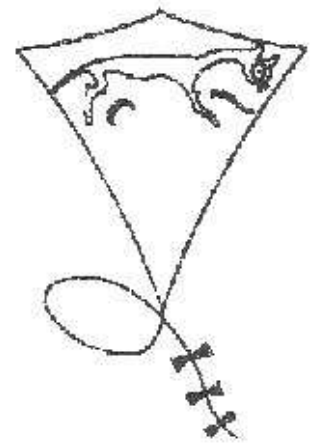


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WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS
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Dear Members,

I have made one of the hardest decisions of my life: that is to stand down as Chairman of the White Horse Kite Flyers as from the AGM in 2003, repeat the AGM 2003.

The reason being that all my life I have lead from the front in most things that I have been involved with, especially this club. As my health and energies are not as I would like them to be. I feel that it is better for the club that I am replaced before I am trampled underfoot as I can no longer keep in front. This does not mean that I am abandoning the club but will take a more back seat position and if I do not feel up to going to an event I can say no and not let the club down. This does mean that more people will have to get involved with the day to day running of the club and in the transportation of the trailer, Getting kite kits ready etc.

I have given you all a fair warning so that there is time to make future plans and I have worded this as to standing down as opposed to resigning, as that sounds so final.

Your faithful Servant

Neil Harvey.

Letter as read at A.G.M see full report inside

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Diary Dates 2003

January

26th Tewkesbury winter league

February

9th second Sunday
Swindon winter league

March

9th second Sunday

April

6th Wellington country park, Reading
13th second Sunday
26/27 Stowe kite festival

May

4/5th Weymouth kite festival
10/11th **SWINDON KITE FESTIVAL**
11TH Poole kite day
17/18th Suffolk kite festival
17/18th Cleethorpes kite festival
24/25/26th Middle Wallop
24/25/26th Tewkesbury fun weekend

June

8th second Sunday
7/8th Basingstoke kite festival

please note all events are liable to alteration or cancellation

For up to date information please check our web site

www.whkf.org.uk

or

www.white-horse-kite-flyers.org.uk

White Horse Kite Flyers

A.G.M.

17/11/2002

1. From the Chairman: Welcome to all members. Thank you for all the raffle prizes.
2. Apologies: David Johnson, The Purnell Family, Angela Manners, And The Swifts.
3. Minutes of 2001 A.G.M Minutes were accepted as read
4. No matters arising.
5. Chairman's Report: Well another AGM another year. Things seemed to run along Fairly smoothly, weather its usual mixed dose, some great days and somewhere the clearing up shower just kept on. As for the winds it had a nasty bite at the beginning of the season at Stowe when Arthur and I had not fitted the bridles to the marquee when it up rooted and flew off. Just the right start to my birthday, still the rest of the weekend turned out not too bad with the climax of a presentation to me of the latest Aircraft Anorak's Bible. It is still weighing me down in bed at night, but I have reached N and New Zealand. I know that I'm repeating my thanks but thank you again.

I will not go right through the list of events that as a club we attended this year but just pick a few things that went on. I suppose the first was Kathy Goodwin's workshop in February on the Swindon Star. I think most are now flying. Then for some of us to Fort Warden to have to endure a weekend of hard lessons in kite making and being badgered all the time into buying more raffle tickets from you know who. At this point I would like to wish Marla a speedy recovery from her operation on her hand so that she can get back in practice of getting money out of your pockets to exchange for those raffle tickets. Then on to our festival returning to Lydiard Park. Things ran fairly well but this coming year we hope that a few problems can be ironed out with the help of Swindon Council. No time to recover it was off to Cleethorpes and another 1,00 green tadpoles done, many thanks to all the hard working gang and especially Di for making so many before hand to save some time when we were at our busiest. On again to another good night out was at Middle Wallop and Arthur and Stephs birthday Bar-B-Que, plenty of food and probably too much drink. What do you think Phillip? Next was a trip to Welsh Wales way down in Pembrokeshire. A weekend of hard work but great fun and we had "The beast" flying along with most of our big kites to the delight of the crowds. One of the sights around this years festivals has been our Japanese fish that we bought from Kathy, they have made an impression on a lot of people. Another sight or sights that I personally remember were at Stanton and Uffington were the fly over of "The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight" At Stanton we were asked to bring our kites down for the fly over and we said that they would fly over a lot higher than our kites. Wrong, they came over at treetop height and we did have our kites on the deck, just as well as it was. It was the closest I have been to those aircraft, a real good photo call. Similar happened at Uffington with a spitfire giving the fly over.

