

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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Although we have had two meetings since lock down, this monthly meeting seemed a long time coming, with an element of freedom that was very welcome. We were ready, the club was ready and as I drove eagerly towards Roydon in my usual 65 minute journey with just Tony Blackburn for company, I had a high degree of expectancy about today.

It was a fresh lovely morning and Roydon soon appeared and I was grateful 'as always' to see Barry and Ken had the hall set up and were waiting, 'coffee in hand' ready to welcome the early dealers and members and it was only just 8 o'clock in the morning. I really appreciate the work these two lads do on behalf of the club.

First to arrive was dealer Ken Sandeman, a late booking, who is retiring from selling and collecting and wanted to offer us all great bargains. Ken has booked in again for next month but is in the process of moving house to the wilds of Sussex so is not actually sure he will be with us. Next on the scene were enthusiastic new collectors Oliver and Toby Cleaver, keen to pick up the early bargains. The next to turn up was Peter Beer who quickly set up and started selling. I did notice him slipping out for his eggs from across the road. Then everyone seemed to descend on the hall. Alan came in the back door and started setting up the auction lots which this month included the first of the 'big boxes' from the late Ted Wareham. Large boxes with 1000's of cards in – would we be able to sell them, would members want them – of course they would. At least two more month's of the big boxes.

Great to see the four dealers busy most of the morning, even the club table did well. I am getting the stock down of new albums and pages but will have to order soon some of the more popular sizes. A lot of members were present today for the first time since lock down and in the end I was able to count 48 members and two visitors. Three members even came and paid their subscription. Update on membership, we have 85 paid up members and 3 honorary members. I'm pleased to report Chairman Les has gone bionic and has a new knee, he will hopefully be back next month, Mike Heard has had the same operation and didn't frll ready to come this month (he is not allowed to drive yet), he will be back with us in October. Several members asked me (and Gus) how our friend Albert is, well I'm pleased to tell you he is in a convalescence home. Hope to see you soon Albert, get well soon and get back collecting. We wish all our members good health and look forward to welcoming you back to our great club.

I am well ahead of myself at the moment and have booked the hall up for 2022 and 2023, don't forget to pick up a copy of the dates from the desk.

The Cartophilic convention is definitely on for the weekend 9th/10th October at the Four Rivers Leisure Centre Salisbury postcode SP1 3NR. I did a 'think through' the other evening and calculated that at least 16 EACCC members will be making the trip. Does that make me sad ? I understand that next year it will back once again to the last weekend in April in Southport Lancashire, another long trip for us.

Our caterer was on her own this month but has asked me to tell members they can bring their own mugs for a drink if they don't like paper cups, she will be pleased to fill them up for you..

Thank you to everyone who helps put the chairs and tables away at the end of the meeting, can I remind members that the back room needs doing as well. We have had our knuckles rapped this month by the hall cleaner, we didn't sweep up – completely forgot, Ann/Gill we missed you.

I have booked to hall now for the next two years, the third Saturday every month, copies of the booked dates are available on the reception table. We have had an excellent recommendation for a future 'club freebie', and will be sharing that with everyone next month.

It seemed to be a slow lazy morning, lots of chatting, selling, drinking, catching up and at last the magic hour came round and at 1.00 o'clock we were all ready for the auction. Peter volunteered to be the 'lot shower', and Doreen 'the deliverer', before it started I did a quick head count and totalled 29 eager buyers. All the lots were keenly fought for with many bidders after the same items. There were quite a few postal bidders as well so Alan had to work hard on several lots. I just about got my prediction right last month, I forgot about the power of the silk collector. The very rare Tyson Semaphore Signalling set were knocked down for £260, closely followed by a quantity of Godfrey Philips Great War Leaders and Celebrities silks selling for £250. the final numbers were very impressive, total sales £4488 and only ONE unsold. There were 23 successful postal bidders who spent £1624 and a further 21 successful in house bidders spending £2864. There were 6 vendors. No particular lot sticks out next month but with 30,000 cards in the first few lots quantity will win out.

Next month we meet on **Saturday 18th September** at Roydon Village Hall
from 8.30 to 3.00pm **Auction at 1.00pm**

Dealers booked in are Peter Beer, Darren Moyse, Robert Butterworth, Mick Plant, Brian Pentelow, Ken Sandeman (possibly, see above) Gary Challis (perhaps if he doesn't finish work too late) and making a rare appearance our good friend Paul Lynch

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