

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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This was the day we had all been waiting for, after 10 month's without a meet we decided we could go for a meeting, so it was with mixed feelings that we set off for Roydon. Although Boris hadn't given the complete clear go ahead we checked many different websites with regarding opening. Several local Antique Fairs were up and running so all we had to do was get the all clear from the hall committee and we could start again. They were happy for us to start, providing we obeyed the rules regarding wearing masks, social distancing etc. etc. We needed to ensure that all the members obeyed and to be honest everyone was so desperate to reopen there were no issues at all during the meeting.

Over 45 members (sorry I can't give an exact number because I left the book at the hall) attended and all the four dealers had a good day, there was a tremendous atmosphere and although everyone wore a mask (except when eating and drinking), it wasn't difficult to know who you were talking to. The self check in worked well and even the three visitors – two from Waltham Cross, Oliver Cleaver and his brother and Gary May from Lincoln dropped in.

The two lads had set the hall out for the four dealers and soon members were flocking in and digging deep into the cards. We had the club table in the middle of the hall today and I sold out of pages quite early and most of the albums went as well. I have many more to bring next month. Most popular of all were the unsold's up for offers from the last two auctions, nearly all went as well. Quite a few members came early, looked around, chatted with friends, they left some bids in the auction and went home, so at no one time did we exceed the 30 in the hall rule.

Enclosed with this newsletter is an article by Robert Butterworth about his next set of cards in his tea packets. Robert's company is the only company still producing cards, long may he continue keeping the hobby alive.

The morning seemed to fly by, after all there was a lot of catching up to do, and after some discussion Alan suggested that we bring the auction forward to 12.00 midday, we checked it out with members and dealers and it was agreed. It wasn't until I was driving home that I realised that I hadn't had any lunch!!

I had ten dealers who wanted to come today but we had to restrict it to just 4, we will do the same next month with a different four and will hopefully be back to near normal in August.

At last EACCC is moving into the 21st century and following requests from several members, we will have a card machine available at the next meeting, so no need to bring all that cash with you just bring your card. I understand the machine takes all types of cards and pays it directly into our account. If Alan and I can master it !

We had advertised and circulated our auction list this month to the 450 Cartophilic Society members and as a result we had 13 new bidders, who won at least one lot. I think it was a worthwhile exercise (it cost us £80) but did increase our auction income significantly and who knows whether there will be more bids in the future. It also brought our club in to the highlights in these difficult times. Many thanks to the Cartophilic Society of Great Britain for this opportunity.

Before today's auction our Chairman addressed the members and thanked Alan and I for our work on behalf of the club in these difficult times. He expressed thanks to us on behalf of all the members who showed their thanks with a hearty round of applause. It is a real pleasure to be involved with the club and hope we can continue for many years to come.

It was soon auction time, Alan and Ann were ready, unfortunately Albert wasn't with us today, apparently he is in hospital after an accident on his cycle. Get well soon Albert we missed you. There were in total 36 postal bidders and 31 were successful spending £2625, a further 22 members sat in eager anticipation in the hall and eventually spent a further £1538

When the gavel eventually went down on the 250 lots, only TWO went unsold and a final figure of £4163 was showing on the computer screen. This was to shared between just three vendors. Top spot this month went to Lot 21 a full set of 250 of Wix Cinema Cavalcade selling for £85.

Alan is well ahead with his listings and has completed the October list and is now completely out of items to include in future auctions. I did pick up a collection a couple of weeks ago and although it will give us 300 lots most of it is quite common, there are a few nice quality items that will be the highlight. We do need you the members to bring us more items in to sell, especially rare quality cards.

Next month we will meet again as planned on **SATURDAY 17th JULY 2021** with 4 different dealers in attendance. Booked in are Derek Golson, Brian Pentalow, John Shaw and Geoff McMillan. The auction will be around 12.00 midday again, looking at the auction list (circulated last month) I like the look of Lot 232 a really nice set of Somportex Thunderball including the really rare 5 varieties.

Once again I will have many used Albums and Pages to find new homes for at ridiculous prices. It was great to bring home 4 empty boxes on Saturday, you can nearly get in my garage now! I also bought a box of reference books and gave them away to grateful enthusiastic members, I will have another box next month.

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