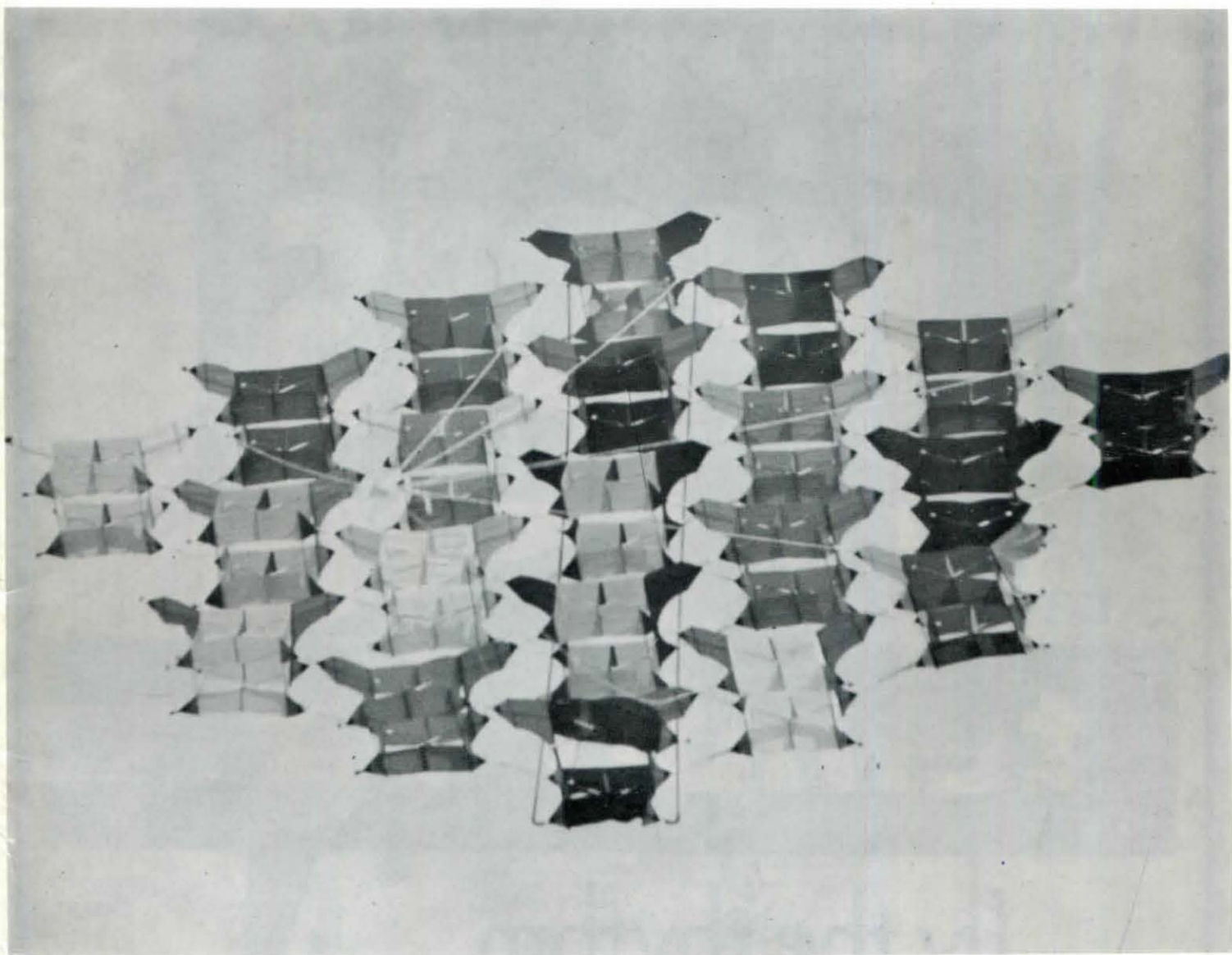


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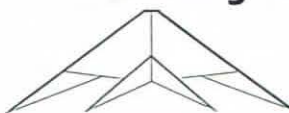
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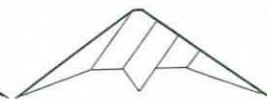
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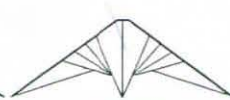
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The front cover show the Kaleidocody built and flown by Gary Clarke. This kite should, hopefully, be seen at both the Weymouth and Swindon Kite Festivals.

EDITORIAL

There are a number of things that we want to bring to your attention.

Firstly the dates for The Portsmouth International Kite Festival have been confused by several people. The dates for this year are 28th and 29th August.

Secondly, you will find a leaflet enclosed with this magazine giving you the chance to buy three of the Batesford Kite Books for the price of two. Because of the delay in publishing this issue (see below) we have managed to extend the closing date of this offer to 31st May rather than the published 30th April.

The reason for the delay in publishing this issue is **WE HAVE MOVED!** (We found the ideal home with a seven acre paddock at the rear - unfortunately not ours). Yes The Kite Society has changed address - however we are in the process of obtaining a post box and therefore, until we get the number, we are having our post forwarded. This means that you should continue to send everything to the address below until we tell you otherwise. The telephone is also being redirected so for those who know it continue using the old number where you should (if BT get it right) receive a message telling you the new number.

Some of you may have already seen our new handbook which we are selling to the public at the festivals around the country. We would like to thank Worlds Apart Ltd especially John Stewart for their time and effort in putting the handbook together. But the main thanks must be to them for enabling us to have a full colour cover on the Handbook. Thanks guys.

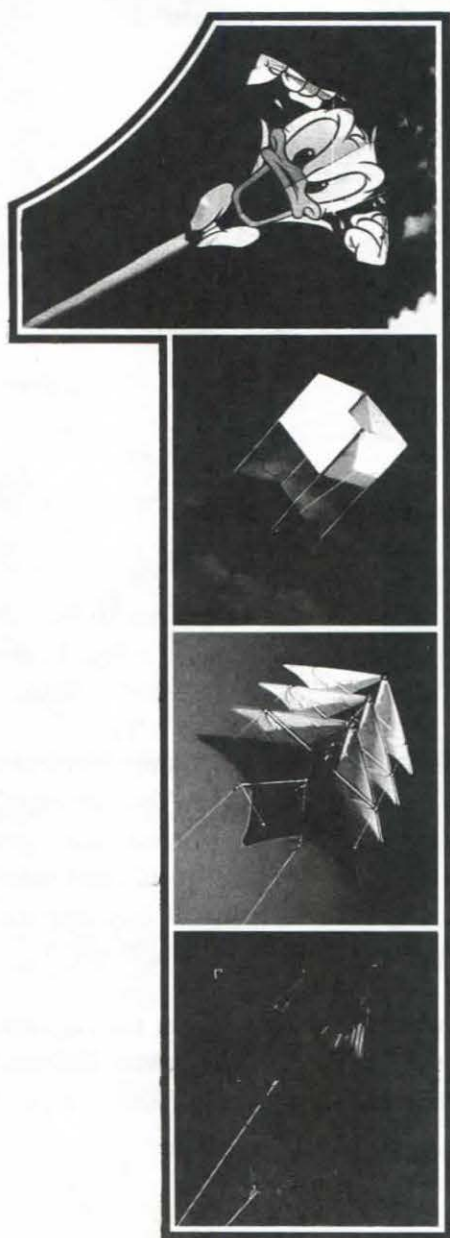
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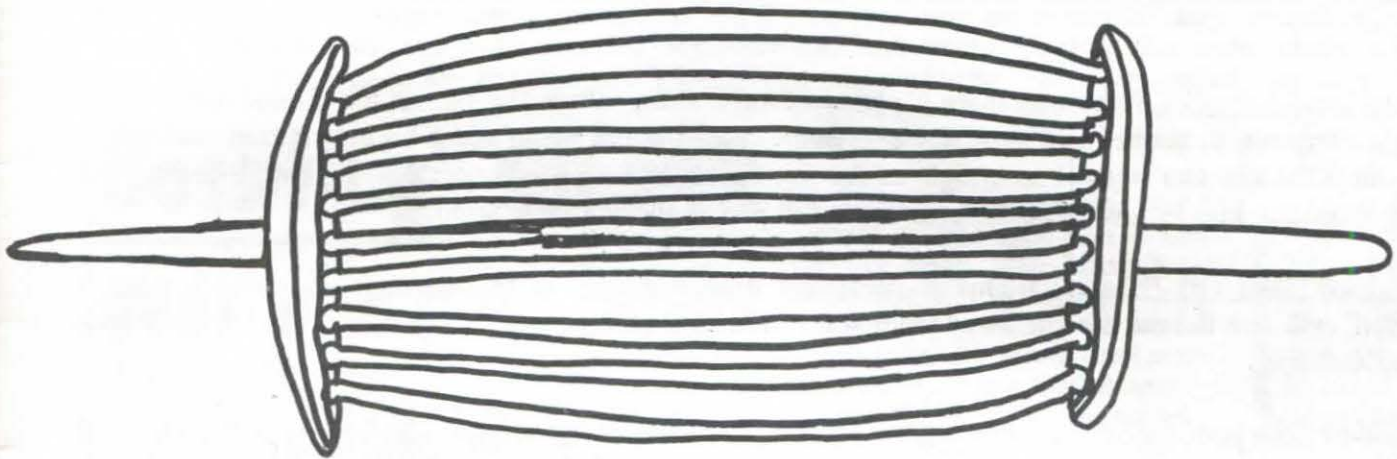


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STRING or 'MANJHA' The plain string called 'Suddi' needs to be lightweight, strong and tangle resistant. Irish linen, Rayon, Nylon etc are all suitable.

There does not appear to be any substitutes for Manjha, the very sharp powdered glass/flour coated string as it serves the function of cutting the opponents string perfectly. There does not seem to be any alternative to importing this Manjha from it's place of origin in India/Pakistan.

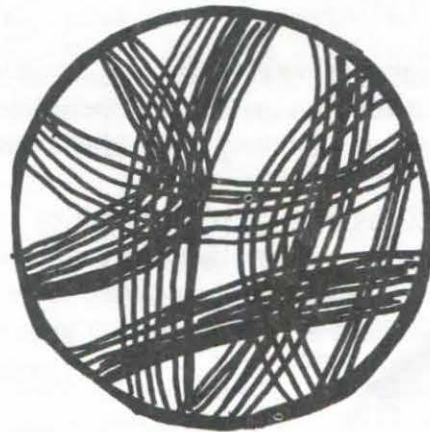
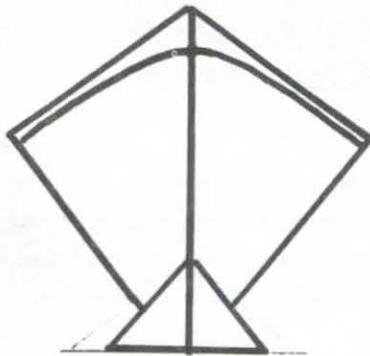
'CHURKHI' vs Ball of String Churkhi is basically a large reel. The method of construction is unique as it uses Bamboo which is eminently suitable being easily available, durable and yet very light. The diagram illustrates the basic, which is a central dowel, two round discs joined together by lengths of split bamboo.



BALL OF STRING This is a much more practical method of storage of string which is then available for quick release during the fight.

Old newspapers are first pressed into a hard round ball held together by a few coils of string. Plain (Suddi) string is then wound round and round to cover the newspaper ball. Manjha is then wound round in the form of pleats 1" - 2" wide. The winding is such that each pleat is roughly at right angles to the one before.

This pleating method is vital for quick release when the ball of string can be held in one hand by the assistant during the Pench (engagement) and the fight.



BRIDLE CONNECTIONS It is preferable to use the plain string (Suddi) to make the bridle. The top of the bridle is always fixed and uses holes at the junction of horizontal and vertical spars (A). The lower end is roughly at the level of the apex of the rudder but as the flying characteristics of each kite varies it is worthwhile experimenting with a higher or lower level. In general a higher attachment makes for a frisky flyer whereas a lower attachment makes for a steadier flight character.

The ends of the bridle are joined together in such a way that the upper bridle is always shorter by 1/2 - 1". But again experience and the prevailing wind conditions determine the suitable lengths.

TEST FLIGHT Having tied the string from the Churkhi or the ball, to the bridle all is now ready for the test flight to evaluate the qualities and the problems of a particular kite. Always choose a day with a gentle wind.

1. Hand Held Take Off Make sure there is plenty of loose string. Place the kite on the ground and give the string a sharp tug to get the kite aloft. By alternately releasing the string and a tugging action continue to do so until the kite can support its weight in the air. From then on it is a question of gently releasing the string. Keep the kite as low as possible to make full use of the available wind.

2. Assisted Take Off ('Durgai') This is somewhat easier so long as the assistant understands what is involved. Ask him to take the kite away from you to a distance of 20 - 30 yards and hold the kite aloft with the top end up.

At a signal from you, especially when you feel a gust of wind coming. He releases the kite with an upward push. You then pull on the string to get the kite airbourne. Now it is a question of slow release of the string keeping the kite as low as possible until the desired distance and height are achieved. With the string held in the hand the kite should be virtually motionless in the sky ready for testing.

TESTING

It is now time to put the 'Patang' through its paces. A pull on the string will get it climbing straight up. If you then release the string it will fly further but start to go down. Point the top in either direction and pull to get the kite to move in that direction.

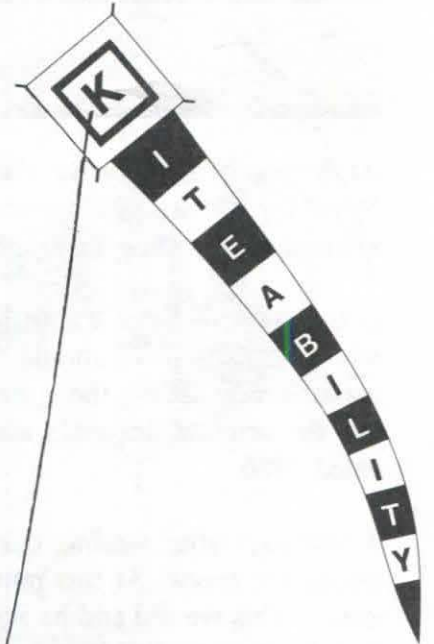
When it is high up in the sky by releasing the string make the top of the kite point downwards and if you now pull the string sharply it should dive straight down. Release the string and it should point up - pull the string to make it go.

The last manoeuvre is making the kite do circles and this comes with experience. By slow release and pointing the kite first to one side and then down it can be persuaded to go round and round by judicious release of the string. As in any sport practice makes perfect.

A few imperfections of the test flight can be corrected on the spot. If on pulling the string the kite keeps to one side it may be worthwhile putting an extra weight on the opposite half of the curved spar. If the kite is too sluggish the upper bridle may need to be shortened. If the kite keeps whirling round and round then either the lower bridle is too long or too high up. Minor adjustments only maybe needed.

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COPY CAT KITES

At the end of January we were handed a full colour catalogue from a large kite manufacturer. On the page "New for 93" we saw our star under the name "Wurlitzer". As you can imagine we were not particularly amused. On reading the blurb we even recognised the instructions on how to make it tumble.

In the Book of Kites it actually states that copyright belongs to us. Because of that we called our publisher who told us that we should find the oldest drawing that has a verifiable date on it and then write to the manufacturer telling them they were infringing our copyright and to stop as of that date. This we did. We had the original drawings alas with no date. Luckily we found an old Kite Store catalogue with the Star dated 1986.

A few days after sending our letter to them we received a letter from their solicitors noting our letter and asking for proof. At this point we decided to deal with them through a solicitor specialising in copyright issues. This we did and he sent a letter with the proof as requested. A few days later we had a letter saying that the manufacturers wanted to talk to us directly.

We rang them and we were told that they acknowledged that they were infringing our copyright but they had not known it at the time. They said that someone had sent them a photocopy of a book and asked them to make one. This they did and they then decided to make it commercially as it was such a good design. To recompense they offered to do one of two things - either take the design of the market or pay a royalty fee.

The figures they gave would mean that we would be paid a pittance each year so we decided to think it over. Finally we went back with a new proposal. This meant that they could make it under licence BUT - the quality would have to be up to our standard, they could not undercut our price and they would have to pay us a lump sum on agreement (to save the bother of counting the number sold).

The alternative was to take it off the market but state in the catalogue why it was withdrawn - we did not want people to think that the kite didn't fly - and pay us compensation.

They said that we were asking for too much and that they would take it off the market. On being asked how many they had sold we were told that they had only run up a few for the reps and these would be recalled. However we already knew of some shops selling them. In fact one shop told us they were using these kites as a display around a book called the Book of Kites.

We are still awaiting the final outcome - after all the manufacturer does not normally do this (so they said) - strange the similarities between two other "new for 93" kites and some of Wolfgang Schimmelpfennigs. So if you see any of the "Wurlitzer" kites in the shops - let us know.

Paul and Helene Morgan

(Sky Bums)

After four years in the kiting business we have finally seen the introduction of the cowboy kite makers, and true to tradition they have shattered a few peoples dreams. One or two knock backs from amateur manufacturing is absorbable and somewhat expected, but to actually lose business through these people on a regular basis is starting to become intolerable.

COPY CAT KITES

Fair enough, everyone has the right to sell their own product, and no-one more than us would be the first to endorse a personal endeavour, but to actually copy other peoples work and capitalize on the hard work and research of manufacturers who spend time and money on designing and marketing their ideas is wholly unfair. After having first hand experience of this totally illegal trade we would like to express our feelings.

Kite flying is a wonderful world of colour, excitement and fun, we all enjoy the 'sport' and have endless memories of festivals and competitions gone by. But the people who help make this hobby and past time as enjoyable as it is are suffering at the hands of others.

Yes we all like to make kites and yes there is a great satisfaction in flying your creations. We are not for one minute suggesting that this should stop. We merely wish to rid ourselves of these fly by night copycats.

So how do we do it? Well we actually acquired two copy-cat kites and report our findings as follows:-

- 1) The sails were made of low quality ripstop, probably offcuts or manufacturers seconds.
- 2) The frames of both kites were completely different sizes to the originals and obviously lacked strength.
- 3) The bridles were made of highly stretchable braided nylon and one set was totally inaccurate giving very poor control.
- 4) The actual sewing was a bad mess. The thread had broken in several places and there was a mixture of zig-zag and flat stitching.
- 5) The stress points of one of the kites had not been reinforced in any way to help prevent damage. So giving a shorter lifespan.
- 6) Finally we flew the two copycat kites at the same time as the original versions. The copycat kites may just as well been two different kites. They were slower and more unstable than the originals. We couldn't even make one fly properly without completely changing the bridle!

So in conclusion if you are looking for a good quality kite which will last longer than two seasons we find the answer very simple. Although these kites are cheaper than the professional equivalent save your money. Support your local kite shop or retailer who in turn support the people we owe the majority of our enjoyment to ... The manufacturers.

Chris Brown and Lyn Studwell
(The Mail Order Kite Company)

[Has anyone else out there had a similar experience to the above people - if so then let us know. It is the sort of activity that can only give kiteflying a bad name. Let us make sure it is stamped out.]

From Helen Bushell. Occasionally someone writes to me from the U.K. complaining that they are unable to obtain copies of my book "Make Mine Fly". These are available from the Kitelines Bookstore, but if anyone wishes they are also available from the publisher "Biol Associates", 47 Waverley Road, Malvern East 3145, Victoria, Australia. The cost including seamount is \$19.65, by air mail is \$26.16 (both Australian dollars).

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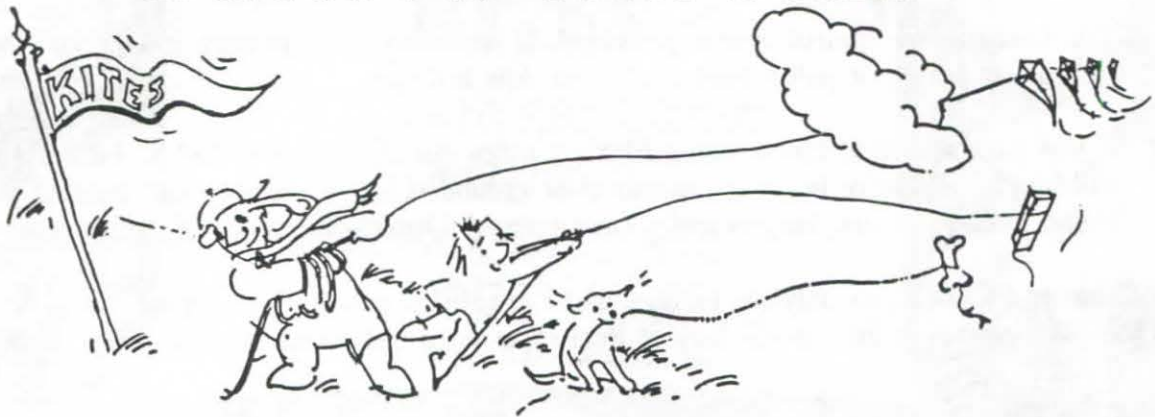


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KITE BUGGYING

I am still a comparative newcomer to bugging but with several recorded speeds of 60+ mph under my belt (and nothing dented but my pride!) I think I have enough experience to list my observations thus far, so here goes.

First of all, protective clothing is a must. All of our Bugging is done on the beach so we wear wetsuits. We also have a full-face crash helmet, gloves, elbow pads and good, strong boots. In my opinion ALL of this gear is advisable in any wind capable of getting you moving, but ESSENTIAL above 15-20mph.

Next on the list is the choice of kite. Most people would immediately think of a Flexifoil (or foils) but I like to be different and prefer a Quadrifoil for a couple of reasons:

1. You have greater control over a quadrifoil. If necessary you can drop it back into the power band for greater power or pull it back further to slow it down.
2. If you have a ground touch with a Flexi, 9 times out of 10 you've had it. Fine if you're standing still but when you're heading towards your grounded kite at 30mph, still holding your lines, it's bound to end in tears, tangles and wasted time. A Quadrifoil is normally recoverable.

(No offence to Flexi-ers, its only my opinion and I'm entitled to it!). N.B. I would imagine a Peel is also good but have only very little in the way of Peel experience and do not feel qualified to compare.

Getting Started

We've found that the safest way to start is to launch the kite before sitting on the buggy. The amount of pull from your chosen kite should be no surprise but the acceleration on a buggy, if you're not ready for it, can be phenomenal. We've estimated 0-35mph in less than 4 seconds in 20-25mph winds.

Position the buggy across the wind away from any obstacles. Get the kite into the air and in a rest position before climbing in. Only when you are sat down, feet on steering bars and comfortable should you drop the kite into the power and stand by.

Manoeuvring

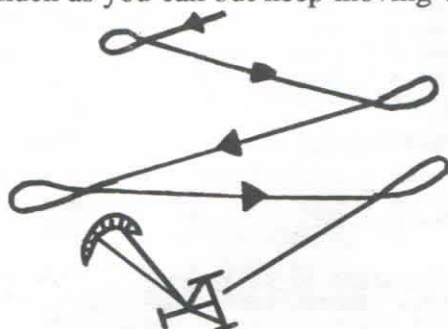
To start with keep the kite at the edge of the window, in front of the buggy and steer the buggy directly across the wind. This will keep your speed down while you get used to steering and the un-natural body position.

Before long you will have to turn so think about what you are going to do. You will always have to turn towards the centre of the window (which will equate to a gybe in sailing terms). This means that the kite is going to accelerate. Don't Panic! Slowly steer the kite towards the centre (which is behind you) and follow the kite with the front of the buggy. Experiment with turning the buggy before the kite, with the kite and after the kite until you have complete control and a lot more confidence.

You should find that the later you turn the buggy, the more likely you are to "skid" round the turn. Beware! If you leave it too late the kite will pull you straight off the back of the buggy. Brilliant for the spectators but not for your pride (or your backside).

KITE BUGGYING

By now you should be gaining in confidence but you are running out of room. Worry not. Now comes the boring bit, tacking back up the beach ready for the next speed run. Instead of steering across the wind try to steer into it as much as you can but keep moving while you do it. You should be able to gain some room as follows:



This can take some time but stick with it. Keep pinching the wind. It's worth it in the end.

Now it's time for a speed run. When you're as far upwind as you want to go, prepare yourself. This time when you turn the kite don't take it right to the other edge but hold it - nearer the centre. Also steer the buggy away from the wind a bit more and feel the speed build up.

Before long you will start to run out of space. Now comes the hard part. Stopping! On the beach it's easy - aim for the sea! Bring the kite towards the front of the buggy (nearer the edge) to reduce the pull and let the shallow water slow you down (hence the wet suit).

With no water it's a bit more difficult. You do the same move with the kite but you have to turn slowly to "bleed off" your speed. Concentrate on the kite. If necessary drag the kite as a parachute but don't let it control you. A pile of buggy and body is the only result if you do.

Whatever happens, DON'T put your feet down until you are almost stopped. Personally I would rather slide off the back in an emergency. Remember, you can always save up for a new kite/buggy. Broken bones can be much more costly!

It doesn't take long to gain confidence. Try "Handbrake turning" around corners or getting up on two wheels (one of your rear wheels in the air as per Dominique Scholte of Holland).

Our latest experiment has been buggy racing. Try using a triangular course and start with one buggy at each corner (we have 3 buggies between us). The winner is the first person to overtake the other two. The trick is not to let your kite crash, you lose valuable time re-launching and the more you can steer into the wind on the upwind leg the fewer you will have to "Tack".

My buggy is not the standard Peter Lynn variety. It was built from an old BMX frame (stem and forks) and steel tubing by Ada Clark from Falmouth. It has plastic wheels with 12 1/2"x 2 1/4" tyres from a scooter (the stand up and push with one foot type).

It is slightly heavier than the P.L. but with the smaller wheels and slightly wider wheelbase I think it is more stable. It is certainly very hardy as one high speed impact has proven.

The fastest speed to date is 63.1 mph in 25-35mph but several 50 mph+ speeds have been reached both by myself and Mike Jones. All speeds have been measured by a Sigma BC 600 Bicycle computer whose accuracy and efficiency we have no reason to doubt.

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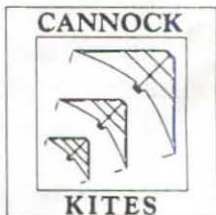
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GROUP DIRECTORY

Welcome to the 1993 Kite Group Directory. The directory has been compiled by sending a questionnaire to all the kite groups that we know of. Obviously some of these did not reply (or the Post Office won) so only address is shown.

The groups listed have benefits which range from none at all to a magazine, insurance and badges. Various fees are charged for membership - again ranging from nothing to £10.00 or more.

Details of fly-ins and other events organised by the groups can be found on the events list and events news pages.

If you are interested in joining any of the groups below then you should write to the address given enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the reply.

Coded entries are as follows:

M Magazine/Newsletter
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B Badges (Cloth and/or Pin)
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Where a dash is shown then the entry does not apply.

In addition the range of membership costs is shown - contact the group directly for complete details.

Aberdeen Flyers

[-/-/-/W/£none]

Garry Clarke
3 Eastside Avenue, Westhill,
Aberdeen AB32 6QQ.
Tel: 0224 741220

Alcester Kite Fliers

[M/I/B/W/£5.00 - £10.00]

Fred Taplin
20 Henley Street, Alcester,
Warwickshire B49 5QY.
Tel: 0789 762350

Avon Kite Flyers

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Martin Baker
39 Cotham Hill, Bristol BS6 6JY.
Tel: 0272 745010

Bath Kite Society

Olly Cromwell
18 Northumberland Place, Bath BA1
5AR.
Tel: 0225 444512

Black Country Kitefliers

[M/-/B/W/£none]

Venessa Hanks
26 Springfield Road, Brierley Hill,
West Midlands DY5 3RD.
Tel: 0384 262732

Blackheath Kiteflying Association

[-/I/-/-/£5.00]

Julian Smith
1 Forest Drive, Walderslade,
Chatham, Kent ME5 9NY.
Tel: 0634 660396

Len Patten

303 Lincoln Road, Enfield, Middlesex
EN1 1SY.
Tel: 081 804 2089

Tony Cartwright

78 Dongola Road, Tottenham, London
N17 6EE.
Tel: 081 808 1280

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[M/I/-/W/£4.00 - £9.00]

Ray Oakhill
Spindrift, 6 Hartfield Road,
Saltdean, Sussex BN2 8RE.
Tel: 0273 306842

Chiltern Kite Group

Roger Lawton
Karensa, 3 The Dell, Stockenchurch,
Bucks HP14 3SD.
Tel: 0494 482743

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J M Skinner
12 Oak Road, Bishopsmead, Tavistock,
Devon PL19 9EZ.
Tel: 0822 616196

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[M/I/B/W/£5.00- £20.00]

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PL26 8PJ.
Tel: 0726 851491

Eastbourne Kite Club

[M/-/-/W/£5.00 - £7.00]

Tom Gunter
40 Peppercombe Road, Eastbourne,
East Sussex BN20 8JN.
Tel: 0323 725064

Essex Kite Group

[M/I/B/W/£1.50]

Kathleen Pike
34 Mortimer Road, Rayleigh, Essex
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Tel: 0268 780516.

Great Ouse Kite Flyers

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Diane Butler
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Peterborough, Cambs PE4 6SB.
Tel: 0733 571958

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Eric Ferbrache
Greensleeves, Ruelle Des Cherfs,
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Tel: 0481 55902

Herefordshire Kite Group

[-/-/-/W/£none]

Steve Gibson
91 Baysham Street, Hereford, HR4
0ET.
Tel: 0432 359999

Kent Kite Klub

[M/I/B/W/£6.00 - £10.00]

Fiona Elsworth
95 Seagull Road, Strood, Rochester,
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Tel: 0634 727238

Kite Club of Scotland

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AL4 9SJ.
Tel: 0727 862971

Geoff Adams

6 Pembridge Close, Bovington, Herts
HP3 0QH.
Tel: 0442 833736

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Ian Brett
12 Willow Close, Spratton,
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41 Ashfield Drive, Clayton Bridge,
Manchester M10 6WJ.
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David Howe
42 Gladys Avenue, North End,
Portsmouth, Hampshire PO2 9BG.
Tel: 0705 661987

Red Dragon Flyers

[?/?/?/?/£5.00 - £7.00]
Greg Eynon
Cardiff Kitestore, 15 High Street
Arcade, Cardiff CF1 2BB.
Tel: 0222 666485

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N Godbald
18 Kelsey Road, Salisbury SP1 1JZ.

Shropshire Kite Group

[-/-/B/W/£none]
Tony Slater
128 Meadow Farm Drive, Harlescott,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY1 4JY.
Tel: 0743 235068

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[-/-/-/W/£none]
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Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9JP.
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Wessex Kite Group

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Totton, Southampton, Hants SO4 3HN.
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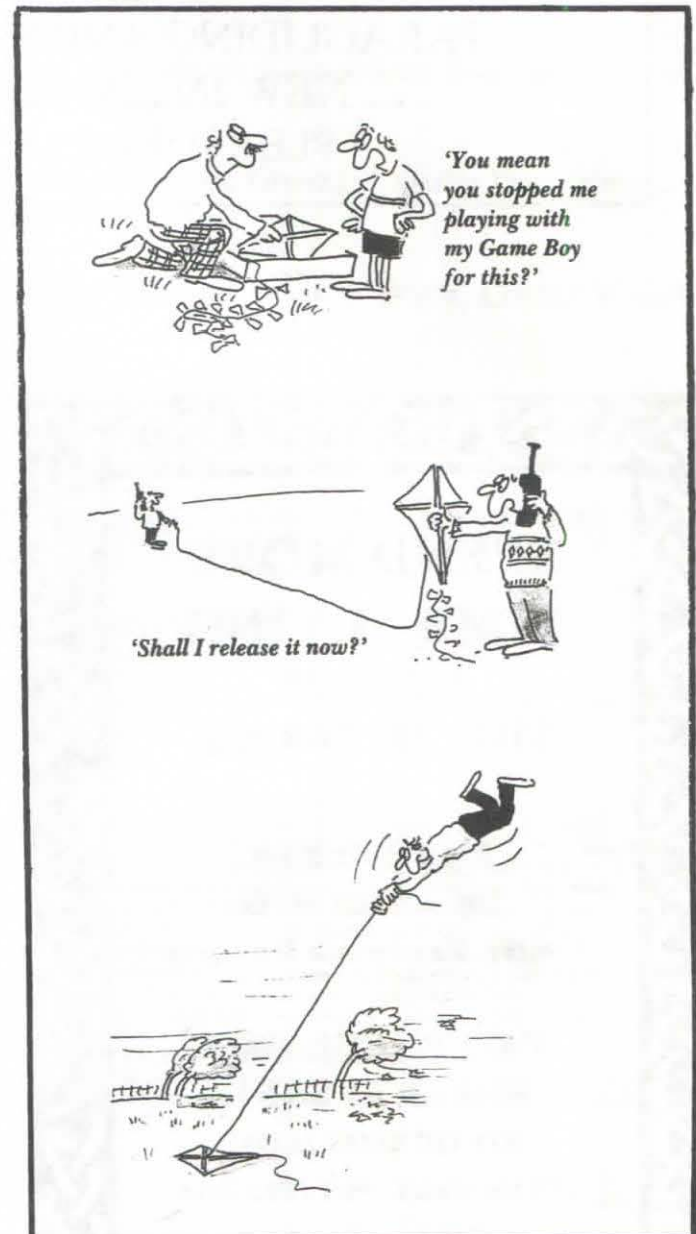
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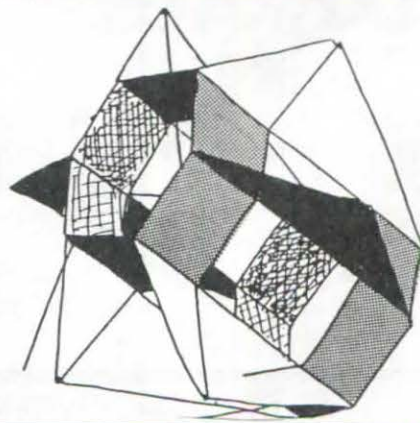
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NEW SHOPS

Martin Godball has written to tell us a bit about the Salisbury Kite Shop which they are in the process of opening. They traded for the Christmas period and were very successful - it led to the formation of the Salisbury kite Club. A Kite and Juggling festival is also being organised for September 19th.

Kites and Things: Andy Thomas, the proprietor, writes - "I believe I have Kent's biggest selection of kites in stock plus a kite maker's corner/repair shop for parts." Address - 36 Oxford Street, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1DG: Tel: 0227 264722/772161.

Kites Over Leicester, 247 Clarendon Park Road, Leicester LE2 3AN. Doug & Mary Robertson opened this shop on March 6th. They currently plan to open Saturdays all day and Sunday mornings. Tel: 0533 448005, Fax: 0533 448005 for more details.

Kite & Flite. Roland Ellis, recently arrived back in England after many years in Australia has decided that with the aid of a self contained unit of a van and market stall to trade at the local county shows, carnivals, seaside festivals and other functions.

With a lot of help from The Kiteflier Trade Directory he has established links with a number of Britain's top kite manufacturers whose products will be included in his range. He kicked off over the Easter Weekend at Felixstowe and has shown his Aussie kites.

KITE SITES

You may remember that Steve Gibson was asking for information about flying sites so that he could

produce a booklet for distribution. Well he has decided to go ahead and publish the first edition of "Kite Sites". There may well be a future issue at the end of the year. The cover price is £1.50 as costs are a fair bit to get each copy produced. The NSPCC also get 20% of the cover price as a donation.

The booklet itself looks to be very useful when travelling around as it gives a good reference to places to fly kites when travelling around. The directions to the site are given in each case and it also tells you where the nearest pub (and toilets) are.

If you want a copy then send a S.A.E. (A5 sized) to Steve Gibson, 91 Baysham Street, Hereford HR4 0ET.

NEW GROUPS WANTED

Noelle and David Watson have written to us asking to meet kitefliers who live in their area. They write "we do suspect that we are in fact the only kitefliers in the whole of North Wales.. never seen another kite, no kite shops .. nothing! If interested contact them at 9 Llwyn Onn, Gwaenysgor, Rhyll, Clwyd LL18 6EL. Tel: 0745 886901.

Any kiteflyers/maker in Dumfries & Galloway? Please contact Wilf Proctor, Grange Farm House, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4DG. Tel: 0557 30552. Occasional meets, fly-ins, all types of kites, all ages.

P M Whitaker writes "I am willing to set up a club in Gloucestershire, which I believe may be the first. The area I have in mind is Cheltenham, Gloucester, Tewkesbury. So if there are any fellow kite fliers or even businesses who would like to help set up a club I would be only too delighted to hear from them. Those interested can contact me at 19 Lilac Way, Quedgeley, Gloucestershire GL2 6WH or ring me on 0453 728521 between 6pm and 7pm most evenings."

Simon Bargery writes "Sheffield, Does anyone else

in Sheffield fly kites? I have recently moved here from the south coast and would love to fly in the Peak District. I mainly fly stunt kites but I am picking up an interest in single liners. Please write to me to organise outings and maybe even a Sheffield Kite Club." Address Flat A, 9 The Drive, Hillsborough, Sheffield S6 4AL.

KITES

This year's Oxfam kite although called a Chinese kite is actually made in Thailand. It is a square mulberry paper kite which is made in the traditional Chinese way on a bamboo frame. It measures 13" x 17" with a 49" tail. Pictures of the makers, making the kites are in a new Oxfam craft book.

The following bits are sent to us by A Nonymous. These are the things that no one else can be bothered to tell us.

TWO INTO ONE CAN GO

Once again we are faced with the expansion of our beloved hobby. Sadly there are a number of clashes in the festival calendar (see events list) both within the U.K. and also on an international level. Let's hope that festival organisers bear this in mind when planning the actual attractions within these festivals, but at least with the additional new traders on the scene there should be enough events to share in. Anyone want to volunteer to be a liaison officer??

GET IT WHERE YOU CAN

The recent decline in the value of the £ overseas has led to a number of distributors having to withdraw from supplying American products in the U.K. A flick through the retail directory in any of the magazines available from the U.S.A. will provide you with an armful of telephone numbers of American shops just waiting to get their hands on your flexible friend. However, be warned that the additional costs for import duties, credit card currency conversion fees, the phone bill etc. can make what sounds a good deal a good deal dearer!

LET SLEEPING DOGS FLY

This year's festival at Weymouth once again promises to be a fun filled frolic of sea, sun and sleep. Sunday night entertainment will be provided by international hypnotist Hugh Lennon, who appeared at the Weymouth Pavilion last year. Hugh is also an avid kite flier who spends his spare time flying on Baildon Moor in West Yorkshire.

A special feature of this year's Hugh Lennon's Hypnotist Laughter Show will be the real star of the show, Hypno-dog, a black labrador called Oscar, who comes on stage and hypnotises people. "Oscar is also a keen kite flier" said Hugh, "So I had a special kite made for him". The infamous Tim Benson of Fizz Sport Kites has created a stunning two metre appliqued Rokakku which will be flown by Oscar at the festival.

TEARS AND CHEERS ON TV

Kite flying has once again been the feature of a TV documentary entitled "Battle On The Beach", which was recently shown in the HTV region. Phil Streather's film followed the fortunes of some of the hopeful teams at last year's British National Team Sport Kite Championships at Weston Super Mare. Concentrating on the personalities and emotions, the broadcast gave a good representation of the good naturedness of the sport, especially in view of the high stakes involved. Negotiations are being conducted to obtain copies of the broadcast for resale. More news on this if it comes to fruition.

MONSTER CATERPILLAR AT LARGE IN LE TOUQUET

An attempt to set a new world record for the biggest power kite stack is being staged at this year's Le Touquet event. Flexifoil International are hoping to fly 200 six foot Stackers on a pair of 1000 foot long, 20,000lb breaking strain shielded Kevlar lines. The lines are being specially manufactured for the attempt and will be tethered via a pulley arrangement to a caterpillar on the beach.



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Payment made out to "Wales International Kite Festival" for the camping and entry fee is required in advance with your application, to be received not later than 2nd July 1993. Accommodation lists also available.

A FESTIVAL FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

EUROPEAN CUP

This year's European Cup is to be held in Vienna on the weekend of the 25/26th September. The competition is being restricted to 15 individuals, 10 pairs and 10 teams so early registration is highly recommended. All interested should contact Helmut Georgi of Fly High Drachen on 010 43 1 5050 260.

STACK U.K. - USA WORLD CUP CHALLENGE 1993

Tight on the lines of last year's successful fund raising effort we are hoping to raise some money to assist our UK representatives at the World Sport Kite Championships in Berkley, California. Embroidered regalia, a '93 Challenge pin, the Ultimate Kite Bag II and other activities will be on offer from Easter onwards. Details available from Martin Thomas at the address below.

TEAM NATIONAL

The National Team Championships will take place over three rounds held at Easter Blackheath, Weston-Super-Mare and Hackney Marshes. It is hoped that there will be places offered to the overall winners and the runner's-up of the Team National series to participate in the World Cup in California in September.

STACK NEWS

Following Lisa O'Carroll's resignation as editor (and more) of STACK NEWS due to the pressure of her fulltime occupation, changes have been made to the format of STACK NEWS. In order to improve the flow of information it has been decided to produce a bi-monthly news letter rather than a quarterly magazine. All future correspondence relating to STACK NEWS, including articles for publication, event reports, brickbats and bouquets should be sent to Patrick Bonneau who has taken on yet another role. Our extreme thanks go to Lisa for her persistence, determination and dammed hard work.

WORKSHOPS

A recent decision was made to initiate a series of training programmes aimed at all kitefliers. These naturally require organisers and attendees to make them happen. If you feel you have something to offer in the way of coaching or have a kite group who would welcome the services of an experienced flier contact STACK UK with your details. A training programme is the only missing element which could allow STACK to achieve Sports Council recognition.

LEAGUES

There are now eight leagues established throughout the UK and the organisers have asked to extend a welcome to any fliers interested in participating, officiating or simply spectating. A full list is published and regularly updates in STACK NEWS or a copy can be obtained by sending an s.a.e. to Patrick Bonneau.

MARTIN THOMAS, STACK UK National Director, C/O The Leading Edge Kite Company, Baildon Craft Centre, Browgate, Baildon, Shipley, West Yorkshire, BD17 6BP. Tel/Fax 0274 532899.

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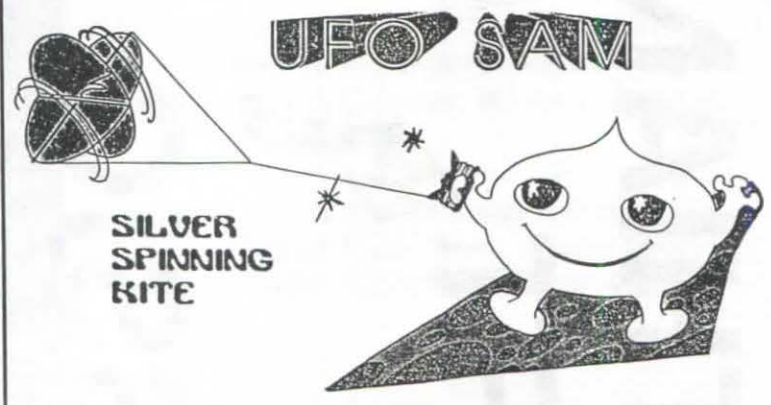
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VIDEO REVIEW

Here it is, the long-awaited video of last Autumn's week-long sport kite extravaganza at Hayle, Cornwall. Modern sports kites are introduced, some technical information is presented and the viewer can readily understand the remarkable increase in the popularity of Sport Kiting.

All this provides a suitable build-up to the main events of the festival. Kite speed trials measure the speed of a moving kite using a calibrated hand held radar gun. Kite powered buggies charge up and down attempting speed records. Power jumping involves stacking as many kites as you can hold and launching yourself from a pit in the sand - sounds weird, but the video shows it all very clearly.

Just as one is getting used to the action, it all stops: the wind dies and the rain starts. As soon as the rain stops, anemometers come out and the white flag is hoisted as soon as the wind reaches 15 mph, then power kiting is officially under way.

One is then greeted with a stunning array of feats, from speed trials, gigantic leaps into the air, and heart stopping spills from speeding buggies. Some of the events are very difficult to capture on film. The speed trials must have been pulling the fliers' arms out, on film it just seemed like more (rather fast) noisy stunts.

During the film, Kieron Chatterjea explains the techniques used in Power Jumping, the type of kite and how they should be flown: everything to encourage an amateur to have a go. The highlight of the film was Kieron's spectacular leap of 32 metres! A couple of cautionary notes are introduced - the value of protective headgear is demonstrated when a jump goes a little wrong, and the flier's safety helmet is cracked. Then Kieron breaks a line just on the point of taking off for a jump. All is safe, but what if the line had broken under maximum lift? It is a good reminder that these activities can be dangerous, and good tuition and physical fitness play a vital part.

Who is it for? Certainly a neat and precise record of an exciting event, so of great relevance to those who were there. It will also appeal to someone looking for excitement and thrills in the increasing sport of Power Kiting. It will undoubtedly serve as a very effective publicity tool for the next event which takes place on 11th - 19th September 1993.



GWITHIAN SPORT KITE CLASSIC

is a broadcast quality V.H.S. video of the U.K.'s first sport and power kite festival, the proceeds of which will go to the work of the **Downs Syndrome Association** (Registered Charity No. 265812)

the video features excellent footage of power-jumping and dynamic shots of kite-bugging, including Kieron Chatterjea's successful world record attempts.

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Now down to serious news:-

Since the last issue there has been both a copy of "The Kite Pin Hotline" and the "Pin Seeker".

What's new? Well the K.P.H. has 150 different pins in stock including quite a selection from Germany.

Also available from K.P.H. are new pin rolls nicely made in tasteful black. They are much much easier to use than the pin bags - no having to turn pages and they can hold up to 200 badges.

At \$15.00 plus \$5.00 postage they are approximately a third of the price of the Pin bags.

In K.P.H. David Gomberg has announced his 1993 "Big One Competition". He will provide a special limited edition pin to the five biggest collections in each of North America, Europe and Asia. Just write to David and tell him the size of your collection as of March 1st. The results will be listed in a future issue.

David also has Flag pins (a generic stunt kite design) for the USA, UK, Germany, Holland, France, Belgium, Italy and Japan cost \$6.00 each or eight for \$40.00. Great for overseas swapping trips (only 300 of each were produced).

The Kite Pin Hotline, Box 113, Neotsu, Oregon 97364, U.S.A. Fax 010 1 503 994 9692. Tel 010 1 503 996 3083.

Another keen pin collector from the USA writes as follows:-

"Hi, I've designed my own pin.

"I live on Long Island, a large fish shaped island of NY City. I fly, along with a number of friends at Jones Beach Field 6 with the Atlantic Ocean for a backdrop. It was that which I've depicted in my pin design. The obelisk in the background is actually the Jones Beach Water Tower, a tall brick structure. The only thing not in sync is that when my husband and I fly too close together, we tend to crash or I cut his lines with my tails, oops. No, we won't be a team in the near future.

"Is anyone over there interested in trading for my pin? I've been collecting this last year. I have the 1991 Bristol pin, which I picked up at the Kite Store when I was in London on business last year, and a few pins with phantoms, but I'm not sure whether they are English or American.

"Anyway, I'd love to trade. I prefer pins with pink or purple on them or waves or kites, well you know."

Write to: Pin Junkie Alice Hayden, 131 Acre Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801, U.S.A. Tel 010 1 516 433 7709.

New Pins from the U.K.

There will be a limited edition U.K. World Cup Challenge S.T.A.C.K. Pin 1993. The proceeds of which

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will go towards funding the U.K. teams expenses getting to the U.S.A.

The Loddon Valley Kitefliers are producing a limited edition porcelain badge (with a metal back) for their Basingstoke Kite Festival. Should be available at the festival.

The Shrewsbury Kite Festival celebrates ten years in 1993 and there will be available a 10th anniversary pin, one colour in a limited edition of 100 and another in a limited edition of 50. The snag is that you have to attend the kite festival to get the badge!

Paul Morgan of Skybums has produced a pin for Megadelta owners. You have to buy the kite to get the badge.

There is a new Thorpe Kite Fliers pin out. Same design different colour. (Haven't seen this one yet but most of the U.S.A., Germany and the rest of the World pin collectors seem to have one - obviously the Pin Pratt and the U.K. collectors are not important - or maybe I should start charging for the free publicity!).

Coming soon, it seems to have been coming for the most of 1992 and 1993, a Kent Kite Klub pin, a Midland Kite Fliers pin and a Nomansland Kitefliers pin.

And finally due to the fact that most of the Kite Store will not be in attendance at Bristol rumour has it that there will no "The Kite Store Invitational Masters Team Ballet Thingy" pin but there might be a "Not The Kite Store Invitational Masters Team Ballet Thingy".

As a final aside - Over a glass of champagne David Gomberg admitted that some avid pin collector had offered him \$10,000 for his BIG pin collection, but as he said this represented under \$4.00 per pin so at a conservative estimate that makes David's collection number two and a half thousand!. So keep collecting folks you've got a long way to go.

WANTS

Remember please use these pages to advertise your wants, trades and swops.

Wanted: Bristol 1990 (convention year) pin. Ray Smith, 44 Rosevear Road, Bugle, St Austell, Cornwall PL26 8PJ.

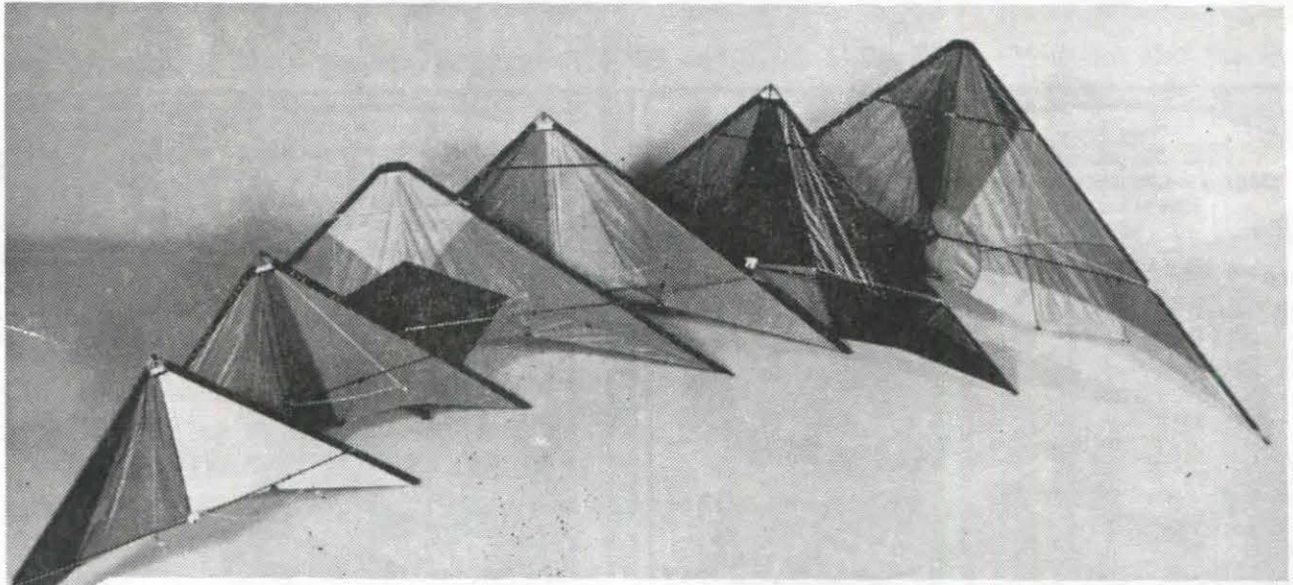
Wanted: Yellow Kite Society pin. Kevin Appleton, 37 Eastern Avenue, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich NR7 0UQ.

Don't forget the Pin Pratt Challenge to be held at the Kite Society of Great Britain Convention on September 3rd at the Redwood Lodge, Bristol. A pin will be given to every entrant and there will be special prizes for the BIGGEST collection and the best displayed collection. So start planning now!

Write with your news to:

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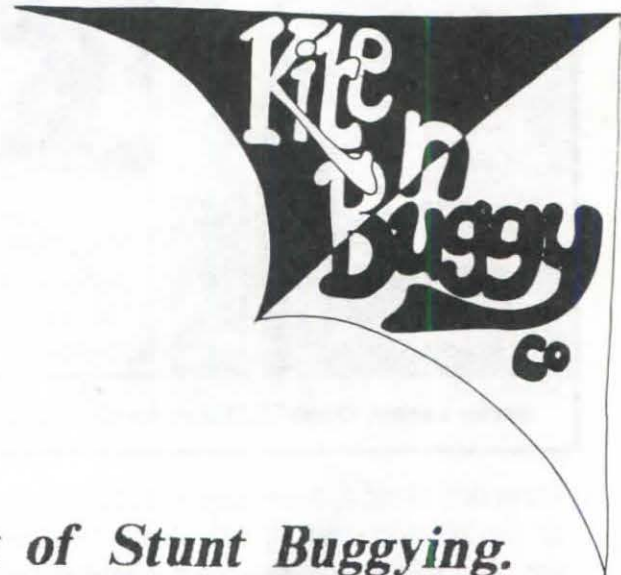


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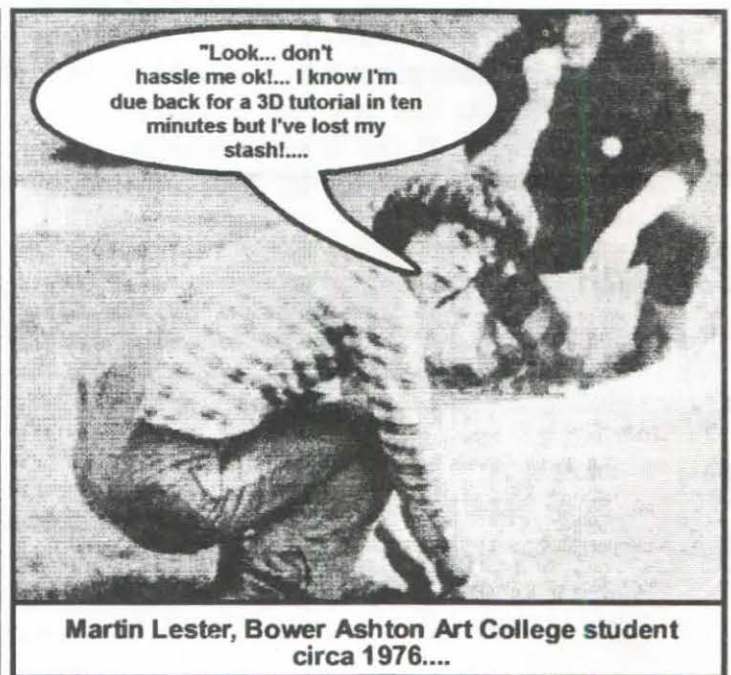
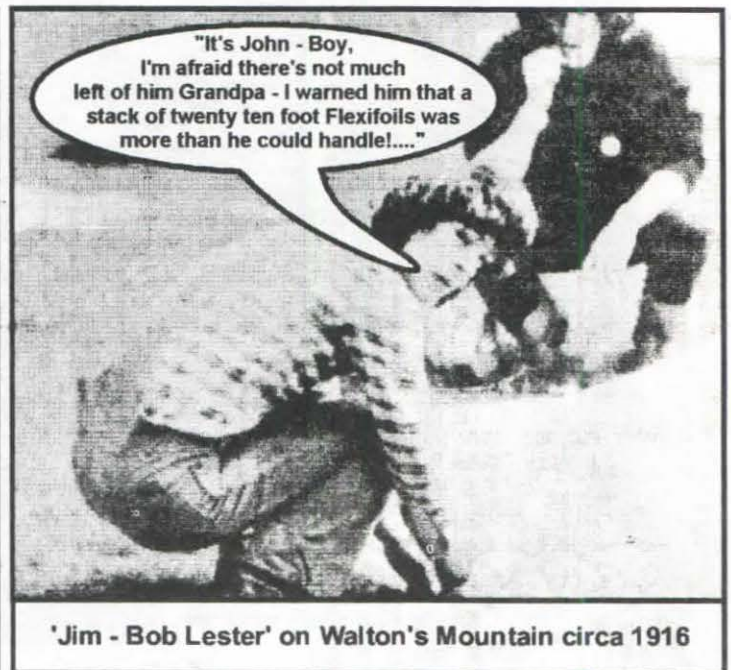
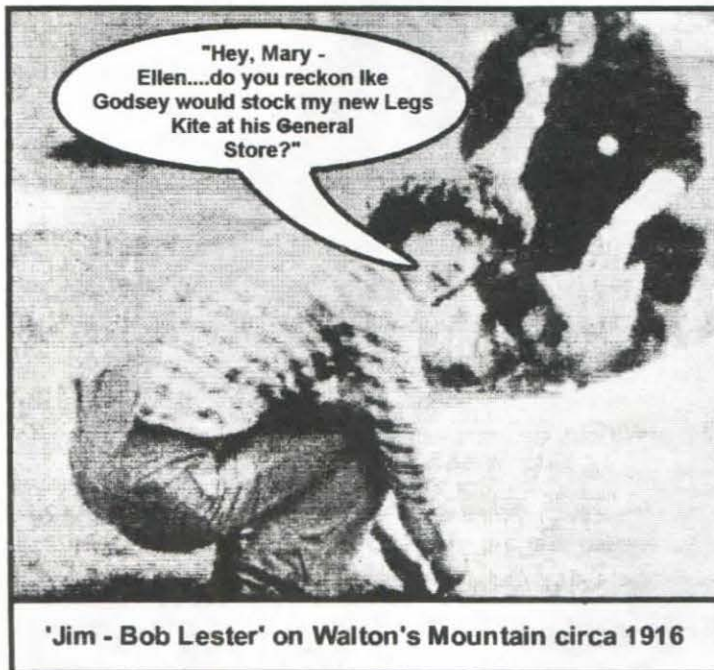
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The Kiteflier 'Silly Competition' Issue January 1993



The competition we ran in the last issue had quite a number of entries. It must have been the prize of a yellow Kite Society badge that did the trick.

We were impressed with most of the entries but after due consideration felt that the set of entries from Toody Oakhill deserved the prize.

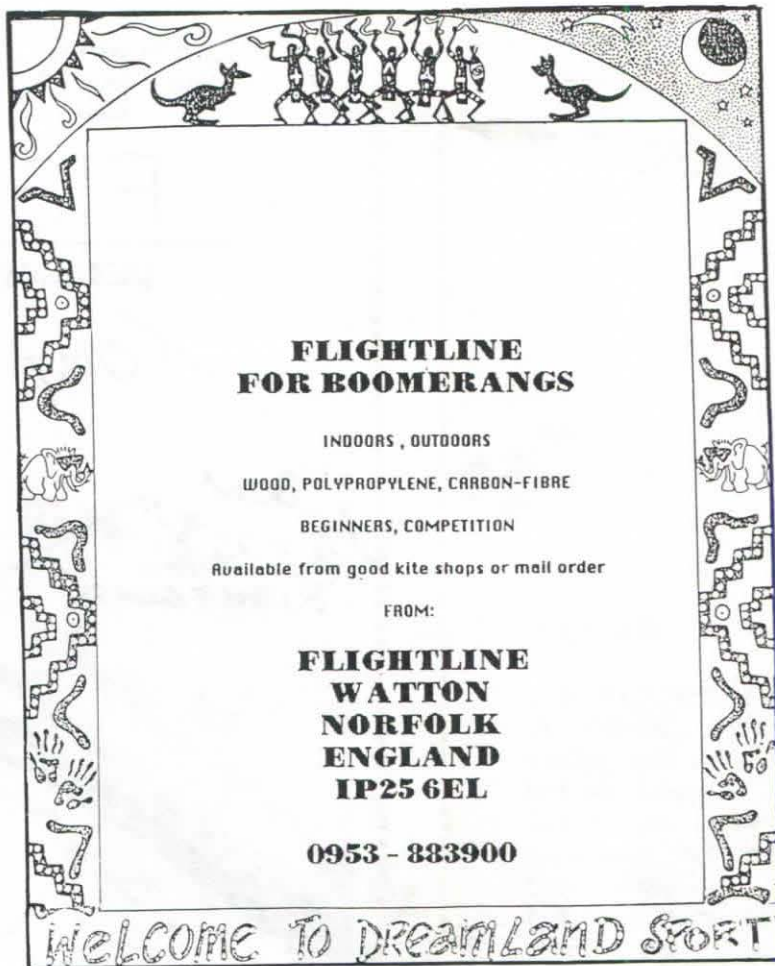
A yellow badge will be winging it's way to Toody in the near future.

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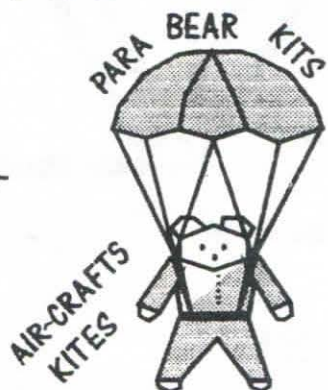
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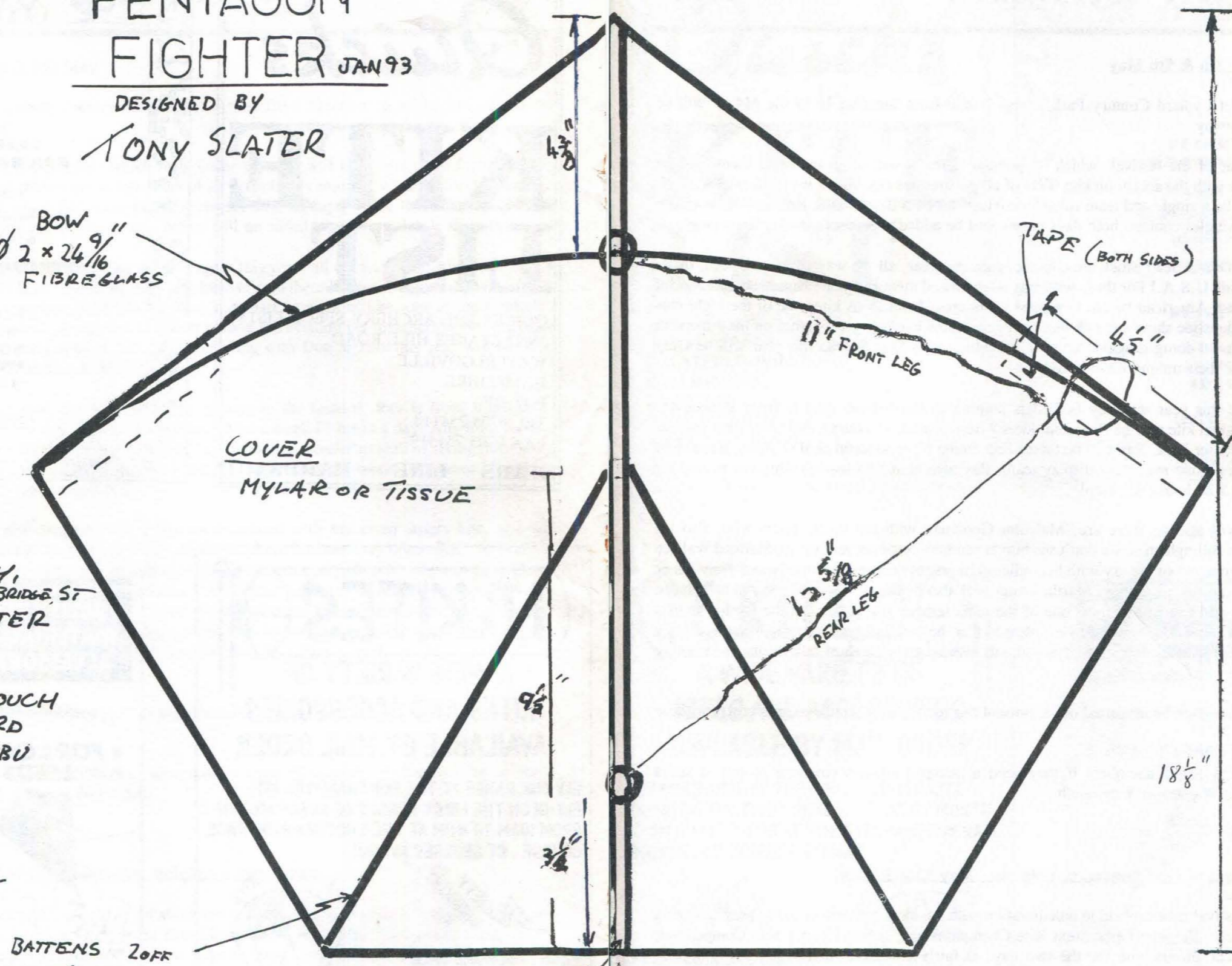
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2. Mark out design.
3. Tape edges. (use clear vinyl tape for freezer bags).
4. Tack glue spine on cover, and tape finally.
5. Tack glue battens into position and tape down.
6. Tape bow into position.
7. Cut all round and remove from board.
8. Reinforce bow ends with tape at tips.
9. Place reinforcement patches over bridle positions (from carpet tape).
10. Pierce bridle holes and fix bridle in position.
11. Fly!

N.B. This fighter can be flown as a normal kite with the addition of small streamers from the bottom corners. As a fighter it tracks like a korean, turns quickly, spins slowly - ideal as a first fighter.

The spine must be made from bamboo. Don't cheat with other materials as they will not give the correct spine reflex and pentagon will not fly properly.

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Swindon Kite Festival - 8th & 9th May

This event is being held at Lydiard Country Park, about 1 mile from Junction 16 of the M4. It will be signposted from the motorway.

This will be the third year of the festival. which by popular demand will be in the same format as the previous two years, that is with the accent on kite fliers of all persuasions enjoying a very informal festival, the only competition will be a single and team rokakku contests on both days, Pat & Ron Dell have kindly donated a trophy for the singles contest, both days points will be added together to decide the winner.

We are very pleased that Don & Jean Mock are coming again this year, all the way from Aberdeen, that's Aberdeen, Washington State U.S.A.! For those who may have missed them last year, Don makes wonderful unique kites based on North American Indian face masks, but apart from Dons kites one of the highlights of last years festival was the slide show and talk that Don gave in the evening get-together on the American festival scene, he will also be doing it again this year. Travelling with Don & Jean this year will be Greg & Sue Clark -look out for their unique KaleidoCody.

We are also very pleased this year that Ray Bethell is coming to the festival. Ray is from Vancouver, Canada. He is also the original kite nut, he flies stunt kites 7 days a week 11 hours a day. Any time you are in Vancouver just go to Vanier Park. Ray will be there, fine tuning his wonderful skill of flying three stunt kites at the same time, yes a one man stunt display team. Ray also holds the world endurance record for flying three kites at once 5.25 hours non-stop!

Noted U.K. fliers that will also be there are: Malcolm Goodman with his seven sisters kite, also his pyjamas. Malcolm lives in Billingham so we don't see him at southern festivals very often. Stafford Wallace will be there cutting everyone out of the sky with his Indian fighters, of course Ron Moody and Tony Slater will no doubt give him a run for his money. Martin Lester will also be there, what can I say about Martin that has not already been said except that he is one of the most famous kite makers in the world, he gets invites to festivals all over the world so we are very pleased that he can find time to come to ours. Finally Paul Chapman will be there with his replica Codys and will also be giving a short talk during the evening get-together.

Arrangements for the evening are being sorted out at present but food will be available (at a cost) for those who are interested.

Car passes are available to KSGB members if they send a stamped address envelope to me or see a W.H.K.F. member at Old Warden or Weymouth.

Dave Robinson

International Kite Festival of Oostduinkerke, Belgium - May 15th & 16th

For the eighth time this festival is being held in collaboration with the local authorities. As in previous years three events will take place - Belgium Open Stunt Kite Championships; Indian Fighter Kite Competition; NCB's Rokkaku Fight. The programme for the two days is fairly extensive including free flying, the competitions and night flying. Reduced rate accommodation is available as well as a buffet meal (at 300 BEF per person) on the Saturday evening before the night flying. For further information contact Nest Lernout,

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Goudenregen 25, B-2640 Mortsel, Belgium. Tel: 03 449 1221 (After 5pm). You can also fax Danny Drowart of 03 830 1836.

Ripon Kite Festival - June 5th

All day on Ripon racecourse. Kite workshops at schools during the week. It is being run by the Ripon Gazette as part of the Ripon Festival. Phone Sarah-Jane Leydon (Gazette Office 0765 601248 or home 0423 563006) who would welcome advice and/or assistance from anyone with kite festival experience. Stalls available for kite traders.

Conquer The Wind, 2nd Gt Yarmouth Beach Kite Festival - 12th & 13th June

Organised by the Thorpe Kite flyers the programmes for the two days is:

Saturday. Kite Traders Market; general free flying; 1000ft height clearance; competitions including limbo, radio control car kite tow; Snap Dragon Kite Photography; Juggling; Evening meal followed by night flying.

Sunday. Kite Traders Market; general free flying of single line kites in the morning; 1000ft height clearance; stunt flying displays in the afternoon including Flexifoil works team, team flying and mass '8' team fly, kite competitions and juggling.

At the time of going to print trade bookings have been received from KSGB/Sky Blooms, Kiteability, Sky Bums, Aircrafts, Wind Things, Cliftons Endless Summer, Kellers and Flexifoil International. Snap Dragon kite photography will be in attendance. Teams attending include Lost in Space, Tangle Twos, Beach Bums and the Hawaiian Sky Divers.

Great Yarmouth offers miles of clear golden sand with lots of space for visiting fliers along the sea front. Visiting fliers who wish to participate in Saturdays evening meal are asked to contact the event organiser.

Kevin Appleton, 37 Eastern Avenue, Thorpe-St-Andrew, Norwich NR7 0UQ. Tel: 0603 31964.

Sun Valley Kite Festival, Margam Park - 12th & 13th June

Thanks to our sponsors, slight change of name - same venue though, and same relaxing atmosphere - this is the laid back festival! We hope to have pulled off a bit of a coup, by getting Ray Bethell over from Vancouver to give demonstrations at Margam. For those of you who have not seen Ray in action, all we can say is that his stunting is out of this world. Among his achievements is the world record for simultaneously flying three stunt kites - 5 hours and 40 minutes at Long Beach Festival. He will be joined in his demonstrations by Yaro Dunnets.

Situated just off Junction 38 of the M4, between Bridgend and Port Talbot, Margam Park is set in 800 acres and can cater for all flying tastes, no matter how many lines you like to pull. The grounds contain one of the worlds largest mazes, the remains of an Abbey and Castle, plus loads of attractions for children - keeps them amused, while us adults fly!

All kite trade stands are now booked, but we could still have space for other stalls. The pitch is free, but as the NSPCC hope to benefit from the two days - a large donation to their funds would be appreciated. We

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also plan to have juggling workshops and stalls, face painting and magic. Gosh - this is all too good to miss.

In conjunction with West Glamorgan County Council, we will be working with local schools in order to encourage children to design and make their own kites, and prizes will be given out for the best during the weekend. There will be an open competition, for children out of the area - so bring your entries along. For the adults, we will be having Rokkaku Challenges, with the prize doubled this year - that's right 2 cans of beer! If anybody wants to take on the Parachuting Teddies bit, we would be very pleased to hear from them.

Camping facilities are available adjacent to the main flying area. The charge is £1.50 for adults, and £1.00 for children per night. Or £4.00 per caravan or family tent per night - this includes entry to the park.

A limited number of free entrance passes are available to kitefliers and their cars, otherwise there is an entrance charge of £3.00 per adult and £2.00 per child/OAP. There is a charge made to some of the other facilities such as the maze. For those without a pass there is ample parking and a road train will take you into the park, so you don't have to carry equipment very far.

For further information, pass applications, accommodation details etc please send a stamped addressed envelope to Steve Gibson, 91 Baysham Street, Hereford HR4 0ET. Or ring Steve on 0432 359999 or Peter Metcalf on 0432 263737.

British National Team Sport Kite Championship - Round 2 - 12th & 13th June

To be held at Weston-Super-Mare, Woodspring District Council have offered a much more prominent site nearer the main esplanade next to the Tropicana. So hopefully this year the event will attract many more spectators. As well as the serious side of the competition the organisers would like to attract all types of flyers and displays and some traders to give the event more of a festival atmosphere. For details contact Avril Baker / Jo Watts at usual address.

Unfortunately as the three rounds of the Championship had to be completed before the end of June there were very few available weekends when both the tides were acceptable and the council had gaps in their events calendar. Unfortunately this means that Weston now clashes with events at both Margam park and Great Yarmouth. To the organisers of these events I would like to say that this was not intentional and that I hope that flyers, traders and public will support all these events so that no-one loses out.

As kite events become more popular and the diary becomes busier I am sure that there is a danger that overlaps will happen more in the future. I personally feel that where possible next year we should all aim to produce the diary earlier, especially where there is something as time consuming as a major championship and a deadline for completing several rounds. My apologies for anyone who feels badly done by this year let's all try to resolve things better next year.

The East London Kite Festival, Hackney Marshes - June 19th & 20th

On the above dates the unglamorous London Borough of Hackney will play host to the first annual EAST LONDON KITE FESTIVAL. The site for the event, Hackney Marshes E9, is enormous - picture an area the size of Blackheath Common but with no roads running through the middle. Sounds good? It is.

This means plenty of space for all the elements that make festivals work and hopefully a few surprises as

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well. In addition to which, Hackney's festival includes the third, deciding round of the 1993 British National Team Sportkite Championships. The winners announced at Hackney will go forward to represent Britain at the 1993 World Cup in California.

Hackney Marshes is a vital recreation resource on the local landscape but is under threat from the proposed M11 extension. The kite festival will give us an opportunity to highlight the importance of preserving the site as a much needed facility.

We hope you will join us at Hackney and help us make this an event to remember. Items planned are:

Main/Competition arena featuring top class competition and display flying; Single line kite arena featuring massive sky sculptures; Stunt and single line displays; Massive public flying area; Power Kite area; Parachuting teddy bears; Kite Workshops; Juggling Workshops; Circus Display; Rokkaku Kite fighting (part of the Kite Society Rokkaku Challenge 1993), CAA clearance; Refreshments; Kite trade stands; Bouncy Castle.

There is a camping facility available at the top of the marshes which is open 24 hours. Access to the festival site is from 7.00am each morning. Further details can be obtained from Jeremy Boyce, High As A Kite, 153 Stoke Newington Church Street, London N16 0UC.

Shrewsbury Kite and Boomerang Festival - July 3rd & 4th

Sundorne Playing Fields, 2 miles east of Shrewsbury Town Centre on the B5062.

This is our 10th and most important year up to date for this festival as we will not just be having the kites and boomerangs as in previous years, but there will also be a juggling convention taking place on the Sunday in the recreation hall on the edge of the flying field.

The format of the festival will be similar to previous years. Camping will be from Friday midday until Monday midday at a cost of £2.00 per unit per night. (Collected on site during the weekend). The pavilion will again be available for toilets and hot and cold showers. Snacks, tea and coffee will also be available and again the very popular English breakfast will be served both days, Saturday and Sunday between 7.00am and 9.00am at a cost of £3.00 per head per meal. Please contact Tony Slater if you require breakfast tickets as facilities are limited.

Several new things are happening this year:

First and foremost there will be very special 10th Anniversary attendees pin - one of 100 and one of a very limited 50, kindly supplied by Sky Bums. These pins will feature a kite and a boomerang together.

There will be a social evening in the recreation centre on Saturday evening from 7.00pm until midnight. The facilities consist of a very large room with a coffee and tea bar and a separate video room where you can show your favourite videos.

No alcohol will be available in here or will be allowed to be brought onto the premises. For those who require alcohol we have use of the squash club bar 50 yards away, or the Coracle pub 200 yards away. We will be sharing these facilities with the boomerang throwers and jugglers. There will be an indoor

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boomerang competition on the Saturday evening.

For those who wish to learn to juggle there will be a juggling convention in the recreation hall from 10.00am onwards on Sunday. Some of the finest jugglers in the country will be attending and this will be a good opportunity to learn juggling and buy juggling equipment.

As stunt kites are becoming more popular, the large field at the bottom of the site (7 acres approximately) will be for the exclusive use of stunt and sport kites.

We will be running the two usual competitions at Shrewsbury, i.e. the Can Cloberring Competition and the Rokkaku Challenge. The Rokkaku Challenge will be slightly different this year as we are not part of the national competition. Instead we will be holding three rounds for the Kiteability Rokkaku Challenge tankard. Any size of Rokkaku can be used so long as it is more than 2ft high. It will be very informal and bodily contact is encouraged. There will be something for everyone who enters.

Traders will be encouraged to come along and the charge will be the same as before i.e. £5.00 per day or £10.00 for the whole weekend. (Again the fee will be collected on site).

Shrewsbury is more accessible this year as the new bypass has been opened. Maps, B&B details and breakfast tickets are available from Tony Slater, 128 Meadow Farm Drive, Harlescott, Shrewbury, Shropshire SY1 4JY. Tel 0743 235068. PLEASE ENCLOSE A LARGE S.A.E.

8th Washington International Kite Festival - July 3rd & 4th

This event will take place at Northern Area Playing Fields, Washington, Tyne & Wear.

We will host some of the World's best kitemakers from Japan, China, U.S.A., Germany, Holland, France, Italy, Denmark and Great Britain to make the festival one of the best yet.

Besides the usual competitions we hope to break and make 4 new world records. One for the most Cody kites flown at once. Second for the most entries in the Rokkaku Challenge (current record stands at 39). Third a mass kitefly - the greatest number of kites flown at one time and finally as part of the 100th anniversary of the invention of the box kite we aim to set a new record for the greatest number of box kites flown at one time. Also parachuting teddy bears, sweet and egg drop, display by Flight FX Stunt Buggy trio, stunt and sport kite displays by the Decorators, The Blast etc.

There will also be a full programme of entertainment for all the family - music, dance, clowns, food and drink marquees, exhibitions, craft fairs, kite hospital and kite trade stands.

We have limited free accommodation at the Sunderland Poly (bed and breakfast) and 100 free on-site camping/parking places which will be issued on a first come first served basis.

For maps, car & camping passes, free accommodation etc please send a S.A.E. Camping and car passes will be issued about 2 weeks before the event. Could you also let me have your car details, make, model, reg no and colour.

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OR ANY OTHER KITES WITH MORE THAN THREE SIDES.

For more details contact Malcolm Goodman, 134 Thames Road, Billingham, Cleveland, TS22 5EX. Tel/Fax: 0642 550827.

Wales International Kite Festival, Monmouth - July 10th & 11th

Kite Society members can take advantage of a number of offers for the festival weekend.

Entry - £2.00 Adult. £1.00 Child for the weekend. (This is half price as for non-members it will be the above price per day). **Parking** - Free (Non-members will be charged £1.00 per day). **Camping** - £5.00 per tent for the weekend.

An accommodation list can be obtained by sending a S.A.E. to Nicola Hughes, Tourism Officer, Monmouth Borough Council, Mamhilad House, Mamhilad Park Estate, Pontypool, Gwent NP4 0YL.

For entry and parking on the days of the festival Kite Society membership card must be shown. For camping space application form please send a S.A.E. to The Kite Store Ltd, 48 Neal Street, London WC2H 9PA. Applications must be received by 2nd July.

Dundee Discovery Balloon Challenge and Kite Flying - July 24th & 25th

The Dundee Discovery Balloon Challenge is a two day hot air balloon event with kite flying during the day after the balloons are launched, and as an alternative event if the weather prevents balloons from flying. It is being held in Camperdown Park near Dundee - take the Coupar Angus road off the Kingsway bypass around Dundee.

Kite making workshops with children are being held at different venues around Dundee in the preceding fortnight.

As well as balloons and kite flying, with kite displays and parachuting teddy bears, Dundee Council are organising lots of other entertainments - tethered balloon flights, childrens theatre shows, parachute jumps, displays and charity stalls. Camperdown Park also has a mini zoo, a mini golf course, stables and a large adventure playground.

A crowd of 15000 to 20000 is expected. (Trade spaces are available). For further information contact Tim Gibson, 2F1 53 Ratcliffe Terrace, Edinburgh EH9 1SU Tel 031 668 1285 or Frank Chinn, Dundee District Council, Leisure and Recreation Dept, Earl Grey Place, Dundee DD1 4DF Tel 0382 23141 ext 4705.

St Austell - 10th July to 21st August

The Duchy Kitefliers will be holding an event i.e. "Fly a Sport Kite", "Godzilla Challenge" etc, once a week in conjunction with the St Austell White-Gold Festival. For further details contact the Duchy Kitefliers, Deb Powlesland, 5 Pondhu Crescent, St Austell, Cornwall.

Middle Wallop, Stockbridge, Andover - August 1st

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This event is held at the Museum of Army Flying, where the aerodrome is like one vast close cut lawn and space seems limitless. Final details on the location of the trade stalls and admission rates have to be arranged (group rate of £2 for adults is possible, as for last year) but all will be more than welcome at this super site.

Portsmouth International Kite Festival - August 28th & 29th

Once again this event will be taking place on Southsea Common. Fuller details will appear in the July issue but for those looking for accommodation here are some details.

Halls of Residence accommodation at the University can be booked through Julie Yelf on 0705 843178. The address for correspondence is University of Portsmouth, Residential and Catering Services, Nuffield Centre, St. Michael's Road, Portsmouth PO1 2ED. The cost per person per night (Bed and Breakfast) is £12.95. The rooms are located in Rees Hall or Burrell House situated on the edge of the common.

For those looking for something a little more luxurious, the Crest is available. Price PER ROOM per night is £39.50 (Fri and Saturday) and £53.50 (Sun - Thurs). These prices do not include breakfast which is £6.95 for full English and £4.95 for continental. Reservations can be made on 0705 827651.

Remember there are no camping facilities available on site. Contact the tourist board for details of other hotels and B&Bs.

Car passes will be available, and fairly unlimited, and will be available from publication upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope (no envelope = no pass).

An informal get together for the Saturday evening is in the process of being organised - this will hopefully be at the Pyramids. There may be some free nibbles depending on how the budget goes.

The Eighth Bristol International Kite Festival - September 4th & 5th

The festival will take place as usual in Ashton Court Estate over the weekend of 4 & 5 September. The organisers would like to thank Carrington Novare for their kind offer of support again this year for the festival which will help to bring exciting overseas flyers to Bristol. This year there is also the added bonus of the Kite Society Convention which will be held in Redwood Lodge Hotel on Friday 3rd September.

Hopefully this year will be even bigger and better than before with invitations currently out to some outstanding sport kite and single line flyers from Europe and the USA. Full details in the next issue. Subject to STACK approval Bristol has offered to stage the British National Pairs Sport Kite Championship as part of the festival weekend. Details to follow.

As this year's World Cup Team Sport Kite Championship, in California, coincides with Bristol there will not be the usual Kite Store Invitational Team Masters event. Instead any teams not involved in the World Cup will be invited to display as Bristol and also take part in "The Alternative World Cup" fun and games event. Hopefully this will be entertaining for both flyers and spectators.

Jon and Gill will be organising the Kite Society comprehensive single line competition and there will be the usual Team and Individual Rokkaku battles, workshops etc. The emphasis this year is on having fun and putting on a really good show for the public so if anyone has ideas or displays they would like to offer

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please contact either Avril or Martin Baker or Martin Lester.

Event Logistics:

Festival times - Organised programme 11.00am - 5.00pm though the Estate is open to the public from approx 9.00am - dusk. CAA clearance of 2000 ft applied for, check on arrival.

Arrangements with the City Council Parks Department are still being finalised and fuller details of the weekend will be in the next issue. However the following has been sorted:

Accommodation - as last year, Redwood Lodge (right next to the Kite Site) is offering a special rate of £25.00 per person per night, sharing, or £35 for a single room, this rate includes full English Breakfast (this bargain rate applies to Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights only.) If you wish to book please contact the Hotel direct speaking to reservation on tel 0275 393901 stating that you are a Kite Festival attendee rather than going through any of the Bristol organisers. The only exception is if anyone living overseas wants help with booking they should contact Avril's office.

Bristol Stakis Hotel (off the M4 north east of Bristol) has also offered a special rate of £23.50 per person, per night, sharing including full English breakfast. Although this is quite a bit further from the kite site, for anyone who wants to come to Bristol for the weekend and perhaps take in the city sights as well as the Festival this might be a possible alternative. Book direct through the hotel, speak to Fiona on tel 0454 201144 and state you are a Kite Festival attendee. Also if Redwood Lodge becomes fully booked, rooms are being provisionally held here too.

Car parking- There is likely to be the usual preferential parking area for kite Society members and guests, though this is still being resolved. So please don't send off for passes until after the next issue of The Kiteflier when all will be explained.

Camping - Bristol Polytechnic have offered their sports field and pavilion again. However you are reminded that football games will also be taking place during the weekend and players using the pavilion facilities - last year this caused some of you a few unpleasant surprises! Places will be limited so send SAE if you are interested and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. price -£5.00 per tent for the weekend. Payment to Bristol International Kite Festival. The field must be cleared by Sunday evening i.e no camping on Sunday Night.

Saturday Night party - following last year's open air party on site the organisers felt that we were lucky with the weather! This year we are likely to hold an event in the Hotel grounds such as bar-b-q. Whatever it is it will be something different from the kite convention dinner the evening before. Details in next issue.

Traders: if you would like to apply, please contact Avril's office

Festival Office - Avril Baker/Jo Watts, Saville Court, 10 Saville Place, Clifton, Bristol BS8 4EJ tel 0272 466852 Fax 0272 466853

Also Martin Baker, c/o Bristol Kitestore, 1B Pitville Place, Cotham Hill, Redland, Bristol BS6 6JY tel 0272 745010

EVENT NEWS

Gwithian Sport Kite Classic 93- September 11th - 19th

Hosted by the St Ives Bay Holiday Park in aid of the Downs Syndrome Association.

This years event is promising to be bigger and better. We shall be holding World record attempts again - thats Kite Speed, Buggy Speed and for fun we shall be challenging the new record of twists in one direction - currently 320!! So polish your lines and give it a go. The World Can Clobbering Championships - another "first". The winner will receive the coveted Penwith Cup!. Donated for the event by Penwith Council.

Power Jumping. The top power kites are coming to show us how it's done. As last year this will be classed as a demonstration event.

Great news. The Guinness Book of Records have accepted our claims and Kieron Chatterjea is now the Official World Champion twice. Kite Powered Buggy 39 mph and Kite Powered Jump 32 metres. The Americans are screaming. The Euro's are grumbling! So it looks like it is going to be a battle royal this year. It's on the bay that counts and the only officially recognised venue is Gwithian - so be there.

Accommodation - St Ives Bat Holiday Park has again given good discounts for the "eight day" event. The best caravans are already booking up fast. The festival reception will again be in the best place next to the bar and the pool. For each booking received the park will give a donation to the Downs. My thanks go to Chris Harvey who manages the park.

Prizes. This year will see some great (and not so great) prizes as this is a charity event we have been getting great response from sponsors.

For more information give Mick Parsons a ring on 0792 456060.

Dunfermline Kite Fest - October 3rd

This is Dunfermline's fourth Kite Fest and is being held once again at Pittencrieff Park in Dunfermline, with its view of the Abbey and the Forth Bridges. Dunfermline is in Fife and just over the Forth Bridge from Edinburgh.

The Kite Fest will once again have a full programme of events. In the main arena there will be stunt kite demonstrations, parachuting teddy bears (bring along your own teddy) and kite displays. In the marquees there will be workshops making hundreds of 2 foot Eddy kites (300 were made last year), mask making, face painting and cardboard sculpture workshops. We hope to also repeat last years live music, circus skills workshops and on site entertainers.

Anyone interested in finding out more should contact Tim Gibson, 2F1 53 Ratcliffe Terrace, Edinburgh EH9 1SU. Tel 031 668 1285.

Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, Beds - October 3rd

At Old Warden yet again BUT please note that the date is NOT as first announced (i.e. October 10th). We've been gazumped from the "One Sky One World" date by another booking. Never mind perhaps as in 1992 we'll have the better weather on the FIRST SUNDAY in October.

EVENTS LIST

MAJOR KITE EVENTS - U.K.

May 2nd, 3rd	Weymouth, Dorset. <u>Contact</u> The Kite Society.
May 8th, 9th	Swindon Kite Festival. <u>Contact</u> David Robinson.
May 15th, 16th	Brighton Kite Festival. <u>Contact</u> Ray Oakhill.
June 6th	Basingstoke Kite Festival, Down Grange, Basingstoke. <u>Contact</u> Loddon Valley.
June 12th, 13th	Sun Valley Kite Festival, Margam Park, Wales. <u>Contact</u> Steve Gibson.
June 12th, 13th	Great Yarmouth Beach Kite Festival. <u>Contact</u> Kevin Appleton.
June 19th, 20th	Stratford-upon-Avon Kite Festival, Stratford Racecourse. <u>Contact</u> Alan Gilbert.
June 27th	Blackheath Summer Rally. <u>Contact</u> Tony Cartwright.
July 3rd, 4th	Washington Festival of the Air, Tyne & Wear. <u>Contact</u> Malcolm Goodman.
July 3rd, 4th	10th Shrewsbury Kite and Boomerang Festival. <u>Contact</u> Tony Slater.
July 10th, 11th	Monmouth Kite Festival. <u>Contact</u> The Kite Store.
July 11th	Petworth Kite Festival, Petworth Park. <u>Contact</u> Joanna Mersey.
August 1st	Middle Wallop, Hampshire. <u>Contact</u> Ron Moulton.
August 15th	10th Bournemouth Kite Day, Hengistbury Head. <u>Contact</u> David Webster.
August 28th, 29th	Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Hampshire. <u>Contact</u> The Kite Society.
September 3rd	Kite Society Annual Convention, Bristol. <u>Contact</u> The Kite Society.
September 4th, 5th	Bristol International Kite Festival. <u>Contact</u> Bristol Kite Store.
September 11th-19th	Gwithian Sport Kite Classic. <u>Contact</u> Rose Rowlands.
October 3rd	Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade. <u>Contact</u> Ron Moulton.

MAJOR KITE EVENTS - OVERSEAS

May 4th, 5th	Stunt Kite Festival, Cervia, Italy.
May 15th, 16th	International Kite Festival of Oostduinkerke, Belgium. <u>Contact</u> Nest Lernout.
June 2nd - 6th	Verdun, Quebec, Canada.
June 17th - 20th	Fano International Kite Fliers Meeting, Denmark. <u>Contact</u> 010 49 40 213848.
June 26th, 27th	Scheveningen International Kite Festival, Holland. <u>Contact</u> 010 31 70 385 8586.
June 26th, 27th	Cervia, Italy.
July 10th, 11th	Ostend Kite Festival, Belgium.
August 21st, 22nd	Zeebrugge Kite Festival, Belgium.
September 4th, 5th	Berlin Kite Festival. <u>Contact</u> 010 49 30 788 1992/3.
September 25th, 26th	Damp Kite Festival, Germany.

OTHER EVENTS

May 22nd, 23rd	Capstone Park, Maidstone, Kent. <u>Contact</u> Kiteability.
May 30th	Valence School, Westerham, Kent. <u>Contact</u> Heather Town.
June 12th, 13th	Weston Super Mare. 2nd Round British Pairs and Team Nationals.
June 18th - 20th	Hackney Marshes, London. 3rd Round British Pairs and Team Nationals.
August 7th, 8th	Palm Bay Recreation Ground, Margate, Kent. <u>Contact</u> Heather Town.
August 14th, 15th	Teston Bridge, Maidstone, Kent. <u>Contact</u> Kiteability.
September 12th	Shorne Country Park, Gravesend, Kent. <u>Contact</u> Kiteability.
September 26th	Suffolk Wildlife Trust Kite Day, Parham Airfield, Framlingham, Suffolk.

EVENTS LIST

LOCAL GROUP EVENTS

Aberdeen Flyers meet on the second Sunday of the month at the Bridge of Don, End of the Queens Links. Contact Gary Clarke.

Alcester Kite Fliers meet at the Alcester Rugby Ground on the third Sunday of each month. Contact Fred Taplin.

Avon Kite Flyers usually meet at Ashton Court, Bristol on the first Sunday of each Month. Contact Martin Baker.

Blackheath Kite Association meet on the second Sunday of each month at Blackheath, London. Contact Tony Cartwright.

The Brighton Kitefliers have meetings throughout the year. The first Sunday of the month at Hollingbury and the third Sunday of the month at Telscombe Tye. Contact Ray Oakhill.

Chiltern Kite Group have meetings through the year. Contact Roger Lawton.

Devon Kite Friends meet on the second Sunday of each month and during April to September they also meet on the fourth Sunday. All second Sunday events are at Pork Hill, Mid Devon. Contact John Skinner.

Eastbourne Kite Society meet every second Sunday. Contact Tom Gunter.

Essex Kite Group have meetings throughout the year. Contact Kathleen Pike.

Great Ouse Kite Flyers have regular meetings on the second Sunday of the month throughout the year. Contact Diane Butler.

Hereford Kite Group meet on the second Sunday each month at the Hereford Leisure Centre. Contact Steve Gibson.

Kent Kite Klub have regular klub meetings on 3rd Sunday of each month. Contact Fiona Elsworth.

Kite Club of Scotland meet every fortnight alternating between Strathclyde Park and Battery Park. Contact Patrick Prosser.

Kites North meet on the 1st Sunday of each month at locations around the North of England. Contact Adam Sutherland.

Loddon Valley Kite Flier have meetings on the second Saturday and last Sunday of every month at White Hill (Watership Down), near Kingsclere. Fliers normally meet at the Swan Inn from 12.00. Social meetings are also held every Wednesday at "The Jolly Farmer", Cliddesden. Contact Loddon Valley Kite Fliers.

Midland Kitefliers have fly-ins on the first Sunday of each month at Sutton Park. Contact Alan Gilbert.

EVENTS LIST

Nomansland Kite Fliers meet on the fourth Sunday of each month at Nomansland Common, Wheathampstead. Contact Geoff Adams.

Northampton Kite Fliers meet on the first Sunday of every month at The Race Course, St Georges Avenue, Northampton. Between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Contact I.C. Kites.

Northern Kite Group have meetings on the third Sunday of the month throughout the year. Contact Ron Ogden.

North East Kite Fliers meet monthly on the second Sunday for fly-ins. Contact Harry Peart.

Red Dragon Flyers will be meeting for fly-ins at Cowbridge Common on Sundays. Dates to be confirmed. Contact Greg Eynon.

South Hams Kite Club meet on the first and third Sunday of the month at Blackdown Goat Farm, Rings Lane, Loddiswell, Kingsbridge, South Devon. Contact N E Parker.

Thorpe Kite Flyers meet every Sunday morning on Thorpe Recreation Ground, Laundry Lane, Thorpe, Norwich between 9.30am and 12.30pm. Contact Kevin Appleton.

Vectis Flyers meet most Sunday afternoons at Yaverland, near Sandown, Isle of Wight. Contact Vivien Ellis.

Wessex Kite Group have meetings at Stoney Cross on February 28th, March 14th, April 25th. Contact David Webster.

White Horse Kite Fliers have fly-ins on the second Sunday of every month. These are held at Barbury Castle Country Park, Near Wroughton, Swindon. Contact David Robinson.

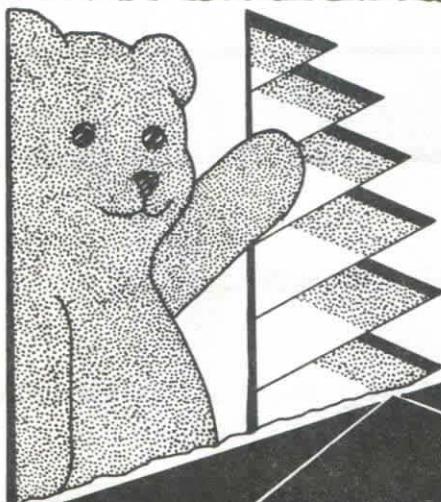
York Kite Flyers meet at York Racecourse (Knavesmire) on the 1st Sunday in each month.

