



*Copdock bike show*

## Capital Wings

After a hugely hectic holiday season during August and early September, things have calmed down a little. Family holidays with or without the GoldWings or Wingers crossing off more Chairman's Challenge Cafes seem to be the order of the day now.

Taz and Trudy headed to Scotland and then left Stranraer for a ten day tour of Northern Ireland. Points of the compass were on their mind as they drove to Malin Head in County Donegal, the most northerly point on mainland Ireland. They then visited County Antrim to see the Giant's Causeway and Joey's Bar in Ballymoney with its Joey Dunlop memorabilia.



Trudy at Giant's Causeway

Fortunately they weren't sunk when they went to the Titanic Belfast visitor attraction. Steve and Carol, meanwhile, took their bike on a tour of Jersey.

Two weekend events in September took the Moles away from London. A 40's camping weekend at Kelling Heath near Sheringham in Norfolk has become a favourite but was downsized this year because of Covid. Nevertheless, a good time was had by all and although there were a few drowned Moles on the return journey because of severe weather, everyone arrived home safely. The Skegness Light Parade was attended by the Beavers, Bev, Dave, Mo, Julie, Phil and Liz, at least. It has been reported that Barry was chatting up the women again and that he has a date next year to give a lady a ride and get a bag of chips in return!

Someone else who headed for the cardinal points but of mainland Britain this time in September was Peter Rakestrow. He needed to get a 30-year challenge he had set himself out of his system and he achieved the four points and just over 2,000 miles in four days. Phew! Peter managed to see places in the Western Isles that we couldn't in June because of road closures viz. Ardnamurchan Point, so a big well done to him from all of us.

Our congratulations also go to Sarah and her new husband, Ian, who tied the knot on 16<sup>th</sup> September at a very posh venue. Proud parents Maria and Buzz looked in on her before the ceremony and everyone had a fabulous day. We wish the couple many happy years together.



Father of the Bride

Only five of us made it to our mid-September Mole Night at The Woodbine but we all had an entertaining time, including those joining via WhatsApp, trying to decide what Johnny Chelu's widget was. He had just returned from a long trip around Europe and is still finding

out how his *GoldWing* works, knobs and all. The widget had apparently fallen to the ground when he raised his windscreen. Here's the item in question and Yetti and Johnny trying to find the spot to put it back in the machine.



The Widget



The Widget's Location

Big John had a long-awaited hip operation in September and we are all pleased to hear that it was a success and that he is on the mend. Keep doing the exercises, John!

And finally, a nod back to Newark where our intrepid photographer caught two Capital members not tinkering with their bikes this time.



Joe's Spray Job



Taz in Reflective Mood

Hope you all had a scary Halloween. Now it's onwards and upwards to Bonfire Night and Christmas .....

Miss Helen Whiplash