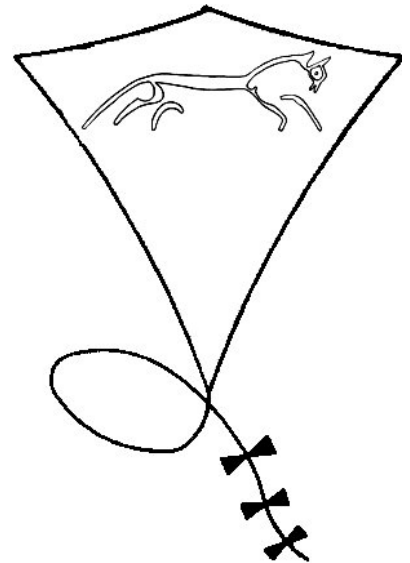


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*** THE BIG ISSUE ***

As usual for the Winter issue it is quite thick as there is the AGM report. Also the little dig about contributions made at that event has got a few people contributing. The question is will this last or will we have the normal lack of copy for the next issue. There is big news on insurance coming next time and hopefully some clarification on the government's change of policy on working with children and vulnerable adults. Do watch out for this as it is very important for any one helping in our workshops.

There will also be details of the Festival. This will be the 20th without a break so we want to make it memorable. Then there will be details of the autumn workshop.

The latest news from the BKFA is now available on the forum and website. This contains some very important information on accident reporting and child photography. It is worth reading these updates as the BKFA are keeping up to date with the latest changes in the law and it's interpretation.

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DIARY DATES

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

January

10th Barbury Castle

February

6/7th Roy Broadley workshop

14th Barbury Castle

March

14th Barbury Castle

April

11th Barbury Castle

11th Streatham Common

24/25th North Hants Kiter's Jolly-Up

May

2/3rd Weymouth

8/9th Swindon

29/30th Middle Wallop Traction Week-end

June

4-6th Exmouth

13th Barbury Castle

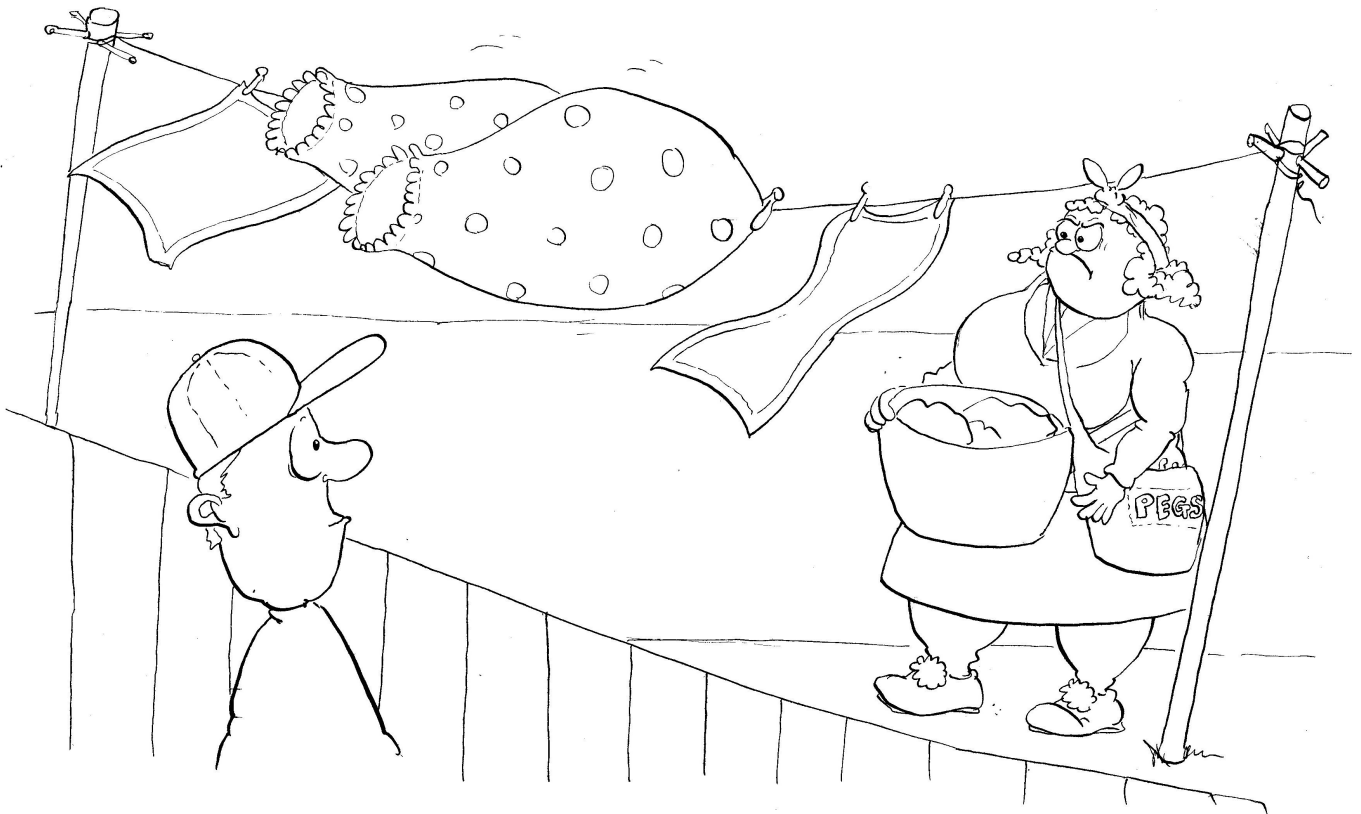
12/13th Teston Bridge

12/13th Blackheath

17-20th Fanoë

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Moments From Kite History



No.3 Steve Sutton's neighbour inspires the invention of the flowform.

Perhaps you would like to put my thoughts on last weekend's workshop in the magazine. My thanks go to Dave and Janet for organising yet another inspiring workshop. It never ceases to amaze me the enthusiasm that is shown at these workshops. This workshop featured a newcomer to these shores in the person of Cliff Quinn a man whose humility and humble nature made him an instant friend rather than an overseas visitor here to lead a workshop. I hope I still enjoy my chosen hobby when I am 71 and am not phased by the discovery of 'expert' participants in my workshop. The kits of parts for Cliff's modified 'modern Marconi' were expertly prepared and, after minimal introduction, Cliff proceeded to guide all concerned in his quiet unassuming way, not only teaching but also ready to learn from those who had thoughts to offer. The Venue whilst smaller than past workshops was a light and airy room with ready access to a 'Flying field' for those eager to test their creations. The whole weekend was one of relaxed conviviality with tales being told and friendships being both made and renewed. Sunday afternoon saw twelve completed kites taking to the air and I have no doubt the usual 'flying over the racecourse' (see pics on web) for those from the more easterly parts of the southern coast. I think I speak for everyone when I say that this was a most welcome and fitting return for the workshops and long may they continue.

Dave Thompson

The White Horse Kite Flyers Annual General Meeting - 15th November 2009

Today I attended the WHKF AGM for the first time and so began my second year as a member of this marvellous club, full of friendly individuals and fantastic personalities from all over the country.

I was expecting a short AGM with little content and a quick turnaround. Boy was I wrong! But at the end of the gathering four hours later, I reflected on the afternoon and realised what a cracking event it had been.

Well, I thought as I woke up on Sunday morning, I have to be at the Holiday Inn Express at 12.30pm, so being a Swindon resident better leave around noon. Anyway, in the end I left a few minutes before noon and was surprised when I arrived at the hotel at noon that many many members were already there chatting away, enjoying the offerings of the hotel bar and starting to purchase raffle tickets for what became the biggest raffle I have ever seen.

As I entered the room, I was greeted and paid my £14 membership fee for 2009/10, a very fair amount for what I had enjoyed in 2009. The Holiday Inn Express proved to be a well chosen hotel with coffee and tea on demand and, as I noticed, even some breakfast cereal if you really needed it!

With Neil, Don, Arthur, Dave and Jan at the helm, the meeting started on time with a meeting room full with 40 or so members who had already been busy purchasing raffle tickets.

We progressed well through the first few agenda items with those present having many opportunities to contribute to the proceedings. It was an enjoyable, relaxed but industrious session with matters conducted with a smile, but properly. Then it was time for lunch.

The hot and cold buffet was very popular with all, with the sandwiches having the most filling I have ever seen. Many went back for seconds.....and I was one of them! The bar did a good trade again as did the tea and coffee area.

There was much chin wagging done over lunch and again, as I have noticed all year, everyone seemed very welcoming and happy to chat, catching up on goings on and sharing experiences of kite flying days, happy to make recommendations to ensure the hobby stayed as enjoyable as ever.

Having Karl, Roy and some of the members from Brighton and Avon who were also WHKF members also added to the bonhomie.

After lunch, suitably refreshed, we launched into the 'second helping' of the AGM. Luckily, as the afternoon wore on we kept on smiling. When we arrived at the Club Constitution agenda item we were very glad to have one of our number knowledgeable about the laws of the land. Even though this is supposed to be a hobby, it is clear that we must comply where we need to.

After a fine close by our President it was time for the raffle. Kites, books, wine, clothing and all manner of other items were up for the winning. It was a great testament to the organisation of the day that the raffle takings ended up paying for almost all if not all of the day's events!

So came to an end a really enjoyable AGM. Definitely one of the better that I have been to.

Thank you to all the club members who always have time to talk and share views during the last year. My trips up to Barbury Castle have always been worth it, even if the weather hasn't always been as kind.

During 2009, I managed to help a little at a couple of the club's events and thoroughly enjoyed the 'field trips' to Basingstoke, Bedford, Brighton, Portsmouth and Bristol. Maybe, with a 'good wind', I might be able to help even more in 2010, and Arthur, I'll try and write a little about some of the experiences to help fill Cowpat Hill.

Thank you White Horse Kite Flyers for being an excellent team and for welcoming a new recruit in 2009.

Neil Lover.

Puzzle Corner (15)



- 1) I can only see sheep and sparrows in that field. I see 43 heads and 120 feet. How many sheep are there?
- 2) A 1-month page from a calendar shows the name of the month, the days of the week and numbers showing the dates. How many possible versions are there for such a page?
- 3) If you hang on to your 2009 calendar, when can you use it again?
- 4) A box contains two coins. One coin has heads on both sides and the other has heads on one side and tails on the other. One coin is selected from the box at random and the face of one side is observed. If the face is heads what is the probability that the other side is heads?

Answers to john@johnbrowning.net.

Any comments about Puzzle Corner ?

Puzzle Corner (14) Answers



1. I bought 3 kites for £83. The two figures of the most expensive one were the prices of the other two. What were the prices of the kites? £73; £7; £3
2. You are given two special fuses, and plenty of matches. Each fuse, if lit at one end, will burn for exactly 60 minutes. However the rate of burning is not regular, so cutting a fuse in half does not mean a burn time of 30 minutes. You need to time 45 minutes and have no other timing device. How do you do it? *Light both ends of fuse A and one end of fuse B. When fuse A burns out it must be 30min. At that time light second end of fuse B. When this burns out it will be a further 15min making total 45min.*
3. Can you get the next number in the sequence?
3,13, 1113, 3113, 132113, 1113122113, *There are three 1s (31), one 3 (13), one 1 (11), two 2s (22) etc. giving final solution :-311311222113*
4. What is the relationship between World Cup Team and Talcum Powder?
Just for a change they are anagrams.

Roy Broadley Kite Workshop

Cliddesden Village Hall, March 6th and 7th 2010

Attention all interested parties-Roy Broadley of Kites Up will be doing a workshop on the MOTH KITE, at the Cliddesden Village Hall, on the above dates. It will be two days-stopping for lunch at the Hall, for a small donation (or at the Jolly Farmer for a pre-booked snack.

There is a limit of 20 places, so a first come first served basis. A deposit is required in advance to ensure we cover costs. You will be provided with a kit to work from, but will need to bring a sewing machine (plus the usual bits and pieces-scissors, pencil, stitch ripper, etc). We won't be far from the Kites Up chapel, so anything forgotten could be within reach!

Given time (and weather!) we hope to fly them later in the day on the Sunday, so please bring flying line (100/140lb line)

The cost for the workshop is £60 per head, of which £20 will be required as a deposit.

(This kite has an 8ft wingspan)

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Booking form

Moth Kite workshop, March 6th and 7th 2010, at Cliddesden Village Hall.

Total £60

Deposit of £20 required to secure place.

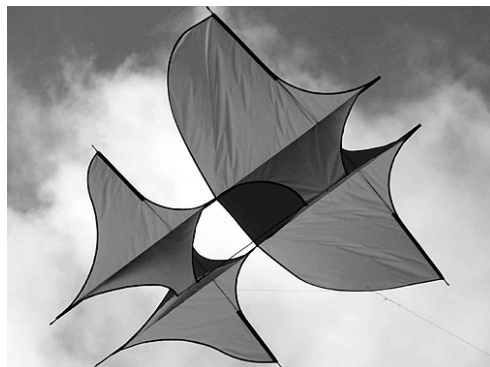
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Please make cheques payable to Kites Up,
and send to The Chapel, Farleigh Road,
Cliddesden, Basingstoke, Hants, RG25 2JL.

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Minutes of AGM of White Horse Kite Flyers, 15/11/09

Meeting opened by Club President Neil Harvey at 12.35pm

Apologies: Roy Martin, Dave Thompson, Paul Mellows, Dave Cross, Pete Dawson, Pat McCarthy, Ron & Marla Miller, Doug Jones, Keith Boxall, Haley Gillingham, Sue Rogero, Noel Hardy.

Minutes of 2008 meeting: It was pointed out the Don Baggett was elected as Vice-Chairman at the 2008 meeting but unfortunately was missed from the 2008 minutes. Minutes Proposed by Doug Manners, Seconded by Simon Hennessey, Unanimously voted through from the members.

Matters Arising: Mark DeRoussier had asked why there was a large change in postage costs from 2007 accounts to 2008 accounts. Dave Robinson told the members that the club accountant had checked it out and realised that she had shown the postage costs differently in 2008 from the previous year. In 2007 she had only shown the cost of the clubs PO Box number, and the rest of the postage had been shown in general outgoings, in 2008 the PO Box number and all of the club postage costs were shown as one amount. She asked me to apologise to the members on her behalf.

Chairman's Report: **Arthur started his report with congratulations to Pete Willis on the arrival of his first Grandchild, a boy to his daughter Jemma.**

Mr President ladies and gentlemen, thanks for coming to this, the 19th AGM (I have checked this and our 1st AGM at Barbury was 1991, the festival having been run by the founding group) of The White Horse Kite Flyers. We have come a long way from the early days when we had our first AGM sitting on hay bails in the poly tunnel at the farm. We have seen changes in technology and materials that have led to new and ever more complex kites. Unfortunately we have seen very little similar change in the people who fly these kites. The faces are mostly the same but older and the bodies wider and slower. Once again I ask where are the younger generation that should be taking over from us.

You all know about the problems we had with the venue for our festival this year when the site that we thought was confirmed was suddenly cancelled in favour of the BBC and their Big Week-End. We looked at various other possible sites and dates and eventually settled on Brinkworth where I think we had a very good festival. My thanks to all those who helped get this up and running to maintain our unbroken run of 19 festivals. We have decided to return to Brinkworth in 2010 for our 20th festival, let us see if we can make this something special. It is going to be difficult as traders found that being so far out of Swindon combined with the recession made turn over a bit low. This will mean some cost cutting changes so if you have any ideas on what we can do to make this festival an extra special celebration please contact the committee later.

For many years we have held our workshops in local schools but due to changes in the academic organisation in Swindon this has become very difficult so we lost workshop at the beginning of the year. Dave Robinson did a lot of work looking for other venues and eventually came up with the one where 12 people have recently completed the Cliff Quinn Marconi. The workshop was a great success and the venue was very good even allowing for the problems with them asking us to have all our machines PAT tested at a very late stage. After much negotiation Dave got them to accept all equipment to be powered via earth leakage circuit breakers. Workshops for 2010 will be discussed under a separate item in the agenda.

The current season seems to have been a little quieter on the overseas travel but with Dieppe next year White Horse looks to have a bumper contingent attending. We have been well

represented at UK festivals with different members getting to a range of events. This is good as it keeps our profile in the frame. Don't forget to let us know of anything you are going to so that we can post it as a club sanctioned event to get your insurance cover. At the beginning of September we were invited to do a display and Workshop at Wroughton. The wind was a little difficult but we put on a good display that was appreciated by the spectators and organisers and at the same time we ran a children's workshop that was very busy.

These Green Tadpole workshops continue to help with our finances and this includes the direct sales of kits so well organised by Don Baggett. If you hear of any one who is interested in workshops or kits please give them our email and we will see if we can help. Again it is still the same faces that attend these workshops but please remember that they are a major contributor to our funds and without them we would have to increase fees dramatically to maintain our current program at the same standards.

We were all saddened a few months ago at the news of the death of Ron Walklate. Ron and Josie were flying kites with our founders Neil and Ron Gunter before the club was formed. Ron may not have flown kites but he always accompanied Josie and frequently sat in the car carving walking stick handles whilst she was out flying. We have been pleased to see Josie still attending our meetings chauffeured now by her daughter. Donations were made to the local hospice during the year in Ron's name and also June Webster who passed away last December. We are also pleased to see that Phil Parsons has not had his activities too curtailed following his heart attack. The rest of us invalids seem to keep struggling on.

As always the final part of this report is my thanks to every one who has helped over the last year. I am not going to mention people by name but firstly to the committee who have supported me, secondly to those who have helped at events and finally to all of our members without whom there would be no club. (This Chairman's report is verbatim from Arthur's notes)

Secretary's Report: Dave told the members that Arthur had covered most items from the past year, he said that he was pleased to see Neil back to his old form after a bad year for him with his double hip operation and the problems he had had with it when it kept popping out. He said that Neil had not long been out of hospital from his second operation when it was time for the club Festival, Neil had insisted on coming to the set-up day to install the PA system, he completed this with help from his Son-in-law without any problems, however Dave received a phone call from Neil early on Saturday morning, Neil was in a hospital bed having had his hip pop out, yet again, he had been taken in overnight and of course he wouldn't be at the festival, so Dave had to take on the duty of PA announcer, Dave admitted he wasn't very good at this and luckily George Webster was at the event and offered to do the commentary. As a thank you to George we have invited him to the 2010 festival with the proviso that he does some commentary. Dave then thanked Pete Willis, for all of the work he had done at previous workshops, in preparing the room. He then informed the group that because of the problems Pete had had at Penhill School, due to it being taken over by an Academy, it is now run by a charity rather than the local authority, we had to cancel the February workshop because major refurbishments were taking place at the School. He then told the group that he had found an alternative venue for the October workshop, where we had invited Cliff Quinn from the USA, he then told the members that the new venue very nearly had to be cancelled 10 days from the event, due to it being a local authority venue they were insisting that all of the sewing machines had to be PAT tested, he then explained that he had negotiated a compromise, with all power cords being fitted with circuit breakers. This workshop turned out to be a great success with all but one participant finishing their kite. Dave then told the members what a great teacher Cliff Quinn was. Dave informed the group that the next workshop would be 13/14th February at St. Josephs School, Drakes Way, Swindon SN3 3LR. The teacher's will be Paul & Helen Morgan who will be teaching their 3DO Kite, the price will be £55. He informed the members that the venue is very central and close to lots of accommodation. Helen Peace, a club member, who is business manager at the School, has offered this new venue. Dave finished his report by thanking everyone for supporting the raffle so well.

Treasurers Report David told the members Janet didn't like doing public speaking so he read her report. He asked if anyone had any questions about the club's audited accounts, Helen Peace questioned why £2200 had been written off, Dave explained that this was an invoice for the fee for Wroughton several years ago that had never been received, we had put this amount to one side, but we had never received it so the accountant had written this debt off, with the proviso that there was enough funds in the club to pay it if we received it in the future. He told the members that we had £9700, in the bank, however he said that membership numbers were in decline, with the club having 88 paid-up members, speculation came from the floor that this may be due to changing the Festival venue, or due to the insurance not covering members unless they are flying on club business. Sue Perkins said some of her family had not renewed their membership due to the insurance not covering them when flying on their own, Dave said that if they were going out flying as a family they could register their activity on the club website, they would then be covered. A general discussion commenced about insurance. A question came from the floor; had any club had a claim against them? Simon Hennessey said that Brighton had had a claim against them for £12000 that the insurers had settled. This was to a motorcyclist who had an accident due to an escaping kite from a Rok fight. Dave told the group that WHKF had paid a motorist £180 for damage to his car after the line from an escaping kite had wrapped around; and broken his wing mirror. He informed the group that this kite was from a non-registered flyer at Wroughton. Jon Caton enquired where last years honorariums were shown in the accounts, David pointed out they were shown under donations. David also told the members that this years Festival had made a loss of £1000, however this was manageable due to the amount of revenue raised from the club's kite workshops. The accounts were proposed by Brian Smith and seconded by Helen Peace; the member's vote was in favour.

Editors Report:

OK so I now know what it is that Richard Everett, Jane Jones and Tracey Willis have been going on about for the last 20 years. It is not possible to produce a magazine without any articles. I have been fortunate to have John Browning helping with the nagging and few reliable regular contributors. If articles come in my job is easy with modern technology, just bang everything in to a standard format and shift it around to fit the available space. Over the years I have managed to put together a few bits but I think I am starting to get writers block.

How about something from someone new, have you been to a festival that no other members attended? Just a few lines are all we need, not a detailed account. Try something like: great event, good flying site, wind poor, camping/food great, not too far so will go again. Again how about a new kite you have seen, bought or made. Is it any good? Recipes go to Di for approval and we only need one per issue. Remember it's your magazine and only as good as the articles you send in.

Do remember that this is also a very good place to advertise anything kite related that you want to sell. There is no charge for individual's items and we would be happy to quote for commercial adverts.

The new innovation this year has been the option to receive you copy electronically. A few people have opted for this and are pleased as they get the pictures in colour. It does save paper to help the green movement and the postage saved helps with production costs for the rest of the issues. Due to Neil's operations we have had to have a couple of issues printed elsewhere that has increased our costs considerably.

The other method of communication for the club is via the web site. Over the last couple of months we have had a few issues with the web servers but these are being resolved. There may be a short period in the future where the site is not available but you can still get most of the information at our back-up address that is the same except it is co. instead of org. On the forum we try to keep details of events so that members can keep informed without having to wait 3 months for the magazine. A regularly updated page has information about the current month's events and this has recently been combined on the date's pages. On the site you can also find copies of all our current paperwork including the insurance, risk assessments and brochure along with copies of all back issues of Cowpat. A special section gives details of the Festival and there are many useful links to other sites. So if you are on the Internet there is no excuse not to have our information. Don't forget to let us know about events you are attending so that we can make them club events.

(Verbatim from Editors notes)

A discussion then commenced from the floor. Simon Hennessey said that BKF also have problems with a lack of members articles for their magazine, he said they have asked the question of their members "Do you want a magazine" the answer always comes back yes! Dave Johnson said the Avon group once sent out (1) A4 sheet folded; due to lack of articles, Simon said they couldn't do that due to their

magazine also being published in the Kiteflier. Sarah Longbottom suggested that the three clubs should pool articles, but added that those members who were members of all three clubs would see the same articles three times.

USA Reps. Report: Dave Robinson informed the members that we hadn't received a report this year, however he new Ron was still enthusiastic about his position and had recently signed up Cliff Quinn as a member.

Election of Officers: Arthur stepped down as Chairman, Neil conducted the elections, by asking for nominations for Chairman, Brian Smith proposed Arthur Dibble, seconded by Don Baggett, the vote was unanimous, Arthur having been elected back to the position of Chairman, continued with the remainder of the elections. At this point Brian Smith interjected and proposed that if all of the executive were all prepared to stand again that we should vote for them en-bloc, this motion was accepted by the floor and the executive who were all prepared to stand for re-election, the proposal was seconded by Simon Hennessey, the executive were re-elected un-opposed. Brian Smith repeated his suggestion for re-election of the committee, seconded by Simon Hennessey, before the vote Pete Willis resigned from the committee saying that due to other interests he couldn't guarantee his time to the club, however he was still very committed to the club and would help where and whenever he could, Arthur thanked him for all of his past work for the club. The voting re-commenced, all of the remaining committee were prepared to stand again. They were voted back in un-opposed.

Festival 2010: Arthur informed the members that the festival 2010 will be on the weekend 8/9th May at Brinkworth, he said the decision to go back to Brinkworth was due to Swindon Council not being very helpful, (due mainly to the cost of hiring the park) in attracting us back to Lydiard Park. He said that at an earlier committee meeting Don Baggett had suggested that we should have the "Help for Heroes" charity as our chosen charity, due to Brinkworth being close to Wootton Bassett, where the British soldiers are repatriated from Afghanistan. Arthur said that he had informed Ken Cooper, the owner of Brinkworth House, of our decision; he was very pleased about it. At the earlier committee meeting Dave Robinson had suggested, due to the rural setting of the site, that we should have a Farmers Market, we intend to invite 4/5 local traders, however we intend to discuss this with Ken Cooper before we go ahead with this. Arthur said that we will allow camping in the top field so the flyers of large kites can be close to the flying site for those kites, Simon Hennessey said that if the wind was in the wrong direction they wouldn't be able to fly in the top field because of the power-lines there. Dave Robinson said that one of the options maybe to have a display arena, where flyers could show their kites for an allotted time.

Other Events: David Johnson informed the meeting that Bristol 2010 would be on the weekend 4/5th September. Neil said that all of the events that he had been involved in, in 2009, the club have been invited back to them in 2010, the events follow: Uffington, Brinkworth, Rockingham and Lackham.

Club Equipment: Dave Robinson informed the members that the club had recently bought 2 new 10x10 pop-up tents, this is to enable club members to be able to carry them in their cars if no one is available to tow the club trailer, he said this wasn't possible with the 20x10 due to its size and weight, he said they committee had decided to sell the 20x10. Arthur said that the last time he was at the club storage box, it smelt very "Musty"; he said that we need to have a sort-out day sometime in the future, Martin Croxton asked if this would be before Christmas, Arthur said he didn't know yet, he said he would ask for volunteers on a chosen date.

Projects for 2010: Arthur asked Neil for a progress report on the second set of legs, Neil said that the delay in finishing the legs was due entirely to his health in the past year, he said that know that he was in better health, the legs should be ready for the new season.

Arthur told the members that he had spent a lot of time putting swivels in the line of the Stickmen, to try to stop the line twisting badly, he also said that Arches are a good project for clubs and asked those present for suggestions for an arch, Dave Robinson said that it might be a good idea to make an arch with a Help for Heroes theme, a suggestion came from the floor to make a Poppy Train, it was decided to follow this up at a later date.

BKFA:

Each year we pay the BKFA a fee. What do we get for that? The answer, very little. I have even asked for an update to publish in Cowpat but received nothing suitable, as the regular newsletters are too long.

These can however be found on the forum. So why do we keep coming back and asking for membership approval to go on supporting them? Unfortunately in today's climate of regulation, litigation and insurance you need a governing body and the BKFA are the only group in this country providing that requirement.

Recently they have acquired a deal on insurance that covers you for kiting activities not associated with a club (e.g. flying on the beach whilst on holiday) and covers you for £5m any where in Europe. At my request a quotation has been supplied to increase this level to £10m. This would be available to members of clubs and would cost about £12p.a. A minimum number of 100 subscriptions would be necessary.

A close watch is being kept on the latest requirements for CRB/ISA checks and the latest information can be found on their web site.

They are affiliated to The Central Council for Physical Recreation and The Royal Aeronautical Club and are in communication with The Civil Aviation Authority for clarification of the laws governing kites and are currently seeking Sports Council recognition. This does mean that our hobby has representation in the right areas and we do have channels of communication to the correct bodies.

I would therefore like to ask the members to approve our continued membership without having to come back to the AGM every year.

The BKFA AGM is on 29th Nov and I would be delighted if some one would like to take my place as the WHKF representative.

(Verbatim from Arthur's notes)

A discussion then ensued from the floor. Jon Caton said that The Kite Surfing Association had looked at forming a Governing Body, but haven't followed through with it. Simon Hennessy asked what was the criteria for the BKFA insurance, Jon said that they would need 1000 members to take it up, Simon said that he thought it would be difficult to get 1000 kite-flyers to take it up, he also said that if any club dropped Zurich (who appear to be kite clubs favoured insurer) and then BKFA didn't reach their target of 1000, then it would be unlikely to get their original deal with them in the future.

Constitution:

Arthur told the group that at present the Magazine Editor, Minutes Secretary, and USA Representative, are elected positions and constitutionally they automatically become a committee member and an officer of the club. The proposal is that if a member wants to put themselves forward for one of these positions they do not automatically *have* to become a committee member or officer of the club. The status of those currently holding these positions is not changed. He said the thinking behind this is to encourage members to put themselves forward for these positions without the commitment of being a committee member, but can put themselves forward for election to the committee if they want to. These positions could be officers as the constitution allows for "other officers as deemed necessary". Arthur also told the committee that in his opinion the size of the committee is too large, he proposes that it is reduced in size this would make a quorum smaller in percentage to the committee size. This would be done by natural wastage. Dave also informed the committee that our new insurers, Zurich, cover our overseas members when they are flying on club business in the UK. This will need to be changed in the constitution. Proposed by Arthur Dibble, seconded by Dave Robinson, motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Fees from 2010: After a discussion it was decided; due to present economic circumstances to leave the membership fees at £14.

AOB: Simon Hennessy proposed that the same people who received honorariums should be awarded them for this year, those members, are Janet Robinson; treasurer, Neil Harvey; for printing the magazine, Don & Di Baggett; for preparing all of the club kite kits and Arthur Dibble for editing magazine. Arthur stated that he would donate his back to the club so it was decided not to pay him one. Dorothy Knopp asked what these payments were for, Arthur pointed out that it's a thank-you from the club for the work involved and covers any possible out of pocket expenses. The proposal was seconded by Dave Robinson, and was carried with a unanimous vote.

Jon Caton gave an open invitation to members to attend the forthcoming BKFA AGM on the 29th November at the Royal Oak somewhere in London. (His words).

Helen Peace asked the committee what their policy was on the Independent Safeguarding Authority. Arthur said that we are awaiting guidance from the BKFA, Helen pointed out that it came into force in July, Dave Robinson said as Helen appeared to have lots of knowledge on this subject could she offer the club some guidance, she agreed to co-ordinate with Arthur on this subject.

The club President Neil Harvey closed the meeting at 15.50, he thanked all of the members for their attendance, especially those who had travelled long distances, he thanked them all for their raffle prizes and for digging deep in their pockets to buy tickets, which raised £355, which covered the costs of the room hire and food. He concluded with seasons greetings to all and a safe journey home.

Sky Chat

Well here we go into another decade, what will it bring to the kiting fraternity. Where can we go with new kite designs and new materials, somebody will come up with something to blow our socks off and it could be one of you. Can you get your name in "The Kiting Hall of Fame" go for it.

Your committee are hard at work with regards to this coming years programme of events, etc., and with all the rules and regulations it does not get any easier. Dave R is busy looking into our insurance to make sure we are getting the best cover at the best price. Keep watching for the results. With regards to working with children at workshops, this too seems to be changing ever day. At onetime in this country the law was that you were innocent until proved guilty, but now it appears that we are all guilty until proved innocent. This has been causing a vast reduction of volunteers to help with children activities due to the fear of prosecution and because this country depends on unpaid volunteers throughout the community, the government is having a rethink. If this carries on as proposed it is going to cost a lot of money for a group like us to carry on doing workshops and we may be forced to reconsider the Clubs position. We must remember that Club funds are boosted by the sale of "green tadpoles" We may have to re-think our constitution as it states that we are here to promote kite flying. We can only hope that common sense prevails.

I hope that you all have a good Christmas and I hope that you all have a prosperous New Year. On behalf of myself and Sue thank you for your cards and presents, they were very much appreciated.

I cannot go without thanking all those that attended the AGM and put in your own two pennith in, without a active membership a club withers and dies, but with our members we should be fine for a few more decades. Again, many thanks for your support of the raffle with donations and buying of so many tickets and to the helpers in making sure it ran smoothly.

Hear's hoping for wonderful year of kiting in 2010.

Neil.

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Nothing out there this issue.

Poets Corner

No submissions this issue.

Newbie sports kite flier confessions 6 – *Still in the backflip*: the Lazy Susan

The Lazy Susan is named after the slow rotation of the “Lazy Susan” cake stand. The trick starts from a backflip (see articles in last two Cowpat Hills), and one of the lines is pulled to start the kite rotating on its back in a full 360° circle. The other line is kept loose so that it does not impede the rotation.

In the last article I admitted that I wasn't that good at the Lazy Susan. So for this article I was originally intending to write about a trick that my partner and I could do really well. But as the techniques to do the Lazy Susan are strongly connected to topics of the last two articles, it seemed time to explain what little we understand about the Lazy Susan.

There are many things that can go wrong with a Lazy Susan. The common ones include:

- 1) The pull on the line that starts the rotation may pull the kite out of the backflip so that the nose faces upwards and the kite is ready for normal flight.

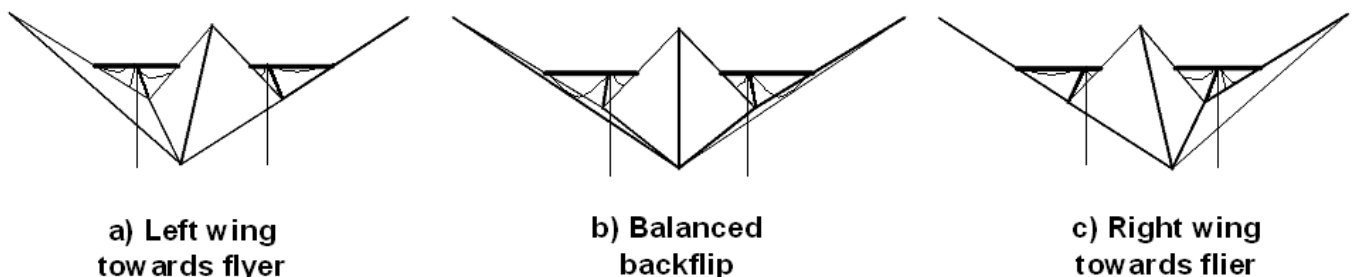
- 2) The kite does not rotate all the way around.

- 3) The kite loses too much altitude and hits the ground before the rotation is complete.

- 4) When the pulled line is released the kite may rotate about a horizontal axis (with the nose moving down and around) and end up tangled with the lines.

- 5) The Lazy Susan rotation may be stopped because the line being pulled is kept under tension too long.

So the challenge is to explain how to do a Lazy Susan that avoids these pitfalls. First let's talk about the position at the start of the rotation, at the beginning of the pull for the rotation. The force of the pull on the line will transfer to the kite frame by the bridle attachment point near the nose. If the kite wings are equally far away from the flyer [case b) in the diagram below], then the pull will pass close to the centre of mass of the kite, and part of the pull will start to spin the kite, and much of the pull will pull the kite towards the flyer, sometimes pulling the kite out of the backflip. If the kite wing attached to the pulled line is further away from the flyer than the other wing, then the situation is worse, as the pull passes through the centre of the kite's mass, and the pull does not spin the kite at all. So if one were trying to start a Lazy Susan by tugging the right handed line, case a) in the diagram below would be a terrible time to do it. It is only if the kite wing on the side of the pulled line is closer to the flyer that the pull passes further away to the centre of the kite's mass, and most of the pull is converted into the Lazy Susan spin. So for a Lazy Susan started by a tug from the right arm, case c) is the optimum position for the start of the tug.

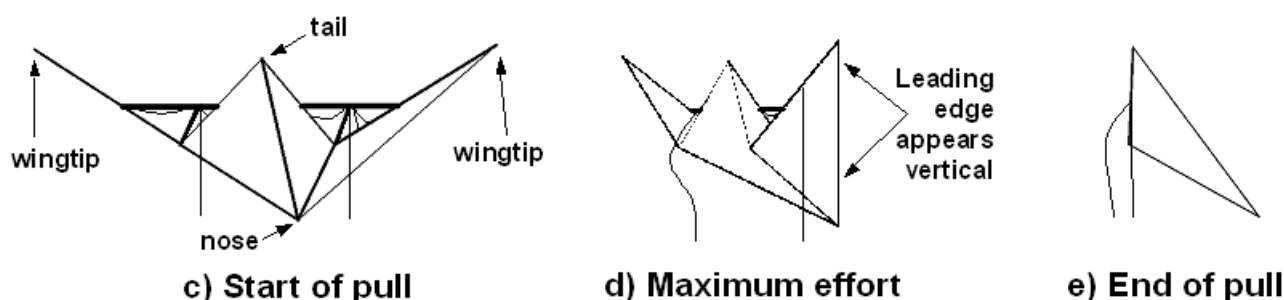


Balanced and unbalanced backflip positions (views from flyer's side)

How do you get the kite into an unbalanced backflip with one wing closer to you than the other? – For most people this will happen naturally, as a beginner would be lucky to get a balanced backflip. For those lucky few who do get balanced backflips, the skill in getting one wing closer to you than the other is to throw your arms forward for the backflip with the arm on the side of the wing that you want closer to you thrown forward a fraction later than the other arm. Alternatively, when in the backflip, pull the line on that side a fraction harder than the other line, and wait a little for the backflip to become unbalanced.

Back to describing the pull for the Lazy Susan rotation. – To secure a full rotation, the pull on the line should be increased up to around position d) in the next diagram, which is when the leading edge of the wing being pulled looks vertical.

When pulling the line, the temptation is to release the tension while the wing being pulled is still coming towards you. This is often a mistake. For when the tension is released quickly, for the reason explained in the last article, the nose tends to fall backwards and the kite can rotate about a horizontal axis and get into a tangle with the lines. Instead try releasing the lines when the kite has rotated to the position e) shown below. One might think that here the kite has rotated so far around that the line tension is already preventing the kite from rotating further. However this effect appears to be very slight. Instead two other fortunate effects are happening. The first is that when the tension is released, the kite attempts to rotate with the near wingtip going upwards and the far wingtip dropping downwards. However this is across the wingtip to wingtip width of the kite and because the width of the kite is much greater than the nose to tail height of the kite, the rotation is weaker and happens much slower than if it were with the nose falling downwards and tail falling upwards. The second is that the kite is being pulled towards the flyer with the nearest wing catching the wind and raising the kite into the air. So the kite loses less height during the rotation.



Stages of the pull for a right handed Lazy Susan

There is a trick called the “multi-Lazy”, which consists of doing additional Lazy Susan rotations after the first one. If we ever master this, then we will be one more step towards not being newbies.

Good luck with your Lazy Susans!

To the Editor

Dear Sir

It always starts with "Make a photocopy of this page".

Of course, nobody does. Readers skim over the page, think "Oh, another paperfold kite" and move on. This is by far the best approach.

Retirement brings many blessings. Occasionally though, there are curses. One of them is having time to even consider making a paperfold kite such as might appear in **Cowpat Hill**.

The latest example is the most floppy, floppy, floppy, floppy thing you could imagine. Two BBQ sticks indeed! the thing needs at least 16 more sticks than suggested. May I respectfully suggest that the thing be made from 1mm sheet steel. It would hold its shape and need fewer sticks.

Alternatively, if one were to take a solid block of Perspex appropriately sized and carve it accurately, the shape would hold and one might have a workable kite. I suggest using coloured Perspex so that the kite would be visible in the sky. If colourless Perspex were to be used, then the thing would take on the nature of a stealth kite; invisible to all but the credulous. It would need to be coloured afterwards (say with crayons) to make it visible.

Having carved out the Perspex, one would of course have a lot of chippings, shavings and dust. These could be carefully melted down (taking care not to overheat which would cause some depolymerisation and a rather acrid smell) to produce a solid block which could come in useful as a doorstop – or as a ground anchor for the kite.

For the purists of course, a paperfold kite made from steel or Perspex might seem to depart from the spirit of things. If, for pedantic reasons, the thing just *must* be made from paper, may I suggest the shape be kept rigid by the use of 21 brass brackets placed at the points where the fold occur.

I should now like to come to the subject of the tail. "Streamer tails at the lower B&C"

For the sheet steel version, these tails should be as light as possible. Video tape would be a good choice- say, each one 27 metres long. Stabilisation is what we are looking for.

For the hand-carved Perspex version, tails could be made of Christmas tinsel- each about 4 standard strands long. A useful hint would be to ensure that the points marked B&C come out on the photocopy otherwise it is difficult to see where to attach the tails.

To amuse the children, one could attempt to fly this kite.

Yours faithfully

Ron Instructions.

Editors note: -

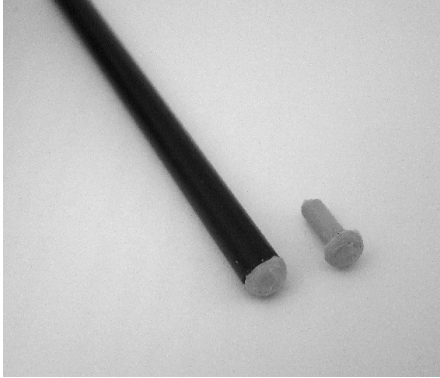
What does he expect making kites from cigarette paper? So with that sort of complaint you will note there are no kite fold plans this issue. (This may also be something to do with the fact that we have quite a lot of articles anyway.)

Tips And Tricks

Carbon fibre tube really needs end caps to stop the end of the tube eating into the end pocket. Solution is to use an end cap. Naturally, the end cap, when fitted on the tube, has an outer diameter bigger than that of the tube.

Now say you want to push the tube through a long snug pocket. Pocket has to be big enough to accommodate the end cap diameter – in which case, it is too big for the tube.

Solution: don't use an end cap. Push a plastic mushroom into the end of the carbon fibre tube and, hey presto! you have a nice round end. Since you have a constant diameter all along the length of the tube, you can sew your long pocket to be a really snug fit around the tube.

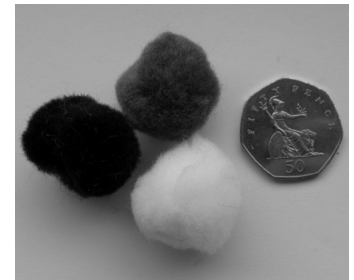


I made my mushrooms out of polypropylene rod. Push rod into tube with about 10mm protruding. Melt the protruding bit and then push the tube down into a PTFE former (shallow, round-ended hole drilled in PTFE). Excess polypropylene forms a ring which can be pulled off. Outer diameter of mushroom head is automatically the same as the tube outer diameter.

One day, someone will make and sell end cap mushrooms.

Questions from the editor: Where can you get polypropylene rod of the required diameter and what do you use to melt it? I have no idea of the melting point. Also PTFE block is not something all of us have in our bits-box. Any good suppliers for small quantities?

Another solution to stop rod ends piercing their pockets was given to those who attended the Cliff Quinn workshop. He puts 2 frou-frou balls inside the spine pocket. These are fluffy balls of man-made fibre and are about 1cm in diameter. They are available at any of the craft stores. With the dreadful weather since the workshop not many of us have had the chance to experience the durability of this system.



Polly's Pantry

BOILED FRUIT CAKE

4 oz Butter or Marge

6 oz Mixed fruit. Chopped nuts may be added if liked.

¼ Pint Tea

½ lb Self Raising Flour

4 oz Brown sugar

1 Teaspoon bicarb of soda

1 Teaspoon mixed spice

1 Egg

Melt butter in a saucepan, add fruit and tea.

Bring to the boil and simmer for 2 minutes. Cool

Sieve dry ingredients, add to boiled mix, add egg, and mix well.

Bake Gas Mk 4 or 160deg C for 1 ¼ hrs in a 6" tin.

Robinson's Ramble

If you were at the AGM you will have heard me announce that the February workshop, would be Paul & Helene Morgan teaching their "ThreeDo" kite. Since that announcement we have had a committee meeting where we discussed the brilliant Cliff Quinn workshop, in September, it really was a great workshop and everybody went home with a fantastic kite, however we only had 13 participants, which makes it difficult to cover the costs, in the end we did because of the generosity of those there and the great raffle prizes that were donated and the amount of tickets bought. It was felt we couldn't rely on the raffle to help every time, so the committee decided to only have one workshop in 2010, so in effect the Paul & Helene workshop has been postponed until October 23rd-24th when they will be teaching their "ThreeDo". All of you who have supported the workshops in the past will have a booking form sent to you in the summer. The committee did keep the option to re-introduce two workshops a year if we feel the support for them is enough.

Well, who remembers a wetter November? We were having the back of our house rendered, the guy doing it said "It will be about 10 days", how wrong could anyone be! They finished the job yesterday, (19/12/09) however, they started 5th November. The last couple of meetings at Barbury have been cut short by the weather, with Martin, Doug & Phil travelling to Swindon for the club meetings, we have started the day off by meeting them for breakfast at the Whetherspoon's pub at the end of our road. We then go up to Barbury, but the November meeting was so wet we were only there for about 30 minutes when Martin informed me they were going back to the pub, Janet and me thought it would be impolite not to join them. Guess what the December meeting was so cold exactly the same thing happened again! I must say Arthur was much hardier than us because he stayed there after we had left, and apologies to another couple of hardy souls, Bob Angel and Lyn, for not staying around for long to socialise, but it was awful weather on both occasions.

At the AGM the decline in club membership was discussed, one of the members suggested one of the reasons for this maybe that some members were of the opinion that their club membership included insurance for club flying and when they were flying on their own, so some of them haven't renewed, the club insurance has *never* included individual flying. After the AGM Janet contacted the club insurers; Zurich to see if they had any policies to cover members for individual flying, it turns out they do, so watch this space for future information when we have sorted out the fine detail. There will be an extra charge on top of the annual fee, for this.

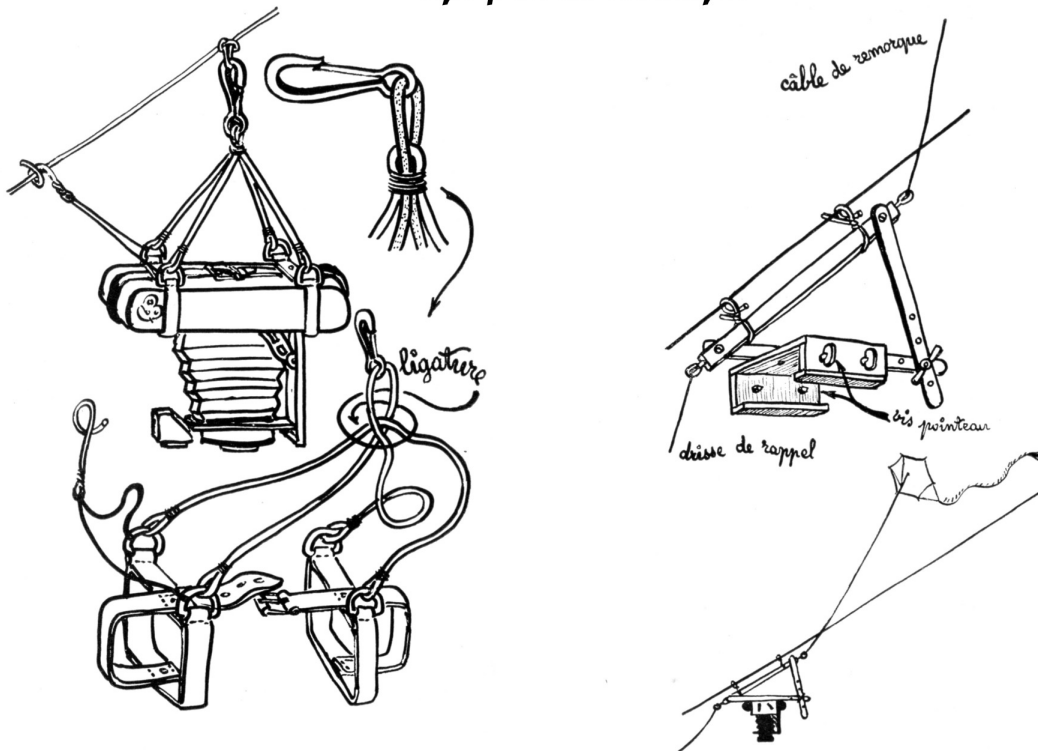
By the time you'll be reading this Christmas will have come and gone, I hope Father Christmas brought you all that you wished for, and Happy New Year to you all from Janet & me.

Regards
David Robinson

Recent Advances in KAP

I like to keep up to date with progress in the KAP field. I recently found these remarkable drawings in the respected French journal “Photographie Aérienne de Cerf-volant “. The paper, “Avances Récentes”, was written by a Monsieur Plaisanterie who is a world expert; being at the forefront of KAP developments.

Équipement technique



Here is an example of the excellent picture quality obtained using M.Plaisanterie's apparatus :



I think we can all learn from such groundbreaking work.

Harry L.Schott

NORTH HANTS KITER'S JOLLY UP6-April 24th & 25th 2010

It's almost that time again! Come and join us for another FUN Weekend of Kite Flying for Kite Fliers!

The site is located in the village of Cliddesden, just south of Basingstoke (not far from J6 of the M3).

On site camping is available from Friday evening onwards (£7 per tent/camper for the weekend).

The Saturday evening BBQ worked well again, so we will doing the same format. (£6.50 and bring your plate and cutlery please!)

There will again be an impromptu BBQ for those interested on the Friday evening, and Bacon rolls available both mornings.

An Auction will once again be held on the Saturday evening, and any donations gratefully received before or on the week-end.

Roy's Refreshment Tent will be open for Business, normal rules apply..

For further info, please either contact:

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Colin on 07770 338419

Or e-mail roy@kitesup.co.uk

(The dates for this same event taking place later this year again are July 31st & August 1st 2010)

Please Note: this is NOT a Buggy/Boarding weekend, thank-you.

Basingstoke Kite Festival
5th & 6th June 2010
At Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane, Basingstoke.
From 10am to 5 pm (both days)

Come along and help us to celebrate our 18th Festival and join in the fun!

Guests will be from Home and abroad and as well as things going on in the display arena, there will be the usual array of activities, along with various Kite & Food traders.

A raffle is held over the weekend with lots of donated kite related prizes, so Kite traders please take note!

On Saturday evening we will have our usual Social Get Together in the marquee, and all are welcome. (There is a small fee if you would like to join in with the Buffet, well worth it!)

Camping is available on the Friday and Saturday evenings @ £5 for the weekend (payable on the weekend) and there are showers and toilet facilities on site.

Come along and join in, and we look forward to seeing you there!!!

Contact: Alan Cosgrove (Main festival Organiser) 01256 421800

Roy Broadley (Kites Up)

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Club Merchandise

All items can now be viewed on the club web site. Prices do not include post and packing. Please contact us for these costs. Cheques should be made payable to WHKF.

T SHIRT S-XL	£9	POLO XS-XL	£14	SWEATSHIRT XS-XL	£16.60
T SHIRT 2XL-3XL	£9.50	POLO 2XL	£14.50	SWEATSHIRT 2XL	£17.90
2007 FESTIVAL	£9	POLO 3-4XL	£15	SWEATSHIRT 3-4XL	£18.40
2008 FESTIVAL	£9			FESTIVAL XS-XL	£25
		JACKET	£35	CAP STANDARD	£7.50
PINS, PATCHES	SEE WEB PAGES			WITH EAR FLAPS	£10
MUGS, COASTERS		RELAX STICKER	£1.00	LEGIONNAIRE'S	£8.50

WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS CODE OF PRACTICE

Always fly safely.

Always be considerate to other people using the same area whether it is noise or physical intrusion into their space.

Always fly legally taking in to account all national, local and CAA restrictions and by-laws.

Never fly at a height of more than 60m above ground level, in the UK unless a CAA clearance is in force (as at kite festivals). If you don't know what the clearance is ASK!

Never fly a kite in wet or stormy weather. Always try and keep your line dry.

Never fly a kite near power lines, transmission towers or aeralis.

Never fly near Motorways, roads, car parks or railways.

Never fly near airfields.

Never fly a kite with anything metallic in the line.

When tethering a kite ensure that the ground anchor is suitable (see BKFA report 6 June 06).

When flying large kites always use a brake line.

Always wear good quality gloves when flying large powerful kites.

Always give priority to domestic animals particularly if they are showing signs of distress.

Always clear up after yourself, especially lines, tails and bits of plastic that could trap, choke or injure domestic or wild animals.

Never fly near those kite-eating trees.

Finally remember.....your kites can get really quite lonely up high in the sky; just occasionally, look up and give them a SMILE. It will make you feel better too.

WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS meet at Barbury Castle Country Park on the second Sunday of each month.

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