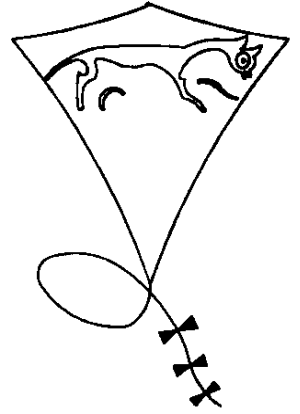


Cowpat Hill



WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS
SUMMER ISSUE 2008
JULY -- OCTOBER

Five little kites flying high in the sky
Said, "Hi!" to the cloud as it passed by,
Said, "Hi!" to the birds, said "Hi!" to the sun,
Said, "Hi!" to an airplane--oh what fun!
Then whish went the wind,
And they all took a dive:

One

Two

Three

Four

Five.

White horse kite flyers
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SWINDON
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Diary Dates 2008

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

JULY

5/6th Sunderland
12/13th Brighton
13th Barbury
19th Stroud Show
19/20th Hereford
26/27th Tewksbury

AUGUST

9/10TH Coventry
10th Barbury
10th Lackham Collage
23/24th Uffington show
23/24th Portsmouth
30/31st Bristol
31st Brinkworth Show

SEPTEMBER

6/14TH Dieppe
14th Barbury
20/21st Margate
22/27th AKA Convention
14th Rockingham

OCTOBER

12th Barbury One Sky One World

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

Festival

As no one else has done a report on the festival this is the way I saw it from the start. Our first problem was that Wroughton lost their bid to get the big lottery grant and so decided only to open the site for corporate events at a price that made it totally outside our budget even if we could have got sponsorship. This happened in December so as soon as Christmas was out of the way we started looking for another location. Fortunately David living in Swindon had heard that Lydiard Park had been upgraded and he checked this out and having seen it was OK he checked availability and found this too was OK. He put to the committee at an emergency meeting and it was agreed to go ahead.

Once David had booked it we started to find the problems: the major one was that camping was not allowed. We are indebted to The Rummings family at Park Farm who came to our rescue allowing us to use their orchard. OK the grass may have been a bit long but what a lovely site.

Next we had to have marshals for the car parking and after trying all the usual scout groups etc. no one was available. This time we were rescued by Pete W. who had contact with the 4x4 groups and after a worrying start they turned up trumps.

As soon as the site was booked David started contacting our traders and suppliers and I started work on the Health & Safety requirements. With all of those and the contract documents I submitted 65 pages of paperwork. It was taking me several hours a day checking the documents correcting problems from suppliers and producing new ones. If I had still been working there is no way I could have done this and I don't know how David manages his part of it and working full time. Even then in the run up to the event I was contacted when I was in Weymouth to sort out some other questions and David had to source a supplier of temporary road way in case it rained and we had to get a lot of cars off the field. They didn't seem to understand that if it rained we didn't fly kites so there would be no one to get off.

Then the first of the traders pulls out not having paid a deposit. Height clearance of 1000ft eventually turns up. The marquee supplier wants to be on site at 07:00 and I try to explain politely about that time in the morning but eventually agree on 08:30. Early start for me.

Friday morning arrived all too soon and with fingers crossed for the weather we got started. David goes to do a radio interview but they have got the dates wrong. Our fantastic band of helpers turned up again and just got on with it. There is no way we can thank them enough. No names in case I miss some one! Marquee arrives dead on time but at the wrong gate, where does the skip go? Toilets arrive when we are trying to get a bite of lunch. Thanks Pete D for sorting that one. In the midst of all this activity the television crew turned up and we all had to fly kites in zero wind. We were tired before we started and they ran us up and down the field for ages. I shan't describe the way I felt by the end of it but it starts with Kn. Things had gone so well that there was even time to get to the hotel for a shower and feet up for half an hour before the social gathering. At least for some of us as Don had to go to Heathrow to pick up Lucas. These gatherings are always good as you get a chance to meet every one and have a chat.

