

Colchester Bottle Collectors Club

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2010 Newsletter

Collecting a part of history together since 1974.

Information

Next Meeting:

Thursday 28th October

Venue:

Stanway Rovers Football Club

New Farm Road, Stanway

Colchester

Essex

CO3 OPG

Times:

Club Opens: 7.15pm

Club Closes: 9.45pm

Strictly **no entry** permitted before set opening times.

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Apologies to everyone, as it's been a while since a newsletter has been released! Unfortunately its been a busy few months. Due to the inconvenience, all members will receive half price entry to the club meeting at the end of October 2010. As there are many cutbacks by the government, Martin has decided to give something back to his members!

September Review

September's meeting was well attended as usual, and seems to be going from strength to strength. There seemed to be a lot of bottles for sale, so there was a lot of buying and selling taking place. Many showed interest in the raffle, and with the attendance figures steadily increasing, we hope to be able to offer more cut price fees in the future. Those who attended the Stratford Show reported that it was getting better by the year, as it was well attended and there were lots of

bargains to be had. It's nearly coming to the Christmas meeting and our first full year at the new venue. Hopefully everyone is happy with the new facility (especially as the bar is nearby!) and their prices seem very reasonable. Also, the club have informed us they are happy with the support received from ourselves. The venue is booked fully for next year, and dates will be published closer to the end of the year - although meetings will remain every last Thursday of the month with the exception of August and December.

Recent Finds

One find that Martin was pleased with was a rare Kent cold cream pot lid found amongst a load of old junk.

Hopefully, some more members will have been lucky and will bring their finds to display at the next meeting, as well as lots of bottles to buy and swap.

Andy's Digging Diary

9th July 1989

Hadn't been on a machine dig for ages so after scouting about we decided that we could access a site near to my house where I had first discovered old bottles and had hand dug there since the mid 1970's. I had not dug the dump for years simply because it was quite late and could be sparse in areas. we carried out a quick recce to see how access could be made and where to dig. The dump was Lexden Woods and can be quite deep in places with most finds coming in the bottom foot of ash. We picked a large area where I had previously dug a Nicholls blue lipped codd (this dump has produced 3 or 4 of these over the years) and felt that because of the depth it would be mainly untouched. My expectations

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Diary Dates

Thursday 28 October
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31 October
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21 November
Alton Club Show

Thursday 25 November
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Christmas Meeting

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were that if I covered our costs I would be happy, so I was more than pleased to see a commans lid come up on the first shovel-full as lids were scarce on this tip! We had ash down to 13ft where the clay appeared. The dump was full of old buckets and bedspreads with screw tops and clear bottles everywhere. Slowly throughout the day we gathered poisons, Sainsbury's pots and stoneware but nothing to of any significance. The digger then removed a densely covered bramble area and our luck changed with a mint stone flat flask from London with a pub name, the 'Bell Inn'. A number of ginger beers then came up from all over including Cambridge, Braintree and Sudbury, but not Colchester. What came out next was hoped for but not really expected - it was a 6oz Nicholls, Colchester reliance blue lip codd in excellent condition. We were all full of further expectations so we raked and dug like mad, but apart from a Bacons of Burnham on Crouch bulb neck codd- no more minerals!

CBCC Show Update

Volunteers Needed!

As of yet no members have come forward to volunteer as part of the show organising committee, and research is still being carried out as to the best location and time for a show. Nevertheless, a show will be held, we are just not sure when as of yet.

November Meeting

As you may be aware, the Christmas meeting is held every November. Donations to the raffle would be greatly appreciated, as well as donations to the free buffet available on the evening. More information will be posted on the club website closer to the time.

Attenborough Show Review

This was a small show attended by a few of the club's members in a small village hall just outside Attenborough. There were around 30 stalls, and the attendance was good although not many of the general public attended. There were good refreshments and was a good show to be able to grab a quick bargain. Well worth the journey and recommended for next year!

The Internet and Bottle Buying



The 21st century has seen a revolution in bottle buying, that is the internet. Ever since the invention of eBay in (YEAR) sellers have been listing their prized possessions including ginger beers, poisons, pot lids and other antiques for punters to bid on, sometimes for a very good price indeed. But, has this invention destroyed what used to be the standard trade in bottle-buying? Are antique fairs becoming less popular simply because of the simplicity of listing an item on the internet, appealing to a wider audience. I asked a few people from the club to find out. "eBay certainly has had an effect on stalls at shows, although the better items tend to end up for sale at shows." It is hard to tell whether an item is genuine or not when selling through eBay. Many collectors might prefer to see the item they are purchasing before committing to buying it.

Subscriptions

Just a note that subscription fees are due for 2011 by the end of January 2011. These can be paid at any time up to this date. The fees will remain at the £2 rate, and will cover costs for the venue, website, newsletter and events.

Opening Times

Our opening time has now changed to 7.15pm as the winter is beginning to draw in and we don't want our collectors to be waiting in the cold!

Website Updates

This newsletter will soon be available online, as well as the September and October review.



Wanted

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For Sale

Complete set of NatWest pigs (money boxes). Ideal as a Christmas present or just as a item for the collection. Consists of 5 pigs - mint condition.
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