

Happy New Year to one and all!

It's January 2023 and planning has started already for summer expeditions on the Wing across Europe. Here's a couple of views of Johnny and myself with the Zugspitz, the highest mountain in Germany, in the background. We were heading for Titisee in the Black Forest after visiting the Italian Treffen in Strembo in the Dolomites in July 2022.



◀▼ *Your Capital Reporters in the Alps*



January is also the month when many people around the world choose to observe Dry January for health reasons or to manage their drinking habits and feel more in control of their alcohol intake. This will all be shot to pieces of course when Capital and friends gather for our post-Christmas bash in Glastonbury on Friday 13th January. Themed CapFest 23, we expect lots of peace man when Glastonbury and Woodstock vibes prevail. Johnny and I will be away on holiday so hopefully following on from Big Al's recent prose, we'll have another guest writer who will tell all for the March Wingspan issue.

December continued to be a busy month for Yetti with his bike renovations and repairs. During the year he had to re-organise various garages where he stores and works on bikes but that huge task is thankfully now over. He has de-cluttered and is ready for anything with his new workshop, which even has solar-powered LED lighting, and where he has sorted out a few problems with our first Goldwing - a blue 1200 Aspencade turned black plain Jane. Many thanks Yetti.



A few Moles also gathered for a pre-Christmas meal in mid-December. Santa had already been busy with his sleigh in the shape of Buzz visiting the Reading Toy Run and Addenbrooks Hospital. He was expected to cause havoc at this meal so watch out for more news next month. No doubt there was a review of the year and the places we enjoyed travelling to and eating in. Buxton was one stop on a run-out from the British Treffen and Johnny captured Carl in front of a very imposing building.



*Carl at The Crescent in Buxton*

The good news from Capital is that we will be having our very own Wing Ding in June so please clear your diaries and put Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th June 2023 in as a priority. We will be returning to Bancroft Rugby Club in Buckhurst Hill.

In the meantime, Mole Night is the first Thursday of every month at The Woodbine Inn in Epping Forest. We look forward to catching up with more Moles during the year as well as welcoming other GWOCGB members as they explore London and its surroundings. Here's a reminder for all of what the pub looks like.



*The Woodbine Inn by Night*

I have a mop if you would like to take a leak,  
Shirt and Swot this month as Officer Crabtree ('Allo 'Allo!) would also say.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash

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