

# Colchester Bottle Collectors Club

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## 21st SummerNational is a hit!



### Review - Andy Bloomfield

This years SummerNational was probably the best attended event for some years, and indicated how strong the bottle collecting hobby is at present. Shown to the right is the queue for early entry on the first morning, going all the way to the main road. There were stalls inside and out, and you could spend a leisurely hour meandering about just looking at the displays and quality bottles on show. Myself, Ivan Kerridge, Mark Watts and Ian Watts had a joint stall but spent most of the time simply buying and talking bottles with other collectors. It was a blisteringly hot two days and we were glad we had shelter from the sun inside. Mick Evans and Ralph Catchpole had an outside pitch full of quality items!! They virtually sold out by the time they had packed up. It just goes to show that when you present nice, clean bottles they always sell (isn't that right, Ralph!) This show goes from strength to strength and for any who had not attended, it is a worthwhile visit with more to see than just bottles, with plenty of other



attractions in South Yorkshire.

**My best buy:** A superb Doulton whisky jug at £225 with one exactly the same fetching £450 in the auction on Sunday,

### Diary Dates

28 July 2011  
Colchester Bottle  
Collectors Club Meeting

11 September 2011  
Surrey Show

1-2 October 2011  
Elsecar Autumn  
Extravaganza

9 October 2011  
Donington Show

16 October 2011  
Berkhamsted Show

More dates available at  
[cbclub.co.uk](http://cbclub.co.uk)

### Wanted

Plain stone cream pots  
Blacking jars  
Impressed GB's  
Common coddles  
Appolliniaris bottles  
Virtually nothing paid but will  
always buy in bulk!

**Contact:** Martin Bloomfield

Cooper marmalade pots in  
good condition -£3 paid

**Contact:** Andy Bloomfield

### For Sale

Advertise your items  
for sale here, FREE

Contact Lee Bloomfield  
for more information

### STOP - PRESS

Mark Watts became one of the luckiest first-time visitors to Tilbury when taking his son and dog for a walk along the foreshore and managed to find a star poison just laying on the surface!

## Blast from the past!



Guess the year... These photos were pulled off the forum [www.bottledigging.org.uk](http://www.bottledigging.org.uk) and show Martin Bloomfield supervising a young looking Martyn Drake and a ponytailed slim lined Wayne Woods in their heyday digging the now famous QB's Sheepen Road dump. We believe that Martin B still has that same jumper! The picture with Martin in shows snow on the ground, and it was actually taken in May 1990, showing how diverse our climate is.



## Stratford Show -July

Last weekend Andy, Mark and Martin had a stall at the Stratford show and, as always it was baking hot, but very well attended. Mark and Martin struck early buying advertising and match strikers very cheaply off the stall next door, whilst Andy cleared boxes of uncleaned junk before it even hit the stall. Mark picked up a nice Prices candle advert for an absolute song whilst Martin picked up two really nice advertising trays for next to nothing (it had to be, otherwise he wouldn't have bought them!)

## Recent Finds

### Tilbury



Nice coloured Rimmels lid, hand dug near the sea wall.

## Any more Stopes GB's known?



One collector who wishes to remain anonymous owns eight Stopes variations of the scarce ginger beer. We believe there is also a X X X large and small version to add to the above collection and a normal brownstone version to complete the set. Anyone know of any others?

## 2011 Club Dates

Listed below are the dates for Colchester Bottle Collectors Club meetings, 2011.

July - Thursday 28th  
 August - No Meeting  
 Sept - Thursday 29th  
 Oct - Thursday 27th  
 Nov - Thursday 24th

Dec - No Meeting

Dates may be subject to change. Please visit website or call before meeting for updates.

**We need your stories!**

For free entry to the next club meeting, email a story to [lee.cbcc@live.co.uk](mailto:lee.cbcc@live.co.uk)  
 Only valid if published

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