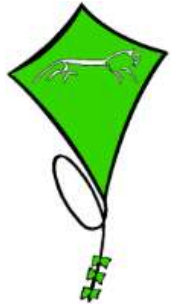


# COWPAT HILL



*Journal of the White Horse Kite Flyers*

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## Tadpoles in the dark

For many years the major fund raiser for The Club is the children's kite making workshops. We have done them for many different organisations such as schools, Guides/Scouts, various festivals and country shows. If you fancy helping at one of these or know of a group that wants one put on, please just contact any one on the committee. We are always glad of help.

OK so this was a first for me. I did a workshop for a scout group in Oxford. 25 mixed group of boys and girls of differing ages and abilities. The workshop went well and within an hour all of them had completed. With 45 minutes of the meeting still to go it left a bit of a void. A few of them suggested they would like to try flying their kites but by this time it was pitch dark. There was a small field surrounded by trees, attached to the scout hut so the leaders switched on the outside lights and armed with torches allowed the scouts out in groups.

I have never seen anything like it at any of our events, anything from 5 to 10 children running round the field in different directions flying kites in the dark picked out by the light from torches. They all came in laughing and exhausted and no one was hurt apart from one kite with a broken bridle and there was not a single screen or keyboard in sight.

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# Diary Dates

## January 2019

13<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle club fly-in

## February 2019

10<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle club fly-in

23/24<sup>th</sup> Workshop with Ralf Maserski

## March 2019

10<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle club fly-in

## April 2019

14<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle club fly-in

27/28<sup>th</sup> Jolly Up 24

## May 2019

4/5<sup>th</sup> Broad Haven

6<sup>th</sup> Hilton Court Gardens

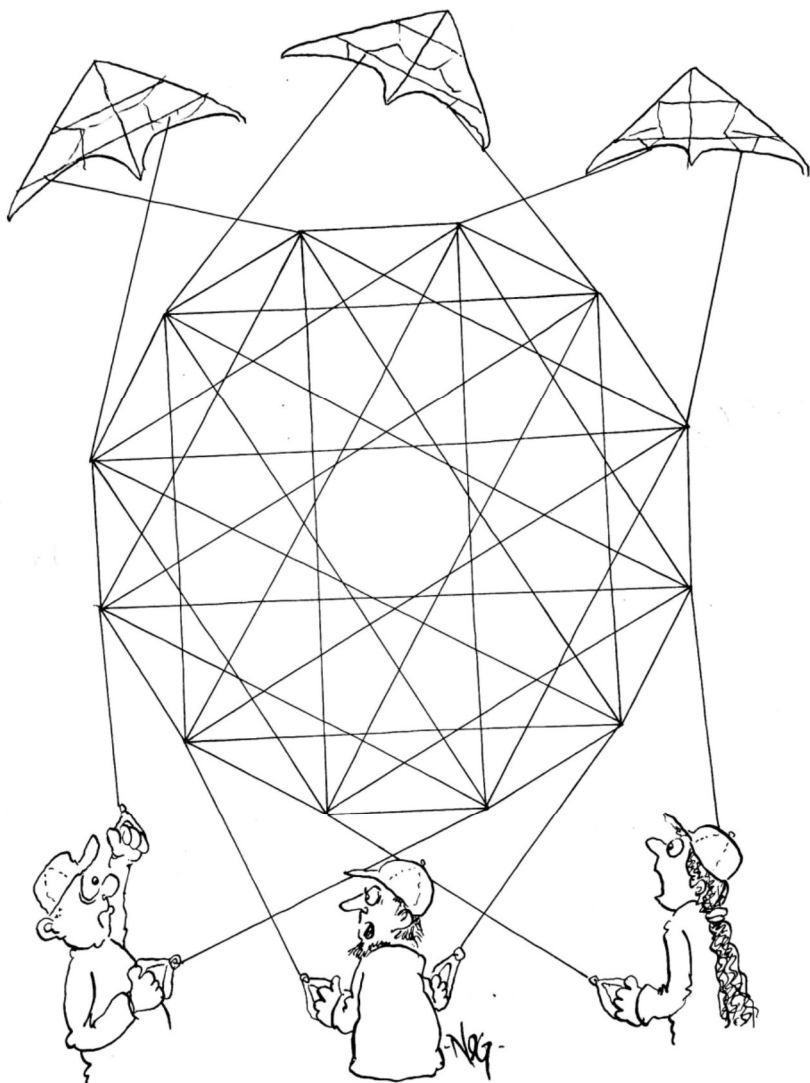
12<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle club fly-in

## June 2019

1/2<sup>nd</sup> Basingstoke

9<sup>th</sup> Barbury Castle club fly-in

Dead line for next issue 31st March 2019
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"YOU TURNED LEFT INSTEAD  
OF RIGHT AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?!"

## **Crackdown: Police arrest eight kite runners**



RAWALPINDI: Police in their crackdowns against kite sellers have arrested eight suspects and recovered 62 kite flying string rolls from their possession.

According to a police spokesperson, Saddar Baroni police held Azan for possessing 150 kites and two string rolls, Yasir on recovery of 20 kites and a string roll, Falak Naz for having 600 kites and five string rolls.

Westridge police rounded up Haris on recovery of 505 kites and 24 string rolls. Naseerabad police also recovered 600 kites and 20 string rolls from Abdul Rehman.

Race Course police conducted a raid and held Javed for possessing 500 kites and three string rolls. Saddar Wah police sent behind bars a kite seller namely Bashir and recovered 57 kites and four string rolls and Abid with 22 kites and three string rolls.

*Published in The Express Tribune, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.*

## Skychat

Well after my helicopter ride and two months of inactivity I am now getting around on my two legs again. Thank you for the cards and messages I received from you, it was a great moral booster. I was able to make it to the AGM thanks to my driver Claire (I cannot spell chauffeur) (*shouldn't that be Chauffeuse? Ed*) which I thought was well attended and as usual you turned up trumps with the Raffle. Many thanks to Marilyn for making us part with our money. Also thank you to Kevin for the Grub I really enjoyed it, there again I like cheese. To carry on from that I have to thank all the committee for their work during the course of the year and I hope that we continue to have a good year in 2019. I am very sorry I missed the Fun Fly as I was going through my kites to bring out a few that have not been flown for a while! This is when I went and stumbled sorting out all the bits and my leg went Snap, Crackle and Pop, so easy. May be next year I can fly them.

This coming year I MAY have to take things a bit easier but I do not promise it, I will have to take things as they come? There was little comment on any Club project for this coming year but if anyone thinks of anything in the meantime please shout out about your idea to the committee who can discuss it and hopefully get it up and running. The ball/kite is in your court.

Finally may I wish you all a belated Happy Christmas and A Prosperous New Year and may your ideas come to fruition and we have clean winds and tight lines.

**Neil.**

# WHKF AGM 18/11/18 12.30PM

## **Welcome**

The President thanked everyone for their attendance today, it's nice to see so many people here. Please take this opportunity to explain everything you would like from the committee.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their recent cards and good wishes. Everyone to the meeting and handed over to the Chair. The President the handed over to the Chair.

## **Apologies and Attendance**

8 apologies were received. 29 people were in attendance

## **Minutes of 2017 AGM**

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

Proposed by Alan H; Seconded by Jason M; Unanimous Vote

## **Matters Arising from Minutes**

No matters arising

## **Chairman's Report**

Another year comes to a close with our AGM.

What sort of a year was it? For some more eventful than others it is with great joy that I mention Our President, who despite severe challenges, is with us today and seems as indefatigable as ever.

The club is ever reliant on a core of dedicated people and it would be remiss of me if I did not mention them in this report.

Don Baggett, who despite recent health issues, organises the Workshop Weekends.

Arthur Dibble our vice president and Web-Master.

David and Janet Robinson for continuing to be the home address of WHKF and carrying out the roles of Secretary and Treasurer.

Kevin "the chef" Griffiths and his kitchen team, for feeding the hoards.

Helen Peace for her financial expertise and guiding us through the bureaucracy of GDPR.

Doug Jones (Despite ill health) and Martin who along with Dave Cross form the committee.

I must also thank John Elvin for stepping in and publishing the Summer Edition of Cowpat following Neil's accident.

Events seem to be fewer but quality is high, funding restrictions for local councils are still impacting on events, Weymouth, Bristol to name but two. The Club however was officially represented at some ten regular events, which coupled with our own monthly fly-ins meant that members could attend two nearly events a month (weather permitting). These events started with the Christmas pudding fly and moved on to Jolly up 22 then to the coast of Pembrokeshire, followed by Basingstoke and a very local event at Watchfield Wind Farm. Ducklington continued the season closely followed by Jolly-up 23 and then the biennial visit to Dieppe. The year culminated in a somewhat damp but well fed fun fly. Whilst the kiting community may be perceived to be diminishing their enthusiasm is not as can be evidenced by the distances we are prepared to travel for "FUN". As can be witnessed by the growing popularity of The Broadhaven Kite Retreat the future may, I feel, lie in more such collaborative events with other clubs.

The Club hosted another of its successful "workshop weekends" this one led by Paul and Helen Morgan.

Tadpoles continue to be well received by youngsters and provide a reliable introduction to kites that fly!!

Membership of the club for last year was some 70 full members with 20 associate members.

Any club will continue to exist at the end of the day due to the strength and dedication of its membership, we need; as a club to ensure that we listen to and meet the expectations of our members. If we can succeed in doing that then we have a good future.

In closing I thank all of you for your continued support and look forward to meeting you somewhere on a flying field during the coming year.

### **Hon. Secretary's Report**

I would like to express my thanks to Dave for taking on the Chairs job last year. In addition, thanks to Kevin personally for his efforts at the Fun Fly. At the Christmas Pudding Fly in there very few attendees last year. This year's event will be at Barbury with warm Christmas pudding and custard. 27th Dec from 10.00.

Neil has taken on the newsletter again from the next edition.

The workshop evening meal last year was not a good experience last year so we will revert back to the Chinese next year. I need to book so need the numbers soon. Don will be chasing today. The meal will be from 6.00 to 8.00 as they will need the tables thereafter.

### **Hon Treasurers Report**

#### **TREASURERS REPORT**

#### **WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS**

**2017/2018**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

As the committee added an additional year of free memberships, to existing members. The only Income here is for new member who joined in this financial year.

#### **WORKSHOP**

There was a deficit on the Workshop in the current financial year, due to the ongoing difficulties with pricing workshops based on guesstimate numbers. For future years, there will be more robust planning of the pricing.

#### **FUN FLY**

As last year, the committee decided to donate the food, for members, at the Fun Fly. The expenditure items here are primarily site and kitchen overheads, such as Fridge, Cooker, Marquee and Toilet Hire. There was a manageable and expected loss on the event.

#### **INSURANCE**

Insurance included both the club insurance and personal insurance, which is recharged to members. There is a loss this year on the personal insurance due to the fact that the BKFA needed the information in advance of the premium becoming due so all existing personal insurance members were renewed and then some didn't pay their premium to continue. The process for this will change next year as the premium will be collected by the 1<sup>st</sup> January, at the latest, with payment and details passed over to BKFA at some point after the 10<sup>th</sup> February.



# WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Income			
	Membership	£68	New members
	Workshop	£1,494	
	Fun Fly	£845	
	Trading Sales	£542	
	Other Income	£0	
Total Income		£2,949	
	Workshop	-£1,562	
	Fun Fly	-£1,179	
	Insurance	-£906	
	Purchases for Resale	£0	
	Other Expenditure	£0	
Total Expenditure		-£3,647	
	I&E surplus/deficit (before Fixed Assets)	-£698	
	Depreciation	£0	
	I&E surplus/deficit (after Fixed Assets)	-£698	
	Total Balance c/fwd	-£698	

# BALANCE SHEET TO SEPTEMBER 2018

Fixed Assets	2017	2016
Balance b/f	0	806
Additions	0	0
Sales	0	0
Depreciation	0	806
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Value of Fixed Assets	0	0
Other Assets		
Stock	1147	1573
Bank	9743	10480
Cash	769	360
Prepayments	0	0
	<u>11659</u>	<u>12413</u>
Liabilities		
Loans (from Initial Members)	240	240
Accruals	0	0
	<u>240</u>	<u>240</u>
Net Value of Assets Represented By	<u>11419</u>	<u>12173</u>
Retained Funds brought forward	12173	13720
Surplus/Deficit	0	-1547
	<u>12173</u>	<u>12173</u>
Other Income and Expenditure to September 2018		
Other Income	711	
Donations	82	
Insurance	397	
Raffles	232	
	<u>711</u>	
Other Expenditure	767	
AGM	150	
Postage/Stationery	417	
Storage	200	
	<u>767</u>	

## **Cowpat Editors Report**

We have managed to get out the four issues this year and we are especially grateful to John Elvin for stepping in to print the October issue following Neil's accident. Thanks to Neil for producing the other three. I can only produce the magazine if I have something to put in it and I am indebted to the regulars who provide a basis every quarter, but it would be nice to see contributions from others. It's your Club, your magazine and it can only continue with YOUR support. We still produce the hard copies as well as the electronic version so please let us know if you want to change the way you receive yours. Back copies are always available on the web site.

Moving on to the web site etc. we have extended the rights to our name for 10 years, so that should see me out but it would be nice if someone would take on the responsibility for the name registration. This only involves receiving a few emails from the registry and at the end of the 10-year period getting the Club to decide whether to continue and pay for the web site. You will not be expected to update pages unless you happen to be able to write in HTML. My son, who is our service provider has moved to a new location and upgraded the server so there should be no problems with access. We are fortunate to have this service as he still charges us nothing.

Due to GDPR requirements there are now direct email addresses for Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary Cowpat.ed and info all @whkf.org.uk. Any problems, faulty links etc. that you find please do not hesitate to let me know via the info address.

Finally remember that you can also keep in touch via our Facebook sight and page and also on twitter.

## **Election of Officers**

CHAIR David Thompson; Nominated by Alan O; Seconded by John B; Unanimous

VICE CHAIR Don Baggett; Nominated by Arthur D; Seconded by Dave R; Unanimous

SECRETARY Dave Robinson; Nominated by Don B; Seconded by David P; Unanimous

TREASURER Janet Robinson; Nominated by Don B; Seconded by Pete W;  
Unanimous

ACCOUNTANT Helen Peace; Nominated by Marilyn M; Seconded by  
Kevin G; Unanimous

EVENTS ORGANISER David Robinson and Kevin Griffiths  
David Thompson proposed David; Don Baggett Seconded  
Alan O proposed Kevin; Alan H seconded  
Unanimous

#### AUDITOR

Mike Liversedge has been approached and agreed to take on the role

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

David Thompson: David Robinson: Janet Robinson: Kevin Griffiths:  
Martin Croxton: Helen Peace: Doug Jones:  
Dave Cross: Don Baggett: Neil Harvey: Arthur Dibble

#### **WHKF Fun Fly**

28th and 29th September

Same format as before Fun weekend for getting together. Friday evening meal will not be organised this year as it was not very good last year. It was suggested that we do an American Buffet for the Friday night and this was agreed. People can use the Facilities but must clean up afterwards.

#### **Any Other Events**

Mince pie fly in is not a WHKF event but takes Place at Cliddesden on  
Sunday 16th December form 10.00ish

BKFA AGM December 2nd December. Doug will attend for WHKF  
Middle Down kite festival 15th September.

#### **Insurance/GDPR**

The insurance this year has a real challenge as we had to provide  
information to BKFA earlier than the renewal date for our members. If  
we had left it later, personal insurance wouldn't have been available.

To avoid this happening in the future, we have moved the renewal date  
to the same as the membership renewal date. This will mean that we  
have the details of those requiring personal insurance in time and only  
those names will be passed over to BKFA.

GDPR came into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and affects how anybody processing personal data can operate. In order to ensure compliance, we have written the following: Privacy Notice; Data Protection Policy; Data Retention Policy and Guide to GDPR

The first three are available on the WHKF website and the fourth is being handed out today. Additional copies can be sourced on request.

### **Fees from 2018**

Payment for personal insurance is £14, renewal of membership is £6 and new members are £16. The subsidy is to reduce the surplus held by the club.

### **Projects for 2019**

Date of the workshop is 23rd and 24th February. There are 13 currently signed up but places still available. All were advised that, if attending, we need the colours ASAP. The colour choices and patterns are on the website.

### **ARCH**

Some material was given out last year for people to make an Eddy for the club arch. We've had about 30 back but need the others back reasonably soon. People can have whatever they want on there, within reason.

John Browning is happy to run a Bee workshop, if there is interest. 5 at least will be made over a Saturday and will be flown on cotton. David recommends that people bring ear defenders as they can be noisy when flying.

### **AOB**

Paul Chapman updated people on a talk at Bristol University in February. It's a 2-day symposium on Japanese Kite Culture. He will advise of a date when he has one. It is open to anyone

### **Close of Meeting by President**

The President thanked all for coming to the meeting.

Paul Chapman proposed a vote of thanks to the committee, John Browning seconded.

The meeting closed at 2.15pm.

## A winter warmer.

Hi All

As the winter draws in and the nights cool down I thought I'd give another potato dish to warm you up, this goes well with most meats and vegetables

For this dish you will need

Potatoes

Salt & Pepper (to taste)

Butter

A splash of milk or cream

Nutmeg

Peel the potatoes and boil as usual for about 20-25 minutes or until cooked and soft

Drain the potatoes and leave to steam for 5 minutes

Place them in a bowl and add the butter, salt & pepper, mash until soft & creamy

Place the potato into a piping bag, line a sheet tray with greaseproof paper

Pipe the potato into 2 cm rounds creating a hole in the centre of each one, once done grate some nutmeg over each one, you can then bake these to crisp up the edges or add a flavouring of your choice to the centre before baking, try:-

Diced tomatoes mixed with a splash of olive oil & balsamic vinegar:

Place ½ a cherry tomato in the bottom of the potato & top with a teaspoon of pesto:

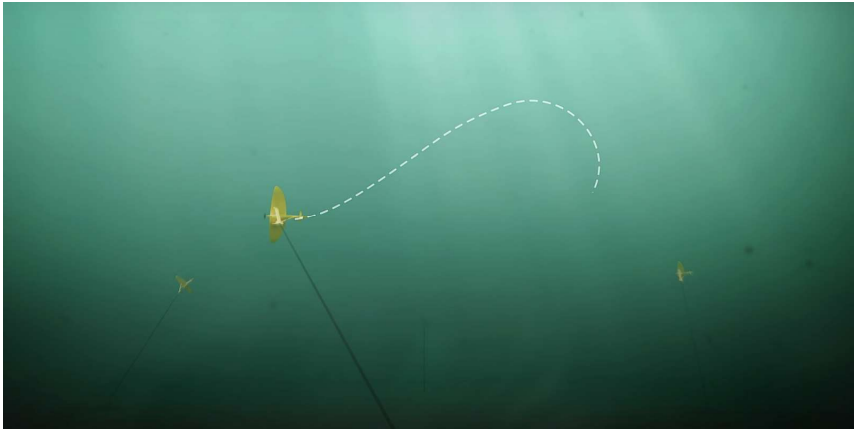
Add finely sliced red onion in the hole & top with a rich blue cheese:

Then once the filling is in simply place in a 200 degree oven for 7-10 minutes until the potato is crisp and golden and enjoy

See you on a field somewhere, or even on the 27<sup>th</sup> at our Christmas pudding fly

Kevin

A way to produce electricity with underwater “kites” may soon take off.

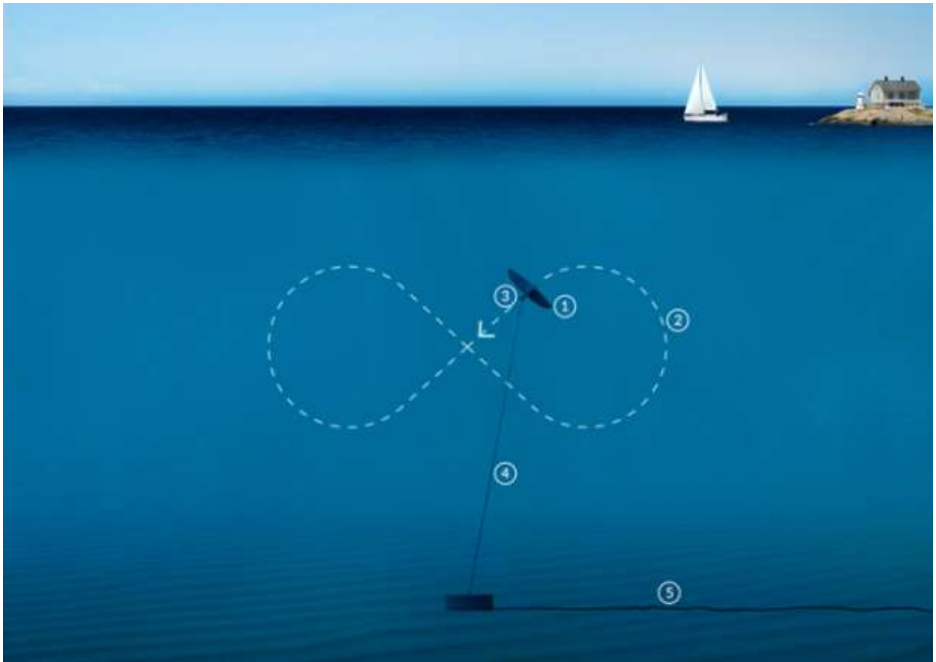


The physics of wind power favour two things: [turbine size and wind strength](#). The bigger the turbine, and the stronger the wind, the more energy that can be harvested. Yet bigger is more expensive, and most of the priciest bits merely support the energy-generating blades themselves: the towers, nacelles, central hub, and the foundation. Given [80% of the energy](#) comes from the outermost 30% of a blade, why not dispense with the most expensive parts?

If you did, you'd end up with something that looks like a kite. “Energy kites” are now inching their way to market. Google (now a subsidiary of Alphabet) purchased wind energy company [Makani](#) in 2013, and has worked for years designing flying kites as power plants (it's [testing in Hawaii](#) right now). A second company, [Minesto](#), is now making progress on harnessing energy in a different environment: seawater.

The Swedish company has gone through five prototypes since the idea was conceived in 2004. Minesto is now moving from prototypes to generating electricity. In August, sea trials showed how the wing performed in real-world conditions about eight kilometers off the coast of North Wales in the United Kingdom. By October, a [utility-scale project](#) had deployed a device capable of generating about 500KW of electricity. Minesto wants a fleet of more than a hundred these to supply 80 MW of capacity.

The physics of underwater kites are similar to those in the air. High-flying “wings” are tethered to the seabed with a cable. Each kite flies a massive figure eight pattern. As water flows over its 12-meter wingspan, the kite swoops through the current producing kinetic energy (movement). Turbines attached to the wing spin, converting this into electricity. As it “flies” at least 20 meters below the surface, the kite can move at several times the speed of the current. Flaps allow the wing to steer and achieve the best angle relative to the current.



So far, energy kite systems have yet [to prove \(pdf\)](#) themselves economical. Alphabet’s Makani is not yet generating commercial electricity with its airborne kites after a decade. A Canadian company, HydroRun Technologies, shut down in 2015 after failing to commercialize its own underwater systems. The barriers are formidable. Corrosive seawater is brutal on equipment. Swift currents are needed at suitable sites. Cheap electricity from solar, wind and natural gas is depressing prices.



## Robinson's Ramble

It was great to see the attendance at the AGM, especially considering some of the distances some of you have to travel. It's very pleasing to see your enthusiasm for the Club, thanks also for the donations for the raffle, the proceeds from that pays towards the hire of the Hall and the buffet.

I have recently spoken to Don to ask how the workshop is progressing, he says 15 have already booked and paid deposits, he has already sent the colour combinations to Ralph, except for a couple. He did say that there are still spaces available but don't leave it too long.

(This was written 5/12/18)

The venue for the evening meal is the Chinese restaurant that we have used on previous workshops.

Could I ask you all that if you change your email address would you please let us know, we recently had to contact some of our members, when using the email addresses we have about five that bounced back to us. We have posted to the ones that came back asking for their current email addresses.

We used to have a regular feature of members recipes, it would be good to get some more, so here is one to get this feature going again.

### ANCHOVY & BROCCOLI PASTA

Ingredients: 150g pasta of your choice. 400g of frozen broccoli, 1 tablespoon of olive oil. 3 cloves of garlic; crushed, 1 tin of Anchovies, 1 small bottle of white wine, Parmesan.

Method: crush the garlic and fry in the olive oil and wine, I like to add a knob of butter but that is optional, add the anchovies to this mix and combine to make the sauce, add a large handful of Parmesan and blend into the sauce, whilst making the sauce add the broccoli to a pan of boiling water, do not overcook the broccoli, when it's ready take from the pan then add your pasta to the water that the broccoli was cooked in. Cook the pasta, when it's ready take the pasta from the water and add directly to the sauce. Mix the pasta into the sauce and serve. You can add more Parmesan if you like.

Enjoy!

Please send some of your recipes to Arthur.

David Robinson

# **Basingstoke Kite Festival**

## **1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd June 2019**

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

**From 10am to 5 pm (both days)**

Come along and help us to celebrate our 27th 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 (It is £7.50 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

NORTH HANTS KITER'S JOLLY UP 24  
on April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2019

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 (£15 per tent/camper for Fri and Sat night, there is a small extra charge for a Sunday night stop-over) Food will be available in the Marquee on the Friday evening, 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!)

As usual we will be doing Jacket Potatoes at lunchtimes over the weekend, and Bacon/Egg 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 poss. to give us time to set it all up and Hayley to sit down for a while. (- : )

There will be a silent Auction on the Sunday.

There will be games for entertainment in the Marquee over the weekend, come and play!!

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

For further info, please contact:

Roy on 07778 352825

Or e-mail [roy@kitesup.co.uk](mailto:roy@kitesup.co.uk)

For orders: [hayley@kitesup.co.uk](mailto: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.

## 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.*

WHKF. meet at Barbury Castle country Park on the second Sunday of each month.

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