

## Capital Region

Capital is on a winning streak and so early in the summer.

We won Best Regional Turnout at the Sussex Wing Ding. Don't know what people got up to in Eastbourne apart from plenty of sun, food and drink but a well done goes out to Jeff, Sue, Phil, Peggy, Les, Gordon, Alison, Paul, Sue, Tim and Janice.

The Broadlands Wing Ding was a happy occasion too and Yetti and his band of fellow campers would like to thank everyone at Broadlands for their hospitality, pizzas, cake and tea - not to mention the pub which was literally just across the road!

The Treasure Hunt was fun... we only managed to get halfway round before doing what Moles do best - we got stuck in a food place. Phil and Peggy had to go back after a short while because he thought his alternator

had gone (on the bike and not on him) but it was just a faulty battery. It didn't do badly for a seven year old battery.



The Olympics was also fun... with a few objections to the rules.

Joe took the rules literally by putting his toes behind the line as the photo shows.

The Saturday afternoon tea and cakes were very scrummy. Phil asked Caroline to get him a cup of tea and some cake as he was very old. Caroline obliged by getting cake and tea for him.



Consequently, thinking they were onto a good thing here, Joe and Yetti asked Caroline if she could get a lager top and a pint of mild for them please. She just laughed and walked off. Ten minutes later the two beers appeared. She had gone to her husband and Broadlands Rep Martin, got some money off him and queued in the pub to get the drinks for the two chaps. Now that's what Yetti calls service at a Wing Ding. Cheers Martin and Caroline!

Wayne, Ingrid and Dani visited for the day on Saturday and come the evening the gang couldn't get into the restaurant, so a Chinese take away was ordered by Wayne. Ingrid said it was only seven miles away and there was quite a bit of to-ing and fro-ing as to which take away was used. Will it be Wongs or Mings? Mings won out and agreed to deliver so £104 worth of Chinese food was ordered! Wayne, shortly after ordering, got a message from his bank to say that the payment had been stopped. There was a quick call to the Chinese again to inform them that the bank had stopped the payment because there was an unusual amount taken from his card in an unusual place but to try the payment again as the bank had advised it was OK to pay. This was all done with great amusement to Broadlands members Brian and Diane. Thankfully no-one went hungry.

On to the evening entertainment and the singer was very good, then Elvis appeared, and then the Elvis fans appeared. We don't have any pictures of Elvis's entourage but there must be some elsewhere in the Wing Span, so please look out for them.

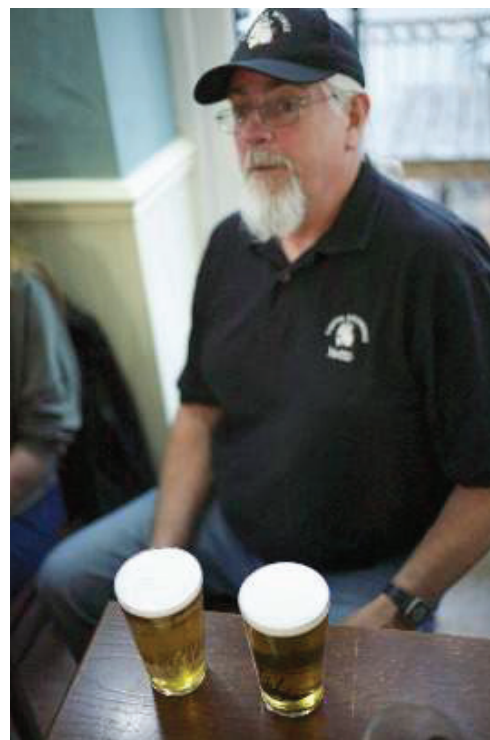


The icing on the cake, so to speak, was that the Capital Moles won the Best Regional Turnout with 12 bikes. Great effort everyone. You must all be plawn kwackers.

The following weekend saw a few of of Capital going to Littlehampton to celebrate Phil's 80th birthday. The look on his face said it all when he turned up at Mark and daughter Mel's house for what he thought was just a Saturday birthday lunch. There were 30 people gathered including old ship buddies, his family and of course some Wingers.

The day was finished off with an evening round at Al and Kerrie's with more food and drink and ten people stayed over. After breakfast the mechanics attacked Al's outfit (this time the sidecar was left on) in order to get it ready for the Switzerland trip at the end of July. Afterwards Al fired up the barbecue and yet more food and drink was provided. Many thanks to Al, Kerrie and Chloe for looking after everyone again. What a great weekend and we all hope Phil and Peggy enjoyed their birthdays as they both have birthdays on the same day. Happy elegant 80 Phil and happy sexy 60-something Peggy!

Preparations are well underway for furnishing the Real Ale Bar at the British Treffen. Yetti, Wayne, Ginny and others have been doing their duty sampling lots of beers and ciders, ready for your delectation. There's been a lot of talk about pins, firkins, barrels and hogsheads. I wonder which ale will be the first to run out this year? Yetti has been getting in some practice.



May the summer be kind on all your travels. Keep safe.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash