



Roll up, roll up - it's Capital's Wing Ding this month and we look forward to welcoming you all at Bancroft Rugby Club in Buckhurst Hill. *'The Greatest Show Mole'* will happen from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th June 2023. Unbelievably, it has been seven years since our last Wing Ding when *'Mole Britannia'* ruled Bancroft.

At the time of writing this Report (7th May), our preparations have been knocked back by the sudden death of our good friend Joe Sene and Yetti and Ginny's vital liaison work with Margaret and Joe's family on his funeral arrangements. We are all in shock at the loss of wonderful Winger. Joe contributed a lot to Capital and GWO�GB. His presence was obvious as soon as he entered a room or a tent and he always had a joke or comment for someone close. Nevertheless, guns will be firing on all cylinders soon to present a fantastic weekend of fun and chaos. Please make sure the June dates are prominent in your diaries and we'll see you towards the end of this month.

Joe's funeral on 17th May in Chelmsford promised to be a terrific event for a terrific chap and a real celebration of his life. At least 47 GoldWings and 12 cars from Capital and friends were due to attend at the crematorium so a truly grand procession, marshalled, behind the hearse. Joe's favourite flower was a sunflower and the bikes were dressed with them. Joe was also an earnest supporter of Fulham FC and many were expected to be dressed in black and white shirts or with black and white scarves, as well as the sunflowers.

Donations in lieu of flowers are welcome for Joe's two chosen charities - Macmillan Cancer and Amyloidosis Research at the Royal Free London.

Joe was Capital's Joint Rep, alongside Yetti, and latterly, our Charity Co-ordinator. He organised run outs to treat the residents at The Hawthorns retirement home where he worked and invited us to his and Margaret's home for their annual tea party in aid of Macmillan.

The Kraken pound coin game was always popular.



Kraken Rum Garden Game

Joe was also well-known for his speeches. These were re-worked from famous speeches given by prominent orators such as JFK and Nelson Mandela and he entertained us with them at our AGMs and Christmas parties.



I invited people to send in their own memories of Joe. Many thanks - I have copied their tributes below. They show the love we all had for Joe and the effect he had on us.

"Joe. What can be said? Always ready to lend a hand. Always happy with a quick wit and to laugh easily. And to create an embarrassing moment (with humour of course). Joe first met Carol in mini skirt and high heels, offering to take her on the back of his bike, thus making more people look at his bike (possibly) and also embarrass Carol.

One of my lasting memories was when we were all in an eatery when the waitress came up a little bit pregnant. Joe made her sit down to rest and before taking our order he asked her: "How was it for you my dear?" referring, of course, to how she got pregnant but Joe was able to make the situation sound like her being able to walk over to take our order.

Love from Carol and Richard"



Luxembourg Joe, 2017

"It's almost 30 years ago since Ray and I met Joe. We all hit it off straight away and became lifetime friends. I have many happy memories of all the stuff we got up to between us all that brought tears to my eyes with laughter as the boys egged each other on. I remember the first Treffen we dragged Joe off to was in Luxembourg and the weekend started out wet and muddy. Poor Joe ended up with dirty boots, mud everywhere and no way to get perfectly clean as in those days there were no showers at the site. Joe never let us forget the dirty fingernails he had all that weekend!

Joe was a fantastic person who brought fun and laughter into the lives of all the people he met.

You will be missed not only by me but by many others. Ride free, my friend until we meet up once again.

Love Ginny xxx"

"I met Joe when he first joined Capital Wings many, many moons ago. This larger than life, very cheeky character burst onto the Wing scene with an Oggie Oggie Oggie at every opportunity. Joe and I had a special relationship over the years. I am so proud to have called him my friend. He and Val were the first people to meet Chloe, outside of family, when she was just one day old. Always there to lift the moment when it was needed ... he had some amazing stories to tell such as when he was Piers Morgan's chauffeur and driving the buses in London. We have all lost a beautiful soul who was full of life and taken from us too soon. You will never be forgotten and always in my heart. Love you loads my friend, ride free. Kerrie xxx"



Joe and Chloe

Our parties and social get-togethers often ended up with the men fiddling with or trying to mend something on someone's bike. This would be after some great hospitality from the hosts and maybe a game or two.



Many Hands Make Light Work



Joe at 60

"A recent memory of Joe was at a BBQ hosted by Dave and Bev. Joe asked where the toilet was, is it upstairs or downstairs?"

It's downstairs stupid, it's a bungalow.

Colin Will"

Ushers at Peter and Julia's Wedding



"I met Joe almost 30 years ago through the GoldWing club. Over the years, we became best friends. When he wasn't on the Capital committee, he was always organising charity events for us to attend. I could probably fill the whole of WingSpan on journeys and things we got up to, good and naughty, over the years. He was a larger than life character, once you met him you never forgot him.

He will leave a large hole in our Club but he leaves us with fantastic life-long memories.

Will miss you so much mate.

Oggie Oggie Oggie.

Yetti xxx"

"Joe - Well what can one say about a gentleman, a good friend and also a great fan of John Wayne? We would swap movies he starred in and Joe also gave me his collection of John Wayne videos.

I had bought two pocket watches with John Wayne on and I gave a signed one to Joe. He then asked me: "Do you wear socks?" Well knowing Joe to be a bit of a prankster, I thought well what do I say - no or yes? The answer was yes, whereupon he then gave me a box with John Wayne on and inside were three pairs of John Wayne-picture socks.

He also passed onto me a ring that he had bought with an Indian head on. I wear it with pride - you will always be with us, Joe.

That's Joe, a big heart for a big man who will be missed by all at Kent Wings and especially by Ann and myself. So Joe, ride high.

Oggie Oggie Oggie he would shout.

Love from Pete and Ann at Kent Wings."



Joe was very proud of his roots in Gibraltar and both Linda Wood and Mo and Julie remembered enjoyable holidays with Joe and Margaret - in Switzerland and Gibraltar respectively. They were special times indeed.



▲ *My Margaret & Me*



◀ *MoLe Night Meeting*

So, Joe, it's a farewell from us and forever enjoy your footie and riding the Wing.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash



SPECIAL EDITION



50 Bikes attended adorned with Sunflowers and Black & White Ribbons, for a very moving service which was standing room only, click on the link below to watch the Funeral Cortege arrive at the Crematorium.

<https://youtu.be/Fy70zIN6G5I>