COWPAT HILL



Journal of the White Horse Kite Flyers Issue Spring 2018 April - June

Height clearance at Barbury.

Good news! We have applied for height clearance for our monthly meetings at Barbury and it has been granted with the following restrictions:-

- (a) the said kite/s shall only be flown from Barbury Castle Country Park, Wroughton, Wiltshire, SN4 0QH
- OS Grid Ref: SU 155 768
- (b) the said kites/s MUST NOT be flown above 500ft above ground level;
- (c) the said kite/s shall not be flown in a visibility of less than 5 kilometres, nor within 1000ft vertically or 1800 metres horizontally of cloud;
- (d) any kite flying by day at a height exceeding 60 metres above the surface should have attached to its mooring cable;
 - i. tubular streamers; or
 - ii. at intervals of not more than 100 metres measured from the lowest part of the kite, streamers not less than 80cm long and 30cm wide at their widest point, marked with alternate bands of red and white 10cm wide;

This applies for 2018 and from 09:30 to 18:00. Please comply with these restriction so that we do not lose the facility. The permit will be held on site by Arthur Dibble or David Robinson and Janet will be the CAA telephone contact.

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Diary Dates

April 2018

7-8th Minchinhampton (NEW LOCATION)

8th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

14-22nd Berck

28-29th Jolly Up

May 2018

5-6th Broad Haven

7th Hilton Court Gardens

13th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

13th Streatham

25-28th Margam

June 2018

2-3rd Basingstoke

2-3rd Brean

10th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

16th Watchfield Wind farm

23-24th Morecambe

July 2018

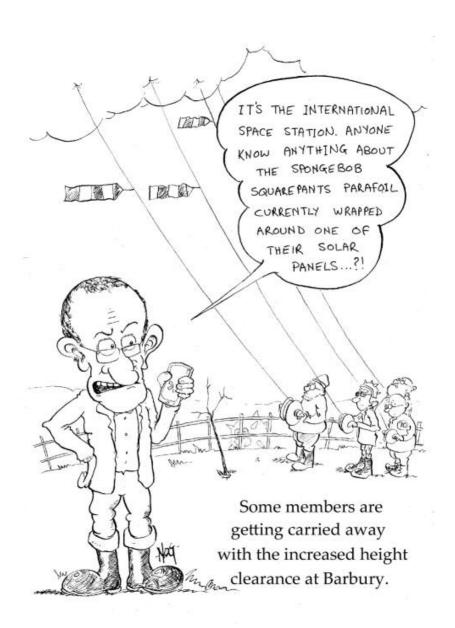
7-8th Barmouth

8th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

14-15th Leominster

21-22nd Ducklington

Dead line for next issue 24th June 2018



The Paul & Helene Morgan Workshop

The weekend started off with very little hassle at all thankfully, the caretaker had set up the tables for us which was great, it meant that as soon as everyone had arrived they could get down to business.

Once the tea urn was set up I went and bought the lunch, on Saturday we had a selection of pizzas and homemade garlic and mozzarella bread, a slightly lighter lunch today as we were heading out for an Indian this evening.

Everyone was well under way when I got back, Paul and Helene were busy helping everyone when they needed it, giving advice with their usual smiley banter, so I headed into the kitchen to get lunch ready, there were some beautiful colour options for this workshop and we had a whole host of kites being sewn together by lunchtime.

The lunch went down well with not a lot left at all which was good, in the afternoon I prepped the veg for tomorrow's lunch so that in the morning I only had to cook everything and not worry about the prep work.

By mid-afternoon most of the kite makers were almost finished sewing together their kits ready to start on the tabs and spars tomorrow.

We started Sunday in a great mood, most of the kite makers were busy finishing the tabs and starting on the spars, the chat was all good and cheery, Paul and Helene were helping again with advice on the spars and offering encouragement as is their norm.

For lunch today we were offering a full roast so that the kite makers had had a decent meal before driving home, as some come from quite a ways

Slow roasted Belly of pork with mashed potatoes, red cabbage, carrots and leeks and bean's stir fried, it seemed to go down very well with several members going back for seconds which was nice to see, we also offered Christmas pudding and custard for dessert today, as we didn't get to hold the Christmas pudding fly in December due to the weather being so awful, so everyone had a good lunch

After the clearing up was finished my kitchen helpers and I sat down for a coffee and to watch the kite makers finish up and have their pictures taken, a great group shot and then the auction, which helps cover the costs of the event After the auction more pictures and thankyou's and not so much goodbyes but fond farewells until the next time, then it was time to head home with fond memories of a great workshop weekend.

A big thank you to everyone that attended the workshop and especially those that organised and helped at the event.

Kevin

Here we are again, it's still cold and chilly outside so I thought I'd let you have the recipes for the red cabbage and baton carrots we served at the workshop in Feb

You can serve them with almost anything from the slow roasted Belly pork we did right though to a nice roast chicken

I hope you enjoy them

Slow Braised Red Cabbage

1 Red cabbage

34 block of butter

1 small jar of redcurrant jelly

2tbsp brown sugar

Salt & Pepper

Currents

In a large pan put about 2 pints of water, add the butter, red currant jelly, brown sugar, salt & pepper and bring to a boil.

Shred the cabbage and add to the pan

Mix well until the cabbage is coated in the water mixture

Turn down the heat and simmer for an hour until the cabbage is soft and tender, if need be add more water so the cabbage doesn't boil dry

Add the currents to the cabbage, mix well and simmer for a further 20 mins The cabbage should be glossy and shiny and ready to enjoy

Baton Carrots
1 pack of ready cut baton carrots
½ pack of butter
Salt & Pepper

Cumin

Fresh mint

Par cook the carrots until just tender

In a baking dish melt the butter; add the salt, pepper and a sprinkle of cumin Add the carrots and toss in the butter

Bake in a warm oven at 180 for 10 mins toss the carrots at least twice during the baking

Finely chop the fresh mint

Sprinkle over the carrots and toss just before serving

Winter Mini Spikes Project

What is a Spike? Essentially it is a simple piece of line junk or ground display, based on a geodesic sphere, or if you prefer, a football. It consists of 20 regular hexagons and 11 pentagons with equal length sides stitched together so they form a sphere, with one open pentagon left at the front which is where the air gets in to inflate it. This can be modified by adding an extra pentagon with a valve fitted which helps to maintain inflation. The addition of a quarter circle of fabric stitched into a cone on each of the pentagons gives it the appearance of a spiky ball. The fun part is the addition of appliqued eyes, teeth & uvulas to give each ball its own personality. The original plan by Phil Womack can be found on Kite Plan Base at www. Kiteplans.org.

Both Arthur and I had built big Spikes a couple of years ago, (about 7ft diameter) which are great on the ground and good fun for kids to play with. The plan can be adjusted to pretty much any size, and Arthur came up with the idea of a series of smaller Spikes which could be flown up on a line. Foolishly I agreed. Well that sorted out what to do on all the long dark winter evenings!

At the end of last summer I built the first one, in pink rip stop from a condemned paraglider. I used a 20cm side for the hexagons & pentagons and a 23cm radius for the quarter circles. The size of the resulting sphere was about right, but the sewing on of the spikes was a very tight turn, so for the rest of the Spikes we decided on 28cm radius. This was still quite a challenge to get right but got easier with practice. We decided to make five each...although this still seems to be increasing as at the time of writing the twelfth is being made!

The February meeting at Barbury Castle saw the maiden flight of all ten together and they did look rather splendid in the strong blustery wind, lifted by Arthur's trilobite. They flew at quite a low angle but this will improve with a more powerful lifter. The other problem we have encountered is a tendency to fly upside down, which I have attempted to rectify by sewing three pennies in to the bottom hexagon, with some success. This has also increased the value of each piece somewhat. After a while the wind increased so much that we decided to bring them down and tether them to the fence where they still made a fun display.

We figured that ten would be plenty, but now with our 500ft clearance that leaves plenty of room for more, so if you fancy making one, the more the merrier!

How to Make a Spike:

- 1. Cut out or hot cut 20 regular hexagons and 11 pentagons, with a side measurement of 20cm, in your chosen colour. Add a 1cm seam allowance.
- 2. Cut 11 quarter circles with a radius of 28cm, again allow 1cm seam allowance all round.
- 3. For the intake tube, cut a $1m \times 14cm$ piece of ripstop. Allow a 1cm seam allowance along the long sides, and I found it worth leaving a little more than this on the short ends to allow for fudging!
- 4. Draw a circle in the centre of each pentagon with a 7cm radius.

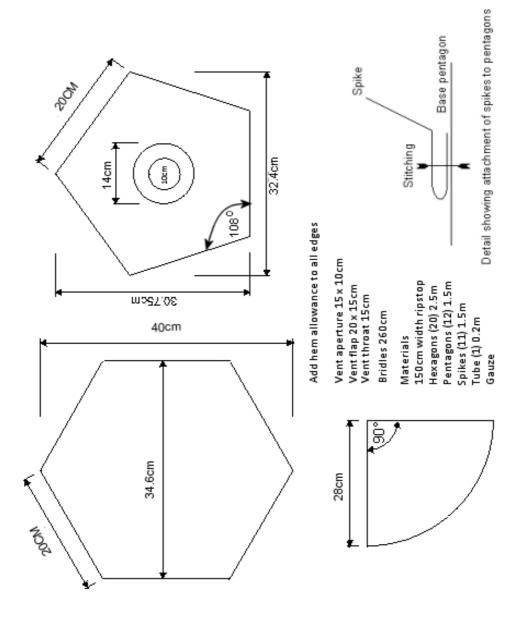
- 5. Inside these circles, hot cut smaller circles with a 5cm radius.
- 6. Sew up the straight sides of the quarter circles to form open ended cones.
- 7. Carefully sew the curved edge of the cones onto the pentagons, following the 7cm radius circle line you have drawn.
- 8. Applique one eye on to each of two of the hexagons.
- 9. To begin assembling the sphere, start with one of the pentagons. On each side of the pentagon, sew one side each of five of the hexagons. Then sew the adjoining sides of the hexagons to each other.
- 10. Continue by adding another five pentagons. Sew two sides of each one in the angle between two hexagons. Continue building up the sphere in this way the important thing to remember is that each pentagon is surrounded by five hexagons. You may find it helpful to mark the first pentagon by tying a piece of string around it for reference, as it can get confusing! This first pentagon will end up at the rear of the ball, opposite the air intake. Take your time and try to keep track of where you are! The sphere will gradually build up and curve in on itself until you have only one pentagon-shaped hole left. The two hexagons with eyes should be left until last and form part of the final ring of five hexagons around the opening, which then becomes the mouth or snout.
- 11. Sew one long edge of the rectangular shaped piece around the hole, with the seam on the inside, and join up the two ends to form a short tube. Hem the outside edge, and add five equally spaced tabs around the edge. Tie five lines of 260cm to these, add a swivel and away you go!

That's the basic plan, but we have also added a 12th pentagon with a one way valve in the air intake. To do this, you need to put in a zip at the back, we found it easiest to put this along the first seam sewn at the beginning. The valve construction is fairly simple. Cut the pentagon to the same size, hot cut a rectangular hole in the middle and sew a piece of mesh at the back. Behind the mesh add a rectangle of fabric a bit larger than the hole, only sewing it at the corners. This allows air in, then when sufficient pressure has built up inside the fabric presses against the mesh and gives a seal. This pentagon can have teeth appliqued if desired. Carefully sew it in to the air intake hole whilst the whole thing is inside out. Then simply pull it the right way round through the zip hole.

The plan can easily be scaled up or down, although much smaller than this would get a bit fiddly.

Dave Cross (AKA Nog.)

Plans and a PowerPoint Presentation can be found on The Club web site at:http://www.whkf.org.uk/Archnew.html







Don't panic, SKY CHAT will be back with us next issue.

In the meantime here is a copy of the summary of accounts for the 2016/17 year, missed from our previous issue. If you have any queries please send them to the committee in writing or by email when they will be passed to our accountant and you will be advised of the answer via the same channel.

INCOM	E AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY TO 30TH SEPTEMBER	2 2017
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<u>Income</u>		
	New Membership	£82
	Workshop Adjusted for Prepayments	£1,636
	Fun Fly	£1,063
	Trading Sales	£1,704
	Other Income	£1,085
Total Income		£5,570
<u>Expenditure</u>		
_	Workshop Adjusted for Accruals last year	-£1,976
	Fun Fly Loss due to free food	-£1,467
	Insurance	-£892
	Purchases for Resale	-£831
	Other Expenditure	-£1,144
Total Expenditure		-£6,311
	I&E surplus/deficit (before Fixed Assets)	-£741
	Depreciation	-£806
	I&E surplus/deficit (after Fixed Assets)	-£1,547
	Total Balance c/fwd	-£1,547

Fun Fly Menus

Well it's a new season of kite flying and socials, the weekends are filling up with dates for here, there and further afield so hopefully I'll see you on a field somewhere (more likely in a kitchen tent lol)

For the Fun Fly this year I have made a few changes to the menu (don't panic nothing drastic)

For Breakfast this year we will be offering a Full English on both days as opposed to just the Sunday as well as the usual fare.

Lunch is where most changes have occurred, this year were offering something a little different A Gammon steak roll with chargrilled pineapple and a fried egg, a Chicken Burger, topped with Bacon and Cheese and a slightly different way of serving the Bratwurst sausages, once pan fried until golden were going to braise then in a rich Onion gravy and serve them in a finger roll (messy but oh so nice)

Of course there are vegetarian dishes for those that don't eat meat available as well for every meal.

For dinner on the Saturday evening, we will be serving a slow braised beef in Red wine with Onions, Leeks, Carrots and Mushrooms, topped with a puff pastry lid.

For our veggie friends we will be offering a duo of stuffed vegetables one a sweet pepper filled with a savoury rice and vegetable stuffing the other a thick slice of Aubergine filled with a tomato and vegetable filling Both of the main meals will be served with homemade Dauphinoise Potatoes, Red Cabbage slow cooked with apples and currents, Baton Carrots cooked then tossed in Olive oil and fresh herbs and baked until golden and tender and French beans cooked then pan fried in butter with Almond slivers until tender.

If at any point your kites are sitting happily in the sky or if there is no wind please feel free to pop into the marquee and watch the floor show provided **free of charge** by the kitchen team, I'd be lost without them and I think you'll agree we try and serve some great food for a field kitchen.

So thank you Dave, Helen and Carol you really are indispensable to me at the Fun Fly and workshops we offer the club.

If anyone has any ideas for menu's or food they'd like to see served at any of our workshops or the Fun Fly then please feel free to come and have a chat, put your idea forward and hopefully we will be able to serve it up at one of our events, the kitchen team don't bite (unless you ask really nicely) lol

Or if you'd like to help out in any way we'd love to hear from you, it's a great laugh and a lot easier now we hire in the marquee, you never know the capers and chaos we get up to behind the scenes lol it's like a carry on film at times ©

If you have any schools or local groups in your area that you think would be interested in participating in a kite workshop please speak to any member of the committee as we all have copies of our new leaflet to give out we have lots of members who would be more than happy to go along and do a workshop with them help build kites and watch the joy as they fly in any weather, for a very reasonable price, compared to other kiters.

The club is also looking for new ways to increase the membership, especially of younger members, if you have any ideas no matter how daft you think they are please, please, please let a member of the committee know as were all getting older and we want the club to continue for many more years to come.

Kevin

Robinson's Ramble

Sixteen years ago Janet and I along with Ron and Marla Miller travelled to Australia for a two week holiday, on the way home we spent three days of the holiday in Tokyo, that three days has always been in my head, I was fascinated by the atmosphere there, it was extremely crowded but you didn't feel on edge like you might do in, say, Oxford Street in London on a very busy day, people were very relaxed and polite, even though none of us spoke their language. Due to that experience Janet and myself have always wanted to travel back. So as it was my 70th Birthday in February we decided to return, Ron & Marla wanted to also go back but due to a clash of dates they couldn't make it. One of my long time wishes was to travel on the Shinkansen, bullet train, this was the first trip we booked when we got there. We booked a 1 day trip to Kyoto, the train ride was great at about 300km per hour, however Kyoto was a bit disappointing, it seemed a bit dowdy and run down, after the bright lights of Tokyo, plus the torrential rain all day long didn't help. Although we did get to see some great Temples, like the one here.



One of the highlights was meeting up with, Mikio Toki who along with his daughter made a two hour train journey to Tokyo to give us a sightseeing trip, what a great day it was, especially meeting up with Mikio, who we haven't seen for about 10 years. For those of you who don't know, Mikio is a maker of traditional Japanese kites, he is also an artist, his speciality is painting Japanese Warriors onto his kites. Ron & Marla introduced Mikio to us years ago when we used to go to Fort Worden kite makers conference. Janet & I had the pleasure of hosting Mikio when the Club invited him to one of our Festivals at Wroughton.

This bit is being written on the plane, you have to find something to do on a 12 hour flight! The holiday was everything we could have expected. Tokyo is a great city in our opinion and we have only seen a very small portion of it, what also makes it a great place are the people who are lovely, it is also a very clean place, we hardly saw any litter! If only that were the case back home.

Dave Robinson

White Horse Gets a Facelift.

Our leaflet was last revised in 2010

After a quick discussion with Mr Robinson after the AGM, I decided to have a go at designing a new leaflet to see whether we could present a more updated image for the club.

Seemed like a good idea for promoting us and recruiting new members. First step was to change "One of the Best Kite Clubs" to "A Kite Club for Everyone"

More inclusive - see?

Next step was to revise the text whilst keeping the general gist - if you see what I mean.

Then to find some bright images which would jump out of the page (instead of lurking on it)

I bounced drafts to our committee members.

Then came the exercise of pushing treacle up a hill with your nose (or fog up a drainpipe using a colander) Many constructive comments were made for which I was grateful. Many "It's fine with me" and a few sideways, confusing and generally unhelpful suggestions.

The news is that - yes, you <u>can</u> get the treacle to the top of the hill. The nose gets a bit worn but it can be done!

In short, we have a new leaflet.

I do hope that everyone will actively use the new leaflet. If you find yourself at schools, or with scouts, cubs, or youth groups of any kind and kites feature, then here is a new opportunity to invite these younger people to find out more and - this is important - join!

So please keep a few leaflets with you so that we can all take an active part in recruiting new members.

Thanks

John



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e-Mail

Website



Yes, I'd like to join the WHKF

First Name

Surname Address Post Code

Telephone

Mobile e-mail



(to be included for club event insurance)

Family Members

Please see enclosed slip for current rates







WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS: A KITE CLUB FOR EVERYONE

Friendly, Healthy Outdoor Fun!

We welcome new members, young and old Members receive 4 issues of our magazine Annual subscriptions run from November. be they kiters or absolute newbies.

and £5M public liability insurance when flying kites ("Cowpat Hill"), discount in some kite shops at club events. Personal liability insurance of £5M is also available (at extra cost).

So if you want a fun way to meet people and enjoy

Club membership is open to everyone.

a satisfying outdoor pursuit, the WHKF is for you. boxes, Japanese, Chinese, Indian or anything

We fly all kinds of kites: sports kites, parafolls, deltas,

Some members parachute teddy bears from kites

which flies on a string.

others take photographs from on high.

No kite buggying though.

Members come from all over the United Kingdom and as far afield as the USA, Canada, Australia,

We visit super kite festivals in the UK and abroad:

New Zealand, South Africa and Japan.

some as far away as India and the Far East,

WHKF is affiliated with:

who regularly meet on the second Sunday of each

month to fly kites at Barbury Castle

The White Horse Kite Flyers are kite enthusiasts (about 4 miles south of Swindon in Willshire).

This is a sled kite which flies in almost any wind One has even flown across the Channel from the affectionately-known "Green Tadpole". the back of the Newhaven - Dieppe ferry!

February and/or October. These are great fun. WHKF workshops for members take place in You can learn from experts how to make some great kites





(who have elected us Kite Club of the Year).

and the American Kitefliers Association

the Westport Wind Riders in the USA the British Kite Flying Association,

INSURANCE

If you have personal insurance through the Club, this is renewable on the 1st of June, so we would appreciate your membership fee by about the second week of May, the fee last year was £11 and up to the point of this latest Magazine reaching you we haven't been informed of any increase. So if you can do a direct debit to the Club bank it would be appreciated, the details are:

Account number 12573018 Sort code 16-33-11. If you would rather send a cheque, please make it out to WHKF and send it to White Horse Kite Flyers, 61 Bridge End Road, Swindon, SN3 4PD, if you do a direct debit, please inform me by email at :-darjer2@virginmedia.com

Please note that you insurance cover will only be in effect from the specified date or the date on which your subscription is received, whichever is the later. It can not be backdated.

Regards

David Robinson

DATA PROTECTION

New regulations come in to force on May 25th and White Horse Kite Flyers wish to clarify the situation on information collected about its members.

The only information The Club holds is your name, address and any contact information provided by you on your joining application. This will be held on The Club membership data base and will be used solely for the purposes of Club business. (eg. Sending Club magazine, membership renewal reminders etc.)

Details supplied will not be divulged to any third party unless legally required to do so by the authorities. Your information will be removed within 6 months of The Club Secretary receiving written request or in the case of lapsed membership. By completing the membership application you are agreeing to your data being stored as above.

NORTH HANTS KITER'S JOLLY UP 22 on April 28th & 29th 2018

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 <u>Friday</u> midday onwards (£15 per tent/camper for Fri and Sat night, there is a small extra charge for a Sunday night stop-over)

Food will be available in the Marquee on the Friday evening, please order and pay at the bar.

There will be Hot food on the Saturday evening (£8.00 and <u>please</u> bring a plate and cutlery where possible!)

As usual we will be doing Jacket Potatoes at lunchtimes over the weekend, and Bacon/Egg rolls will be available on both mornings.

The Auction will 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 (-:)

There will be a silent Auction on the Sunday.

There will be games for entertainment in the Marquee over the weekend, come and play!!

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

For further info, please contact:

Roy on 07778 352825

Or e-mail roy@kitesup.co.uk

For orders: hayley@kitesup.co.uk

You can pre-order your tee-shirt / polo-shirt, etc. Please email Hayley if interested.

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

Basingstoke Kite Festival

2nd and 3rd June 2018 At Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane, Basingstoke. From 10am to 5 pm (both days)

Come along and help us to celebrate our 26th 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.

The theme for this year is "People and places of interest in Hampshire"

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 <u>very</u> 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!!!

Contact:

Alan Cosgrove (Main festival Organiser) 01256 421800 Roy Broadley (Kites Up) 01256 812487

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 aerials.

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.

WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS meet at Barbury Castle country Park on the second Sunday of each month.

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