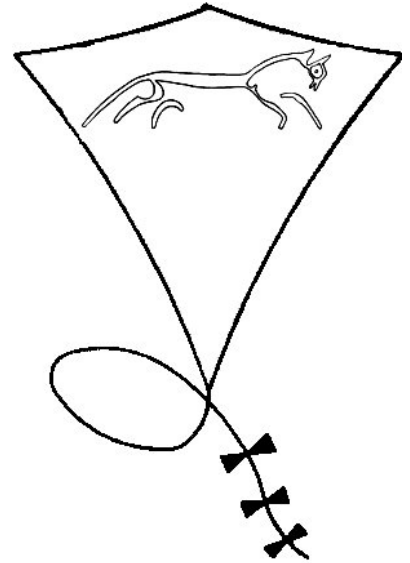


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Four and a half years ago when I took over as editor, I promised that I would not keep on nagging about the lack of articles. Until now I have kept my word and always produced a magazine of sixteen pages. For several issues recently it has been such a problem to fill them that I have had to go back on my word. I now have three options; the first and most appealing of which is to say "I have had enough, Good-bye" but this is the coward's way out. Secondly and probably the most likely is to publish what you send in and end up with some very thin issues or finally, you, the rest of the club members could put pen to paper and let us have a magazine, for the members, by the members. It is up to you, there are plenty of topics and about half a page is perfect, try, "Tips and Tricks", "Poets Corner", "Polly's Pantry", "KAPital Snippets", "Sale, Swap or Wanted", "How and Why I started", "Where I have Flown" it's endless, how do you think I have written so many articles. It is because I love my hobby.

I would like to take this chance to thank all our regular contributors with out whom we would have collapsed long ago: Dave Cross for Cartoon page, John Browning for Puzzle Page, Neil Harvey for Sky-Chat, Dave Robinson for his aptly titled Ramble, more recently Stuart Laffety for Kite Bag and those of you who have submitted articles with out having to be pressurised.

It evidently pays to nag as following my words at the AGM I have received a lot of articles, some of which may have to be kept over for the next issue. So please if you have contributed but can't see your article don't give up, it will be here soon. AND please keep them coming.

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DIARY DATES

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

January

13th Barbury Castle

February

2/3rd Arch workshop

10th Barbury Castle

March

10th Barbury Castle

17th Rodborough Common

April

14th Barbury Castle

20th Newbury Guides{WDT}

27/28th Jolly Up 12

26th-2nd Black Sea & Bucharest

May

11/12th Barmouth Spring Festival

12th Barbury Castle

24-29th Margam Park

25th Roves Farm {WD}

June

Note date and location change. 8/9th Exmouth

9th Barbury Castle

8/9th Teston Bridge

29th Milton Lilbourne Recreation Ground SN9 5LQ{WDT}

29/30th Shropshire Kite Festival

July

14th Barbury Castle

20/21st Beresford Hall

27/28th Dunstable Downs

August

10/11th Teston Bridge

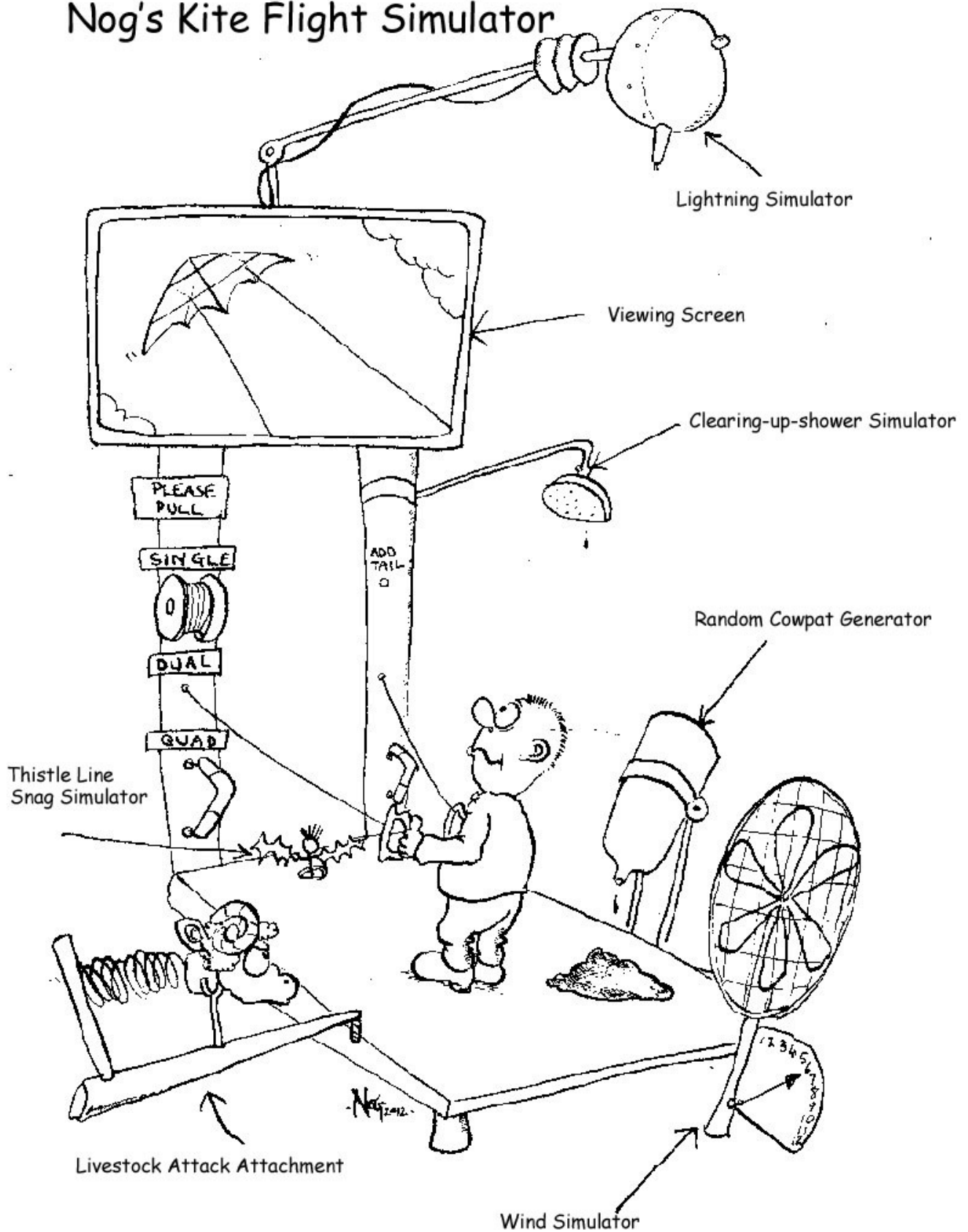
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IF YOU HAVE ANY DATES PLEASE LET US KNOW SO THAT THEY CAN BE ADDED TO THIS LIST

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

DEAD-LINE FOR NEXT ISSUE 31 st March 2013
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Nog's Kite Flight Simulator



Kite Bag 2 by Stuart Lafferty

In my kitebag this month is a Dunford Flying Machine. Mine came from a WHKF raffle in the original wrapper, a piece of kiting history untouched for 20 years until I removed it again to fly. Sqn Ldr Dunford had been an RAF engineering officer fascinated with the way that seagulls flew without flapping their wings. He fantasised that he would be able to control their flight by strings tied to their feet. And having seen a whole 8 oz rump steak stolen off the plate by a seagull at Seaton, I'd like to see that too!

It took Dunford over 5 years to um... 'perfect' his flying machine in the 60s as the first 2 line controllable kite, an interesting claim given Garber's gunnery targets but as they used a small rudder for steering I suppose it may be correct. The orange cambric and ramie dowel concoction is a heavy lump though and I can't help feeling that using a 4 inch kilt pin to attach each of the lines was over engineering. I presume Dunford's prototype might have used aircraft type stainless steel locking pins and Cochrane's of Oxford (to whom he contracted manufacture) substituted affordable alternatives. A simple knot would have done just as well.

A single conyne design with extended wings fore and aft, the Flying Machine is the kind of kite that non-flyers must be imagining when they say 'great kite flying weather'. There's always one joker that knows you fly kites, and when small trees are being battered horizontal in a gale, this is the moment he best remembers it. If you have a Dunford Flying Machine, though, you can laugh because that is precisely the windforce needed for it to take to the skies. The invention of the Flying Machine is said to have astounded the scientific community, to the point where the good old Min of Ag conducted experiments on its suitability for crop spraying. I can't imagine, though, that the kite was able to lift anything - so concerns about drifting spray are secondary.

This being the nature of the kite, I have only flown it once, at the Ostend Festival, where the strong chilly breeze was sufficient to dislodge AKF's giant gecko from her moorings and in to an apartment block. That was more than enough fun for one day!

Letter to the Chairman

Whilst I know that you, as Chairman, are not directly responsible for the quality of items in the raffle, I do however feel that you should be aware of the following.

Since I put a ticket in the bag in front of a dear little mug with kites on it and since Mr Robinson picked out my ticket, I became the new owner of that dear little mug with kites on it.

Imagine my disappliniment (similar to disappointment) when I discovered that the dear little mug with kites on it was cracked. Imagine further, how, when I got home and poured hot water into the dear little mug with kites on it and the water travelled through the crack and formed a pool under the dear little mug with kites on it, how entirely crestfallen (I think the more modern expression is gutted) I was.

Being of a practical bent, I determined to experiment with a view to sealing up the crack in the dear little mug with kites on it - and this is where the more happy part of this account begins.

Some assiduous reading led me to explore the healing properties of casein, the proteinaceous content of your common cows milk. I immersed the crack in the dear little mug with kites on it in boiling milk for about an hour and then allowed the assembly to cool. I may point out at this stage that if you boil something in milk for this long time, great encrustations ensue - which are the very devil to wash off. However, I persevered and ended up with a clean dear little mug with kites on it. I then filled the dear little mug with kites on it with boiling water. No water travelled through the crack.

I have since made several cups of delicious tea and a few cups of delicious coffee in the dear little mug with kites on it and do you know (?) not once has it leaked.

I hope you may find this piece of ceramic technology of interest.

Yours

J Mugsworth

Puzzle Corner (27)



1. Make the equation correct by moving one of the following digits,:
 $62 - 63 = 1$
2. How can you time exactly 9 minutes using only two sandglasses; a 4 minutes one and a 7 minutes one?
3. How many sons and daughters does a man have if his daughter has as many sisters as she has brothers and each of her brothers has twice as many sisters as brothers.
4. Dave's mother has three children. One is named April, one is named May. What is the third one called?

Do you know that, even if you ran very fast indeed, you couldn't fly your kite above 100km.

Answers to john@johnbrowning.net.

Good News: Peruvian banana shares have risen just enough to make us quits!!

Puzzle Corner (26) Answers

1. You spend e £1.10 on a kite and a reel. The kite cost £1 more than the reel. How much was the reel ? **£.05**
2. Use all the digits 1 to 9, each one just once, to find three numbers (of three digits each) such that the second number is twice the first number, and the third number is three times the first number. **192,348,576**
3. Divide this shape into four identical pieces :



4. What symbol can be placed between 5 and 9, to get a number greater than 5 and smaller than 9? **Decimal point**
5. What number comes next? 2, 2, 4, 12, 48,**240**

Skychat.

Well we have had another AGM with some lively debates on certain topics. One topic concerned the date of the AGM in that it clashed with several members family anniversaries, now I know whatever date we have the meeting on it will always coincide with some body's birthday or other events. This cannot be avoided but we can try another date and see if more members can attend. Historically when we started the Club we had the AGM on the second Sunday in November coinciding with Barbury, this clashes with Remembrance Sunday and as we had to bring forward the start of the AGM because of the amount of business it meant those who wanted to attend Remembrance Services could not do so. So I asked if it could be changed to the third Sunday, I know that not so many people attend these days as in the past but I personally feel that having lived through World War 2 I have to and want to honour those who lost their lives. This is my personal view and I do not want to force onto anybody. I hope that enlightens members into the past history of the AGM.

Now to get on to other matters, congratulations to Dave and Janet on their Ruby Wedding anniversary, I wonder how many people at the time said it would never last and now they have proved them very wrong. Here's hoping too many more anniversaries. Arthur has given us due warning that in three years time he will step down from the chairmanship, so we will have to find someone to take his place. This will be only the third chairman in the clubs history, so if anybody wishes to become chairman now is the time to think about it so it is not a big scramble at the end of the three years to find a willing member.

Club Projects and Workshops. Arthur has been doing a lot of work behind the scenes and we as members must do as much as possible to support him. With the Wind Bow ideas are needed for the design so please try to come up with something so you can say that was my part to the project. Remember straight-line designs due to the stresses that occur in flying the Bow. Let us hit the Kite Flying world with a stunning thing of beauty.

The only thing for me to do is to thank all the committee and all you members for the work you have put into the Club over the last twelve months and here's to the next twelve. I hope you all had a Happy Christmas and may I wish you A Prosperous New Year?

Neil.

Kites from Natural Materials

Over the last couple of years, I have been making kites using natural materials.

My inspiration came from seeing the wonderful leaf kites which have been displayed for many years at Dieppe. I often wondered whether I could make such things but felt that it would be pretentious of me to try. However, after finally talking to Claude Comallonga, the creator of these beautiful kites, things changed. Claude not only described how she made the kites but also encouraged me to have a go. With this "permission", I went home and started to learn how to process leaves and make kites from them. Sometimes, I used handmade paper (from Japan, Thailand or Nepal) in combination with the leaves. Then, somebody looking at my kites asked if I made the paper as well. Clearly, my next step was to make my own paper.

Making paper from plant materials is very rewarding; starting with leaves, bark or some weed stalks and ending up with sheets of real paper takes a long time but the result is very satisfying. Wanting to share my enthusiasm for these kites, I wrote a basic website where I can display, as best I can through photographs, my creations.

My subsequent meeting with Claude this year at Dieppe was a wonderful experience for me. We were able to discuss methods, designs, materials and all sorts. I took some of my kites to show her and she was most appreciative – a wonderful endorsement for me, inspired as I have been by her works.

Kite making and flying can lead one along all sorts of avenues and I have found one through which I am travelling with much joy.

If you are interested enough to look, pictures of my kites are on my website:

www.johnbrowningkites.org.

A Perfect Day - Chris Mabon

Looking through a copy of *The Kiteflier* (Iss 131), I was struck by the contrast across two adjoining pages. A report on the Kuwait Kite Festival referred to 'a *select few*' (a term guaranteed to 'grind' with me) having attended the event. The opposing page was entitled 'A Perfect Day' in which one Nikki Biddle, who I do not know, and seemingly during her afternoon off, had walked to the local Moor and quite simply lost herself in some wonderful hours of simple kite flying. No corporate hospitality, no expense, just back to the basics. As Nikki said, 'I knew there would never be another day like this'.

This led me to put together a few of my 'Perfect Days'.

Perfect Day #1 - Porthmeor Beach, St Ives Cornwall

A typical Cornish day – damp and quite windy, such that the beach was virtually deserted, I simply had to exercise my trusted yellow REV 2. Flying started on the beach itself, but very soon incoming waves just had to be 'played' with. The inevitable happened and it was shoes off and into said waves to recover the kite. A long launch (i.e. throwing the kite across and downwind with 70 foot lines – it was becoming windy!) and I was playing again. Being in the water, I was now able to surf the kite on the incoming waves – I was in heaven. It only seemed like a short while before I heard 'The Boss' calling (no, not Mr Springsteen) – 'how much longer was I going to be there, you've been down here almost two hours?'

Perfect Day #2 – Bristol Kite Festival

The daily visitors had departed, the wind was gentle and the evening sun warm. Four of us were flying 'L'Oiseau' (bird) kites in ideal conditions, not always the case at Ashton Court. One of the flyers was Ramial Tien, 'le Createur' of the kite. Ramial had kindly tweaked my beloved L'Oiseau and it was flying superbly – maybe a placebo effect? Anyway, in being able to spin the kite just six feet off the ground I was feeling rather pleased with myself. I then noticed that Ramial was able to get two more spins in after mine - *c'est la vie* I guess! Be that as it may, with the accompaniment of gentle harp music drifting from one of the Trader's stands it was one of those flying sessions that will never, can never, be repeated.

Perfect Day #3 – Dieppe 2012

It was the Friday before this year's Dieppe *Cerf Volant* and we, like others, had set up camp on the seafront. The day started misty with a gentle off-shore breeze but as the sun rose the mist started to disperse, albeit gradually. By nine o'clock I was on the (pebble) beach with my vented REV 1.5 B2 - yes it does work in gentle winds, quite beautifully in fact. The wind, even with its passage across the harbour and the Boulevard du Verdun, was surprisingly smooth and one could almost fly one handed. Axels (yes, one can axel a REV), and indeed multiples thereof, were so simple - the kite was nearly flying itself. By now, the sun was shining, the mist was rapidly dispersing and columns were seemingly rising out of the sea. It was magic. Flying was accompanied, courtesy of an MP3 player, by some good music, including all twenty two minutes of *Supper's Ready* by Genesis. Some two hours later I was called in!!

As with previous articles I have submitted to *Cowpat Hill*, I hope this one will act as a catalyst for other Members to share special flying experiences and in doing so help to fill the pages of our Club Magazine. I am certain there are many worthy stories out there – it doesn't have to be from an exotic location, your kite can be home-made or purchased, the weather doesn't have to be as romantic(?) as #2 and #3 of my 'Perfect Days'. Also, it doesn't have to have been with a REV flown to Rock music – though that, of course, would help

Robinson's Ramble

If you couldn't make this years Fun Fly, you must try to get there next year! A great little venue that would have been better if we hadn't had so much wet weather this year. This year we had the pleasure of Dan Kurahashi as our guest due to us inviting him to do our workshop a week later. Thank all of you who did make it and I thank Kevin for running a great kitchen, lets hope we can get him to take the weekend off next year.

I mentioned earlier that we invited Dan Kurahashi over from Vancouver , to teach his plastic welding method of making a kite train, I did this class about 15 years ago at Fort Worden, and I thought it would go down well at one of our workshops, and it was something that hadn't been taught in the in the UK before. He also made a 100ml Washi Paper and Bamboo, Extended Wing Cody. A great workshop enjoyed by all.

At the workshop I announced that I had had a conversation at the Dieppe festival, with Linda Sanders about her doing a workshop in banner making, for us next year(2013). Linda is the AKA representative for all areas outside the USA, she runs a company making banners, her husband is Kevin Sanders who makes kites for a living. There was immediate interest in Linda's workshop, so after the committee had agreed that we would invite Linda; Arthur put the booking onto the club web-site. The dates for this to be October 5th & 6th. **This workshop can only go ahead if we get 20 participants or more and we need your deposit by 28th February so that Linda can plan her year.**

Janet and me celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary at this years AGM; we would like to say a very big thank-you to our fellow committee members for the beautiful flower arrangement they presented to us we are still enjoying them 10 days after the event.

The status quo was maintained when all of the existing committee and officers were re-elected for the next year. Arthur did give notice that he was prepared to be Chairman for the next 3 years, when he will be 70, at that time we will have to elect a new Chairman, if you fancy joining the committee let me know. Arthur also said that he is prepared to stand down before the 3 years is up; he also said that if someone would like to take over editing the club magazine he is prepared to stand aside from that role too.

The committee are organising a club project that takes place at St.Josephs College, Swindon, on **2/3rd February**. We need volunteers to help with all aspects of making a Wind-Bow. If you have never taken part in one of the club projects, don't be shy we can always find something for you to do. There'll be cutting out, sewing etc, we have no objections if you can come for only one day. If you are an experienced sewer we really could do with your help, but if your not, there will be plenty other things to do. Oh yes! We provide a buffet lunch both days.

Janet & I wish you and your family a very happy New Year.

David Robinson

Fun Fly 2013

The date for this year will be September 28/29th so that we hope Linda will be able to attend. The location will be the same as the last two and the format will be similar to the last one with hopefully less water on the field. As there was a lot of beer left in 2012 we will only be getting one barrel this year but your chairman is working hard to find a suitable cider to supplement this. There will be new patches and feathers for this event.



A Possible Affiliation Between Two Strange Creatures?

It may be of interest to Members that a Member has become a senior Member of another (most esteemed and honourable) Kite organization called The Flying Yetis. It may of course be of no interest at all; in which case, please stop reading this immediately.

For many years, membership of The Flying Yetis was shared by just two – the President and the Vice-President. They came from Nepal to appear at every Dieppe festival. At the 2010 Dieppe festival, the membership expanded to include Mr Dan Rice, Herr Detlef Koehler and Mr John Browning.

It is a requirement that all members hold high executive positions – there shall be no ordinary members. So, the membership expanded from two to five and included a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Company Secretary.

In 2012, there was an executive meeting of the Flying Yetis Board of Executives, where significant decisions and long-reaching adjustments were made. The President became the Vice President, the Vice President became the President, the Chairman became the Vice Chairman and the Company Secretary became something else (since no minutes were taken, no record of his new position can be found but it is most certainly a high office with considerable status). The high office of Company Secretary was passed on to a companion of the previous Company Secretary. A son of the (newly ranked) Vice President was appointed to be another high-ranking Executive. In addition, applications were made during the festival for the positions of Director of Art (France) and Director of Quiltmaking (Holland) (or some such thing of importance). In this way, the membership expanded to a most impressive seven (or nine).

All this glory is bound to continue – Ever Higher and More Glorious could well be our motto, encouragement and aspiration. Time will tell.

What has this to do with the WHKF (also honourable in its way)? In the interest of UK/Nepali confraternity, may I suggest that it put before each group to consider some form of affiliation between the two groups of kite flyers. Synergy is a wonderful thing.

The Humble (but no less esteemed) Chairman of The flying Yetis.

(for an interesting account of the significance of The Flying Yetis logo, please apply.)

A note from the editor.

If you have any idea what this is about perhaps you could write a bit for this magazine to enlighten the rest of us. The only Yetties (with 2 “t”s) known to me are a folk group from Dorset who possibly fly most Friday nights after a generous application of the local libation.

We are not quite sure what the benefits of affiliation with the above institution would have unless it is for the exchange of notes on the said libation. If this is the case please contact the chairman directly as he is currently researching these libations so that a suitable one may be provided at the Fun Fly.

We are currently unsure whether we are a horse, a camel, a dog, a dragon or more recently a cat but should it turn out that we are a mythical beast we could be interested in affiliation with similar be they yeti or big-foot.

In the mean time can we advise that you contact www.lochness.co.uk/fan_club/

Minutes of the White Horse Kiteflyers Annual General Meeting held at 12:00 on 18 November 2012 at the Holiday Inn, Swindon

The President opened the meeting and thanked every one for attending.

Apologies: Martin Croxton, Doug Manners, Trevor Hughes, Paul Parsons, Phil Scarfe, David Cross, Roy Broadley, Hayley Gillingham, Dave Thompson, Donald & Sarah Capewell, Phil Baggett, Di Baggett, Ralf Maserski, Ron & Marla Miller, Brian Smith, Keith Boxall.

1. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Paul Chapman and seconded by John Browning.

2. Matters arising. No matters were brought up against the previous minutes.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2012

Mr President Ladies, gentlemen; thank you for coming to this, the 22nd AGM of the White Horse Kite Flyers.

In previous years I have tried to speak about what the club has accomplished during the year but this just seems to repeat what the President has to say. However I would still like to say how pleased I was with the success of the Fun Fly and the good turn out we had. We are planning another in 2013 but I shan't linger on details as this is covered in a later item on the agenda. Similarly the workshop went well with Dan Kurahashi and planning for the 2013 one is well under way but again will be discussed later.

Next I would like to talk about what we are hoping to do in the next twelve months but that repeats what the secretary has to say and is also covered in later items.

This leaves me with the weather and what festivals have been cancelled and this repeats what you have been saying all year. Suffice it to say that 2012 has been a bad year for kiting weather wise and this is confirmed by the forecasters who, with the benefit of hindsight, can say that it has been a cold, wet year.

So what should I talk about? I have thought about this for some time and decided to give you the reasons I am resigning, but then I realised that you wouldn't let me resign, so what's the point.

This does bring me more seriously to the heart of what I wanted to say. None of us is getting any younger and even what should be pleasurable, simple tasks, like running a kite club, become more arduous. Providing my health holds up I am prepared to go on for another 3 years if so required but after that I want to be able to sit back in the old rocking chair and just enjoy the hobby. This means that we have to get some younger people in to the club and give them some time to get ready to take over.

Now I would like to have a grumble about you the members. There seems to be a general apathy in the club. Members turn up for events that we have organised but a club should be more than that. Over the years we have had club projects such as the arch and play sail so that we can get together and all be part of things. I recently tried to get a club ribbon arch project started and the response has been very poor. Only 2 people offered to help with appliqué and 2 committee members have commented on construction. The materials are purchased but is it worth bothering with so little interest. I am grateful to the members from AKF who have let us see how theirs was made.

Projects and events should not be only ideas from the committee but should also come from the membership. In fact the constitution says that events should be run by a subcommittee of members including one member of the management committee. So How about it? Let's see some one else run something for the club. Brighton have a Christmas bash that looks to be great fun, how about a Light Up The Sky or bonfire party like Kites Up or resurrect the Halloween Fly. If you can combine it with food and booze you will have a winner

At this point every year we have to offer our sympathies to those who have not been so well and this year I am sure you will all join with me in offering our condolences to the family of Phil Parsons who died suddenly from leukaemia in September. With his wife Nesta and his brother Paul with his wife Pam they were very active club members representing WHKF at many events and were recipients of the Gunter Cup. They had become particular friends of mine as they were heavily in to the world of parachuting bears and we liked nothing better than to get out there and drop bears as fast as we could and watch the children have fun. Phil will be missed by many in the kiting world. Let's hope he is getting better winds and weather than we are.

The final item in my address is not only the most important one but also the most enjoyable one. It is to say thank you to every one who has supported me during the past year. There are many of you out there who have done your bit, no matter how insignificant it may seem, to make this job worthwhile. So to all of you members, committee members, Janet who takes care of the purse strings, David who takes care of most things, Don who keeps us supplied with kits and Neil who started the whole thing and occasionally gives a little tug on the reins, my grateful thanks.

4. Secretary's Report. Dave Robinson, said that he didn't have along speech, and if he did it would more than likely mirror the speeches of Arthur and Neil. He asked for the members commitment when signing up for club events, he said that what he meant by this was when we advertise an event with a deposit involved, that we need the booking form and deposit ASAP after the form is published, he explained that the need for a deposit is due to the club usually having to let the teacher of a workshop know ASAP so that they can start making kits. He said that it was vital for the next workshop with Linda Sanders because we will need to let her know in April even though the workshop isn't until October. Special thanks from Dave Robinson on a personal basis and on behalf of the club to Doug Jones for arranging Dan Kurahashi's itinerary of interesting trips whilst in UK.

5. Treasurer's Report. The report was given by Helen Peace in her capacity as the Club's accountant.

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

INCOME

SUBSCRIPTIONS ETC.

The majority of the club income appears here, Festival Sales and Bank Interest being the exceptions. Compared to last year, this has reduced but some of this is attributable to the introduction of prepayments and accruals into the balance sheet.

The prepayments and accruals have been introduced in order to properly account for workshop income and expenditure in the year in which it takes place, rather than on a cash basis of when the monies are paid and received.

FESTIVAL SALES AND BANK INTEREST

Festival sales reduced significantly as a main festival wasn't held this year, only the fun fly. Bank interest is slightly reduced due to the balance in the reserve account reducing year on year.

EXPENDITURE

Main festival expenditure was greater than income, as per last year, but only marginally.

Accommodation and workshop overheads are still included due to the October 2011 workshop being in the year. The prepayments and accruals only account for the 2012 workshop.

Professional fees are NIL due to change of accountant.

The depreciation has increased due to revisiting the depreciation policy. Existing assets, prior to September 2010, will depreciate over 3 years, on a straight line basis, commencing in the 2011/2012 year. Additions, from September 2010, will be depreciated over the relevant and useful life of the asset. This has been determined as 7 years for the asset additions in 2010/2011.

SUMMARY

There is an increased deficit this year, primarily due to reduced income and changes in both depreciation accounting and the write back of some pins, previously held as stock and now written back to the expenditure line.

WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2012**

	2012		2011	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Subscriptions etc.		4213		5963
Main Festival Sales		839		3029
Bank Interest Received		<u>2</u>		<u>3</u>
		5054		8995
Expenses				
Main Festival Expenditure	1040		3534	
General Club Purchases/Expenditure	977		1383	
Accommodation and Workshop	1981		2017	
Donations	200		350	
Insurance	1122		989	
Postage and Stationery	576		529	
Professional Fees	0		196	
Depreciation	<u>674</u>		<u>470</u>	
		6570		9468
Surplus/Deficit		-1516		-473

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2012**Fixed Assets****Tents and Trailer**

Balance b/f	2351		1048	
Additions	0		2273	
Sales	0		500	
Depreciation	<u>674</u>		<u>470</u>	
	1677		2351	
Net Value of Fixed Assets		1677		2351

Other Assets

Stock	3437		3000	
Bank	6351		7793	
Cash	247		56	
Prepayments	<u>1018</u>		<u>0</u>	
		11053		10849

Liabilities

Loans (from Initial Members)	240		240	
Accruals	<u>1046</u>		<u>0</u>	
		1286		240

Net Value of Assets

11444	12960
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Represented By

Retained Funds brought forward	12960		13433	
Surplus/Deficit	-1516		-473	
	11444		12960	

At this point John Browning suggested the club could actively seek to offer workshops; a targeted mail-shot could be the answer. This suggestion was not discussed further as the meeting broke for lunch.

6. Cowpat Hill and Internet Site. Articles are needed, preferably kite related. As magazine editor, Arthur asked for support from the club to keep the magazine interesting. However he will publish blank sheets if there are no articles to fill them.

7. USA Report. Dave Robinson gave the report on behalf of Ron, suggesting that a reduced subscription could be offered to US members as they could not benefit from insurance. This would be discussed in committee.

8. Election of Officers. Neil presided over the election for Chairman. There being no other nominations, Arthur Dibble was re-elected unanimously. Arthur thanked the meeting and stated his intention to continue as Chair for the next 3 years (subject to re-election) but would then be standing down. He then presided over the elections for Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chair, and Committee Members. These are the results:

Post	Elected	Proposed by	Seconded by
Secretary	Dave Robinson	Dave Johnson	Pat Mabon
Treasurer	Janet Robinson	John Browning	Paul Chapman
Vice-Chair	Don Baggett	Charlie Peace	June Johnson
Committee Members	Phil Scarfe, Martin Croxton, Dave Thompson, Doug Jones.		

9. Presentations. The Ron Gunter Cup was presented to Kevin Griffiths for culinary excellence in the field of kite flying (especially at the fun-fly). The club presented flowers to Helen Peace for her work on the accounts and to Dave and Janet Robinson to mark the occasion of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary which was the day of the AGM. The Grumpy Old Gits presentation of the aerial view of the Uffington White Horse was presented posthumously to Phil Parsons, and his wife Nesta.

10. Future Events. The next Fun Fly would be the last weekend in Sep 13 and would be same format as 2012 provided a suitable Chef can be found. Kevin confirmed his availability. Due to reduced consumption only a single barrel would be provided next time. Arthur would select from the range of local ciders and all showed their gratitude for the personal sacrifices he would have to make in sampling so many brews. The next workshop would be held in Oct 2013 with Linda Sanders, an Aussie-based ex-Mancunian who specialises in feather banners. Deposits of £40 were sought by end-Feb. Two designs on offer at the workshop; an oriental lady (£100) and a lattice (£80). Linda would be part-funding the trip to visit relatives but a full group of 20 people would be needed to cover the club's costs. Currently there is a problem with a location for people wanting to use their camper vans. Andrew Rumming will investigate the possibility of using the farm.

11. Insurance. The club's insurance only applies if it is a club event. Club events are those advertised by the committee or shown on the website. Club insurance does not apply if you are flying alone. Personal insurance is available through the club at a bargain £9.50, which provides £5m worldwide cover. Renewals are due in June or after that date but cover expires the following June.

12. Club fees. The idea of an increase to £20 was discussed. Eventually an increase to £15 was proposed by Roy Martin and seconded by Andrew Rumming. This will take effect from Nov 13. The cost for an additional member remains the same at £5.

13. Club Projects. Arthur led discussion about the project which is to build a George Peters style Windbow. The plan was to decorate it with a geometric design. Dates were suggested for Mar 13 (but this is overtaken by events as a date was subsequently dictated by the availability of the school.)

14. AOB. Due to limited numbers resulting from a number of clashes, it was suggested that the 2013 AGM would be held a bit later, on the last weekend in November (24 Nov). A vote of thanks was proposed for Doug Jones who continued to attend BKFA meetings on the club's behalf. This was the club's route to guidance on vulnerable groups. Honoraria of £50 each were agreed for Don, Janet, and Arthur (proposed Dave Johnson, seconded Charlie Peace). Meeting closed in the traditional style by conducting the raffle.

Following this the raffle was drawn with the proceeds going to covering the cost the lunch. Our thanks to those of you who contributed so generously. The meeting was closed by the president who wished every one the season's greetings and a prosperous new year.

Our thanks go to Helen Peace for her work on the accounts and to Stuart Lafferty for taking the minutes.

Christian Baden Powell Kite Workshop

Cliddesden Village Hall, March 2nd and 3rd 2013

Please note, this is **not** a beginner's class!

Attention all interested parties-we will be hosting a workshop by Christian Baden- Powell, 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, so the usual format for those who have been before!

There are 20 places, with few 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, hot cutting tool, seam cutter, adhesive -Christian uses a strong wallpaper paste (plus the usual bits and pieces-scissors, pencil, stitch ripper, etc).

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 £70 (38gm) or £80 (chikara) per head, of which £40 will be required as a deposit please.

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Booking form for Rokakku workshop, March 2nd & 3rd 2013

Deposit of £ 40.00 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)

As 2013 is the year of the Snake (water, also known as Serpent) this is our theme, but not a "must". The goal is to build an appliquéd 1.2m Rok fighter kite (with a difference!) . Please ensure that the design is done before the actual weekend, not larger than 800x1000mm, come prepared! Blog Info Link: <http://levitor-kites.blogspot.de/2012/09/rokkaku-applique-workshop-march-2013.html>

NORTH HANTS KITER'S JOLLY UP 12 April 27/28th 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..

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

Basingstoke Kite Festival 1st and 2nd June 2013

**At Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane, Basingstoke.
From 10am to 5 pm (both days)**

Come along and help us to celebrate our 21st Festival and join in the fun!

Guests from Home and Abroad will be joining in, 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, 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, please let us know on the Saturday in the morning)

Camping is available on the Friday and Saturday evenings for £7.50 (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)

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	£14.50	SWEATSHIRT XS-XL	£16.50
T SHIRT 2XL-3XL	£9.50	POLO 2XL-4XL	£16.00	SWEATSHIRT 2-4XL	£18.00
T SHIRT FESTIVAL	£9	NAME	£4.00	FESTIVAL XS-XL	£25
PATCHES	SEE WEB SITE	TEDDY LOGO	£6.00		
PINS					
MUGS					
COASTERS					
STICKERS				CAP STANDARD	£7.50

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 aerals.

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.

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