

## Capital Wings

What a terrific read the October WingSpan and its Special GWOCGB 40th Treffen Edition were. Lots of news on the Treffen to digest if you were unable to attend.

The information continues this month with an update from our Head Brewer, Yetti. He and his happy band of helpers managed the Real Ale Bar and Yetti wanted to send his thanks to one and all by name.

Well, what can we say but a massive thank you to our beer and cider sponsors for their support. These super people were: Pete and Ann Fisher & Kent Wings, Mick and Jan Ellis, Nigel Whitehouse and Rob Allen, Phil and Peggy Peskett, Bob and Dawn Farrugia, Thames Valley & White Wings, Keith Cross, Yorkshire Wings, Alan and Christine Prescott, Border Wings, South Wales Wings x2, Grumpy and Von Carr, Peter and Wendy Rakestrow, Lesley Snell, Chris and Annie Easter, Chris Sidaway and Wayne Taylor.

Also to Broadlands Wings. They missed out on sponsoring a beer but put £60 into the token box.

All this wouldn't have happened without our Beer Transporter, Allen White, who took us to pick up the beers and return the empties.

Thank you all.

We managed to sell all the liquid and raised £3,040. Our best year yet.

Other thanks go to Capital Wings workers:

Al, Kerrie and Chloe, Wayne, Ingrid and Dani, Chris and Jo, Phil and Peggy, Dave and Bev, Rocky, Big John, Richard, David, Barry, Colin, Alex and Ginny and not forgetting, Ken Walker, who manned the Bar while the workers had dinner. There must be more helping hands but apologies if you have been missed. Without you all it would not have worked.



The Real Ale Bar also had the Charity Snack Bar run by Chloe and Dani, with help from Alex. All the stock of delicious pickled onions, gherkins, pickled eggs, crisps and nuts was sponsored by Capital Wings members. They also organised a 'Name the Horse' game, raising a total of £162.72.



*Scrummy Snacks Seller*

Carl and Tara donated £100 for the purchase of loads of National Lottery Scratch Cards which were the prize for the Scratch Card Raffle. The total raised here was £347.

Sales of special Treffen beer mats and other bits (pump badges etc) raised £200.

A donation of £100 was made by Tony and Craig Perkins.

A grand total of £809.72 was raised for DocBike and Carol Close, Regional Lead for the charity, received a cheque for this amount on Sunday evening.

The last people to thank are all the Wingers who bought the beer and cider and enjoyed the hospitality whilst drinking it. We take no responsibility if you fell over the guy ropes en route to your tent or locked yourselves out of your camper van.



*Fascinating*



*The Long and Short Of It*

Here's a couple of photos with the Bar ladies in their dress for the 'Day at the Races'.

Many people enjoyed the experience of riding the five laps around the Donington Park Circuit. As a reminder of that beautiful August day, here's a view of the circuit and the proof that Alan Russell really did ride round it. An action photo!



*Racing at Donington*



*Alan and David at Donington*

Two weeks after the Treffen, Capital members, friends, family and neighbours - just over 40 people - gathered at Joe and Margaret's abode in Essex for their annual Tea Party in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We were told to come hungry and the spread that Margaret had prepared was magnificent.

We ate our hearts and tummies out across the selection of sandwiches, scones and cakes and even went home with a goody bag of deliciousness. The objective, of course, was to raise money for this worthy cause and a grand total of £995 was donated. Fantastic!



*Let's Eat Cake*

It was a lovely sunny afternoon and besides the usual banter, entertainment included 'Throw the Pound' in the garden. Some coins missed the target which was a bottle of Kraken spiced rum and Joe was seen with a large knife prising the money out of the paving stone cracks. In the end, Barry was the lucky winner of the booze.



*Chairman's Chat*



*Natalie Throws Her Pound*

Many thanks for Joe and Margaret's hospitality and a huge Well Done! to Margaret from all of us.

Finally, I hear that Dave, as well as renovating his house, is also in the process of building a trophy cabinet for Bev. She ventured to Skegness and was shocked but delighted to win The Jayne Sands Award for 'Best in Show' at the Skegness Light Parade. This was Bev's third prize this year with her trike so she has a reputation to maintain in 2023. Congratulations Bev and keep polishing the shiny bits (or is that Dave?).

That's all for now. Enjoy Bonfire Night and the treacle toffee.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash