

Item: Albert Coombe & Son Hamilton Codd mineral bottle
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Description:

The elderly of Melksham used to be referred to as 'Coombsies'. This originated from the old mineral works on Spa road where Albert Coombes Mineral waters bottling plant was (at the rear of the garage in fact). Many of the outlying villages associated the Melksham children with the popular lemonade and carbonated water drinks, hence the reference!

Coombes supplied their drinks in 'Codd' marble using a 'Beavis' patent bottle, Hamiltons (as this is) were the oldest bottles supplied to Coombes, with a flat end and stands up like a skittle, Ginger Beer called 'Hop Bitters', a deep brown glass bottle with an of clear and aqua glass bottles associated with

bottles, sometimes called 'Ally' bottles, which laid flat to keep the cork wet and 'Skittles'...which are exactly that, a hamilton stoneware bottles, and a very scarce bottle internal screw top, as well as the usual host mineral water supply.

