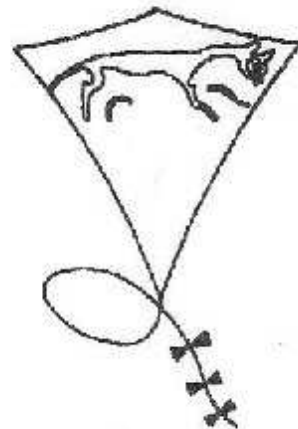


Cowpat Hill



WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS
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KITE LINES

At our June meeting at Barbury Castle we were advised by the tenant farmer that one of his sheep had been seriously injured when a discarded line became tangled round it's leg and severed the tendon. Whilst I firmly believe that this line was unlikely to have been left on the field by any of our members, I would ask that we all become even more vigilant and pick up lines discarded by others.

WHKF members have been flying on this site from long before the club was constituted (15 years) and I am sure every one would be upset if we were to loose this site due to a lack of consideration for other users of this amenity.

At the same meeting I had to clear up some pieces of plastic aeroplane that could have choked livestock, so please if you see anything lying about, pick it up and put it in the bins by the toilet block. If you notice anyone else discarding lines, tails, plastic bags etc please try and advise them *politely* of the problems we are experiencing.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Arthur Dibble (Chairman)

And all the committee.

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Diary Dates 2006

W = Workshop, D = Display, T = Teddy bears

July

9th Barbury Castle
8/9th Brighton Kite Festival
15th Stroud show {W}
16th Faringdon Park Brunel Festival {W}

August

13 Barbury Castle
26/28th Portsmouth kite festival
27/28thuffington show {W,D}

September

2/3rd Bristol Kite Festival
3rd Brinkworth {W, D}
10th Rockingham {W, D, T}
10th Barbury Castle
11/17thDieppe

October

8th Barbury Castle One Sky One World
14/15th WIKF IoW Pilgrimage
15th Franklin 300 (see forum for details)

21/22nd Autumn workshop. Note change of date. It's going to be Papillons with Kelvin.

Please note all events are liable to alteration or cancellation. For up to date information please check our web site www.whkf.co.uk

HOW SAD

What a shame after such a fantastic issue for the previous magazine, what a weedy effort this time. {Last mag} Apart from the regulars we have very little. Brighton got two articles from people who had enjoyed the Holm Struck workshop. I'm sorry no WHKF members enjoyed it enough to put pen to paper. I am enjoying the puzzles even with no prizes but no one has contacted us with their answers. I didn't do very well with Doug's this month but I am checking the spelling of Rokkaku!

Arthur.

And on that note sorry Doug for the mistake, the Height you can fly a kite in USA is 500 feet. It looks like someone stumbled in the typing. Oops

Ed

EDDY FLY

It was a cold overcast day for our monthly meeting at Barbury Castle. I had arrived early and was alone. The wind was a south easterly about force 3 so the perfect chance to try out the Eddy. After a slight adjustment to the bridle point I was able to anchor it and return to sit in the back of the car and watch it. I don't know how long I sat there or when another car parked next to me until the lady said "You are up there with that aren't you?" and I had to say, "Yes"

There is a majesty and serenity about that kite that can be felt even by those who don't fly. It is what kites mean to me. I am grateful to Holm Struck for enabling me to experience this moment.

OLD FRIENDS

For those of you who remember the days when the mixed grill at The White Hart was a challenge not to be taken lightly, we have recently heard from Ross and Dawn who ran it back when we had our AGM there. They are now running a holiday park in Cornwall and would be pleased to see any of us who are down that way. You can bet it would be a good place to stop for a meal. It is Crantock Beach Holiday Park, Crantock, Newquay, right on the coast with a great beach for kite flying. Wish I were going to that way this year. Good detail can be found on the web site <http://www.parkcanholidays.co.uk/crantock-beach-holiday-park.htm> looks fantastic.

Arthur

Robinson's Ramble

Wow! What a Festival, horrible day on Saturday, so not much to talk about there, but Sunday! – Sun shone it was a lot warmer and the public came out to support the event, in fact 4.500 attended on Sunday, with 1800 on Saturday. When the wind finally kicked in on Sunday afternoon, I think this was the best display of kites we have ever had at Science Museum. Spectacular comes to mind! I must thank all of you who persevered all weekend. I mustn't forget to say thank you, to all of you who helped put the site together on Friday prior to the Festival and for breaking the site down on Sunday evening - in some horrible rain! I won't mention any names for fear of forgetting someone, if you were there, you know who you are! The Raffle was really special this year. It made £1020! A record, this was due mainly to the spectacular amount of prizes that were donated, and the hard work put in by the ticket sellers, (ably lead by Di Baggett, Kay Woodring and Sarah Capewell), in extracting so much money from you all. Thanks very much to all of the raffle workers.

We had some great guests this year, Charlie Sotich From Chicago, there's only one thing to say here "Thank You Charlie", Kay Buesing from the World Kite Museum, Kay Woodring from Puyallup, Washington State, Kay is a great kite maker, Kelvin Woods from Middlesborough, who excelled with his arena displays, Robert Weil, from Devon who gave a great talk on the 'Round Pond Flyers', and Dan Leigh who is also a 'Round Pond Flyer expert'. A big Thank you to you all. I must also thank the Willis Family, Pete and the Girls for putting out the road signs, Tracy for helping Janet with registration and all of the bits & pieces that need doing at the event and again the girls for doing a major part of the after festival litter picking. And Thank you Janet for all that you do at the event, Hugs & Kisses from me. XXXX

It was some sad news that had come on the Tuesday prior to the event. Sam Huston had died suddenly. Sam and his wife Anne were due to do the autumn workshop for the club, in October. Sam was a popular choice for workshops. In fact he had done the first WHKF workshop about 10 years ago. I had done one of his workshops at Fort Worden in the USA, I was so impressed with his – non-sew kite making method that I had no hesitation in booking him for our first ever workshops all those years ago. He was such a nice Guy and was completely absorbed by kite making and flying.

It was the Committee's decision to hold a Memorial fly to honour him. It was strange that there wasn't hardly any wind prior to the Sam's memorial fly but as soon as Neil said 'Kites Up' the wind picked up, I think we actually flew 14 of Sam's kites – kites that had been made in the three workshops that Sam and his wife Anne had come over to teach.

Some sadder news followed a week later -- Eddie Megrath had lost his long battle with cancer, he had fought it very bravely. Eddie and his wife Ann were very involved with the Cleethorpes kite festival, since it started 10 years ago. He was also a great kite designer, with his wife Ann turning his ideas into reality with her sewing skills. It's sad that within a week, not only have we lost two very nice people but two great kite innovators. There was a memorial fly for Eddie at the Cleethorpes Kite Festival. Doug Jones represented the Club at his Funeral.

Our thoughts go to both Ann Megrath & Anne Huston at this sad time.

With the sad news of Sam's death we had to find someone to do the October workshop, the general consensus seemed to be Kelvin Woods. We had invited Kelvin to this years Festival to show off his amazing kites, did you see the Mohamed Ali kite that he had made - Brilliant! The kite he will be doing at the workshop will be his Papillion Kite. Details and prices to follow later. The date will be 21/22nd October at Penhill Primary School.

If you have any comments about the Festival, please let us know, I know there were some long queues at the food stalls, that problem will be put right next year, we have one of this years traders -- the coffee shop -- who are offering to put in a selection of food traders with a much better selection of food and hopefully cut the queues.

Elsewhere in this magazine there is an article by George Webster about the display of Alick Pearson kites that we had arranged, because of this article I haven't written about it, however where George mentions next years Hangar display, this will be subject to approval by the Committee.

Regards

David Robinson

PETER POWELL



How nice it was to see Peter Powell at our festival and we are grateful to Ron Dell for getting him to come. Those of us who have been in kiting for some years have probably met him many times. He is a man with a lot to answer for. He is often credited with inventing the Stunt Kite but this is not the case as Paul Garber used a similar system on his target kite in the last war to train aircraft gunners.

The great contribution Peter made was to make this type of kite available to the public at a reasonable price. How many of us started our stunt flying with a Peter Powell with the hundred foot tubular tail? I am using the name

stunt kite deliberately as in those days the term sport kite had not been invented.

The first version had a sail of red plastic and tubular aluminium spars. A piano wire centre section of the spreader allowed it to flex and thereby increased the wind range it could be flown in. The line, 200ft. of twisted polyester, came on pieces plywood with notches in the end. The tail was a blue polythene tube 100ft. long. They were great fun to fly and with the long tail swooping behind them frequently drew spectators especially if there were several flyers trying to cut the others tail off.

A later development was the replacement of aluminium spars with glass fibre ones and then the sail changed to rip-stop. There was one of these in the raffle and I was very sad not to win it, as I do not have one in my collection.

Other makers soon followed with kites like the "ACE" and many others with different arrangements such as "The Dunford Flying Machine". As twin line kites became ever more popular developments led to the sport delta, as we know it today. I would hate to try and track the developments in this area.

When my wife first gave me a Peter Powell kite we only had one son. His younger brother is now 28 and I still have that kite. It has many bits of sticky tape holding it together and I have had to replace the spars but it rekindled the interest I had in kites from my youth and has given me many hours of pleasure since; so I would like to take this opportunity to say "THANKS PETER, it's all your fault."

Arthur

Bob Weil & Dan Lee's Weekend, with Alick Pearson's Kites at Swindon 2006

{All pictures referred to are on the club web site for quality reasons}

www.whkf.org.uk/GWpics

When David Robinson and I talked last summer about having an Alick Pearson Display at Swindon this year, we agreed that it would work best if we could get someone who had flown with him at the Round Pond, Kensington Gardens, London. Fortunately Dan Leigh came to Bristol and we persuaded him to come. He suggested Bob Weil, WHKF took care of the arrangements. I had hoped that we might get Andy King and Mark Cottrell but the end of the Kite Store not long before the Festival put paid to that.

This piece is really about what I learned from the weekend rather than the standard information in the articles by Bob Weil and Dan Leigh (copies attached).

The programme was: set up the kites on Saturday morning, listen to a talk/discussion group led by Bob in the afternoon, take the exhibition down Sunday lunchtime & fly some kites when possible in the afternoon. We ended up with all the space we wanted, roped off in the hangar; with some display stands and tables for displaying printed material as well as kites. Picture 1 is a general view taken before all the exhibits arrived.

Original Alick Pearson, kites were brought by Dan, Bob and me. Kay Buesing from the World Kite Museum, Long Beach, Washington State, came over to the event to learn more about Alick & the Round Pond Flyers. We had some facsimiles from Hugh Blowers; Paul Chapman had made an Alick Pearson -type bird and Ernest Barton a split Malay. The Alick Pearson designs represented, comprised three stages of the Roller, a Diamond Roller, a strange 3 Celled Roller (Pic.3) and two types of Bird (Pic.4). I know that other Alick Pearson designs exist e.g. The double Diamond roller, the Concorde & the Red Devil - it would be great to see them one day! We had some kites made by other Round pond fliers, including a very pretty Hexagon. Ralf Maserski's exhibit of four Roloplans was interesting in itself and very useful as a comparison with the Alick Pearson Roller (Pic.2 shows Ralf with a 1960 kite).

Some of the things that I learnt were: -

- 1) How much kiting has changed for someone like Bob Weil who has been out of it for 25 years? Ripstop was only just established in his time & Round Pond Kite makers were using taped edges, reflecting what was necessary for cotton fabrics. In his day there was, it seems no 200 ft. limit (when was it introduced?). Although Alick Pearson used aluminium tube spine in one kite in our exhibition, wooden dowel was King. The scale & shape of Soft Kites were eye opening for Bob.
- 2) Bob met Alick Pearson when he was 12, having started with a Brookite at 8. Round Pond Fliers (who could trace flying back to 1925 and had links with the Clapham Common Fliers who were going into the early 1980's) flew in a very different society where Nannies were pushing prams around Kensington gardens and some fliers, such as John Petty, were seen as 'posh' while others definitely weren't. I didn't know that Lucky Gordon flew West Indian kites next to them (for the benefit of younger readers, Lucky was the man for Christine Keeler who featured in the Profumo scandal). I didn't know that when Ernest's first kite wouldn't fly he asked Lucky & his brother Cyril for advice- the spars were too heavy (Pelham didn't give spar sizes). Bob had a story that when Princess Margaret's helicopter- she lived nearby- was due to land a Policeman was sent along on a bike to get the kites down. Seeing him one of several fliers would shout 'Kites up lads!'
- 3) There were several bird kite makers, some of whom can be found in books of the time – John Shaw seems to have been the most influential. A key difference was the attachment of the cross spar to the wing spars. This might be a pocket inside the angle of the wing (essentially as in a Delta) or having the spar projecting and attached to cords (see Pelham pages 90 & 175). Photo 4 just about shows the difference. It was also agreed that bird kites of this type weren't easy.
- 4) Alick Pearson's output was never large even when he supplied the Kite Store from about 1977 to 1980. Towards the end his stitching, (which would never win prizes), became erratic. He cut out kites by hanging the material on the wall, then holding up the template and cutting around it. Sometimes his hand would slip and the bird, say, would not be perfectly symmetrical. I know; I've got one. It's the darker one in the photo.
- 5) Undoubtedly Alick Pearson's greatest contribution was the Roller. Dan was very clear that although British Roloplans had been made at Clapham & elsewhere since the 1920's, it was Alick who simplified the kite and in the process gave it a light wind performance. He seemed to have hit upon the single wing tip correctors between the two sails, right from the start. The leading edge at first had a point, which was probably filling in the space between two stays on a Roloplan. He then widened the point until finally we have the shallow pointed leading edge with no protruding spine, which we know today. (See pics. 5&6)

If you have an old Roller and want to check whether it might be by an Alick Pearson – it might not be made of ripstop. Anyway it will be edged with tape, almost always in white. – Poor stitching and odd materials/reinforcing products is a good sign. – The front sail is especially square. – The Pelham design is not an Alick Pearson, firstly it's too narrow, and secondly Alick's Rollers never had the front keel & rear fin just the rear fin. The story is that 'a lady' approached the Round Pond and asked for the plans of the roller. Someone gave her a kite, which wasn't one of Alick's. Surely it can't have had an aluminium rod (!) spine, which is specified in Pelham Page 204.

(6) Gabriel was generally acknowledged as the maker of the finest 'Deep sky' reels. His had 4 bolts – Dan has one with the bolts concealed. Alick of course felt that his 6 bolt reels were better.

We did fly some kites in very light wind conditions on Sunday. Bob flew a Dan Leigh bird (pic.7), which he saw as a development of the Alick Pearson design. We didn't get a standard Roller up but had a Dan Leigh Diamond Roller & Ernest's Split Malay (pic.9) also one of Ralf's Roloplans. (Pic.8).

My thanks; to WHKF, Bob & Dan and their families who made it possible.

David and I have talked about next year. Assuming the Festival goes ahead, I'm hoping that the WIKF will agree to an exhibition of box kites. Primarily Hargrave & developments to date. Also included would be Bells and Lecornu's – but not Conyne's, as will have enough from the first three. We would like to get more advanced information on what you intend to bring so that we can plan the exhibition to be more informative to the public. More in the Kiteflier, later.

Regards
George Webster

Swindon. 2006.

Swindon festival marked 12 months of being with the WHKF. It has been a great 12 months and we have made lots of new friends; the kite workshops have been excellent.

What a fun filled weekend it was this year, meeting old and new friends it was nice to see Ralf and his son Lucas and of course we must not forget Ray Oakhill, cheers Ray.

I am sorry to say I only did one workshop with Charlie Sotich, unlike Mike who I think did them all! What a great guy Charlie is. "THANK YOU CHARLIE."

One person made my day that was Peter Powell what a gent, he has time for everyone. After meeting Peter, he came up to me while I was flying the Brasington workshop kite and was indeed very impressed. I thought after, I never moaned at him about the plastic t-piece always breaking on his stunt, kite but only when it nose-dived into the ground.

What great kites they were, thank you Peter for a lot of fun.

The festival was very good, the atmosphere buzzing. Organisation of the event looked very smooth and every one worked very hard. Sunday with less wind was challenging and trying to fly the clubs big Para foil was not easy but they did not give up, and after lots of Woos and ahs from the public the kite majestically flew, well for a short period anyway.

Another great kite that caught everyone's eyes was the Avon kite fliers Metholated spirit what a majestic kite this is. It was flown on Saturday by Stuart and Charlie and on Sunday Dave the Avon kite fliers Chairman had it in the air. Then the Brighton bear was in the air so a good amount of kite club effort went into this event.

As for myself I set up my Cody at about 10 on Sunday morning and it sat on the grass until about 16.00 when Ray Oakhill said, "wind up that Cody will fly now". Trying to find a spot in the flying area with all the young kite fliers was difficult but we did it. There was a few of Robert Brasingtons kites in the air, that were made in the workshop and we had a good wind until the rain came. Well it was getting on time wise anyway. There was a mass exodus of the public and the place emptied in record time. On seeing this, club members went into auto pilot and everyone was working to dismantle the flying field etc.

Ralf Maserski and I were pulling in the boundary rope, which was getting increasingly harder. When Ralf said I think this is one big loop! And off he went in search of the end.

Yes I did see him again he did not get lost. He was right and I think we must have been pulling at least half a mile of boundary rope.

At this time the rain was set in and we were soaked but it did not dampen our enthusiasm.

Thanks to all that made the event possible this includes everyone at the Wroughton site.

Ceri.

Harrow

Got there at 11-30, as Martin was unpacking the car
Went out into the field, OK blanket down kids sorted, Ozone Imp out for the little one to play with - now we need some wind
Breeze - take up handles - up it goes, and there goes the little breeze - down it comes
Breeze again - take up handles - up it goes, and there goes the breeze - down it comes
Change to 2m Ozone Fury - wait for breeze - quick here it comes, up she goes, swing Left, swing Right, and Left again - where the hell has the wind gone
Quick here we go - try again - and the wind has gone again - Hmmm scanning the sky "here kids, come here, look over there, see those dark lines coming from the clouds - we are going to get wet" food gets put back into bags again and kite stuffed into Kit bag
We sit around for about 10 minutes and sure enough RAIN, it only lasts 10 or 15 minutes whilst we stand under a bush
Rain subsides, so we venture out once again into the open field, sod this its all wet, we go back to the car, throw the stuff in it and take a walk, and see what else is happening here.
Gets cup of tea, and watches some small kids running around with the kites they have just made
Meanwhile Martin gets a windsock out again, not that it got off the floor this morning
Oh there goes the wind again
HMMMMMMMM don't like the look of those skies again Martin - He starts to pack up again, whilst me and the kids get back to the car for a bit off food, 5 minutes later we see Martin bring the stuff out and pack it back into the car.
We leave about 16-00hrs - 10 minutes later here it comes again - the wet stuff.....
Poor Martin, he had been there all that time and only got 10 to 15 minutes of flying time in
Oh and the building with the one toilet in it was LOCKED
sitting here this morning writing this, glorious blue sky and what looks like 4 - 5 mph breeze, - - -
why the HELL couldn't it have been like this yesterday
Hope you all had a better day at the castle 😊

Dave c

BOX KITES

It is a possibility that our festival 2007 will have the theme of the history of box kites for the display. We will be looking particularly for old ones, so if you have any please get in contact as early as possible. Also if you have any more modern ones we may be able to get a display of them.

The box kite was invented by Lawrence Hargrave who was born in Greenwich, England on 29th January 1850. In 1872 he went to Australia in search of gold but some accounts say the ship he was on was wrecked off Queensland. For a while he was an explorer and in 1877 became a member of the Royal Society of New South Wales as an astronomical observer. From 1883 he investigated flight finding that multicelled kites had increased stability and curved surfaces generated more lift than flat ones. Details of this can be found in George Webster's articles in Kite Flyer. During these years Hargrave had also designed the first radial rotary engine that was to become so successful. While they refused to acknowledge his work the Wright brothers owed a lot of their triumph to the work pioneered by Hargrave.

He died on 6th July 1915.

A contemporary of Hargrave was Samuel Franklin Cody born in America in about 1867. Historians disagree on the exact location and date of his birth. He became a showman doing a cowboy act with his wife modelling himself on his hero Buffalo Bill Cody, but they were not related.

In about 1890 he arrived in Europe and his interests turned to aviation. He added wings to the Hargrave box kite and used a train of them for man lifting. He continued to develop his kites as well as balloons attempting to use a motorised kite to produce manned flight. He succeeded on 18th October 1908 being the first to do so in Britain. He was killed on 7th August 1913 when piloting one of his machines at Farnborough. He is buried in Aldershot Military Cemetery.

While I hope that most of this information is correct I know there are points that are disputed. I have only tried to give you a taste for the subject before next year's festival. There is an enormous amount of information on the web and I have linked some pages from our site.

Arthur

CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

I know it is a bit early to be thinking about Christmas but if you want to book something for that time of year you have to start early. Other kite groups seem to have social events as well as flying together so I thought that this year I would try and get something started.

I have proposed that on December 9th we go for a meal at the Blunsdon and people could arrange accommodation to stay over for the December meeting at Barbury. This is in the early stages of planning at present but so that we can get the date we require we have made a reservation for 30 people. The cost will be £16.50 plus drinks as they have now stopped doing the 2-course option. If there is sufficient interest we will confirm the booking and look at the possibility of arranging a special deal at The Holiday Inn and minibus transport etc. We would then require a deposit so that we can make reservations.

Please let me know by phone, email, fax or by completing the boxes below and posting it. If there is little or no response this cannot go ahead and we will have to cancel as early as possible.

{Please photocopy below and send}

I/we would be interested in attending the Christmas get together.

	MEAL	ACCOMMODATION	TAXI
Number of adults			
Number of children			

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Puzzle Corner (3)



I wonder how many people puzzled over my previous puzzles? I had just one response at Wroughton – not an answer- just a sort of challenge to see if I knew the answer.

Answers were: Pull loop through centre hole and fiddle with the rings, C, backwards, Sunday, hexagon with hurdles between apices, 9 and 21 and track on ground. There you have it.

Here is a kite puzzle:

<http://www.lady.clara.net/puzzle/kite.htm>

Delightful. Give it a go.

How about this one:

Arrange the digits 3,3,8,8, using any mathematical symbols you like to get the answer 24. You must use all the digits. If you used just 3 and 8, it would be rather too easy.

There must be a lot of possible answers; I have collected a few already. What is yours?

Twice four and twenty blackbirds
Were sitting in the rain;
I shot and killed a seventh part,
How many did remain?

My e-mail address is john@johnbrowning.net. Please let me have your answers and any comments you may have about Puzzle Corner.

Oh, by the way; anybody know anything about Flapping Crows?

A thank you letter

Hi Tracy, Another Kite Festival has passed but not forgotten. I feel that we ought to congratulate Arthur and his "management" team for all their hard work to bring about another successful event. I was able, during the weekend, to talk with a number of visitors who really enjoyed their visit. A family, who are neighbours, came for the first time and whom I had arranged to meet are now "hooked" into flying. Their three year old who made his own kite was thrilled that his creation flew first time!

Having helped to set up the arenas I was interested to find out just how far the "team" team walked so on Saturday I took the opportunity to walk all the arenas accompanied by my pedometer. The total arenas

perimeters were 3.47 miles. I reckon that we walked that at least twice giving 6.94 miles Giving attention to checking certain "problems" etc. perhaps we could give an estimate approaching 8/9 miles! (Alright perhaps this might be a slight exaggeration-so next year I plan to wear the pedometer on the Friday!)

I also found the opportunity both days to aid first time fliers to get their new kites into the air. This is always rewarding for several reasons as we all want our kites to fly first time don't we? I also was given some generous time by a fellow kite flier Paul Mellows who helped me to get an Indian fighter kite into the air and stay there. I now know what I was doing wrong! Another aspect of Festivals.

Several people in this area (Pewsey/Marlborough) commented on the eye-catching posters. I also produced a number of small copies (approx. 3"x4") to carry around with me to give to any one I met which proved most useful! I trust that I did not contravene any copyright?!

The club puts on an excellent show at a top venue - all those involved can feel pleased!

And Finally:

It seems ages since we put the last magazine together. So much has happened since. We've had our own festival at Wroughton, which was a really enjoyable weekend. It was good seeing so many of you there and getting to have a chat with some of you. Looking at the diary dates there are still a lot of events to be attended. So remember any events you attend drop us a line and tell everyone about it whether it is a local club run event or one abroad . It will be good to hear from you. Hope to see you on a flying field soon.

Tracy.

Hengistbury Head Revised Kite Flying Code

Hengistbury Head is designated a Local Nature Reserve because of its important wildlife. To assist in the conservation of the site and for health and safety reasons please follow the guidelines below:

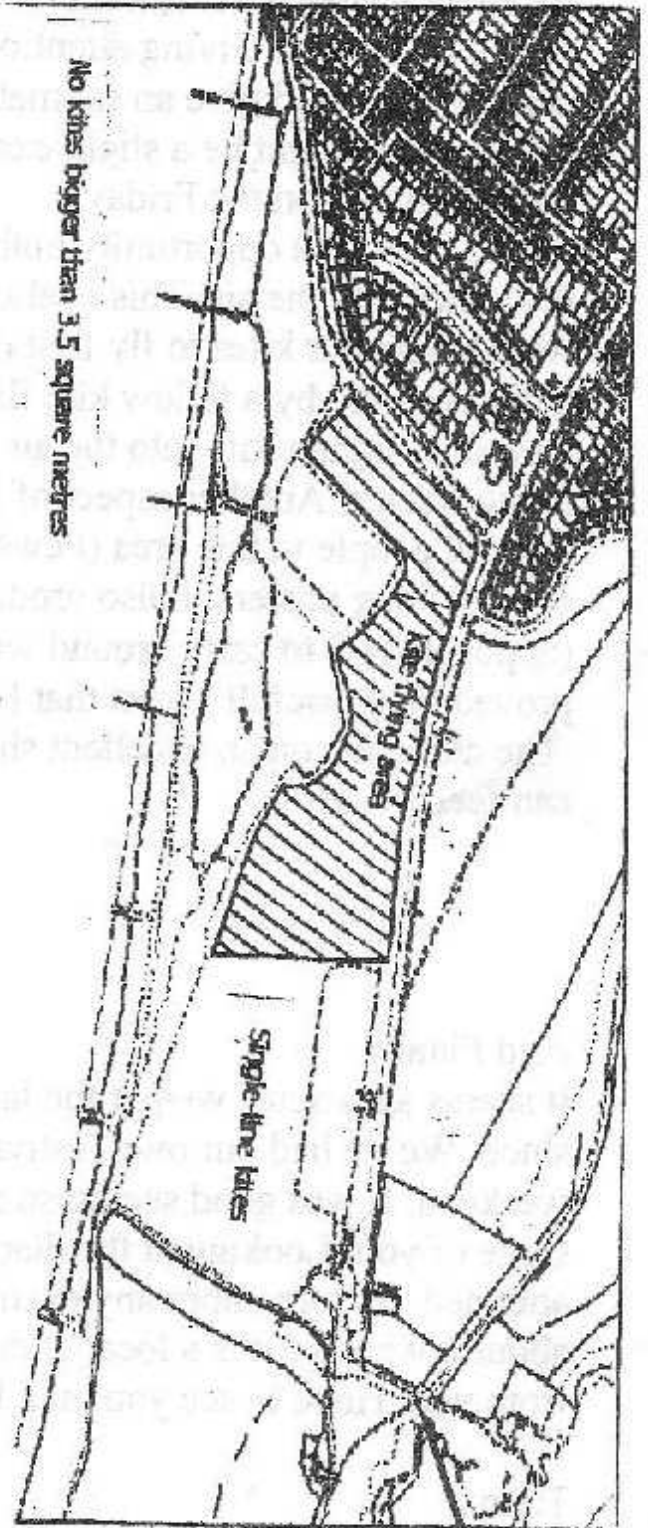
- ✓ Please fly in the designated area only (see map overleaf)
- ✓ Be considerate of other people e.g. walkers and picnics
- ✓ Avoid areas of long grass where birds may be nesting
- ✗ No buggies or wheelle boards
- ✗ No jumping or skidding - you must be in control
- ✗ No kites over 3.5 m² (this site is not suitable for large power and traction kites)

Maximum Penalty £500
under Byelaw 2 xxvi

These guidelines may be subject to change.
If you have any queries please contact the Ranger on
(01202) 420909.



BOURNEMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL



This Revised Flying Code for Hengistbury Head has been received by the Club through Arthur. This should quash the rumours that Kite Flying had been totally banned on the Head. Sorry Martin, we cannot take the Big Stuff to fly there now.

Sky Chat

As it is so hot and humid I thought we would have a cool pale green covers for this issue.

The last few weeks have been rather busy and I'm supposedly taking it easier these days? Something has gone wrong somewhere along the line. We had a very good festival with regards to the number of people that attended and the weather was pretty good, but money wise with all the guests and other expenses we failed to make a profit. Even though we had a record Raffle and a very expensive can of Diet Coke to swell the funds. Even if Marla could not attend this year, she still made her presence felt. Thanks must go Kay and her team, in fact thanks must go to all those who helped in one way or another.

Straight on to Cleethorpes, on the way keeping Charlie busy walking around Aircraft Museums, even if I could not keep him awake in the car. Three museums in two days cannot be too bad for two old codgers. Weather could not have been better and to put the icing on the cake we had an impromptu flying display at Duxford by B17 Flying Fortress, three Spitfires, a Meteor and a Tiger Moth. That really made Charlie's day. The weather was good at Cleethorpes and our usual schools workshop on Friday went well. Both Saturday and Sunday workshops were not as hectic as we have had in the past, but we were kept on our toes.

Onwards on to Bedford, again fine and hot but very little wind. One blessing was that the Pimms Bar was next door and that is refreshing. Number of kites made in the workshop was down this year, but given the weather and the space in which to fly them, I think we did pretty well.

Of course we then went to The Wirral, New Brighton to be exact for a new event for us. Again the weather was kind to us and the wind did blow for most of the time. This time we did have to work in the workshop to keep up with demand. Dave R. kept on about the Wayne Rooney look-alikes that were there; perhaps the milkman had a racing bike. The children's manners and wit had to be seen to be believed. The saving grace on Sunday was that England were playing at 4.00pm and the public disappeared at 3.30pm so we could pack up earlier for the journey home.

We still have a few workshops to do, maybe they are not big ones but they are just as important to us to get Kiting to the General Public. All help is very welcome at any of these events.

Finally, just one little moan. There seems to be a lack of Club green shirts being worn at events we are involved with. The reason we have a Club outfit was that we stood out as a group and were proud to wear "The Green". So could we all make the effort to look like a Club, please?

So here's to dry weather, clean winds and tight lines.

Neil.

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