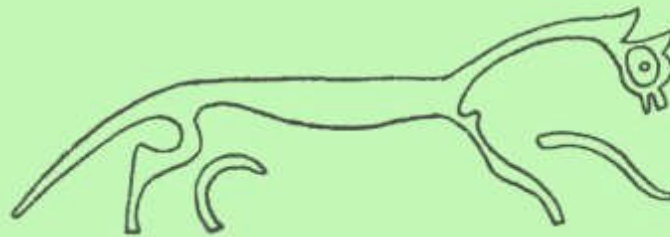


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Editorial

It's him again

Yes folks it's me again, with your favourite kiting magazine. Only this time it very 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 all the rest? We are one of the biggest kite groups in the UK so filling up the magazine should be no problem. Please don't let our wonderful mag. die. Even the shortest of articles will be gratefully received. Don't worry if your spelling isn't too good, the "boss" will soon put that straight. No puzzle this month, Arthur and I are running out of ideas so please, please, please help!

The Swindon festival has come and gone. Thanks to all those who helped make it another successful event. The pizza party on the Saturday night was great, thanks to all those involved, both organisers and speakers. A special thanks to you, the kilters. Thanks to your generosity we were able to give £50 to the mayor's helping hand fund and also some money, together with that raised at Theale, was taken to America. Dave & Janet have been able to take approximately 200\$ to help Jody Hagaman pay for a memorial plaque. Thanks once again.

Forthcoming events include a mixture of interesting new events together with some of our old favourites. Backwater Valley Kite & Juggling festivalival looks to be one of the

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interesting new ones. The club has agreed to support this event, more details from the Robinsons. Unfortunately, this clashes with a new festival at Coventry run by Midland Kite Fliers. This takes place in the Memorial Park, Kenilworth Road in Coventry. What a shame, because they both look good.

We have also agreed to attend the Wiltshire Balloon festival, at Longleat on 22nd/24th July. There will be night flying on the Friday as part of the night glow. I hope the weather is kinder than it was at Easter.

Other forthcoming events include Portsmouth (including the Kite Society convention) and Bristol. Always good events these. September also sees the 2nd Salisbury festival on the 18th. It's closer and cheaper than Dieppe.

Details of all these events, car passes, maps etc. can be obtained from David or Janet Robinson.

Finally our thoughts go out to Pat Parr who sadly lost his wife recently. We offer him our sincere condolences and best wishes and we hope to see him again sometime in the future.

Mega Delta v Tiger Moth

It was a glorious kite flying Sunday: cold, wet and windless and I am in a no win situation. On one side the 'chair' wants me at Milton Keynes and on the other hand the 'boss' wants me at Highclere. The die is cast, Highclere here we come!



To celebrate the 75th birthday of the Children in Need Appeal, a teddy bears' picnic is being held in the luxuriant gardens of Highclere Castle where a huge marquee has been erected. Last weekend a flower show was held here and during the week 7,000 people have sat down to dinner. All the celebrities are there including Angus, a bear belonging to the Princess Royal, and various other dignitaries. Outside, Rupert the hot air balloon waits beside Lloyd's Bank to give BUNJIE JUMPS to enterprising fauna.

The rain comes down, the wind gets up so Rupert stays on the ground but, as usual, a WHKF comes to the rescue. Fully prepared as usual with the Mega Delta and 15ft. banner depicting Down House School logo, we launch the parachuting rig. Various fauna take advantage of this wonderful facility.

During a quiet spell we are surveying the heavens and notice, in the distance, a vintage biplane. This disappears out of view SHOCK!!! HORROR!!! ... it reappears about 100ft. up over the top of the marquee heading straight for the kite lines. At the last second the pilot must have seen something (like a 15ft. banner 20 ft. above him) and executes a sharp starboard bank. Two panic-stricken flyers on the ground race madly to remove the Mega Delta from the sky. This produces serious line burns across the hands. Whilst the Tiger Moth performs various other fly-pasts, we enquire politely of the organiser what the **** is going on.. He says, "Sorry about that - they phoned this morning to say the was too rough to fly today. By the way - a Pitt special will be doing aerobatics this afternoon." We say thank you and return to bear bombing using a 30 sq. ft. parafoil with the only real disaster being an 8lb. gorilla who would not get his bottom off the ground.

The displays of teddies in the marquee were quite exceptional with bearaphernalia of every imaginable type on display. We look forward to the **100th** anniversary of the Children in Need Appeal.

Arthur

E - Mail Update

More News for all you Electronic Mail Freaks.

Dieppe Trip

Anyone interested in a trip to Dieppe and Le Touquet? Midland Kite Fliers are organising a coach trip for that weekend. It's 4 nights in Dieppe and the expected cost will be £150 (£50 deposit please) for the coach, accommodation and ferry.

For further details, contact Alan Poxon on 0773 716047, but hurry as the seats are going fast.

Software

There are 2 keen fliers on line with kite designing programs, one for stunters using Visual Basic, the other is for Patchwork design kites using Coral 3 software. I'm working on getting a copy of the first so if anyone is interested just ask (*yes please - Ed*).

News

For the record, the message area now has something like 20+ regular kites on line from all over the country. Even Jon Bloom, so get your articles in this way (*why aren't they coming to us first - Ed*). We are now, just, on a larger network (Fidonet). This covers America, the Far East and Europe and it is the fastest growing free message area in the UK.

Here's a list of phone numbers for you:

0602 855661	Index 3 at Nottingham
0689 838267	Woody's in Orpington, Kent
081 986 5964	Activa Int in London
0602 445307	The Cript in Nottingham

As the spread increases I'll keep you informed.

Happy computer flying

Regards

Pete Dawson

Problem Page

Dear Dave

Re the last issue of 'Cowpat Hill', we made the 'Boiled Fruit Cake' but as there were sadly no bridling instructions we found it very difficult to fly. However, after some experimentation (and having made eight) we did find that if baked for an additional two and a half hours and bridled very hard; we could get it to fly for approximately three minutes in a force nine, but it was rather unstable. It then disintegrated completely - much to the delight of passing seagulls.

Unfortunately we discovered that it's rather excessive descent rate also makes it unsuitable for a parachute. Someone has suggested that perhaps, as a last resort, we should eat it.....surely this cannot be correct?

Please advise

Confused of Brighton

Toody. MJK

Dear Confused of Brighton

Congratulations, I think you will find that three minutes is a record for this type of cake. Regarding it's lack of stability, we have found that a tail of pink 'fairy' cakes helps considerably, especially if you happen to be a seagull. Ultimately with reference to your final suggestion, I would consider this very carefully before attempting it, you never know, it may be a pleasurable experience!

Thanks to Toody for the answers to last month's puzzle. As for 'Rupert Bear' didn't he do well? Better luck next time Toody.

- 1st Carole Peacock flying the Red 'Flying High' Rokkaku
- 2nd Martin Croxton flying the Blue 'Jolly Green Giant' Rokkaku
- 3rd Dave Tomlinson flying the Black 'Super Mario' Rokkaku
- 4th Toody Oakhill flying the White 'On the Up' Rokkaku
- 5th Paul Morgan flying the Green 'Rupert Bear' Rokkaku.

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THE BEAR RACE ie BEING MADE TO DO A
PARACHUTE JUMP WHILST UNDER THE
INFLUENCE OF THE AMBER NECTAR..!**



Is this the sort of headline we want to see in the kiting press? If not, we 'humes' must be careful, as it is apparent that a large amount of coercion is being applied to the members of the superior race of 'soft cuddlies' to perform stunts which no self respecting bear would do.

Hence, to protect our ever spreading seats from the recent spate of court cases over racial and sexual harassment, I have tried to put together an indemnity form. If any legal eagles would like to change the wording then please feel free to do so.

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I THE UNDERSIGNED FAUNA BEING OF SOUND MIND DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT **I** AM PERFORMING THIS ACT OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND THAT NO FORM OF COERCION (INCLUDING READIES AND ~~XXXXX~~) HAS BEEN APPLIED BY ANY 'HUME'.

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SIGNED:

DATE:

Arthur

Letter from America

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15th March 1994

Dear All

Firstly, please forgive us for writing a letter to you all collectively - but that's how we remember you! (Also, writing the same thing several times over seemed a little pointless).

We want to say a big thank you to you all for coming to the party and for the gifts - they are all being put to use! We had a great time and I hope you enjoyed yourselves too.

We've finally made it and have managed to find a nice apartment about 25 minutes from the base. We're on the first floor and have a full length balcony which gives us a gorgeous view of the mountains and Ogden valley. We're about 20 miles from the Snow Basin and skiing is supposedly still good. apparently on a good year there is skiing until the middle of July. The Base has its own ski lodge and we've got a swimming pool, hot tub, tennis courts and basketball court at the apartment. Oh yeah, we've also got a golf course across the road so, if you want a holiday you know where to come - we've got a sofa bed so you can stay rent free! It's gorgeous weather at the moment - clear blue skies and sunny. It's a bit windy but the temperature is between 50-60°F and in the summer it gets into the 80s and 90s.

I don't have a job as yet so I spend a lot of time walking Buddy in the foothills and catching up on my letter writing. I have to wait for my 'Alien Registration' card to arrive and then apply for a social security number. After that I have to take a driving test, then I can go job hunting. Tony works from 6.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. so the days are quite long but we go to bed around 8.30 - 9.00 p.m. as he has to get up at 4.30 a.m. He does get every other Friday off though which is nice - we go out driving around investigating the countryside, it is absolutely stunning. We're only 40 minutes drive to Salt Lake City - it's got some great shopping malls.

I'd better go now as I've still got a bunch of letters to write and it won't be long until Tony's home. Send us a line if you get a moment.

Lots of love

Lorna, Tony & Buddy
X

Robinson's Ramblings

Second Sunday in June - yet another meeting that couldn't be held at Barbury Castle due to the Warbirds display at Wroughton aerodrome. Of course, we didn't meet at Barbury in May due to our festival at Lydiard Park. Brian and Lynn Simpson must wonder where we have gone to. However, rest assured, we will be back in July.

Due to the fact that we couldn't meet at Barbury in June; Dave Tomlinson made arrangements for us to hold our monthly meeting at the sports field in Theale, near Reading, this proved to be a popular venue judging by the attendance. We had a visit from Barry and Janet Poulter, Toody Oakhill and Mik Jennison from Brighton and John Barker "the BOF". We also had a visit from another Brighton Kite Flier whose name escapes me at the moment. Sorry!

As seems to be the way in the past few years, it's either blowing a gale or a dead flat calm. Well, on this Sunday it was calm with the occasional flurry of wind. Consequently, it was a great social occasion giving the Committee time to discuss the purchase of a new club tent. Incidentally, the decision was in the affirmative and the club is the proud owner of new 20' by 10' "E" "Z" Up shelter.

As you may be aware, Ann and Mike Heanes are quite well known for their love of teddy bears, with Dave the Bear being the star. Dave even has his own cabana. However, he seems to have a rival who also has a tent. The rival isn't a bear but has the name "John". The first appearance of "John" was at one of our meetings and he became an instant hit. It should be explained that "John" has a very big mouth and an almost insatiable thirst. His thirst was quenched most of the afternoon. However, there was a collective

decision not to feed "John" and, in some cases, it was a great relief to be able to give "John" a drink. I did thank Ann and Mike for introducing John to us on the day however, I would like to say a very big thanks again even though "John" is just a little potty!!



David

We can honestly say that our first meeting with John was flushed with success, shame his tent wasn't taller - Ed

Thanks



Dear White Horse Kite Flyers

On behalf of the Wootton Bassett ACF platoon I would like to thank you for the generous donation following the Kite Festival at Lydiard Park.

We enjoyed the weekend enormously and hope that we can look forward to assisting with marshalling again next year.

Your donation will be used to buy much needed equipment for the platoon and to assist cadets in paying for our two week summer camp where necessary.

Thank you once again

Yours sincerely

S Upton

Platoon Commander

Thanks



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Dear Mr Robinson

The Worshipful the Mayor of Thamesdown, Councillor Doreen Dart, has asked me to thank you for the donation of £50 that you gave to her on behalf of the White Horse Kite Flyers at the Thamesdown Kite Festival recently.

She has asked me to tell you how much she appreciates this most generous gesture and how grateful she was for her gift and the flight and certificate for her teddy!

Yours sincerely

Brian Fisher

Mayor's secretary

FRIENDS OF UPLANDS SCHOOL

Dear Mr & Mrs Robinson

I write to thank you and your colleagues for attending our fete on Saturday and for providing the kite workshop.

It was obvious from the number of kites on the sky that quite a few of our visitors took advantage of the kits and your expertise, and enjoyed flying the kites afterwards. My own daughter certainly did!

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely

Carol Chandler

Thanks

And finally

Dear Mr & Mrs Jones

I am writing to thank you for providing the kite workshop at the Spring Fayre held at the school on Saturday 21st May 1994.

A very successful day was had by all (*I won 3 prizes in the raffle - Ed*), despite the weather, and I am sure that your workshop added to the atmosphere and success of the day. A profit of £1906.80 was made for the school, which will be used to help us purchase a new television, video and other classroom equipment.

Thank you once again for your support.

Your sincerely

Ursula Gawthorn

Mrs U Gawthorn
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 - Fly a kite at over 200 feet*.
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- The Things to AVOID
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 - 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!

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