

Capital Wings

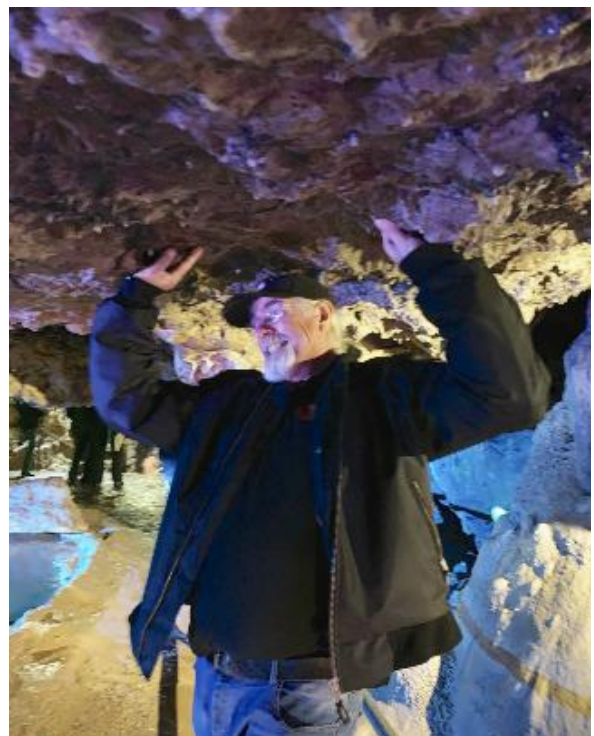
My thanks go to Dani and Chloe for contributing the following story about their recent holiday in Dorset.

With the restrictions lifted, it was wonderful to be able to get away and have a chilled but great time with a few fellow Moles - in fact a dozen of them - Yetti, Ginny, Wayne, Inks, Dani, Al, Kerrie, Chloe, Joe, Margaret, Chris and Jo. Instead of going to a gîte in France, which we have now postponed for two years running, five days in Tarrant Gunville near Blandford Forum, Dorset was what we needed.

The campsite itself was spacious and quiet and great to get back to after days out exploring the surrounding areas. Evenings were spent around the fire pit reminiscing, having a drink and having a laugh. Day trips included a very interesting visit to the Sammy Miller Motorcycle museum, Swanage and a visit to Wookey Hole Caves and Cheddar Gorge, returning to the campsite via the New Forest. The wild horses were true to form through the New Forest.



Head of the Wookey Queue



Yetti Gets Holed Up

While at the campsite, we made friends with other people including a little girl aged three called Ginny, who we nicknamed Little Ginny. We had a special christening on the very first night for the new BBQ. Compliments go to BBQ master Wayne (Baby). As per usual, lots of alcohol was consumed with a clear favourite being Archers Peach Schnapps mixed with lemonade.



Ready, Steady, Let's Eat

After our little Dorset adventure, a small group of us headed back to Kerrie, Al and Chloe's in West Sussex for - wait for it, you're never going to believe this - another BBQ! And another fire, nearly burning half the wood they own - down to Yetti being a pyromaniac.



What A Sizzler

Hopefully next year we will make it to France but we still all had a fabulous time.

The following weekend saw Moles and friends gathering at the Norfolk Wing Ding before travelling onto Newark. Well done Moles - we won the Best Attended Region award.

The National Rally at Newark Rugby Club over the Bank Holiday weekend was a grand opportunity to get together after all the Covid restrictions and with 199 inscriptions and Bev winning the Best Trike prize, I would say it was a success. The Moles were there in force, enjoying each other's company and venturing out to Newark, Southwell, Lincoln and other places of interest. The surprise and delight was the steampunk parade and market in Newark and the fact that a few Moles are closet steampunkers. Beaver Barry, apart from chatting up the ladies all weekend, also spoke to Martha on one of the market stalls and couldn't resist having his photo taken with her and the rabbit! It was all great fun.



Barry with Steampunk Bunny

Our thanks go to Colin and Barry for helping to sort out one of the problems with our bike



Beavers Aid

Meanwhile, dancing to the music is always popular in the evening, and this time, on Sunday afternoon too.



*Dancing
Girls*



*Sunday
Afternoon
Entertainment
1*



Sunday Afternoon Entertainment 2

A few of us bought some useful goodies at the Top Box sale on Sunday - this continues to be really popular and long may it continue.



Yetti's Top-Box Find

Finally, from all of us to Tony Perkins and his team of helpers, a huge thank you for a brilliant weekend.

Keep on enjoying your holidays and exploring our beautiful country.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash