



## CAPITAL WINGS



Capital's Christmas Get-together eventually happened on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the Toby Carvery at Crews Hill. Sadly, Daz and Sarah couldn't make it at the last minute so twenty-six of us gathered to eat our way through the selection of meats and fish. Our hosts were very accommodating considering the problems they had encountered with our original booking, and we were treated to a 'drink on the house' each. This was a nice starter.



**Natter, Natter, Natter**

Ginny and Yetti had organised little individual table treats for us and we all enjoyed opening a Secret Santa. Our thanks go to them for organising a terrific evening.



**Secret Santa**

There was a debate around who was the furthest travelled to join the party, but we should just say well done to Andy from Wales and Al and Kerrie from the south coast for making the effort and burning up the petrol, diesel or electric to join us.

Johnny set up a space in the pub to take a group photograph but certain people including the pub's staff decided on making a practical joke of it and upstaged the intended key photograph of us all. Here's a second-best photo to remember the occasion.



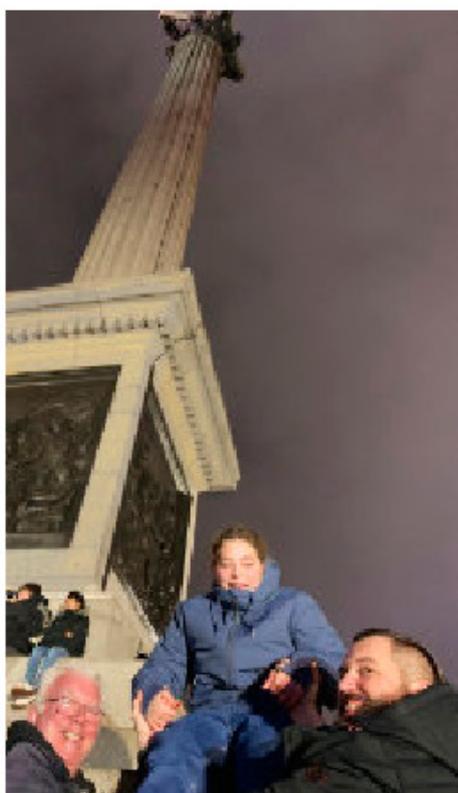
**Capital Christmas 2025**

It's always good when GWEF members come together to create happy memories.

Yetti, Ginny, Rob and Shaz met up with Belgian Wingers, who are also GWOCGB members, Fred, his wife Ellen and daughters Hanna and Femka along with Ellen's mum in London on 20<sup>th</sup> December. They love England especially London and the group ventured to Covent Garden, then off to Leicester Square to visit the M&M shop, sightseeing along the way.



Covent Garden



Trafalger Square

They had a meal together (moules?) and then a walk on to Trafalgar Square. No pigeons now apparently.

The Belgian girls went off to see The Lion King show while the remaining group kept Fred company in the pub. It was great to catch up with them all and they are definitely coming to the British Treffen this year.



### Drinkies Time

On Sunday our visitors enjoyed a bus tour with Rob and Shaz as well as seeing more London sights and lights.

Unfortunately, they had a very eventful journey home via Brussels on Eurostar.

It was a six-hour train ride or more accurately, seats on the train for six hours. An incident at Brussels had delayed the train and then it broke down at Lille.

The family missed the last bus from the station so a neighbour picked them up. Oh, the joys of public transport.

Maybe best to stick to riding the Wing Fred, but perhaps not in December.

It is amazing the friendships a Wing can make with people. See you all soon, our Belgian friends.



• Fred and Family on Holiday

We hope you all had a good Christmas and for us in London, Boxing Day was a very sunny, calm and relatively mild day, so some of us headed for The Ace Café to blow away the cobwebs.

Yetti, Ginny, Wayne, Ingrid and Dani, Alan and Johnny, and I enjoyed a cuppa and some food whilst admiring the variety of bikes parked up.

Alan had travelled a fair number of miles on his red Can-Am to join us, but towards the end of our conversation, he started to look bemused. Earlier, he had been sitting next to Wayne, but now he found himself sitting next to a character from a film, namely Obi-Wan Kenobi. Wayne was channeling his acting tendencies - was he Alec Guinness or Ewan McGregor? What do you think?



Here comes an 'Ace' Brunch



**Obi-Wayne-Kenobi**

That's all.

Don't forget

Valentine's Day on 14<sup>th</sup>

and pancakes on 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash