

Capital Region

Crikey! It's October and our summer activities are already beginning to fade into the mists of time. It's a good job that WingSpan is here to remind you all of what we got up to.

Firstly, a well done from us to Paula and the British Treffen Team for a good weekend in and around Bristol. Once again, Capital organised the running of the Real Ale and Cider Bar and once again, it was hugely successful. People's favourite tippie seems to be turning towards cider as this was the drink that ran out first, second and third. For the record, it was Sussex Wings' Sussex Sunshine Bee Sting Perry that dried up, followed by Broadland Wings' Broadlands Bear Bits Rhubarb Bob and a close third, Rocky with Rocky's Sheep Sauce Rhubarb Bob. All beer and cider proceeds went back into Club funds but the Molettes were busy again selling snacks and cactus-looking gherkins for charity and raised just over £300 for Prostate Cancer UK. Everyone helped out in one way or another but special mention should go to Yetti, Colin and Barry for running the Bar, to Ingrid and Mark for the artwork and to Charles as the resident paramedic. Here's one of the bar tenders, Jo, in the midst of serving an eager customer.



1 Jo on Tap

Many of us entered into the spirit of the Wild, Wild West fancy dress competition. There were lots of cowboys, squaws and saloon ladies around. After battling through the cacti and tumbleweed to swap money for tokens, we were greeted by two Treffen helpers who happened to be glamorous saloon ladies, Annie and Lesley.



Get Your Gun and Stick 'em Up

Chloe was a joint Wingnut winner, whilst Big John and Julie won best couple. 2018 is John and Julie's 40th wedding anniversary year and they have been celebrating in style while on tour abroad. Here they are at the top of the Grossglockner alpine road, the highest, surfaced mountain pass road in Austria.



Ruby Wedding in Austria

Sunday at the Treffen was a fruitful one for Capital. Dani was awarded Wingnut of the Year



Wingnut of the Year

and Yetti & Ginny, Nigel & Hilary and Johnny & myself received a souvenir for attending four Treffens in the Supertour Awards 2017 season. Alex, Charles' son, was given his first black leather waistcoat by his Dad, so I guess he's a Minor Mole now.

Kerrie, Medium Al and Chloe hosted their annual Southern Moles BBQ in glorious weather at the beginning of August. They were perfect hosts - lots of food and chat, even swimming in the seaweedy sea at Littlehampton.



Littlehampton Dip

Later, the lads had to have their bit of fun and the now infamous Gold Wing Dummy Club, led by Pete Fisher, initiated Al into their group.



GWDC Initiation

Finally, congratulations go to Julie for reaching super smiley, sexy sixty in early September. She enjoyed a surprise cake and fizz get-together with the girls at the Treffen.



Congratulations Julie

We hope the actual birthday was terrific.

That's all for now folks.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash