

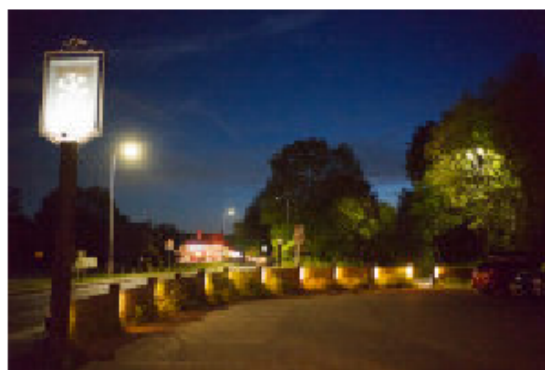


CAPITAL WINGS



Moles are now starting to take weekends away, whether at Wing Dings or Treffens, or having a few weeks off taking their summer holidays. Both the French and Dutch Treffens have been graced by Capital members: Yetti, Ginny and company have had their holiday at Lake Garda; Hilary, Nigel and company are doing the Polish, Slovenian, Austrian and German circuit of Treffens; and Johnny and myself are venturing to Scandinavia for the first time (apart from a cruise a few years ago in the Norwegian fjords) to explore it's four Treffens and in between Tours.

The result was that our June Mole Night was postponed until later in the month so that the car park could look a little happier with a few bikes and cars filling it up.



Empty Woodbine Car Park

So no news is good news and hopefully we'll have some happy and amusing stories to report on later.

Meanwhile, Johnny and I visited the Bike Shed Moto Show at Tobacco Dock, east London towards the end of May. The venue is a stone's throw from where we live so it was very easy to walk and wander around looking at bikes and clothing in the heat of the day without having biking leathers and boots on. Here's one custom bike that we admired.



Barrel Side Car

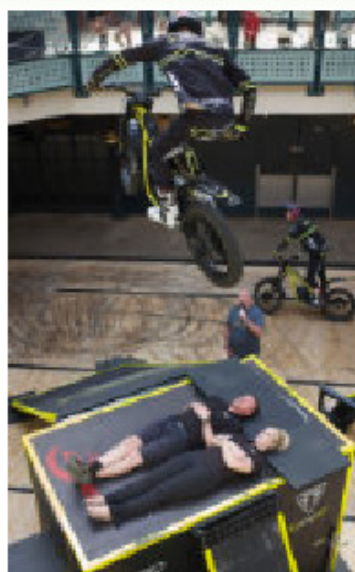
Special for this year was a Busted Knuckles Build Off (BKBO) competition showcasing the creativity and bespoke design using the Royal Enfield Shotgun 650 as a base motorcycle. Six Royal Enfield dealerships had been selected as BKBO finalists from more than 600 outlets across Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The final builds were revealed at the Moto Show, with a public vote and expert panel deciding the winner. Germany's Motorrad Blasing was revealed as the winner of the 2026 Royal Enfield Busted Knuckles Build Off with its *Shaan* custom Shotgun 650. The prize for the German dealer was an all-expenses-paid trip to Royal Enfield's Motoverse festival in Goa later this year.



Royal Enfield Shotgun 650



Winner - Motorrad Blasing



Stunt Display Team

Other entertainment included live music and the TXP Stunt Display Team - young lads on electric bikes doing daring things and a game couple who let the lads jump over them. Thankfully we didn't see any accidents.

The only other news this month is that I hear David and Lorraine recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in style, so congratulations to them and here's to the next 25.

Happy, safe riding out there everyone.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash