



It didn't take long on Monday to take down the site and demonstrated that many hands do indeed make light work.

The presentation of awards was interesting (there were bikes from 11 European countries) in that Ireland won the most attended bikes from one country but also the percentage of most attending at 7.89% of their membership. There were 244 inscriptions from GB – where were all the other members?

It had been a lovely week and we took the tent down in the sunshine and rode home in temperatures of almost 30 – a tad hot and pretty tiring. Then there was all the washing to do and tidying away of all the camping gear ready for next season!!

The BEARs had a trip to Llandudno at the end of August and a couple of meetings planned for September and the annual Copdock Motorcycle show at the start of October – more about them in the next instalment.

No more for now. Ride safely, it's a busy world out there. Sent from the depths of East Anglia by an aging Rebel rider.

Diane XXX

Capital Region

After the exertions of running two successful Bars - the Real Ale and Cider and Prosecco Bars - at the British Treffen, the Moles are having some quiet time now to recuperate before partying starts again at the Skegness Light Parade and the Belgium Friendship Weekend.

It takes time to set up the Bars and let the liquid settle and Barry and Colin got into the swing of things very early on.



Ale Tapping

At the other end of the operation, Phil was charged with some of the clean-up duties and was busy washing the cloths used to keep the barrels and drinks cool and also counting the beer taps in and out.



Cloth Cleaning



Tap Counting

A big thank you goes to all those people who sponsored the drinks and well done to all the helpers and servers behind the Bars. Someone told me there was a bit of a battle between the Paras and the Navy but any further news has been censored.

Some odd things were bound to happen at the Treffen. These included Chris having a conversation about growing more hair and here he is trying Jo's on as an experiment.



Hair Transplanting



Body Shrinking

International Rep Bob was seen in the vicinity of the Real Ale Bar with his wallet. However, all that could be seen of the contents was a shrink-to-fit sized Grumpy. We've no idea why.

The Super Tour Awards 2018 were handed out during the weekend, so our congratulations go to the following Moles and friends who wended their way through Europe last year - Rob & Shaz, Nigel & Hilary, Mike & Doreen, Chris & Anne, Tim & Janice, Mark, Lesley, and John & Julie. Johnny and I were unable to attend the Treffen but we were very pleased to accept our Award from Yetti at our September Mole Night.



Super Touring

More congratulations were heaped onto John and Julie as they received the International Wingers of the Year Award. They are on holiday in Australia now so expect a special report from them down under. They are becoming a very famous couple, or is that infamous?

Johnny and I made Luxembourg our first and last Treffen for 2019. No STA for us next year. It was good to get back on the road following his shoulder operation in April. The 1800 had already been serviced, together

with a pair of brand new tyres, so we were ready for the off to gently enjoy the winding roads and varied scenery the country has to offer. Good to meet up with fellow Moles too - Colin, Barry, Taz and Trudy and Big John and Julie.

The run out on Saturday was a 'download the route and do-it-altogether ride'. There was the danger of following the leader who maybe would take the wrong turn (does this sound familiar?). We think this happened as the group got more and more split up. I had in mind that there would be a sort of Parade of Nations somewhere and insisted on flying our two pennants - Capital and BAR. Johnny thought it would be too windy and indeed it was as the two items flew off our aerial. I made a note later to cable tie down future pennants - just like Barry does. So the Capital Mole is flying or laying somewhere around Vianden. We did go in search for him but he must have been exhausted by the wind and gone underground for a rest.

The GB Team came second at the Awards evening.



Almost Winning

If only three more bikes had hopped it over to Luxembourg, then we would have beaten the Italians. Congratulations to Katie Mordecai for winning the Youngest Rider Award in the shape of a donkey, the mascot of Diekirch. I think she will soon have to get a larger cabinet to display all her trophies.

Going back to July, Joe organised a gathering of Moles at The Hawthorns retirement home in Braintree in order to take some of the residents out on a ride or two. There are always some excited ladies ready to be helped onto the back of the Goldwings, to feel the rush of wind through their hair. Joe sends a hearty thank you again to everyone who turned up.



Granny Running



Now some other tidbits to finish off.

Yeti has been renamed 'DHL' as he always seems to be collecting and delivering bike parts either to or from Capital members.

We were pleased to welcome Gen Sec Gary Ingram to our September Mole Night and for the opportunity to air our views on many aspects of the Club and its business. Gary was even lucky enough to win one of our raffle prizes - Open the Box- but Ginny was adamant that he couldn't take the box home with him. How many years has that prized box lasted?

Did Medium Al really drive all the way from Bishop Auckland to Whitby (a return trip of around 112 miles) just for fish and chips?

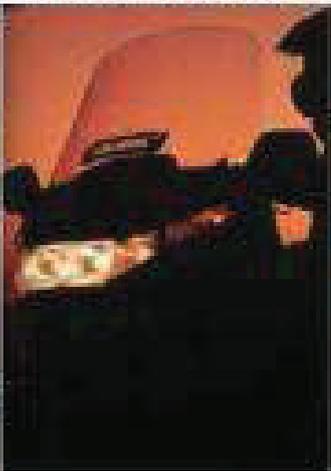
Lots more exciting news in November. Watch this space and more.....

Miss (Helen) Whiplash

What model have you got?

There have been five different major models of GoldWings since it was launched in October 1974 (along with the occasional 'specials') - and as the years roll by it's good to know that there are quite a few older Classic Wings still on the road and being well cared for by Club members.

The GWOCGB Classic Section is growing and is becoming more relevant as these older machines get rarer - so it would be good for the membership (especially those who weren't around in the early days) to see photos and read about the stories of Classic Wings in the Club. If you have a Classic, send in your photos with articles about how it came into your possession and why it is so special to you.




KEEP YOUR REGIONAL CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE

It is very important for Regions to keep the Committee (GenSec, Events Secretary, Membership Secretary) as well as the WingSpan Editor up to date with any contact changes.

It is one of the duties of Regional Reps to inform us about any changes - whether they are new regional committee members, changes to phone numbers or email addresses, etc. - so we can keep our national records current as well as publish the correct details in the WingSpan.

Please bear this in mind as we are getting close to the time when Regions are organising their Annual General Meetings.