



CAPITAL WINGS



Once again, Margaret excelled at producing a magnificent Afternoon Tea that wouldn't be out of place at Claridge's.

Gold Wing friends, dog walking friends, neighbours and family, including five of her seven grandchildren, gathered at her home on Saturday 6th September to support Margaret and raise lots of monies for Macmillan cancer support.

It was another warm, sunny day as we sat out in the garden eating our way through a selection of sandwiches, cakes, biscuits and scones with jam and cream, all washed down with cups of tea or coffee.

A choice of three finger sandwiches and then carrot cake, Victoria sponge, chocolate cake, fruit cake, pineapple and coconut slice, Bakewell tart and shortbread biscuits to name just a few. Scrummy and all delicious.



Marvellous Margaret



Sunny Drinks'

The party was themed around sunflowers - Joe's favourite flower - and he was not forgotten.

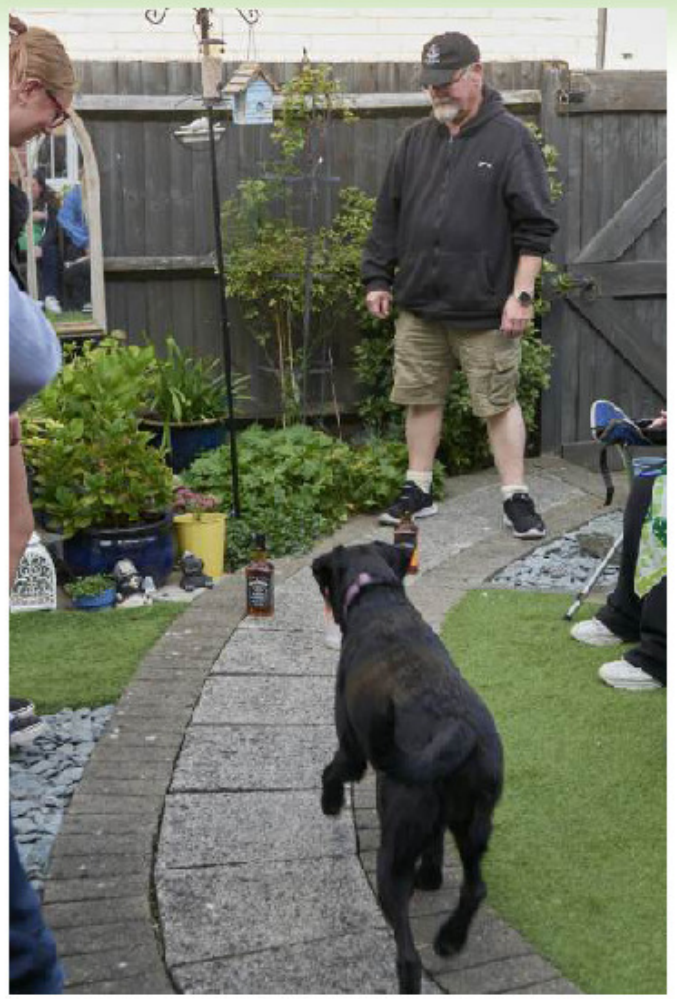
The 'throw one pound, win a bottle' game provided the entertainment after all the chatting.

There were three bottles as prizes this time, kindly donated by Nigel, Wayne and Ginny, and after many coins either landed on the lawn or in the shrubbery, Mick, Shirley and Dani were the victors. Mick won the bottle of Archers schnapps, and Shirley and Dani the Jack Daniels. Dani gamely donated her bottle back into an auction and Mick secured his second bottle. This one, he promised, would see the light at the Skegness non-Light Parade weekend.

Betty, Margaret's black Labrador, enjoyed the game too. She tried to catch the coins or sniff them out from the paving cracks. The coin toss game, alone, raised £141.



Mick claims his Prize



Betty chasing Coins'

Saturday was also Julie Green's birthday and after Mo had spent most of her birthday treat money on the coin throwing game, Margaret presented her with her own cake complete with candles.



Happy Birthday Julie

At the time of writing this report, Margaret had raised a grand total of £1,391 for her favourite charity. What a terrific sum of money. Well done to her and a big thanks to everyone present, and also to those who couldn't make the event but who sent in donations. You missed a treat.

Many of us braved the A1 and A1(M) to venture north to the British Treffen at Bishop Auckland over the August Bank Holiday. This was a very enjoyable weekend, exploring County Durham, Northumberland and Cumbria, and also visiting Beamish - The Living Museum of the North, on the run outs. Our thanks and congratulations go to Paul King and Alan Roulston for organising the very scenic rides and to all the marshals who quietly did a great job of directing us onto the correct roads when car drivers decided to join us. Can't they see at roundabouts that we are a big group of motorcyclists travelling together? Our thanks also go out to Paul Adams as Treffen Co-ordinator and his Team for all their hard work to organise the event.

The fancy dress theme this year was Goth/Steam Punk. A lot of people made the effort which was a good sign and here's a photo of Capital and friends to mark the occasion.



The Awards evening saw Phil Peskett win for being the oldest rider to attend the Treffen. I think he's won a few of these oldie trophies at Wing Dings so 2025 must be his year. Well done to him.



Phil wins Oldest Rider Award

And so, it's the end of summer and the end of touring on our Gold Wings but it's not the end of journeying for some of us. John and Julie Hall are leaving Capital and the country of their birth soon and emigrating to Australia to be with their family. They were presented with a lovely keepsake at the British Treffen, and it was an emotional time for them. They have attended Treffens over the last 15 years helping as tea lady (Julie that is) and meet and greet and anything else and have been

welcoming faces at European Treffens too, offering their help where needed. We at Capital, alongside many in GWOCGB, wish them every happiness in the future down under. We will miss them.



John and Julie Farewell Gift

Did you know that Big John has given his British t-shirt to Roger, the Norwegian chap who has just become a member of GWOCGB? As a result, in a strange way, until Roger changes the name on the shirt and John gets embroidered out, we'll still see John around.

We also send our best wishes to Dani as she continues her course at university and to Chloe who as a fresher is leaving home to study at Aberystwyth University. Wingnuts no longer.

And finally, I hear that Yetti has been helping Rocky with some bathroom renovations recently. If the bath is still on the recycling heap and he doesn't want to turn it into an alpine garden, here's an idea for Rocky, something Johnny and I saw at the Luxembourg Treffen.



Dutch Kitchen Sink and Bath'

More holiday news next month. Until then - how many days to Christmas?

Miss (Helen) Whiplash