

Kitefliers Occasional Newsletter



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Conceived, thought of,
planned, conceptualised,
invented and drunk over
in the Crown pub outside
Colchester by:-

Gill Fennemore (choochi)
Jon Bloom (slim)
John Barker (ac/dc)
Allan Martin (supersta)

YES FOLKS THIS IS IT.KON
PRODUCTIONS PROUDLY PRESENT

ISSUE ONE
OLD WARDEN OCTOBER '79

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1)you may faint. 2)please sit before opening 3)secure all kites
any resemblance to newsletters published or at the PRINTERS is purely
coincidental

EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

K.O.N. Productions consist of four keen kitefliers who, instead of moaning about the lack of information have decided to rectify the situation and produce this letter.

This letter is issued in response to the absence of official group newsletters, although it must be said that the Midlands Kite Fliers and the Cornwall Kite Fliers have started strongly and look as though they will continue that way.

Since the last official magazine(s) we feel there has been a whole new generation of kitefliers born and they deserve to have some evidence that not all kitefliers are non-communicative.

As yet we don't know how often we will be able to produce this letter. It depends on you the people who have been lucky enough to know about this meeting.

As you must realise the major problem with having a newsletter is the postage, but we haven't asked for any money or stamps. If you do respond or write and you think an answer is reasonable or wanted then enclose a s.a.e. If it is a piece of news about flying areas, tips, or dates then obviously it isn't really required.

Spread the word. Tell the people you know, who are not here today that we exist. Show them this newsletter. We hope you will understand our point. If you have any questions ask any of us we will try and help. Come along for a drink and chat at the HARE and HOUNDS in Old Warden (see personal)

If you want us to appear again help us, but not only help us give us help by telling us about your favourite flying field, when you go there, your kites where you buy your materials. The sort of thing you want to read. We won't know what you want until we are told.

Only you can help us improve. So remember

IT IS UP TO YOU

G.F

J.B

J.B

A.M

ADDRESS TO WRITE TO :-

K.O.N.

c/o 94 ENDSLEIGH GARDENS

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ESSEX

IG11 3EG

P.S. ALL information is correct at time of writing but please confirm with the appropriate organisers before venturing.

Monster kite man Jack Spiers has just celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary. Congrats Jack, but dont worry folks Jack only gave up kite flying for one day, he was spotted the next day flying his Cody in the park. When asked he said "I am suffering from withdrawal symptoms". WELL DONE JACK AND OTHER HALF.

Lionel Lowe recently received a nicely engraved trophy for being the overall winner at Mitcham (first in aerobatics naturally and second in the longest train). WELL DONE LIONEL.

Good article in October Aeromodeller, contains drawings for making various stunt deltas (supplied by Clive Rawlinson and family). Some good photos as well.

Southampton University (photographic Gallery) are holding a kite exhibition during October and November, plus talk of kite flying day to open it. We have no details as yet but you could contact Paul Swales at the University on Southampton 559122.

Ripstop will soon increase by twenty percent due to the rise in oil prices. So buy now before the increase.

STOP PRESS:- FLYING LINE HAS ALREADY STARTED TO RISE(sic).

Our spies have heard the following:-

Gibson Girl kites for £14.00 each somewhere in London. WHERE?? WHERE?? Also complete Gibson Girl outfits i.e. kite, aerial, winch and radio for £400.00. At this price we would require the plane and rubber dinghy.

Seen a new kite in the R.S.P.B. catalogue. A Dunford stunter (looks like a Dixie?) over printed with a Kestrel motif, costs £4.95p.

Seen at Horsenden Hill a ripstop Yakko, it looked good and flew well. Seen at Mitcham and Brighton Gilly Pelham and Mike Pawlow beautiful Gemini 4 and was it a Gemini 8? (We could not count all the units). These are wing box kites joined together, they look good and fly well. Is it true that their Cyclops kite is being used for border patrols?

Have you seen a Monday Lunch Box butterfly kite yet?
Have you seen a Fennemore Flying Fantasy yet??
What about John White and his 40 foot plus delta, how about next time testing it before the event John.

Brighton kite man Greg Locke astounded local people when he flew his amazing 12 Peter Powell stunt kites. Twelve kite on a single set of lines and all he could say was "12 today 15 next time."

Is manja really necessary at flyins? SEND US YOUR COMMENTS NEWS AND VIEWS PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.

EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

BRIGHTON 19th AUGUST



Didn't Allan Martin do well with his Sussex kite festival. Pity about the wind though as until about 4.00pm there was scarcely a ripple. Just as the t.v crew finished their filming a breeze sprung up and from an empty sky about 150 kites sprung into view. Allan has some very good photos of this event, mainly from local papers. Contact Allan for further details. Let's hope next year's festival at Peacehaven is even better.

WELL DONE ALLAN.

HORNCHURCH 26th AUGUST.



E.K.G. fly in at Hornchurch went well at a really nice park, an ideal flying site. All the regulars except Clive Rawlinson and family in attendance. Nice to see Trevor Schofield turn up to demonstrate RED ARROWS. Thanks to the local people who did a grand job returning numerous wandering kites. Pity Colin of the Kite and Balloon CO. did not do more trade as the retailers do add something to a meeting.

RYE RENAISSANCE FAYRE 1st SEPTEMBER

This was a pleasant event if you like Renaissance Fayres and pop concerts, unfortunately kites were, as usual at these village fetes and fairs, overshadowed by other attractions and by the enormously successful Capital Radio Kids day in London on the same day.

CAPITAL RADIO KIDS DAY 1st SEPTEMBER.

Kite bash was a wow, no sorry a near riot with the kite makers disappearing under a mound of kids. Well done Gill and Joyce Fennemore John Barker and Jon Bloom. Thanks to Larus and Brookite for donating the prizes and Colin Renwick for giving lines. Also to Blackheath for those fifty indian fighters. On the hill flying were Jack Spiers, John Clarke and members of the Chingford mob (now flying gold plated Flexifoils after their win at Mitcham). Thanks to everyone else who pitched in, sorry we don't know all your names and yes 200 kites did go in about ten minutes, that's kids for you.

WHITWORTH 9th SEPTEMBER

Those intrepid explorers of foreign parts, Clive C.O. and Allan went to explore and note for posterity the deepest jungles of our fair land. Beyond the furthest reaches of darkest manchester and even beyond Rochdale, to the little known annual rites held by the natives of Whitworth on the 9th September. There our brave envoys expected to meet and discuss the finer points of life, such as the new ram air flare and how to stack deltas, with the Northern Group.

At about 1.30pm the first of the Northern Group arrived on the field, all the way from Liverpool, and asked if the field was the right one (how on earth should I know, I thought I was on the wrong field or day or even month as there was no one else there.) Eventually Greens of Burnley and the organizer arrived. It was explained that they had had a lot of these village fairs recently and that the other members were getting fed up with them.

ALDHAM 15th SEPTEMBER.

E.K.G. met on a glorious day. The sun was shining but as usual there was little or no wind. Good turn out of the regulars including Lionel Lowe whose Grandmother had died again. Thanks to Norman Sparrow for the p.a. and Clive for the commentary. Also thanks to the organiser Iain MacCullum.

COLCHESTER 22nd SEPTEMBER.

E.K.G. fly in at the Phillip Marant school was good even though there were only about a dozen flyers (including Allan Martin who turned up at 5.00pm and professed to have been given the wrong instructions (see personal column)). Any way the organisers were very pleased with the display. All good for kiting. Allan (Superstar) Martin was showing off his new multi-storey council estate (Flexifoils). These proved to be an excellent alternative to the rack as there was quite a lot of wind.



HELLO DUNCAN
BEEN FLYING
FLEXIFOILS?

PLEASE SEND US YOUR REPORTS JUST THE FACTS WILL DO WE WILL
PUT IT IN AS LONG AS IT IS CLEAN (WELL MAYBE A FEW NAUGHTY BITS)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (P=PROPOSED C=CONFIRMED)

4th NOVEMBER M.K.F FINAL FLY IN OF 1979. (C)
2nd MARCH M.K.F.FLY IN(P)
4th MAY B.K.F.A. OLD WARDEN (C)
11th MAY BRIGHTON FESTIVAL KITE FLYING DAY ,NORTH SHEEPCOAT
VALLEY BRIGHTON.POSSIBLE COMPS .CONTACT ALLAN
MARTIN FOR DETAILS NEARER THE DATE.(C)
1st JUNE M.K.F FLY IN (P)
22nd JUNE GREAT WALTHAM KITE FESTIVAL(E.K.G.)(P)
29th JUNE WESTON PARK KITE FESTIVAL(B.K.F.A.)(C).THIS REPLACES
STANFORD HALL FESTIVAL.CONTACT M.K.F FOR DETAILS
13th JULY WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COMPETITION.CONTACT
M.K.F FOR DETAILS.(P)
3rd AUGUST M.K.F FLY IN(P)
???? AUGUST(A SUNDAY) SUSSEX KITE FESTIVAL.CONTACT ALLAN MARTIN NEXT
YEAR.(P)
7th SEPTEMBER M.K.F FLY IN(P)
5th OCTOBER OLD WARDEN B.K.F.A(C)
2nd NOVEMBER M.K.F FLY IN (P)

ESSEX KITE GROUP HAS YET TO ANNOUNCE THEIR MONTHLY WINTER MEETS/DATES
AND THEIR PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR

BLACKHEATH'S PREMIER KITE MEETING(I.E. THE FESTIVAL)IS YET TO BE ANNOUNCED
BUT IS POSSIBLY ON THE 19th JUNE??
CONTACT B.K.A NEARER THE DATE.

WE HAVE YET RECEIVED NO INFORMATION ON THE CORNISH KITEFLIERS PROGRAM
BUT FEEL SURE THEY ARE ALIVE AND WELL IN THE DEPTHS OF CORNWALL.
TRY THEM FOR DETAILS.

THE K.O.N. MEMBERS DONT BOTHER TO ORGANISE MEETINGS WE JUST GO TO EVERY
ONE ELSE'S ,BUT WE MAY BE PERSUADED IF THERE WAS THE DEMAND FOR US TO
DO SO.

COMMENTS AND INFORMATION GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.



FLYING SITES:-

BRIGHTON

Any kite flyer visiting Brighton may be interested to know that kites are flown most weekends, both days, at either Telscombe Tye, six miles east of Brighton on the A259, which is the site of the annual Sussex kite day. Or at the junction of the Devils Dyke road and the A2038 three miles north west of Brighton.

EAST LONDON/S.W. ESSEX

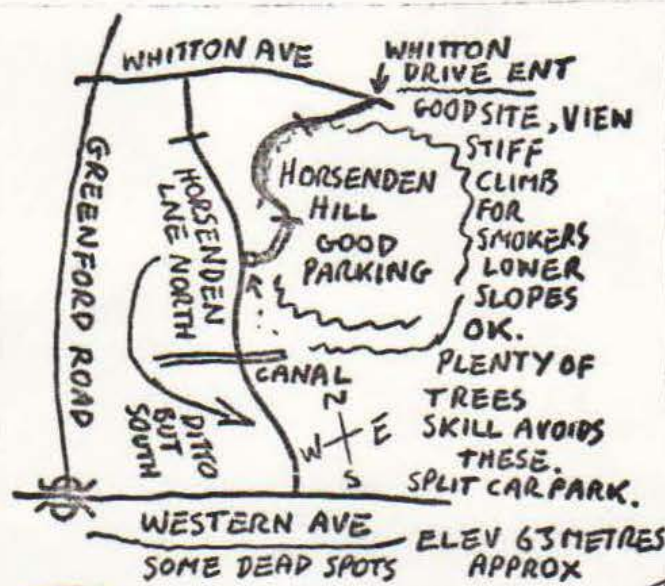
FairTop Plain, Barkingside



Good site, no trees only problem is dogs and the lakes after the rain. + model gliders in summer. OK for kamikazi kites.

WEST LONDON

Horsenden Hill, Greenford.



THIS IS WHERE AC/DC CAN BE SEEN IN ACTION!

SOUTH EAST COAST

Fairlight Country Park, Hastings.

GOOD NO EXCELLENT SITE,
ON WINDY DAY HEAVY WEATHER
KITE COUNTRY GOOD PARKING
NOT TOO MANY TREES NICE VIEWS
ELEV 145 METRES

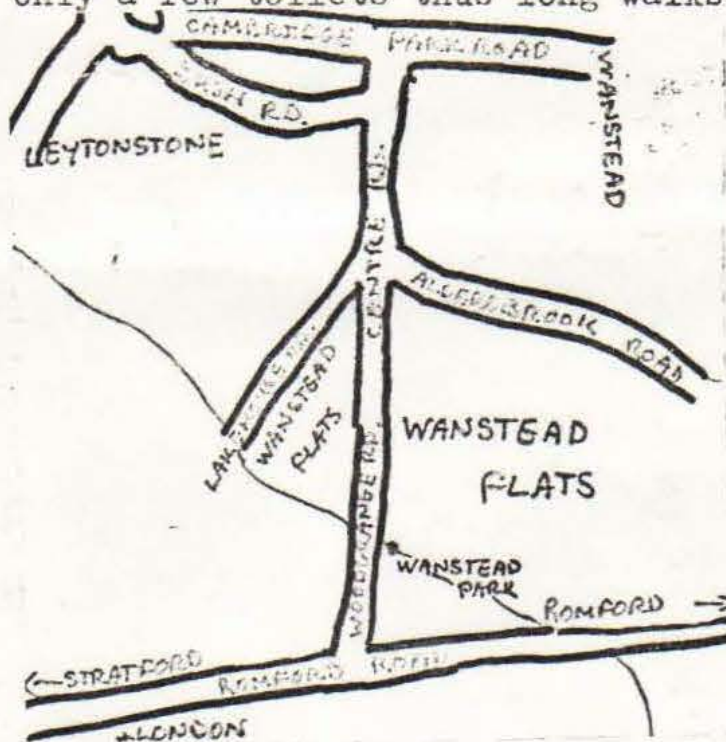


Nigel GREEN is the local expert, just put a kite in the air and Nigel will soon find you.

EAST LONDON

Wanstead Flats, Wanstead.

Very good site(s) consists of numerous playing fields plus rough heathland, few trees, disadvantage of having only a few toilets thus long walks are sometimes involved.



WE ALSO HAVE DETAILS OF MANY OTHER SITES BUT FEEL WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THESE FOR A LATER DATE AFTER WE HAVE SEEN THE RESPONSE FROM YOU THE READER. WE WOULD DEARLY LOVE TO HAVE INFO ON YOUR FAVOURITE FLYING SITE. PLEASE SEND THEM WE WILL USE THEM.



EXISTING KITE GROUPS(SOME MORE ACTIVE THAN OTHERS)

AMERICAN KITEFLYERS ASSOCIATION(AKA). Separate association from the magazine. Really only useful if you travel to America a great deal.
A.K.A. ADDRESS:-

WELCA D. (RED) BRASWELL, PRESIDENT
10,000 LOMOND DRIVE
MANASSAS
VIRGINIA 22110
USA

(membership consists of a "letter from the president" every two months, events in USA)

membership 7.00 dollars inc. postage.

AMERICAN KITELINES. Magazine which used to be incorporated in A.K.A. but is now produced separately. Appears four times/ year

ADDRESS:-

KITELINES
7106 CAMPFIELD ROAD
BALTIMORE
MARYLAND 21207
USA

(one year= ten dollars, two years=nineteen dollars, five dollars a year additional postage air mail)

BLACKHEATH KITE ASSOCIATION(BKA)

Small group in south London, organise the Blackheath rally.
Executive meeting 11th october 7.30pm at Woolwich Town Hall

Wellington street, SE18, everyone welcome.

ADDRESS:-

BKA
234 PLUMSTEAD HIGH STREET
PLUMSTEAD
LONDON SE18

Membership £1.00 per year. Occasional news bulletins.

BRITISH KITEFLYING ASSOCIATION(BKFA). The main British group, organizes the main festivals of the year. Bi-monthly magazine???

ADDRESS:-

BKFA
PO BOX 35
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
HERTS.
HP1 1EE

Membership £3.00 per year??(includes free entry to the BKFA festivals.)

CORNWALL KITE FLYERS. Strong thriving group who have so far produced four newsletters, comments have been Bitchy, Strong, Offensive, Truthful and Amusing. Lots of women too(makes a change).

ADDRESS:-

TESSA BELL
RIVERDALE
78 PENDARVES ROAD
PALMOUTH, CORNWALL TR11 2TF

ESSEX KITE GROUP (E.K.G)

This is the largest non national kite group in the country .
A magazine is produced fairly regularly.the group has a very
full summer season at fetes etc .IT also has monthly meets
throughout the winter.

E.K.G ADDRESS:-

ROBIN PARTINGTON
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
ESSEX KITE GROUP
11 BRENTWOOD PLACE
SAWYERS HALL LANE
BRENTWOOD
ESSEX
CM15 9DN

HON SECRETARY
CLIVE C. O. RAWLINSON
THE CROFT
HOWE STREET
GREAT WALTHAM
CHELMSFORD
ESSEX

membership £1.50(adult),25p(under 16)

EUROPEAN KITE FLYERS ASSOCIATION (E.K.A.)

Original membership included 4 issues of the magazine
per year so far it has taken two years to receive
three issues although there is some hope for the
future(kite flyers are always optimistic,they have to be)

E.K.A. ADDRESS:-

(LATEST) E.K.A.
RUSHLEY COTTAGE
HIGH HAM
LANGPORT
SOMERSET

(For those interested Amateur airport

THE OLD LABOUR EXCHANGE
BOW STREET
LANGPORT
SOMERSET

By the way they are both on Langport 250 834?????????????)

Membership £6.00 per year(or four issues)



MIDLANDS KITE FLIERS (M.K.F.)

A. fairly new group which has got off to a good start.

Their plans include a dinner for their members, including drinks afterwards, and the very exciting PROJECT KARA 1980, which is an attempt on the kite altitude record. We understand that a fund has been set up and your donations would be most welcome and hopefully returnable if a sponsor is found. For further details contact the M.K.F.

M.K.F. ADDRESS :-

BILL SOUTEN
76 OXHILL ROAD
HANDSWORTH
BIRMINGHAM
B21 9RH

Membership £1 (50p under 18)



TO ANY GROUPS WE HAVE MISSED OUT SORRY BUT TELL US AND WE WILL INCLUDE YOU NEXT TIME. TO THE OTHER GROUPS WE HAVE MENTIONED PLEASE SEND US INFO ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES. RUMOURS ARE ALWAYS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

P.S DOES ANYONE KNOW IF A NORTHERN KITE FLYERS EXISTS???????

ALLAN MARTIN, 128 CAVELL AVENUE, PEACEHAVEN, SUSSEX

IDEAS PAGE

Spare PETER POWELL tails?cut up into suitable lengths and sealed at one end they make ideal kite bags.

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Did you know that most spirit based felt tips will write on ripstop.

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To make it look like you can afford mahogany wingspreaders stain dowell with shoe polish.To make them waterproof varnish afterwards.

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Safety pins can be used as a substitute for snap swivels on light line.

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Rumour has it that insertion of a heavier line between the kite and flying line prevents line breakage when a gust of wind makes the kite snatch. Also you can use this idea at the reel end of the line to achieve the same result.

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Did you know that you can solder plastic together by using a soldering iron and a piece of paper above the plastic you are welding together.

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Crochet twine is useful for flying the light kites as it is handier than normal line.

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Have you thought of using velcro when you are kite making,useful for putting light wind flaps on kites.Can also be used to allow easy removal of sticks from pockets instead of having to undo the stitching.

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Buttons can replace the stop of a ferry.

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If you want to paint plastic sleds you can use aerosol spray paint through a doily to make really wild patterns.

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Scrap reel-to-reel tape makes good pony tails(donkey tails)

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AS YOU CAN SEE WE ARE A BIT SHORT ON THIS PAGE SO SEND US YOUR TIPS AND WE WILL TRY AND FILL IT UP NEXT TIME.

PERSONAL

????????? AHoy HEMEL HEMPSTEAD AND LANGPORT IS THERE ANYONE THERE ????????

Hello Nigel of Fairlight, you may be out of the way but youre not forgotten keep building and flying

Bill Skinner of Exmouth in a recent letter says he is the only kite flyer in Exmouth, are there any more?, if so please write and we will arrange exchange of addresses.

A certain West London kite flyer was seen perusing naughty pics of large ladies. A blank cheque to the editorial address will secure his anonymity.

Where can we obtain a radar set to fit Superstar's Honda?

who got lost on the way to the Colchester event ?, fused the lights on his motorcycle and got home at 5am??????

Does Superstar have planning permission for his flying tower block???

DOES ANY ONE WANT TO FORM AN ALLAN MARTIN FAN CLUB??????

AND CLUB TOGETHER TO BUY HIM A THREE WHEELER.

Is it really true AC/DC only drinks lemonade?????????

Do the big stores (M & S etc) pay him commission on the advertising?????

HOW MUCH DID THIS NEWSLETTER COST YOU ??

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GILL OF FENNEMORE FLYING FANTASIES.

Is it true that slim sniffs TIPP-EX?????????????

Happy birthday Bev.

Has Lionel got his full pilots licence yet? If not why not?

HOW MUCH DID THIS NEWSLETTER COST US ??

KON PRODUCTIONS CORDIALLY INVITE YOU (THAT MEANS YOU) (KITEFLIERS, BOTH ACTUAL AND PSEUDO) TO ATTEND A DELIGHTFUL EVENING IN THE COMPANY OF THE FOUNDER MEMBERS AT THE HARE AND HOUNDS, OLD WARDEN AFTER THIS MEET. (FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW IT IS OUT OF THE GATE OF THE AIRFIELD, TURN LEFT AND ITS A MILE DOWN THE ROAD.) P.S. WE DON'T BUY THE DRINKS IF TOO MANY TURN UP. BUT SERIOUSLY FOLKS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU AND HEAR YOUR COMMENTS. BY THE WAY WE WILL BE THERE JUST AFTER 7.00pm.

These and many more questions will be answered in our next revealing issue, which is at THE PRINTERS.

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CLACTON-ON-SEA

ESSEX

CO15 4XA

ARTHUR BEALE LTD (LINES)

194 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE

(ROUND THE CORNER FROM THE KITE STORE)

LONDON

WC2H 8JP

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HORNCHURCH

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HAPPY FLYING ! ! ! !