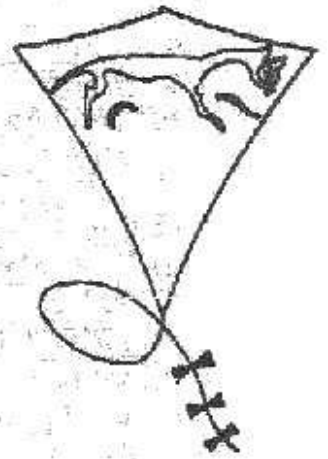


# Cowpat Hill

White Horse Kite Flyers  
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## Robinmillerson's Ramblings

### Or tanks but no tanks Madge

What is it about Madge when she goes to America? Last year, we get to Heathrow and she has no passport (the old one yes, the new one no!) This year Janet and myself let her go to America two weeks before us, under the care and supervision of Marla. Does the story start to take hold with that line?? They pick up a \$250 (150 pounds) for parking in a disabled spot with a British disable badge. Off to the court they go, amongst villains and thieves in leg irons, need I say more, except with Marla's sweet talk, she gets them off the wrap and out of jail.

Not satisfied with all of the above, she wanted to view the inside of an American Hospital...and she did a fine job. Going down with pneumonia and congestive heart failure she spends 6 days in the fine care of Tacoma General Doctors and Nurses. To be sent home trailing an oxygen tank with yards of tubing so she can move about the house. At this point we had to cancel coming home on our due date, with the possibility that a nurse would have to be sent from the UK to USA to escort her home. However, she has once again become super Madge and recovered sufficiently to travel with Janet and Myself home to Bridge End Road. Marla will not be travelling with us! So we should be having a safe trip.

Fort Worden Kite Makers Conference 2000. We were well represented with, Madge Peters, Janet and David Robinson, Phil Scarfe, Doug Jones, Nick Webb and Meg Howard, Jean Turner, Jon and Francesca Caton, and one lone Dutchman Frits Jansma.

Francesca taught a class which went over very well. (It's my turn to say something now, Marla). We had wonderful turn out and a very successful raffle, well over 500 donations, the best raffle crew anywhere (Madge, Janet and David, and Ron) and we were on a roll. I can never figure out how all these people donate and then let me take their money for tickets to win the donations back. I love it. We did over a \$1000 more than last year. I just can not thank the White Horse Kite Flyers enough that attend and gave us so much help and the donations that they brought, even some of you that did not come donated. Thank you all! I must also thank Phil Scarfe for the wonderful kite with the Fort Worden logo on it, it was a hot item and another famous weather vane from Neil Harvey. I think over all we had a great time even with Madge and I getting in and out of jams, thanks to all our support from our wonderful English friends.

Raffle 2001? I'll have the tickets at Weymouth. See Ya! Marla

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# Dates for your Diary

9 April	Barbury	
9 April	Old Warden	
29/30 April & 1 May	Weymouth Kite Festival	
6/7 May	Stowe	WS, demo & bears
13/14 May	Swindon	
13/14 May	Suffolk Kite Festival, Rougham Airfield	
20/21 May	Cleethorpes Beach Kite Festival	WS & demo
20 May	Grange Infants School, Swindon	WS
27/28/29 May	Tewksbury Kite Fun Weekend	
3/4 June	Basingstoke Kite Festival	
10/11 June	Wiltshire Agricultural & Steam Show, Wroughton	WS, demo & bears
24 June	Uffington Millennium Fete	WS, demo & bears
25 June	County Ground, Swindon	WS & demo
25 June	Rockingham Castle Kite Day	WS
30 June	Kingston Blount, Oxon	WS & bears
9 July	Petworth Kite Day	
15/16 July	Kennet Kite Festival	WS, demo & bears
23 July	Wroughton Family Day	Details later
5/6 August	Middle Wallop	WS
13 Aug	Blackwater Kite Festival	WS, demo & bears
20 Aug	Hengistbury Head Kite Festival	WS, demo & bears
20 Aug	Lackham College	WS, demo & bears
26/27/28 August	Portsmouth Kite Festival	
2/3 Sept	Bristol Kite Festival	
9/17 Sept	Dieppe	
17 Sept	Highworth Show	WS & demo
24 Sept	Old Warden	

All events are liable to alteration or change, please check with Dave, Janet, Neil or Arthur if you intend to go.

## My Kite

We usually judge each other by our own perception of standards, but we tend to forget that this method creates a multitude of standards. Whilst I was flying my kites I began to think how lucky I was that a friend had introduced me to kite flying. The peace and tranquillity, what a wonderful site, it is such fun for all the family. Life at it's best and yet following an ancient tradition handed down through the generations.

It is a proven, safe hobby and maybe that is why the shape of a kite was chosen as the mark to be stamped on goods approved regarding safety and design by the British Standards Institute. The kite mark assures us that the goods are up to standard and trustworthy.

I wondered if I would ever be awarded the kite mark, was I up to standard? Could people depend on me? Yes! It makes you think, because we all need standards to live up to. don't we?

So fly high and aim for your own kite mark.

## The Old Man

# Many Thanks for Your Fort Worden Donations.

As the Chairpersons for the raffle at Fort Worden Kite Makers Conference 2000, Ron and I would like to thank all of our friends in the UK that donated items for the raffle.

Phil Scartè for an amazing logo kite, Ron and Pat Dell for the lovely lady hexagon kite and a signed Dan Leigh delta, Bazzar Poulter one of his wonderful sketches, Jon and Franchesca Caton, one of her famous coke bottle kits and other items, Martin Lester for his Swallow kite, Doug Jones for Cody Book, Brighton Kite Club one of their Shirts and sweatshirt, Roy and Haley for a great pair of kite shorts, Neil Harvey for his fantastic Weather vane ( if you don't know about these, you should find out), Jean Turner kite mug and kite reel, Nick Webb kite pictures, Madge Peters for some of her wonderful sweaters and counting of tickets and folding the bags for the raffle. Last but not least, David and Janet Robinson who not only bring a zillion things for the raffle, but work the raffle and make it an amazing experience for not just the "raffle shoppers" but for Ron and myself. We can not find the words for what all of our "British Friends" have done to make this raffle the best ever and make us look darn good. Thank you for making our world a smaller place to live in.

The Raffle made over \$7000. Which will be used to bring next years teachers from all over the world.

Many thanks again

Ron and Marla Miller

## Internet news.

I thought it was time to remind you about the web page I'm still running for the club, knowing that some more of you have now got computers for Xmas!! if you're on the great World Wide Web then you might like to try:- [www.whkf.freemove.co.uk](http://www.whkf.freemove.co.uk) <<http://www.whkf.freemove.co.uk>> and see what we publish! I've revamped it up last October and it's getting a bit jazzier now. It includes various bits and pieces about the Club and the officers, a review of the magazine, a club diary page of all the events and festivals. A monthly editorial, classified adds, and lots of kite related links to follow. It's a good place to start if your new to the game, even if I do say so myself!!

What I would like to do is maintain (outside of the web page I hasten to add) is a directory of all WHKF members that are on the web, so if you could e-mail me some time in the next month, then I'll compile the list and post it back to you so you can find other members to communicate with. Mail me at [peter@whkf.freemove.co.uk](mailto:peter@whkf.freemove.co.uk) <<mailto:peter@whkf.freemove.co.uk>>. In case your wondering, Dave Robinson can be contacted on [darier@mcmail.com](mailto:darier@mcmail.com) <<mailto:darier@mcmail.com>> and our magazine editor, Dave Jones, is on [dajimi@tesco.net](mailto:dajimi@tesco.net) <<mailto:dajimi@tesco.net>>.

The more experienced ones could help me out with the web page if you will. I'm always looking for some interesting sites to link to. Do you have a favourite? Let me know and I'll add it in. This is where you can help us all to find something different. If nothing else I'll willingly chat and help anyone with computer problems, I do know something about them, but I know lots of others who

can help ( hello Doug! ).

For those who understand these things, I've now sorted out a Domain Name for the web site, this is a way of heightening the profile of the site, and simplify and changes of servers that we might do. The new domain name just diverts the person to where the site really is, its basically like our P.O. Box no. for the web. So from now on our web page address is [www.whkf.org.uk](http://www.whkf.org.uk), and any mail to the club can be sent to [kites@whkf.org.uk](mailto:kites@whkf.org.uk).

Peter

## Make Mine a Large One

Last autumn I decided that this winter's project was to be a big kite. I have various foils at 30, 65, 250 and 650 square feet. (Is that now legal tender ?) So there are two gaps there. One at about 100 and another at about 500. Being a little cautious I decided on the smaller.

I had built a Mock at the workshop and thought this would be a reasonable point to start on my own. First things first "plans". Who is our resident expert on foils? Answer Mr. Scarfe. Yes he had plans for an 88 sq.ft. paraform.

Stage one work out how much material you want of what colours.

Stage two go and see the bank manager.

Stage three go and see your local friendly kite shop and see if they arrange mortgages.

Stage four stagger away with a much lighter wallet and miles of ripstop.

O.K. so now you are committed and after weeks of contemplation you make some templates to mark ribs and keels. With that much of your own money invested it takes a lot of courage to make the first cut but then to hell with it and for nights the boss can't get her car in the garage and there is ripstop every where.

Oh disaster you have got the calcs wrong and you need 5 metres more of both colours. Another trip to Kreative Kites and yes they still have some of the same colours. They have been very generous and given you a roll of self adhesive Dacron re-inforcing. Otherwise a major expense.

At last all the bits are cut out and you have to start sewing. First it is hemming and re-inforcing the loading edges. Talk about tedious. Never mind you get there in the end. Then here we go all you have to do is sew all the bits together. This was easy when Don Mock had thought it all out for you. Is it rib/keel/face, rib/face/keel? Oh help.

As the bits go together the bundle of material gets bigger and bigger and the dining room seems to get smaller and smaller. Eventually you end up with no spare bits and an enormous heap of ripstop which bears no resemblance to a kite. You have just spent a large portion of your life and money so there is no turning back!

Just have faith in the plans. You only now have to add miles of bridle line being careful not to strangle the cat and hope for the best. Go on make a bag for it. At least then you can give it a decent burial. (the kite not the cat)

Yes Sunday is Barbury so get there early to avoid the ridicule of your "friends". It takes 30 minutes to untangle the lines and of course by now "they" are there. Sod the lot of you I'm still going to give it a try and with 30 meters of line up she goes. Seems O.K. so stick on the other 30 meters and all looks good. Your giant master piece is up there when some chairman who shall be un-named puts up a similar kite but almost 4 times the area. So yes I have only got a small one.

Seven hours later I have to work hard to get the new kite down. Not bad for "out of the bag". And yes I am chuffed.

The moral of this is enjoy what you make and fly but don't try and compete size wise with the Harveys and Scarfes of this world as you don't stand a chance.

Arthur

## Hello Kiteflyers

With the encouragement of Gill and Jon Bloom, I am attempting to arrange a "Best Of British" display for the 10th Weymouth International Beach Kite Festival.

Further to KSGB's request for arena spots, and George Webster's piece about home-grown talent in the October 1999 Kiteflier, I thought we could hold a "showcase" of "unknown" UK kite talent, ie an arena display by those excellent Club flyers who make wonderful kites but never seem to get the opportunity to put on an arena display at major Festivals eg Alan Woodier (large inflatable kites/bols) and Martin Parsons (appliqué) from AKF or Karl Longbottom and Ken & Dorothy from MKF or Barry Poulter from BKF.

There must be loads of people like those mentioned above (not all of whom I've managed to contact, hence the email) that you may be able to recommend for such a display. If they can't make Weymouth, we could always try the same thing at Portsmouth later in the year.

So, can you help? Are there any of your Club flyers who might be up for it? If so, please let me know. I think such a display could be very impressive, and might even encourage a few more to trying their hand at kite-making.

Thanks for your time, I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

David Johnson

## Warning

May you be warned

Word is she will be on

The beach at Weymouth,

The grass at Stowe,

The turf at Swindon and

The fish and chip shop at Cleethorpes!

## White Horse Kite Flyers Workshop in The USA

Once again the famous White Horse Kite Flyers worked their wonder by doing another fine workshop. This time it was in Tacoma, Washington USA. Mason Flippin invited the group to his school, Mont Dowing Grade School (of course his grandmother had some thing to do with it, her name is Marla). There were 46 children ages 5 and 6 years old, everyone made a one of those famous green sleds with the help of Janet and David Robinson, Madge Peters, Doug Jones, Phil Scarfe, Nick Webb, Meg Howard, Frits Jansma and Marla. We were able to do the work in the schools lunch room and with the help of Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. Spriesterbach their teachers, David being the leader and the rest of us cutting tape and tying knots we were able to succeed. Off to the play ground we went and of course, sun but no wind, the kites flew anyway with all the energy and enthusiasm that children of that age have. We did manage a few repairs and rescues from the goal post. Phil even had the entire group sing Happy Birthday Cha! Cha!Cha! to him.

You know the day was a winner, with all the smiles and one little girl telling Frits "this is the best day I have had at school" and then she told him "it was the best day of her life".

So why not Go Fly A Kite with a someone and see the magic?

Many thanks to the WHKF for a grand day out.

## Skychat.

Here we go again, another season about to hit us with vengeance. This May we will hit the ground running with four festivals on the trot. The rest of the summer's weekends seem to be filling in at a fast rate, so as usual I'm asking for as much help with workshops and displays to share the load around. I think some of the extra functions are due to it being 2000.

I'm looking forward to seeing all the new creations from your busy fingers this winter. I know some of you have put in a lot of time and effort in building your new kites and I hope that they all fly beautifully. Some of our members have just come back from Port Warden Kite Workshops, so I'm looking to see what gems have come back and hear what they may have learnt. I must congratulate Franchesca on being invited to do a workshop on making a Coke Bottle. Just about as good as taking coals to Newcastle. I hear that it went very well indeed, also Franchesca produced a booklet on the subject of inflatables for the workshop. Great idea and I hope it may lead on to a full-blown book someday. I also learn that during their visit to the States our illustrious Hon Sec and Hon Treas took to riding the buses from Tacoma to Seattle. Is this the start of an idea for a

Club Coach and Hostility Suite? Now on a more serious note Madge was taken ill over there and had to spend a few days in hospital. I hear she is on the mend and I hope she makes a full recovery and I know all of you will want to wish her all the best. Here I must thank Ron and Marla for their hospitality and help to all of those that went over for Fort Warden and especially for the assistance with Madge. I honestly think that most of us that have been over to the States would have thought more than twice if it had not been for Ron and Marla and the other kite flyers around them. Many thanks to you all. It is a good reminder to all of us when we travel abroad to make sure you are covered by insurance. Still when they were over there we had one of the best flying days at Barbury for ages at the March meeting. As good as some festivals in turn out and display and I even got sunburnt, can't be bad.

Just a reminder that our Festival is just around the corner and as much help as possible from members during the weekend lessens the work load on the few and makes the Festival go with a swing. Don't forget the raffle, donations for it will be much appreciated and we hope that "The Ticket Chick" ( Marla for the uninformed) will be with us so nobody is safe. Let us all make this our tenth Festival the best ever.

Here's hoping for good weather, clean winds and tight lines.

Neil

## Shift them goal posts.....Ron...

The date of the Old Warden Spring event has been changed from the 16th of April to the new date of the 9th April.

Please also let people know that we have just been informed by the Shuttleworth Collection that the cost of entry to Kite Society members will be £5.00 per person.

Thank you

Gill and Jon Bloom

## Many Thanks

I would like through the magazine to say a big thank you to everyone for the beautiful flowers I received when I was taken ill recently. I'm glad to say I'm feeling much better now. Don says I'm nagging again so that's always a good sign!!!! Also a big thank you to Sarah and Donald for their help and support at that time, not only to me but to Don and Phil.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Barbury or somewhere else.

Di Baggett

# New Years Eve "Big Time" kite fly - or how I spent 15 hours in one spot!!!

Well, with all the hype, one just had to go! and all expenses paid, including the hotel!

It was some three months ago that I saw this little message on rec.kites newsgroup from Chris Matheson about kite flyers wanted to come and celebrate the millennium by flying kites off the bridges in central London, something that'll only happen this year. So I said yes and set to getting some others interested. One of the things they wanted was big kites, so I started on WHKF by getting Dave Robinson interested ( will he forgive me??? ) and that we could put up some club effort to it - A little suspicious at first, but he soon saw the good aspects of it, and with members from London perhaps not so difficult to muster. I left it in his capable hands. I tried to get some others from Kennet Kite Flyers at the AGM, but most were already committed.

Dave R. had got in touch with Chris M., and with the promise of funds, 10 of us would go and see what we could fly off a bridge - we didn't know which one as this was planned to span over 6 bridges, even the thought of flying on some barges was suggested!

Then a peace descends, the lull before the storm?? it's that awful period of when its too soon to move, yet perhaps something should be happening. Poor old Dave just didn't need his nerves rattled as he was changing jobs, though I didn't know at the time. I was in touch with Chris anyway over other matters so I tried to keep things "moving". It obviously worked too well, the next thing I knew was that there were 11 of us for the Hotel!! but that sorted itself out. Now the final details were coming in. 50 kite flyers, including one from France, a couple from Italy, and others from America, including our very own Ron and Marla! The number of bridges was reduced to Westminster, Vauxhall and Tower Bridge. We were to assemble at the Hotel for 10am. and official transport to the bridges.

So come the day Martin Croxton would guide us into central London and to the hotel. time to get into our rooms and sort out the equipment. Large kites mean large bags! we all meet up, WHKF being the largest contingent! Neil, Dave and Janet, Ron and Marla, Martin, Doug Jones, Pat McCarthy, Phil Scarfe, Matt and Myself. The first bus load go off down to the bridges and we have an hour's wait before the return, load up again and we're off, Westminster Bridge here we come! On the bridge the centre section has some barriers so that some safety between us and the public, giving us some 8 foot of room to the parapet - good job too, the bridge is closed to traffic but the number of people about just strolling around was incredible. Pat, Martin, Phil and Doug were on the first bus so they already were working kites into the air, after sorting out some of the pile. We quickly unloaded and sorted the rest out and set to getting kites out. The wind decides that it was going to be gentle with us, it was only 3mph, gusting 5, so it was only going to be light flying only! all the big stuff was going to stay in the bags!!! never mind, we all had something that should cope, I pulled out my 2M Kokkaku with Wallace and Gromit, found that the wind was too light to launch from the hand, so it was a case of dropping the kite over the parapet and lowering down near to the water where you could catch the wind under the arches. Then with a quick pull up they came and your 20 foot up, just a case of working the kite higher from there - so I thought! Got about 40 foot of line out and a quick gust catches me out an the kite turns over and down into the Thames!!! I know the kite was a little sandy but that's a bit much. Quickly pulling kept the kite



from going under ( that would have been a disaster, the river was flowing well ) and then up to the parapet to rescue. I left the kite to drip dry for a bit.

So who else is here? Stafford Wallace was doing well, just his kind of wind, he was half way to Vauxhall bridge with line!! having a grand time teasing the boaters! we also had Dave Gomberg and his wife with us, they spent the day trying to get a couple of Flowforms to fly, but it wasn't going well, so they just played about on a short line. A couple of four line kites popped up, a rev and a 'foil ( sorry guys, I've seen you about, but cant remember your names! ) and they flew them over the crowd on the bridge, aiming for the silly hats. Doug had a roller out and that was flying well, Sam Houston would have been proud. Then there was the Italians, Marco Cassadio and his wife and the famous Mermaid kites, not the big one but a smaller version. At Tower Bridge the inflatables of Ann Harris were doing well.

What's this, the police were asking us to move on!!! Kite flying not permitted!!!! someone had forgotten to remind the police of this part of the event, a quick check back with the station pacified the officers and we continued. Matt was getting hungry (breakfast was 4 hour earlier!), so I got him a large hot dog from the stall on the other side of the bridge, Three Pounds!!! he only got one! so he had to earn his keep and build some of the "Green Tadpoles that Dave had the sense to bring. As ever those little things flew well, we gave some away to the kids passing by - big mistake, we were promptly hassled for more!! Time to try Wallace and Gromit again, this time we got flying a little easier, and with a quick loop in the line we let some of the kids try there hand at flying.

The organisation behind the event was massive, there were wandering jugglers, stages with various music playing, lots of boats up and down the river with displays (water ballot?) drifting about, and service areas for the "Crew" (anyone who was there to help at the event,) to go hide in at times, and a full cooked meal for lunchtime! a real bonus. It was just the struggle through the crowds that were building up dramatically that was the problem.

In the afternoon we were joined by Jon Bloom and his family, also Daz and Rachel escaping from support crew of the inflatables, as that area was being given over to multiline kites for the afternoon ( I wondered where the four liners disappeared to!). so we went back to tadpole building for a while, we just kept on trying to fly something where we could, though the wind seemed to be dropping that it wasn't easy. I found myself dropping tadpoles over the edge to get a long launch, never mind, time for another tunny!!

Because of the now crowded bridge Supper was delivered, a salad and fruit with something to drink (non-alcoholic!) and we had a break where we were, darkness was creeping in so most kites were packed away, come 7pm we gave up and started to clear up, move the stuff out of our area and got them to the vehicles to be shipped back to the hotel, so it was then that the decision was made to hold our position and wait there, we reduced the area of the barriers down to just a third of what we had, to give the public some room, and waited!

I must say that I was very impressed with Dave Gomberg, he obviously couldn't stay still!! he spent his time moving along the barrier chatting to the public, enjoying the camaraderie of the event, and explained many times about the various kites we had been flying, this guy is a natural ambassador! I found myself chatting to some Mexicans that were going the "Grand Tour", they were getting up at 6am the next day to continue! but were determined to see the night out, and if your wondering "kite" is "Papalotes" in Mexican. So we settled down with a few more drinks,

watched the lasers playing through the London Eye, and watched Big Ben move slowly on. Dave and Janet, Ron and Marla decided to go for a break at the service area, had a coffee, and came to return to the bridge at 10pm to find that the Police had closed the bridge!! they were left with returning to the service area for the rest of the time. Neil and Phil had returned to the hotel earlier, stayed and watch the proceedings on TV!!! so it was the Blooms, Gomberts, Pat, Matt and myself, Daz and Rachael left on the bridge for the final hour.

Midnight! and the bridge erupted with noise and popping corks! we couldn't hear the clock strike, it was the fireworks that confirmed the time, and what a firework show, it was constant explosions of colour and form raining up and down the river, all the barges were totally synchronised. and on it went. Bursts, rainbows, twirls, cascades, globes, etc. a full 20 minutes of display, 16 barges with 2 1/2 tons of fireworks each. Brilliant. Well worth the journey and wait. Must thank Daz for the Champus.

We had to wait for 15 minutes for the bridge to clear ( we thought!) before we tried to move, but it took a further 30 minutes to actually clear the bridge. We opted to walk back as the stations were obviously crowded, off we set following Jon as he knew his way around, zig zagging through the streets, back through Piccadilly, lots of people moving about but all in good humour - had a couple of offers on my kite trousers!!! And Matt was offered a kiss.....poor lad.

The hotel appeared in sight at 2am, into our room and collapse, good night everyone! We had a good time, flew kites in central London which was something not normally allowed, seen the new Millennium in stylishly, and enjoyed one of the greatest firework displays in the world. But as we heard one person say "Damned if I'll go though all this at the next millennium"!

Peter Dawson

## Come Fly with Me

"Come, fly a kite with me", he said,  
I thought my friend was off his head.  
We both are pensioners of seventy five,  
Both are agile, and much alive.

He produced the reel, the line and kite,  
Clip on here and hang on tight.  
The Fighter went straight up in the air,  
And I stood there without a care.

I was ignorant that I had been bitten,  
They tell now, even girls are smitten.  
Ann somehow as the time goes by  
It looks so different up in the sky.

I've bought ripstop, braid and carbon spars  
I'm in a muddle sorting out these bars.  
But frantic phone calls, here and there  
At least has helped me keep my hair.

Now I've joined the MKF,  
Where Mrs White is the Senior Ref.  
She told me the members area good crowd,  
Who are willing to get my kite from ground  
to cloud.

Must dash off and not be idle  
I've just read something about a bridle!!

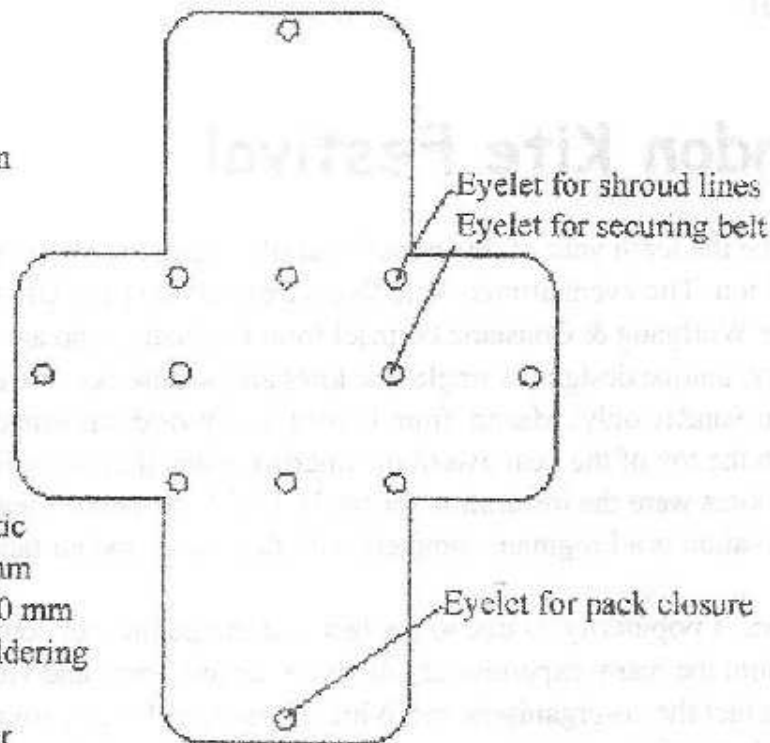
"Oh well! roll on summer.

The Old Man

# Chute pack

## MILLENNIUM 'CHUTE

Static Line  
500mm to loop  
250mm to pin  
500mm to Safety pin



2 pieces heavy plastic  
Vertical 100 x 300 mm  
Horizontal 220 x 100 mm  
Pierce holes with soldering  
iron  
Eyelet piece together

## Data Protection Act

From the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2000 the DPA becomes law. This Act is designed to protect personal information about individuals which is being stored and used on computer processing equipment.

Not much to do with Kites you say but we do keep all members names, addresses and subscription details so that we can distribute magazines, circulars and renewal reminders to all members.

We are therefore Data Users and there is now a legal requirement to register at a cost of £75 under the Data Protection Registrar. I have been asked to look into this. There is a mountain of info. About this on the internet at [www.dataprotection.gov.uk](http://www.dataprotection.gov.uk)

After hours of sifting through this I came to Notification Exemptions (A Self Assessment Guide) Question 8 give the exemption for non profit making organisations such as small clubs etc.

It is my understanding therefore that we are exempt from this registration. However all members must be made aware that the listed information is held about them for the purposes stated and no other and will not be passed on to any other party. The guide lines also advise that the individual must be provided with a copy of details stored and that a fee should be charged for this. (Recommended £10). Similarly the details must be removed if requested and a similar fee is

advised. At termination of membership all details should be removed from the system provided there are no overdue fees.

Please note that I am not qualified legally and neither I nor The Club can accept liability for this information but it is my best interpretation of the information I have found.

Arthur

## Swindon Kite Festival

This will be the tenth year of this popular family event, the sixth year at the Science Museum site at Wroughton. The event attracts Kite flyers from all over the UK and Europe, this year's invited guest's are Wolfgang & Constanz Grimsel from Germany, who are well known across Europe for their, many, unique designs in single line kites and windsocks. We are also pleased to have Martin Lester. (on Sunday only) Martin. from Bristol, is a World renowned kite designer, whose Legs Kites, won the toy of the year award in America, when they were first launched 10 years ago. These leg kites were the inspiration for the W.H.K.F. frogman's legs, explained below. Martin's latest innovation is a Frogman, complete with face mask and air tanks.

The Festival's popularity, is due to the fact that the public can come to the event with their own kites and join the many experienced kite flyers, or just come and view some of the largest kites in Europe. In fact the co-organisers, the White Horse Kite Flyers, are renowned for their collection of extremely large kites, some in excess of 600sq. Ft. One of the kites made in a joint effort by Club members three years ago is in the form of Frogman's legs. This kite is 67ft. Long, its flippers measure 20ft. In length! One of the other attractions will be kite bugging, this is a small three wheel vehicle, propelled by a very large kite, this pulls the kite flyer along at speeds up to 40 mph, imagine that with their backsides just a couple of inches off of the ground! Of course the other attraction at this event is that the Science Museum's exhibits will be open. Also this year we have invited the Octopus, This is a charity that uses a double-decker bus to take art into the community, and children's participation will be encouraged They will be on site for three hours each afternoon of the festival. In conjunction with the Octopus we have invited a Graffiti Artist, to decorate some large kites, this will be on the Saturday afternoon, and then we will be flying them on Sunday.

The festival is on the weekend of 13/14th May 2000, from 9am until 5pm each day. The festival also attracts kite traders from around the UK. Many who make their own kites, so the public can be assured that when they purchase a kite from one of these traders they are buying from an expert, who, in most cases will be able to give expert advice on how to fly the kite. There will be Teddy Bear Parachuting and a Children's kite workshop.

The only thing we cannot order, is the weather, so all displays are subject to the prevailing weather. There will be food stalls and a beer tent.

David Robinson

# Hi Folks

Anyone heard anything of this? could you let me know please, Ta.

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Subject: Foskett closed?

hi guys - can you please confirm if Bob Foskett has closed or moved?

I have had to delete his entry off my database, as his old phone number has been re-issued to an ex-directory private subscriber, who complained about his number being on my website!

Any ideas?

Peter Dawson

## Just a bit of fun

Find the following words

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Pete Willis

# And finally a note from the Editor

Why do magazines always need compiling at the busiest times of the year, it's been a mad rush to get this one out to meet the deadline. Thank goodness for e-mails, we would never have typed it in time.

Many thanks to our mysterious new contributor, "The Old Man". Lots of articles from him to keep us going over the next few issues. I wonder who he is? I know, he is a member, but that would be telling!

Keep the articles coming, see you all on a flying field somewhere.

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## Kite Flying Safety Tips

### The NEVERS of Kite Flying

- Fly a kite in wet or stormy weather, try to keep your kite line dry.
  - Fly a kite near power lines, transmission towers or aerials.
  - Fly a kite with wire or anything metallic in the line.
  - Fly a strong pulling kite without wearing GLOVES.
  - Leave odd bits of flying line etc on the flying site.
  - Fly a kite at over 200 feet\*.
- \*Kite festivals may have C.A.A. clearance to fly higher.... ASK!

### The Things to AVOID

- Motorways, roads, car parks railway lines or buildings.
  - Airfields and low flying air-traffic patterns.
  - Members of the public... stunt flyers please take care!
  - Those kite eating trees.
  - Animals, they can be frightened by kites.
- Remember...your kites can get really quite lonely up high in the sky, just occasionally, look up and give them a little SMILE.*

... AND PLEASE, MIND THOSE POWER LINES!

## Where the WHKF go to fly their kites

WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS fly at Barbury Castle Country Park, Wroughton, Swindon, Wilts on the SECOND Sunday of each month  
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