

Colchester Bottle Collectors Club

newsletter

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March - April 2009



Information

Next Meeting:

Friday 27th March 2009

Venue:

Stanway Scout Hut
Villa Road
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Colchester

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7:30pm

**Please do not arrive at the Scout Hut
before
7:20pm**

as other groups use the hall before
us, and the car park is easily
congested.

WinterNational Show 2009 Review

This year's Winter National show was held on Sunday 22nd February at Bletchley Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes. It was said that the show may be it's last, after 33 years of trade at the location.

"We were one of over 120 stalls selling bottles at the Winter National. Trading was fairly steady all day and we sold around 20 ginger beers, a whisky jug and some patent poisons taking around £200 for our troubles. Alan McConville did an excellent job organising the event (even though the post code for SatNav could have been more accurate!!) however, our intension for going was to buy some stock to which we struggled as most stalls had the same stock as in previous shows. Never mind though - plenty of people to chat with all day. No signs of recession hitting prices although some element of caution on mid range items"

Andy Bloomfield

The February Meet

The February meeting was not as well attended due to several regulars attending the Wath show, which was on the next day. However, business went down as usual. This month's door raffle prize was won by Shaun Wilson for the second month in a row, so well done and good luck for next time! Everybody will receive their free raffle ticket upon entry.

On the recent finds table this month....



Two variations of the Bateys Pictorial mineral water bottle. Both variations are rare and the aqua bottle was dug from Woolmer Green in Hertfordshire with the blue bottle being recovered from an Essex tip. Both are in excellent condition. A good 4 figure offer was turned down on the night for the blue bottle by Andy Bloomfield.

Other items displayed on the night were a fine pair of coloured green marble 6 ounce Kettle's of Harwich Cods, which Lee Smith had recovered. These are also known in amber and black, with the most rare variation being a blue marbled version of which there is only one known. This was dug some time ago from the Hangings Harwich tip by Martin Bloomfield.

Please remember to bring along your latest finds in April and May for display, and show off to others!

Dates for the diary...

**Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd
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Fayres

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April 2009**
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Message From Italian Collector

Recently, a bottle collector from Italy contacted the club via email. His name is Joseph Buzzella and he lives in a small town near Mailand, N. Italy. He started his collection many years ago when he spent 3 months in Kent whilst he was learning our language. However he stopped collecting when he returned to Italy simply because the hobby of antique collecting just isn't known to people.

Joseph is looking for anybody who is interested in sharing their experiences and information about finds they have accumulated over the years. For more information and contact details. Speak to Lee Bloomfield.

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SATURDAY 4TH & SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2009 ELSECAR HERITAGE CENTRE

STALL PRICES HELD AT 2008 LEVELS

Main Hall Stall: £34 for 2 days with free overnight security
Outside Pitch: £38 for 2 days, all hard standing
Sunday Car Boot: £12 for 2 people
Auction: Catalogued sale Sunday
Displays: Whisky Jugs Special
Overnight Camping: £4 per person per night when pre-booked

For More Information:

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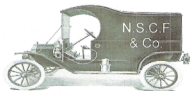
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 STALL HOLDERS 08:30 A.M.
 EARLY ENTRY 08:45 A.M. - £5
 PUBLIC ENTRY 10:30 A.M. - £2
 ENTRY AFTER 1 P.M. FREE

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If you are interested in attending this year's Aylesbury show then the details for bookings have been presented above. A copy of this leaflet will be available upon entry to the monthly meeting in March.

A Tale Of Two Halves



Andy

Bloomfield went digging on a small farm tip and amongst a few poisons and paste pots, recovered the bottom half of a caviar pot, featuring the sturgeon fish. Four weeks passed and a return visit to the tip resulted in the lid dropping down face-up. Both matched perfectly and were both in excellent order. Other finds included a nice Crops figural clay pipe and two large 8 ounce blue L&T coffin poisons.

The First NEWSLETTER

The newsletter has been one of the main ways of keeping club members informed of calendar dates, shows and events. Although the club newsletter has developed a lot since the first release, way back in 2004. The short newsletter was one page long, and contained details of the next meeting, the raffle, short updates on digging news and repetition of "We will have plenty of new stock for sale on the night". Over time, with change of location and a new person responsible of producing the newsletter, the content included has expanded tremendously. With new technology we are able to include images of bottles, magazines

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and much, much more. Also, as most of you already know, the website was launched in 2007, detailing members of yet more information. All of the newsletters produced are available for free download in PDF format on the website. Don't worry, however, if you do not have access to a computer we can always send you a copy in the post. Just ask! Below is a 2005 edition of the club newsletter.

Colchester Bottle Club

Next meeting:- **This Friday 25th November, 2005 doors open 7.00pm**
 Venue:- Stanway scout hall, Villa Road, Stanway

This is the last meeting before Christmas - so bound to be some of us trying to raise money to put towards expenses!! Numerous top quality raffle prizes as usual!

Plenty of sales tables available...bring along your surplus bottles etc to make some extra cash for the winter months

Digging news:- I am back digging again and have started with a chance dig in Billericay. What did we find?

Coffee, tea and refreshments all available on the night.*Any seasonal snacks or nibbles gratefully accepted on the night for all to share....

We will have plenty of new stock for sale on the night
 Plus its auction time if any one has any entries

See you on the night.....

**** STOP PRESS ENTRANCE FEE ONLY £1 THIS MONTH PLUS FREE ENTRANCE RAFFLE FOR BOTTLE OF SCOTCH**

Andy & Martin Bloomfield

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Other items displayed on the night were a fine pair of coloured green made 8 ounce flasks of Spanish origin, which Lee had acquired. There are also known to be a pair of similar flasks, which the most variation being a blue marked version of which there is only one known. This was dug some time ago from the wreckage of a ship to be burnt.

Please remember to bring along your ideas for the night and (if you like) for the night. Please remember to bring along your ideas for the night and (if you like) for the night.

newsletter created by Lee Bloomfield

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Club Website Update Watch

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LATEST UPDATES

Review of Winter National 2009 now uploaded, with pictures

Coming Soon - Copies of some of the first newsletters produced for the club.