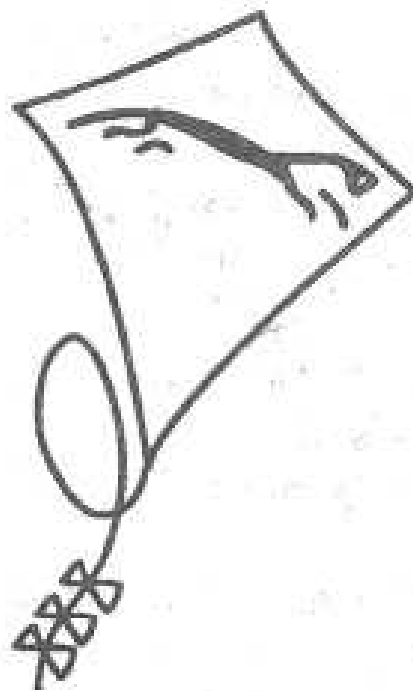


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**The Kite journal of the
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Dates for your Diary



12th February	Barbury
12th March	Barbury
19th March	National Science week Fly-In Wroughton
9th April	Barbury
9th April	Old Warden
16th/17th April	Easter Blackheath
29th/30th April	Weymouth
13th/14th May	Swindon
20th/21st May	Brighton
27th-29th May	Banham Zoo, Norfolk
3rd/4th June	Basingstoke
24th June	Popham Barbecue
1st/2nd July	Shrewsbury
9th July	Petworth
23rd July	Golden Valley
5th/6th August	Middle Wallop
20th August	Coventry
26th/27th August	Portsmouth
2nd/3rd September	Bristol
24th September	Old Warden

All these events are subject to local weather conditions so please check before travelling. Interested, want more details of any of these events? Ring Neil Harvey or David Robinson for more information.

Dates are correct as far as we know, but they may be subject to change, more events are bound to follow, details will be given in the next magazine or at club meetings at Barbury.

Editorial

Welcome to the new look Cowpat Hill - your favourite kiting mag. I promised a change of format, so what do you think? I have mixed feelings, I'm sure you will make your feelings known. Don't worry I won't be offended if you hate it.

The new season is on the way, but with snow on the ground it seems a long way off. The list of festivals is growing, a mixture of old favourites and interesting newcomers. Popham Barbecue looks an interesting day out, especially the free flight. I think I'll put that near the top of my list. If you want to read about last year's event then see me at Barbury.

More details about our festival. If you haven't heard, we've moved to Wroughton Aerodrome. The site has 42 acres for single line kites and 22 acres for sports kites and not a tree in sight. We are also planning to use the runway for buggies, but only for members of the BBC (not the TV station). Make sure you bring your insurance certificate.

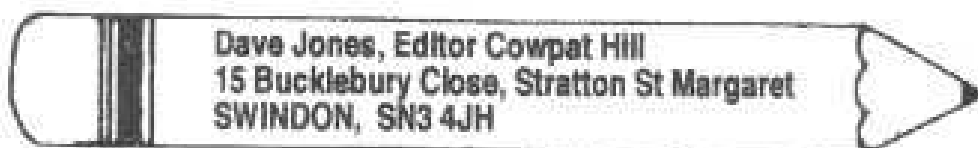
We will be having all the usual events. Unfortunately, there will be an entrance fee for non-members of WHKF, but if you have renewed (**due in November**) then there isn't a problem. The Science Museum exhibits will be open for viewing, the daily entrance fee being £3 for adults, children free. A 50% discount will be available on production of your KSGB

card, but your famous green card will get you in free, so start looking for it now. I'm sure Janet could provide you with a duplicate, for a small fee.

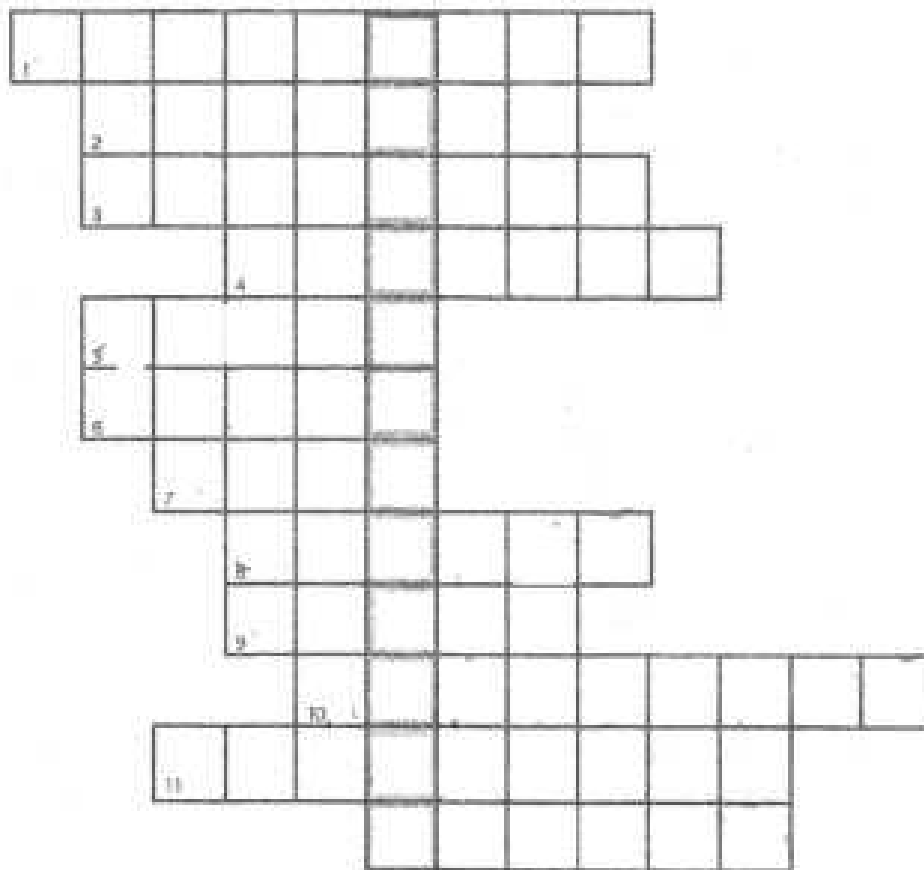
Camping facilities should be much improved, with proper toilet facilities available. The fees will be:- caravans £4, large tents £3 and small tents £1.50. These fees are per night. Kathryn has persuaded me to dust off the tent this year so let's hope for some good weather.

Thanks to all those who helped at One Sky One World at Barbury during the October fly-in. We were able to donate £100 to the Prospect Hospice Appeal. Those of you at the AGM would have seen David Margesson collect the cheque. He sent the club a very nice letter of thanks. They will be collecting the keys for the Hospice on February 17th.

The Science Museum is opening its gates on March 19th as part of National Science Week. We have been invited to display our kites. It is a great opportunity to test out the new festival site and to say thank you to the Science Museum for letting us have the site for free. Normally the site costs £2000 to hire for the weekend. So let's have a good turn out on that day. I hope the weather is kinder than it was to Neil for his Mince Pie Fly-in. Better luck next year Neil but well done to all the brave soles for raising so much money for cancer research.



Puzzle Page - Arthur Dibble



Solve the across clues to discover a seasonal greeting from the compiler.

1. She is accompanied by seven dwarfs when the wind is good.
2. Japanese for six sides.
3. This kite has a sting in the tail.
4. No tears here.
5. Almost the same as an Eddy.
6. Is this kite from another world?
7. A light frame of wood and paper constructed for flying in the air.
8. This noble tomb.
9. If you are reading this magazine you probably are one.
10. Symbol of K.S.G.B.
11. A large triangle from Sky Burns.
12. This kite is much more stable than it's name suggests.

Kite Festival Reflections - Noel Hardy

Having now attended two years of Festivals, I realise more and more how close kite flying is getting to the edge of a disaster.

Weymouth - my first year there, realised some very frightening situations. Powerful deltas being flown over the top of the public and not always by proficient fliers. My own Shadow was staked out with lines taut inside a marked area. A toddler carrying a beach bucket walked into the lines, the Shadow took off but fortunately the child "bounced" back off them and I managed to grab the handles. No more flying there for me.

Hengistbury - a delta being flown fairly aggressively (or was it that the flier didn't know what to do with it?!) in amongst the public. A reasonably friendly P.A. warning to the flier by our secretary to bring the kite down brought the gent. concerned into the club tent and a rather heated exchange took place. Could we reason with him? Could we ****!

Portsmouth - buggies, three in all giving rides to very young children who had cycling helmets, with very loose straps, perched on their heads - an empty trailer cart tipped over onto one child! Then, in amongst this, an enthusiastic flier starts jumping whilst hanging on to the end of stacked Flexifoils. Later that evening, a young girl aged about 12/13 years old is setting up a Club Spectre. Dad "holds" it whilst daughter walks backwards with line in left and right hand. At about 50 feet from Dad she shouts "OK". The kite leaps into the sky. The girl screams not in delight but in pain. She is holding the lines not the handles. Her hands are deeply cut. Can such situations continue? Surely none of us see this as being our vision of kite flying?

I would suggest the following and would be interested in any comments through the magazine.

1. At all festivals - single line and dual/quad line flying areas are much more clearly marked - not only with "ribbon" barriers but with clear signs stating:
A which area it is B category of fliers and C insisting fliers DO NOT fly the kite outside the marked area.
2. Public mixed kite areas are also marked as above - might save friction between dual and single line fliers insisting that it is THEIR area - depending upon what they happen to be flying.
3. Main arenas are also clearly marked for those invited to fly in them and that those using them demonstrate "professional" flying and conduct.
4. So many kites of all types are being sold rapidly by trade stalls. "Thank goodness" say the Traders and rightly so, but so rapidly that often, in the pressure of time, customers are not able to be guided in their flying.

Perhaps an area could be provided (again clearly marked) for new fliers which is manned, voluntarily, by proficient club fliers. Club members (I hasten to add not just W.H.K.F. members) who plan to attend the Festival could offer their services to provide basic tuition for the public who have bought a kite for the first time - especially dual/quad line kites. The Festival Organisers could then draw up a rota of such clubs and their volunteers to man the "new fliers" area. A spin-off could be many new club members too! Several traders, to whom I spoke, this welcomed the idea.

Rather a negative impression of Festivals should be matched by positives. I have enjoyed so many festivals e.g. Hengistbury - I really enjoyed helping to complete Ted dropping certificates (and would urge other W.H.K.F.s to involve themselves in this and spread the load. I also came away with the feeling that our new club tent could fly! Middle Wallop - what an excellent flying time! Bristol - a sixteen person team flying so well will remain in our memories for a long time! Kite flying always has been and, let us make sure, always will continue to be an exciting and user-friendly activity.

Chairman's Report

Well another year passes by and another needs planning. 1994 seems to have flown by and the Club has been as busy as ever. The usual range of Displays and Workshops around the area, some old ones dropped out but more new ones have come in. More members have come forward to help with the events but there is still plenty of room for more to show the general public about "Our" hobby. So how about it in this coming year? Enquiries for '95 are already coming in from new directions and we hope that we can oblige. Our fame is travelling ever wider.

This year we launched our own printed Sled Kite for workshops and this has been a great success. Many thanks to all involved in getting it produced. We also went up-market a bit by getting a Post Office Box number. The reasoning behind this is that if anything happens to our Hon. Sec. (heaven forbid) the mail can be redirected very easily and it was also a lot easier just to put a P.O. Box number on the Kite. We also bought a new tent for the Club (the old one was beginning to fall to pieces) and it has greatly enhanced the Club's image at events. I apologise that it was bought very quickly, without getting in contact with the Committee, after the initial meeting about getting a new one. Dave R. was asked to enquire about an Easi-up tent and in so doing the firm offered such a good deal on the spot, and in the Club's green, that it was daft not to buy it. It has been an eye-opener to many people to see us erect it so quickly. By the way, we saved about £300 on the list price. Thanks Dave. There are new projects in the pipeline that will be discussed later on, one of which most of you can join in on and add to your own collection of kites.

During the year, at least 2 of our members have gone into kite making full. We (using the Gloucestershire 'WE' not the Royal one) wish them success in the future. More of our club members have travelled abroad this year to events and festivals. This is great and we hope more are able to do so next year and spread the White Horse around the world. The '95 Festival is under way and it will be discussed later on but it will be great to be at Wroughton Airfield with more space and no trees to worry about. So, I hope that you will all try and make it the best Swindon Kite Festival yet. Once again a big thank you to one and all for making it another good year for the Club and "Give The White Horse More Drive In '95." *(Don't forget to feed it - Ed)*

Thank you, Neil.

P.S. Whilst we're on the subject of thanks, I would also like to thank everyone who came to the Mince Pie Fly-In. The conditions were atrocious but we still managed to raise about £130 for the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. Thanks too to everyone who sent me a Christmas card.

Help! - Doug Manners

I have a QUESTION or 2 or 3 or 4! Would some of you EXPERTS like to put in writing how to bridle a two line kite and what to do when it will not work? Is length of the bridle (ring from kite) important, static line on leading edge or centre spar?

Which way to adjust if it hops up and down, steers in a big circle, pulls too much, does not pull enough and anything else that will be of help.

Is there a proper place for the ring to be when you look at it?

Please reply to Dave Jones (Cowpat Editor).

The Three Bears - Arthur Dibble

Once upon a time there were Three Bears who lived together in a house in Wiltshire. They were taken care of by a Happy Little Man and his Friendly Wife.

Each bear had smart clothes and a lovely red hat made from the bottom of a plastic bottle. At the weekends the Happy Little Man, his Friendly Wife and the Three Bears would get into a Little Blue Car and go up onto some local hills where there were beautiful views and lovely fresh air.

The Happy Little Man would light his pipe and take, from the Little Blue Car, a great big kite and lots of string. He would send the kite way up in the sky and watch it with a big smile on his face and a feeling of deep satisfaction.

Soon, children would gather around and watch enthralled as the Happy Little Man took the Three Bears from the Little Blue Car and gave them each a parachute. They were then allowed (if they had been very good) to hold onto the kite string and be taken way up in the sky. When they got as high as they could get they would let go of the string and fall, ever so gently to the ground, under multi-coloured parachutes. They enjoyed this so much that they would do it time after time as long as there were children around to carry them back to the Happy little Man.

One day a much bigger child saw this happening and said "I would like my bears to do that." After spending many hours talking to the little man about how all this was done, the Big Child got himself a big kite and lots of string. Soon all his bears were parachuting happily; quite often with the Three Bears.

For many years all the bears, The Happy Little Man and the Big Child had fun together but, as time passed, The Three Bears found that the Happy Little Man could not give them as many parachute jumps as they wanted. Because he was so kind, the Happy Little man asked the Big Child if he would take care of them and give them all the fun they wanted. The Big Child agreed readily and promised that they would receive all the care and devotion they deserved.

So we welcome Basher, Bruiser and Bouncer as they join Mr. Dartmoor, Castor, Pollux, Peter the Para, Jones the Rugger, Foundling, Downunder, Boots, Baby, Dillon and all the rest of the Ted Berets.

In years to come, when the Big Child (who will never grow up) can no longer keep up with the unceasing demands of the Three Bears, he will pass them on to the next generation of people who love our hobby and our bears. But that is many years away!

Thank you Ron.

Letter from the Irvines

Once again I have been embarrassed into putting finger to keyboard as another festival season draws to a close. After the problems we had during 1993, we felt that 1994 was going to be a really good year. Looking back now, kiting wise, it certainly was.

We started out 94 by helping to run (or was it soak?) the Milton Keynes festival. It was great fun but somewhat dampened by the rain. Neil was roped into doing the commentary and made a very professional job, but even he was unable to move the clouds until 4.00 p.m. when the sun came out. We were then told that the park was going to close and so we had to pack up for the day! I hope that Milton Keynes Arts Council runs a festival again in 1995, as I am sure with better weather it will be a success.

The Swindon festival this year seemed drier than previous years. I finally managed to correctly bridle my large quad and must thank Chris Sands from Devon for his help in this. I have now buggied extensively with this kite and much prefer it to my Peel which either pulls me out of my buggy or collapses all over when it feels like it. I'm sure this is down to pilot incompetence rather than the kite design but I spend considerably more time in my buggy than ever before so I feel the hard work was worth it.

The Basingstoke festival was a new venue to us, and we were only able to attend on the Sunday, but found it to be very well organised and immense fun. I think there was something for all tastes on offer from weight lifting to fancy dress. The Flying Dougs (or DUDS as it says on the certificate) managed to finish joint third in the team Rok and went away well pleased with our efforts. Another festival on the calendar for next year.

Bath was another festival site new to us. I am sure that with more wind the setting would be ideal. As it was only the ultra lights and Indian fighters were able to stay in the air for long. The Flying Dougs took to the sky for a blindfold Rok fight and came fourth (we were robbed!). This is a really silly and fun idea I would recommend it to any festival organiser. We will try this site in 1995 when hopefully there will be more wind.

There was more than enough wind at Middle Wallop. We were only able to attend for one day (Sunday) but were very impressed with the site and facilities. I spent most of my day giving buggy rides to children. The sheer size of the airfield enables you to go wherever you want without running into any other kites. A definite must for 1995.

And then there was the British Buggy Thang at Wroughton Airfield. There was a long saga attached to this meeting, which has been amply recounted in the Kiteflier. As very novice bugglers, my eight year old son David and I, stayed well clear of the mainstream and spent our day on a disused part of the airfield. Even though we did not take part in the events of the day, we did have a very enjoyable time. A big thank you must go to the organisers who really did pull a rabbit out of the hat at the eleventh hour.

Bristol 94 was as good as ever: this year we really indulged ourselves and booked into Redwood Lodge for the Friday. Unfortunately the swimming pool was shut which upset certain members of the household. The party on Saturday night was the best we have ever been to. The food was good, the marquee was warm and dry, the auction didn't go on for too long and the night flying with fireworks just spectacular. I hope this is repeated next year but without the rain.

We did attend other festivals during the year all of which were special in their own way. Hopefully we'll be back on the festival trail in 1995 and be blessed with slightly drier weather. We look forward to the Mince Pie Fly-in in December and wish all members a happy New Year.

Arthur's Hyperdelta (with apologies to P. Morgan)

At Hengistbury '94, I was trying to lift Teddies in a minimal wind. I was using my 12 ft. Megadelta and able to lift only the smallest of parafauna. I therefore asked Martin Croxton if I could try his 18 ft. Mega"Nutter"Delta. This proved a great success.

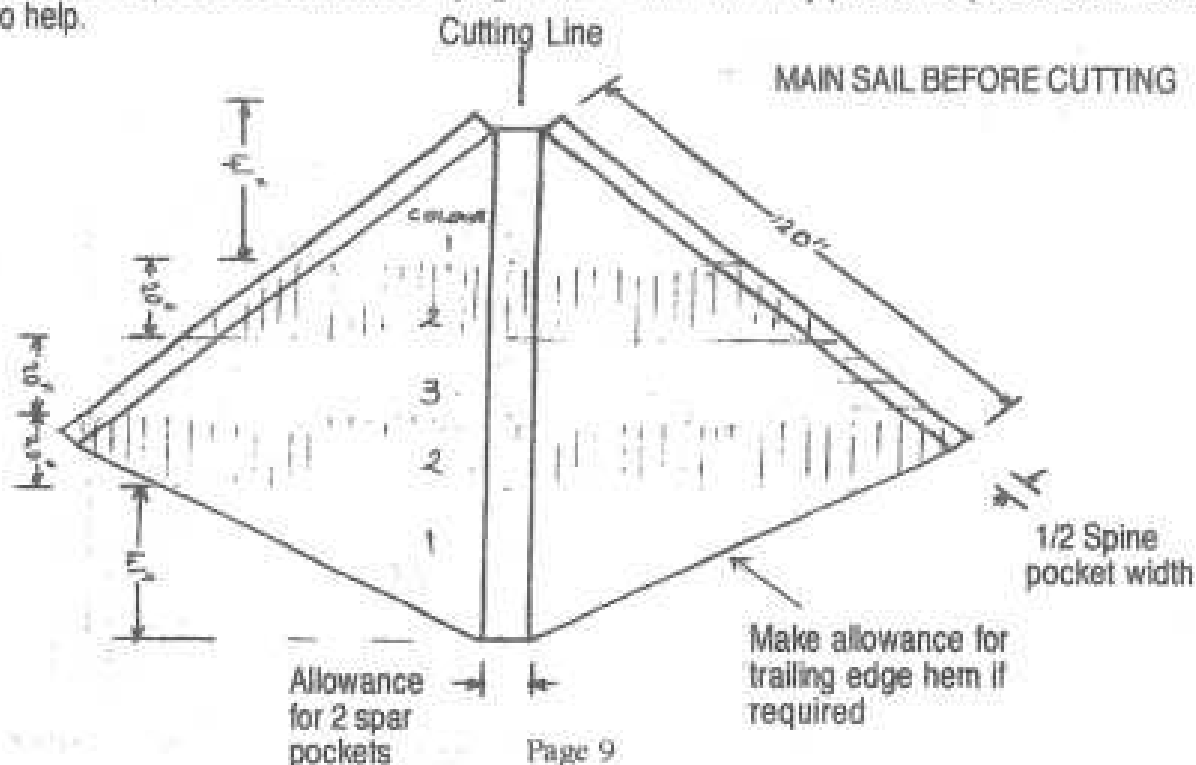
It was now obvious that I had to have a large delta of my own. I decided on about 15 ft. and started drawing up plans. So as to make the best use of material (which is usually about 41" wide) I went for the well-known diagonal stripes at half this width. By using this as my basis, I came up with a kite 16 ft. wide. This has proved ideal as a lifter on several occasions since completion.

To avoid the tension on the keel I have added a 1" wide strip of webbing from the towing point across both sides of the the keel and extended it past the spine to form a loop on the rear of the kite. This loop can be used to attach the line to a further kite at a higher level. I enjoyed O.S.O.W. at Barbury where I flew the Hyperdelta at about 300 ft. with the Megadelta a further 100 ft. above. What a marvellously stable lifting rig!

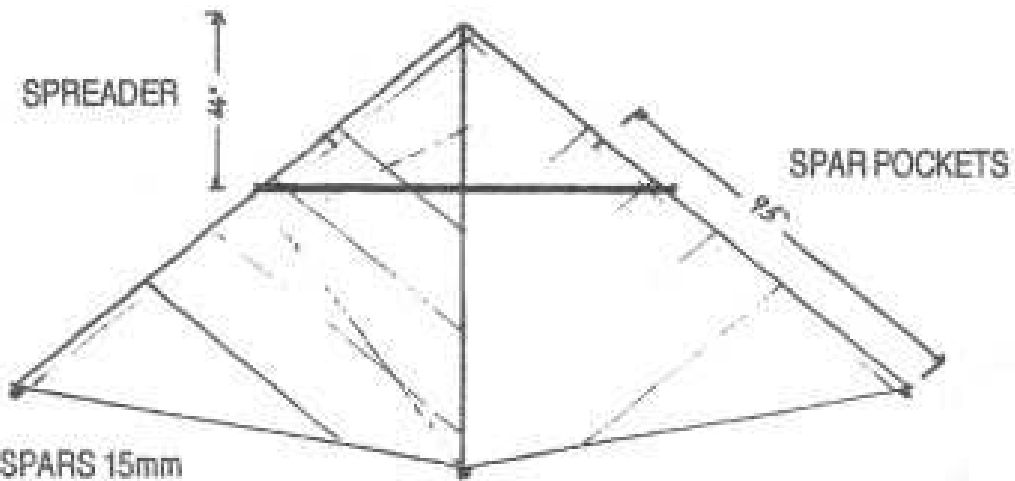
My diagrams give only the major dimensions but include spar pockets. Any areas where you want to add hems, make this extra allowance yourselves. Make the sail as one piece then split it diagonally and sew the two halves together including the reinforcing web at the same time. I have fitted the spine to the front of the sail and used wide Dacron (from Kreative Kites) for the spreader pockets. I am sure the kite will still fly well with the spine on the rear and "D" rings to hold the spreader - the choice is yours.

For the spine and leading edges I used 15mm dowel jointed with chrome towel rail (from B & Q) to make them into transportable lengths. The leading edge is 8 ft. long as this is the length that dowel comes in. I have used electric fence insulators and elastic to hold these in the sleeves. The insulators have to be warmed and forced on to the end of the dowel which should be slightly tapered to start with. Once they are on and cooled they seem to stay put. The spreader is 18mm and both it and the spine should be cut to fit your own fixing method.

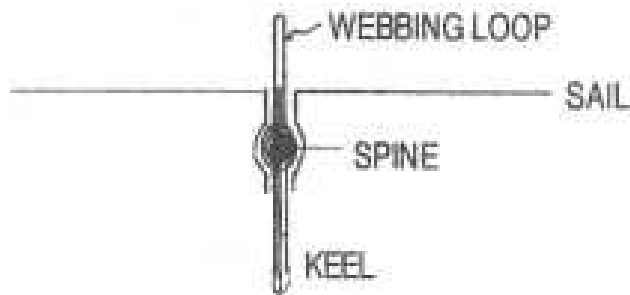
Good luck and I hope to see some more flying in the '95 season. Any problems, please call me and I will try to help.



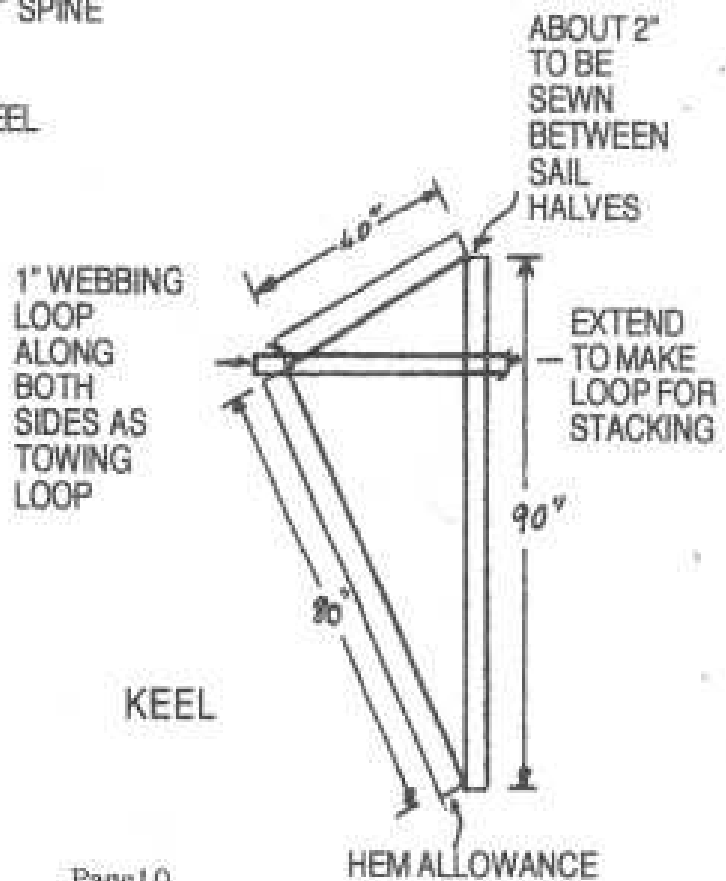
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Popham Barbecue

Dear WHKF

This letter is to thank W.H.K.F. members, through the medium of your journal, for the special effort made to attend the Popham Airfield Flying Group barbecue on Saturday 25 June this year. While committed to appear at Vernham Dene village fête, Neil Harvey and several others put themselves out to arrive at Popham by 6.00 p.m. and entertain us as well as the limited wind would allow.

For 1995 the Popham barbecue is planned for the same Saturday, which will be the 24th June 1995. I do hope that, given this extra notice, you can enter our event in your journal, "Dates for your Diary", and that some members will honour us for the afternoon from 3.00 p.m. to nightfall.

An account of the 1994 event is enclosed for your interest. It is our custom to offer a flight around the field to interested W.H.K.F. members who have come to entertain us.

Best wishes,

Bill Edwards

W.G. Edwards

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Eurothrash 94? Or 105 go mad in Dieppe

You know that as you get older, time passes ever more quickly and that certainly applies to the Two Year Interval between each Dieppe fest. The last early morning rush to Newhaven seemed only like yesterday, but this Year's journey was enlivened by the ROBBOMOBILE proving just how much faster a Mondeo is than a Panda 750 as with a TOOT and a varied selection of V. signs, Coffee Bean Handshakes and Rowing gestures, the committee, or part of it, roared off into the Distance.

Neverthe-less, even in a Panda, Newhaven Dock soon hove into view, and once again the old excitement of a Trip to Dieppe. Soon as usual a Motley Collection of Kite Loonies were ensconced at the BLUNT END, where one or two kites soon climbed aloft. The Wind at Newhaven always is a bit weird and this Day it seemed to be coming from the N.W. in Fits and Starts, but all seemed well with the Kites as the Boat performed its customary amazing swing around the Single Mooring Line.

However, as the Boat accelerated from the Harbour towards the Open Sea, something most peculiar happened. Instead of streaming nicely behind the Boat, the Kites suddenly appeared to be losing lift and after a few lurches from side to side, one after the other, the Kites promptly fell into the sea. Surfing along behind a Boat doing about 20 KNOTS doesn't lead to Death from old age, and so it proved as the Kites were destroyed, albeit, they were only Plastic Sleds, but even so it's not a pretty sight watching a Kite drown.

During the crossing many attempts were made to launch entries into the almost legendary BACK OF THE BOAT KITE FEST but to no avail, true for most of the crossing Kites were flying but not for long, as believe it or not on a Boat travelling at about 20 KNOTS, we were virtually in a NO WIND situation as the N.W. Wind was blowing at very much the same velocity as the Boat's Forward speed.

This Crazy situation was graphically illustrated when Neil noticed that the ANEMOMETER on the mast was stationary. You could say that we were a bit Gobsmacked when Neil pointed this out, and from that moment on we realised that the 94 Back of the Boat Fest wasn't to be, even moreso when an onboard T.V. Crew were Faking the Wind, with "LUVVIES" pretending to be nearly blown overboard. Some of the loonies managed to get themselves on T.V., but one loonie exhibited his customary Aversion to T.V. Cameras by stating that if he was filmed the Camera Crew would have a Wet and Salty Camera, however the Loonies who did want to be filmed signed the T.V. Crew's usual bits of paper, forsaking all monetary rights etc., whilst the "Luvvies" were probably on about £200 a day, so it makes you wonder if the AVERSION loonie had the right idea.

Very soon Dieppe was in sight and many Eyes were peeled as the loonies tried to make out what was aloft. As the Boat drew nearer, we could see that as usual a great many kites and assorted sky garbage were welcoming the loonies D'Anglais, Dieppe rarely disappoints on that score. As we had heard that Dieppe had recently constructed a new Ferry Terminal on the other side of the Harbour, those Heavy Ordnance Toting Loonies who had not taken their Cars, were viewing with some Trepidation the long Haul around the Harbour to the Hotels. However, this Trepidation soon evaporated as we realised that there was a Freebie Bendybus service from the Terminal to the Hotels. This was so efficient that "les Piétons" including their Heavy Ordnance were at the Hotels and Seafront before the car bourne Loonies, especially as some of the Cars including the Robbomobile had performed a Grand Tour of Dieppe after taking a bit of wrong turn.

Quickly checking into our respective Hotels, the first Task for most of us was to Register for the Festival, this didn't take long and shortly we were all "DELEGATION OFFICIELLE" for the 8th Dieppe Fest. apart from the fact that everyone bar latecomers was registered for the Saturday Evening Meal, our DELEGATE Badges gave us unrestricted entry to the actual flying site.

Going to Dieppe *cont'd* BOF

For those not familiar with the Dieppe flying site, the Fest is held on the seafront stretch of grass which is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long by about 150 yards wide. Not as crazy as it sounds actually, even with the wind blowing directly from the Sea. Yes, breakaways and cutdowns from any height result in the Kite floating away over the Hotels and into the Town, but any that do are normally recovered quite easily.

As is usual at all Dieppe Fests, the sky was absolutely chock-a-block with many weird and wonderful kites from all around the World. Many of these you are never likely to see anywhere else during the season unless, that is, you are loaded and can travel the World's Kite Fests. This was the 8th Dieppe Festival and there were official delegations from twenty six countries, various estimates as to the cost of putting on the Week long fest were bandied about, with 500,000 French Francs being the most often quoted cost. Though the Festival has some pretty heavy duty sponsors, one can guess that the rumours were true as the cost of bringing in all those people from around the World must have been astronomical. Be that as it may, one thing is for sure, a more varied selection of Kites, ranging from the very Ethnic to Ultra Modern Hi Tech and everything in between. The theme of this Fest was "THE SEA", what's in it, on it and using it. This theme led to many really clever designs, from Viking long ships to a very neat lobster, taking in on the way various fishy themes applied, airbrushed and block printed onto the Face of various Kites.

Kites of note entered into the Sea Theme were a very Original Compass Needle, a beautiful little Sea Horse, an excellent breaking wave ROK and last but not least - Jenny Swift's Sunset ROK, the sunset on this Kite being over the Sea, with the really clever touch being a small scale stunt Delta attached to the ROK's bridle lines which gave the effect of a stunter flying in the sunset.

Lots of very original thought had gone into sky garbage which was aloft, notably one Kite with an absolute swarm of little Starfish, Puff Fishes, Anemones, Corals etc., all crafted from Ripstop to a very clever fish Windsock which was trying to gobble up a large Hook, complete with worm.

Notable amongst the Ethnic Kites were those from North CAMBODIA, made of Reeds and Paper, the shaved spines of which probably take a fortnight to make. Paper and Reed maybe, but they were flying very high and pulling like Trains.

The amount and never ending variety of Kites flying at Dieppe never ceases to amaze and leads, after a while, to a form of Brain Fade in which you are unable to take it all in, even photography is a never-ending task for as you walk the length of the flying site snapping away at all and sundry, you do a length, turn around and Bingo, there's a whole new selection of Kites that have been launched behind you.

The Saturday was a good day if a little nippy with the odd shower, the Wind was still constant, straight onto the Beach about F4-F5 and before long it was time to assemble for the Buses which were Ferrying the Loonies to the Evening Meal which was laid on by the Festival organisers. Held in a Sports Hall on the outskirts of Dieppe the Hall is large, a good thing really as approx. 1000 people sit down to Dinner, when we arrived, as usual we had to queue outside which brought forth the odd comment, including one from a wag, who said that the Crowd looked like the queue for a RWANDAN soup kitchen, but with better clothes.

More adventures from Dieppe in the next edition of Cowpat - Ed.

11. Raffle tickets - raffle took place during AGM - 13 prizes - £54.20 raised.
12. ROK competition at '95 Festival - suggested all competitors have same length of line - details to be put into magazine.
13. PA system for Festival needs to be better as there is a much larger area at Wroughton - may need to hire.
14. Some Americans are to attend the Festival - hope to get sponsorship money to be used to invite anyone from Europe - depends on monies raised.
15. More events and plans for 1995.
Red Cross is commemorating 125 years anniversary next year and are having celebrations to mark the occasion. The Club has been asked if they would like to be included. It will be held near Henley. Details to follow.
16. Projects
At a recent meeting with the Science Museum, we were asked if we could produce a special kite for the Festival. We suggested a windbow to them with the history of Swindon depicted on it. The Science Museum agreed to try and find a sponsor for this project. Will only go ahead if a sponsor is found.
17. Flowform Project.
Carrington-Novare has offered Club material to make a large Flowform that will have a tail attached bearing their name. No doubt Neil will have to sew it as it is difficult for 2 or more people to do the sewing. Therefore, it was proposed that Neil be offered payment for doing this. Details to follow.
18. Tumbling Roks
Eddie McGrath talked to group about his idea using Rok kites but not to fight with. He visualises a lot of group members having a tumbling Rok. Idea is to have a clown on each one - details to be in next magazine.
19. More articles are needed as usual for newsletter. Dave Jones thanked all those who have contributed in past year. Cost of printing will go up in 1995 so magazine may be done in new format to help reduce costs of printing.
20. AOB
 - Suggested that there be Night Flying at the Calley in winter in adjacent field - details to follow.
 - Thanks to all WHKFs from Lynn and Brian (wardens - Barbury Castle) for cards and best wishes sent to Brian following his car accident and admittance to hospital.
 - No boot trading to go on at festival next year. Traders will be limited.
 - Big Scout Jamboree in Holland next year - theme is Kites. Therefore it is thought that WHKFs might like to sponsor a kite for Swindon Scouts - to be discussed at a later date.
 - Electronic Mail via computers worldwide. Info. received via electronic mail - Old Warden festival to be held on 9 April and not 30 April. 16 April new festival will be held - see magazine for details. Some other festival dates have been changed.
 - Mince Pie Fly-In. To be held on 27 December 1994 at Neil's (Bibury) - 4th year - proceeds to charity. Neil can arrange B & B if you contact him.
 - Close of meeting. Neil thanked everyone for coming and hopes to you all during the year at meeting.

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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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