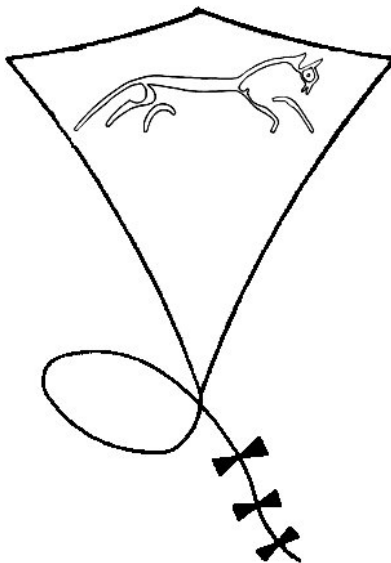


COWPAT HILL

Journal of the White Horse Kite Fliers

Autumn 2015 January - March



Here it is, sorry its so late.

All contributions very welcome, email them across at andrewrumming@mc.com.

Andy

www.whkf.org.uk info@whkf.org.uk

Diary Dates

January

- 11th Barbury Castle

February

- 8th Barbury Castle

March

- 8th Barbury Castle
- 29th Minchinhampton Kite Day

**Deadline for next issue of Cowpat Hill
31st March 2015**

For other dates please go to www.kitecalendar.co.uk



Robinson's Ramble

Important announcement! For those of you interested in participating in Linda Sanders Banner workshop in September, it is very important that you commit to the event by sending in your deposit! At the time of writing this ramble we have only had 3 deposits, we need at least 15 participants to commit before the end of February, if we can't get that amount by then the event will not be viable. You can send a cheque made out to WHKF, at 61, Bridge End Road, Swindon, SN3 4PD, (the Club's PO Box number has been dropped due to costs) or pay by BACS, please call us on 01793 824208, for the club's bank details. (they aren't on the club website anymore, on the advice of the bank). Arthur has told me recently that Linda is prepared to do your own design; I presume you will have to arrange this with Linda via Facebook.

Thank you to all of you who made it to the AGM, for those of you who couldn't make it, you wouldn't be aware that Arthur reminded the members that he is in the last year of his term, he did offer to resign there and then if anyone else wanted to take the roll on, there were no takers! If this is a position you could fill for the club, please let us know.

Whilst looking for something write in this edition, I Googled "Kite Books", of course good old Wikipedia opened up, I thought I could cut & paste a list of books that you might like to add to your collections. Well, that wasn't possible, I counted 59 in the first list, then there was the Power-Kiting list, it's amazing that our hobby is so written about. I noticed at the top of the list Tal Streeter, "A Kite Journey through India," I'm not sure if you are aware that Tal died this year. Several years ago Tal was a guest at the Bedford Kite Festival, the Club were there doing a Children's workshop, he came to the tent and just stood there for some time watching us make the kites, eventually he asked about the kite so I introduced him to Neil Harvey, who had modified the sled from the normal "Allison" design. Tal told Neil that he had seen the Children flying them and was very

impressed how well they flew, he said that he knew Allison and he remembered when his first design came out, he told Neil that it didn't fly well in all wind conditions, which our club one does! The next day Tal came back to the stand and asked to speak to Neil again, this time he had a small Allison Sled with him, he showed it to Neil and then told him to keep it! He said he was so impressed with Neil's modifications he thought he should have this "Original Allison Sled", which left Neil with tears in his eyes but feeling very proud. It's sad that Tal died in October of 2014.

Just got back from Barbury, where several club members came out to celebrate Christmas with the "Christmas Pudding Fly," it was cold with not too bad a wind. Those members, who were brave enough to attend the cold conditions, were fed with Christmas pudding, which I brought to life on the griddle with brandy and butter.

I hope you all had a great Christmas, Janet & I wish you all a Happy New Year.

David Robinson

Barmouth beach kite festival, is on again in 2015, hosted by Waine Hucker

Venue, on the beach opposite the the lifeboat station, at Barmouth north wales, the dates June 6 and 7 2015 in conjunction with the Mawdach paddle regatta,

The annual beach kite festival, is on the weekend of 11 and 12 July 2015,

there is ample car parking next to the beach, around £3.50 a day conveniences and eateries all within a 5 minute walk.

for more information contact waine@barrikiteflyers.com

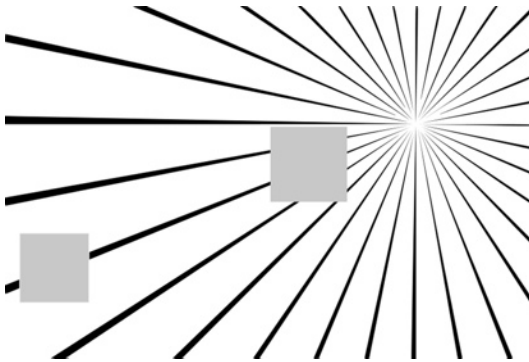
Puzzle Corner (33)



1. I have invited my father's brother-in-law, my brother's father-in-law, my father-in-law's brother and my brother-in-law's father to come to dinner. How many sets of knives and forks will I need to set out ?

2.

Which square



is larger ?

3. Calendars become dated and you might have to wait a long time before an old one becomes useable again. How many different month layouts are there?

4. Can you arrange 6 matches to make FOUR equilateral triangles?

IMPORTANT NOTE: I never receive any answers !

Does anyone read Puzzle corners ?

Are the questions too easy/difficult ?

Should we stop Puzzle Corner ?

Answers to john@johnbrowning.net.

NORTH HANTS KITER'S JOLLY UP 16 on April 25th
and 26th 2015

Gate open from 12noon on the Friday...

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* midday onwards (£8 per tent/camper for Fri and Sat night), Fish and chips available on the Friday evening (via the zipwire!) from 6am to 9pm.

The Saturday evening food will be the BBQ, tickets available on the weekend-(£7.00 and please try to bring a plate and cutlery!)

Once again we will be doing Jacket Potatoes for those interested at lunchtimes over the weekend, and Bacon rolls will be available on 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 please* if poss to give us time to set it all up)

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 For orders: hayley@kitesup.co.uk

You can pre-order your tee-shirt / poloshirt, etc. Please **email Hayley** if interested in doing so.

(The dates for this same event taking place later this year again are Aug 1st and 2nd)

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

Basingstoke Kite Festival

6th & 7th June 2015

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

Come along and help us to celebrate our 23rd 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! There will be a theme of INVENTIONS for those who'd like to fly theme related kites.

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 pre-book and pay on the Saturday morning, from the Raffle Team as available numbers are very limited!)

Camping is available on the Friday and Saturday evenings for £10.00 (payable on the weekend) You will be able to get onsite from 1pm onwards on the Friday, no earlier please! (**Council stipulation**) 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

A breath of fresh air, or not a nappy in sight.

This year has seen the return of the “Peter Powell” stunt kite. The shape hasn’t changed only the materials and the patterns. For those of us flying kites back in the ‘70s this was the stunt kite that most of us cut our teeth on. Aluminium spars, plastic sail, wooden handles and the trademark 100ft tubular tail. They were easy to fly and fairly robust. I still have mine with the classic bits of sticky tape repairs. Manoeuvres were smooth and simple and even for the uninitiated they rarely looked as if they were falling out of the sky. Back then your arms didn’t have to be the same length and any way the lines stretched so you compensated with making your arms move. Another great benefit was that you only had to carry one, what ever the wind the springy bit in the middle of the spreader took care of it, no ultra-light, standard, vented and super-vented and certainly nappies were only found on babies.

Moves then were limited to loops and horizontal or vertical passes with none of today’s impressive spins and stall tricks. We still had great fun and a popular game was “combat flying” when several of you stood close together and tried to cut each others tails with your kite, the winner being the one who had the longest tail at the end of the session.

It has been good to see Peter’s sons, Mark and Paul flying the new version, usually as stacks of three. The one thing I have noticed is that they seem to be much easier to launch. My wife gave me my first PP for Christmas 1977 little knowing what a life-changing gift that would be. My thanks to Peter for all the enjoyment I and countless others have had from these kites and I wish his son’s every success with their venture.

Arthur

Hi, Cliff Quinn here on the other side of the Pond. I look forward to receiving our news letters, this one however was quite special to me. David Robinson talked about his visit to the Dieppe Kite Festival and doing so mentioned me and the kite making we did in the AKA marquee with children visiting the festival. I'm humbled that he talked about the children I work with . Some time ago I came to a fork in the kite road. For many years I did kite making and flying for my own pleasure, I also did children's workshops. One day something struck my thinking and this voice said "Cliff it's time to give back to the community." Here in the states we have an organization called Ronald McDonald Charities ,purely by fate I got connected with them and I attended a summer camp for children with Cancer. The first year I did kite workshops and now a few years later I'm a councilor and activities specialist. Yup, sleep in cabins with the youngsters:~) After my experience with Ronald McDonald kids I searched for other places that provided similar services. I came across an organization called "The Hole In The Wall Gang Camp" This camp was started by Paul Newman before he died. His vision was to have many camps to provide a fun place for kids to go where they can forget about their troubles and raise a little hell. The great thing is there's no cell phones allowed and no parents. We have the children for a week of all kinds of fun things, fishing, swimming ,boating, archery, arts and crafts, wood working pottery, horseback riding and a raft of other exciting activities, and of course kite making and flying. The children who attend the Newman Camps have a variety of illnesses, cancer, hiv,sickle cell, major organ transplants, immune diseases, to name a few. Today there are over 25 camps world wide, including Ireland and also in the UK. I have an open invitation to visit these camps but finances prevent that. This year I visited 5 camps and spent 6 weeks on the road. Besides camps I visit children's hospitals and do kite making right in the hospitals. No, we can't fly in the hospital (HA!) but the children have something to look forward to when they go home. My gosh words can't describe the warm feeling you get when you see the smiles on their faces and you've made a difference in their lives. Sorry for the rambling :~)just had to thank the White Horse People who were at the Dieppe Festival that pitched in and helped with the kids kites

Warm regards
CLIFF QUINN

Rattles from an old reel

Paul Chapman

By the time you get this it will be well past the shortest day and soon the days will become a bit lighter. You should be kite making.....but....

But to the present...it is a few days before that welcome Winter Solstice and I have been pondering what I actually achieved last year. If you really are kite making I will be quick...a few kite books and a couple of kite adventures. If you are not, then read on.

My kite-life is split between hunting down old kite books and related kite history stuff and going off for the odd kite adventure. This year I had planned to return to Vietnam with my Aeolian friend Uli Wahl when we would again explore the flute kites and try to find the lost villages where handmade paper is made. This was going to be expensive so the books budget suffered.

That lasted until mid-January. At that point Andrea Casalboni popped up from Ravenna to say he was culling some stuff from his historic kite library and was I interested in his copies of the "Revue du Cerf Volant"? Ouch! The pre-Great-War Revues are like gold dust so, of course, I realigned the budgets and started negotiating (complete banking collapse more likely). And then, as so often happens, there was a pincer movement on the fast depleting resources when the remaining photographs of the kite archive of the Kite and Model Aeroplane Association surfaced. Actually it was a subliminal Good Thing since the Revue turned out to be the corner piece of the KMAA archive. Sometime previously I had bought copies of La Revue Aerienne of the same vintage and these and the Revue du Cerf Volant are bound in exactly the same way. The grey card endpapers in these Revues are the same as the card that is used for the 30 or so kite photos that I had acquired of the same vintage. Wow!! After many years of wondering what happened to the KMAA papers, they have come home to roost in my bookcase! Anyway, the revue and the accompanying chance to buy a bound volume of "Le Cerf Volant" pretty well finished off my travel budget.

The big kite-flying season in Vietnam occurs mid April and is determined by the elusive Vietnam solar/lunar calendar. Time ticked on and increasingly things looked gloomy for Vietnam. My plan was to get a flight to Japan which would stage through Hanoi allowing me to get to two countries for the price of one. "Go and talk to the Vietnam Kite Heritage people". We wrote in English and Google Vietnamese; deGoogling from the Google Vietnamese to English gave a hint to our gobbledegook as nothing emerged from Hanoi. But Japan? So then I tried a China/Weifang to Japan route. That was hijacked by Andreas Agren who was masterminding a festival in Beijing and another in Wuhan...but how about Hamamatsu? Ah, there was a problem in Hamamatsu....they were overwhelmed by

the forthcoming visit by Andreas and Edo Borghetti. Scuppered again!

Rethink and this time it worked. I have Ron Moulton's kite archive and in it are some stunning photos from the giant kite festival at Yokaichi. Accompanying this is a large miniature giant Yokaichi kite auspicious to the Royal Wedding. That, coupled with my love of the abu-dako, allowed me to formulate a plan. There was Plan A, Plan B and Plan C.

Plan G saw me arrive in Tokyo Narita Airport, take the local bus and emerge into the bright sunshine of Nihombashi. Nihombashi is pretty much central Tokyo and very modern. I found a tardis and hit level 3 on the magic keyboard. The tardis disgorged me through the kite curtain into ancient Japan. This is Mr Modegi's famous Tokyo Kite Museum and contains Masami Fukuoka who not only looks after the kites, but also makes kite magic. They have kites there...lots of them. Lots of fantastic paper and bamboo kites. And books!

A couple of days later I got onto a train and, having tunnelled through the mountains, emerged at Takaoka where I was met by Ohye Makato. We went to find out about Japanese washi...the handmade paper. That night was spent in an ancient thatched papermaking cottage somewhere in the mountains with umpteen tatami mats and the open fire gently staining the bamboo roof timbers. Ohye-san did his best to translate my book from Nagoya...the one written in 1780 with the abu-dako woodblock plates and where the abu bones are made from smoke-stained bamboo taken from the roofs of ancient cottages.

I met Mr Nakamura at the Daimon Kite Festival. He is the Chairman of the Abu-dako Group. We were talking when a little whirlwind came upon us. A wayward abu was swept upwards and ascended a significant distance before landing back more or less where it had started. We carried on talking. Mr Nakamura was a little surprised to be shown a new-to-him abu in the old book of Nagoya. It turned out to be my trump card. The festival itself was fantastic, chaotic and hugely fun. Then I went to Nagoya on the train.

Nagoya was complicated since it was important to make the right impression. I had met Masaaki Sato before but this time we met in his house/workshop. It was full of abu! We went to the river, across the famous bridge (in my book with the Nagoya Shogun's retainers and the kite). The abu group was there to welcome me and show me how to fly the abu. Fortunately I can fly fighters so, when they gave me the impossible to fly little round one, it didn't crash. Phew! They go for £300 and upwards! Something must have worked since the next day they opened up the city museum to show me the really ancient abu which are used as models for today's kites. My translator just happened to be the last descendent of the Shogun! Then they made me a member of the group and, now wearing the approved Happi jacket, I was able to buy my abu. Buy? They were showered on me!



Then I went to Omihachiman which is a short train ride from Yokaichi. Making a photo book of the Japan Kite Association visit to England at the time of the Royal Wedding was a stroke of genius! There is a giant kite museum in Yokaichi. Giant, as in huge. Some of the giant kites shown there are huge too. The festival is held on the banks of the river close to the massive Lake Biwa. Once again it was a huge, exciting and noisy festival of paper and bamboo. The big kite had a Shinto blessing. They gave me a photographer's pass so I could nearly get myself killed by the 750kg kite. And Sassa gave me another beautiful abu. The next day I was visiting a man who made the most exquisite miniature kites. Then, before I left, there was the business of kite packing and taking the gift of the 3 kg Yokaichi 3 volume kite history to the post office for onwards delivery to Blighty.

One day I went to Kyoto and met the Last Samurai in an old bookshop. Full samurai regalia too. Mr LS told me that he could whip out his samurai sword and dice apples when they were thrown at him. I wish I had had one to try! He was well into his 80s. Then I went back to Tokyo via Mount Fuji (at 250 kph as the trains go like bullets) to the kite museum and to Kanda. Kanda? Old books. I found a huge pile of woodblock kite prints but they were all £750 a pop! Then I remembered buying the *Revue du Cerf Volant*! I spent my last few yen on washi...koko and gampi. Oh, and in the restaurant where the Chinese staff found it very funny that I could not speak Japanese but could get by in Mandarin.

Back to Blighty.... What then? Basingstoke and Gittesen. And then Portsmouth where I occupied a tent along with a few old kites. Original Cody stuff, the triplet of hunting kites from Pitlochrie circa 1860s together with the Bussey's and Darts hunting kites. Various military kites...Wheelwrights and the Brookite submarine wireless kite that can be erected in a confined space. An original tetrahedral cell from Mr Bell....oh, it goes on and on. The only kite I flew was the indoor one on my Arduino controlled device that incorporates an infra-red proximity sensor/speed controller for health and safety reasons. So, given that I did not fly, I was somewhat perplexed to be given the Kiteflier of the Festival trophy just before it started to rain. Was that a hint?





After Basingstoke it was Dieppe with John Browning and Tony Baker. Wall to wall sunshine all week. Such fun! And Lego Jurgen had made me a personalised fighting kite...close up it is a jumble but when seen from a distance? Masterpiece. We went to Amiens on the Sunday for the WW1 re-enactment, complete with period kites. Then a few days later I was in China. The Chinese kite scene has all but collapsed and all I could find were some poorly made nylon stuff. None of the silk and bamboo of the 1990s. But the highlight occurred during our trek to the south where we visited a bamboo mountain and where it was possible to negotiate/steal some fresh green bamboo from the bamboo foresters



KAPping the Welsh pit pony at Penalta was free!

You can find more if you look me up on Facebook. Take a look at the various kite flying albums. And there is yet more if you visit Bobbooks.com and search on "kites"; the books are expensive but at least you get the chance to look. And what about 2015?



Guy Reynolds Polar Bear Kite Workshop

Cliddesden Village Hall, March 7th and 8th 2015

Attention all interested parties-Roy of Kites Up is organising a workshop at the Cliddesden Village Hall, on the above dates, on behalf of Guy Reynolds, as Lutz and Lotte have had to pull out due to health reasons

It will be over two days-stopping for lunch (for a small donation) at the Hall.

Most spaces are full but we do still have some.

There will be a kit to work from, you just need to bring a sewing machine (plus the usual bits and pieces-scissors, pencil, stitch ripper, etc, as per usual). **The best colour is white. !**

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.

The cost for the workshop is £110.00 for small or £170.00 for large, with a required deposit of £60.00

Small is 1m to the shoulder and 1.6m nose to tail.

Large is 1.5m to the shoulder and 2.4m nose to tail.

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Booking form

Guy Reynolds Polar Bear workshop, March 7th & 8th 2015, at Cliddesden Village Hall.

Deposit of £ 60.00 required to secure place.

NAME:.....

ADDRESS.....

PHONE.....

Please contact me for any other details, at info@kitesup.co.uk thanks-
The deposit can be can be by card or direct bank payment if preferred

Banana Loaf

After a while with out a recipe, here is a fine one for munching on the kite field with a cup of tea or a glass of beer, a truly versatile snack!

This came from my Grandma and is one of the small number of cakes I can reliably make. Its normally comes into play when the bananas have gone a bit on the black over ripe side and often I double the mix and do 2 at once as its a no fuss chuck it in type of bake. Just watch the cooking time, your oven may be more modern and hotter than mine.

Andy

Ingredients

100g soft margarine
100g soft brown sugar
2 Eggs
200g Self Rasing flour
1 level teaspoon of mixed spice
1 table spoon of golden syrup
2 large ripe bananas (over ripe is fine)
100g of sultanas

Method

Grease and line a large loaf tin. Mix togheter flour and spice into large bowl, add remaining ingredients and beat together well until thoroughly blended. Turn mixture into prepared tin and bake in pre heated oven 350F 180C, gas mark 4 for about 1 hour, then reduce temperature slightly and bake for another 20 minutes. A skewer inserted into the centre of the cake should come out clean if baking is complete. Allow to cool in tin.

WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23RD NOVEMBER 2014

Welcome to all. This is the 24th WHKF AGM.

Apologies

Stuart Lafferty, Paul Parsons, Brian Smith, Dave Manners, Martin Crowther, Ron & Marla Miller, Pat & Chris Mabon, Richard & Alison Stephens, Dave & June Johnson, Dave Thompson, Phil Baggett, Jason Marks

Minutes of the 2013 AGM

Agreed as a true record.

Proposed – Phil Scarfe

Seconded – K Griffiths

Vote – Unanimous

Matters Arising

None

Chairmans Report

Mr President, ladies, gentlemen; thank you for coming to this, the 24th AGM of the White Horse Kite Flyers.

This has not been the easiest of years; a very wet winter has affected not only kite flyers but also many people in this country. Then there has been the world wide financial problems and as you will hear from the treasurer's report WHKF have had plenty of their own. Then there have been the world wide health scares and sadly this year there are some notable empty spaces in our sky. Just before Christmas there was the news of the tragic death of Kelvin Woods who was known to many of us and he had taught one of our workshops. Then early in the New Year we lost Ron Dell who, trading as Kiteability had supplied many of us with materials and had been a keen supporter of this club. Later in the same month our long term club member Pat McCarthy passed away. Today we are grateful to his family for many of the prizes in the raffle. If this was not enough, barely a month later we lost Charlie Sottich. How many times over the years have we heard the cry of "Thank you Charlie" as another one of his miniature kites has been won at one of our raffles? Finally Bryn Baggleley, who we knew from many festivals lost his battle with cancer

Let's see if we can move to happier times and mention some of the successes of the past twelve months, sadly the Christmas Pudding Fly was called off thanks to the weather but we hope to try again this year on the 27th

December as usual. In March we had a great workshop lead by Jan van Leeuwen making the five sided, twisted box kite when all attendees completed at least one kite and those who had booked an extra kit were near completion of the second. These have been seen at many places throughout the year notably with a laser display inside from Roy Martin and used for some great aerial shots by Donald Capewell. At the end of the month we cleaned out the store and sorted and identified all the kites there. Thanks to all those who came and helped.

Those of us who didn't go to Dieppe had a spectacular day at the September Barbury meeting and I think it was the best display we have ever had there in 25 years I have been with The Club.

Our last event of the year was the Fun Fly and whilst every one enjoyed a very relaxed weekend there was very little wind and only a few hard working flyers managed to get anything high enough to stay aloft.

In one of my rare articles to the magazine I did have a bit of a rant about litter particularly at Barbury Castle, it doesn't only make the place look horrible but can be dangerous to live stock and children. Even if it is not dropped by club members, as they are known to fly there, they will be blamed. Don't do anything to injure yourself, like picking up broken glass with bare hands but if every one picked up just a few bits and dropped them in a bin the country side would be a nicer place.

