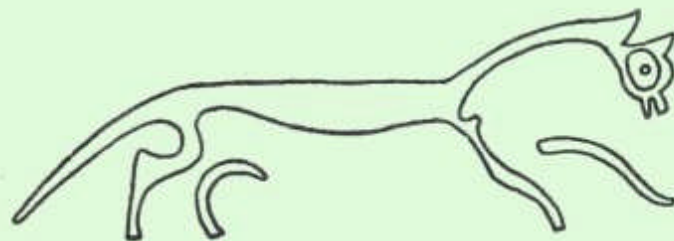


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Kite Festivals etc.....

April 18th, 19th		Blackheath Easter Festival
May 2nd, 3rd, 4th	*	Weymouth International Kite Festival
May 9th, 10th	*	Lydiard Kite Festival
May 23rd		Kite Society Convention, Scunthorpe
June 14th		Great Yarmouth Festival
June 21st	*	Newbury (Greenham Common) Festival
July 18th, 19th		Newport, South Wales
Sept	*	Newbury Show

* Shows or Festivals at which we have been asked to put on displays. As our fame spreads others will be added to the diary. Offers of help will be welcome.

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Any or all of the above should be able to supply materials etc. that you may require to build your kites, why not send for a catalogue and see.

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Editorial

Under New Management!!!!

Happy new year to all our readers especially our new found friends in Wesport. Yes folks, our humble magazine has gone international. We are now exchanging magazines with the Westport Windriders from Washington. They even included an extract from Cowpat Hill in their latest magazine. It would be nice to receive some letters from America to include in future issues of Cowpat. Maybe some of you would like to write to America.

Dave Jones
Editor Cowpat Hill
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Now that I have tried to put together this magazine I realise what a great job Richard did in the past. I hope that I can keep up the good work that he has started. I don't think that you will notice too many changes to begin with. The magazine is only as good as the articles that you write so please keep up the good work and keep the articles coming. You can give them to Neil or me at any club meetings, if not you can always send them through the post.

I hope you like this quarters magazine, the answers to Arthur's crossword together with more puzzles will appear in next quarters mag.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the new committee every success during '92, I'm looking forward to seeing you all at Barbury (look for the green Rokkaku with the mermaid).

Recipe from America

An interesting little recipe from the Westport Windriders magazine. Just the thing for a windy Sunday at Barbury.

ZUCCHINI WHITE CAKE

1/4 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup soft margarine
1 cup sugar
2 cups flour, sifted
2 tablespoons cornstarch
3 teaspoons baking powder
2/3 cup milk (can be skimmed)
1 cup finely chopped (not grated) zucchini
1/2 teaspoon almond extract

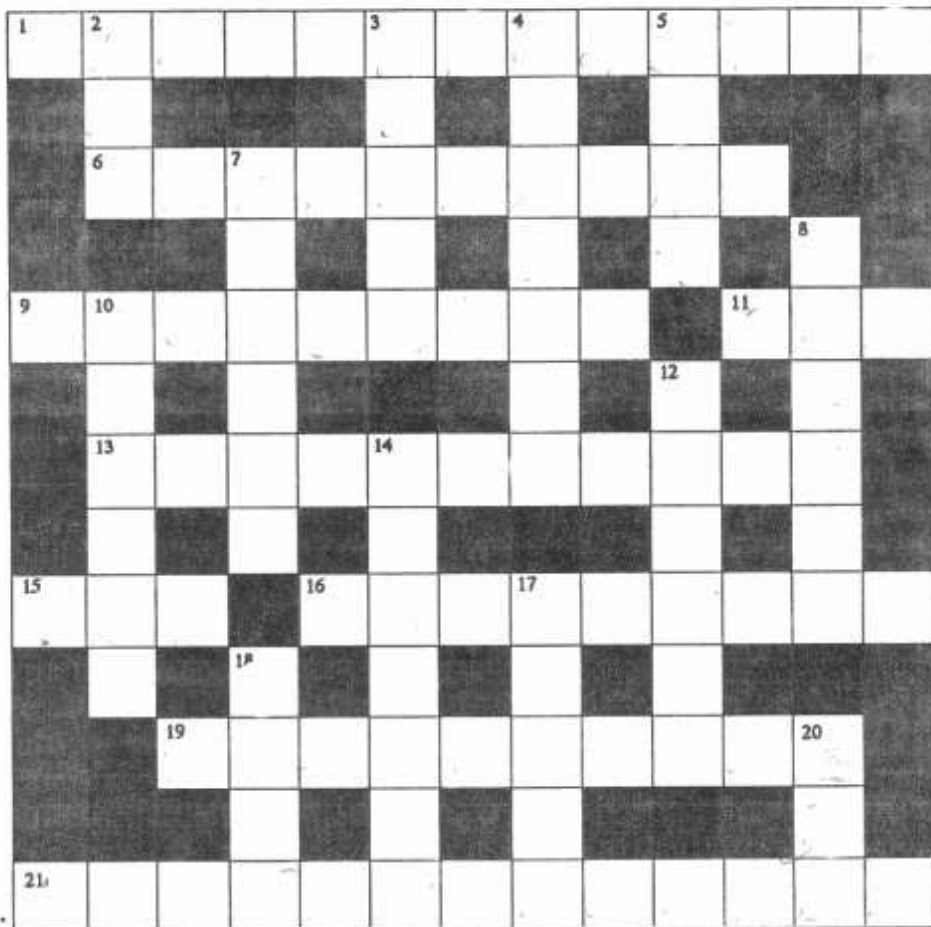
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel
3 egg whites

Cream oil & margarine, add sugar & beat until fluffy. Mix together flour, cornstarch & baking powder. Add alternately with milk to the creamed mixture, beat until smooth. Add almond extract & lemon peel. Stir in zucchini. Beat egg whites stiff, fold into batter. Bake in 2 greased & floured 9 inch layer pans at 375 deg F for 25 to 30 minutes or until done.

Sprinkle with powdered sugar while slightly warm.

PUZZLE PAGE

By Arthur Dibble



CLUES:

1. Where 19,6 fly (7,6)
2. If you don't know this (3)
3. If you do this to some one elses kite bag expect to get shot by it (5)
4. This facet could be used in a simple radio (7)
5. Type that perhaps rots (4)
6. See 19
7. Multiple kites should be flown thus (6)
8. Team kites should be flown thus (6)
9. Paul Morgan makes these 12ft. wide (9)
10. It's as well we don't have to make kites from these expensive pelts (6)
11. Number of skies or worlds (3)
12. What a Rokkaku contest should be (3,3)
13. Kites like Joseph's coat look better with these (4,7)
14. Could be useful for getting down kites flown by 21 (7)
15. Where one should end up at a kite meeting ? (3)
16. Wind geeps around for these kites (9)
17. Kites go there sideways (5)
18. Should you have four of them to get hot (4)
- 19/6. The best kite club (5,5,4,6)
20. You may find a kite in these dogs (3)
21. He flies the biggies at 1 (6,7)

A Cautionary Tale

"I learned about Kite Flying from that"

In the RAF there was a flight safety magazine that had a regular feature titled "I learned about flying from that". Though kite flying tends to be less technical, there are parallels with aircraft.

We are all guilty of lapses of concentration, so this tale admittedly told through a third party is a good warning.

Do not get the impression that I am anti stunt kites, I am not. Stunt Kites are the reason why kite flying has become so popular. This incident could have happened flying any kite.

This man went out to fly his new stunt kite in a field, but the farmer moved him on because the noise was disturbing the cows. So off he went to another site and launched his kite straight up into the 11,000 volt power cables that were directly above!

The carbon fibre spars broke in half when they shorted and acted like fuses. The nylon melted onto what was left of the spars with the immense heat that had been produced.

The fact that this man lived is truly amazing, for it was raining at the time!

It is certain that this man learned about kite flying from this experience, though he may have been put off kites for life.

The rules are:-

Always keep away from power cables, half a mile should be enough providing the wind is coming from the other direction.

Clues as to where power lines (cables) are:-

1. In the countryside a lone building usually has overhead cables somewhere near it.
2. Railways often have 25,000 volt cables.
3. Roads have often got power lines alongside.
4. Transformers are often stuck in the middle of nowhere.
5. Look above you.

If, despite taking all reasonable precautions, you still manage to snag your kite on power cables or associated equipment never ever try to recover it yourself. Always telephone the electric company or the railway, they seem not to prosecute, but they are rather vocal.

Never ever abandon your kite, it is a temptation to children.

Thanks to Doug Jones for passing on this tale, it wasn't him by the way. WHKF and Cowpat Hill should do everything possible to promote safer kite flying. - Ed.

Letters

The Old Vicarage
Avebury
Marlborough
Wiltshire SN8 1RF

20th November 1991

Dear David and Janet

To my horror I realised the other day that I have not written to thank you and your fellow Club members for your terrific support in making the "kite flying for the disabled" day at Barbury Castle on the 13th October such a wonderful success.

It was obvious from the children's faces on the day that they were enjoying themselves and this has been confirmed by the Community Nurse who has written to say thank you on behalf of the children.

I do hope you and your members felt it was a success notwithstanding the absence of wind the fact of the children being able to get into the fresh air in a beautiful setting was indeed a tonic for us all.

Please convey the grateful thanks of Thamesdown Rotary Club to your members and a particular thank you to your President for "manufacturing" the children's kites.

Thank you again.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Richard Fry

My History of Kites

By Martin Dibble

I started kiting at the age of about 5. I got my first kite which was a Dunford Delta. Some 7 years later I still had the same kite but at the One Sky One World in 1990 I lost it. I had something like 300ft of line out. All we recovered was the handle with no line on it. I had just the one kite for about 4 years. When I was 10 our family went up to Malvern where I got a Super Tube which flies in almost any wind like my Delta.

Almost 3 years ago my dad heard about White Horse Kite Flyers. It was then that I got really interested in kites. On May 5th 1989 I got a Skynasaur F36 control line kite and some Peter Powell light weight handles. The next kite I got was the Rogalo corner kite which my dad made for me. With a bit of wind she's quite a handful to hold. The last time I flew it I had to wear gloves.

One of my main crazes is Indian Fighting kites. At Bristol kite festival in 1990 my dad saw Ron Moody. He asked me if I wanted a go at flying one so I sort of said yes and he taught me how to fly them. For the next 2 hours I flew the fighter he gave me. At home my dad and I made a reel for the 25lb Dacron line he got me.

When I get bigger and stronger I hope to get onto bigger and stronger pulling kites like Martin Croxton's (not quite as big as his Strat 7!!!!!!)

Minutes of the AGM.

Meeting held on Sunday 10th November 1991 commencing at 2.40pm.

Presidents welcome:

Acting president Ron Gunter welcomed members to the meeting.

Chairmans report:

Acting chairman Neil Harvey started off by stating that no-one could have envisaged how fast the club has grown in the past year.

The 1991 festival at Lydiard was an eye opener for us all, which has brought requests from various sources for us to arrange demonstrations, some of which will generate funds. Ideas were requested for improvements on the format of the 1991 festival to be implemented for 1992.

Also help was requested for the increasing number of kite workshop cum lectures to schools which Ron and Neil have been running. A year planner is to be used to enable members to show which events they will be available to attend, to spread the workload around the membership. It is hoped that by taking a professional approach to these displays we will be able to request a fee and not look on it as a bonus.

A stunt team is seen to be a requirement of a festival and it is envisaged that given the members support this could be organised and sponsorship for the kites sought.

David & Janet Robinson were thanked for their idea of supplying hats, sweaters, tee-shirts etc. to promote the club.

The newsletter will continue to be published quarterly and membership will include public liability insurance.

A club project was suggested and ideas for this were requested.

Amplifier equipment is on order as a result of a demonstration carried out for Gallileo in lieu of a fee, this may be available for hire to others for a small charge.

The chairman closed his part of the meeting with a thank you to the members and those on the fringe of the club for their help in the past year.

Treasurers Report:

This was given by the chairman on behalf of Janet Robinson. The festival accounts were discussed fully and published in the magazine. The funds in the bank as of 8/11/91 amount to £990.00, these accounts must be audited (any offers?).

Constitution:

This was a requirement of the bank prior to the account being granted. It was agreed that in order to make a change to the constitution at least one third of the membership must be present to cast a vote to achieve a fair representation. It is intended that the A.G.M. will always occur during November, with membership being renewable at the same time. All positions of office will be up for election at that time. It was agreed that a mechanism for warning and possibly ejection from the club is required in the case of any member bringing the club into disrepute, this to be implemented initially by a written warning.

Election of Officers:

The following were elected:

President	R. Gunter
Chairman	N. Harvey
Vice-Chairman	A. Dibble
Secretary	D. Robinson
Show Secretary	D. Robinson
Treasurer	J. Robinson

The following were also elected to serve on the committee:

D. Jones	M. Croxton
D. Tomlinson	C. Bruce
C. Davies	J. Horne
J. Walklate	

Festival 1992:

The increased cost of Lydiard for the festival was discussed (£150 for '91 £585 for '92!). It is understood that restrictions on event start and finish times mentioned in the contract with Thamesdown are to be discussed with a view to relaxing these and hopefully reducing the fee required. It was agreed that a new venue for 1993 should be looked into and this is in hand. Suggestions for which charity should benefit were requested and are listed below:

NSPCC
Childline
Leukemia Research
Menengitus
Dr Barnardos

Discussion regarding siting of arenas suggested that changes will be made in view of the experiences of 1991. It was agreed to keep in touch with Jill Bloom of the Kite Society with regard to overseas visitors following on from the Weymouth Festival. Barry Smart offered accomodation for visitors for the duration of the event. The use of a marquee for displaying kites was discussed and requests made to the membership. The workshop at the festival was run by Ron Gunter in 1991 and he will need more help in 1992.

1992 Diary:

The diary for 1992 so far was discussed (see page 4 for more details)

AOB:

Arthur Dibble enquired how difficult it would be to obtain C.A.A. clearance for 1000ft flying on club days. Doug Jones to investigate.

Mrs Simpson lost a cow as a result of it injesting a plastic kite tail recently. It was agreed the club should provide funds to have a warning notice installed on site. Mrs Simpson was also thanked for the gate allowing easier access to the flying site and also for the venue for the A.G.M. She responded by stating that we should apply annually for permission as a group for the use of the facility.

It was agreed that as soon as funds permit enamel badges would be sourced and made available to provide another source of income for the club.

Closing remarks:

President Ron closed the meeting with a presentation to Mrs Simpson of some flowers for the use of the venu. He thanked the members for their support.

The meeting closed at 4.15pm.

Many thanks to Dave Tomlinson for this splendid set of minutes.

COWPAT HILL - The WHKF Journal Kite Flying Safety Tips

- The NEVER'S 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 serials.
 - 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 kite 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

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Will YOU be there?

Local WHKF contacts for the Wilts area are:

Ron Gunter on: (0793) 770784

Neil Harvey on: (0285) 740295

and

Dave Robinson on: (0793) 824 208

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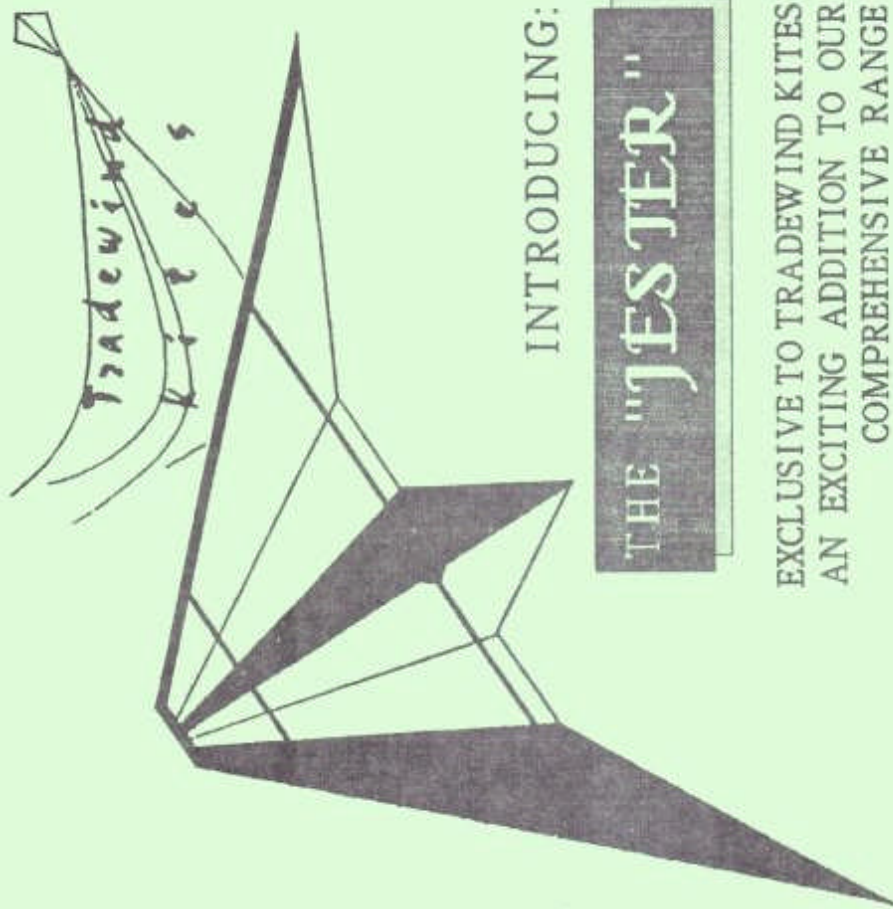
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