Saturday dawned bright and we couldn't believe it was Swindon. (Remember last year?). We gather on site and that is when we have to work again getting everything set up. Thank goodness for Marla as she just sorts the raffle. (Looks as if she may have done this before!)

Still traders missing and NO caterers. We phone and they are still in bed. No Swindon is next week. Oh dear are we a week early? We explain that we are on site waiting for bacon rolls and coffee so they start to move.

Before we know it fliers start arriving and have to register but at last we are ready. Who forgot to book the wind? Sunshine we like but flat calm doesn't help kites. The only people who can keep a kite in the sky are the twin liners. Well done to Airheads who flew most of the day, next year we will have to charge for use of the site for practicing. A few single lines struggled in vain to find moving air.

The evening is still balmy so David shifts every one out of the marquee to enjoy the evening sun while the raffle takes place. Thanks to every one who contributed to make this such a fantastic success. Without it we couldn't afford to run a festival.

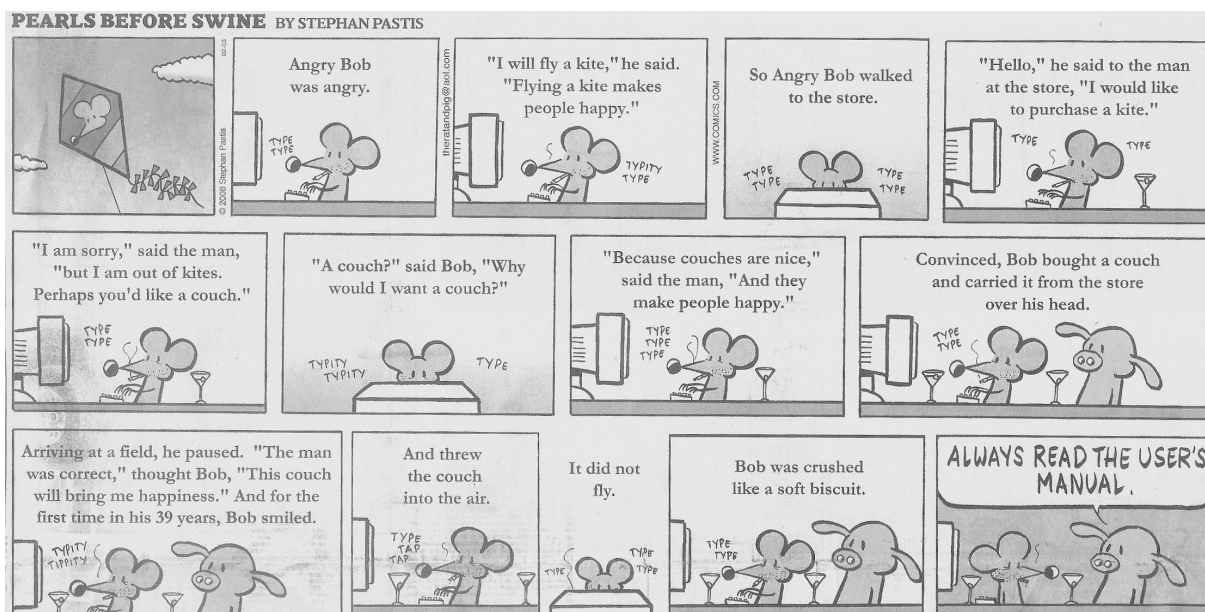
Sunday the weather was just as good and even a little bit of wind. This was a bit fickle at times but it was good to see some of our big party pieces in the air. All around there were families picnicking and generally enjoying them selves. This made it all worth while.

All too soon it was time to pack up and again the band of helpers came up trumps. It comes down much quicker than it goes together.

That's how I saw this year's festival. In the week before there was no way David or I would have done another one and if the weather had been bad that would have been the end but looking around on Sunday made the difference. We have lost in excess of £1000.00 on this event and have to recoup this with our workshops throughout the coming year. Cleethorpes a major contributor did not take place and the returns from Bedford were very poor so we have a lot of work to do.

The question now is "Do we do it again in 2009?" Lydiard were pleased with it and would like to host the event again next year. By the time this is published the committee will have made the decision and will probably have started booking things. But that is not the end of it, your help is essential not only on the day but helping with fundraising throughout the year. If you have contacts for any of the facilities that would make them cheaper, any sponsors or any new ideas please get in touch. It is your festival we just try to run it the way you want.

We have a few ideas about traders, caterers and layout but do let us hear your views.
Arthur



for colour version go to <http://www.tedberets.co.uk/Angrybob.jpg>

HAVE YOU HEARD IT BEFORE?

June 1990

If Input Then Output

So, as the editor thingie person I just have to say"Where is all the copy you were all going to write?" COWPAT exists therefore it am! Only if you the readers and fliers out there give an INPUT can Cowpat give an OUTPUT!

July 1990

ARTICLES FOR COWPAT HILL

The editor would be pleased to see articles for possible publication in COWPAT, hints, comments, plans even the odd moan! We'll try to make use of what ever you send.

January 1991

NO INPUT, NO OUTPUT

Autumn 1992

With all these new members it should be easy to fill the pages of our magazine. It would be nice to see articles from other members instead of leaving it to the same few all the time.

Summer 1994

Yes folks it's me again, with your favourite kiting magazine. Only this time it nearly didn't happen. Is this the beginning of the end for Cowpat?? I sincerely hope not. Very many thanks to those noble members who rushed me articles, What happened to the rest? We are one of the biggest groups in the UK so filling up the magazine should be no problem. Please don't let your wonderful mag. die. Even the shortest articles will be gratefully received.

The extracts above are just a few of the many times this request has gone out. If I had gone back through every issue they would have filled several pages. So what is the problem? We've had a workshop and festival, can't some one write an article for the magazine. We have had a glorious weekend for Basingstoke and Barbury. I went and had a great time. Did you? Some one must have some interesting plans. How about some more paper fold kites. I only had the two.

Tracy has said that from the AGM this year she will not be standing as editor any longer and we thank her for all the time she has done. Is this the time to call it a day with Cowpat Hill? I know some people enjoy it as Jossie has just found 2 of my missing issues from the early days. If you want it to continue it is up to you to write articles. We haven't had a recipe for ages and no one seems to respond to the puzzle page that I love.

Now that I have a little more time available I have offered to take over the magazine when Tracy retires but I am not going to keep writing loads for it as well. There you have it. Get writing if you want the mag to continue.

Arthur

GOOD LUCK !!!! ed as this is the reason I am retiring

Robinson's Ramble

Well do we qualify to lose the title **Swimdon** now? Surely we will have to be named **Sundon** in the future! What great weather for this year's festival!

I realise that Lydiard isn't the best flying site in the World but it's the only site around Swindon that is suitable, (in my opinion) now that we can't have Wroughton. I know there were some people who came that weren't too happy that the campsite was across the road, we had no choice on this, it's quite simple, Lydiard do not allow camping, we were extremely lucky that the farm across the road is owned by Francis & Sheila Rummings whose sons are both members of our club, without their kind offer of using the orchard at the farm; there wouldn't have been any camping at all. The Committee recently met to discuss this year's festival and to make a decision on next year, the decision was to go back to Lydiard! Mainly because most of the feedback we got from kite-flyers and members of the public (apart from the few who complained about the site used for camping) was that they liked Lydiard, what came across was that the compactness of the site; made the event seem friendlier than Wroughton. One thing that pleased me this year was the exhibition put on by Paul Chapman, Paul had planned to do this exhibition at Wroughton, along with a lecture on Cody, due to this being the hundredth anniversary of Cody doing the first powered man-flight in the UK, the pleasing part was that there was a lot of interest in Paul's exhibition. I wouldn't have been so surprised if we had been at Wroughton, which is a museum, but didn't expect it at Lydiard. I must thank all of you who turned up on Friday to set the site up and shut it down on Sunday, I can't remember all of those that were there, but you all know who you are. THANKYOU! Also a big thank you to Marla & Kay and the raffle crew for another magnificent effort for raising in excess of £1000, this was the largest money raiser over the weekend. It was also great to Ralf Maserski & his son Lucas from Germany; this was their fourth visit to our Festival.

Just to let you all know, we have just changed the club's insurer, we are now with Zurich, we had been with our previous insurers for several year's, but each year they were putting more and more obstructions in our way, the last straw was that they would not accept our policy on Children & Vulnerable people, even though we had followed the model of the NSPCC. Fortunately Zurich will accept that model so we have changed to them. We haven't received the paperwork at the time of me writing this article, however as soon as we do no doubt it will be posted on the club's website.

We recently got asked to do a display and workshop at a fete at Harwell, we all turned up at about 9.00am to get set up, Pete Dawson was already there flying, in some very strong blustery wind and rain that was coming down like stair-rods. The organisers were thinking of abandoning the event, (they had to do the same last year apparently) they then invited us to do the workshop in the village hall where all of the other displays were going, so we took up their offer, however, Pete Dawson & Doug Manners decided that the wind and rain wasn't going to stop them so they went back to the field to fly sport kites for about two hours, in driving rain and strong winds, they both returned later looking like drowned rats, Doug had two pieces of rainwear on but it went through both of them. It only goes to show that kite flyers are a hardy bunch. Thanks Guys.

Regards

Dave Robinson

A very interesting historic article from the original BKFA when they moved their festival from Wroughton to Middle Wallop.
 This is another one that has come from Jossie's archive.

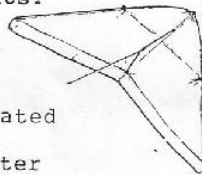
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MIDDLE WALLOP KITEMEET CONFIRMED FOR 5th AUGUST 1990

By kind permission of the Station Commander Col.G.R.Mallock A.F.C., Army Air Corps Centre and in conjunction with the Museum of Army Flying at Middle Wallop, near Andover, Hants.

All Kite Groups are invited to participate in this first -ever Kite meeting on the superb grass airfield.



As at Old Warden, the car park and public area are separated by a fence from the airfield; but in this instance, all Kite Group members will be able to drive onto the perimeter track (tinted on the diagram below) simply by showing identification cards at the inner gate, where there will be someone to direct you.

Kite Society, BKFA, STACK, EKG, MKF etc cards should be carried. They will also obtain the reduced admission charge of £1, instead of the normal £2.50 for all adult kitefliers.

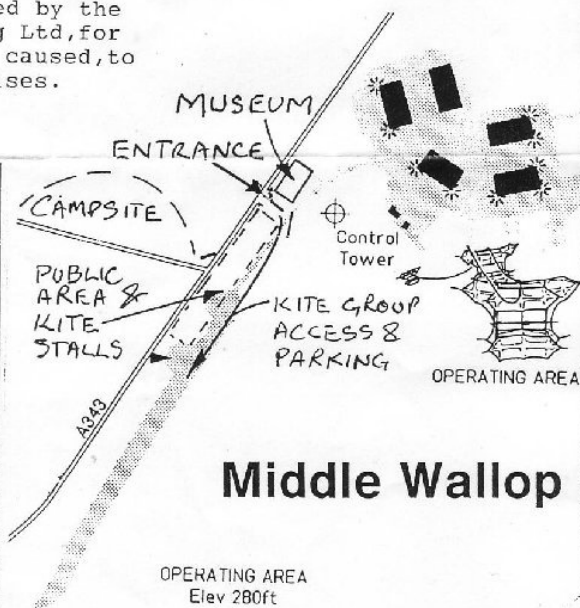
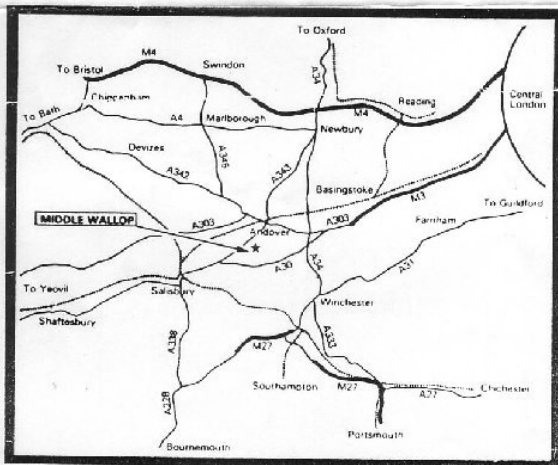
This charge gives full access to all the Museum facilities, toilets, restaurant and shop. (No Card? then advise me) (POW GUNTER)

Traders have been invited and will be located in the public area, to which all kitefliers will have access.

Those who may wish to stay overnight, may camp in the field opposite in the area indicated. There are no toilets or running water in the field! Alternative B & B accomodation is listed on a separate sheet.

This is a trial meeting to assess the volume of support likely to develop from Southern based enthusiasts, and has been arranged to replace the earlier successful meetings at Wroughton. Initial response to the first announcement has been encouraging, so See YOU there!!!

No responsibility can be accepted by the MoD or the Museum of Army Flying Ltd, for loss, damage or injury, howsoever caused, to persons or property on the premises.

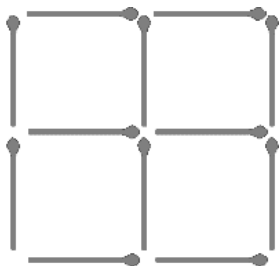


1. Puzzle Corner (9)



1. I started my journey with a full tank of 10 gallons. Averaging 40 mpg, I drove at 60 mph up the motorway. However, the moment I started, my petrol tank developed a leak and four hours later I ground to a halt having run out of petrol. How much petrol had I lost through the leak?
2. How many days before 17th August is it, if 50 days ago, it was four times as many days since March 30th?
3. I have two jars, one holds 3 litres and the other holds 5. How can I go to the stream and come back with exactly 4 litres of water?

4.

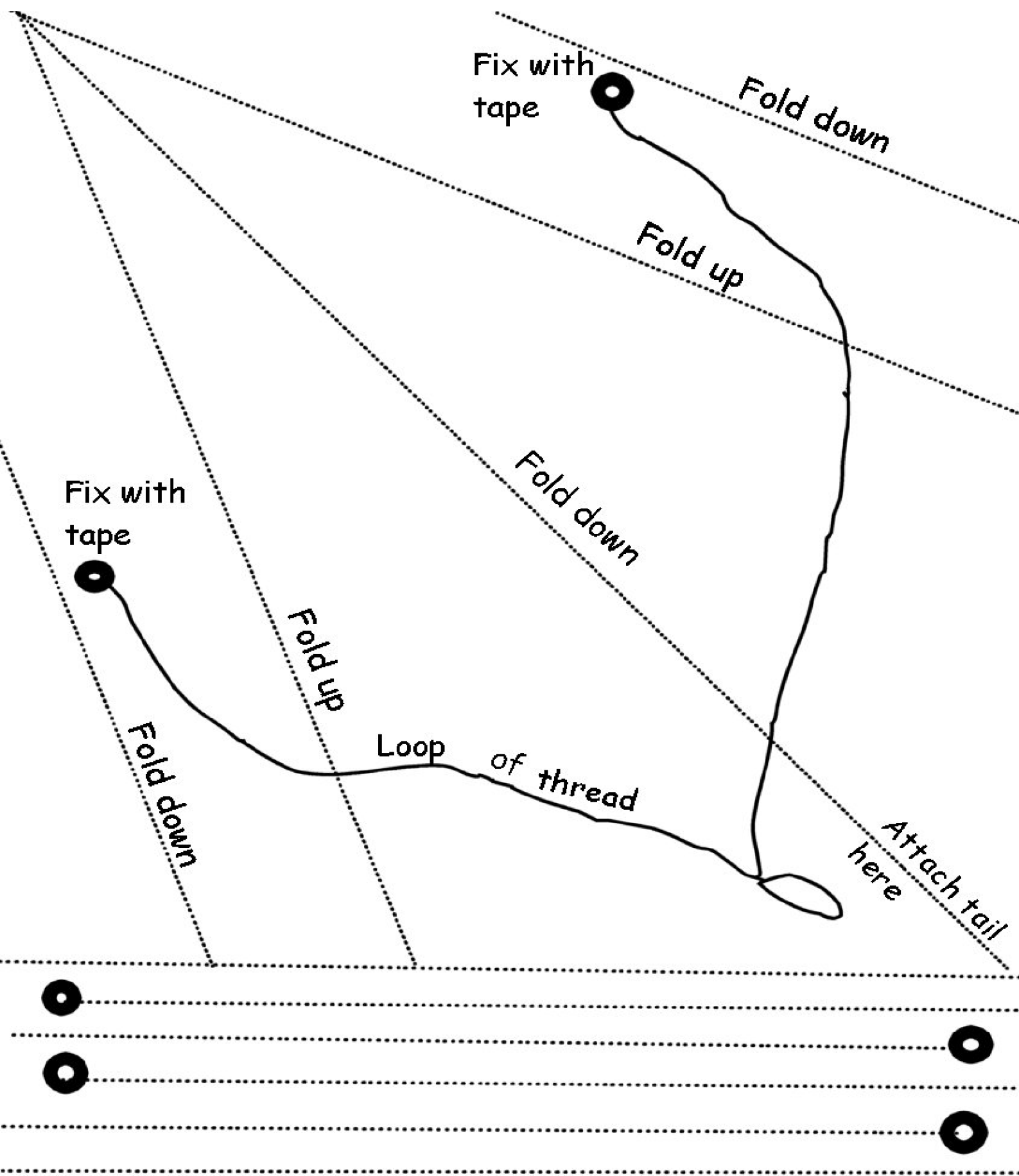


Move 2 matches to make 7 squares

Answers to john@johnbrowning.net.

Any comments about Puzzle Corner ?

If a human baby grew as fast as a caterpillar, it would weigh 8 tons in 2 weeks



Cut along the lines to make a tail

Sky Chat

It is that time again, not by putting pen to paper but by one finger thumping out on the keyboard. Still it beats the old chalk and slate board and I did use one when I first went to school. Mind the reason was there was a War on and paper was in short supply (now less of that, was it "The Boer War"). For a welcome change we had fine weather over the week-end of our festival, next time we will try and add a little more wind. Other members have passed comments about the event so I will say no more than to thank everybody for all their hard work and hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

The Club has some lower keyed events coming up in the near future. These are events where we do a workshop and do a display as well. Some of them we can fly all day and as always we are looking for more helpers to ease the burden on the few. These events are usually tied in with a Fete or Open Day and are ideal times to come and show off your kites. So please try and come along to one or two of these days, if you can come it would be handy if you could let me know beforehand so that I can get passes out.

The events in question are:- Stroud Show 19th July Town Show with a country theme. W/s and fly all day

Lackham 10th Aug An Open Day with gardens, farm and museum open.

W/s and fly all day.

White Horse Show 23rd-24th Aug A large Country Show with good arena events and many stalls and Exhibitions. W/s and at least 3 arena displays, sorry no general flying.

Brinkworth Show 31st Aug Again a Country type show with arena events. W/s and arena displays, maybe limited general flying?

And last but not least Rockingham Castle 14th Sept This is a very old castle and beautiful gardens. So if you are not going to Dieppe try something different.

W/s and flying all day, passes are required.

I hope to see you at one or more of these events. Neil.

Club Merchandise Now Available

New club patch £1.50	The New club jacket £35.00	Cap £7.50
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xs-xl £25.00

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Kite Flying Safety Tips

The NEVERS of Kite Flying

- Fly a kite in wet or stormy weather, try to keep your kite line dry.
- Fly a kite near power lines, transmission towers or aerials.
- Fly a kite with wire or anything metallic in the line.
- Fly a strong pulling kite without wearing GLOVES.
- Leave odd bits of flying line etc on the flying site.
- Fly a kite at over 200 feet*.

*Kite festivals may have C.A.A. clearance to fly higher.....ASK!

The Things to AVOID

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

AND PLEASE, MIND THOSE POWER LINES!

Where the WHKF go to fly their kites

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

Will YOU be there?

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