsletter/auction list if we haven't received your payment by the June meeting. I will produce a membership list after the next meeting for anyone who would like a copy.

We are having a club raffle in June, to boost our club funds, so please bring in a prize for the table. It is planned as a 'one off' summer raffle. Tickets will be on sale all morning and we will do the draw just before the auction at around 12.00 noon.

I have undertaken a review of our Albums and Pages as our current supplier seems to be having constant supply problems so I have found a new one. I did order a lot extra for convention and we didn't sell much of it so for May/June/July, we are having a 25% off sale for members and postal bidders. A list is enclosed of the sale prices, please get your order in now, once they are gone they won't be available again at this price. At the time of writing this I have most sizes available.

There was a lot of interest in this month's auction with a tremendous selection of James Taddy cards including the extremely rare 2 card set of Wrestlers, both in VG+ condition. We have sold 1 before but never the set, so Alan was very pleased to knock them down for £350.

Everyone was ready for our 12.30 auction and Alan seemed to stroll through the 250 lots smoothly this month. with very few distractions, thank you! The final result was very good and probably the best for over a year. Final selling figure was £6951 with 59 unsold and returned to some of their owners. There were 17 successful in house buyers who spent £2781 on 111 lots and a further 28 successful postal bidders who spent £4170 on 80 lots. The sales were for 8 vendors.

We have completed the listings for the special September postal auction, all 400 lots quality cards for all pockets. The Cartophilic Council have agreed to it being included in their July/August edition of Card World, that's 450 extra collectors seeing the listing. It will be printed in the next week or so and available at the June meeting, it will be sent out with the July newsletter and the lots will be available to view at the August meeting. All successful offers can be collected (and paid for) at the September meeting. Alan is currently listing January 2027.

It is five weeks before we meet again -- Saturday 20th June - usual time, usual place.

Dealers planning to be with us are Peter Beer, Darren Moyse, Brian Pentalow,

Richard Buckle Mike Heard and all the way from Lancashire Sean Clover

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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.

