



toilets and showers though hot water was of limited supply. The bakery van arrived every morning and the fresh croissants were delicious. Because the camp site was 5km from the main hall a bus service was laid on for free transport on the Thursday and Saturday evenings. The aperitif evening on Thursday was a feast of food and drink from each of the regions so no supper needed for that night. The gala dinner and award ceremony was on Saturday. GB was in 11th place with seven bikes and it is a shame more members don't experience a different style of Treffen.

En route to Holland the temperature dropped from 30 degrees to 25 which made for more comfortable riding. Info regarding the Dutch Treffen in the next issue of Span.

No more for now:- ride safely – it's a busy world out there.  
Diane XXX

## Capital Region

As promised, and with thanks to Richard, here is a report back on the Belgian Treffen, held this year way east of Liege.

Fifteen Capital bikes, in two groups, made it across the Channel. They got stuck in a five mile traffic jam with bits of rain showers but, overall, it wasn't too bad, only five hours journey. A total of 347 bikes inscribed.

Accommodation was very nice - in lodges with central heating! Friday saw a run out to the world famous Spa race track. The Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps is a motor-racing circuit located in Stavelot, Belgium. It is also referred to as Spa and is the venue of the Formula One Belgian Grand Prix, and the Spa 24 Hours and 1000 km Spa endurance races. Richard somehow ended up as tail-end Charlie and lost the main run of over 200 bikes but fortunately found them again. The run out included three laps of the circuit, driven in an orderly fashion of course!

David and Lorraine were celebrating their wedding anniversary over the weekend and David went round the bend many times, or maybe he was just on a bender?



*Probably an unusual  
Wedding Anniversary*

After a Turkish meal, it was off to the main hall for the live band and then celebrating Julie Hall's 60th birthday in the tent section. Here she is in the limelight with Bob helping to collect the GB award for second place.



*Probably the Best Second Prize*



On his return to the lodge, Richard tried to get into the bathroom but found the door was locked. Strangers were having a shower! Buzz had come to the wrong cabin but finding the door unlocked, he helped himself. All the while Amber and Lorraine were dozing and never heard a thing!

A new Capital group was created in Belgium. Called the 'Beavers' because they prefer to sleep in lodges rather than tents, the original members are Barry, Colin, Tony and Adrian.

Everyone had a good time in Belgium but the first Treffen of the season was marred by an accident for Bev on a roundabout not far from the site. Fortunately Buzz was with her on the return journey and after a trip to hospital, the two of them ended up in Mons for an overnight stay while Capital members and Bev's family set the wheels in motion to get her and the trike safely home. Taz, now back home in Holland, retraced his journey with his trailer and Bev's son, Kevin, headed for Dover and Belgium in the car to collect her. Meanwhile, Buzz was nurse in charge of Bev, helping her with her crutches, or not as the case may be, and keeping everyone informed of progress via WhatsApp. Bev made it home with her lower leg in plaster and the diagnosis of a hair-line fracture of her ankle. The injury will take a little time to mend but she is up and about and cheerful, and the trike damage which was light has been mended. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

The efforts to look after Bev and recover her and the trike back to the UK were recognised at the Capital AGM on Saturday 1st June. The 'Moles of the Year' trophy was shared between Taz and Trudy for their 'Euro-recovery' and Buzz as 'The White Knight'. Congratulations to them and a big well done for their kindness and help to get Bev home.

Twenty seven people attended the AGM and it was heartening that Tim and Janice were able to join us. Thumbs up to him and wishing him continued success with his recovery. The order of business was first, to elect the Officers and then, award the trophies. Not a lot has changed officer-wise. Yetti and Rocky continue to be joint reps for Capital, and Ginny is now in her 30th year as Treasurer. She started in this position in December 1989. Kerrie is Events Secretary and Richard the Quartermaster. Johnny and myself remain as WingSpan Reporters.

Joe is now officially the Charity Co-ordinator and Yetti will take on the Membership Secretary role.

After fourteen years as Capital's Webmaster, Phil has decided to stand down and the reins have now been handed over to Roy. Thank you from all of us for your efforts, Phil, over the years. Roy has already been busy and has created the new website [www.capital-wings.uk](http://www.capital-wings.uk).

Now onto the awards. The 'Best Turned Up Mole' award was handed to the Taylor family - Wayne, Ingrid and Dani. They managed 18 visits during the year, just ahead of 17 for Colin, Barry and John & Helen. 'Jester Mole' was awarded to Wayne, for the second year running. "It's a tight fit" is now on video and shows Wayne trying desperately to get out of his sidecar after fiddling with/re-wiring the lights up front head first. 'Keepers of the Mole' was passed over from Rob and Shaz to Jo and Chris, so Moley is staying in the same neck of the woods for another year. He has learned to be a good landscape gardener at Rob's house so is going to help Jo and Chris complete the renovation of their house in Norfolk and also keep an eye on Jo after her nasty accident.

With Capital members hither and thither, it's good to see new faces at our Mole nights. Roy's daughter, Emma, is becoming a regular and enjoys the food and drink, just like her Dad.



*Probably a cool ride home*



*Definitely Carlsberg*

It was good to welcome Dave from South Wales too who managed eventually to plan his trip from Wales to London and back to coincide with our meeting in The Woodbine. He parked up in the lorry park at Junction 26 on the M25. Exciting or what!

Happy and safe travelling to you all.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash