

Now there's a thought:- I had a birthday card recently which said "You are not that old – you have just been young for a very long time!!"

No more for now:- Ride safely – it's a busy world out there. Sent from the depths of East Anglia by an increasingly aged Rebel rider.

Diane XXX

Capital Region

Capital met up at Joe and Margaret's home in Witham on 21st September to eat and donate at their annual fundraising event for Macmillan Cancer Support. It was also an occasion to reminisce about Capital's summer holiday in Switzerland. Chloe and Dani did a grand job writing up their travelogue for the September issue of WingSpan, so here are some more photos to remember the sun, food, views and trips out.



Mole Night up the Schilthorn



Chloe and Dani



The Other Ace



Grimsel Pass



Lungerer See

Margaret's Tea Party (I don't think Joe made any of the delicious sandwiches and cakes) was a wonderful, social, sunny afternoon amongst family and friends, raising money for a really worthwhile cause. A total of £845 was collected but with two other parties planned, a truly magnificent sum was bound to have been raised for the charity.

A selection of finger sandwiches and cakes were piled high with lots of seconds available in cake tins under the table. Apricot and Apple Fruit Cakes, Bakewell Tart, Viennese Whirl, Millionaire's Shortbread, Lemon Drizzle, Fairy Cakes, Madeira Cake, Chocolate Brownies, Bread Pudding, scones with jam and cream and Battenberg cake. They all tickled somebody's fancy during the afternoon. We were even given goody bags to take more home with us. An extra special yum, yum.



Capital's Master Baker

Macmillan provide competition sheets to encourage donations and much thought and debate went into guessing the length of the sausage, or was it a Greggs veggie, roll, the number of berries in the pie and the weight of the iced cake. I think there was some trick photography with the items and the props used. How long is that? Is that a big or a small one? Anyway, the ladies won all three competitions, so cheers go to Hilary with a bottle of wine for 'You're on a roll', to Chloe with a large Toblerone for 'A berry good guess' and to me with a bottle of fizz for 'Let's all weigh in'.

A steward's enquiry started into the veggie roll result because it appeared that Hilary and Wayne were joint winners. I think this was skullduggery on the part of Joe as a gin game was quickly introduced to divert attention. With pockets and purses raided for coins, Wayne thought that he had won, then Tony got under Wayne but Yeti had the knack of flicking the one pound coins and eventually won the bottle of gin. This game alone raised £38.



Gin Fundraiser



The Winning Pound

A huge well done goes to Margaret and Joe for all their hard work to make a successful get-together. We are looking forward to next year already.

Diary date: Capital Toy Run on Sunday 15th December. Joe is confirming all the details so we will let you know more soon.

Finally, on a very sad note, we have to report the passing of Nick 'Old Fart' Nicholson at the end of September. He will be fondly remembered, amongst others, for his constant supply of teas, coffees and KitKats out of his VW Camper van at our Wing Dings and Treffens. We'll publish an appreciation in the next issue of Wingspan.

RIP Nick.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash