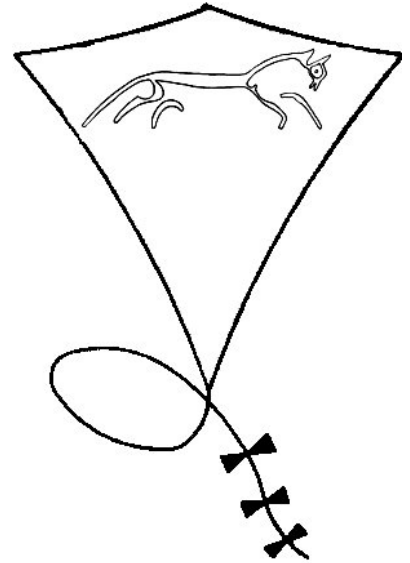


Cowpat Hill

Journal of
The White Horse Kite Flyers
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Happy New Year to both our readers.

Is it time to change the name of the club to White Haired Kite Flyers? It is not only our club but from information on the internet it is a world wide problem. You only have to look around the field at any kite event to see that the average age of kite flyers is increasing. There are the exceptions with some of the control line flyers but the majority of faces are the same ones that were there twenty years ago. We know the problem, when we were young you made your own entertainment and much of it was outdoors. Now it is all on screens inside. It is too late for the next generation but we must try and get our grandchildren to accept that there are things you can do in the fresh air, that are fun. Perhaps some of the problem is the "big boys toys" syndrome. We were happy to run around with creations from brown paper and sticks as that was about all there was. Now they see the creations we fly and want something as good. A case of running before you can walk. Doing it the way we did meant that we learnt, without realising, about such things as balance, symmetry and weight. What a lovely way to learn physics. That's the problem, does any one have a solution? Some of our workshops help but what else can we do?

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DIARY DATES

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

Month

January

8th Barbury Castle

February

12th Barbury Castle

March

3/4th Roy Broadley Double Star workshop.

11th Barbury Castle

April

1st Streatham Common

1st Rodborough Common

8th Barbury Castle

28/29th Jolly Up

28th-1/5 Black Sea Festival

May

5/7th Weymouth

13th Barbury Castle

26/27th Exmouth

June

2/3rd Basingstoke

2/3rd Bedford {W}

2nd-5th Margam Park

10th Barbury Castle

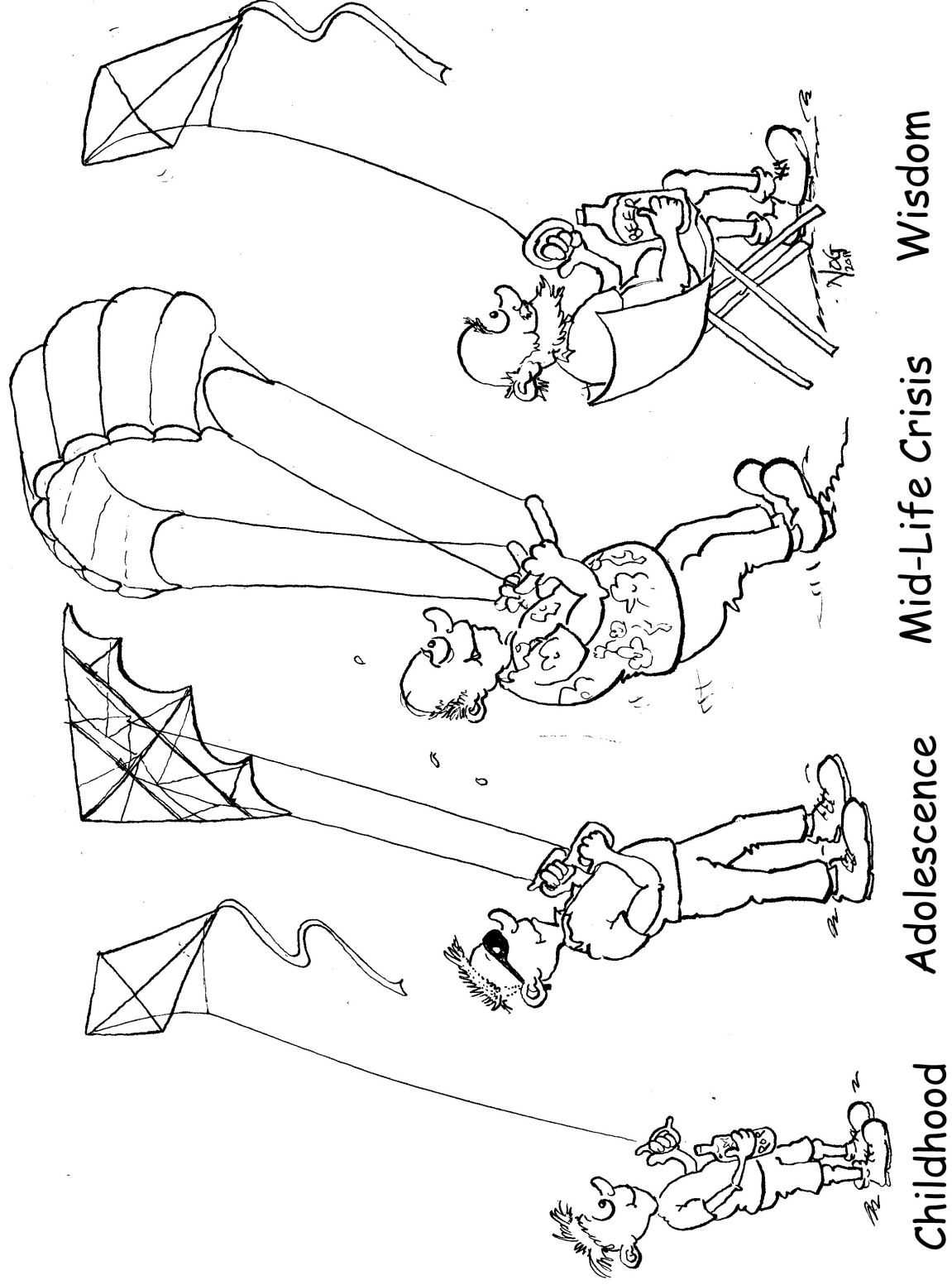
16th Cheltenham Scouts {W,D}(Contact Neil Harvey)

IF YOU HAVE ANY DATES PLEASE LET US KNOW SO THAT THEY CAN BE ADDED TO THIS LIST

For other dates please go to <http://www.kitecalendar.co.uk/>

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The Four Ages of (Kiteflying) Man.



● SOME MEMORIES AND THOUGHTS FROM THE YEARS – Chris Mabon

Festivals and Kites

Bath KF

- Lightning strikes on the flying field;
- World Champions Skydance and Team XS flying my yellow REV.

Bristol

- Those classic displays by Aircraft to Wagner's 'Ride of the Valkyries';
- Having one George Peters be my 'wingman' for the Delta Serpent fly-in;
- Paul Barrett taking down our tent, with our Boys still asleep in it!

Cleethorpes

- Something of a strange place but a Festival loved by all;
- Friday evening fish and chips followed by the kites get-together in The Smugglers;
- The night fly having to finish by 19:00 before nightfall, thank you H&S!

Dieppe 'Cerf Volant'

- Being greeted by a sky full of kites when approaching the Port of Dieppe;
- Watching (a rather frail) Babu Khan produce his fighter kites with so-basic tools;
- Suspended baskets of flaming fuel-soaked wood shavings in the night fly;
- Horrible return crossings to Newhaven (especially for a very poor sailor ..).

Eggleston (Teesdale)

- Memorial event for June Webster and a nice way to remember a lovely Lady;

Lunen 'Drachenfest'

- Superb German hospitality; communal sleeping arrangements in the local sports hall;
- Toilet 'advice' from Paul Barrett, remember Damen (female) and Heren (male)!!
- The ritual Sunday evening visit to the ice-cream parlour.

Monmouth

- Christmas and New Year parties in July;
- Driving an old traction engine in the concurrent Steam Rally.

New Forest Bash

- Heavily bruised arms from conker fights (thank you Mr Broadley).

Portsmouth

- Buzzer and Janet Poulter serving Bucks Fizz from a watering can;
- Spatula fights at 01:00 Sunday morning on the Common (courtesy Buzzer);
- A certain Trader's marquee being stolen but the contents left;
- One Carolyn Swift emptying marquee roof water over a Security Guard.

Salisbury

- Ray Bethell and Mark Coventry flying from a moving truck in windless conditions.

Sunderland

- A long drive but worth it for a great combination of kite festival and music festival;
- Playing djembe and didge at midnight on the field with TC and Guido et al ..
- .. and being joined by Claudio Capelli (jews harp) and Mikio (Japanese war dance).

Swindon

- Wroughton, one of the best festival sites and with great Saturday evening parties;
- Andy Wardley flying an 'Inner Space' so delicately over the aircraft displays;
- Seeing Robert Brassington's kites for the first time.

Wirral

- Just one invite to this nice event for the WHKF Workshop but a manic two days.

Some other Kite Flyers

Ron Moody – always willing to help new kites, loved to see kites in the sky.

Steve Brockett – maker of beautiful artistic kites, unfortunately out-of reach!

George Peters – also a maker of beautiful, seemingly out-of-reach kites!

Tim Benson – providing our son Tim with work experience (and hospitality) in Bradford

John Barresi (i-Quad) – so approachable, didn't know me but said 'please try my kite'.
Ray Bethell – a lovely Guy, surely the best 'value for money' for any festival organiser
Mark Coventry – protégé of Ray's and one of the most personable kites ever.
'Chuck' Johnson – sadly no longer with us; 'he who dies with the most toys wins' – he won ...

This looks like a fun Idea from Chris.

So here are a few memories from life with WHKF. (what do you remember?)

Neil's radiator hose splitting coming back from Bedford.

Getting the trailer stuck at the tree planting in Wales

The 20x10 taking off at Stowe gardens.

Taking the 20x10 and leaving Doug asleep in his chair.

Dave R's comment when he came to help fly the big legs for the first time and found two of us had them in the air already. Neil and I checked our parentage very carefully.

SONGS OF PRAISE (or thank goodness some one reads this)

Arthur

Can we post your wonderful newsletter on our site?

Do you have all the past ones scanned and we could put those up too?

The best,

Alison Fujino/Executive Director

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A letter to the Editor.

Cowpat Hill is getting better and better and looking more like a real kiting journal nowadays (nowa3months ?) The latest edition contains some really good contributions. Nog's picture quiz was marvellous (I really liked Newton Abbot) and the report on the altitude attempt with all the links to follow was really interesting.

As for The Boy's Own Paper article, it was easy to read once you had printed it out, scanned it in and then used some natty OCR software to get it into Word. The result (kit-. t»M» top or pilot liito Aould •1—p bo thft tniftUeft, iid kf toof ikuu two kite w«r««wd the btonxwidrtt oar •hould iaarcMifi (n•tt» •» thoy ftDfiroftobed fclMi m«| n. Aay nuinbcror IdUM oootd be aMd, (bo gn»t«r Ur nambrthe |pr«t«r Uio power; but oan than threewm nupriy wmp toyed to curtf wnk, «ad tlw(knuJ fi<uab«r v* two,Tfct xmxt thiax viui to M€ 1 th« BMtaw) of»tikh Ui» ht— —«lit toh« «D>4«; ftftd paperWM Gni tri»d, to bt •»« wjwUd 01 ftpooojrtof ito lkbilftj «o lindkacft. Varaidwd f»f»rvu tb<B «xjMfin»««t«i witli. bat tIMf« WM tL«ui«up«nU« o^^ictiott to Ur GM «f & vmswtW vw prfmuwUy fix«d to tfc« f-MM—tho<»atnr&(K« «a« »u<^ too c»a>b»r»on») was dead easy to read.

So, congratulations to all the contributors (except for me) and congratulations to Arthur for pestering everybody and putting it all together. Let's keep making it better.

Conrad Tributor

Sale Or Swap

For sale: contact Arthur.

Sode (by Logo) 10ft x 8ft originally \$400 excellent condition. Offers £100+

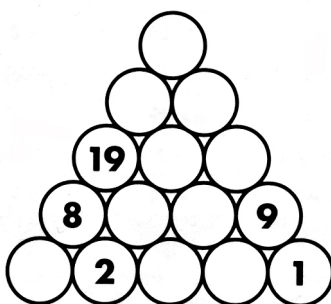
4 line NPW5 Nasa wing complete with lines and handles. Originally £90 used twice. Offers £40+
200m of 9mm polyester line. Offers £100+

Puzzle Corner (23)



1. Take all the salt out of the oceans and crystallize it into 1cm X 1cm X 1cm solid cubes. Then pile all the little cubes one on top of the other. How high would the pile be. (a) 2,000km (b) 136,000,000km, (c) 20,000 light years.

2. The number in each circle is the sum of the two below.
What is the top number ?



3. How can you use the letters in NEW DOOR to make one word?

4.
$$\begin{array}{r} \text{SEND} \\ + \text{MORE} \\ \hline \text{MONEY} \end{array}$$
 Numbers for letters (leading zeros not permitted)

Answers to john@johnbrowning.net.

That £2,000 wasn't earning any interest so I put it into Peruvian banana shares.
(Remember, the value of your investment can go down as well as up)

PC22 Answers

1. Fighter, Suruga, Delta, Stunter.
2. The year reads the same upside down.
3. a=9, b=5, c=4, d=6, e=3, f=2, g=1, h=7, i=8.
4. Remove an item from box 3. The item tells you what label to put on box 3.
Move the nails and screws label to the box labeled with the other item, and its label to the remaining box.
Example: you remove a **nail** from box 3.
Move the label **nails** from box 1 to box 3.
You can't move the **nails and screws** label to box 1: that would be a swap, and all three labels must be corrected.
Move it instead to box 2, and the **screws** label to box 1.

NOTE: Due to a discrepancy between what was transmitted from the compiler and that, which was received by the editor, question 3 has a number of possible solutions only one of which is given here. No one submitted all possible solutions. So the valuable prize was not awarded.

A Tribute to Ron Moody



1936 – 2011

Everyone knew Ron. His enthusiasm for kites was boundless. When his name comes up in conversations (as it often does) his friendliness and generosity are always mentioned. He made friends with everyone he met.

In his enthusiastic and friendly way, he told everyone he met how much fun it was to fly Indian fighting kites. He taught hundreds of people how to fly them and as often as not, after lessons, would give away kites to new flyers – just to get them started. He wanted to share his passion with all.

After contracting Alzheimer's, he spent his last few years in a care home. The carers there remember him with fondness and report that – yes- he was always friendly and smiling. This is no place to recount his life history – few people know the facts because he never discussed himself.

Ron will be remembered by kilters and many, many other friends simply as a lovely man.

Poets Corner

In deference to health and safety, maybe the last line of the AGM limerick should be changed to:

“Wrapped his kites round a thorny rose briar” Your choice

Once an ancient White Horse Kite Flyer
Needed strong winds to take his kite higher
He prayed with knees bent
And winds the Gods sent
Wrapped his kites round a telegraph wire.

One glorious day down in Brissle
The sunshine gave way to light drizzle
Then a reckless kite flyer
Wrapped his line round a wire
Which made the soles of his shoes start to sizzle

In a workshop for making of kites
I oft see some wonderful sights
There's strong coffee deep black
And of sweets there's no lack
While lunch reaches the culinary heights

There was a young man from West Wilts
With an unhealthy yearning for kilts
He flew kites made of tartan
From a hill near Tormarton
But his bridling gave them all funny tilts

A kite flying lover of peaked hats
Drank deeply from multiple wine vats
He tripped over his line
For the umpty fifth time
And landed in several large cow pats

A kite flyer longing for wind
With kite sails all bridled and trimmed
Asked friends for advice
Which they gave in a trice
“Eat a kilo of baked beans, tinned”

Thanks to Sally who started producing these at the AGM. Was it really that boring?

Sky Chat

Well that is another year gone by for better or for worse and there is nothing we can do about it now. Looking to the future who knows what will crop up; let us hope everything comes up roses. Thank you to those that came to the AGM and an extra thank you to the Raffle Gang with the "Ticket Chick" making sure that no change was given, ensuring that we made such a grand total. It was also good to see our American Rep. able to give his report in person. As you were told that the committee has decided not to run a festival this year, but to have Fun Days event. This will allow us as Club members to fly our kites and not have to worry about running the event. That does not mean that a certain amount work and planning will take place, but we will not have all the problems of "elf & safety" etc. as we are not catering for the general public to attend. I do hope that as many of you will make the effort to come and enjoy the weekend to wind the season down. I am sad that we have lost the Festival even although it may not be permanent, we could not carry on losing money as we have been just to show the Club Flag. It is also not fair on the committee members who had to put so much effort into it to make sure it ran smoothly and complied with all the rules and regulations. I know the effect of the toll of the effort I tried to put into the Festivals and that must go with most of us as no one are getting any younger Hey Ho! Time stands still for no man nor beast or club, on we march!

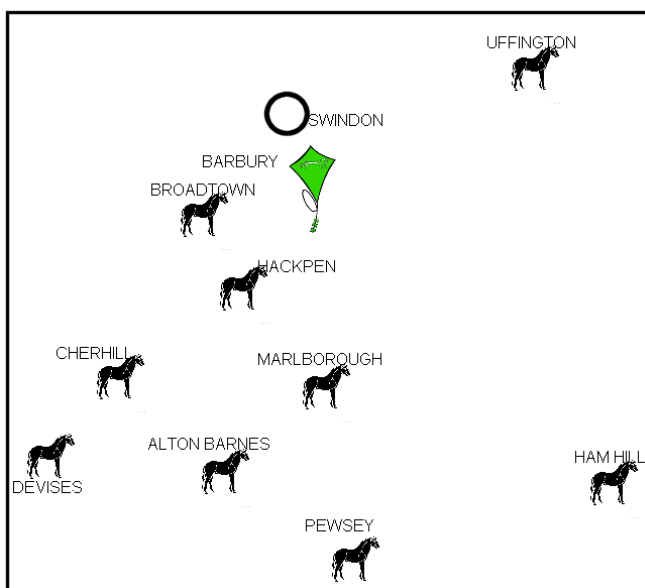
I trust that some of you are getting down to making Kites during this winter. I have even got a couple of ideas that I hope I can build during this time. The last two, no in fact three winters I have not been fit enough to get the sewing machine whirling, so here's hoping. Now that will be a shock to the system!

It only leaves me to wish all of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year and hope the ravages of Christmas are not too great.

Neil.

WHITE HORSE

Why are we called White Horse Kite Flyers when there is no white horse on the hill where we fly? Wouldn't it be more appropriate to be the Castle Flyers? However when you look at the map and see the location of the white horses of Wiltshire it becomes a little more obvious. OK so they are shown in black but you try printing white on white paper. Westbury has been left off as it is much further to the southwest and would have made the map scale rather difficult. The locations are only approximate but give an idea of their relative locations. Often thought to



be very old the Wiltshire White horses were cut in an 85-year period starting with the one at Westbury, and excluding the "New Horse" at Pewsey.

Broad Town (1863) now virtually indiscernible.

Hackpen (1838)

Cherhill (1780)

Marlborough 1 (1804)

Marlborough 2 (date unknown) in very poor repair.

Deveses (1845) no longer visible.

Alton Barnes (1812)

Pewsey 1 (1785) now almost invisible.

Pewsey 2 (1937) Cut for the coronation above and to the left of the old horse.

Ham Hill (186?) Completely obliterated.

Westbury (1778) Fully restored.

So with all these horses in Wiltshire, why do we use the Uffington one from Berkshire for our logo? There are rumours that it was the only one in existence at the time the club was formed but this is strongly refuted by the founder member. His story is that the club was started in the

pre-internet era and this was the only one to have its picture readily available that you could copy or trace.

I shall not try and put a date on this horse, as that is a major topic of argument for the archaeologists and historians. Neither do I want to get into the controversy of whether it is a horse, a cat or more recently a dog and now as David points out, a unicorn. However I do rather like the old idea that it was a dragon that links it to The Drachen Foundation.

Many of the facts in this article come from:-“White Horses and other Hill Figures” by Morris Marples.

Arthur Dibble

Robinson's Ramble

The last Ramble was written at 35000 ft. whilst en-route to visit Ron & Marla in Washington State, this one is more down to earth! We had a fantastic holiday with Ron & Marla, visiting Idaho, Montano and Eastern Washington, some fantastic scenery, especially whilst travelling back from Montano via the Northern Cascades Highway, a road that rises to 5700ft. amongst mountains that are only 8500ft. Breathtaking is the only superlative that I can give it!

Another AGM has been and gone with the same Committee re-elected, with one exception, Pete Dawson didn't stand for re-election this year. I would like to personally thank Pete for all of the work that he did for the club in his past tenure. I hope to see him at lots of club events in the future. At the AGM it was announced that this years recipient of the Ron Gunter Cup was Ralf Maserski, Ralf has been a great supporter of our Festival travelling over to it at his own expense for the last 7 or 8 years I can't remember exactly how many, no doubt Ralf will remind me when we next speak. If you are new to the club the Ron Gunter Cup is awarded to the club member, who, in the opinion of the committee has stood out as a member who has been an outstanding member in the past year. So we are watching you! Why don't you make it easy for us to pick you!

Another great club workshop took place in Swindon in October, Paul & Helene Morgan conducted a class in the making of their Sirius Box-Kite, we had 12 participants and all of them went home with a finished kite. When the Committee meet in February we will decide who to invite in 2012, when we do; it will be posted on the club web-site.

Reading a local paper recently I saw a story about a University who were conducting tests at the Uffington White Horse and they had some evidence that after all of these years (Over 2000) that it may well be a Unicorn that our ancestors had marked out on the hillside and not a horse. At this moment I don't think the committee will be discussing the possible change of name of the club to the White Unicorn Kite Flyers, however if they do keep your eyes on the club web-site. (Don't spend too much time worrying about it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

You'll be reading this when Christmas will be over and done with and you have all celebrated the coming of a new year, so I will send you all a belated Happy New Year, I hope all of your wishes come to fruition.

It is very sad that after 20 years of a club festival the committee have decided after a lot of discussion to bring it to an end, it has already been talked about in previous Cowpats so I won't say anymore than personally I think it had reached its natural end. However the committee intend to make a big success of the “Fun-Fly” in September, an event intended just for kite-flyers without any worrying about the public and all that that brings with Health & Safety etc.

Regards
David

Minutes of The White Horse Kite Flyers Annual General Meeting
held at: The Holiday Inn Express, Swindon at 12:00 on 20 Nov 2011.
(with thanks to Stuart Lafferty for taking the minutes at the meeting)

1. President's Welcome. Neil Harvey opened the AGM by welcoming all members Fellow Members it is great to be able to talk to you this year. Last year I was in no fit state to attend the AGM, the trouble is the older you get when you get knocked down you never bounce back as high as before. These last couple of years I have had too many knock downs and where the mind is willing the flesh is far from capable. Still I have managed to get around a fair few events this year and enjoyed doing them. I have not been able to go to some of the main big festivals, but have continued to fly the White Horse Flag around the area and I will endeavour to do the same again this coming year. I am sorry that we the committee have decided not to run a full blown Festival this coming year, but with all the "Elf and Safety" rules and the lack of the general public supporting the event we could not keep on losing money for the Club as we were. Here I would like to thank all of the members who helped in the running of the past Festival, especially Dave R and Arthur who had to fight all the bureaucracy in the run up to the event each year. Now we are to have an event where we can fly and enjoy ourselves. I do hope that you all make the effort and attend the Fun Fly.

I am sorry if I have stolen the march on any of the following reports but that is one of the perks of the President in speaking first. The other thing is that you may read a slightly different report in "Cowpat Hill" as I hate reading a report and I am liable to ad lib at any time. Much more fun!

As a Club we must try and get younger blood into the Club and onto the committee or we will gradually sink without trace as we all become too old and decrepit to keep the Club going. All it requires a little commitment so that we can do displays and kite workshops in the area so come on and let us recruit new members. Although I have thanked members for their help with past Festivals I also must thank other members for their contributions to the Club during the year and it is nice to see our American representative and the Ticket Chick here in person so that he can give us his report himself instead of e-mailing it through.

Finally thank you for attending today and I hope we have a fine and constructive AGM, Thank You.

2. Apologies. Apologies were received from Ron Dell, Pete Dawson, Dave and June Johnson, Pat and Chris Mabon Brian Smith, Pat McCarthy, Joyce Davis, Phil Baggett, Doug Manners, Noel Hardy. Ceri & Janet Jones.

3. Minutes of 2010 AGM. The minutes of the 2010 AGM were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

4. Matters Arising. There were no discussion points arising from the 2010 minutes.

5. Chairman's Report.

Mr President ladies, gentlemen and American representatives; thank you for coming to this, the 21st AGM of the White Horse Kite Flyers. This is my eighth year chairing one of our AGMs and I seem to be getting the hang of it at last. Only one page of notes!

What a difficult year this has been; the financial problems across the world, the Japanese earthquake and tsunami, unrest in the Arab countries, riots in British cities, the bad news just seems to go on. It appears to have happened in the kiting world as well with such things as the death of Ron Moulton, the demise of Roman Candle and in the last few days the loss of Ron Moody. Numerous festivals have been cancelled and we have decided to call it a day after 21 consecutive Swindon Festivals.

Why have we done this; a great deal of work goes in to putting on this event and this year the H&S requirements required even more controls and the cost of everything from venue hire to marquees and toilets just go on increasing. This has lead to an even larger loss than usual. Also when we looked out at the field behind us there were plenty of people but they were not coming through and spending money on our trade stall. These are the main contributor to our income for the festival and none of them seemed to have made a profit and were asking for refunds and many are unlikely to want to return in future years. We asked via the magazine if any one would like to take over the running of the festival and whilst we got offers of more help, no one wanted

the full responsibility. Another option was to combine with another event at Lydiard but they could see no suitable partners.

On the plus side this year we have got rid of the old trailer and got a new much lighter one that several members are prepared to tow. This was precipitated by our president becoming a one car family with limitations being put on their new smaller car. We have now made space in the store by getting rid of some of the plywood from the old box and have moved arena stakes here and then disposed of the old teddy trailer. Pete Willis who originally provided the chassis for this took it off our hands.

Thanks to one of our members we have found a new site for a Fun Fly and have run a trial event there in September. This proved very successful and enjoyed by those who attended so this may be the way we go in the future, the decision lies with the new committee.

Following the suggestion from Joyce Davis at the last AGM we ran a club livery workshop earlier in the year and whilst this was not well supported we did complete a number of banners pennants and bunting line. These have helped to promote our image at a number of events during the year. More recently we have had Paul and Helene Morgan back to run a workshop making the Cirrus box kite. Every one seemed to enjoy this and the chef prepared food went down extremely well. At the back of the hall a few of us managed to repair and modify the stick men.

Once again the club has been active at many major events in this country and others overseas. Numerous workshops have been run at schools and other functions.

Membership seems to be falling off and whilst this is possibly due to the recession I felt that the club was stagnating and as we have seen at The News of the World the blame goes to the top and they have to go. I had therefore made up my mind to resign at this meeting until:- I received an email from the mother of a little boy who had been at a school workshop I had done. Dan had made a kite at the workshop and taken it away on holiday. Whilst flying it, it had pulled out of his hand and he lost it. He was so upset that his mother located us on the web and found we sold the kits and offered to pay extra as we say the minimum is 10. The kites were so good his brother also wanted one, had it not been for the price of postage I would have supplied these free of charge following such a plea. A cheque arrived with a lovely letter of thanks after very few days. Dan hadn't got the kite then as he was away with his Dad. If I can give this enjoyment to just one child, I know I must be doing something worthwhile. So the bad news for you is that I shall be standing for re-election. However if there is some one out there who is prepared to take on this challenge I would be happy to stand aside so please let us know when it comes to the election. All I want is to see our club continuing to be The Best club.

Finally as ever my thanks to those who have supported me over the last twelve months, you know who you are so I am not going to go through all the names.

Thank you.

6. Secretary's Report. Dave Robinson thanked Arthur for his hard work, and also Don Baggett the unsung hero of the festivals, who mapped the site, marked it out and made sure it was erected properly. Janet does all the paperwork; very grateful to her. Disappointed at support for this year's festival; after 12 months effort there were no more people there than if it had been a normal weekend. The Council are only interested in money. The club had to think of the traders, such as Paul and Helen Morgan, who were not making any money. Even though Marla had been there extracting cash from people, the club itself had lost £1000 this year and last. He believed the festival had reached a natural end.

The new site may have a few tree issues(!) but the owner is very enthusiastic (could be the free beer) and only asked for a donation to the cricket club. WHKF handed over £200 but when the cricket club discovered that their pitch was not going to be used they offered the use of their pavilion for future dates. This was popular with all members present at the AGM.

7. Treasurer's Report. [Accounts can be found at <http://www.whkf.org.uk/docs/accounts.pdf>]

Dave thanked Janet for handling all the Treasurer's duties, and also thanked Helen Peace who had written the report that David read out, he said Janet was too shy to do this. Whilst income appeared to have increased in the last year, this was due to payments for the additional personal insurance now offered by the club. Lower purchases at the festival had reduced sales

but outlay for tents and toilets had gone up. Apart from the capital expenditure on the new trailer, all other costs were stable.

8. Cowpat Hill Report Magazine editor's report

There is very little I can say except my thanks to those of you who contribute regularly to Cowpat Hill. Even some of the regulars take a little bullying to get articles in on time. It is always good to get something from a new volunteer. The best articles are about 500 words long as this gives me about half a page and most people will read this much without getting bored. I re-format most articles into Arial as this is one of the preferred fonts for people with sight difficulties.

There are a number of headings you could write for, how about Poet's Corner, Tips and Tricks, KAPital Snippets, or how about a recipe for Polly's Pantry? Something warming for those winter Fly-Ins or cool and refreshing for those balmy low wind summer festivals?

Do you have anything for Sale or Swap? This is the ideal place to sell unwanted kites or find that rare missing bit.

This magazine is only as good as YOU make it.

Members who have opted for electronic format are finding this good as they get their pictures in colour and any internet links are active. If you would like to receive your magazine this way please just let Janet know.

Whilst talking about the internet I will put on my hat as webmaster and forum admin. I try to keep the site up to date and there is a lot of information about the club and what it is doing to be found on the web site and forum. Please remember this is where club approved events can be found for insurance purposes. If you are going to an event that is not listed please just email us details and we will add it.

If you find any broken links or pages that do not work in your browser advise us and we will try and correct it. As with the magazine the site is there for your use and we can only make it as good as the information you supply.

9. USA Representative's Report. Ron Miller was glad to give his report in person this year.

There had been some turnover of the members, but membership numbers remained the same.

10. Election. Arthur Dibble stood down as Chairman, and as soon as he had done so, Neil stood up to praise Nog's Corner in the Cowpat Hill magazine. In the elections that followed, all decisions were carried unanimously.

Election of Chair. Arthur Dibble was nominated as Chair, there being no other nominations he was duly elected. Proposed by Paul Chapman and seconded by Sally Meadows.

Election of Vice-Chair. Don Baggett was nominated for Vice-Chair, there being no other nominations he was duly elected. Proposed by David Robinson and seconded by Marla Miller.

Election of Secretary. Dave Robinson was nominated as Secretary, there being no other nominations he was duly elected. Proposed by Marla Miller and seconded by Paul Chapman.

Election of Treasurer. In a similar fashion, Janet Robinson was proposed as Secretary by Arthur Dibble and seconded by Sally Meadows.

Other Members. Martin Croxton, Phil Scarfe, Dave Thompson and Doug Jones were all prepared to re-stand as committee members. They were elected en bloc.

11. Festival/Fun Fly. Although the subject of the fun fly had been covered already in some of the officers reports, further discussion was held as it had not really been covered in committee meetings. Dates for the proposed fun fly would be later than the festival it replaced because the new site was used for a silage crop and then grazed by cattle for a period afterwards. The final week of September seemed favourite as it avoids Dieppe and other festivals usually attended by WHKF members. Three other festivals clashed but were all in the east of the country. The cricket season has to be avoided as well. So the 2012 WHKF Fun Fly would be held at Lechlade on 29 and 30 September. Pete Dawson voiced some concerns about flight patterns from Brize Norton that might affect the application for additional height clearance. There would not be any traders on site but a chef would be preparing hot food in the pavilion. The weekend also matched Don Baggett's and Paul and Helen's birthdays so extra beer would be on tap.

11a. John Browning's Bit.

Unusually, and not covered by the agenda, John Browning came forward to make an announcement on behalf of the Grumpy Old Gits (GOGs). Although the WHKF logo was the

Uffington White Horse, it was a well-known fact that the horse could not be seen when visiting the site, and there are no viewpoints nearby. The GOGs photography unit plus Paul Chapman and Les Reid had therefore visited the White Horse to try out their KAP skills with tremendous results. A framed photograph was displayed to the audible approval of all present. The GOGs wished to present the picture to WHKF to serve as the trophy for an annual award for excellence, the winner to be the member who has made an excellent contribution to flying in the year. Neil Harvey accepted on behalf of the club and thanked the GOGs (and GOGs in Training (GITs)) for their work.

The committee after brief consideration felt this was an appropriate point in the proceedings to announce the [Ron Gunter] award to be made to Ralf Maserski, and the trophy was accepted on his behalf by Don Baggett who would be visiting Ralf soon. The GOGs Trophy would be awarded later in the proceedings after the committee had the opportunity to discuss over lunch.

12. Other Events. Margam Park festival would be held 2 – 5 June 2012 and it was understood the organisers could pay some fees. This Jubilee weekend would also see festivals at Bedford and Basingstoke. July 13-15 would be the Westport Windriders festival at Grayling Beach USA, also 14-15 July would be the West Oxfordshire show at Buckingham. The Leominster festival would be held on 21-22 July.

Neil asked members for some help on 16 June at the Scout Jamboree which would be held at Cheltenham Race Course. Also on 26/27 August at the Uffington White Horse Show where the club had undertaken to do three displays.

12a. Workshops. Dave was discussing the possibility of a workshop in 2012 with Dan 'good-looking' Kurahashi.

13. Insurance. Dave Robinson had spoken direct with the Underwriter at Zurich Insurance to arrange the excellent personal insurance cover offered by the club (£5m cover worldwide for £9). BKFA were now following the same route. The club's insurance was only available to members, however a minimum number was needed and had proven difficult to get together. He hoped that members saw the benefits of such insurance and would continue. The new trailer had been insured.

14. Fees 2012/13. Fees were expected to rise due to the increase in postal charges, although it was pointed out that 2nd class was not to rise by as much as 1st. Dave Thompson proposed a mandate for the committee to raise membership fees during the year that was seconded by Trevor Hughes and approved by those present.

15. Projects for 2012. No projects were foreseen at the time of the AGM. The Committee would bring forward ideas in due course following discussion.

16. AOB. In a surprising departure from normal AOB discussions, Marla re-appeared dressed as Michelin Woman but on closer inspection proved to be wearing many many t-shirts which she proceeded to auction one by one. A total of 19 shirts were sold in this way raising £148 for club funds.

Doug Jones mentioned that he could not attend the BKFA AGM because the site chosen was too remote. He was happy to continue as WHKF's representative at BKFA meetings.

Paul Chapman proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for all their hard work on WHKF festivals over the years which had brought pleasure to so many. This received resounding applause.

The first Annual GOGs Award for Excellence in Flying was awarded to Martin Croxton.

Honoraria were discussed, and it was agreed would be awarded to Neil for printing, Don and Di for assembling kite kits, Janet for keeping the books, and to the Cowpat Hill editor (Arthur).

Dave Robinson proposed that 4 awards of £50 should be made and this was seconded by Dave Thompson and carried unanimously.

Marla announced that she had details of the Fort Worden Kite Retreat available. Paul and Helen Morgan were teaching one of the sessions. She also had AKA membership papers if any one wished to join.

17. Raffle. The raffle raised £405 for club funds. Neil closed the meeting with a plea that members come forward to support their club and help out at events. He wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, bid everyone a safe journey and hoped to see them at the next AGM.

Roy Broadley Kite Workshop

Cliddesden Village Hall, March 3rd and 4th 2012

Attention all interested parties-Roy Broadley of Kites Up will be doing a workshop on the DOUBLE STAR, (2m, 8 point) at the Cliddesden Village Hall, on the above dates. It will be over two days-stopping for lunch at the Hall, for a small donation

There are 20 places, of which 12 are remaining, so a first come first served basis. A deposit is required in advance to ensure we cover costs. There will be a kit to work from, you'll just need to bring a sewing machine (plus the usual bits and pieces-scissors, pencil, stitch ripper, etc).

We're not 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 £65.00 per head, of which £25 will be required as a deposit.

(This kite has a 2m wingspan)

Booking form

Double Star Kite workshop, March 3rd and 4th 2012, at Cliddesden Village Hall.

Total £65.00

Deposit of £25 required to secure place.

NAME:.....

ADDRESS.....
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PHONE.....

Please make cheques payable to Kites Up, and send to The Chapel, Farleigh Road, Cliddesden, Basingstoke, Hants, RG25 2JL. 07778 352825

(This can also be paid by Card if preferred)

This image is my 10 point star, we will be making the 8 point version. It can be all one colour, or a 2 colour choice-one for the front and one for the rear of the kite.



PLEASE NOTE. This is an advanced class and not suitable for beginners.

Basingstoke Kite Festival
2nd & 3rd June 2012
At Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane, Basingstoke.
From 10am to 5 pm (both days)

Come along and help us to celebrate our 20th 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.
The theme for the weekend is to be decided soon. As in previous years, a prize will be awarded for the best themed kite, so you can now get carried away with your imagination!
A raffle is held over the weekend with lots of donated kite related prizes, donations gratefully received!
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) 01256 812487

NORTH HANTS KITER'S JOLLY UP 10-April 28th and 29th 2012

It's nearly that time again to 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 food will be the BBQ (£6.50 and try to bring a plate and cutlery please!)

We will be doing Jacket Potatoes for those interested at various times over the weekend, and Bacon rolls available both mornings.

The Auction will once again be held on the Saturday evening, and any donations gratefully received before or on the week-end (before 4pm if poss!)

We will run the Beer Lift competition, wind permitting, same rules as before.

Roy Martin's Sled competition will take place (to contact him directly please)

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

For further info, please either contact:

Roy on 07778 352825

Colin on 07770 338419

Or e-mail roy@kitesup.co.uk

You can pre-order your tee-shirt / poloshirt, just email if interested in doing so.

(The dates for this same event taking place later this year again are Aug 4th and 5th 2012)

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

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	SWEATSHIRT XS-XL	£16.60
T SHIRT 2XL-3XL	£9.50	SWEATSHIRT 2-4XL	£18.20
POLO XS-XL	£14	10 th FESTIVAL XS-XL	£25
POLO 2-4XL	£15		
		RELAX STICKER	£1.00
		PINS, PATCHES	SEE WEB PAGES
CAP STANDARD	£7.50	MUGS, COASTERS	

WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS CODE OF PRACTICE

Always fly safely.

Always be considerate to others using the same area be it 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. If you see dangerous rubbish left by others clear it up or report it.

Never fly near those kite-eating trees.

NOTE: The use of traction kiting at Barbury Castle is forbidden by law.

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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