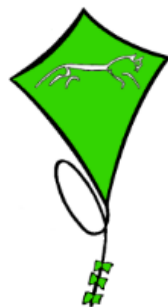


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Journal of the White Horse Kite Flyers

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As our flying season draws to a close let us remember that 2020 brings two big anniversaries for The Club. Firstly we will have been in existence for 30 years and secondly it will be Fun Fly 10. So what should we do to mark these events? New pin, patch, feather, T shirt, editor? It's time to get thinking caps on and give us some ideas. It is your club and your ideas should count and not just rely on the committee who have been there too long to come up with something new. If you have an idea but not the graphic skills let us have your thoughts and we will see if we can find someone to put them in to practice.

As usual with this issue it seems very early but the next one will be in a new year so the editor and committee would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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Diary Dates

October 2019

13th Barbury Castle club fly-in; OSOW; (new magazine)

November 2019

10th Barbury Castle club fly-in

17th WHKF AGM (and Janet's birthday)

12noon in St Joseph's College

December 2019

10th Barbury Castle club fly-in

27th Barbury Castle Christmas Pudding Fly

January 2020

12th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

February 2020

8-9th Ciquare workshop with Alicja Szalska

9th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

April 2020

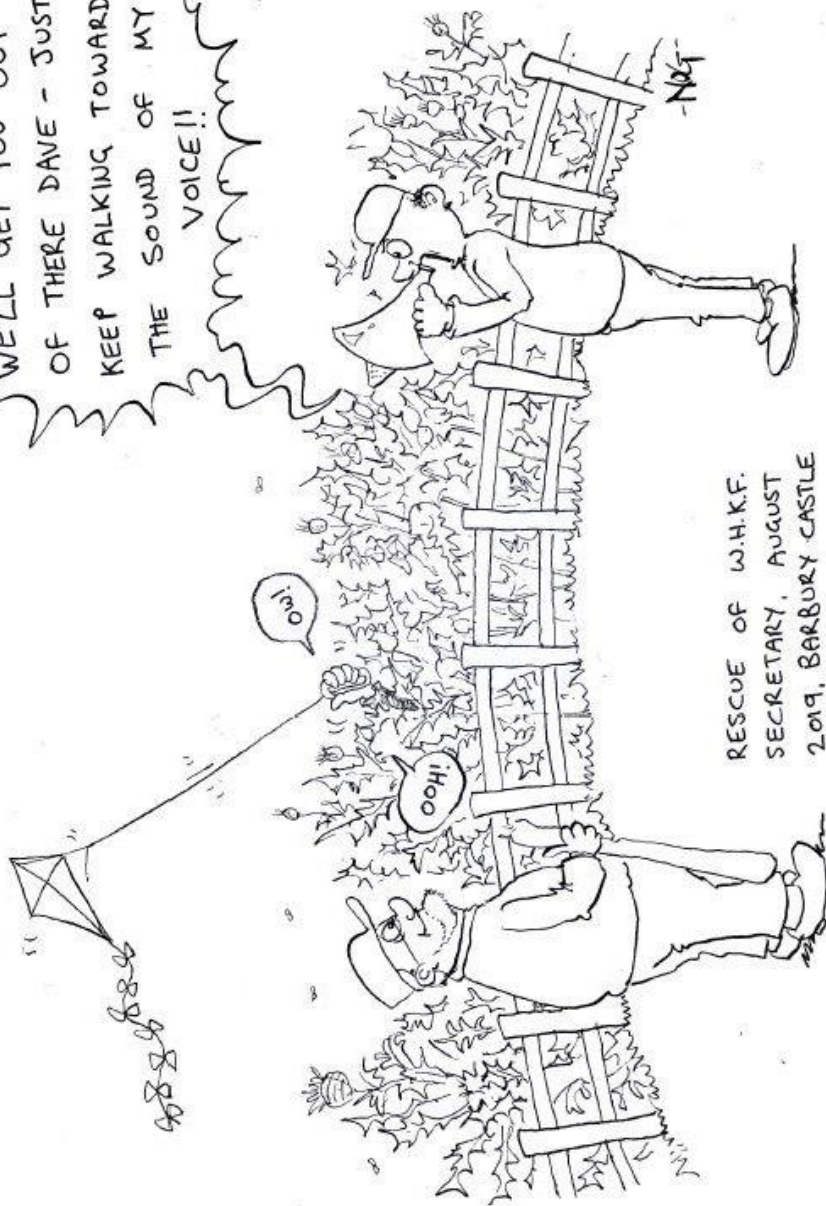
25-26th Jolly Up 26

May 2020

8-10th Broad Haven.

Dead line for next issue 29 th December 2019

WE'LL GET YOU OUT
OF THERE DAVE - JUST
KEEP WALKING TOWARDS
THE SOUND OF MY
VOICE!!



RESCUE OF W.H.K.F.
SECRETARY, AUGUST
2019, BARBURY CASTLE

Skychat

Arthur has asked me to do a short “Skychat” this issue as for a change he has plenty to go in this issue. So doing as I am told, I must thank everybody who help to run The Fun Fly this year, with the weather doing its best to ruin the week-end. I also must thank everybody that came up to me and asked how I was after my illnesses last year. Thank you. I also must pass comment on the death of one of the early members of the Club, Doug Jones. He had not been well for some time but it still comes as a shock on his death. More comments have been made elsewhere in this issue.

Neil.

Fun Fly as seen from the kitchen

Well that’s another Fun Fly done & dusted.

The weekend started on the Friday with set up day, the main marquee was ready for us when we arrived at 9am, and all we had to do was set up the kitchen tent, that’s enough of a challenge in its self with several members suffering with health issues which slightly incapacitate them. The rain held off as we erected the pop up, but as we were trying to add the sides the heavens opened. Thanks to some on the spot engineering and a few very helpful campers we soon had a make shift gutter between the pop up & the marquee, so no getting a free shower when entering or exiting the marquee.

David & I then went to buy the shopping & beer before returning to the site. The cooker & fridge arrived mid-afternoon, and that’s it all set ready for whatever the weekend may throw at us.

The Saturday started damp but not wet, breakfast was as lively as always, especially when the kitchen team was up to full speed by 8am. With breakfast well under way, prep for lunch starts, stuffing burgers with cheese, Helen had the task of peeling Pistachios and crushing them for the crust of the baked Goats cheese for the vegetarian main course. (You can imagine the chatter with that) I’m not sure how but we were ready for lunch about 12.30.

The usual rush to feed the masses follows with lots of banter from all, even if the weather had other plans, with several showers throughout the day.

Dinner this year was slow roasted Belly Pork, with sauté potatoes and mixed veg, the prep went well we salted the pork, left it for 45 minutes rubbed it dry then into a hot oven for 3 hours & forget about it.

Helen was not keen on prepping the Broccoli as apparently it's full of bugs that will crawl out of it (you'll be pleased to know none did). Helen then quartered the baby potatoes ready for roasting in oil with fresh Rosemary

The service was as crazy as ever, the queue watching as I sliced the crispy Pork, the hot & scented potatoes were dished up & veg served.

Pudding was Apple strudel & custard that went down a treat, then just the washing up to be done, you'll be surprised to find how much washing up is involved in the prep & serving of a dinner in the middle of a field, but one of my team is invaluable and got stuck in all day with that task, Carol I cannot thank you enough for what you bring to our kitchen team.

After the clear up is done the auction was well under way, & after that I won't lie the team were completely knackered & headed to bed.

The Sunday is a slightly more relaxed affair, we serve breakfast an hour later than on the Saturday, even then only one or two were up & about that early, we carry on serving a brunch style food service until about 1 pm we then start clearing the site, which needs as many helpers as possible, thankfully this year we did have some (it makes all the difference)

By about 3.30 pm we had cleared the site & people start heading home, some were staying until Monday which is nice but most of us have work on the Monday so no option there.

Well that's our take on this year's Fun Fly, no doubt I'll see you around at some point, or at the AGM in November

Kevin le chef

Robinson's Ramble



Sad to hear that Doug Jones had passed away, he had been in Hospital for about nine weeks. Janet and I visited him a couple of times whilst he was in Hospital, on the second visit we took Neil Harvey with us, unfortunately because he was on a lot of drugs, when we got there he was fast asleep so Neil didn't get to speak to him, although Neil said he had spoken to him two or three times on the phone.

Janet and I first met Doug in a park in Oxford, about 30 years ago, he had travelled there with Martin Croxton to a small kite event. This was one of the very many events that Martin used to give him a lift to. Doug was a professional photographer, he was trained in photography in the RAF. He photographed lots of things there, like passing out parades, plane crashes etc. When he left the RAF Doug started another career as an employment officer, where he worked until he retired. Doug had a fund of knowledge on lots of subjects especially trains and buses, particularly London buses, if you needed to get to anywhere in London by bus he could tell which number bus to catch. When our American friends came over for our Kite events, Doug used to give them a tour of the sites of London by bus & walking.



Some more sad news, Anne Huston passed away in July. Ann was the Wife of Sam Huston, (deceased) Sam & Anne came to Swindon about twenty years ago, to do the first workshop that the Club staged, the kite that Sam taught was a non-sew kite, all put together with a very strong double sided sticky tape. The workshop took place at Headlands School, Swindon. The School is not there anymore, it now has about 150 houses built on it. This started us down the road to doing regular workshops, which still continues to this day. Here is an extract from her Obituary, written by her friends Cliff & Gerry Purnell :

Anne was a wonderful LADY! She was a wife, mother, Nana, friend, neighbor, volunteer, organizer, traveler, sewer, knitter, kitemaker, kite flyer, reader, thrift shopper, puzzle worker....to name a few. She was fun to be with whether it was doing kiting things, traveling, or just being together.