As always during my few words I would ask you all to do what you can to encourage new and younger members to join our hobby and persuade the next generation that out doors is not all bad and exercise is not just for the fingers on a keyboard. As we all know there is a lot of enjoyment and relaxation to be had from the hobby even if you are not being pulled along at great speed or risking life and limb jumping through the air. Help them to understand that what they learn at school can often be applied to kites and make it fun.

Two years ago I foolishly said I was prepared to continue as Chairman for 3 years if required. I would be delighted if some one else was prepared to take over this year as I have had a few more health problems and had to miss some meetings. What ever happens I shall not re-stand next year so please think about it and step forward.

Finally I must give my thanks to Neil for starting this Club his support through out the year and for printing the magazine, to Janet for keeping our financial records, Dave for his endless organisation and problem sorting, Don for keeping the supply of kite kits for events and orders that help to fill the coffers, Kevin for the great food, Andrew for editing the magazine and all the rest of the committee for their help. I must also mention Helen who audits our books and is often seen in the kitchen helping Kevin. And last but not least to all of you club members who put up with us lot year after year.

Hon Secretary's Report

Where do I start, the first shock on this insurance problem was last year when Zurich stopped issuing personal insurance, thankfully Gerry was able to help us with the BKFA being able to still get [virtually] the same policy as ours, due to the BKFA being our governing body. Then we had the scare, would Zurich carry on with the club insurance? So when the renewal time came I called them to be told that they would do it but they would be looking at it for the future. I had a conversation with them telling them that our membership had dropped to half of what it was the previous year. A few weeks later we got confirmation that they would re-insure us. What surprised me was that the premium was the same as the year before when we had many more members, so I called them, to be told that the drop in membership didn't affect the cost of the policy, I protested that it had in previous years, but it didn't cut any ice with them, so we had no choice but to pay up. At the next committee meeting I informed the committee, we were now in a bit of a crisis, with only 65 members and an insurance bill of £600. We needed to find a way of cutting costs, so we came up with the plan of ceasing the club insurance and putting all members in the personal plan through the BKFA, Arthur put this out through the website and in the next magazine and we were going to announce these changes at this meeting, then a few weeks ago in a chance conversation with Helen, where I had to hand over the booking form for next years workshop, on this form I had to fill in details of the CLUB insurance. I then explained to Helen our plans for putting all members in the personal plan. She explained that that really wouldn't cover us for hiring the the School facilities, she also pointed out that all people attending would have to be a club member and be insured by us. She then told me that we could be at risk in the future because our sport attracts families and if say just the father was a member and they came to an organised club event and one of his children picked up a kite and hit someone with it the club could be liable on the duty of care basis. So at the next Committee meeting I informed those present with the latest stage we were at with the insurance, the outcome was to carry on with the club insurance, we decided to increase membership by £1 to help with the club costs. I also told those present that between the committee meeting and the AGM either me or Janet would contact Zurich, it was still bugging me that we were still paying the same premium for 65 members as we were where for 145. Janet made the first contact with Zurich, (she works for them), The outcome was that they offered a mid-term discount of £238, the guy Janet spoke to, told Janet to get me to call them, I did this only to be told that the original guy had been moved to a different department, so I had to explain it all again to this new person, we had nothing

in writing from the first person Janet had spoken to. Luckily she concurred with original contact, the outcome is that the sum of £238 is to be to the club.

Hon Treasurer's Report

WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS 2013/2014

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

INCOME

SUBSCRIPTIONS ETC.

The majority of the club income appears here, Festival Sales and Bank Interest being the exceptions. There has been a very slight decrease in club income compared to last year.

FUN FLY AND BANK INTEREST

This year's Fun Fly was, again, very successful. Bank interest reduced; however, the amount received is immaterial.

EXPENDITURE

The surplus from this year's Fun Fly increased, primarily because of the auction. Regular interrogation of the prices and overheads is essential as reliance on the auction is too risky.

General overheads have fallen this year due to some capitalisation of assets. Depreciation has increased due to the capitalisation mentioned above. All other expenditure lines are comparable to the previous year.

SUMMARY

There is a slightly reduced deficit this year and the introduction of accruals and prepayments in the previous year allowed for all actual in-year commitments to be included, enabling an actual picture to be established.

Cowpat Hill Editors Report

Andrew Rumming thanked all for the regular contributions. Any other contributions gratefully received, including pictures, articles etc. Moving the Flysheet moving onto an A5 version has contributed to a drop in postage costs.

Andrew advised that a new security gate is being fitted at Park Farm – He will send the code.

The committee thanked Andrew for his support.

Website Report

Arthur will be giving up the website next year. He needs volunteers to check the website. The website is written using HTML. Really need someone with HTML experience to take over. Arthur invited those interested to contact him. It is important because it's where club approved events are listed. This makes it a critical part of the process, due to insurance expectations.

If anyone finds a mistake on the website please let Arthur know.

USA Representatives Report

Ron & Marla Miller wanted to attend but can't, however, they send their best wishes.

Ron Gunter Cup

Ron Gunter Cup was presented to Keith Boxall. The club thought at length over this. They have settled on someone who is always good and entertaining in kite flying. He attends all events and his commitment is appreciated.

Elections of Officers

Chair – Arthur Dibble

Proposed N Harvey, Seconded J Swift

Vice Chair – Don Baggett

Proposed D Robinson, Seconded P Chapman.

Secretary – Dave Robinson

Proposed D Baggett, Seconded M Martin.

Treasurer – Janet Robinson

Proposed Dave Robinson, Seconded Allen Coates

Cowpat – Andrew Rummings

Catering – Kevin Griffiths

Committee Members

Martin Croxton

Doug Jones

Dave Thompson

Phil Scarfe

All were Unanimous vote.

Fun Fly 2014

2014 went so well that there is a commitment to next year. The 2015 event will take place on the 26th and 27th September. We are awaiting confirmation on availability of the site, however, if the site is not available we will be able to use

the field on the opposite side of the road. There is a public right of way running through this field but that will be cordoned off for the weekend.

Questions were asked:

Do we provide Beer?

Cider will not be provided due to wastage and discussions still need to be had about the food. Maybe fish and chips? The committee will confirm the position once agreements have been reached.

Workshop 2015

Linda is doing a banner workshop in 2015. Information has been circulated. Need 15 paid up deposits by end of Feb 2015 (£30.00). 2 have paid and 4/5 have expressed interest. It is not viable if less than 15. The club cannot subsidise. If we can't go ahead with Linda's workshop, there will be a workshop but it will be a different one. Guy Reynolds has offered his polar bear as a workshop. Phil Scarfe suggested that alternative only be discussed if Linda cannot go ahead due to lack of interest.

Liability Insurance

Covered in Secretary's Report

Fees From 2015/2016

The committee were previously given a mandate to change fees if the insurance demands warranted a change. All agreed that this mandate should be carried forward so that the committee can make the necessary arrangements and then report back.

Changes to the Constitution

Some changes to the constitution were originally anticipated, due to the insurance situation, however, these have now been suspended. No other changes were suggested.

Projects for 2015/Events

During the year the Arch was completed as modifications were needed. For new projects we need to consider the financial challenges. No other projects were suggested.

BIKF – The Bristol Festival will take place in August 2015 but the weekend PRIOR to Portsmouth. The venue has also changed from Ashton Court to Durdham Downs.

Bedford – No word yet

Duckington – Attended by us for 6/7 years. They have offered, in 2015, to provide a specific area for WHKF. The event takes place on 18th and 19th July.

Minchinhampton – Sunday 24th May

Summers Pond – 20th and 21st June. This has always been a well supported event and offers plenty of other activities.

The Jolly Up and Basingstoke Festivals are on the website.

AOB

No AOB was raised

Close of Meeting

Neil closed the meeting by thanking everyone. The Raffle raised £261, which covered the costs of the AGM and food.

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 aerials.

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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