



CAPITAL WINGS



Easter used to be the time of the year for the Belgium Treffen and it was mostly wet and cold but the Easter bunny always turned up. How times have changed. With no Treffen or Wing Dings happening, Yetti, Ginny and the Taylor family all went to our Southern Moles' home to talk holidays, post-Christmas bash and British Treffen Real Ale Bar. After a long discussion of maybe an hour, the BBQ was fired up, four bottles of bubbly were cracked open, and along with beers and enough food and desserts to feed a small town, they got everything sorted ... they think.

It was a great weekend with great Gold Wing friends. Yetti mused: "What would we have without this great Club of ours, apart from a slimmer waistline and a bigger bank account?"





The Easter bunny did actually appear in Cambridge. Buzz and Shirley joined the city bikers Easter Egg Run there.



Talking of the British Treffen, Capital will be organising the Real Ale Bar again, with proceeds going to GWOCGB. It is a time-intensive activity to run the Bar and this does not allow much R&R for Yetti and his team from its setting up to the closing down, so if you would like "to pull a pint to help us out", please get in touch with Yetti to offer some of your time during the weekend. In addition, if you as an individual or as a Region would like to sponsor a barrel of beer or cider, please contact Yetti.

This year, Easter also coincided with 1st April, known to most as April Fool's Day. Capital had a little joke last month and Dry Flora Poli waited with interest to hear people's views. However, I hear that even now not many people read the electronic version of WingSpan. Such a pity considering the time and effort that Regional Reporters and the WingSpan Editorial Team put into it each month. So, due to lack of any feedback, Flora has decided to re-direct her attention onto other motorcycle matters. The MAG/BMF reports are always full of interesting items and happenings so maybe she will be able to help out there.

Moles are only just beginning to venture out to motorcycling events. Our congratulations go to Colin who won 'Best Bike' at the Hunstanton Light Parade in March. At the beginning of April, Capital were ready to flex their muscles at the Inter-Regional Bowling Competition. Broadlands were also ready for a friendly battle but sadly no other teams could be mustered to form a viable opposition, and the competition had to be cancelled this year.

Three generations of the Withers family have been in the wars of late. First, Carol, who I'm glad to say has now had successful keyhole surgery to remove her gall bladder and can soon look forward to returning to Spain. Then, Dave had a spill on a bike and ended up in hospital for five days. He had just got a friend's Fireblade repaired and with a new rear tyre, took it for a test ride - some 100 yards down the road. Turning round at about

20mph, the throttle did not cut down fast enough and the back wheel stepped out. Dave hit the road hard, resulting in fractured ribs, a dislocated shoulder, cuts and bruises. Apparently, his shoulder 'popped out' three times so he is now braced up having fortunately avoided an op. Needless to say, Dave is bored at home but getting better by the day. Amber is also back in hospital. We wish Carol, Dave and Amber speedy recoveries.

Finally, it's hard to imagine but it is a year since dearest Joe Sene passed away. A group of 18 or so of us held a memorial gathering at the Bungalow Diner in Colchester on 13th April. Over some 'knife and fork', we remembered him whilst reminiscing about Gold Winging times together in the UK and abroad. As it's just after Easter, here's a couple of memories of Joe on his travels.



Easter Bunny Joe

Roll on the sunshine and open roads...

Miss (Helen) Whiplash



Mountain Joe