



## CAPITAL WINGS



It's been a quiet time, generally, what with illness and people venturing away on exotic holidays but thoughts are now getting into gear for our Treffen.

Yetti has kindly written the following to excite you about the Real Ale Bar.

Two months gone into 2026 and before you know it, it's our British Treffen. We have been asked to put a Real Ale Bar together again this year.

I have 12 sponsors for beers and ciders so that's about 700 pints to sup. We will need a bit of help setting up on the Monday and will need help running the Bar from when it opens until closing time at 11pm from Thursday to Sunday. Centre Wings are running it on Friday evening and I have a few members already willing to work some hours over the weekend.

I am writing this in early February and, as yet, have not got a local brewery near the site but have a few on my list to contact.

This Bar is sponsored by individual members as well as Regions and all the money taken goes to help towards the cost of running the Treffen. Over the years, the Bar has raised quite a bit of money and left a lot of people with wonderful hangovers.

It's good to get Regions and members together to run the Bar. People who have participated before say: "...It's great fun and you get to see and talk to so many GB members and our European friends." That's what a Treffen is all about - ...A meeting of friends".

Here's four photos from our archive of Real Ale Bar activities.



*Tapping the Kegs*



*Real Ale & Cider Bar  
2017*



*Cheers*



*Freddy's Pint*

So please let me know if a Region or member(s) want to help out over the weekend. Just drop me an email at [yetti@capitalwings.co.uk](mailto:yetti@capitalwings.co.uk).

Cheers all.

If you're a gardener, you'll be thinking about spring and summer planting and vegetables and if you're a member of the Royal Horticultural Society, you might have read the latest February issue. Us Moles are a feature in the article entitled 'Rare mole fortresses unearthed at RHS Garden Bridgewater (near Manchester)'. Apparently, these fortresses are made by both female and male moles and measure 1.6m wide. It is thought the structures are built for survival and by raising their nest above ground level, moles and their young are protected from cold and waterlogging. The fortresses also serve as larders. Apart from all the BBQs, moles eat about six big earthworms a day and bitten off bits of worm are stored in the walls of tunnels and fortresses. The article concludes with the comment: "Moles do so much good. They aerate soil and recycle nutrients and molehill earth can be used for sowing seeds or potting on." So now you know, if you didn't before!

Finally, some late breaking news as I'm finishing this report looking out at Les Dents du Midi in Switzerland and we're ready to go to press.



*Inspiring Mountain View*

There's sad news that Ted Temple died on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Our condolences and love go to Madeline and his family. The good news is that following heart surgery, Wayne made it home to celebrate his birthday on 7<sup>th</sup> February. He's now on the long road to recovery and we all wish him, Ingrid and Dani all the best. It has been a worrying few weeks. Onwards and upwards as they say.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash