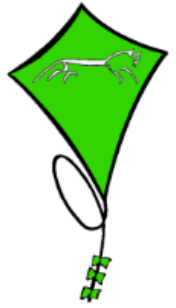


# COWPAT HILL



*Journal of the White Horse Kite Flyers*

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## It's your club!

And it is what YOU make it. The committee are there for the everyday running of The Club but unless they know what you want they can't do it. There has been mention of trying another group project. In the past we have made the centipede (1996), the big legs and the yakko stack (1997), the play sail and arch (2004), the stick men train (2005), banners and pennants (2011), a number of individually lead, including the beast and other large kites, several large wind socks, the seven dwarfs, the delta conyne stack and most recently the ribbon arch (2013). These are always available but how many offer to fly them? You can find them all listed on the web site at:-

<http://www.whkf.org.uk/Res/equipment%20list.doc>

Any suggestions????????????????????

How about workshops? Is there one you would like us to run or do you have a contact who could run one for us?

Other group events? We tried a Christmas dinner one year but got no takers, we've tried Halloween night flies when very few turned up and the 2016 Christmas Pudding Fly we only used one of the four puddings we had purchased.

This year's sees the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vic Walkers record breaking Teddy drop, could we commemorate it with as many teddy rigs as possible at our June Fly-In?

Finally how about some new contributors to the magazine?

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# Diary Dates

## APRIL 2017

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

22/23<sup>rd</sup> Jolly Up 20

29/30<sup>th</sup> Broadhaven

## MAY 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Hilton Court Gardens

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

28<sup>th</sup> Minchinhampton.

26/30<sup>th</sup> Margam

## JUNE 2017

3/4<sup>th</sup> Basingstoke

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

## JULY 2017

8/9<sup>th</sup> Barmouth. (NOTE correction from previous issue)

8/9<sup>th</sup> Brighton

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

15/16<sup>th</sup> Berrington Hall

## August 2017

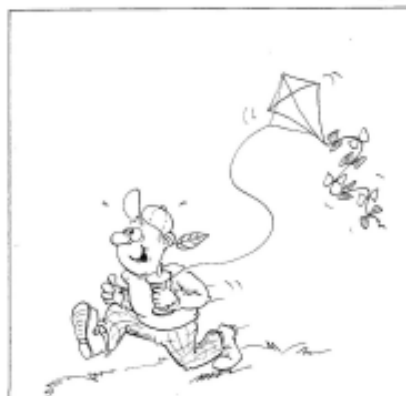
5/6<sup>th</sup> Jolly Up 21

12/13<sup>th</sup> Portsmouth

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

Dead line for next issue 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
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# when I go Kite Flying...



WHAT MY WORKMATES THINK I DO



WHAT MY WIFE THINKS I DO



WHAT I THINK I DO



WHAT I ACTUALLY DO

## Sky Chat

Here we are at the beginning of a New Season of Kite Events, always a time of excitement when you hope that any new kites in your kite bag perform well and give you and everybody watching a thrill. It is always best if you are optimistic with the results. To those that have just done Martin Lester's Workshop I trust that your efforts will be well rewarded and there will not be too much gooseing about. With the events about to start can I make a plea for help when we are asked to do Displays and Workshops for assistance to run them. I know I have said this many times before but it does not take much effort or time to help in a workshop and the boost it does to your ego's when you see the looks on the children's faces with their kites and the way that they fly. One event that help is required this year is The National Trust's Day on Minchinhampton Common on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of May. We have been very busy there for the last few years, but this year our illustrious Chair-man and the more illustrious Treasurer have miscalculated their dates and are on holiday on that date, meaning we are two down on our normal stalwarts. Just an hours help would be most welcome, if you can help please let me know. No passes are required as it is a COMMON and a kite flying FUN DAY.

March's Barbury looked if it was going to be a washout, but the forecast said it was to clear-up around midday and true to its word it cleared up, the sun came out and there was a steady wind up a few feet. With that the few of us up there got our kites out (including The Chairman) and had a great time. It just needed a little patience to allow the rain to go through, I always say it is a clearing up shower and for once I was correct. Here's to clean winds and tight lines.

**Neil.**

Not here please!



### **Tribune News Service**

**Bathinda, January 29**

With the Assembly elections and Basant Panchmi around the corner, the city markets are flooded with colourful kites. Kites carrying pictures of Prime Minister Narendra Modi are quite popular among residents of the city, especially youngsters.

Some of the candidates have also distributed kites carrying their pictures among the youngsters.

A resident claimed that it was an easy method to gain publicity of course. The party that will register its presence on kites will get more publicity, he added.

Mahesh Kumar, a kite seller, said although there were many kites available in the market, kites carrying pictures of the PM was getting popular day by day.

He also said political fervour gripped the city as the Assembly elections are a few days away. Kites carrying pictures of political leaders have overshadowed other kites. These kites are available in the market at Rs 10 to Rs 250.

## ROBINSON's RAMBLE

Very sad news came through recently, that Josie Walklate had died. Josie was a founder member of the club and was very active in all that the club did, until the passing of time and old age took their toll. I didn't know Josie very well, however Neil knew her better than me, so I guess he will also be writing about her in this issue.

Those of you who can get to Barbury Castle will be very aware that the state of the land there has deteriorated badly in the last year or so, with the grass not being cut and thistles growing to about 3feet tall. The tenant was given notice to quit last year but refused to leave on the grounds that his Ewes were pregnant, so the council gave a temporary stay until last spring, they then served him with another notice to quit, he should have gone on the 1st January this year, however his sheep were still there when we were there for the January meeting. I phoned the Wardens responsible for Barbury who informed me of the situation with the tenant, (who isn't a farmer, he's lorry driver who obviously likes sheep.) they informed me that the local authority are going through the eviction process and hope to have him off the site ASAP. They have a new tenant waiting to take over the stewardship of the land at Barbury, meanwhile they intend to get rid of the thistles by burning out the roots. Watch this space!!!!!!

Janet and I recently had a short holiday in Gozo an Island which is part of Malta, the flying time from the UK is just over 3 hours, which makes it a great place for a short break. Having arrived on Gozo from Malta after an hours taxi ride to the ferry port from the airport, we were confronted by a bevy of taxi drivers touting for business, this peed us off somewhat, so we said no to all of them, having turned them all away we walked to the bus stop only to find the next bus to our destination was an hour away! We stood there thinking why did we turn all of the taxi drivers away, luckily one of them hadn't managed to get a fare, so he tried us again, again we turned him away but he was very persistent and offered to take us to our hotel for 15 Euros which seemed like a bargain, so we accepted. The next part was spooky! He opened the boot to put our luggage in, there lying in the bottom of his boot was a *Kite*, we couldn't believe it, I asked him about it he said he had been flying kites for years and had loads of them at home. He offered to take us out for a day's kite flying for 50 Euros, we instantly turned him down, not that we wouldn't have enjoyed it but we could do better things with 50 Euros!

We hired a car for three days and went to all four corners of the Island, in our short stay. This wasn't our first visit to Gozo, we first visited it 34 years ago and

went there three times in the next 4 years, so this was our fourth visit in 34 years, on our second visit we took a pair of Martin Lester's footballers legs kite, the locals had never seen anything like them before; it's amazing that Martin designed those legs that many years ago.

Whilst in Gozo the weather was atrocious, we had one good day and then it went downhill with winds reaching 80mph thunder & lightning and this continued for 3 days until we left, certainly not kite flying weather.

If you have ever been to Gozo you'll be aware of the Azure Window at Dwejra Bay we visited it on Tuesday when the gales were still blowing, so much so there were people stopping you going too close to the "Window" because the waves coming through were massive. Unfortunately the Azure Window couldn't take the constant battering anymore and collapsed on Wednesday morning. I had taken photos of it the day before, so some of the last pictures of it! So sad for this lovely holiday Island, this iconic rock formation was one the Islands "must see" attractions. Now gone forever.

### ROBINSON'S RAMBLE (2)

The weekend of 18th March saw club members come together for the Club's Spring Workshop.

The teacher this year was Martin Lester, teaching club members how to make his Goose kite. Don Baggett, arranged for Martin to do this year's workshop and took charge of the booking, 11 members did the workshop and I arranged for the hire of the venue, we returned to St. Josephs College, thanks to club member Helen Peace, who is the school manager at St. Jo's. It's a great venue and we get full use of the kitchen which gives us the opportunity to provide lunch on both days. Club Committee member Kevin Griffiths was already to do the lunches until he was struck down with pneumonia, luckily for us, Janet and I have some really good friends, Marcin & Marzena. Marcin is a professional chef and Marzena has picked up a lot of his talent, so they volunteered when Kevin couldn't do it due to only coming out of hospital on the Thursday prior to the workshop. However, he was determined to put in an appearance and managed to get there on Saturday, he said he wanted to be there and wanted to apologise for "letting " us down, Kevin we thank you for that but you had no need to apologise, we fully understood, especially as you were in hospital for a week.

The workshop was very successful with almost everybody finishing their kite.

Regards

David Robinson

## Odd Stacks in my Favour?

Whilst I tend to spend most of my time these days enjoying the leisurely (allegedly) pursuit of single line kite flying I still have a weakness for the spectacle (the excess?) of a stack of kites.

My first proper kite (i.e. one that actually flew) was an aluminium sparred Peter Powell given to me for my tenth birthday. It was very much my pride and joy and, since I was fortunate enough to live on the south coast, was flown regularly in the New Forest and at my Aunt's Beach Hut in Studland Bay. The only blot on my horizon was that one of the other Beach Hut holders regularly flew a stack of 5 that put mine in the shade. Even worse, my Dad didn't take the hint. On reflection a 10 year old with a stack of five would have been a hazard to shipping but I always coveted the visual appeal of a stack.

So roll forward the odd 45 years and having met the Powell brothers at Minchinhampton I was pleased to discover that (a) they were still making Stunt Kites and (b) they would be happy to make a stack of 5 with my own bespoke choice of colours. The result of this was the stack in the photos.

Since the editor was looking for contributions I thought I would take the opportunity to compare and contrast with my other stacks – so here goes!



### Nexus Stack

Actually my first stack and bought when the pound was rather more favourable to the dollar (over 2\$ to the £ can you believe). First thing to say is that this pulls like a traction kite and makes a racket whilst doing so – how very American. Having said that I've always found it visually stunning and huge fun. Downsides is that it is the most fiddly to set up and that huge pull makes it very wearing to fly even when you're a paragon of male muscularity like myself (ahem).

### Peter Powell Stack of 5



As I said, I've always wanted a set of these and they are tailor made to my choice of colours. Although they need a fair old wind to get airborne (always a Peter Powell weakness) they are actually quite forgiving once up there. They also make for an unmissable visual image with those long tails (choose your own colours on these too) though you have to go for slow turns to avoid tangles. The big downside is that you need four friends to help roll up those tube tails afterwards.]



### ITW Fleet Stunt Kite 3 Stack

Manni Kluge kindly imported these for me. The different size of kites does translate into the flier being able to see (and enjoy) all 3 at once. Unlike the other two this set doesn't have tails and is MUCH quicker and responsive to fly. It also can be flown in relatively modest winds. Flying this stack does need a health warning though: the pull is immense (surprisingly so) and sudden. This is not one to let an inexperienced flyer have a go with.

So which is best? Well that's like trying to choose your favourite child. The ITW is the most rewarding to fly but everybody else will ignore you. The Nexus Stack is great if you want everybody to know you're there. However, for the complete exhibitionist, nothing much beats the Peter Powells. The great thing though is it is easy to fly so you can let all those jealous 10 year olds have a go!

Martin Crowther

## SOME OF OUR PREVIOUS PROJECTS





## **From Close Encounters**

### **Can you fly at an event?**

Our weekends, in particular, get taken up fairly well in advance and with our web-site reaching an average, now increased to, 1400 visits per week, we get a lot of requests to attend events that we are unable to accept.

We would like to compile a list of fliers interested in taking on festivals and events so that we can pass on the enquiring organiser's details.

We are not interested in discussing details between the two parties we just want to make the link.

I feel that we should encourage new flyers and attending new events is a great way to do so.

I do have a list of kite flyers who I pass details on to but often they are already committed elsewhere.

Sometimes the event organiser wants a big display of inflatables all day long and sometimes maybe just a kite workshop or, just a couple of short displays of any type of kite flying.

That would be up to you to ask and arrange with them, including any expenses, arena, timetables, height clearance, sound (if you need it) adequate insurance, risk assessments and safety - Oh and don't forget to check out the site for trees, power lines and if it is even possible to fly kites there.

We were once asked to do a display on a beach about five metres wide.

One thing is for sure - 90% of the country shows, fetes and schools that we have dealt with in the past have just pictured some kites flying and have no idea what's involved!

We have turned down many more than we have accepted.

### **What to Take**

Of course when travelling to any kiting event we always like to be prepared.

Whatever country you are in although the sunshine may be guaranteed and, unlike the UK where at almost any time of the year you have to take shorts, sandals, T-shirts, thick jumpers, rain coats, woolly hats and wellies, the wind can be just as fickle - anywhere!

Whilst inflatables can be great lifters and showpieces all on their own, we like to have the solid reliability of a sparred kite for the stronger, more blustery winds, usually best in the form of a sled.

Naturally when you start talking about rods, transportation has to come in the equation both in what will fit in the case and weight.

## **New Website**

At last, I would like to take this opportunity to announce our new website. Hopefully it's a place where kite flyers of all levels can go and find something interesting to view on video or an article to read.

It is billed as the new home of "Close Encounters Kite Displays" but, in an effort to have people remember the name or just find it more easily by accident, we have slightly re-branded under the name of "[kitedisplays.co.uk](http://kitedisplays.co.uk)" - and clicking on this or typing it in will take you there!

It is open to all things kiting from advertising an event, linking to other websites (even a class Disco) and assistance with selling that second hand kite.

So far it has been well received but we are always open to constructive criticism.

## **Trilobite record**

For those of you in wonder of last year's spectacle at Portsmouth, those who might want to take part again and those who hate the things and wanted to be forewarned so that they could wander off, I have heard back from the Blooms that there will be a slot each day for more attempts on the most Trilobites launched from the same arena no bigger than 100metres x 100metres.

I think that it is important to have some standardisation to the launch as it give smaller events the chance to get in and have a go. Immediately after the record was set last year the Americans came in and bettered the total - but that was from a beach - so much easier!

So, what is to say the record wasn't broken by the most TBs flown in Wiltshire at the same time? I think there has to be some sort of challenge to the flyers and a set arena does just that.



# **WHKF AGM 20/11/16**

## **Welcome**

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed over to the Chair. The Chair explained that, whilst we have held the AGM in the Holiday Inn for the last few years, last year they presented us with an invoice for over £680, compared to approximately £250 in previous years. Following some negotiations, the cost was reduced to £280, however, the committee took a decision not to return there this year.

## **Apologies and Attendance**

27 apologies were received

33 people were in attendance

## **Minutes of 2015 AGM**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Proposed by Kevin Griffiths

Seconded by Dave Thompson

## **Matters Arising from Minutes**

AOB – Paul Chapman mentioned last year about a making a movie on Samuel Cody. He was asked speak to BKFA to source ideas for funding – **Jerry Swift confirmed that no further information was available – item discarded.**

## **Chairman's Report**

It's been an interesting year. I took over the Chairs job last year, from Arthur, who had has occupied the role for several years. Prior to this, I have been Secretary for a significant period.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Fun Fly this year and all are happy with the way things have been run over the past 12 months.

Apparently some members have not been receiving their emails from me so I won't know unless you tell me. If you have anything at all that you want to raise with me, please do and I will respond.

## **Hon. Sec's Report**

We had a very successful auction at the fun fly this year. We auctioned a number of items from Phil Scarfes collection and this raised £1300 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Thanks have been received from the hospital.

In addition, a number of other events have taken place, including the workshop and all have been very successful.

## **Hon Treasurer's Report**

### **WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS 2015/2016**

#### **ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT**

#### **INCOME**

##### **SUBSCRIPTIONS ETC.**

- The majority of the club income appears here, Festival Sales and Bank Interest being the exceptions.
- Overall there has been an increase on last year.

##### **FUN FLY AND WORKSHOP**

- The Fun Fly represents actual figures, although there is some prior year adjustment. The income is raised primarily from food sales, alcohol donations and auction.
- The Workshop figures include some prior year adjustment.

##### **BANK INTEREST**

- Bank interest remains the same; however, the amount received is immaterial.

#### **EXPENDITURE**

- General expenditure increased in year, due to non-capitalised renewals.
- Fun Fly and Workshop are represented in the same way as the income above.
- Depreciation changed this year due to additional capitalisation of the new tent and the full write down of the previous year's items.

##### **SUMMARY**

- A successful year financially and financial reserves are looking very healthy.
- There needs to be a more robust plan for dealing with the increasing reserves as in year members are not directly benefitting from their membership cost.

**WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS****PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Subscriptions etc.		4262		4123
Fun Fly		609		1340
Workshop		1355		1037
Bank Interest Received		1		1
		6227		6501

**Expenses**

Fun Fly	1042		1271	
General Club Purchases/Expenditure	602		341	
Workshop	1123		689	
Donations	0		25	
Insurance	801		792	
Postage and Stationery	312		252	
Professional Fees	0		0	
Depreciation	732		865	
		4612		4235
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>		1615		2267

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015****Fixed Assets**

Balance b/f	530		1395	
Additions	1008		0	
Sales	0		0	
Depreciation	732		865	
	806		530	
<b>Net Value of Fixed Assets</b>		806		530

**Other Assets**

Stock	1950		1981	
Bank	10764		9384	
Cash	327		82	
Prepayments	485		0	
		13526		11447

**Liabilities**

Loans (from Initial Members)	240		240	
Accruals	740		0	
		980		240

**Net Value of Assets**

		13352		11737
<b>Represented By</b>				
Retained Funds brought forward		11737		9470
Surplus/Deficit		1615		2267
		13352		11737



Jerry Swift (BKFA) advised that there is a risk of HMRC viewing us as an organisation which should pay Corporation Tax, particularly in view of the reserves value. Jerry is writing to HMRC to request dispensation and will advise clubs how he gets on.

There was a general discussion around how we can raise awareness of kite flying for continuity as there is a need to get younger people involved to secure the financial future.

The workshops were very financially successful.

The committee took a decision to offer free kite workshops to schools etc., to reduce reserves.

The committee also took a decision to offer free membership to all current members, for one year, to reduce reserves.

Acceptance of the accounts was as follows:

Proposed by Dave Thompson

Seconded by Allen Coates

### **Cowpat Hill Editor's Report**

Having offered to help Andrew with the magazine I have actually taken over for the last two issues and have been very grateful for the articles that have arrived without coercion. Fortunately there have so far been a few for the January edition. I do hope I am not going to have all the ongoing cries for input. There will be the minutes of the AGM but we could do with something more interesting.

I am happy to go on editing the magazine for as long as possible BUT if there is anyone who would like to take over I should be delighted to pass over the responsibility. Just let me know.

Neil thanked the club for the new printer.

### **Web Master's report**

Our web page that was started by Pete Dawson appears to be very little used. Over the last year the forum has had input on only three occasions apart from my updates. I am therefore proposing to remove this facility. The remainder of the site will remain but will only be updated when I get information requested by the committee. The mirror site at co.uk will be shut down. I shall keep this URL available in case someone wants to use it for a new version of our site with a modern editing program.

Due to the quantity of "spam" emails received at the WHKF addresses I also propose to remove this facility and ask people to contact us via Facebook as most do already. I will continue to monitor the Friends of WHKF page and forward any messages for those who don't use FB.

## **WHKF USA Representative's Report**

None submitted.

### **Election of Officers**

Chairman :- David Robinson

Nominated by Stuart Lafferty

Seconded by John Browning

Vice Chairman :- Don Baggett

Nominated by Dave Robinson

Seconded by Pat Mabon

Secretary :- David Robinson

Nominated by Janet Robinson

Seconded by Roy Martin

Treasurer :- Janet Robinson

Proposed Pat Mabon

Seconded D Thompson

Committee

Douglas Jones

Martin Croxton

Dave Thompson

Kevin Griffiths

Nominated en Bloc

Voted in unanimously

Hon Auditor :- Helen Peace

Nominated John Browning

Seconded Dave Thompson

Dave Thompson proposed that an honorarium should be introduced for the Treasurer and the Auditor.

Proposed D Thompson

Seconded M Houghton

## **WHKF Fun Fly 2016**

The years Fun Fly was another success. The grass was longer than previous as owner forgot it was happening. It will be the same format next year but there will be a larger tent.

There were views expressed that it was a brilliant event.

The Fun Fly is on the 23rd and 24th September 2017.

## **Other Events**

Pete Dawson's daughter is getting married on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017. There will be a large field next to the wedding venue for flyers.

Alec Elliot, who did the PA tent at BKF for many years has died.

Ducklington is the 22/23 July.

Mince Pie fly 27<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Insurance and BKFA**

Perkins Slade will increase their subscriptions this year due to increase in IPT. Jerry asked if there were any incidents/accidents. It was confirmed that there were none.

Jerry updated all on CAT 393. CAA has sent an update to advise that this is now covered by CIRA rules. Not much has changed with the rules but it is better, particularly for kites under 2 kilos as the rules are more straightforward. Kites weighing over 2 kilos are subject to the whole rules.

There is nothing included on night flying, for either kites or balloons in the new rules.

BKFA AGM is 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

## **Fees from June 2017**

As previously advised, there is no fee for this year, however, the following fees are proposed from June 2017:

Membership £16.00

Insurance £11.00

Proposed Dave Robinson

Seconded Alan Outram

## **Projects for 2017**

Children's Workshops are ongoing

The March workshop this year is a kite by Martin Lester

There is a possibility of a second workshop in October

No major projects.

Thanks and a round of applause was extended to Kevin for his contributions to the workshops.

## **AOB**

Mike Houghton gave a further update on Alec Elliot. His wife Anita would like to sell off his kites to raise money for the Mountbatten Hospice.

Mike presented details of a number of kites.

If anyone is interested in buying any of them, please make contact with Mike.

Mike will write a future Newsletter article about Alec.

Dave Pengelli advised that he had bought a kite kit from Ralf Maserski, at the last workshop, and wanted to pass on his appreciation to Ralf for offering to help with the kite when Dave put a picture with an update on Facebook.

Corey Johnson, from USA, died a couple of months ago.

## **Close of Meeting by President**

Neil thanked Charlie and Helen for providing and arranging the facilities.

Neil thanked Kevin for the refreshments.

Neil thanked all the committee for their hard work over the year.

Neil wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The meeting closed at 3.20pm.

## Update Bristol International Kite Festival

After careful consideration we have decided not to hold the Bristol International Kite Festival in 2017.

We will continue to look for opportunities to hold the event in 2018 subject to being able to find a long term viable financial future for the event and/or raising sufficient sponsorship. We would like to thank all those flyers, traders, friends and enthusiasts who support Bristol and want to see the event continue in the future.

The Festival Team.

## NATIONAL KITE FLYING DAY

Observed annually on February 8th, National Kite Flying Day is marked by kite flying enthusiasts across the country.

Kites date back to China in 470 B.C. China is full of lore and histories of the origins of the kite. Many are related to the way wind affects the leaves on the trees, the shelters they lived in, blowing away the sails on their ships and the hats they wore upon their heads. The stories also tell of kites being invented to spy on their enemies or to send messages.

There is also evidence that the people of South Sea Islands were using kites for fishing around the same time as the people of China.

Early kites were constructed from bamboo or sturdy reeds for framing, leaves, silk or paper for the sail and vines or braided fibers for the line or tether. While they were initially used as tools, they were also ceremonial as well. Used to send messages into the heavens or to lift offerings up to the gods, kites had a symbolic place in the culture.

Today kites are popular both as hobbies and for outdoor fun. They range from a simple diamond kite to more complicated box kites and giant sled kites. Stunt kites, also known as sport kites, are designed so the operator can maneuver the kite into dips, twists and dives with dramatic effect.

*(Information from National Day Calendar)*

NORTH HANTS KITER'S JOLLY UP 20 on  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017  
Gate open from 12noon on the Friday...

The site is located in the village of Cliddesden, just south of Basingstoke (not far from J6 of the M3).

On-site camping is available from Friday midday onwards (£10 per tent/camper for Fri and Sat night)

Fish and chips available on the Friday evening (via the zipwire!) from 6pm to 9pm.

The Saturday evening food will be the BBQ, tickets available on the weekend-(£8.00 and please try to bring a plate and cutlery!)

Once again we will be doing Jacket Potatoes for those interested at lunchtimes over the weekend, and Bacon rolls will be available on both mornings.

The Auction will once again be held on the Saturday evening, and any donations gratefully received before or on the week-end (before 4pm please if poss to give us time to set it all up and Hayley to sit down for a while (-: )

We may run the Beer Lift competition, wind permitting, same rules as before.

Roy's Refreshment Tent will be open for Business, normal rules apply..

For further info, please either contact:

Roy on 07778 352825

Colin on 07770 338419

Or e-mail [roy@kitesup.co.uk](mailto:roy@kitesup.co.uk)

For orders: [hayley@kitesup.co.uk](mailto:hayley@kitesup.co.uk)

You can pre-order your tee-shirt / poloshirt, etc. Please email Hayley if interested in doing so.

(The dates for this same event taking place later this year again are Aug 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>)

Please Note: this is NOT a Buggy/Boarding weekend, thank-you.

**Basingstoke Kite Festival**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
**At Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane,**  
**Basingstoke.**  
**From 10am to 5 pm (both days)**

Come along and help us to celebrate our 25th Festival and join in the fun!!!!!!

Guests from Home and Abroad will be joining in, and as well as things going on in the display arena, there will be the usual array of activities, along with various Kite & Food traders.

This year's theme is **PATTERNS**

A raffle is held over the weekend with lots of donated kite related prizes, donations gratefully received!

On Saturday evening we will have our usual Social Get Together in the marquee, and all are welcome (There is a small fee if you would like to join in with the Buffet, please pre-book and pay on the Saturday morning, from the Raffle Team as available numbers are very limited!)

Camping is available on the Friday and Saturday evenings only, for £10.00 (payable on the weekend) and you will be able to get onsite from 1pm onwards on the Friday, no earlier please! (**Council stipulation**) There are Showers and Toilet facilities on site.

Come along and join in, and we look forward to seeing you there!!!

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## 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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