On a happier note, we travelled to the Middle Down kite event on Sunday September 15th. This was the second event, the first was two years ago. The weather on the day was great, plenty of wind to fly, plus it was a lovely sunny day which brought out loads of people, most of them brought their Children which enabled us to make 90 kites in our workshop. It was also nice to make kites with very polite people and their children. We really enjoyed the cakes made by Janet Elvin. All in all it was a great day, not only thoroughly enjoyed by all of the Club members who travelled there but equally enjoyed by the people who attended. When the Festival ended it was great to have so many people come and thank us for all the kites we had made & how much they had enjoyed the kite displays.



‘A Kite’s Tale’ First Look: New Disney Short Combines Hand-Drawn Animation and VR Technology

Posted on Monday, July 15th, 2019 by [Hoai-Tran Bui](#)



The sky is the limit for Disney when it comes to experimenting with animation styles and new technology in their short films. The company is set to release their second-ever Disney VR short, titled “A Kite’s Tale”, which will make its world debut at this year’s SIGGRAPH, the annual conference on computer graphics. Get the first look at a kite’s tale below.

Our second VR short, "A Kite’s Tale," will make its world debut at [@SIGGRAPH 2019](#)! This experimental short film, directed by Bruce Wright, combines hand-drawn animation and the latest VR technology to tell a whimsical tale of two kites.

Bruce Wright directs Disney’s second VR short, “A Kite’s Tale”, which combines hand-drawn animation and cutting edge VR technology to tell “a whimsical tale of two kites: a playful puppy (with a wagging tail) and a pompous dragon who clash, tangle, and ultimately must learn to live with one another subject to the winds of fate,” according to [Yahoo](#). The title is obviously a play of A Knight’s Tale, though I’m sure the story will be different from both Geoffrey Chaucer’s Canterbury Tale and the 2001 action film.

Wright is an effects animator at Walt Disney Animation Studios who has worked on films such as Tangled, Wreck-It Ralph, and most recently, Frozen 2. A Kite’s Tale, which was created within Disney Animation’s innovative Short Circuit program that gives filmmakers the opportunity to direct their short film idea through blind submission, will be his directorial debut. The program has

produced 20 short films so far, with “A Kite’s Tale” being the second VR film following Jeff Gipson’s Cycles, which debuted at SIGGRAPH 2018.

Wright posted a picture of the crew hats for “A Kite’s Tale”, which are adorned with images of the kites from the film.

Crew hat for “A Kite’s Tale”. Everyone on the crew got one.



The director also said in a statement (via Yahoo):

“I’m thrilled that ‘A Kite’s Tale’ is premiering at SIGGRAPH 2019’s VR Theatre. Virtual reality has the ability to bring us into new worlds of story, and touch the hearts of the audience in never before dreamt of ways. It’s an honour to showcase our film at SIGGRAPH for the innovators and artists who are shaping the future of this medium.”

It’s exciting to see Disney embrace hand-drawn animation again, even if it’s through an experimental short film program. I hope that as new animators like Wright rise through the ranks of Disney, we can see not only experimentation with new technologies, but a melding of the old and new like with” A Kite’s Tale”.

WHKF WORKSHOP. 8-9 February 2020
St. Joseph's College, Swindon



This workshop will be the Ciquare and will be run by Alicja Szalska from Poland.

The kite size is:

Sail: 70 x 70 cm

Tail: 56 x 385 cm

The kit includes all parts needed for the kite and tail, as well as for the kite and tail bags + full size printed templates.

There are various designs of sail that will be published as soon as we have details and colour combinations may be chosen from the colour chart that can be found on the Facebook event page.

The cost of the workshop will be £130 and we need a minimum of 12 participants but would prefer up to 15. This will include all the usual WHKF hospitality during the two days.

To book a deposit of £65 is required. Please contact:-

treasurer@whkf.org.uk

for bank details or phone number if you wish to pay by card. We are sorry about the additional steps but due to GDPR restrictions we cannot publish these details.

Alicja requires details of your colour combinations by the end of OCTOBER so please go to the event page and make your choices.

WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS AGM 2019
Proposed Agenda

At St. Joseph's College, Swindon.
Sunday 17th November
12pm for 12:30pm start

1. Welcome to members from the President
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2018 AGM
4. Matters arising
5. Chairman's report
6. Hon. Sec's. report
7. Web & magazine report
8. Hon Treasurer's report and Accountant
9. Election of officers
10. WHKF Fun Fly 2020
11. Other events?
12. Insurance

Close of meeting by the President

A buffet lunch will be served at a convenient time

THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

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.

WHKF. meet at Barbury Castle country Park on the second Sunday of each month.

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