

The Victoria Club
Nottingham

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Hare: Scrooge

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Pulled up outside the Victoria club in Radford and found Blow! already there but acting very strangely, scanning rooftops and generally a bit tense. No bloody wonder, it was like being back in Belfast, all battle scarred buildings and boarded-up windows. What sort of a dive was this? The answer was a dive that was very keen for our business. Old blokes kept asking us to come in and recommending the stripper who they claimed was from exotic Ecuador.

Manfully managing to decline, the pack set off at 11.25 when we had got fed up waiting for Showman. No major surprises on the trail, we started by heading West which would lead us to Wollaton Park and after a few checks in the side streets keeping the pack together that's where we arrived. And not a moment too soon. Through the gate and zoom, Cobblers is off like a whippet and into the wood. As she said later " I was bloody desperate."

As we reached Wollaton Hall we could see the FRB's looping round at the far end of the park so it was the work of a moment to short cut and catch them up. From the Hall we left the park and the on inn was up Derby Road and home.

Getting into the Victoria was different to most pubs - £2 per person more different. This put Big Phut, Warmers, Bugger & Cobblers off as none of them could stay long anyway so why pay when they weren't staying. Getting some beers in the rest of us settled down at the back behind some pillars. This gave us a limited view of the stage which, when the stripper came, proved to be ideal as what I saw of her was more than enough. Ecuador? More like Long Eaton. After a few jokes from the bloke on stage which all began "This fucking bloke goes into a fucking pub, the cunt" and some God-awful bingo we scarpered across the road to the Marquis of Lorne.

Stand-in Deputy RA was Barritone who dished Down Downs out to: Pleasure Gnome for thrashing a gorse bush to death with her legs on New Years Eve in Wales and the hare.

Overall, not a venue to visit too often but funny, memorable, showed a bit of style and worth doing again.

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