

Capital Region

Love was all around as the MCN London Motorcycle Show opened at ExCel on Valentine's Day. Yetti, Colin and Barry went around as a threesome, listening to the presentations and buying some goodies. They bumped into some Essex Wingers too and also Rick. Johnny and I enjoyed talking to Rick separately and then there was a grand love in as we all met up on the Phoenix Motorcycle Training stand and chatted to Mark and Ruth Jaffe.



Mark and Ruth

Old friends of Capital, organiser of the Christmas Toy Run for a few years and still in GWOCGB, Mark and Ruth have been busy setting up a very successful business - he now has 17 training schools across the country. They still live in Croydon but are planning to move to Margate soon with Mark eyeing up another Goldwing so that he can easily travel back into town. We reminisced about the old days and a particular Belgian Treffen when Ruth was crowned Amaretto Queen. Ruth had recently had a leg operation and was wearing a very fetching yellow stocking on her leg.

Yetti and Mark then started some drinking races with Ruth and others and whilst she drank every drop, the two lads only pretended to drink. She

got tiddly and then very drunk and eventually it needed four people to lift Ruth back onto the Goldwing, ready for the ride back to the hotel. It's lovely to have these impromptu meetings and remember what we used to get up to. Do you remember their jacuzzi parties too? Hopefully we will all be out riding together again soon.



Capital Reunited

The Show displayed a multitude of amazing machines, from vintage to surreal modern and electric. For someone who has mixed a GL1500 with an 1800 to create a different sort of hybrid, Yetti had his eyes on a customised GL1100 on the Devitt stand.



Armadillo 1100

Johnny, meanwhile, admired the new GW Bagger, along with many others. Taz and Trudy have just returned from their annual charitable trip to Bangladesh, donating 200 saris this time. Taz hired a Chinese motorcycle to ride around, this being the closest machine he could find to a Goldwing.



My Goldwing has Shrunk

Trudy meanwhile was seeking out the wildlife.



Trudy Talks to the Elephant

Taz and Trudy have also adopted two girls as their daughters and are very proud to present them to everyone. Here's the beautiful Mimi and Sumaya.



Father and Daughters

There are two lots of congratulations to send to Capital members.

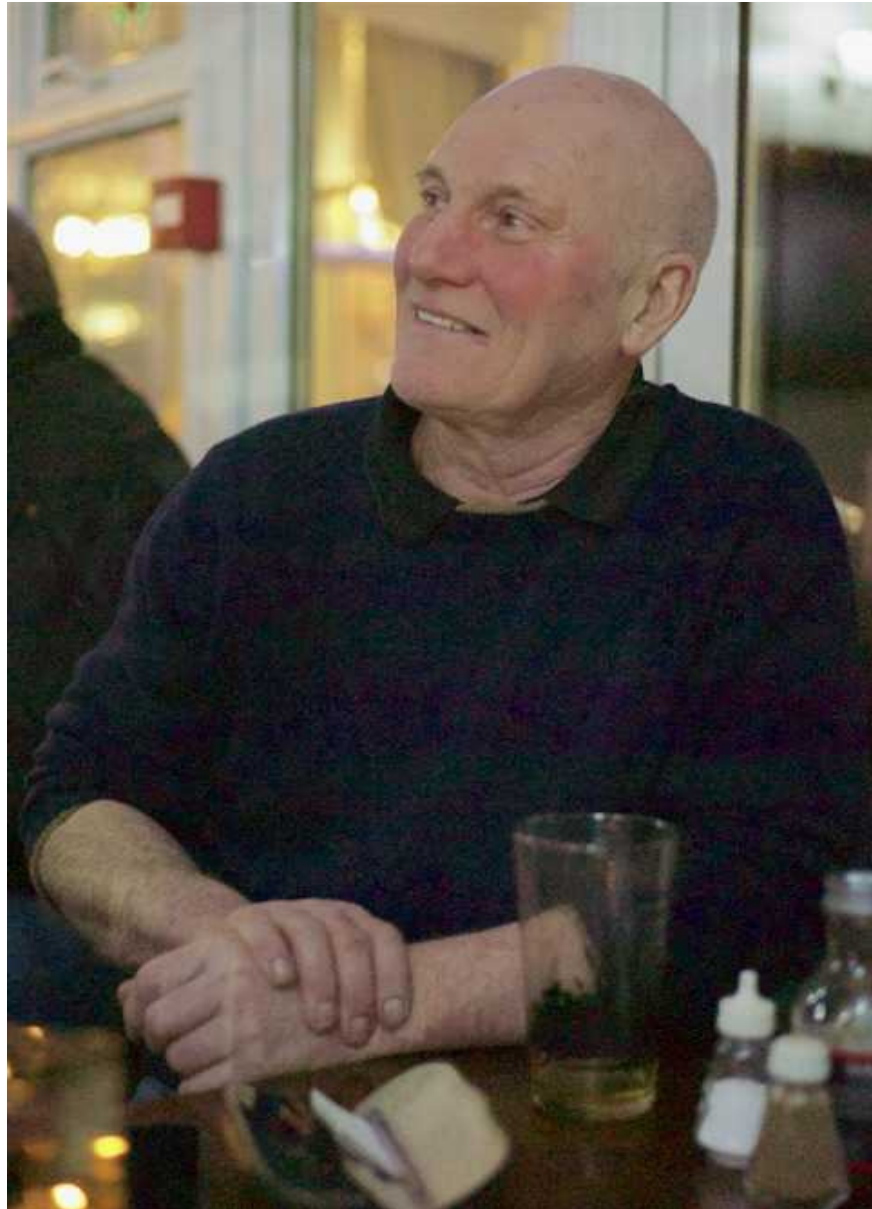
Dani reached a sweet 16 on 2nd March and to celebrate she has launched her new catchphrase “Airhellair”. She will be ready for that drink spotty in no time at all. My how time flies. It seems only yesterday when Dani was dressed up as a puppy Dalmatian.

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Dani and Dad

Chris retired at the end of March. He has been taking all the courses available to work on and maintain motorcycle and boat engines so pottering in and around the Norfolk Broads will keep him busy from now on.



Happy Chris

Finally, thinking of Hunstanton and Only Connect, what is the connection between lubricating once only fractures levels and instruments reveal pulsating alternators?

Diary date: 5th April 2020 Inter-Regional Bowling Competition at Norwich. Good luck to all the Teams but especially Capital.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash