

COWPAT HILL



Journal of the White Horse Kite Flyers

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Congratulations to our new Chairman David Thompson. He has taken over at a time when The Club has a lot of decisions to be made about our future. Also changes in regulations that must be promoted to all our members. How many of us have read even the abridged edition of the new CAA regulations or the latest risk assessment for flying kites and parachuting teddies? I have tried but they are very heavy going

It was good to hear David suggest in his inaugural address that he was already thinking about a second annual event and hopefully other changes will take place during his term in office.

We must also think about what to do with a lot of the older very large kites that WHKF have. These are difficult to fly and transport and they are starting to go mouldy even in our great storage facility.

Another major problem is towing the trailer. Up to now the burden has been taken mainly by Neil with occasional help from me. If you are going to an event where the trailer is required and you have a tow hitch fitted to your car we would be glad of your help and some expenses to help with fuel are usually available.

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Diary Dates

FEBRUARY 2018

11th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

MARCH 2018

11th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

April 2018

7-8th Minchinhampton

8th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

14-22nd Berck

28-29th Jolly Up

May 2018

5/6th Broad Haven

7th Hilton Court Gardens

13th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

13th Streatham

25-28th Margam

June 2018

2-3rd Basingstoke

2-3rd Brean

10th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

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AFTER A SLEEPOVER AT NANNY'S....

On Sunday morning, I woke up very excited as Grandad was going to take me to Barbury Castle where the WHKF have their monthly gathering. I was looking forward to trying out my RC model aeroplane, as previously, I had only managed a little go in Grandad's garden! Grandad's garden is not that big and has fences both sides with two apple trees in it. We had a go, but we stopped when it flew over into next door's garden so we had to retrieve it before their dog thought it was a toy. So before we left I was snooping through Grandad's kite selection and found a pterodactyl kite. Dinosaurs are my favourite things, so I was looking forward to trying it. We arrived at Barbury, I had taken lots of clothes as Nanny said it can get cold up on the hill, so I wore wellies and a big jumper. First, we tried the aeroplane, it took a lot of practice but we did get a bit better, although it went over the fence and landed in the sheep field twice! Next we tried the pterodactyl kite, but that didn't fly as good because there was not much wind. A nice man called David Robinson came over and gave me a little green tadpole and said "this will fly if you run with it". I thanked the nice man, and off I went. I did not have to run too hard because it flew very well. My fondest memory of that day was a skeleton kite with a pirates head on it, and learning how to tie a larks head knot! I couldn't wait to get home to tell Mummy about my exciting day.

Kieran Probert aged 9

(Doug Manners Grandad)

PS. Thanks to Arthur who found my jumper and called Grandad to let him know that he had found it and would look after it 'till my next visit. (I took it off because I was hot with all the running!)

This is the sort of article we love to receive as it means we have done the right things and hopefully inspired Kieran to enjoy kites for years to come as so many of us have done. If there are any mistakes in the Kieran's letter please blame me as I received it in hard copy format and had to re-type it.

Ed.

BUBBLES

Who sniggered? No I am not talking about the young ladies who come up when you put it in as a Google search. The soapy kind that you played with in the bath as a child, maybe you still do.

For years we have run round various fields trying to get kites into the air when the wind is being fickle or perhaps you are tired from chasing teddy bears large distances when the owners have failed to watch where you are parachuting them. I never thought that I would want to stop doing this. But sadly time catches up with all of us and we look for something less strenuous to entertain people at windless events. Well look no further. You will not be alone. Look at various festival reports from around the world and you will find a number of them have pictures of people making bubbles.

Children love them and parents will always want to take pictures of the children with them. If you don't believe me just try it and watch. Get a cheap bubble gun and lots of liquid and start bubbling.

A real bonus is that it is not as expensive as kite flying just a few bits and pieces, many of which can be made from broken bits of kites. The only recurring cost is the bubble liquid and when you start making your own even this becomes affordable.

If you want to have a try go to my web pages at:-

<http://www.tedberets.co.uk/BUBBLESINDEX.html>

I have tried to pull together all the bits I have found on the internet and some successful bits of my own. Most importantly there is a reliable recipe for Bubble Liquid that works out cheaper than the ready mixed and works really well. You will find this is important when you get involved because you start needing gallons of it to keep the children happy and you can even let them have a try.



Told you the
children love
them.

Wordsearch from Andrew Beattie

Apparently there are 30 words hidden in the following square and they each have some connection with kiting. They can run, horizontally, vertically or diagonally and in any direction. Good luck, they get difficult after 20.

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Sky Chat

Here we are into another year, they seem to come around rather quickly these days. Still what have we to look forward to, firstly we have a new Chairman (or should we say Chairperson so that we do not upset any group of people), welcome Dave T to the honoured position and I hope that you will enjoy your tenure of the job. Secondly, we must thank Dave R for his term as Chairman, he stepped in to the position when nobody else was prepared to do the job at the time. Whilst Dave was never happy being Chairman he did keep us on the straight and narrow and now he is back as Hon. Sec I hope that he will contented and carry on serving the Club so well. Thank you, Dave.

Do not forget we have a "Morgan Workshop" coming up and if anybody is still hesitating about doing it please hurry up and let Don Baggett know, it is always good fun doing one of our workshops. The committee are getting a new brochure printed and we must thank John Browning for all his hard work and patience's in putting it to bed. Quite a few emails flew around the committee to get consensus in a very short period of time. I hope that Members will take a few each to hand out to other kite flyers you meet and try and persuade them to join "Our Club": we need some new blood in our midst so that old codgers like me can just relax to fly kites.

Now you all know how we all tend to pull Dave R's leg about his kites and the number of times that he fly's them and that lovely crisp crackling that they make due to the lack of flying: well, I have found a word that describes that noise, it was in "The Daily Mail" a few weeks ago. So here it is: **SCROOP** It was coined in 1892 with meaning of; The rustling sound and crisp feel associated with material, especially silk. No ripstop around in 1892. So, we now have a Scroop flyer in the Club.

During the past year a few of our members have not had the best of health, to those members I hope that the coming year will be much better for them. I am sorry to report that Bob Angell's partner Lyn passed away in November. Lyn had suffered poor health for several years so now she is at peace. I and the Club send our condolences to Bob, friends and relations of Lyn.

I hope that this coming year will give us all plenty of time, good winds and sunshine to fly our kites. Not like December's Barbury, I do hope that no one did venture up the hill that day, in fact I think the road was closed. Anyway, A Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year to one and all.

Neil.

Robinson's Ramble

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the AGM, the attendance never ceases to amaze me, especially as most of you have to travel several miles to get there, also thanks to Charlie & Helen for letting us have the large hall, it's a great help having friends and members of the club who can offer such a facility, a very special thanks goes to Kevin, who got to the School at 8.30 to start preparing the food.

So my tenure as Chairman has ended, to say I'm relieved is an understatement. I took the position two years ago when Arthur stood down after twelve years. It was a position I had never sought, I did it because nobody else wanted to do it. I have to say a big thank you to Dave T for taking the position, I know he will be very good at it and I wish him all the best. I will be a lot happier in my old position as Secretary, a position I have held since the Club was formed.

It was brought up at the AGM about a club project, this is something that we have done several times in the past, it was good that Don had anticipated this and brought some small diamond cut outs for members to take away to do some appliqué on, when that's done and returned to Don he intends to make an arch. Let's hope Don's initiative leads to lots of other projects.

When you have run out of things to say a recipe is always good to fill space, so here is one that an Italian friend cooked for us several years ago, we liked it so much I got the recipe from him and have made it several times since.

Ingredients: for two people, you'll need about 12 medium size broccoli heads, a tin of anchovies in olive oil, enough spaghetti for two, one garlic clove, about 20cl of white wine, a knob of butter, pepper to taste, about 70 grams of grated Parmesan.

Method: boil the broccoli until it's al dente' then take from the water and keep for later, at this point I cut the stalks off. Now put the spaghetti into the water that the broccoli was boiling in, cook until ready. Whilst the broccoli is cooking start making the sauce in a large deep frying pan, crush the garlic, add the wine, the knob of butter, and the tin of anchovies, keep mixing these until they break down into the sauce, when that's amalgamated, gradually add the Parmesan to make the sauce, once that's ready take the spaghetti from the water with some tongs let it drain a bit then gradually add to the sauce and mix in until all of the spaghetti is covered in the sauce. Serve and enjoy! You can also sprinkle some more Parmesan over it if you like lots of cheese. Don't be put off of this recipe if you don't like anchovies, all you are doing is making a fish sauce, you will not know there are anchovies in the recipe because they break down almost completely.

There you go, if you have a good recipe, Arthur will put them into the Cowpat, then we can all enjoy your concoction.

David

Draft minutes of WHKF AGM 21/11/17

Welcome

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for coming. He reminded all that the AGM is for everyone to have their say so please don't hesitate to use it. He then handed over to the Chair.

Apologies and Attendance

31 apologies were received

22 people were in attendance

Minutes of 2016 AGM

The minutes were accepted as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Proposed by David Thompson

Seconded by Arthur Dibble

Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

Chairman's Report

The Chair thanked everyone for coming. Another successful year has gone by. The Fun Fly was a great success and the catering was excellent so thanks to Kevin, David, Carol and Helen. Marquee was a great addition to the weekend and saved a lot of time taking down on the Sunday. Auction raised a great deal of money so thank you to all for digging really deep. We would welcome all suggestions regarding the fun fly, to improve even further.

A lot of members have been ill this year so give thoughts to them. A vote of thanks was recorded for Kevin and Carol for their efforts in the "Kitchen" at both the Fun Fly and the workshop.

Hon. Sec's Report

Mostly covered in Chairs report. Janet was elected as secretary and treasurer last year but doesn't want to continue in both roles for the forthcoming year.

Treasurers Report

We have made a deficit in the year but this was due to a proactive decision by the Committee to offer free membership for the year and free food at the Fun Fly.

It was explained that the tax position this year has become a consideration as the club has been trading. There are rules regarding trading which could, ultimately, impact on future years. This year we have managed to avoid any tax liabilities but the club will aim to use the monies raised in each year, within that year, going forward.

The Treasurer recommended another free membership year.

Acceptance of the accounts was as follows:

Proposed by Keith Boxall

Seconded by Allen Coates

Cowpat

It's a very short report this year. We are still scrounging for articles. January very full but the April issue is always very thin - articles welcome and encouraged. Hope you are all are enjoying the new format and printing - thanks to Neil. Arthur tries to keep the internet up to date but please let us know as soon as people know there's something wrong with the website so that it can be corrected.

A vote of thanks was recorded to Arthur and Neil for all their work.

Election of Officers

Chairman – Don Baggett nominated David Thompson as Chair for the coming year this was seconded by Janet Robinson. David Thompson accepted the nomination and there being no other nominations was duly elected as Chair for the ensuing year.

David Thompson assumed the position of chair for the meeting.

Vice Chairman – Don Baggett stood for re-election.

Proposed by David Thompson and Seconded by Martin Croxton.

Unanimous.

Vice Chair Don proposed by David Thompson, seconded Martin Croxton

Unanimous

Secretary - Dave Robinson stood for election.

Proposed by Arthur Dibble and Seconded by Marilyn Martin.

Unanimous

Treasurer – Janet Robinson stood for re-election.

Proposed by Arthur Dibble and Seconded by Roy Martin.

Unanimous

Auditor – Helen Peace stood for re-election.

Proposed by David Thompson and Seconded by Carol Cruikshank's.

Unanimous

Cowpat Editor – Arthur Dibble stood for re-election.

Proposed by Allen Coates and Seconded by Roy Martin.

Unanimous

Committee Members – Martin Croxton, Kevin Griffiths, Neil Harvey and Doug Jones stood for re-election.

Unanimously voted in

Dave Cross stood for election onto the committee

Proposed by Arthur Dibble and Seconded by Charlie Peace

Unanimous

WHKF Fun Fly

Current format is a 12.00 arrival on Friday. Festival commences Friday evening. There was a suggestion that another event in the year as an add on might be popular. Fun fly is popular but reliant on a number of people for continuation. Need to check if that nucleus of people is willing to look at an additional event.

We are open to suggestions on venue - convenient to most people and good relationship with the cricket club and the owner of the land. If the venue were available on another date it would be good to use. John Browning suggested all being on the lookout for other suitable venues.

David Thompson said the age profile is increasing so other events and venues would, therefore need to be explored.

Current published date for next year is the 28th and 29th September but the date has changed to the 22nd and 23rd September 2018. These dates are after Dieppe. Dieppe is 8th to 16th September 2018.

Workshop

The Workshop is on the 3rd and 4th February at the school. Kite is a twist and done by Paul and Helen Morgan. Cost is £95.

Other Events

We were invited to an event in Tisbury in the year and it was a fantastic event.

A summary was given for the next event. Event is on the 20th May 2018. White Horse has been invited again. It's called Middle Down kite festival. The actual date will be posted onto Facebook and the secretary will be advised.

There was some discussion surrounding camping possibly being available.

Normal events will continue, such as Ducklington, Minchinhampton etc. All dates are on the website.

Indoor event at St Josephs on 3rd and 4th December

Mince pie fly is at Cliddesden on the 17th December.

WHKF Christmas Pudding fly in on 27th December.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm.

Well that's another year of kiting over; we've had the AGM congratulations to David Thompson as our new Chairman, and a great thanks to David Robinson for his service in the role.

A big thank you to all the committee and those members of the club that have helped out over the year and we look forward to more adventures next year, especially to the Kitchen team David, Helen and Carol I couldn't do it without you.

To those of you attending the Christmas pudding fly on the 27th I hope you have a great time, I won't be there unfortunately as I'm away for Christmas this year, but I trust Arthur and David to look after the puddings lol

We start again next year with the workshop in February where we will be providing lunch on both days, if you'd like to join us your more than welcome After that there are various events we attend and some we do workshops for Then there's the big event of the year the Fun Fly, all the usual fun and games as per normal lol

I'm sure we'll see you there at some point either on the field or at the marquee enjoying some food and drink, again the kitchen team will be providing the full service dining we've come to expect from the event from full English breakfasts though to something slightly new for lunch this year and the usual feast on the Saturday evening before the auction

We'd love to see you there and if you fancy a laugh just pop into the kitchen tent and watch the touring production of 'The Clampets do Cooking' Hehehehe.

Kevin

NORTH HANTS KITER'S JOLLY UP 22 on April 28th **& 29th 2018**

Gate open from 12noon on the Friday...

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 (£10 per tent/camper for Fri and Sat night)

Fish and chips available on the Friday evening (via the zipwire!) from 6pm to 9pm. Please order and pay at the bar.

There will be Hot food on the Saturday evening (£8.00 and please bring a plate and cutlery where possible!)

Once again we will be doing Jacket Potatoes at lunchtimes over the weekend, and Bacon rolls will be available on both mornings.

The Auction will be held on the Saturday evening, and any donations gratefully received before or on the week-end (*before 4pm please* if possible to give us time to set it all up and Hayley to sit down for a while (-:)

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

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.

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

Basingstoke Kite Festival

2nd and 3rd June 2018

**At Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane,
Basingstoke.**

From 10am to 5 pm (both days)

Come along and help us to celebrate our 26th 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 pre-book and pay on the Saturday morning, from the Raffle Team as available numbers are very limited!)

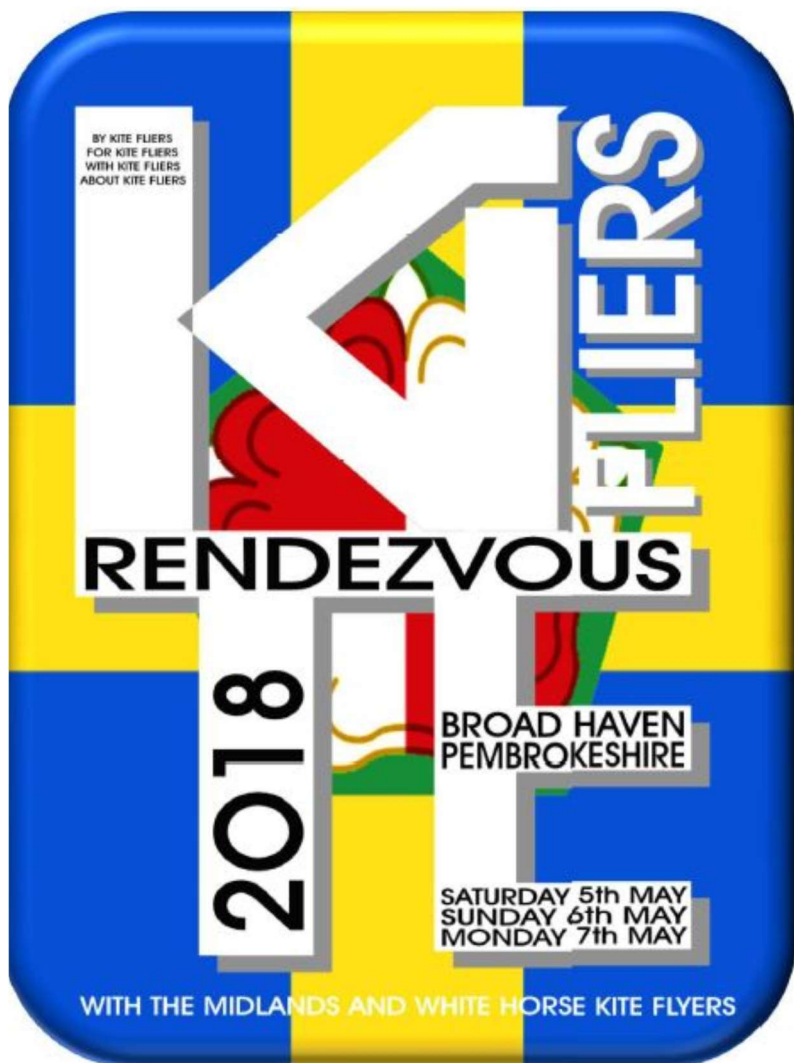
Camping is available on the Friday and Saturday evenings only, for £10.00 (payable on the weekend) and you will be able to get onsite from 1pm onwards on the Friday, no earlier please! (**Council stipulation**) There are Showers and Toilet facilities on site.

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



For details go to <http://www.whkf.org.uk/BHKR.html>

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.

Never fly at a height of more than 60m above ground level, in the UK unless a CAA clearance is in force. (as at festivals) IF YOU DON'T KNOW.....ASK.

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

Never fly near power lines, transmission towers or aerals.

Never fly near airfields.

Never fly a kite with anything metallic in the line.

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

Always use a brake line when flying large kites.

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 animals.

Never fly near 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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