

# *East Anglian Card Collectors Club*

(Celebrating 50 years in 2019)

Newsletter No. 553

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018

This month seems to have come round very quickly and it was 'as always' a pleasant drive to the hall along with a high level of expectancy about the day ahead. Traffic was light (well from my way), the sun shining, it was a glad to be alive day and what's more we were going collecting

The hall was busy when I pulled into the car park, the dealers all set up and ready to sell except John Taylor who didn't know the A14 was closed today for the installation of two new bridges. He did get to us, just a bit late. Again a no show from Charlie Stringer and no notice – I will only include him if he asks and I can fit him in. Also a no show from Mike Prior – no idea where he got to, I have sent him an email. I have a full house of dealers for the rest of the year and have two who would like to come should there be a drop out, so please let me know if you can't come. For the numbers of collectors we get to every meeting we need a good selection of dealers.

Barry had set the furniture out on his own this month, his assistant was on holiday. Thanks lads it is really appreciated what you do. There was a lower turnout of members – just 49 checked in with Doreen, so the hall looked sparse at times. At quarter to one, it looked very empty but they all trudged back in for the auction. We had two visitors from Kent and a Lea Valley member I recognised. Nice to see Ken Courtney, Janice and Alice back with us and didn't Janice look well after her heart operation. Mike Saunders put in a rare visit as did the Bradshaw's looking as young as ever. I did hear Granville wasn't too good on his 'pins' but you can't keep a keen collector down and we hope he will be back next month. I have heard on the grapevine that we have two International visitors coming in October, Martin Toms who now lives in Thailand (not dealing just buying) and Les Cassidy from Canada has threatened to put in an appearance. Well we are an international collecting community. Did you know the Cartophilic Society has over 40 international members overseas.

Ann, Les, Alan and I had our monthly cup of coffee and chat together – some call it a committee meeting with 'baps'. We did discuss the forthcoming Christmas extravaganza and decided that as it has been so successful these past few years, let's have more of the same. So – free buffet to members (visitors to pay £7.50) – a smaller auction (195 lots) – a giant Charity Raffle, let's make it a 100 prizes this year. This year's nominated charity is 'Help the Heroes', a really worthy cause. Only 2 dealers – Peter Beer and Paul Lynch. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December is the date to remember.

If like me you look forward each year to the annual convention, next year it is in Nottingham at the TV studio, Kings Meadow Campus on Lenton Lane. Dates are Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Book the dates in your diary it is an event not to be missed for all card collectors. I understand 2020 will be in the south somewhere.

I know a lot of our members are also Boston club members so remember they have a change of venue with immediate effect. It is going to meet at the Princess Royal Sports Centre (Boston Rugby Club) behind there current meeting place. Apparently 200 yards further down the road.

For the first time ever we are going to have a club representative on the Roydon Hall committee, Barry Allen has kindly offered to undertake the job for us. Thank you for volunteering.

Alan and I discussed the auction in some detail, as I gave him over 300 lots to include and he has picked up another collection from Coventry so we are well set into 2019. He has completed listing January and has enough to see us through to the summer next year. We can still fit in any you wish to sell as we have a strict club rule that only 100 maximum each vendor each month. The Film Star/Cinema collection will finish in December, this has been quality right through and made good money for the vendor and the club. There have been some real bargains to be had and if I was a new collector coming to the club I could build a huge collection for a very small outlay.

Next years anniversary book is coming together nicely. Contributions from Mike Reeve and Les have now been added. Next stage is to write to a few more ex members and draw in a few 'well wishing' adverts. My target is to have it in draft form by Christmas. Will you help, please write a few lines on your experiences at the club. It doesn't matter how long or short it is and we use spell check so that can be corrected, but we need your input.

This month Alan had charged up the microphone so everyone heard every word he muttered and did you see his new auctioneers mallet. I don't think the table would have survived had he used it for every lot but it got the quiet he needed to start the auction. It was an interesting auction no stand out lots but a reasonable across the board auction. We had a slight glitch at the end as Alan couldn't get the figures to match up and we didn't want any one to pay to much (!) but it was soon sorted. Thanks for your patience.

The facts and figures are 250 lots sold for £3752. There were 34 unsold and only 3 vendors. There were 12 successful in house bidders who spent £1827, and a further 12 successful postal bidders who spent £1925. Top spot this month went to Lot 137 a Spanish set Pujol Film Stars for £140.

It is five weeks until we do it again – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Same time, same place – auction at 1.00pm

Dealers booked in are Alan Wilde, Roger Mann, Mike Heard, John Haddon Silver,  
Ken Courtney, Peter Beer,  
plus first time this year Ken Sandeman and new solo dealer Brian Pentelow

***Chairman Les Woolnough 01473 743794***

***Secretary/Treasurer Colin Fawcett 07544 701 922***

***Auctioneer Alan Worthington 01473 714411***

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# Meeting Dates

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**All at Roydon Village Hall, nr Diss, South Norfolk**

**from 8.30am to 4.00pm**