

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

(Celebrating 50 years in 2019)

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Who would have thought that a lovely spring day in May with many other attractions going on in the country that our small collectors club could still attract 52 members and even smash a club record to boot.

Our members are reliable, keen, enthusiastic and despite the glorious weather and a Royal wedding still put in an appearance. It was also Cup final day but I'm sure most who wanted to, got home in good time to see it. I dream of a Cup Final – Norwich v. Ipswich – one year, that would test some of the members loyalty. It is but a dream.

With three dealers dropping out – Mike Heard has had his knee operation and will be back in July, Roger Mann is poorly and Peter Beer had (?) to go to a local wedding party to retain matrimonial harmony. I'm sure all will be back very shortly. I did manage to persuade a new dealer Derek Golson, to come and give us a try. He told me he is getting married in June but has booked in again later in the year.

Among the lesser spotted members with us, was Cliff Waller who has been globe trotting in South America and has missed several meetings. He has hurt his back so has temporarily suspended his travels and will be with us more often.

Membership ... there are still 20 members to renew – the dreaded RED spot is back this month – check your envelope – if you have one it means you need to cross our palms with silver (or a £10 note) otherwise this will be your last newsletter and auction list. It will be without a doubt the best £10 you spend this year, where can you get such good value for a brown tenner. It costs more than that to go to the cinema and you will get less than three pints for that figure. We are pleased to welcome a new member, Shirley Lambert to our club, we hope she enjoys many years membership with us.

John Shaw was with us this month, we knew he would bring a good stock and he did, completely filling the hall window side. Nice to see Charlie back after his hiccup last month. The morning developed as it always does with, searching, chatting and selling.

The main topic of conversation this month was the recent convention in Kings Lynn and it has been heralded as a great success. The hall was terrific, big, well lit ideal for our needs. The Cartophilic President John Walton has described it, as 'probably the best they have ever used'. It was well supported by CSGB members and visitors alike and particularly EACCC members. I hope you found those rare cards that you continually seek. I know I did and completed two sets that have been on my list for years. The club got 25% of the visitors door income and I have banked £86.75. It has been announced that Nottingham will be the venue in 2019 (back to a Friday/Saturday) and will return to East Anglia (Kings Lynn) in possibly 2021 or 22.

Ray Huggins bought in a copy of the Diss Express to share with us an article about the

club, with some great pictures. I will laminate and bring it to the June meeting for all to see. It will go in the archives then. Did you notice the top of the page, we need your ideas, we have to celebrate this unique occasion. As a consequence of the article a member of the public bought in a small collection (mainly Brooke Bond) which Alan added to the end of the auction as lot 251 and sold it for £12 which we will give to charity.

Next month is June and we will be having a raffle for Club funds, please bring in prizes, any thing will be nice chocolates, biscuits, ornaments, card set's, albums etc. etc.

Auction numbers, we have 'tweaked' our auction number system this year – instead of changing the auction bidder numbers each year when a new membership list comes out, the number you have now will be permanent. You can change your number in the early month's if you don't like it. Speak to Ann. We have withdrawn 6, 9, 66, 69, 96 and 99 because of the confusion they cause. The new system should be a lot easier for Alan when he is knocking down the lots.

After a busy morning and brief lunch it soon came round to the allotted hour of 1.00pm and the auction. This month we had a predominance of film stars/cinema cards mostly in excellent condition and Alan had ideas that we may challenge the club record (currently set in May 2006 of £7200) but at the end of the day it came up just a little short. These lots are a collection from Reading and will last for another 3 month's (although July will primarily be Silks). Alan had a huge number of postal bids and it was to the halls amazement the prices in the early lots all went to postal bidders, it was not until Lot 19 that one was knocked down in the room. Alan finished up taking 133 lots home to post off on Monday morning. Two postal bidders spent over £1500 each.

We did however smash a club record this month, as all 250 lots were sold, this is a first for the club, we have done it before at a Christmas meeting but that was only 100 lots. Well done everyone. A round of applause finished the auction. The facts and figures are, the 251 lots sold for £6797.00, there were 15 successful in house bidders spending £2681 and a further 12 successful postal bidders who spent a massive £4116.00. There were only 3 Vendors and NO unsolds. Top of the shop this month was a nice set of Leaf Famous Artistes, selling for just £150. Well done everyone, who would have thought that after 49 years and 549 meetings we would still be setting new club records.

Next month we meet on Saturday 16th June 2018 at Roydon Village Hall
from 8.30am to about 3.00pm

Dealers booked in are Peter Workman, Peter Beer, John Haddon Silver,
Charlie Stringer, Ken Courtney and John Shaw

Mike Prior has also been invited but has not responded at the time of printing.

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