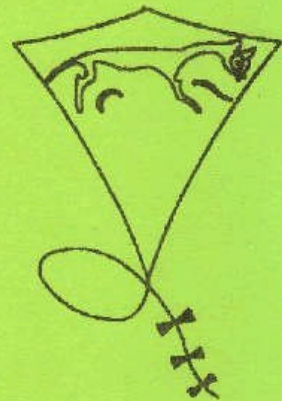


# Cowpat Hill



WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS  
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Happy New Year!!

## Sky Chat

Well, for a change I am starting on the Front Page. So first may I wish you all A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year? Then can Sue and myself thank those of you that sent us cards and presents if we have not thanked you before.

Thank you to those that attended the A.G.M. in November and to the magnificent result with the Raffle and of course to "The Ticket Chick" Marla. As I have always said "the strength of a Club is in its members and the A.G.M.

As you read this "Cowpat" you will see what your committee have been up too, with details of the Workshop and how the Festival is progressing. It should be easier as the years go by to run these events. But with new rules and regulations at every twist and turn it seems that someone somewhere does not want anybody to enjoy themselves or to entertain anybody else. Ah well! We will keep on trying not to give in.

You will see later on that one of the original members of WHKF has died, when I find out more details I will pass them on.

With the new season coming up I hope that a few of the newer members will come and offer help at the displays and workshops that we have already committed the Club to do. It is quite painless and usually good fun, also more the merrier. Cups of tea provided.

We'll hope to see you all on the Flying Field during 2007.

Neil.

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# Diary Dates 2007

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

## JANUARY

14<sup>TH</sup> Barbury Castle

## FEBRUARY

10/11<sup>th</sup> Tom Mcalister workshop

11<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle

## MARCH

11<sup>TH</sup> Barbury Castle

## APRIL

1<sup>st</sup> Wellington Country Park {W.D.T} not confirmed yet

8<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle

## MAY

5/6/7<sup>th</sup> Weymouth

12/13<sup>th</sup> SWINDON

Please note all events are liable to alteration or cancellation for up to date information please check our web site [www.whkf.co.uk](http://www.whkf.co.uk)

# W.H.K.F AGM

19/11/06

## Welcome from the president.

Apologies: Roy & Wendy Thomas, Franchesca Caton, Stuart Lafferty, Josie Walklate. Noel Hardy, Jan Poulter, Robert & Angela Curling, Dave Thompson, Pete Dawson, Ken Hay, Ceri & Jan Jones, Jerry & Carolyn Swift, Chris Mabon, Dave Johnson, Pat Mccarthy, Sue Harvey.

Minutes of 05 A.G.M: proposed Pete W seconded Doug Manners.

Matters Arising: Phil Scarfe proposed we had a cup in memory of Ron Gunter. The incoming committee will address this and put it in place.

The suggestion of a constitution change of funds being spent by the committee without a full committee meeting and by a majority of 3 out of 5 members was agreed with a cap of £500. Proposed by Simon Hennesey seconded Bob Angel.

Chairman's Report: at the end of this report.

Hon Sec report: Wanted to carry his thanks through too, it's been a wonderful year. Phil Scarfe was invited to Long Beach as a para foil maker. Thanks to everyone who turns up at the festival on the Friday erecting fences and arenas & taking it down again on Sunday. Joanna Simpson has now left the science museum so new contacts have had to be made. There was no public bar at this year's festival a vote was taken as whether the members agreed to continue this at next years event a majority vote was taken. The Stickmen were flown at Dieppe. Jean Turner started the project after a Martin Lester workshop but lost the love of kiting so Don Baggett finished the project. There was the sad loss of Sam Houston. Sam was dedicated to his community & his church. Sam suffered from depression & was in a great deal of pain. Sam had done 3 workshops for the club. He wouldn't take any airfare. Photos were taken of the memorial flight at the festival & Marla showed these to Ann. If anyone would like to write to Ann please do.

Insurance: insurance cost is looked to be going up in June. The club will cover any increase until November. We run family membership but now every member needs to have a card at a cost of 50p per card. The family membership will have to increase but this won't be until the next A.G.M.

Hon Treasurer Report: everyone had a copy of the accounts. These were a good set of accounts again. A loss was made at the festival, which is good as we are a non-profit making club.

U.S.A & AKA Report: I worked extra hard this year to get extra membership. But unfortunately we lost members this year. Ann Houston decided not to renew & I decided to give her the space. The club will continue to send her a magazine.

Charlie Sotich has renewed for another 2 years.

As a club we are affiliated to the AKA. Region 13 is growing all the time. Last year the club were asked to sponsor a trophy but all the trophies were allocated. The Ray Bethal bench has now been erected and the W.H.K.F donation was received and a letter will be printed in cowpat.

Election of officers: The position of Chairman Arthur Dibble nominated by John Barker Doug Manners seconded everyone in favour. Duly Elected.

Vice- chair Dave Thompson proposed by Phil Scarfe seconded by Pat Mahbon. Everyone in favour.

Secretary Dave Robinson proposed by Simon Hennesey seconded by Pete Willis. Duly elected.

Treasurer Janet Robinson proposed by John Barker Seconded Pete Willis Duly elected.

Cowpat Ed Tracy Willis proposed by Dave Robinson seconded Don Baggett all in favour.

Committee members proposed on block all members prepared to stand.

W.H.K.F Festival 07 The festival in 06 made a loss due to the trampoline man who at first didn't want to pay for his pitch & then produced a cheque, which has bounced 3 times. The event will take place at Wroughton in 07 even with the change of organisers. Catering to be taken on by the coffee man. We can choose what types of catering we would like. This will take a lot of responsibility off the club. The invited guest will be Kelvin Woods. Kelvin was upset that after his workshop he didn't get a group photo, so all those that made a butterfly kite please bring them along to the festival.

Other Events: The Christmas Social has been cancelled. Dates of events will be printed in the magazine on the diary page. We now have 40,000 kite skins that we have to use. This is how the club makes money so anybody who knows of events where we can do a workshop please let us know.

National Body: The club has a strong representation. Jon Caton is now the chairman. Their AGM was held on October 11<sup>th</sup>. People weren't aware of what the BKFA aware doing so communication has to improve. They are now affiliated with the Royal Aero club. Bkfa has produced a comprehensive risk assessment available on the website.

Equipment for 07: Storage box that has been built at Lydiard has been extended & now is to be extended again to hold kite skins.

Projects: The stickmen have been completed, the diver's legs were repaired & the flippers replaced. New Divers legs still only partway finished but will be ready for 07. The suggestion is that serpent deltas make a good display. Dates for cutting out & sew workshop to be arranged.

Workshops 07 The February workshop will be by Tom Mcalister. There are only 20 places available. Places will be allocated to people who have done workshops first then opened out. Venue not yet confirmed. Either be at Penhill Primary or Holiday

Fees from Nov 07 fees have remained fixed for a number of years. But the standard fee will raise to £14 a rise of £2 from the AGM 07.

Any other business. A plaque in memory and honour of Sam Houston, if permission can be given from Fort Warden. Committee have made a donation towards this. Thanks to Charlie & Kay & Kay for attending the festival.

The raffle raised £401 & there were 106 donations.

Ron Miller proposed honorariums.

Close of meeting.

Thanks were given to all those who attended & their support with the raffle.

Here hoping we have kiter's heaven in 07.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2006

Mr President, ladies and gentlemen; good afternoon. I would like to say especial thanks to Marla for attending and after arriving late one year she seems to be getting earlier each year; 2 weeks this year. I would like to point out that I too have a suit but recently our president has complained that we are not wearing our club colours enough, so I am trying to set a good example. We have a lot to get through today so I will try and keep this shorter than previous years.

This has been a year saddened by the deaths of several well-known kites. Firstly there was Sam Huston who had done three workshops for us and was due to do another last month. His speciality of kites put together with adhesive was a breath of fresh air for those who do not like sewing.

Then came the news of Lloyd Kirton who had been an active member of the Midland group and played a large part in the organisation of the Coventry festi

After that there was the tragic news of the death of Eddy Megrath after a long battle with cancer. It is difficult to summarise Eddy as he was involved in so many aspects of our hobby. He and Anne were involved with the running of the festivals at Bedford and Cleethorpes to name but a few.

Most recently it has been Alan Gilbert who many of you will remember from our workshops. WHKF have sent tributes where applicable and we all offer their relatives our condolences.

Possibly the biggest disaster of the year was when our American representative broke his ankle after doing a parachute jump. Apparently he completed the jump successfully and it was while walking away afterwards that this happened.

2005 finished with a wet Christmas Pudding fly and the weather repeated it's self for the January Barbury meeting. In February we had the very successful Holm Struck workshop that every one enjoyed and a number of the kites were flown as people went home.

This was followed by a very useful repair workshop that sorted out some of the problems from last year so that we had a set of repaired kites for this year's displays. The major task was repairing the large diver's legs and this task was undertaken by Pete and Karen who did a huge job making new flippers that were passed to Neil to re-attach to the legs. These looked great again at our festival.

The festival itself was a great success with good displays in the hangar and the weather staying dry most of the time helping to get 6500 people through the gate. Even without Marla the raffle did very well with Kay doing a sterling job. We did have a problem with the trampoline man not paying. Next year's festival planning is well underway and will be discussed later.

During the rest of the year the club has been well represented at many festivals and other events putting on good displays with the club kites including the arch, play sail, various parafoils and wind socks. Ceri represented us at Fano flying the WHKF foil and probably the best of all was when all 55 Stickmen were flown on the beach at Dieppe.

Another workshop last month saw 19 people making butterflies under the direction of Kelvin Woods. This was a great event enjoyed by all who attended with most people finishing their kite although this meant a bit of a push at the end.

We did try to arrange a Christmas get together but this has been cancelled, as the response was so poor.

WHKF is now affiliated to the AKA and is the only British club to be so. This does not cost the club anything but depends on having the required number of individuals paying their own subscription. While not many of us go to fly in the US it does keep us in touch with other flyers across the world and it was nice to be able to use the AKA facilities at Dieppe. Information from the AKA is posted on our web site and Area13 represents non US members. This is now Linda Sanders from Australia and she is always glad to hear from us.

It now only remains for me to thank all of those who have supported the Club and me throughout the last 12 months. Especially Dave and Janet organise everything, Pete Willis for all his work at the festival and with Karen repairing the Legs, Tracy for the magazine and minutes, Don for the great job he is doing with the kite kits, Di for the endless cups of tea, Martin and Phil who work so hard to fly the large kites at displays and all of the other members of the committee who do so much work to make this club run. Also the others of you who help before, during and after the festival and last but not least all the club members who give us a reason to have a club.

## ROBINSON'S RAMBLE

When you read this, Christmas will have come and gone, and of course we'll be at the start of a new year. So here is a belated *Happy New Year* to you all!

Plans are well underway for the Festival at the Science Museum, Wroughton for 2007 if you haven't read it anywhere else, the dates are, 12/13<sup>th</sup> May. The theme this year will be Box Kites, in all shapes and sizes; there is one exception, that being the Delta Conynes, (seen one you've seen them all!). The Box kite theme was suggested by George Webster, I have received a hand written letter on the subject, which follows below.

*As mentioned previously we intend to have an exhibition of Box Kites "Hargrave & after" Anyone who has a box Kite is welcome to have it displayed on the exhibition site in the Hangar. We aim to put the collection together before noon on Saturday and to finish with a mass Fly at about 3pm on Sunday. Someone will be on duty while the Hangar is open and there is night security.*

*What sort of Kites are we looking for? Well, while it would be great to have a signed Hargrave Kite (just let us know before the event!) we hope to have some "pre-rip stop" kites to show, any hand-made box kite would be of interest, right down to this year's models.*

*Here are some types we would like to see there: Single Boxes, Multiple, Winged etc. Cody's, Dines, Lecornu, Washington Weather Bureau, Flaix, Facet, Starflakes, and Professor Waldorf's to name a few! Any of Bell's designs, but no Conynes or compounds please! There are some good Stansfield kites out there...but when did anyone see a W Form?*

*If at all possible please give Dave Robinson notice of what you will be bringing; to give him some idea of space needed, also interesting details which can be incorporated in display cards (Ernest Barton has volunteered!). If it seems a good idea George Webster will give a brief talk on Saturday afternoon, linking the various Kites together.*

Last years display of Pearson kites was great, with the Box Kite theme that George has suggested there is much more scope for a really great exhibition, we have had lots of interest already from The German Historic Kite Group, keep watching the Club's Web-page for up to date information.

Don't forget the Festival couldn't go ahead without those members who help set the site up on Friday prior to the event and the breaking down of the site on the Sunday, you all know who you are and we look forward to seeing you there again this year. Thank you to you all!

Please don't forget that the biggest part of the finances for the event; come from the raffle; please don't forget all donations are gratefully received.

David Robinson

## Richard Everett

We heard at the Christmas Pudding Fly of the death in October of Richard Everett. Richard was instrumental in the founding of WHKF. He started writing "Cowpat Hill" with it being published by our late president Ron Gunter for the first four issues. Then Richard became editor and continued up to 1992 when it was taken over by Dave and Jane Jones. The earliest issues were single sheet news letters handed out at the monthly Barbury meetings up to the end of 1990 and then after a short break started in a form very similar to the one we all know and love today.

Richards other speciality was parachuting a ventriloquists dummy from a large kite, usually a multiflare or parafoil often assisted by Vic Walker or Martin Croxton. This was so realistic that on a number of occasions members of the public approached us and complained about the treatment of a small child. On hearing this Richard always had to pull the release cord.

Whilst only a few of us will remember Richard, he did a lot to put The Club where is now and we will remember some great times we had together and we offer our sympathy to his family.

Arthur

## Ed's Bit

Well here's the first magazine for 07. Not a bumper issue but I know you are all still full of that Christmas pud and chocolates. It will be good to hear from you for the next issue. May I thank those people and they know who they are who supported myself and Pete through a difficult summer your friendship and just knowing you were there if we needed to talk meant so much. Since joining the club we have made numerous friends and consider most to be more than friends they are like family. Well and so to this year let's hope it's a good one for us with many events to attend with the weather fine and the wind filling our sails. As Mr. Harvey put it the A.G.M. Hoping we have a kiter's heaven in 2007. Deadline for next magazine is 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Tracy



Calling all news hounds!

Time to thaw out and put fingers to keyboard to send your local area kite news to me for inclusion in the next "Kiting" magazine, due out in March. We're hoping to cover anything that has happened since the October Convention... October, November, December, as well as hint at what's coming up in the months of March / April and beyond.

If you have anything photogenic (or not!) to send, it's best you send that to me via my own email address (the AKA mailbox can't handle large volumes of traffic) here : [info@ozfeathers.com.au](mailto:info@ozfeathers.com.au)

Remember... photo-space is limited in "Kiting", so first in, best dressed!

And as a guide, photos with a unique-angle are more likely to appeal to our Editor and other Regional readers, so look for anything out of the ordinary! We are, after all, the most out-of-the-ordinary Region there is... let's live up to our name!

If you can have your offerings to me as words or photos by 9 January at the latest, I'll work hard to fit everyone in!

e.g. What events do you have coming up in your area?  
What kite activities are you likely to attend, no matter how far away?  
Who do you fly with - who's in your group?  
Have you met anyone NEW to kiting in the last 3 months? - how have YOU helped them?  
Made any new kites since October? Why? - what motivated you?  
etc.

Okay, my mailbox is waiting! Send away....!  
(For those of you I've already spoken to, I've kept your emails & photos - your offerings are gratefully acknowledged!)

If anyone's passing through... the southern hemisphere, that is!... I'm the country inhabited by poisonous spiders, snakes & sting rays!

Cheers,

Linda Sanders  
[region13@aka.kite.org](mailto:region13@aka.kite.org)

I have replied to this but I am sure she would be glad to hear from any one else who felt like it.  
Arthur

## Club Merchandise Now Available

New club patch £1.50	The New club jacket £35.00	Cap £7.50
Legionaries cap £8.50	Cap with ear flaps £10.00	
Tee shirts	Polo tee shirts	
s-xl £9.00	xs-xl £14.00	
2xl-3xl £9.50	2xl £14.50	
	3-4xl £15.00	
Sweatshirts	Festival sweat shirt	
Xs-xl £16.60	xs-xl £25.00	
2xl £17.90		
3-4xl £18.40		

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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 acrials.
- 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.*

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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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