

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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Another month passes in lock down and may be the sign's are better for a return to normal (or what will be the new normal) in the not to distant future. Most of the members fall into the Governments top four category so will have had their first jab now (I know Alan and I have – hurrah), I think I am more hopeful of a return to meeting in maybe June (perhaps even May) but we will see. Watch this space. Like you I hope we can get back as soon as possible, I miss all your smiling faces.

I'm very sorry to report that we have lost two loyal members to the dreadful disease. I have to inform members of the death's of Alice Courtney and Ron Newstead in the past month. We will miss the lovely Alice always smiling in her particular spot, just inside the backdoor of the back room. Alice has been a member since 1987 and has told me on many a occasion how much she enjoyed her visits to the club, it was often the highlight of each month for her. Unfortunately our good friend Ron Newstead has succumbed to the terrible disease and his son Mark told us of his passing in January. I have many memories of Ron, all of them good and we didn't really mind the chaos he caused at auctions with his shouts of 'speak up' or 'what number are we on', a lovely man who had a unique sense of humour. Two stalwarts of our club and like all members some one who I have been pleased to call a friend.

I have completed the membership update list now for this year and next up to April 2022 and we now number 88 members. Still a goodly number. Nice to welcome a new member this month Sean Coafield from the wilds of Downham Market Norfolk.

Enclosed with this newsletter is the April auction list, postal again. It was planned to send it to all Cartophilic members but that has been deferred, Our June auction list will go out to them with their May issue.

Pleased to report the website is now up and running again, thanks to the sterling work of our webmaster Graham. Future auction lists, newsletters etc etc will be added as they become available. Provisional dates for this years convention are Saturday/Sunday, 8th and 9th October in the Lancashire seaside town of Southport. More details will be shared as they become available. Might be a good time for a staycation !

A really good result for this month's postal auction, with our best postal total to date. The 250 lots listed sold for £3541 with only 63 living to fight another day. There were two vendors and 27 successful bidders. Top honour went to lot 20, a lovely set of Cope's Characters from Scott going south for £200. Alan has plenty of cards lined up for future auctions and with all his lock down time has completed the May, June and July listings. Some of these will be bulk' lots and very expensive to post so hopefully we will be meeting again by then and members will be taking them home with them.

That's about all for this month, stay safe and well, and don't forget next month the postal auction will be on Saturday 20th March 2021.

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