CONTACT DETAILS

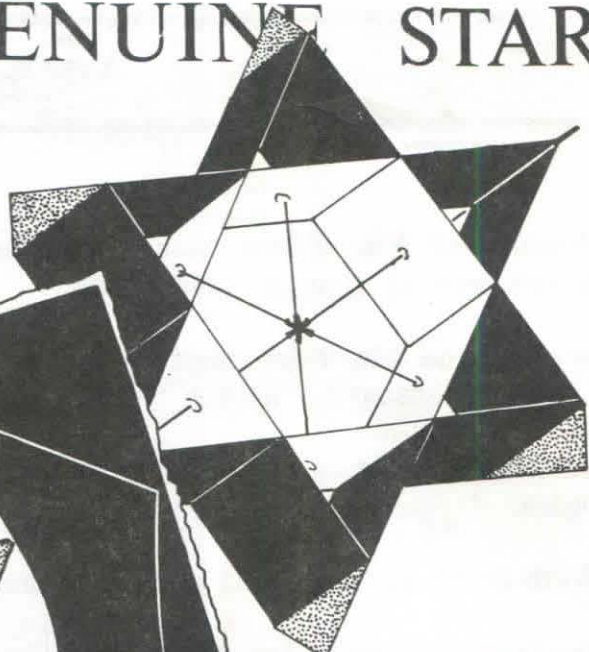
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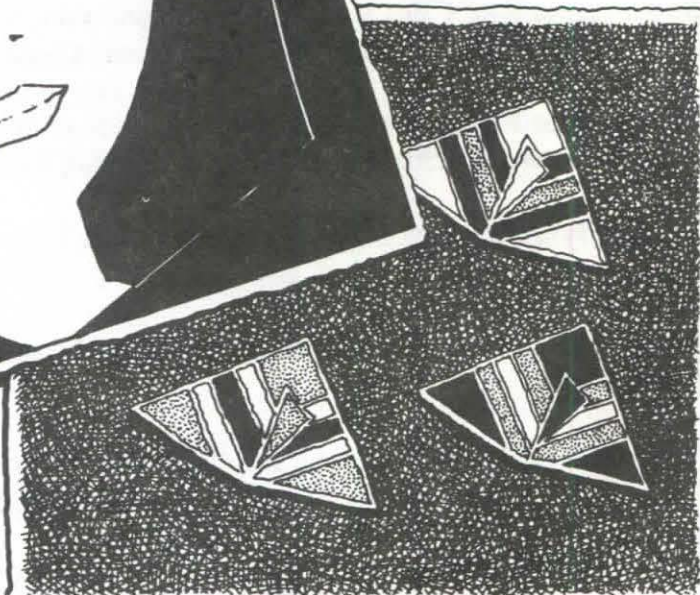
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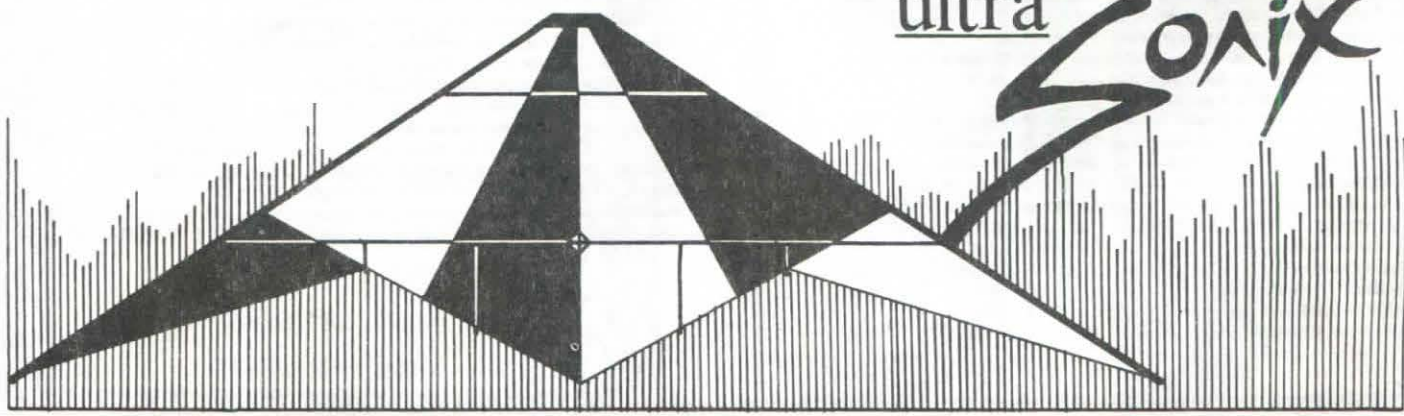


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TOODYTORIAL

As it's far too early in the morning for the brain cells to come up with anything monumental (what's new I hear you say!) - here's a very aesthetic quote for you to ponder over; well it's about time Aerodyne had a bit of culture!....

'Kite flying is a way that those with artistic souls can temporarily decorate the sky, leaving it unmarred at nightfall, containing no debris to impede the passage of the night winds....'

*Bob Ingraham
American Kitefliers Association*

BKF ANNUAL AGM 07/02/93

Held at the Withdean Sportsman this year the AGM was well attended with 15 members present. The following items were discussed:-

□ Yet another shuffle in the BKF Committee with Andy Dalgleish standing down from Secretary, and Danny Steer from Festival Safety Officer to be replaced by Dick Ruck. Thanks to Danny and Andy for their valuable service and "welcome to the Committee Dick!".

The current Committee is:- (all codes 0273) *Co-ordinator/Secretary:* Ray Oakhill 306842, *Membership Secretary:* Estelle Barton and *Publicity officer:* Paul Thody 676740, *Editor/Treasurer:* Toody Oakhill and *Competitions Manager:* Mik Jennison 321395, *Festival Safety Officer:* Dick Ruck 304392.

□ Fly-in sites will be as 1992 with extra provision for occasional summer evening meetings - including a family barbecue, and a few beach buggy days (for all you power-kite freaks out there!) which will be decided closer to the time depending on weather and tide times.

□ Current membership now stands at 60 - the best ever!

□ It was decided to raise the membership fee in line with the recent KSGB increase. In effect the basic BKF fee remains at £3.00 but as it was decided to make Insurance mandatory (previously an option @ £5.00 now reduced to £2.00) membership will now cost: KSGB and BKF £14.00, BKF only £6.00 (including Insurance and postage).

□ Finances are now in a reasonable state of health after taking some years to recover from a deficit (thanks Greg! -



Ed.). At long last we are now able to finance some BKF pins (Oh no - not *more* pins!!) and hope to have these ready for sale at the Brighton Festival.

□ We are also able to finance materials for another club project - a BKF banner, for which a 7 metre roach pole has already been purchased. Air Born Kites of Brighton have kindly offered to donate the ripstop for this project.

□ It was agreed to try out a telephone network (now recently tested) for more instantaneous communication between members, rather than using the magazine or the time consuming and expensive postal service.

□ Due to the success of last year's event; a coach will be hired once again this year for the Blackheath Summer Rally on Sunday 27 June. Details have already been sent to members.

After the meeting some members went flying in the drizzle, while others went to the festival site to inspect this year's new HQ. It will be the newly built Rugby Club Pavilion - complete with bar (groan!! - *Ed.*), food from breakfast onwards, luxury showers for campers, immaculate toilets (but the festival just won't be the same without those traditional overflows! - *Ed.*), and TV and video facilities for children/adults if wet.

Festival organisers eat your hearts out!!

Ray Oakhill

CHINESE WHISPERS?!

"Dear Co-ordinator, I received a 'phone network' message concerning a French Mustard Festival - is this correct?!"

Confused BKF Member

CONFUSED

THE CATHERINE WHEEL

Thanks to Eddie (of legendary 'Mad Eddie' fame!) and Ann Megrath for sending this design all the way from Scunthorpe for inclusion in Aerodyne.

'Mad Eddie' writes....

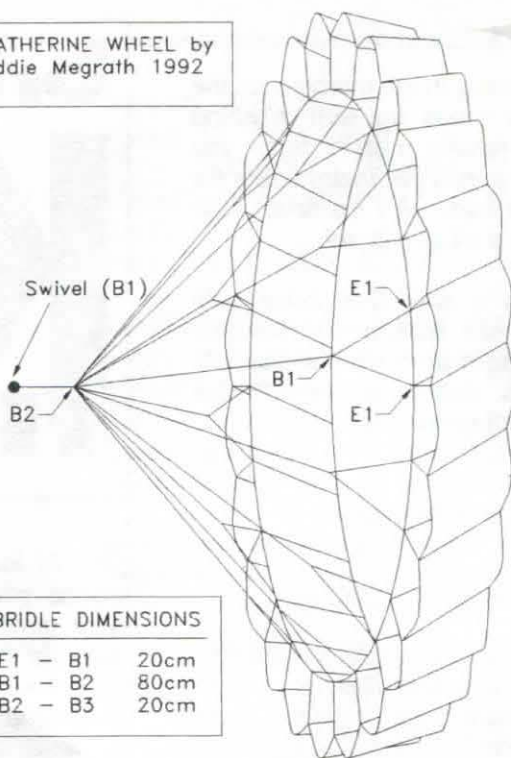
"After being fascinated by the 'wriggling snakes' of Bernd Knupfer at the Washington Festival in July 1991, I went home and made the Catherine Wheel. Although there are many differences in the design it performs in a similar fashion.

As you can see it is made from 24 cells; but can also be constructed from 48 cells using the same dimensions - which, in my opinion, looks more aesthetic in the air.

It also gets rid of the off cuts from your rag - bag!"

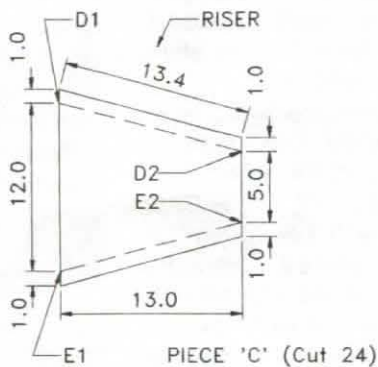
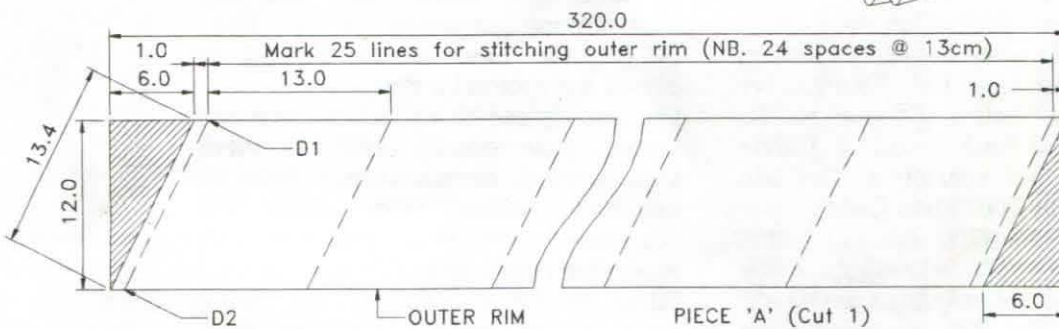
Design by Eddie Megrath
Drawing by Mik Jennison

CATHERINE WHEEL by Eddie Megrath 1992



BRIDLE DIMENSIONS

E1 - B1	20cm
B1 - B2	80cm
B2 - B3	20cm



INSTRUCTIONS

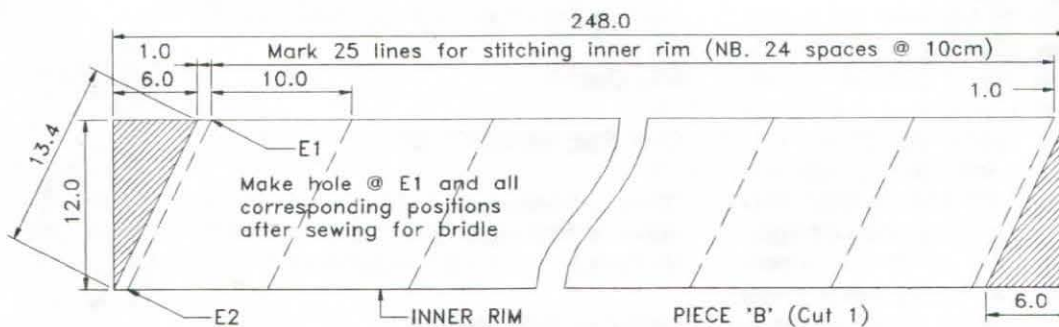
- 1) Hot cut pieces 'A', 'B' and 'C'
- 2) Sew risers D1 - D2 on to outer rim x 24
- 3) Sew risers E1 - E2 on to inner rim x 24
- 4) Join outer rim to make circle
- 5) Join inner rim to make circle
- 6) Make small holes @ E1 for bridle

KEY

Stitch

Hot cut

Discard



AERODYNE

BRIGHTON KITE FESTIVAL 1993

☐ Competitions will include The Altitude, The Lifter (beer lifting by kite) and Indian Kite Fighting Challenges plus a heat of the UK Rokkaku Challenge (Team event Sunday 16 May).

☐ Camping fees for non traders will be £1.00 per person per night, arrive anytime from 4.00pm Friday .

☐ A plea for some *Bods*: we need as much help as possible (you don't have to commit yourself for the *whole* weekend!) - please contact Ray Oakhill.

☐ Height clearance will be 3500ft by day and 1200ft by night: light your kites for flying on Saturday night.

☐ There will be a pay (on the day) barbecue organised by the Rugby Club caterers on Saturday evening, vegetarians will be catered for. In the event of bad weather food will be available in the bar which is open all day on Saturday, from 12.00 - 3.00 and 5.00pm onwards on Sunday.

☐ Calling all Pin Pratts! If you can bear the weight of yet another on that kites hat (or wherever else you may pin them!); a BKF enamel pin will be available at the Festival. A 1" square BKF logo with brass lettering, pink triangle (kite), and yellow circle (sun) on a black background. Price £3.50.

FLY IN REVIEWS ➤

HOLLINGBURY 03/01/93 ✳

When Michael Fish forecast a 'biting' wind I think he must have meant 'devouring' - for this first Fly In of the New Year!. However - this crisp sunny afternoon saw an excellent turnout by those crazy enough to brave the thick haw-frost to loft their many and varied Chrimbo prezzies and new creations - hot (!) off the winter drawing boards. Impromptu team flying seemed to be the order of the day - Richard Hart and Kieth Beaken put on a hardy display with their '3 - 11 Sports' and Ray Oakhill, Dick Ruck, Paul Jones and myself blatted through the sky with rainbow 'Asilomars' until the cold (or was it the 'sky-knitting'?!!) got the better of us!

HOLLINGBURY 07/03/93

The only noticeable absence from this all time attendance record was, of course, the forecast wind!. However - with lots of new faces and even an

honorary visit from Ian Gardner, Pete and Noreen Swan and Richard Courtney-Wyllie of the infamous Kent Kite Klub, there was much 'gassing' done - although sadly not the wind generating variety!.

Needless to say there was much testing of fitness by '360-ing' (although the club record still stands at a mere 12!) and as soon as the KKK packed up the wind appeared - now what could this mean?!!.

Toody Oakhill

EASTBOURNE FESTIVAL OF THE AIR

The Eastbourne Kite Club (*not Society!*) will be giving demonstrations as part of this event between Thursday 5 and Monday 9 August. Further details will be announced in the July issue of The Kiteflier.

Support your neighbouring club; fly-ins are on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Beachy Head. Contact: Tom Gunter on 0323 725064.

FLY-IN REMINDER DATES

1st Sunday of the month - Hollingbury
Grid ref - 198TQ 324 083

3rd Sunday of the month - Telscombe
Tye - Grid ref - 198TQ 392 017

BKF HELPFUL KITING TIPS - NO 4 ☘

Don't be surprised when you are greeted by a blank stare of amazement - if you ask for any of the following items in your local kite store....

- ☐ Second hand cricket bats
- ☐ Sheet music
- ☐ Walking sticks
- ☐ Video recorders
- ☐ 3 amp. leads
- ☐ Snorkels

Yes....it's happened!!!!

