



Capital and friends are hard at work, busy flexing their muscles in more ways than one, getting ready for two big forthcoming events.

The first is our annual Inter-Regional Bowling Competition between Capital, Broadlands, and Kent. The action will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 10am at Madison Heights entertainment center in Maldon, Essex. If you're in the area, please come along and cheer the brave teams. Capital have booked some gym sessions to develop muscles like Popeye so the opposition had better watch out! Good luck to everyone.

The second event is Capital's Wing Ding on  $23^{rd} - 25^{th}$  June. Hopefully you have already seen our poster 'The Greatest ShowMole', beautifully designed by Inks, in the 'Events Guide 2023' and on the Club website. The poster displays a QR code with more information about the weekend. We recognise that some people's phones are not able to scan these codes so the information is repeated below:

## Capital Wing Ding

Roll Up! Roll Up! If you haven't guessed, the theme of the Wing Ding is 'Circus' Site/Inscription opens from midday Friday Sorry no early camping/arrival. GWEF members £20 per person Non-GWEF £30 per person Day visitors £10 - no time limits. Breakfast served 8am - 10am Evening grub Friday 6pm - 8pm Evening grub Saturday 5pm - 7pm Possible Saturday afternoon grub. Night toilets in the Club House.

Showers will be worked on odd hours for men, even hours for girls.

We are working on a tightrope act for Friday evening. Just have to see how the winger doing it gets on with the training.
Quiet night on Friday (yeah, right) with DJ.
We hope to have some side shows on Saturday afternoon for fun and games. All BBQs to be off the ground.
No organised run out just yet but there may be one.
Saturday evening is Big Top Night. Come as a performer, a side show person or even just as one of the audience.
After the Wing Ding Awards presentations, there will be a live band to dance the night away to The Fabulous Feedback Band (<u>https://www.feedbackband.co.uk</u>).
As always there will be a grand raffle (donations most welcome). Don't miss out!

Bancroft Rugby Club is very close to the LEZ zone so if in a motorhome please be aware of this and take J26 on the M25. LEZ does not affect motorcycles.

If your Wing is not ULEZ compliant, don't go inside the North Circular (A406) or South Circular (A205) roads around London or you will get a fine.

There is no turn off for Loughton on the M11 southbound. For more information, phone Yetti on 07803917132. To pre-book motorhomes and caravans, phone Rocky on 07867971054.

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◀ The Circus
Is Coming To
Town.

▼Inside The Bigtop.

For those of you planning to support Capital at our Wing Ding, we have been contacted recently by Bancroft Rugby Club and informed that there will be a supplementary charge of £10 per motorhome or



caravan attending the event. This money, collected by the Club on arrival, will be paid to the local Council.

We have been in touch with the Council ourselves and have been liaising with Mrs Lora Polif (Head of Parks and Sports Clubs). She informed us that the charge was a way of controlling the surge in communities camping for free in the local parks and woodlands which was damaging the flora and fauna. She likened it to a "Circus out there."

This is just a one-off charge of £10. It applies only to motorhomes and caravans, not tents. We hope this matter does not put anyone off from rolling up to our event but we are walking a tightrope between the Council and the Club and our hands are tied. The Club Secretary, Ms Tillie

Thumbs, said: "We are sorry but at the moment it is a bit of a juggling act with this new charge."

If anything is bothering you about this surcharge and you wish to discuss it further, please email Yetti. yetti@capitalwings.co.uk.



▲ Bancroft Transformed

In a sign of the times, our March Mole Night meeting took on an interesting twist. Dani was celebrating her birthday on the day and after enjoying a holiday break away in Copenhagen, she was invited to pick the three winning raffle tickets. What a fluke! All three tickets had been bought by the Taylor family. Ingrid won 'Open The Box'. Its contents are usually linked to a specific event such as Easter or Halloween, but can also be chocolates, money or lottery tickets. This time, Inks won a packet of fresh plum tomatoes and one onion. Apparently, Tesco's shelves were empty of cucumbers so they were substituted with an onion instead.

Finally, Joe and Margaret have been poorly Moles of late so we send them our best wishes to get well very soon.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter and enjoy those chocolate eggs and Simnel cake.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash