

# *East Anglian Card Collectors Club*

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Some things start in the most unexpected way and this month's meet was one of those days, for good and bad reasons. It was a beautiful morning and the drive through Thetford forest to Roydon was one of those glorious rides. The sun was shining through the trees (who needs Spain when you can experience that). Three other members mentioned it to me during the course of the day so it must have been special.

The club was in full swing when we pulled into the car park, still two dealers to appear but they were soon with us and up and selling to our hungry and devouring early bird members. There had been some changes to the list published last month, Martin Toms was not able to be with us but I had a reserve and it was nice to welcome Alan Wilde with us again. Mike Heard was busy all morning as was John Taylor (I must ask him to join one day, all the other dealers are members). Charlie Springer was making his debut as a dealer, I hope he had a good day (even if he did get there late!). He wants another table next month.

The members were in their droves this month -- 71 the final number + 2 visitors and two new members Steve Lewis from Saxmundham and Mike Reed from Mundesley. A warm welcome to you both, I hope you enjoy many years with us. Nice to see Cliff Waller, Derek/Cynthia Bradshaw and Mike Saunders at the club after a break. I have just about closed the book on subscriptions for this year, we are only down 6 members who have not renewed, our total membership is now 113. I hope to have the membership lists available for the June meeting, pick your copy up from the reception desk. This means that several members will have a new auction number, that should confuse most, especially Alan. Ann will share them out as usual from about 12.00. I am grateful to Barry and Ken for putting the tables and chairs out, they do a tremendous job for us. I guess Barry had a golf game as he had gone when I got to the hall. I have had a letter from Alan Huggins who is recovering well after a nasty fall and short stay in hospital, he will be back with us as soon as he feels well enough but will continue to collect by bidding for cards in the auction.

I am hopeful we have sourced a steel stock cupboard to stand in the store room behind Doreen and the welcome desk. We will be able to store the badges and pages in safety. That will be a big help. I must give a mention this month to the sturdy work done by Bob and Jill on the members table. It is a valuable resource and great service they offer every month. The amount of albums and pages we sell every month seems to be increasing and although the mark up is small we make a little for the club funds.

The girls in the kitchen were kept busy all morning, the coffee and bacon rolls always go down well. I will get a picture of the homemade cake one of these month's by the time I got round to it this month it had almost all gone.

It was great to see EACCC members at the National Convention in Stratford upon Avon = I counted 12 members on Saturday and 10 on Sunday. It was a great event, (in my opinion probably the best ever), we enjoyed the whole weekend, I even found some cards for my collection. There were 35 dealers, nearly 500 collectors and millions of cards. Don't

forget next year they will all be in Kings Lynn, when we will be sharing the hosting with the Boston club. We will begin our planning later in the year. The weekend started well with Alan winning the golf and the picture shows him receiving the trophy from Julie Hales of Tim Davidsons Auctions who sponsored the event.



I'm not going to dwell on the auction this month to long, it was our poorest final result for over 2 years with the final figure a paltry £1383. The details were 200 lots of which 42 remained unsold. There were 10 vendors, 10 postal bidders spending £723 and 16 in house bidders spending £660. Top spot went to Lot 116 the lovely set of Carreras Famous Film Stars, which also included the ultra rare 6 variations. Thank you to everyone who responded to my plea for items, Alan was pleased to take home enough lots for the August auction. I'm sorry to report that Derek Lugo's collection has been sold by Barbers of Felixstowe, despite Derek wanting it to go through the club, his daughter had other ideas. This is the second collection we have lost because next kin were not told what to do with the cards after the member passes. Have you left instructions about your collection, tell someone.

**Next month we meet on SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017,  
same time, same place,**

**Dealers booked in include John Haddon Silver, John Shaw, Roger Mann,  
Martin Toms, Peter Beer, Ken Courtney and Charlie Stringer**

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