

# COWPAT HILL



*Journal of the White Horse Kite Flyers*

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By the time the next issue is published  
The festive season will have come and  
gone as will the AGM and you should all  
be out there showing off your new  
presents. Therefore this is the last  
chance the Committee old and new will  
have to wish all our readers a

**Merry Christmas and  
A Happy New Year.**



As editor for the last six issues I should like to take this opportunity  
to thank all our regular and occasional contributors for your  
submissions. Without you this magazine would have died a long time  
ago. I look forward to submissions from new names.

2017 has been a challenging year in our hobby with increasing  
financial constraints and Health and Safety controls we have lost  
some more festivals but on the brighter side gained some more open  
events where the public can get involved with the kites and flyers.  
Let's hope that this may encourage some new blood to join us.

Also there are the changes from CAA to SERA regulations and we are  
very grateful to Jerry Swift of BKFA for his work in trying to interpret  
these.

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# Diary Dates

## October 2017

8<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle club fly-in (OSOW)

## November 2017

12<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle club fly-in

19<sup>th</sup> AGM

## December 2017

10<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle club fly-in

27<sup>th</sup> Christmas Pudding Fly Barbury Castle (confirmed)

## JANUARY 2018

14<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle club fly-in.

## FEBRUARY 2018

11<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle club fly-in.

## MARCH 2018

11<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle club fly-in.

## April 2018

8<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle club fly-in.

28-29<sup>th</sup> Jolly Up

Dead line for next issue 31st December 2017
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“Yeah he’s fine darlin’...I’ve tied the kite string to his wrist so he can watch it in the sky. Aaah, you should see his little face!”

## Club Workshop for 2018.

With Paul and Helene Morgan from Skybums.

The workshop is being held on the 3rd/4th February 2018 at St Joseph's College in Swindon.

The workshop will be Paul's kite the "TWIST", the colours of which you can choose yourself, I will let you know when colour selections are required.

The cost of the workshop will be £95, which as usual covers lunch on both days and free running tea/coffee, a £50 deposit is required, if you pay by BACS could you make it known it is for the workshop. As per normal a restaurant will be sorted out for the Saturday evening meal which the price of is not included in the workshop price.

If you are interested could you please let me know ASAP and I can sort out numbers.

You can either PM me or E mail me [donald.baggett@virginmedia.com](mailto:donald.baggett@virginmedia.com)  
Don



## FUN FLY 7

Was this the best one yet? From comments heard over the week end the answer is probably, YES. The rented marquee was an unmitigated success with plenty of space and no chance of drips where the tents joined. The cooker with oven meant that Kevin could produce an even better meal than usual with help from his dedicated team. It is a pity we couldn't get a rubbish disposal skip but we must thank everyone for co-operating with our request to take your own rubbish home.

Following the Saturday meal the opportunity was taken to make the formal presentation to Neil for his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. This had been done informally at his home on the actual day but this meant that more club members could be involved and see what had been given. Neil again expressed his gratitude and we look forward to seeing the glass engraving mounted and under-side lit as he plans.

This was followed by the auction that was very well supported and helps to cover the costs of the weekend. Our thanks to everyone for your generosity.

Even the weather seemed determined to help over the weekend with enough wind to put on a good display both days even if it was very difficult at ground level and sometimes unpredictable higher up. Some people even managed to do some night flying despite minimal lift.

We were visited by a number of local residents who were all very positive about the event and enjoyed watching it, some even brought kites and joined in. Proves that being well behaved and not disturbing residents has been worthwhile.

We were joined for a short while on both days by the site owner who said how much he liked the event and hoped we would continue in future years even if the planning application for houses on the site goes ahead there is still the area beyond the site we use and the edge of the Manor grounds.

So looks like we are all go for Fun Fly 8 in 2018. Probably 29/30 September.



A FEW PICTURES  
FROM VARIOUS  
PEOPLE.



# Kevin's recipes

Well hello everyone, as you read this the Fun Fly will be over and the night's drawing in for another year, I'd like to thank everyone for attending and especially those who helped at the Fun Fly it's very much appreciated.

I hope you all enjoyed the Saturday evening meal? I thought I'd let you have the recipe for the Pulled Pork so if you choose you can recreate it for yourselves

Pulled Pork –

Dry rub –

- *Smoked Paprika; Garlic Powder; Brown Sugar; Salt*
- *Black pepper; Mustard powder; Chilli powder; Cumin*

Mix all the ingredients together and rub over whatever piece of pork you are cooking

Leave to marinade over night

Place in a Tin Foil baking tray (saves washing up 😊) add a pint of good quality cider and slow cook at 180C for 4 hours or until pull apart tender.

Belly Pork –

- *Vegetable oil; Crushed peppercorns; Honey*
- *Lemon zest; Ground cumin; Chilli flakes; Onions*

Using a sharp knife score the skin side into a squared pattern

Brush with oil and sprinkle with salt

Place in a tin foil baking tray on a base of thickly sliced onions

Roast for 2 ½ hours

Mix the honey, cumin, peppercorns and lemon zest together, brush onto the skin side of the Belly Pork

Roast for another 45 mins until golden and bubbly

Enjoy 😊

Hope theses will warm you up during the colder winter months ahead.





From The Mailonline 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

## KITES: Razor sharp cords used by 'kite fighters' in mid-air duels are getting snagged on low-flying aircraft

- **At least two accidents reported over the past year in UK in Kent and Lancashire**
- **Kites flown well above legal altitude limit of 197ft in deadly sport of 'kite fighting'**
- **Competitors try to cut down their opponents' kites with lethal glass-coated lines**
- **Immigration from Pakistan and Afghanistan is thought to have driven sport's rise**

Pilots have had to contend with the likes of drones and laser pens in recent years, but they now face a new menace in the skies - in the form of kites.

Razor sharp cords used by 'kite fighters' in mid-air duels are getting snagged on low-flying aircraft, with at least two accidents reported over the past year in Britain.

Kites are being flown well above the legal altitude limit of 197ft, with one cord in Kent becoming wrapped around a helicopter carrying four people at up to 1,500ft.

Another incident saw a kite collide with a light aircraft at 720ft over Morecambe Bay in Lancashire - damaging the plane's left wing, according to [The Times](#).

The deadly sport of 'kite fighting' sees competitors try to cut down their opponents' kites - typically flying at five times the legal limit - using lethal glass-coated lines.

The contests have been fatal in Asia, and immigration from countries including Pakistan and Afghanistan is believed to have driven the rise in UK kite fighting. The Civil Aviation Authority is now writing to kite clubs to warn them about the danger of flying high kites, which is a major aspect of the competitions.

The Department for Transport was asked in a recent parliamentary question how it was trying to 'monitor and control kite-fighting contests' Transport minister John Hayes said: 'The CAA intends shortly to commence an email campaign directed at UK kite associations, organisations and clubs with information on the existing regulations relating to kite flying and the CAA permissions process.'

Jerry Swift from the British Kite Flying Association said the danger is posed by the flying line which is coated in a fine abrasive to make it sharp.

And Jon Bloom from the Kite Society said the contests have 'only recently become more prevalent through the Middle East immigrants'.

A CAA spokesman told MailOnline today: 'Anyone looking to fly a kite at significant heights in the UK should ensure that they comply with important safety rules.

'These rules are in place to ensure their safety and that of any aircraft flying in the vicinity.'

He said the key points in the rules include that anyone flying a kite at heights greater than 197ft (60m) above the surface requires permission from the CAA's Airspace Regulation section.

They also state that the kite string or cable needs to be clearly visible through the use of lighting, markers or streamers.

A British Airline Pilots Association spokesman told MailOnline: 'Many people use our skies for business or pleasure but all users have a responsibility to ensure they not only follow the rules but also make sure the safety of other airspace users, and those on the ground, is their top priority.'

The incident in Kent in February involved a twin-engine Bell 206 helicopter flying along the coast near Sandwich.

The pilot said: 'I saw a kite close to me and took avoiding action. I thought it had become untethered. When I landed, I discovered the damage to the rotors, windscreen and tail fin. The marks to the top of the fin showed that if it had made contact inches lower, it would have hit the tail rotor. That would have put me in trouble, as loss of tail-rotor control is a serious emergency in a helicopter.

## Height restrictions

From the preceding article you can see that height restrictions are going to become more of an issue. The laws on this are seldom published anywhere the general public would notice them. It is therefore down to us as responsible kite flyers to make people aware of this and if we see any one contravening the laws to inform them.

The regulations form part of CAP393 and are set out below. These have now become part of “The Standard European Rules of the Air” (SERA). These regulations apply to kites weighing less than 2kg. BKFA are seeking clarification of regulations for those over this weight. For flying at night, kites weighing less than 2kg and below 60m lights are not required. For above 60m go to our resources web page. An outline of the new regulations by the BKFA can be found on our web site at: - <http://www.whkf.org.uk/BKFA/Airnav2016.docx>. Who knows where we will stand with Brexit.

### ***164 Gliders, Kites and parascending parachutes***

*(1) This article applies to Gliders, Kites and parascending parachutes*

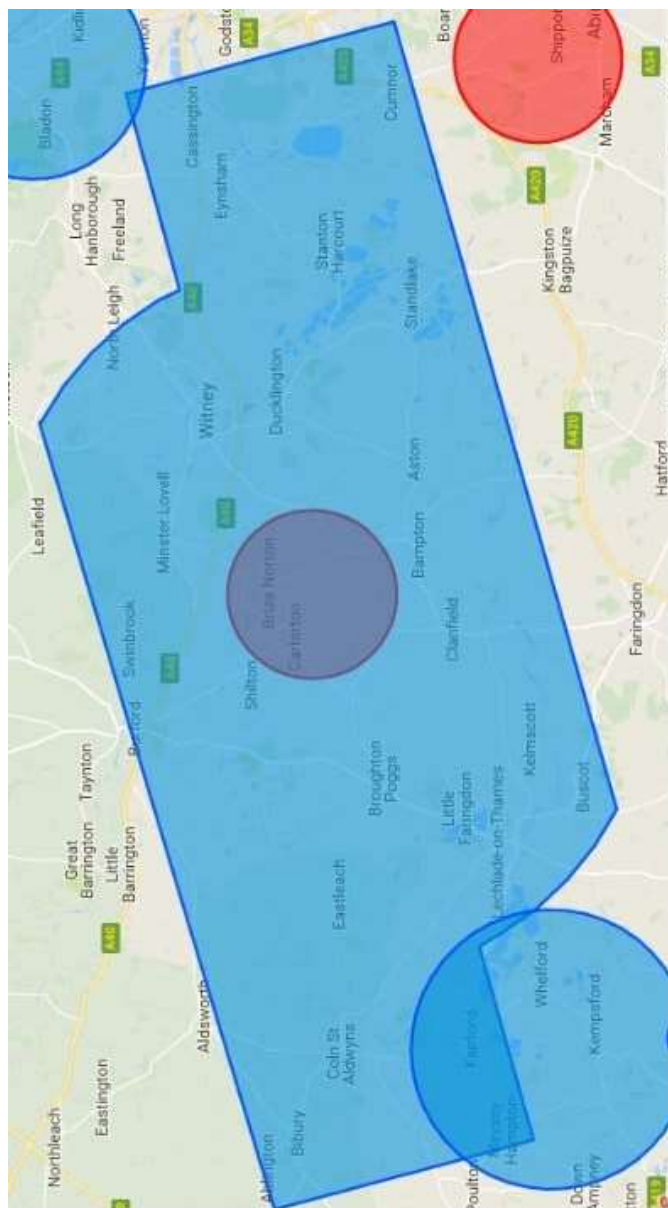
*(2) Except with permission from the CAA*

*(b) a kite must not be flown at a height of more than 30 meters above ground level within the aerodrome traffic zone of a notified aerodrome during the notified operating hours of that aerodrome;*

*(c) a kite must not be flown at a height of more than 60 metres above ground level;*

From this it can be seen that the popular misconception about flying within distances of airport perimeter, centre or runway do not apply. A good way to find out is by going to a web site such as :-

<http://www.noflydrones.co.uk/> and check your area. A copy covering our most popular areas is shown on the next page.



Controlled Airspace,  
Aerodromes and Airports

Danger Areas and  
HIRTA's

## Sky Chat

Here we are again coming up to the end of the season and although I am writing this before the "Fun Fly"(which you will read about in this issue) hoping for fine weather with some nice steady winds and plenty of good company, brilliant food and plenty of chatting with one and all.

The weather has not always been the best but we have had a few good days flying. A couple of good Sundays at Barbury, Minchinhampton Common was dry but poor winds and at Ducklington with our spot in the main arena we were very lucky with the winds and missed the rains and managed to put on a very good display. We also managed to get our chairman nearly lost for words during his informative commentary, seldom do you get a salesman in that position. We also managed not to fly too high to upset RAF Brize Norton this year, in fact the air traffic controller that complained last year came along and said how nice the kites were. It must be a bit of a shock coming in to land at Brize and see a large piece of material floating in the sky just in front of you especially if you are new to the airfield as was the case last year. The organisers hope to see us all again next year. From reports by other members from around the festivals, most have had a reasonable time and enjoyed flying their wares.

Once again we are coming up to the AGM and we must endeavour to try and bring new blood on to the committee, some of us are getting or got too long in tooth and cannot do as much as we would like to with and for the Club. It is not just our kite club that this occurs, most clubs get this problem during their lifespan. What we must do is to make sure that we do not get into the position that it is impossible for the committee to keep the club viable. So please if you can help, come forward to assist on the committee. It is not that arduous and the committee meetings are not that often and we try to arrange them to coincide with Babury fly-in days. So if you can please come forward.

Finally some members have not been in the best of health recently, to them I send my good wishes and hope that they are on the road to recovery very soon. See you all at the **AGM**.

**Neil.**

## ROBINSON'S RAMBLE

Those of you who have been to Barbury Castle in the past year or so, will be well aware of the state of the field, the grass has not been cut for ages and the thistles have taken over in some areas. This has been due to the guy who has been renting the field from the council for the last several years. The local authority gave him notice to quit in 2015, due to badly managing the site; the due date came along and he didn't leave, instead he put a ram amongst the sheep that were grazing in the field, consequently some of the sheep became pregnant, apparently a tenant can't be evicted when their livestock are pregnant. The council tried to enforce it in court but he got a reprieve until the following year, this caused them a problem because they had to keep an eye on his activities to ensure that he didn't do the same again the following year. I don't know if he did or not, but his sheep were still there in the early spring and nothing had been done with the grass. I spoke to the council again to ask what was happening and to report that the new gates, that had been fitted to replace the stiles, had been chained and locked. Apparently they were already aware that he had chained them and had to go back to court to get him to take the chains off, if he didn't, they had got permission to cut them off. The gates were eventually unlocked but the state of the grass was just the same. I tried several times to get in touch with my contact at the council with no avail, so Janet phoned several different numbers for the local parks department and struck lucky, she managed to get through to my original contact. I then phoned him the following day to ask what was going on, apparently they had got the original tenant off, (with great difficulty) and had got a new tenant on the site who rents other parts of the councils land. He has been tasked with getting the grass on the site back in good order and to keep the thistle down; the guy at the council asked us to be patient and hopefully the state of the land will eventually be much better, I will keep you updated.

The Club's next workshop will be held at St. Joseph's College, Swindon, Don Baggett is organising it and I guess all of you that are interested in doing the workshop, which will feature a kite designed by Paul & Helene Morgan, will be aware of it via Facebook. Please support it and the raffle that helps funds it. We will book the Indian Restaurant that we used last year, it seemed to be enjoyed by everyone.

St. Joseph's is also the venue of this year's AGM on Sunday 19th November, this is where it was last year. Kevin will be doing the buffet lunch. Please

support the Raffle, it helps to pay for the hire of the venue and the lunches, please remember that St. Joseph's is a smoke and alcohol free School, this is on the complete site.

I know that Arthur always struggles for articles for this magazine, so this is a personal plea from me. Please try and do some kind of article, it doesn't work matter what you send to him, it could be a recipe, kite plan, your favourite knots for kite flying, pictures etc, I can't promise that what you submit will be used, that's Arthur's decision, however I do know he will be grateful.

Autumn is here, mind you it seemed to start early, I hate admitting this but we put our heating on, one evening in August, that's a first in many a year! What it does mean though is that we are on the run in for Christmas, then we will soon be into the New Year and being 2018 it will be a Dieppe year, if you are going you'll need to register, I will be doing the Club list again, if you want to be included on it you will need to let me know, however, I will not be compiling it until about February, so please don't contact me until that time.

Regards David

Dieppe 2016



## Bognor Regis Kite Festival

August was already upon us and the end of summer looming. Feeling the need to go to another kite festival before I missed them all, I scanned through kitecalendar to match up somewhere that wasn't too far away and on a weekend which didn't clash with anything else. August bank holiday weekend and the third Bognor Regis kite festival proved to be in alignment with my free time, so I contacted organiser Dave Mitchell to see if camping was available. It was, and so early on the Saturday morning I headed for Sussex with a car full of kites & camping gear.

Arriving at around 7.30, I had a quick coffee and saw that there was already some activity on site, so made contact with a sleepy Dave and got directed to a pitch on the far side of the field. It had a great view of the arena, until the bouncy castle was inflated and blocked it. You can't have everything.

The festival has no organised displays, just find what space you can and fly. Nice and relaxed. The wind was very light to start with, and the venue West Park has a surrounding of trees which proved challenging in the conditions. After trying a couple of kites without much success, I decided to stroll down to the beach which is adjacent to the park, and found a nice steady breeze blowing in from the sea. I went back to the tent and fetched my 9m octopus which flew beautifully in the clean wind, and stayed there for an hour or two. I was told it was visible from the pier at the other end of town so hopefully it attracted a few punters along to see what was going on. Going back for lunch, conditions had improved in the main arena and some of the larger inflatables were in the air along with some smaller kites. The live music which is a feature of the weekend had also begun, and there were also many stalls so something for everyone.



Sunday saw very light winds but a few kites made it into the air. The beach wasn't an option as the wind had moved through 180 degrees and there was nothing there (although I did have a paddle as the tide was out and some sand to walk on).

Back in the park I tried a couple of kites without success, then remembered a delta I made years ago which was in the kite bag. Once above the tree line it flew beautifully and I had a relaxing time lying in the sun watching it and the few others which made it in the air.

Sunday evening saw the illuminated procession from West Park through the town to the pier. This consisted of a large number of floats and vehicles variously lit up which was very entertaining. The kite festival was invited to take part, and a number of LED Deltas, banners and other kites were hurriedly put together. I only had a head torch but tagged along for the experience anyway! The kite festival brought up the rear of the procession behind the pantomime float with widow Twankey and the Wonder Girls Pom-Pom troupe (not as exciting as it sounds).

As darkness fell we wound our way through streets lined with what seemed like the entire population of Sussex, to resounding cheers (mainly from Alan Pinnock). We arrived at the pier just in time for the firework display which was a nice bonus.

The winds were light again on the Monday, but enough on the beach to fly the octopus again, where I met a persistent Polish man who wanted to buy it, then asked me to make one for him! I declined the offer. After lunch, with the wind still very light I decided to pack up and head home to beat the bank holiday traffic. All in all a very enjoyable weekend put together by the Bognor team and although the wind could have been better the sunshine was perfect. I will definitely be back!

Dave Cross

## Interesting new event.

We were contacted a few months back by a lady who was wanting to run a kite event to raise money for her school and was looking for help from someone who knew something about kites. A few people responded but she took an age to reply so we were not hopeful. Gradually things did start to come together and she acted on advice about CAA clearance and facilities.

So not sure what we were letting ourselves in for some members of WHKF and other clubs headed for Middle Down near Tisbury. When we got up the very steep twisty lane and the muddy track to the site we were amazed. A large open grassy hill top with panoramic views of Wiltshire.

The field was laid out with a lot of room for flyers separated from car parking but un-fenced so that the public could come and interact with the flyers and see what kite flying is about. There were the usual Porta-loos, a coffee vendor, small bar, pork roast and pizza van (so popular they ran out). This is where the WHKF workshop set up next to James Hartley's kite stall.

As we got near to site the hill tops were shrouded in low cloud but fortunately there was a little wind and this picked up during the day to be good for flying. Unfortunately the direction meant that flyers had to go to the far side of the site which meant facilities were a long walk.

For a first event there was a good turnout of flyers who put on a great display and I had a lot of fun parachuting teddies. I would think that the site is probably not good for team flying displays and an arena would detract from the open feeling of the event. They are planning to repeat the event and are looking at dates for next year.

I wish them good luck and hope to be there.

Arthur

## **WHKF AGM AGENDA 19/11/17**

**1) WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**2) APOLOGIES**

**3) MINUTES OF LAST YEARS MEETING**

**4) MATTERS ARISING**

**5) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**6) HON. SEC'S REPORT**

**7) HON.TREASURER'S REPORT**

**8) MAGAZINE AND WEB SITE**

**9) FUN FLY AND WORKSHOP**

**A BUFFET LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.  
DON'T FORGET THE RAFFLE, WE NEED DONATIONS FOR IT. IT PAYS FOR  
THE COST OF THE ROOM AND BUFFETT.**

**David Robinson**

## White Horse Kite Flyers Code of Practice

**Always** fly safely

**Always** be considerate to others using the same area be it noise or physical intrusion into their space.

**Always** fly legally taking in to account all National, Local and CAA restrictions.

**Never** fly at a height of more than 60m above ground level, in the UK unless a CAA clearance is in force. (as at festivals) IF YOU DON'T KNOW.....ASK.

**Never** fly a kite in wet or stormy weather. Always try and keep you line dry.

**Never** fly near power lines, transmission towers or aerals.

**Never** fly near airfields.

**Never** fly a kite with anything metallic in the line.

**Always** when tethering a kite ensure that the ground anchor is suitable (see BKFA report 6 June 06).

**Always** use a brake line when flying large kites.

**Always** wear good quality gloves when flying large powerful kites.

**Always** give priority to domestic animals particularly if they are showing signs of distress.

**Always** clear up after yourself, especially lines, tails and bits of plastic that could trap, choke or injure domestic animals.

**Never** fly near kite-eating trees.

**Note the use of traction kiting at Barbury Castle is forbidden by law.**

*Finally remember.....your kites can get really quite lonely up high in the sky; just occasionally, look up and give them a SMILE. It will make you feel better too.*

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