

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

(Celebrating 50 years in 2019)

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How can you surpass the fantastic achievements that our club had in May, easy enough if your a EACCC member, come along to the June meeting.

It was definitely a 'shorts' day, the weather was overcast (in fact it rained a little), but with a high degree of anticipation, the journey over to Roydon was smooth and quick. I left a little earlier than usual this month as I was coming over on my own and the 'Sounds of the 60's with Tony Blackburn (is he still around ?) help pass the time. When I got to Roydon, Barry had done all the chairs/tables and two dealers were already unloading. No Ken this month he is on holiday again (!) It wasn't long before other dealers and the early birds started to drift in. Ken Courtney had rang his apologies through and Charlie Springer had to work (but he came as soon as he had finished but minus his stock. Both assured us they would be with us next month. When you have John Shaw with you as a dealer you know the hall will be full of cards.

There was a great anticipation about today's meet, as the auction promised something special. The early birds were very keen to peruse the itemised lots and as the morning progressed everyone took the opportunity to check out the wonderful cards for sale. I think the number of members who came today totalled 56. It was nice to welcome a couple of visitors from St. Leonard's (Herts) and particularly nice to welcome back a past member who I thought lost to us but not so. Alan Utting returned to the fold and rejoined. He bought along his son who has taken over his collection and is keen to develop it further.

It was the final day for subscriptions and Doreen did a great job in collecting the final payers. Altogether we have just 11 members not renewed and I hope that even one or two of them will still pay when they miss the newsletter and auction list. Our members now total 97.

Ann and I spent an enjoyable hour circulating the members selling raffle tickets. We only have two a year and they are always well supported. There was 25 prizes (I think, so I forgot to count them!). Thank you to everyone who bought a prize in for us and thank you to everyone who bought tickets. A total of £141 has gone into our club funds.

I have restocked the Albums and Pages with many different sizes, we have got the cupboard right down but will always keep a stock of the most popular items. We haven't any used albums at the moment but do have a good stock of new ones at just above trade price. Check it out next month.

Thank you everyone who suggested ideas for ways to celebrate our 50th anniversary next year. Among the ideas are = a commemorative set of Club cards = a dinner (possible at The Park Hotel) = a buffet for all who come to the October meeting = a commemorative Special pen for every member = a special Diary or Calender. What do you think? Which do you favour, tell us.

While we are thinking ahead, please note our December meeting is going back to a

Saturday – by popular demand – it is on Saturday 8th December. Do we want to change the format this year, the charity raffle, and free buffet has been nice in the past. This is your club tell us what you think.

Alan and I had a long chat about the auction and although he has enough stock for most of this year, we need to keep planning ahead. Two further collections are ‘on the horizon’ so we will be able manage until early 2019. This month there was once again a predominance of film related top quality cards and as the figures below tell the tale – almost a club record – but an excellent result – none the less – and for a 2nd month running NO unsolds. Next month it is a real mixture with quite a few silks, quite a few film stars and the start of a 600 lot collection from Peterborough that will last us until Christmas.

I hope members are happy with the new numbering system for the auction, the number you have now will remain with you throughout your membership (unless you want to change it). It certainly helps Alan when he gets round to knocking down the lots.

It soon came round to 1.00pm and as everyone was seated and raring to go Alan began just a few minutes early. As I have said many times in the newsletter, quality always sells, actually I think I heard it on Flog it or one of those programmes, and this auction was all about quality. For our auction it was quite eclectic with postcards, stamps, cigar bands, gum cards, even a few cigarette cards along with the football programmes and milk bottle tops all providing an exciting mix of top quality items. Alan, once again, had a nice few postal bids so expectations were high and they delivered. All 250 lots sold for a massive £7019 (just short of the May 2006 £7200). Of these there were 16 successful in house bidders who spent £3409, there were 13 successful postal bidders who spent £3610. There was only 3 vendors. Top of the shop this month was Lot 63 a very rare set of Shelby Gum (USA) Hollywood Screen Stars in which frenzied bidding finally finished at £290.

Next time we have 5 whole weeks to wait before we do it all again.

Saturday 21st July 2018 Same time, same place. Auction 1.00pm.

Dealers booked in with us are Peter Beer, Charlie Stringer, Roger Mann, Alan Wilde, John Haddon Silver, Geoff McMillan, Ken Courtney and providing he has recovered sufficiently from his operation, the welcome return of Mike Heard.

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