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It is with a heavy heart that we have to inform you that Joe passed away on the 13th April with Margaret and his children Joe Jr, Alex, Lauren by his side. He had been unwell for quite a while and was recently diagnosed with a heart condition and myeloma (blood cancer).

There is not enough space here to tell you all about Joe Sene but we will try.

Joe was a member of Capital Wings way back in 1984. However, he sold his Wing and left the Club later that year as his family came first. Ten years later he rejoined the Club and came to a Wednesday Capital meeting at The Cock Tavern in Eversholt Street, London. This was ours and Joe's first meeting and we hit it off straight away. The following weekend was the Isle of Wight Wing Ding and there was a space in one of the caravans. He paid his money and jumped back into winging; the rest, as they say, is history.



A few years later he became Joint Rep with me. People always said we were like a comedy team and when one of us went somewhere without the other it was: “where’s the other half of the comedy team then?” He was a great Joint Rep with plenty of input and always a great ambassador for the GWOCGB. He was always organising charity events and old folks’ rides out as well as Toy Runs and Easter Egg Runs. A big kind hearted man.

Al and Daz, Chelsea fans, were always on about football and Joe’s team Fulham. Some great banter was always had at meetings and on social media between them.

He was a larger than life character who made us laugh a lot. Especially his infamous speeches at Club nights and special events where he took famous speeches and re-worded them for the occasion. Not forgetting his practical jokes; like stealing the inter regional bowling awards and hiding them before the presentations. Also his famous call of “Oggi Oggi Oggi” which would be heard at most events.

A true family man and as honest as the day is long. He eventually found his soul mate and we had never seen him so happy as when he was with “My Margaret” - they were a perfect match for each other.

He was one of life’s true gentleman. A loving partner, father, grandfather and very special friend to so many people.

Our love and condolences go out to Margaret, Joe Jr, Alex, Lauren and his grandchildren at this very sad time.

You will be missed so much mate.

Ride free.

Love Yetti, Ginny and all The Moles at Capital Wings xxx

May 2023

Numbers attending our Mole Nights have been increasing with the better weather and it's nice to see the regulars mixing with the not-so-regular Capital members including our visitors from abroad. Nevertheless, it's been another quiet month on the biking activity front, apart from the Inter-Regional Bowling Competition at the beginning of April.

The Capital lads and lasses practised and polished their balls ready for the tussle with Broadlands and Kent in Maldon. We were winners last year but lost out to a clean sweep by Broadlands this time.

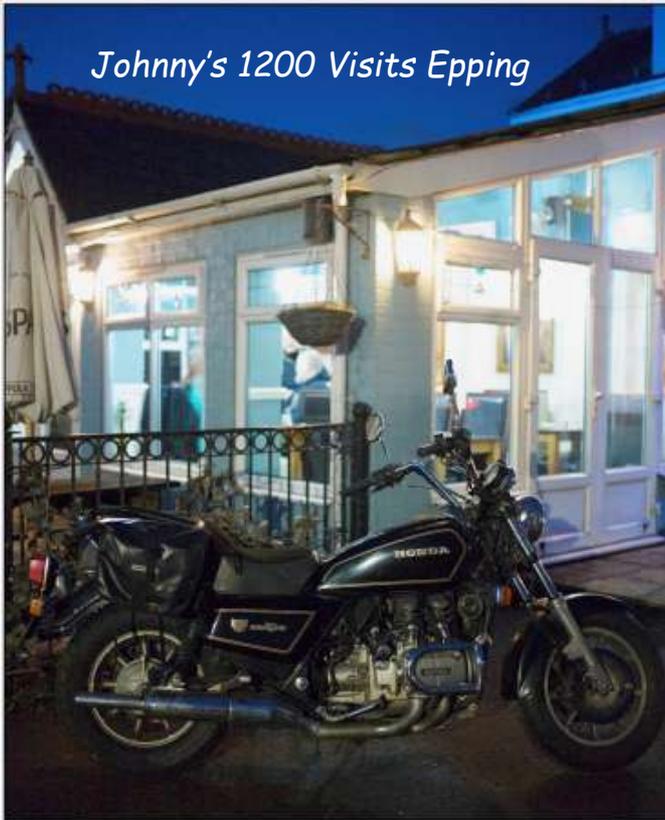


Lorraine Picks Winning Raffle Prizes

Broadlands won the Men's, Ladies' and Overall prizes so well done and congratulations to them. Capital just nudged out Kent for second place overall.

Thank you to Nigel, Aaron, Rocky, Phil, Carl, Chris, Hilary, Liz, Tara, Jo, Little Ali and Elaine for putting your names forward and braving the strong competition. Thanks too to the band of supporters. Everyone enjoyed the raffle and buffet lunch afterwards and some even found a jolly pub by the river after all the exertion to enjoy the sunshine and views.

David suggested a special award for Nigel and Hilary. They were the only people in our motorcycle club to actually turn up on a bike. They probably had the last laugh though because they had a great ride home in beautiful weather. Roll on the summer for more touring.



Johnny's 1200 Visits Epping

Our plain Jane 1200 won't get us to Italy with all the stuff we carry but we are giving 'the old girl' more run outs now that she has been mended. Here she is at our last Mole Night.

Planning for our Wing Ding in June continues, with ideas flowing in to entertain you all. Yeti has been designated as the Ringmaster for our event and has been cracking his whip (borrowed from me) at every opportunity.

Following our announcement in the April WingSpan Report, he has been in discussion with the local Council regarding the £10 charge for motorhome and caravan users at the Wing Ding. The good news is that the Council have conceded that there will not be a charge levied this time. We understand that Mrs Lora Polif was disappointed that she would not be collecting monies from the Wingers but she wished us all "A Tip Top Time."



Capital Circus Planners

At the time of writing this report, you may have heard already that poorly Mole Joe was in hospital, receiving treatment for his ailments. Everyone at Capital wished him well.

Sadly, we received the devastating news on 13th April that Joe had died that morning. Our thoughts and love are with his children - Joe, Alex and Lauren - and Margaret.

See Joe's obituary earlier in this issue. We will write a full appreciation of a great friend, father and partner in the June Wingspan.



Happy, safe travels to Wing Dings, Treffens and beyond.
Miss (Helen) Whiplash