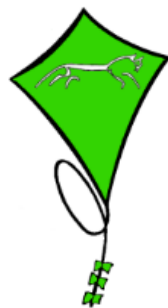


COWPAT HILL



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Hello 2020

I think that 2019 must have been the worst I can remember for weather at Barbury meetings. There was torrential rain, howling gales or flat calm. November managed to be one of the exceptions with a glorious wind coming up the slope and was enjoyed by the few of us who were there.

Unfortunately the state of the field leaves a lot to be desired with knee high grass and thistles and nettles you can get lost in. We have spoken to the council and there seems to be little chance this will improve as they can't get a farmer prepared to take on the responsibility under the terms they offer.

The committee will be discussing the possibility of alternative venues. Keep your eyes on the internet for any changes.

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Diary Dates

January 2020

12th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

Winter 2020 issue of Cowpat Hill

February 2020

8-9th Ciquare workshop with Alicja Szalska

9th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

March 2020

8th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

April 2020

12th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

Spring 2020 issue of Cowpat Hill

25-26th Jolly Up 26

May 2020

8-10th Broad haven

10th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

10th Streatham

June 2020

6-7th Basingstoke

6-7th Houlgate

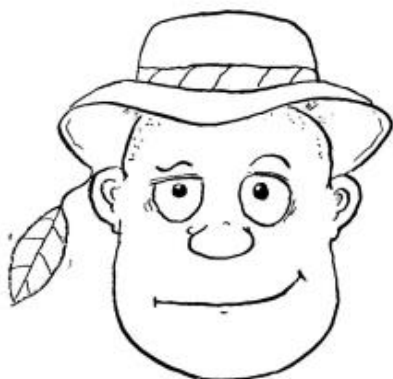
14th Barbury Castle club fly-in.

Dead line for next issue 29 th March 2020
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WIND SPEED INDICATOR



0 - 3 mph



5 - 7 mph



10 - 12 mph



20 mph +

A memorable evening in Dieppe

May I share an experience from the 2018 Dieppe Cerf Volant.

Whilst every one of the Festival days was superb, so too were most of the evenings. The days generally ended with a colourful sunset across the town's seascape and cliffs. Some sunsets could only be described as stunning.

On one such evening, René Maier from Switzerland was displaying, and photographing, a selection of his 'Heart Kites' on the beach. With camera in hand, as usual, I felt compelled to join in. Here is a small selection of the images I captured during that most memorable hour or so.

Chris M



IT'S CAROLYN NOT CAROLINE



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Carolyn Swift after a short battle against the leukaemia that had resurfaced. She was loved by everyone who met her and it seems wrong that someone with such a joy of life should be taken so soon.

With her husband Jerry they were leading lights in the British kiting scene and were great representatives of our country in events across Europe. Particularly known for their parachuting teddy display that included some novel pieces.

One time you did not want to cross Carolyn was in a Rokkaku battle as she frequently came armed with a huge water pistol and had no mercy.

Beware heaven, you may have a new angel but she can be wicked.

Rest in peace Carolyn you will be much missed on earth.

Robinson's Ramble

It was great to see you all at the AGM, It was sad that it was the first meeting without Doug, I think he would've been very pleased that the raffle raised over £300, which was donated to the RAF Benevolent fund, in HIS memory. For those of you who didn't know, Doug was a photographer in the RAF.

Received from The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund:-

Hello David,

Thank you for getting in touch. I can confirm that we have safely received your very kind donation of £331.00 in loving memory of Douglas. It is always very humbling to be thought of to receive donations of this nature.

From all of us, thank you for your support.

With best wishes, Ruby

It was great that Ron & Marla were able to join us for this year's AGM. Marla said she would run the raffle (She is known as the raffle Queen in the AKA!) Thanks to her and her helpers we were able to raise the amount of money that we did, praise of course goes to all of you who bought raffle tickets, and donated the items. And a big thanks to all of you for donating the items and digging deeply in your pockets to support the raffle.

For those of you who were enquiring about one of the salads at the AGM, I have managed to get hold of the recipe from our friends who did the buffet. Here it is below.

Ingredients

1.2kg sweet potato, peeled and cut into biggish chunks
2 tbsp madras curry powder
1 tbsp of cumin powder
1 tbsp olive oil

For the dressing

4 tbsp yogurt
½ bunch of coriander
Juice of one lemon and one lime half
Thumb size peeled ginger
Salt
Crushed mixed nuts

Method

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Spread on a baking parchment-lined baking sheet. Roast for 30 - 35 mins until tender and golden. Cool at room temperature.

When just about cool whisk together all the dressing ingredients with a little more seasoning and gently toss through the potato chunks – use your hands to avoid breaking them up. Add more salt, pepper, touch of honey, lemon juice, etc., make any necessary tweaks, and serve. Decorate with crushed mixed nuts, pomegranate, coriander leaves.

Sky Chat

Here we are at the dawn of a new year and of a new decade and do we know what it will bring us. Thank goodness we do not have that much control over it but we can help it along its way. I personally hope that it may be a little kinder to me.

So I wish you ALL a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year and that your Kite Plans all fly.

Your committee are working hard to make this year one to remember, so I hope that you all will help them to achieve this aim ending year with a Fun Fly (with good weather & wind) that will exceed all those that have gone before. I hope that I will be able to do more this year than I did last year. I am getting stronger by the week and my doctors are pleased with the way that I am progressing but told me not to expect miracles, so I will try and do my best as the year progresses.

I must thank Arthur for doing the editing and now the printing of the "Cow Pat" as it has taken one job off me and I do not have to worry about getting it done by a said date if I do not feel on top form at the time. Thank you Arthur and long may it continue. Now I do not drive as much as I did, I have to fit in with other people's plans and due to this I will not be at The Christmas Pudding Fly-In this year. I am sorry that I have been summoned to visit my granddaughter's and great grandchildren for a Christmas Party on the 27th. I hope that it all goes well and I will be thinking of you stuffing into all that food.

Neil.

Happi Coat



Those of you who attended the AGM will remember this superb “Happi Coat” by Dave Johnson. It was made by Dorothy White. There is no size label but I can wear it over a thick jumper so would estimate as XL. As announced at the AGM we are offering it for sale to raise funds for ‘Above and Beyond Charity’ who have supported Dave through his recent hard times. The best offer by 31st January 2020 will be accepted. Any other donations would be gratefully received. To save monies having to go through the Club books please can you make payments to me.. (PM for bank details). Please watch Facebook “Friends of White Horse Kite Flyers” for the latest offer.
Arthur Dibble.

WHKF AGM 17/11/19 12.30PM

Welcome

The President thanked everyone for their good wishes. He explained that he hadn't been around much this year as he hasn't been fit enough.

This is the 29th AGM, which means the club will celebrate its 30th anniversary next year, although for 2 to 3 years before it was officially set up, Neil and Ron Gunter used to travel to festivals, from which they decided to establish the club.

We have lost 2 core founders of the club this year in Bette Gunter and Doug Jones.

Apologies and Attendance

15 apologies were received.

45 people were in attendance.

Minutes of 2018 AGM

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

Proposed by Roy M; Seconded by Arthur D; Unanimous Vote

Matters Arising from Minutes

No matters arising

Chairman's Report

It is with both Joy and trepidation that I sit to compose my report for the past year.

Joy when I think of the successes of the past year despite that which the English weather decided to throw at us. Joy because there is still a dedicated band of enthusiastic volunteers who through their tireless efforts have kept WHKF on the digital media front and represented at various festivals and events throughout the kite calendar. Joy when I consider the camaraderie shown by those who this year braved, in some cases, two and half days of rain, to say that during the two hours of sunshine they flew kites at the WHKF Fun Fly. Joy when I hear reports from members that they have hosted workshops enabling Cubs, Brownies, and School children to experience the joy of making and flying their own kite. The "Tadpoles" continue to bring joy to youngsters. Joy when I look at the number of participants "enjoying" and "learning" from a "master" at club organised workshops. I must thank Ralph for leading his excellent "positive negative" workshop earlier in the year and Don Baggett for his sterling efforts in liaising with Ralph to organise the event. Joy when we receive invitations to attend events and have a chance to show to the wider public the pleasure that can be obtained from a length of string, some cloth, and a steady

breeze coupled with artistry and imagination. Joy to see our esteemed President successfully overcome the trials and tribulations of hospitalisation and injury to be with us again on the flying field.

It must be remembered however that the year has not always been one of endless joy. The year has seen several empty spaces appear in the sky both in the persons of world renowned flyers as well as those closer to home and the Club. It was with great sadness that I learnt of the passing of Doug Jones a founder member of the club, known to all who met him as a gentleman, font of knowledge (especially on London transport), and a photographer of note. He will be sadly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

In my opening Statement I mentioned trepidation. As I look to the coming year it cannot be without some trepidation as to what it may hold for the club, or even any of as individuals. The age demographic of kiting, in this country, shows a worrying trend; albeit one that mirrors society in general. We are none of us getting any younger and where are those who will be there to take our beloved hobby forward? The future of any club lies in the hands of its membership, and it is beholden on all of us to promote, encourage, and even cajole new members into the club, if it is to survive. The future of the club is in our own hands.

In closing I would like to thank all members and especially those on the committee for their support during my tenure as chair and wish all concerned well for the future.

Finally some thoughts for next year; it will be the club's 30th Birthday and the 10th Fun Fly. Your ideas on a post card please addressed to the Secretary@WHKF.org.uk

Hon. Secretary's Report

Thank you for coming along again. As you know, Doug Jones passed away earlier in the year and Janet and I went to visit him in hospital for which he was very grateful. Unfortunately, when we went to visit him again, 3 weeks later, he was unaware that they came as he was too tired.

Much as it was very sad that we couldn't really see him properly second time around, his funeral was a very good send off.

One of our members, Carolyn Swift, is also very poorly.

Another member has been in touch to say that his partner has died but they have donated a large sum of money to Bath Hospital, where she was so well cared for.

Cowpat Editors Report

We have managed to produce another 4 magazines over the last year but I'm not sure I will be able to go on digging up kite related bits off the internet to fill the pages so as ever; it's your magazine, if you want it to continue in the current format I need some articles from you. Otherwise it may be reduced to a single page newsletter published on line only. Neil has felt that he didn't want the responsibility of printing it so for the last 2 issues I have done this. I am grateful to my wife for letting me find room for the club printer. I don't know if any one actually reads Cowpat as I have had no response to the front page article asking for ideas to celebrate our 30th birthday or 10 Fun Fly.

Regarding the web we still have our web page that seems to be little used but we do try and keep it up to date and one Facebook we have a Group and a page both of which are well used. We do have a twitter account but after several years there have been no posts except from commercial sites. I'm sorry but these things take up enough of my time so I am not trying to keep up with all the latest apps.

Well perhaps WhatsApp I may try and set up something for picture swapping, but you will have to wait and see. If there is anything you would like to start up, please clear it with the committee and go ahead.

Hon Treasurers Report

MEMBERSHIP

Income again this year as there was a small charge for membership

WORKSHOP

Much as we tried to control the overheads, we still managed to make a small loss on the workshop. Since then, a lot of work has been done to achieve a breakeven point and this is the intention from the next year.

FUN FLY

This year, the committee introduced a charge again for fun fly food 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 paid each May and that will form the basis of the following year's insurance premium to members

General Finance Discussion

It was explained that 3 years ago an agreement was reached, with members, to reduce the balance in the bank, over a period of 3 years. Members opened a discussion on how wrong it would be to let the workshop slip away because it couldn't breakeven on any year and said that they were committed to the continuation of it. They asked, in light of the cash holding of the club, if there would be any way to get a guaranteed subsidy to ensure continuance, if there was a shortfall. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the club would subsidise up to £200 per workshop.

Proposed by David T; Seconded by Alan H; Unanimous

A lengthy discussion also took place surrounding a desire by the club to reduce the reserves to c£5k within 3 years. The committee had taken a decision that, in order to achieve this, the very successful raffles and auctions held annually will still take place but the funds would be donated to a charity.

From the discussion surrounding charity donations, there was a further discussion about promoting kite flying and if we should ring fence some funds for this purpose. It was agreed that £1000 would be ring-fenced for this.

Proposed Don S; Seconded Paul C; Unanimous

Editor's note.

The following is just the balance sheet from the Accountant's report. The full report can be obtained on request. This has been done to save on space in the magazine.

BALANCE SHEET TO SEPTEMBER 2019

Fixed Assets	2018	2017
Balance b/f	0	0
Additions	0	0
Sales	0	0
Depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0
Net Value of Fixed Assets	0	0
Other Assets		
Stock	1097	1147
Bank	9283	9743
Cash	1510	769
Prepayments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	11890	11659
Liabilities		
Loans (from Initial Members)	240	240
Accruals	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	240	240
Net Value of Assets	11650	11419
Represented By		
Retained Funds brought forward	12173	13720
Surplus/Deficit	-524	-1547
	11649	12173

Election of Officers

Only one nomination for each role.

CHAIR David Thompson

Nominated by Neil H; Seconded by R Martin; Unanimous

VICE CHAIR Arthur Dibble

Nominated by David T; Seconded by Pete D; Unanimous

SECRETARY Dave Robinson

Nominated by David T; Seconded by Arthur D; Unanimous

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Janet Robinson

Nominated by David T; Seconded by Kevin G; Unanimous

ACCOUNTANT Helen Peace

Nominated by David T; Seconded by Jason M; Unanimous

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kevin Griffiths

Martin Croxton

Dave Cross

WHKF Fun Fly

26th and 27th September

Same format as before Fun weekend for getting together

Chairman would like the fun fly to have a theme next year.

One member suggested an asymmetric kite theme.

Ideas to be submitted please.

Please also submit any menu suggestions.

Any Other Events

Mince pie fly in is not a WHKF event but takes Place at Cliddesden on Sunday
22nd December form 10.00ish

Christmas Pudding fly in 27th September

Committee Meetings are being held 12th January, 12th April, 12th July and 15th
November. AGM 2020 is on 15th November.

Fees from 2019

To support the desire to reduce the balance to £5k, over 3 years, all current
members will be given 3 years free membership, from this year.

Close of Meeting

The President thanked all for coming to the meeting and wished them a good
Christmas

The Chairman would like to pass on his thanks for the buffet lunch.

The raffle raised £331.00 for the RAF Benevolent Fund.

NORTH HANTS KITER'S JOLLY UP 26 on April 25th & 26th 2020

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 to keep the outlay down!)

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

You can pre-order your tee-shirt / poloshirt, etc. Please email Hayley at hayley@kitesup.co.uk if interested in doing so.

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

Basingstoke Kite Festival-NEW VENUE

6th & 7th June 2020 From 10am to 5 pm (both days)

At Mays Bounty Cricket Ground

(Fairfields Road, Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 3DR)

On Saturday evening we will have a Social Get Together in the Cricket Club. There will be a Buffet (price tbc) If you would like to join in please pre-book by emailing Roy at rwbroadley@outlook.com and payment can be made on the Saturday morning, in the Marquee.

Camping is available on the Friday and Saturday evenings only, for £10.00 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: Roy Broadley 07778 352825 or 01256 812487

Chris Parfitt 07824 474774

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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