

ticket. When it is called, you pick a prize but must open it in front of everyone. All the prizes this year had to come from a charity shop and cost no more than a fiver. When the next number is called and opened if it is not to your taste you can "steal" any other prize from those on display - and possibly have it stolen in turn by the next ticket holder. Bernie opened her mystery packet and discovered a bright pink mankini!! She tried it on as Bob refused to give us a display. One did wonder what sort of charity shop would sell such a garment!!!!!!!

What a lot to look forward to, so hope to see you during the season. Sent with love from the far-flung reaches of the East from an increasingly aged Rebel rider, Diane XXX



CAPITAL WINGS



Capital's post-Christmas bash started in a manner that was to carry on throughout the weekend.

Yetti warned the Cow & Oak pub near the Ardington Hotel in Worthing that there could be between 20-30 people on the Friday afternoon. They thanked him for the warning and set up an area just for us. Well, by 2.30pm we had half-filled the pub and over 40 well-behaved Wingers were starting the party early.

We all eventually got back to the hotel for the evening meal and a quiet catch up at the bar. Yeah right, as if the quiet bit would happen. It was Chloe's 18th birthday that day and after the meal, Chloe, DanI

and Gracie went out to meet up with more of her friends and go clubbing in Brighton.



Pub Gathering'

The oldies decided that the hotel bar was a bit more to their liking and continued with the drinks there. The last man/woman standing left the bar after 2am and now Nigel has his own minder after a little altercation in the hotel foyer. Ask yellow Bob all about it.

After breakfast, we all went our own way, wandering up the pier, into town or



Chloe Celebrating 18

along the Marine Parade. A few bars were frequented, not forgetting the additional stops for seaside ice cream and/or seafood.

The fancy dress theme for Saturday night was the 'Seaside' which incidentally will be the same theme for our June Wing Ding this year. As always, everyone had their own idea and interpretation of what a 'Seaside' fancy dress was. What a fantastic variation in costumes the 62 Wingers and friends from all over the country came up with. Costumes ranged from bathing beauties and lifeguards, to pirates, sailors and holiday makers including men in string vests with knotted hankies on their heads. It must have been a very hot January day for the many chaps to be wearing this gear. Some marine animals also appeared. Apart from captive penguins in zoos and aquariums, there are no wild penguins living in the UK. They live almost exclusively in the Southern Hemisphere so those partying must have swum like the clappers to reach Worthing.



Pirate Antics



Edwardian Bathing



Out for a Stroll



Seagull Swoop

After a delicious three-course meal, the Seaside Bucket & Spade Awards (complete with all sorts of creatures expertly made by the Taylor family) were handed out. Best Male and Female Fancy Dress went to David as a Victorian Bather and to Tara as a Jellyfish. Her homemade costume featured tentacles with LED stingers and very effective it was too.



Right : Jellyfish Winner

Left: Winner Dave



A Special Award for Bob (Minder) was presented - this being a miniature set of boxing gloves.

The raffle followed next - we had over 100 prizes kindly donated by all attending - so the first three numbers were called out for people to choose their own prizes. The rest of the winning prizes were drawn for people to check their tickets later on during the evening.

A spontaneous chorus of *What Do You Do With A Drunken Sailor* then *Oh I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside* started off the dancing and merriment for the rest of the evening. Again, the last man and woman standing was about 2am.



Picture Time



Five Penguins

As always these weekends are made great by good friendship with like-minded people, even though some don't own a Wing.

A massive thank you goes to the key people who made the weekend a success - Kerrie and Ginny. Well done to them.

Wonder where next year's party will be?

For this month's Report, my thanks go to Yetti for the words and to Buzz for the photos. Johnny and I were unable to join the party this time but we look forward to seeing penguins for real in their natural environment on our forthcoming holiday. You may be seeing more of them.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash