

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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‘We were back’, and fully supported by our enthusiastic members, as things slowly return to normal so a few more members venture out of the woodwork. It was business as usual and ‘WOW’ what a business. It was a very busy day with lots happening but the most exciting thing is that ‘card collecting’ is as popular as ever in East Anglia.

The tables were up, some dealers already set up when I walked through the door a few minutes after 8.00 o’clock. Nice to see Paul Lynch with us on one of his rare visits, he told me he left Nottingham at 5.00 o’clock to be with us, he had bought his odds and was covered in members all morning. I think he had a good day and will be with us again at the December meeting. Ken Sandeman was with us with his greatly reduced price retirement stock. He tells me he is moving from his home in Benfleet Essex to rural Sussex on the 30th September but will be with us in October and November, just leaving home earlier. Darren Moyse had to pull out of today as he had covid symptoms but assured me he will be back next month. Mick Plant doesn't deal very often but the cards he brings to sell are simply superb.

It was great to see some lesser spotted members, Bob and Ill Jennings called in, our Chairman Les and Ann were back, Les looking well even if he is bionic now. Nice to see Barry Andrews, Alan Neale and the Kenny boys also turning up after a long break. No news on Albert Watson but a lot of members asked after him. I’m not sure of the exact number today but around 50/52 would be fair guess. We had four visitors today, 2 from Market Rasen (they had organised a staycation in Norfolk around our date so they could be with us). A new visitor from Caister who tells me he will be joining us next month and finally a visitor from Grantham, who has taken the plunge and joined our happy band, welcome Bob Scrivenor.

With ‘wheeling and dealing’ moving fast all morning, everyone was happy and as usual the time seemed to fly by. Unfortunately we had another incident with our reliable helper Ken Short who collapsed again and an ambulance had to be called. He was feeling a lot better by the time it had arrived and after a check over, he was allowed to go home with the strict instruction to contact his GP. I think he is finding the exertions of putting the tables out a bit to much, perhaps someone else could offer to help Barry in the mornings ?

Several members bought items for future auctions and Alan now has enough for the beginning of 2022, but before we get on to the auction other news

- the convention is just 3 weeks away and plans are now well advanced, I think at least 30 dealers will be at Salisbury and millions of cards. I’m sure many EACCC members will be making the trip south.

- It’s the September meeting when we start to plan our Christmas special meeting and ‘your committee’ got their heads together and have decided on a FREE buffet lunch (for members, non members welcome but have to pay £7 each in advance), a charity raffle, Air Ambulance being the most popular choice (tickets will be on sale from the October meeting). So please start bringing in your prize donations next month, we can store them in the club cupboard. Don’t forget Saturday 18th December is the date.

- This is now becoming more important than ever before = **Help at the meetings**. After many years of attendance Bob and Jill are having to give up looking after the members table so we need a volunteer/s to take on this task. Alan will be doing it on a temporary basis, initially between 10.00 and 12.00, so bring your books in if you want to sell some cards. We do seem to be having a problem with clearing up at the end. To many members are racing off after they have paid their auction dues. Please help us finish the day. A member has suggested that we do not take auction payments until the room has been cleared but I don't think that is feasible, another suggestion has been that dealers who don't pay the club for standing, should be responsible for putting their tables away at the end. Lets try that next month, I will remind them all during the course of the day. Just think if every member put one table and two chairs away it would be clear in seconds. Ann also needs a helper, it is not fair that she shows the lots and delivers them as well. A suggestion has been made that buyers collect their lots either during or after the auction. If you want to see the club continue and survive then please help us a bit more.

- at the moment we have 22 members who receive their newsletter by email and I post out about 70. I know a lot of members do, email so why not consider receiving yours by email, it will save the club about £7 each a year.

- Robert Butterworth is working on a Calender for 2022, a joint venture between EACCC and Butterworth Tea. Hopefully it will be ready for the November meeting.

For a change this month, the auction started late, there was a huge quantity of cards to sell, almost certainly the most ever in a EACCC auction, we weren't really sure they would all sell but as usual you proved us wrong and every single lot sold. Some very mixed prices – 20000 Brooke Bond for a fiver and a box of Venorlandus Our Heroes for £210. What do we know ! Similar lots next month but as usual there is something for everyone. The full details are – total sales £3162, there were 19 postal bidders spending £1206 and although 33 members were in the hall hoping to improve their collections only 20 were successful spending £1956. There were 7 vendors.

Alan has completed his listings for this year and they are on the website, he has enough for January and some for February and is picking another collection up very shortly. If you have any cards to sell, bring them in or we can collect them if there are a lot. Some nice cards in the October auction so check it out now.

Next month we meet on **Saturday 23rd October** – usual place usual time -
Dealers booked in to come are Brian Pentelow, Peter Beer, Darren Moyse,
Mike Heard, Ken Sandeman and Robert Butterworth.

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