



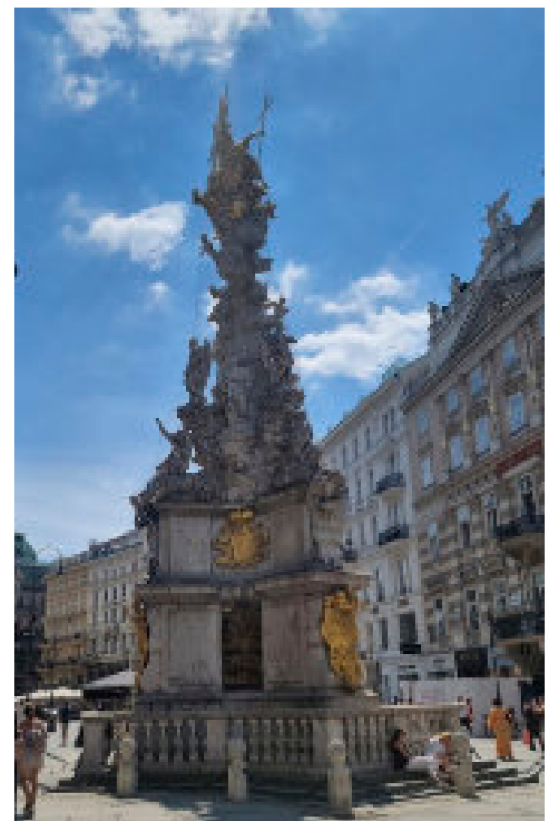
Hilary's travelogue continues this month as her group of merry Wingers ride from the Polish to the Slovenian Treffen via Vienna.

The journey to Vienna was very hot and plagued with road works. It took us most of the day due to hydration stops to do 306 miles (492km). We had booked a hotel in Vienna with an underground car park. This was a challenge for all the bikes/trike and combo as they were all pulling trailers and the parking places were extremely small. A shower, air-con and a cold beer later made the tiring day a distant memory.

The hotel was a tube ride away from Vienna city centre. In spite of the heat, we were able to enjoy the beautiful historic buildings and statues as well as the group favourite, the Hard Rock Cafe. Here's two we admired. The column of honour commemorates the Great Plague of Vienna in 1679.



*Vienna State Opera House*



*Plague Column on the Graben*

After a day or so rested, we were raring to get to our next Treffen site in Lacja (Linasi Resort) some 208 miles away (336km). This stunning resort was situated in the mountains of the scenic Savinja valley of Nazarje and was complete with plenty of hairpin, bendy roads to access it! The resort owner, Elena, was very welcoming and nothing was too much trouble.



*Camping in Linasi Resort*

With tents pitched, new Wingers arrived, and the field filled up quickly. Yet still stuffed into Nigel's pocket, along with a few mints and a till receipt, was another pesky little rubber duck. This was so random. Where had they appeared from?

It was now extremely hot and tragically we had to seek shelter on the hotel's veranda and drink beer to cool down! This, of course, gave us a chance to make friends with some of the international Wingers and compare travel stories.

We did manage to don our bike gear and visit Valenje beach. This huge man-made lake was understandably popular with the locals as the temperatures rose - a cool swim was most welcome. We also saw the beauty of the area and here is one example.



*Tiny Family Church*

The Treffen had a fun atmosphere from the start with plenty of music and the Slovenians were keen to get you up to dance and try some of their interesting home brews.



*Homemade Moonshine*

Helen (Perkins) took the hotel owner on the Parade of Nations to thank her for all her kindness. She absolutely loved it! The Awards presentations followed with the most bikes from Italy, 2nd was Poland, Bulgaria 3rd and GWOCGB 4th. We celebrated with a promotional photo for the resort.



*Promo Picture*

After melting in the tent all week, we decamped and treated ourselves to a nice air-con room in the resort.

Two Treffens down and more to come from Hilary, hopefully.

Jumping now from June to the end of August and the British Treffen in Abingdon. After all the heat of the summer, it was a mixed long weekend weather-wise and quite a few faces were missing. Nevertheless, it was good to socialise with friends not seen for a while and enjoy the full programme of activities, ride outs and food and drink.

Our thanks go to the whole Treffen Team and Club volunteers for their hard work and time they gave up to help organise the event.

The Real Ale Bar has become a feature of our Treffen and huge thanks go to Yetti for sampling and finally selecting the range of eight ales and five ciders that were sold from the back end of the main marquee.



*Real Ale Bar 2026*

Thanks also go to those people who sponsored a Vale Brewery ale or cider, so give yourselves a big pat on the back - Sandy, Keith Cross, Nigel & Bob, Peter & Wendy, Del & Lyn, Mark Phillips, Daz, Richard & Carol, Rocky, Yorkshire Wings, Border Wings, Sussex Wings and Centre Wings. Without their generosity, the Bar would not have happened. The token system for purchasing these drinks was different from previous years so the exact amount of money raised has not been announced at the time of writing this Report, but it was around £2,000. Well done everyone who enjoyed a pint or two.

Both men and women Bar tenders did not wear the apron you'd expect to see in a traditional drinking establishment. Always up for a little joke, Yetti and company decided to give us all a laugh when handing over our tokens. Here's Rocky, Mick and Yetti.



*Trio of Aprons*

Miss (Helen) Whiplash