



CAPITAL WINGS



Great to see Bev, Dave and Rocky back in the country after their extended trip in Europe. We caught up with them at the June Mole Night when, for some reason, reminiscing about Italian Treffens gone by were one of the topics of conversation. Yetti also reported back on the Belgian Treffen and here are his words:

Unlike Belgium Treffens of old, it was hot and dry. We did the train to Calais and then a leisurely ride to the Treffen site near Antwerp.

Well it was until we saw a line of Wings parked up on the road and stopped to see what was wrong.

It seemed that Pete Fisher didn't like the lorry on the roundabout and gave it a kiss with his pannier. Thankfully, the rider was OK as the Wing stayed upright but the pannier had a bit of paint scraped off. Lucky day for Pete.



Shuttle Travel

The British contingent arrived on site about the same time so about ten GB bikes signed in together. Our old friend Rudi (now the Belgian Chairman) greeted us with "Wow! so many Brits together".

I said to him "Yes - I told them all that there is free beer at the Belgium Treffen." His face dropped and said "No! We cannot do that." Poor Rudi, he didn't realise that Yetti was having a joke.

Yetti reported that the weather was so hot that most people didn't go out on the self-guided runs. Instead it was a trip to the supermarket for him for a few beers and snacks to have around the tents.

It was a great weekend catching up with our European friends and especially winning the 1st place for GWOCGB. And to put the icing on the cake, Rudi announced that the Belgian Club had put a barrel of beer on for free.

So we got our free beer after all.



Stekene Campsite

If you have never travelled to a European Treffen, Yetti would say "Try one." Once you have done one, you will definitely have the bug to do more. He and Ginny, together with Capital friends, have attended well over one hundred Treffens across the years and have been to countries and places all over Europe that they would never have gone to on the Wing without the incentive of the GWEF calendar.

My congratulations on achieving first place in Belgium with 44 bikes - Capital Region was well represented so well done to Yetti & Ginny, Bev & Dave, Rocky, Nigel & Hilary, Bob & Dawn, Rob & Shaz, Martin &

Jayne, John & Julie, Mike & Doreen, Tony & Helen, Lesley, Bill and Taz for flying the flag.



2025 Winners

The good news as we go to press is that GWOCGB came first in Holland too and I suspect a lot of the above attended this Treffen. The Moles have certainly come out of hibernation.

Johnny and myself give our Plain Jane 1200 a run out when we have our Mole and Interim-Mole meetings up in Epping. The old girl was struggling after our 17 mile journey on the scenic route there but she had to be nursed home on the North Circular and A13 on the return trip. We asked advice from our trusty, super mechanic and off she went to be diagnosed. Yetti, the 1200 expert, as he had predicted, discovered a gunged-up slave cylinder in the clutch.



Man at Work



Clutch Slave Cylinder

He refurbished the cylinder and the lady now runs smoothly without a hiccup.

We visited the 'Bike Shed Motoshow' again in May at Tobacco Dock in east London. Lots of custom bikes for everyone to admire. The star attraction seemed to be Charley Boorman and Ewan McGregor. The former's Dakar bike was on show and other ones that they both owned. Johnny was in his element photography-wise and to excite you, here's a different version of a bike we used to own.



Customised CX650

That's all this month. Happy travelling and we hope you enjoyed the Capital Wing Ding 'Molewatch' in June. More on that event in the August issue.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash