

East Anglia Card Collecting Club

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It seemed a long while since we last met (only 5 weeks though) but we were ready to catch up on all our collecting stories. I drove to the meeting fresh from a short break in the beautiful Lincolnshire Wolds wondering why you always felt that you needed a rest after a holiday ? It was dark when I left (a sign winter is approaching) and light when I got to Roydon. Peter was first there this month (does he never sleep !) and we soon had the furniture out and it was the early birds who arrived before the next dealer.

First in was Toby Cleaver closely followed by Bob Scrivenor both of whom helped us complete the hall set up. I had a full house of dealers booked in, three who rang up late for a spot. It was nice to welcome Sean Clover to Roydon on his 2nd visit, down from the wilds of Lancashire, Sean doubled up by doing fair in Leicester on Sunday so made a weekend of it. He had a good day and has booked in again for two meetings next year. Also good to see John Taylor with his able assistant Colin Weston, he was busy all morning. Making his debut dealing was Ron Smith and some lovely cards he had to move on, he also told me he had a good day. Gary Challis was back with us after a break and although he was in the back room was busy. I had a call from Darren Moyse who wanted to deal with us again and assured me he would make it but was a no show, seems to be a regular occurrence with him. Maybe we should start charging dealers who book in and don't show up, I could easily have filled the spot which was saved for him.

There was a good turnout of members present looking for one of our bargains or that elusive odd card to complete the set. What a feeling you get when that happens, you can't always describe it can you ? I counted 57 members attending today according to the registration book and refreshment vouchers.

Today we had a visit from Vera Summers niece to tell us that Vera (who is 94 years young) has moved into a care home in Thetford. She bought a few cartophilic collectables which we sold for club funds. Vera's husband Ritchie was treasurer and a founder member of the club and we made Vera a Vice President of EACCC back in 2010. She is still interested in the club and avidly reads the newsletter every month, so I will continue to send it to her.

We took the opportunity this month to congratulate Alan on reaching the grand old age of 80 years young and many members enjoyed a slice of delicious chocolate birthday cake created by our Sally. I had a lot of 1st class stamps to sell at the bargain price of just 75p and sold out of most of those I took along. I will bring some more next month, so if you plan to send out any Christmas cards this year, don't go to the post office for your stamps ask me.

Being September we had a discussion on the future, in particular the Christmas meeting which is always slightly different. The comment was made that what we have done so successfully in the past, works for us, so let's do it again. So Sally will create a wonderful free buffet and we will

have a 'big' Charity raffle. More details as the year develops but remember to make sure you keep the date free, Saturday 13th December.

Today we had a 400 lot auction and to be honest it is too many lots. We had a huge amount of stock to sell earlier in the year and needed to clear some, so we came up with the idea of have a series of 400 lot auctions. Well it has achieved a stock clearance but is very demanding. We won't have that many again. So it is back to 300 for the rest of this year, then 250 lots (and a 1.00pm start) from January 2026.

We have completed the listing for April 2026 and anything brought in now will be May. We have some very nice lots coming up including most of the very rare James Taddy sets, some we have never seen at EACCC. We are looking at doing a 'highlight' auction listing to go in Card World in March edition, so the best lots of May and June will get a full CSGB circulation and encourage more bidders from around the world. Les has raised the issue we currently have of when cards catalogued at £50+ sell for a £1 coin. We did try a minimum bid of £2 a few years back but it was difficult to maintain. When the vendor doesn't want the lots back we have to sell them, if we implemented the £2 minimum bid we would have many more unsold. This month 77 lots never had a bid/or made the minimum reserve. We normally sell them on Ebay if they don't sell, but that means a lot more work for a minimum club income.

Now to this month's auction, the total sales was just £4412 for the 400 lots and the 5 vendors. There were 26 successful postal bidders who bought 134 lots for £2729, a further 17 successful in house bidders who bought 189 lots for £1692. Of the 77 which remained unsold 14 were returned to their owners and 63 are heading to Ebay. Top spot was Lot 178 a A&M Wix Album of Cinema Cavalcade 2nd series selling for £250 after some very enthusiastic bidding.

Next month we meet on Saturday 18th October at Roydon Village Hall

from 8.30am to about 3.00pm Auction at 12.30.

Dealers booked in to attend are Peter Beer, Richard Buckle,

Brian Pentelow, Ron Smith, Mike Heard and Paul Lynch

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