As the season has wound on some of us have travelled Abroad showing the green and enjoying foreign Kite Flyers hospitality. I also must mention that Matrix Management represented Great Britain at very short notice in The World Championships in France and did not disgrace themselves on the flying field. As for the rest of the time I do not know, but they enjoyed themselves.

Just recently after a lot of coaxing we managed to get our own Phil Scarfe to do a kite workshop to make a parafoil. I know that although Phil was very nervous about doing it, the ones that took the class were very pleased with the results. They all thank you very much. Oregon here you come.

Now to the future. We must think and act on about making a club kite or kites for this coming season. It is sometime since we made a group kite and in the past we have set the trend in this country, so we must set to again and produce something that will be the talked about. One idea that I have had is that this year is the centenary of Coady flying on Whale Island so how about a set of Coady's with the basket and a mannequin as our tribute to the great man. I hesitate to suggest in making a full size set because of CAA rules and I'm too old to go flying' but if we have volunteers, well???. Anyway I am sure you will have your own ideas, so speak up later. On speaking up do not forget this is your club and this is your opportunity to have your say today.

I think that I have been going long enough, so I would like to thank you all for help in the past year and looking forward to more help next year.

There is one thing more I would like to do and that is wish our Hon Treasurer a very Happy Birthday and many more.

As usual I try (yes; I know that I am very trying) to end with a rhyme but it seems to get harder to think new ones up. So here goes: I hope the wind blows free, you don't get stuck in a tree in two thousand and three. Thank you Neil.

6. Hon Sec's report: This time last year we weren't sure if we would have a festival but Lydiard came through for us' This years festival will be at Lydiard again but with some different arrangements of the tent village. We didn't have a Guest last year we would like to invite the Brighton Crew and their big teddy bear kites. International guests Dave proposed Dan Goodlooking Kurahashi it was agreed that Dave should invite Dan. There is a Charlie Sotich workshop in February. Charlie is keen to come he has already booked his flight.

Dave asked for any ideas for the festival the general feeling was Lydiard was a success.

7. Treasurer's report: Copy of accounts attached. Accountant rewrote report taking in to account that we lost a tent and had to replace it. This covers the depreciation. The accounts were agreed Pete Dawson proposed all agreed.

8. Editors report: Thank you for all your help through the year remember it's your chance to have your say in your magazine. John Barker asked if we could have thanks for Tracy running the magazine.

Dave proposed Honorarians for Janet, Tracy and Neil vote carried for £50 each.

9. American Report: Once again Marla and I will not be present at the AGM in body, but believe me we are there in spirit. Marla's hand operation went well and she is on the mend. There are no new members to add this year but all members did commit to a renewal of 1 year or more. We did have one request for a lifetime membership amount. I told the person to estimate how many more years they had left to left and we would

multiply that by £11 per year and I would present that to the WIKF board members for a decision. They thought that was too much trouble and dropped the request and paid for 4 years. Well Marla and I couldn't let anyone pay more than us' so we renewed for 4 years also. Anyone else care to match that? Best of luck with the raffle this year and actually I had to lock Marla in the closet this year to keep her from sneaking out of the country.
Kind regards Ron.

10. Election of officers: Chair man- Neil Harvey (proposed Dave Robinson, seconded by all

Vice chairman – Don Baggett (proposed John Barker Seconded Pete Dawson.

Secretary Dave Robinson (proposed Neil Harvey seconded Tracy Willis.

Treasurer – Janet Robinson (proposed Simon Hennessy Seconded Ken Hay.

Editor – Tracy Willis (proposed Dave Robinson Seconded Di Baggett.

Committee Donald Capewell resigned leaving one vacancy Pete Dawson was proposed by Pete Willis seconded by Don Baggett. Phillip Baggett Also proposed and both members were duly elected. The committee stands as Doug Jones, Martin Croxton, Ron Miller, Phil Scarté, Pete Willis Jon Caton, Di Baggett and all the above officers.

Neil at the beginning of the elections handed a letter of resignation to Dave Robinson Resigning as chairman as from the 2003 AGM It was agreed that Neil be made life long President. Neils letter is published in this edition of cowpat.

11. Other events: The calendar is gradually filling up Mince pie fly is on 28th December the raffle will be in aid of Bibury village hall. A new event is Bedford still under negotiation watch the calendar. Wellington Park kicks off the events this year on the 6th of April. All events can be found on the website thanks were given to Pete Dawson for running this.

A request was received by Matrix Management they requested sanction from the club to run a winter league event on the second Sunday in February. The team would like to use the club name they will organise this themselves and will use the top field at Barbury. This was agreed.

Our Festival: It was suggested there should be more activities for children. We do need your help in creating a good evening raffle. Dave proposed musical entertainment for the evening, suggestion that an article goes into cowpat for musicians in the kiting fraternity for a jam session.

Roy Broadly made an offer of a marquee for the bar this will be taken to a committee meeting. Members were happy for the committee to carry on arranging next year's festival.

12. Equipment for 2003: Neil and Pete Willis attended the showman's show no equipment agreed on.

13. Projects: AS in Neils report he suggested a Coady Kite Phil to research Coady kite plans. Volunteers needed to sew this project. Arthur offered some material for this project he also suggested project days where cutting out and sewing was done together.

100 stakes were bought for arcna-marking Neil has modified these but volunteers needed for bending Pete Willis, Ken Hay Pete Dawson And Arthur Dibble Volunteered.

14. A.O.B: Lyn and Brian are liable to be at Barbury until March our thanks go to them for all their support. Last year it was proposed a seat in memory of Ron was placed at Barbury. We hesitate to erect the bench if Barbury can't be used. Subscriptions have been £8 for 3 years and with the 50% increase in liability insurance it was suggested they go to £10 for 2003 subscriptions. Proposed Neil Seconded vote carried.

The raffle raised £280 thank you for all your support.

Close of meeting: Thanks to all for attending the meeting was closed by our chairman/ President looking forward to seeing you all at the Mince pie fly and on the kite field next year.

Sky chat

Here comes another year, I hope you all had a Good Christmas and I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. Sue and I would like to thank you for your Christmas Cards and Presents.

Now I hope that my announcement at the AGM did not come as to much of a shock. I am sorry that I do not feel that I can lead the Club with the energy that I think is required. In everything that I have been associated with during my life I have lead from the front (although John Barker informs me that Generals have not lead their troops into battle since the Seventeen hundreds) and as an old dog I cannot learn new tricks. This way gives the Club a year to sort out some of the jobs that I do and learn about others. Let me reassure you all that I do not intend to leave the Club, let alone let it down, but if I feel under the weather I can stay at home and recover for the next event.

Thank you for making me your Life President, it is a great honour to follow on from our late friend and Life President Ron Gunter. All I hope that live up to your standards.

Now on the Kite scene: it looks like Charlie Sotich's classes are filling up very fast, so if you want to do any of them you had better hurry. We also need to get moving on the Club's Project of building a train of Cody Kites to be ready for the beginning of April. If you are prepared to give a hand let me know ASAP. We have to thank Arthur for donating the material, a very generous offer. Events are beginning to come in, so as usual we shall be needing help for these events.

I will stop rabbiting on because you will have had enough of my blather after this and the Chairman's Report. So here's looking forward to 2003 with clean winds and tight lines

Neil

ROBINSON'S RAMBLE

I must read the agenda! I must read the agenda! I must read the agenda! I must read the agenda! I must read the agenda! I must read the agenda! I must read the agenda! I must read the agenda!

Neil, I know you told me to do one hundred lines, however I have learnt my lesson, honest! I will make sure I read it fully next year. If those of you not at the AGM think I am rambling more than ever, the above is because I mixed up last years report with next years information, in my defence I was excited about telling the assembled audience about the forthcoming workshop with Charlie Sotich, in February and the fact that we had booked Lydiard for next years festival. I would like to apologise to Phil Scarfe and Kathy Goodwind, because in my excitement I forgot to mention the superb workshops that both of them had put on this year, in both workshops everyone finished, which is quite an achievement. Kathy's was a fantastic event, especially as Kathy had re-designed her Asteroid kite especially for our workshop, and re-named it the "Swindon Star" Then of course a very special thank you goes to Phil. Phil insisted that he was only prepared to do ten kites in his workshop; I now know why! Each kite has 67 pieces in it, you don't have to be a mathematician to work out the total amount he had to cut out for the workshop, and then in true Phil Scarfe style he did an extra one when I informed him that Neil would have liked to have done the workshop if there was a spare place. This was Phil's first workshop and he made an excellent job of it. Whilst talking about this year's workshops, please don't forget the one the club is putting on in February, this will be Charlie Sotich's first trip to the UK, and he is as excited about the workshop as I am. If you were at the AGM you would have had the booking form given to you, if you are coming and filled a form in at the AGM please ignore the one enclosed in this Cowpat. On that booking form you were asked to bring a craft knife (Exacto or similar) and a cutting mat, I forgot to ask you to also bring a good quality pair of tweezers.

No doubt you will read elsewhere in this magazine Neil's intention to stand down as club Chairman next year. For those of you who are new to the club, Neil formed this club in the Eighties, with Ron Gunter (deceased). Their intention was to bring the past -time that they enjoyed, to a wider audience, hence the Children's workshops the club has become well known for. In Neil's own words "As Chairman of the club I have led from the front" He is not wrong there! Neil hasn't enjoyed the best of health in the past several years, and sometimes, *how* he has managed to turn up with all of the items we need to do a workshop or display, is beyond me! I thank Neil for giving the club a year's notice of his intention, of

course we instantly installed him as Life President; at the AGM, you wouldn't expect us to let him escape that easily, would you?

Now to a much sadder note, I recently received my emailed copy of the American Kite Association's President report, in there was the following story; printed here with the kind permission of David Gomberg, the AKA president.

Since the mailing of my Monthly President's Report, I've received numerous inquiries about Peter Nordby.

In my general mailing I elected to leave out most details. In the larger scope, it doesn't really matter how or why a kiter dies. It is simply important to honor our friends.

But for the good of the sport, it is also important to ask questions, garner information, and strive to minimize future accidents.

On November 1, Peter Nordby was fatally injured in a kite surfing incident in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The winds where gusty, in an on shore situation. Peter fell and was pulled to shore and into some poles. He died from serious head impact.

Peter leaves behind a wonderful family: wife Susan, daughter Elisabeth, and son Mark. Peter was basically the at home dad and took care of the kids at the same time running his Zero Gravity company. He will be highly missed by all who knew him.

David Gomberg

Apparently Peter was a very experienced kite surfer who not only pursued it as his hobby but also taught kite surfing

It's always sad to hear of somebody's death, but even more so when somebody gets killed following his or her hobby & career!

David Robinson

IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN IN THIS COUNTRY

A report on One Sky One World at Barbury.

Saturday was beautiful and so I put a good selection of kites in the car ready to drop bears in any wind condition. All the gear was in and some lunch packed.

7.30 Sunday morning was overcast but dry with a hit of brightness on the horizon so after a bowl of rabbit food I started off to be ready to assist Neil with the workshop tent. Part way down the M4 JR rings up to say the old boy has suffered a bad reaction to his flu jab so they are going to be late, as they have to pick up the magazines. As previous workshops at OSOW have been poorly supported this year we are making Para fauna the main attraction.

Half way up the hill to Barbury a small splash of rain appears on the wind screen. Not deterred up goes the Para sled still dry but that was the end of it and I retire to the car to stay dry. By now we have several more members and we wind down windows to socialise and then a family walk over and say, "Are you the kite flyers? Our granddaughters birthday was yesterday and we were told she could have her teddy parachuted here today"

I ask you, what can you do? Out in the, by now, torrential rain and put on the droppers select a parachute and to the little girls delight teddy does his thing. We are now soaked any way so all stand around flying and talking in weather no self-respecting duck would go out in.

22 signed as having flown a total of 25 kites and one reckoned he had flown hundreds but I only saw him fly 1 so I have registered 23 people with 26 kites, which I think is remarkable under these conditions.

12.30 even the most stupid gave up and after a tour of the local hostelrys by the noble secretary (the things he does for the club!) all adjourned to The Plough where thirst and hunger were satisfied and feeling returned to the extremities.

Good friends, good chat, good food made it a good day.

*Flu jab my ****? More like watching the weather forecast!*

Do you blame him?

For any of you who want to know more about One Sky One World try the international web sit at www.oneskyoneworld.com.

Arthur

Results can be found at www.osow.org.uk

Web wonderings...

It's been a while since I've written something into the mag. about our web site and what's going on in the World Wide Web, so here's a little news to dwell on! Seeing as it's dark outside in the evenings I'm sure some of you are flying across the computer screen instead of a blue sky!!!

The club web page is still up and running, just about! It's like "Cowpat Hill", struggling to get any articles! Arthur is kindly providing some photo's of some of our events so I'm opening up the photo section again and you can all see how these days went, hope I've got them correctly sorted!

The web site was very useful when Matrix Management went to Berck for the World Championship, everyone over there wanted our web site details and email addresses to contact us by later, in doing so the club site had nearly 500 "hits" in the following month.

The club web address is altering! Not that anyone will really notice! I've now purchased a second domain name for the club: - www.white-horse-kite-flyers.org.uk so that people can identify the site a little easier. The old name www.whkf.org.uk is still active and will remain, but this will be used more for emails in the future, and the new name will be promoted on the Internet as the site address.

The next operation that's coming is to get as many of the committee as possible accessible with our address, this means we all will have separate accounts like: - dave@whkf.org.uk for Dave Robinson. To see them all look on the site and check the "committee" page.

There's new sites everyday on the net, so if you see any worthy of us all knowing about do let me know, then I'll add it onto our links page. The obvious one's about our clubs teams are being listed, but Pete Willis and I have started a new site that'll hopefully list all the competing teams, pairs and individuals in the UK, both new and old! Hope we can include everything that'll interest all of you. Again, if you know that bit of information that'll help fill this site, do let us know. Check out www.sportskite.org.uk to see what we're up to and see the flyers out there.

Hope you've all had a good Xmas break, the evenings will start stretching out now, so we can get the kites out a little more in that blue sky.

Best Regards, peter@whkf.org.uk

Web wondering part 2

Just to add to part one we have also created two other site as well now team

Matrix management have their own site address is

www.team-matrix-management.org.uk

And pair Gemini has their own as well, which is

www.team-gemini.org.uk

So give them a look sometime still being worked on but soon to be up to date and full of info

Pete Willis

SWINDON KITE FESTIVAL 2003

Don't forget to mark your diaries for the Swindon Kite Festival, on the 10/11th May 2003, at Lydiard Park, Swindon. The park is to the west of Swindon about 1 mile from junction 16 of the M4. Camping and caravanning is allowed on site, the fees are: £10 for caravans; £5 large tents; £3 small tents, these fees are for the weekend, access will be available from Friday PM. There are several hotels near the park, the most economical is the IBIS, they charge £29.95 per **ROOM** at the weekends, and I think breakfast is £4 per person, on top of this price.

We have invited Dan Kurahashi. Dan is originally from Japan, he as lived in Vancouver, Canada, for the past 26 years, he's a great character, and is famous for the fact that he is the only teacher to be invited to Fort Worden for all of the twenty years that it's been running. He is an expert on all forms of traditional kite making. I have asked him to concentrate on kite trains on this visit.

This is a free event, so you won't need a car pass to get in. I think we have attained the label of the *kite flyers* event, we want you to come and join us and just enjoy the laid back atmosphere.

For any further information do not hesitate to contact me on the below phone number, or email me at darier2@aol.com

Regards

Dave Robinson

tel 01793 824208

The Phil Scarfc Workshop

(2+3 November 2002)

It's a very wet Saturday in November and following dire warnings at 9 o'clock eleven intrepid travellers are gathered in a school in Swindon. One even travelled down the previous evening in case his GPS system miss-led him.

There is no time for welcoming speeches from Neil and Dave so machines are oiled and bobbins wound. Then from a pile on the desk Phil issues each one with 21 small triangles of rip-stop in either red or yellow. Sustained only by frequent applications of coffee from Dave, Janet, Di and Phil 2 the machines hummed for 4 hours. Most are still hemming the triangles when Dave's call to lunch is greeted with sighs of relief.

The "Pot-luck" lunch is the usual over indulgence of heart stopping cholesterol including a slimmers dream South African dessert. It is just what was required to face the ever-increasing pile of hemmed bits

Back to it and hooray the keels are finished, but what is this 13 ribs and a bed sheet to be done. There is hope; some one is far enough ahead for the rest to be able to see that it could soon start to take shape. We have to finish for the day at 5 pm and there is only time to get the ribs attached to the face along ready marked lines and start adding keels from the other side by what Phil accurately calls the Brail method of kite making.

Note it is the internal ribs that have air vents.

With many an aching back all depart to their bivis and head for the hot bath or shower before meeting for the usual great meal and social in The Blunsden that did help us to relax after the stress of the day.

It is amazing the restorative powers of a few jars and a night's sleep and by 9 am Sunday the machines are singing again. You thought you had it tough Saturday; well that was all straight lines on small bits. Now it is straight lines meeting curves sandwiched between two bed sheets. It's all together and you think the sewing is over. Wrong. There's still the trailing edge that Phil trims square in a very neat manner. Then that has to be sewn and at last that is it.

In the kit there is what looks like a bundle of string but even that Phil has centred and marked to length. Instructions on how to tie a double sheet bend and 21 opportunities to practice it before Phil appears and adds the final links and towing ring. When the 12.30 call to lunch is heard 2 kites have been flown and others are getting very close. A few are still a little way off and some people forego the lunch break and keep sewing.

By the finish 7 have flown, 2 are complete but it is too dark and wet to try them, 1 is not quite there and the last one was not expected to be complete as it was having appliqué on the face.

It was difficult to believe that this was Phil's first workshop such was the professionalism and the huge amount of preparation. I feel privileged to have been a participant. For any one who has the chance to do this workshop in the future, make sure you can sew, you have a reliable machine and above all don't expect any easy time but you will learn a great deal.

Arthur
(And Small Red)

"KITE SQUADRON AIRS"

Many Thanks. During the AGM in November concern was expressed that on the Saturday evening of the Kite Festival many people left Lydiard, which was a shame because there was a bar laid on but with few to use it and enjoy a more social evening.

Following a short discussion about what could happen to keep fliers and friends "on-site" at little cost I spoke to Neil about the possibility of an impromptu group/open band of 'musicians' and 'singers' that could be brought together made up of fliers and friends/family members etc.

It must be that in the WHKF there are talented persons who may play and/or sing who would be willing to form a nucleus of an "open group/hand". This could be joined by anybody else with some sort of rhythm instrument eg. Tambourine, claves, triangle kazoo/comb and grease proof paper, maracas etc, etc. It was felt that the "nucleus" should be formed with acoustic instruments with the exception of a keyboard. It may be that some "nucleus" musicians might wish to perform as individuals and/or in duos, trios etc. and it would be hoped that all present would join in with songs etc. of a well-known type with voices and/or the rhythm instruments lead by the nucleus. So what is needed? I would be happy to act as a "collector" of offers but, being no musician, I would continue until someone with musical strengths would take over the task of linking up with other musicians that I have collected on my list. But first and foremost I would be grateful to receive any comments for or against such a project or other ideas for The Kite Festival Saturday evening. Should the project receive member's blessings I suggest the "Open Band" be called "The Kite Squadron Airs" – other suggestions are welcome. I look forward to your earliest comments and offers by:

Tel: (01672) 562052

Letter: Martindale, Sunnyhill Lane, Oare, Nr Marlborough, Wiltshire. SN8 4JG

Email: noel.hardy@zeronet.co.uk

A WORLD GONE MAD

What has happened to this world? At work I have to put up with all the regulations to protect against the modern litigation/compensation society and looked to the world of kites for some sanity so that I could enjoy my spare time. What do I find now? I have just received method statements and risk assessment samples for Kite Festivals and Workshops with the suggestion that I should produce the same for parachuting teddies. BE REAL people, are the bears going to sue?!!!

For the benefit of those of us who think like the BoF I have come up with the following for submission to the BMISS.

Method

Set up equipment suspended below a kite or from any other high point and lie in wait for adult accompanied by off-spring carrying precious soft toy.

Take the member of the soft cuddly fraternity (by force if necessary) be it fauna, flora or fungus and fit it with a bit of rag intended to slow downward motion.

Attach it by some precarious method to the string of the kite.

By means manual or mechanical raise the aforesaid soft cuddly as far into the air as possible.

Persuade the precarious attachment to fail thereby releasing the unsuspecting cuddly complete with rag to plummet earthwards.

Send ankle biter to retrieve and having recovered bit of rag present ridiculous piece of paper.

Risk Assessment

RISK	PRECAUTION
WIND MAY FAIL	SUPPLY FREE BEANZ TO SPECTATORS
DOES NOT RELEASE	CARRY LARGE KNIFE
CUDDLY MAY LAND IN TREE	TAKE LADDER AND LONG POLE
CUDDLY MAY LAND IN WATER	TAKE LONG STRING AND ROCK
CUDDLY MAY LAND ON HUMAN	ANY HUMAN IN THIS VICINITY MUST BE SOFT SO NO PROBLEM
CUDDLY MAY CATCH THERMAL	TAKE BINOCULARS
CHUTE MAY NOT OPEN	TAKE SPADE TO RECOVER CUDDLY
CUDDLY MAY DRIFT	DON'T WORRY THAT GETS RID OF ONE HORROR FOR A WHILE
IF USING ROCKET METHOD POSSIBLE POSTERIOR DAMAGE	HAVE BUCKET OF WATER READY
ASSAULT FROM MOTHER OF DISTRAUGHT OWNER	ENJOY
ASSAULT FROM GRAND MOTHER OF DISTRAUGHT OWNER	LET HER ENJOY
ETC.ETC.ETC	

Please note this article is written tongue-in-cheek and is not the attitude adopted by The Ted Berets but with the hope of extracting some humour from this situation. It has also been supplied to Roman candle where it may or may not be published in this or any other form.

Arthur

• DOUG DOUG'S BITE

21st CENTURY BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING

SERVES SIX

100g /3½oz 'NO-SOAK' STONED PRUNES.
75ml /2½fl oz DARK RUM
100g 3¼oz UNSALTED BUTTER
150g 5¼z BRIOCHE TORN INTO 5cm/2in BITS.

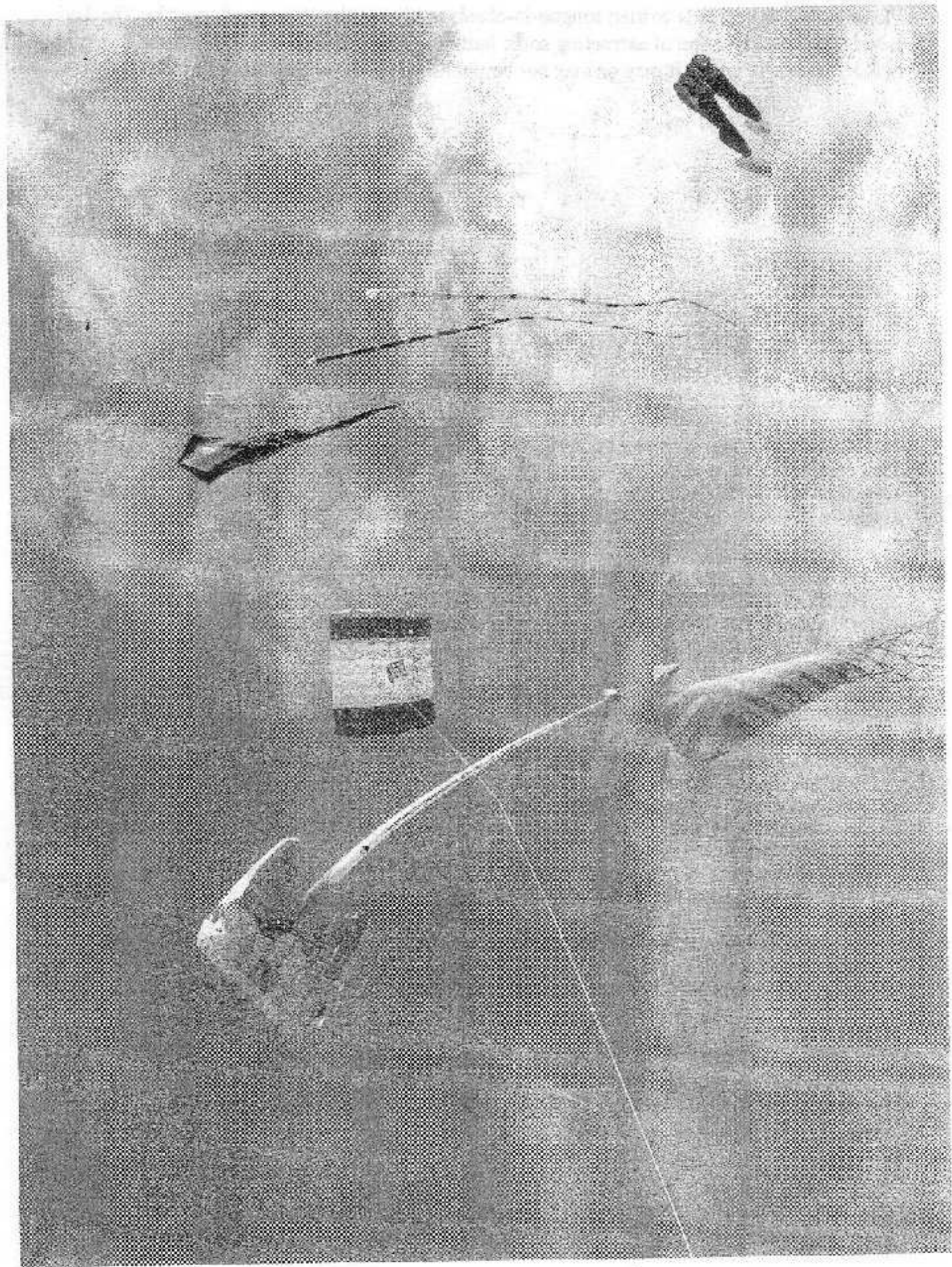
250ml/9fl oz MILK.
250ml/9fl oz DOUBLE CREAM.
100g/3½oz GOLDEN CASTER SUGAR.
8 MEDIUM EGG YOLKS.

1. SOAK THE PRUNES IN THE RUM FOR SEVERAL HOURS OR OVERNIGHT.
2. PREHEAT THE OVEN TO 190c/375gas MARK 5.
3. MELT HALF THE BUTTER IN A LARGE FRYING PAN (MEDIUM HEAT).
4. ADD HALF THE BRIOCHE AND FRY, TURNING AS IT COLOURS UNTIL GOLDEN ON BOTH SIDES.
5. TRANSFER TO A 30cm/12in OVAL OR OTHER OVENPROOF DISH WITH A 1.5l/2¼pt CAPACITY, AND COOK THE REMAINDER IN THE SAME FASHION, USING THE REST OF THE BUTTER.
6. POUR THE CREAM AND MILK INTO A SMALL SAUCEPAN AND BRING TO THE BOIL.
7. WHISK THE EGG YOLKS AND SUGAR IN A BOWL, THEN WHISK IN THE HOT CREAM AND MILK AND RETURN TO THE SAUCEPAN, HEAT GENTLY, STIRRING CONSTANTLY AND THOROUGHLY WITH A WOODEN SPOON, UNTIL THE CUSTARD IS THICK ENOUGH TO COAT THE BACK OF IT.
8. MIX THE PRUNES IN WITH THE BRIOCHE AND POUR THE CUSTARD OVER, USING A SIEVE, IF YOU LIKE, SPRINKLE A COUPLE OF tbsp OF THE RUM OVER IT.
9. THERE SHOULD BE CRAGGY PEAKS OF BRIOCHE SHOWING THROUGH, PLACE THE GRATIN DISH IN A ROASTING PAN WITH WARM WATER ABOUT TWO THIRDS UP THE SIDE OF THE DISH.
10. BAKE THE PUDDING FOR 30-35 MIN UNTIL THE SURFACE IS PATCHED WITH GOLD.

SERVE STRAIGHT AWAY.

I HAVE NOT TRIED THIS MYSELF, IT LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF POTS AND PANS

Doug Doug



Mince pie fly 2002

So were you there !! Did you see the big three fly !! All on the same day at the same time....

Then why not you missed a great day one of the best in years that I can remember A warm sunny day and lots of visitors as well. Which is where the picture is from when Arthur and myself got talking to a Mr Ron Billingham who came to have a look that day and took a considerable amount of photo's. And as always when we get a good display up no one has a camera or has time when you are keeping your eye on them till its all over.. So I asked him to mail me some of the best pictures And he said he would. Well true his word three days later an A4 letter turns up? Well when opened there was four A4 printed pictures and a disk with all 96 on.

In his letter Ron says he had a wonderful day with us and we look forward to seeing him again soon. Hopefully at Swindon kite festival I would just like to thank him for his time and generosity in sending me the picture and disk. I am going to get a couple of copies of the disk made so it can be past a round So if you were there or would like to see what else we got up to then let me know

Just to finish off thanks to Neil and sue for all your hard work through out the year And to all who helped make this such a great day

See you all in this New Year and I hope it will be one of the best yet

Pete Willis

Happy New Year.

Another season is just around the corner. As I sit here putting cowpat together I spy the wall planner and can already see numerous dates that Pete has filled in another busy year ahead it seems. Thanks to all who contributed this year and here's to those who promise but it never seems to materialise maybe this year yes? Remember it's your mag it's only what YOU make it. Now to stop moaning and wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year. See you all on the flying field somewhere.
Tracy.

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 aeriols.
 - 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!

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