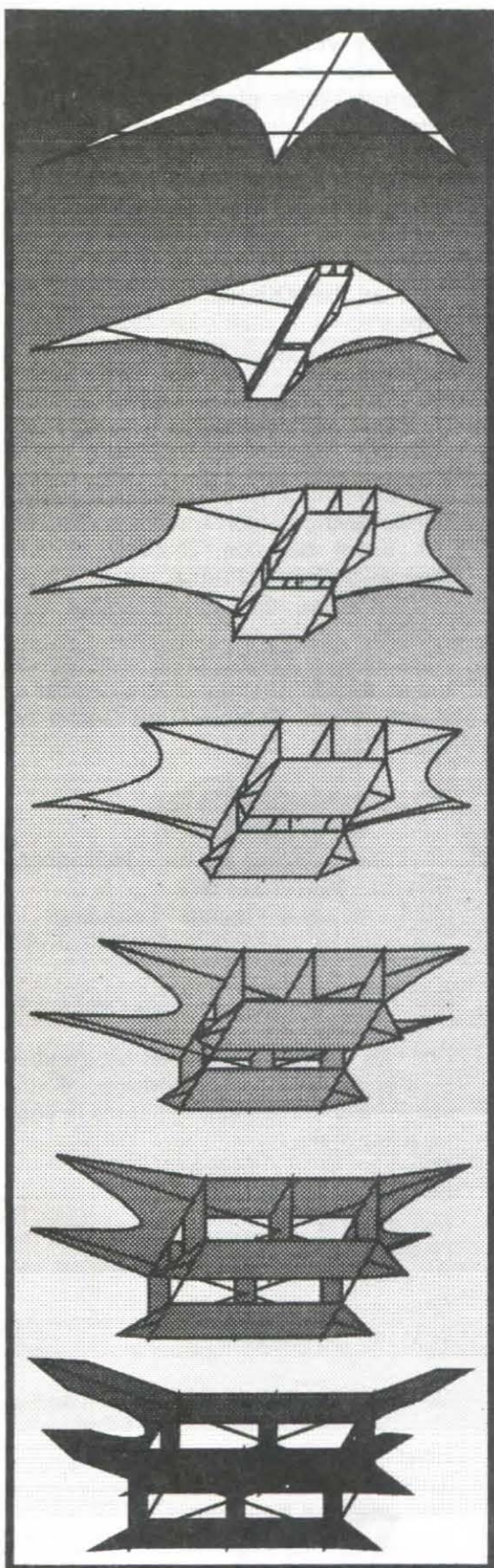
MAKE USE OF THIS SPACE.... ☐☐☐

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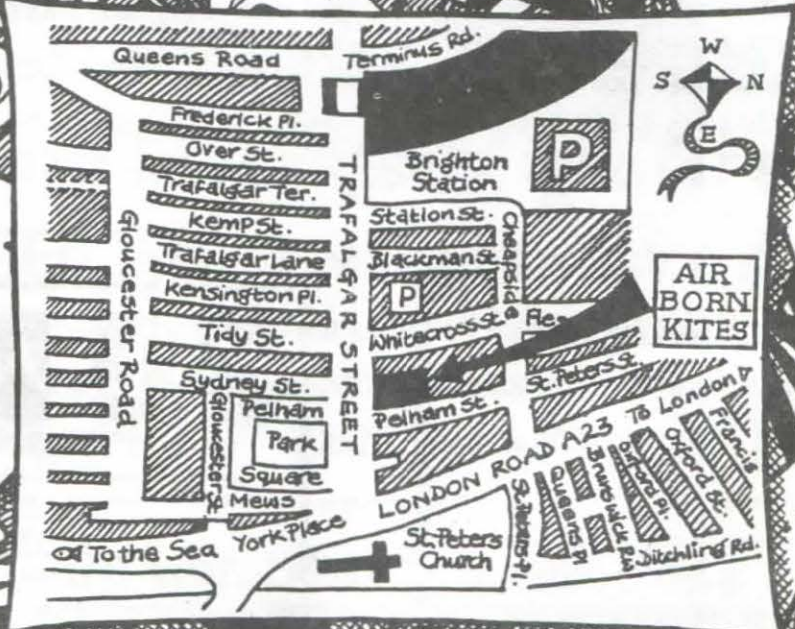
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MKF EXTRA



Stratford Upon Avon Festival Of Kites June 19th and 20th 1993

Well, this event seems to be hurtling towards us at a great rate of knots, it doesn't seem five minutes since I thought ...ahh time for a rest. But, just as you think it's safe to go out...a new season is upon us! Mind you, after my stint in New Zealand (it was summer there) it doesn't feel as though I've had a break at all.

Car passes for the festival were published in the last issue of the Kiteflier, however, we will be distributing more passes at various festivals throughout the UK, these passes will give you access to the kitefliers car-park. Those people not having car passes will have to park in the public car park.

This year the International Spinal Research Trust will be attending the Stratford event. It is hoped that money will be raised throughout the weekend to support them in their research towards being able to cure the disabilities due to spinal injury.

At some point during the weekend a mass launch will take place to get as many kites in the air at one time. If any kitefliers want to set themselves a task (200 360 degrees turns with a stunt kite, 200 kites flown by a person at the same time) and raise money through sponsorship in aid of the trust they are more than welcome! (Cue Mr. Kuhn).

Hope to see you all there!

Camping And Caravanning

The camping site at Stratford racecourse is a Caravan Club site. Below is a list of charges per unit:-

Caravan Club Members	£6.00
Non-Members	£7.00
Additional Adults	£1.00

A unit consists of one tent/caravan, one car, two adults and two children.

Places will be available on the club site or in the course. There are only 45 places, therefore if you want to camp you must have a pass. Passes will be available until May 31st from the address below, you pay on arrival at the site.

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Cannock Fly-In February 1993

Our second fly-in of the year took place at Cannock. It was cold and a little damp but even so a number of members and even non-members turned up to fly. Most of the local members from the Cannock area are new to kiteflying and so we introduced them to one of the most historic activities of the kite world.....the Godzilla Challenge.

Now, we didn't exactly have a blow up godzilla, and the only blow up that was available was not really suitable for family entertainment. So, like many other Godzilla Challenges we ended up using a stick, mind you, it did look a little bit godzillarish...well maybe if you squinted a lot..erm..nah, to be honest it looked just like a stick. Even two people who were passing through commented of the fact that it didn't look a bit like Godzilla, still it served its purpose. We popped a can on the top and set up a Hawaii..Hawwaie..a spin off to use for this mini competition. There were about twelve people who took part and I must admit the skills that they possessed were quite outstanding!! One

competitor managed to hit the watching crowd (other competitors) a number of times, I did tell them that they were standing a little too close, I still hit them anyway.

The idea of this mini event was to try and get people involved and not be worried about how good or bad they actually flew and it seemed to do the job and people really enjoyed doing it. The winner after all of this no matter how hard he tried not to be was one of our newest members a Mr J.Eaton. He won an out of date can of beer for his troubles, but being the sort of person he is, donated the prize back to the club ready for the next competition.

Still it was an enjoyable day and it was nice that there were so many willing to brave the weather.

The Midlands Kitfliers now move their monthly fly-in around a number of sites. If you want to find out where we will be then please get in touch with Alan Gilbert, address in the 'Contacts' section within this magazine

Ian Meredith

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This year Buggying will feature at quite a few festivals and in recognition of the growth of this activity, the Stratford Upon Avon Kite Festival will be staging the UK's First National Buggy Race. Already there are ten people interested and that is just by word word mouth.

Are YOU interested, if the answer to this question is YES then please drop me a line on the number below stating your name and phone number, and then send an S.A.E. to the address below for the rules and format of the competition.

If you have any of your own ideas please let me know about them.

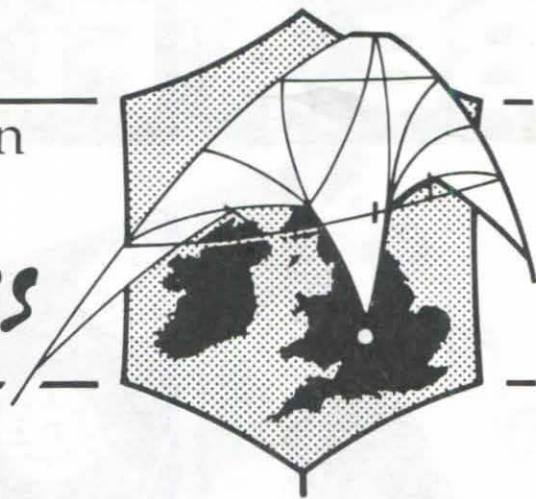
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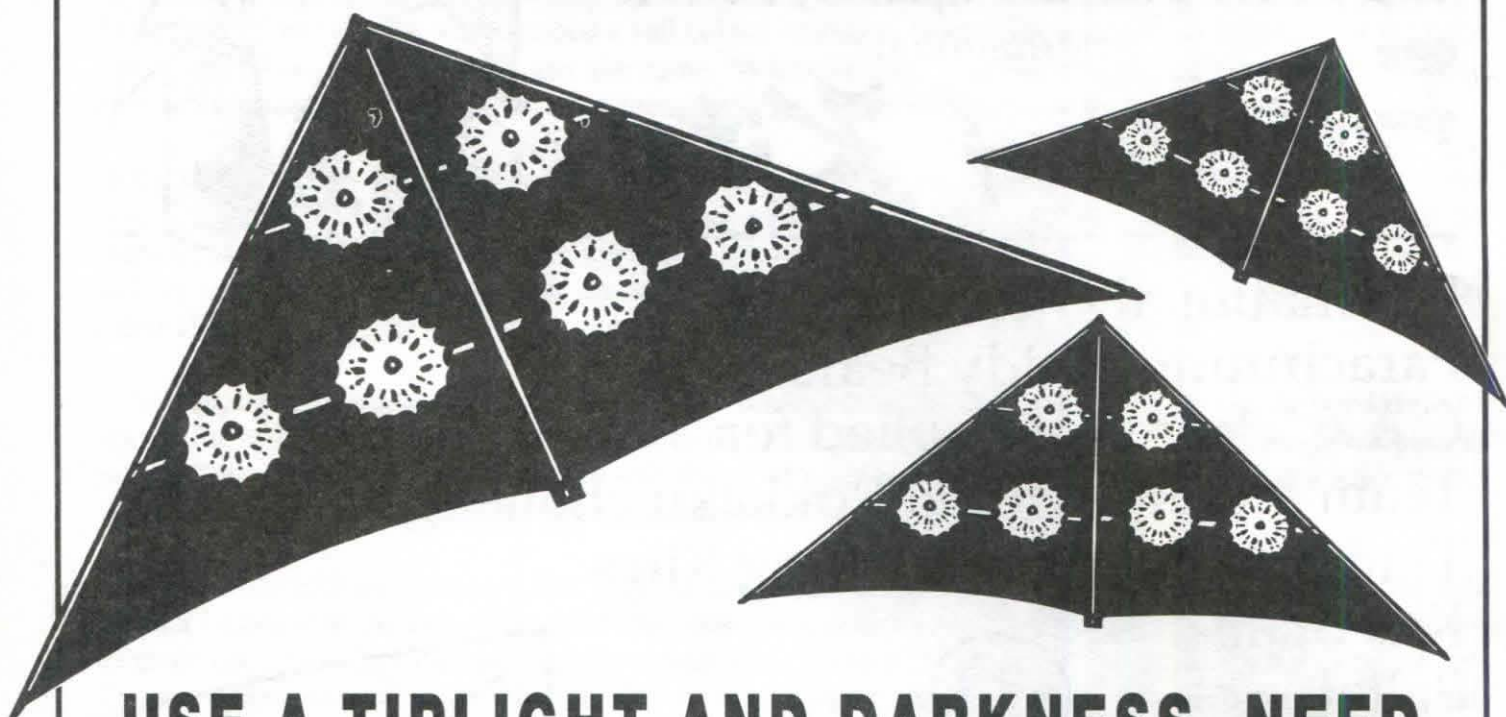
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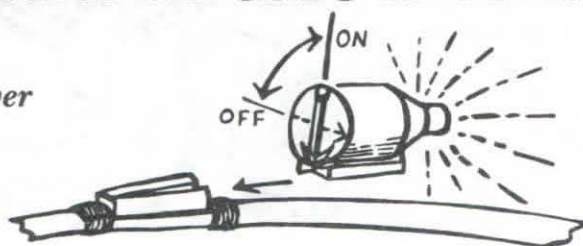
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Dont time fly when you're having fun, Yoo Wot, for most Parafauna the best Fun of the Year is had in the official Winter Kip Period. But now of course its Bleary Eyes and Furry tongue time as most of you start to re awaken.

Of course, BE and FT time aint so bad as it slowly dawns on you that our Spring Offensive on the Eastern Front aint too far away. We know that every Fauna around the World has their own personal 'Eastern Front', but for the BMISS HQ mob, our particular Eastern Front is the Easter Blackheath Bash.

O.K. we know that lots of places world wide are a darn sight colder than Blackheath but this location does have its charm. After all, lots of members must remember a few Years back when we had that amazing Hail Storm, and those poor Mutts were stuck at the top of the Fun Fairs Ferris Wheel, throughout that storm. If they wernt Smiling Phizog Challenged before the event, they must have been seriously Po- Faced afterwards.

Boss Hugh sues ex over who gets bears



Bear essentials . . . Hugh with some of his remaining teddies

By ROBERT KELLAWAY

COMPANY boss Hugh Pilkington-Cushion is suing his ex-wife — for the return of his two favourite teddies.

He claims teacher Jane Thomas took bears Henry and Nautie after claiming in her divorce petition that he showed more affection to them than to her.

Hugh, 51, says she moved them from their house in New Malden, Surrey, to her new home in Helston, Cornwall. He is believed to have spent £4,000 so far in his bid for custody of the pair, plus 13 other cuddly toys and antique furniture.

He said: "Jane and I just weren't compatible and rowed from dusk until dawn. But these bears are mine and I want them back. I only have eight left.

"I never had a teddy as a child. They are great comforters and ice breakers. I give them to all my friends."

Advertising chief Hugh even put up 300 posters near his home reading: "Wife cites teddy as co-respondent. Devastated husband seeks care and control order."

This little piece, via Dropnik Billings would seem to fit into 'The More Money than Sense' category. Cor, 25 squids apiece? we could have done it much cheaper you know, bung the Bears in front of a white sheet, chuck loads of Flour all over them to simulate the Snow, a couple of cardboard cutouts of Penguins and Whacko Jacko, we'd laugh all the way to the Bank. Wot a Hoot, and theres us thinking Antipodeans were Cute when it came to dough.

STAR
THE Australian owners of 200 teddy bears have paid £25 each to send their cuddly toys to Antarctica to be photographed with a penguin.
SPOT

Re Clifford the rather shagged out looking Welsh Dragon of a soft cuddly Toy persuasion, who turned up on our doorstep one night. The B.O.F. decided that his colour was'nt quite right i.e .Dirty Green, and that he Ponged a bit, so he chucked him in the Bath. Gordon Bennett, wot'cha know, out comes an Emerald Green Dragon who smelt a whole lot better thanks to some disinfectant. The really funny thing about this is that when the BOF hung Cliff on the Line to dry, he Froze Solid, I kid you not, poor old Cliff had bloody great Icicles hanging from his hooter and various other parts of his anatomy.

We can reveal that Cliff aint best pleased with all this Palava, and he aint too happy with the Parachute he now wears .

Cliff says that the first opportunity he gets, hes gonna do a runner, cos if had known what shacking up at the BMISS H.Q. entailed, he would have stayed in Wild Will Kipper land (living down a Coalmine, judging by the colour of the Bathwater and the Tide Mark in the Bath) where he was very happy (and a dirty sod)

Cuddle

Hugh explained: "It allowed me to let off steam and cause quite a stir."

Jane, 43, said the bears were always in the marital bed. She added: "Hugh used to cuddle them for hours.

"Soon after the wedding I realised he was so obsessed with them that he ignored me.

"I cannot comment on any other claim he is trying to make."

The couple wed on a boat packed with teddies in 1988 and divorced two years later.

Hugh has since married his fifth wife — Sandra. He says she "accepts my love of teddy bears without question."

If you tried to make up something like this, nobody would believe you.....



THE POOKY REPORT

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TOO STARTLING TO BEAR

Into our Editor's paws have come half a dozen issues of a newsletter called Roman Candle. Published in Middlesex, England, this newsletter tells of parachuting, hot air ballooning, and kiting teds. Shocked by the terrors inflicted on colleagues and upset by items in the RC newsletter such as one announcing manufacture of 5000 bears copied from one found on the body of a Titanic victim, Pooky defers personal comment on the British publication for the time being, not without appreciation to those who brought it to his attention. (MG and MLL).

Reading between the lines, they aint best pleased in Indiana. Oh dear, how sad, never mind. Talk about our Flabber is gasted, what are they like ?

Hey Pooky, or should that be Pukey, you've got it all wrong, the only Shocks and Terrors inflicted are inflicted on the Boring Old Fart and every other Hume who is owned by one of our Members, Get this, they dont Terrorise us, We TERRORISE them, and how.....

As regards the Titanic Bear bit, we neither condone or condemn, we just tell it like it is, warts and all. You may not like it, but you'll just have to lump it. Pooky, heres a suggestion, contact your local Kite Mob, scrounge a Chute and a Kite and go for it, find out wether or not you're a Bottle Job, you never know, you may like it, and remember, you wont need a high fibre diet the first time you suffer a Total Malfunction from a 1,000 ft, besides, you may also discover the delights in terrorising your Hume. its really great.

THEODORE OBEAR, ON FRIDAY JANUARY 29 YOU'LL SEE ON NBC TV THAT YOU'VE JUST WON TEN MILLION DOLLARS!

How does he do it Stanley? this is the second time to our knowledge that the Jammy little sod has hit the Jackpot, Yes of course we're bleeding envious, aint you?

10 million semolians, Gordon Bennett, of course, we know that our extremely good buddy (grovel, grovel, bootlick) will spend every penny piece very wisely, We know full

THEODORE OBEAR, YOU'LL RECEIVE YOUR TEN MILLION DOLLAR PRIZE ON NATIONAL TELEVISION!

well that Chez Theo wont be chock a block with Testa Rossa's, Lambo's, Gold Parachutes, Lorry loads of Honey, Booze, Yachts, Birds, Rolexes and such foibles. No, Theo will spend the Dosh on good works such as the Bide a Wee Fauna Home, The single Parent challenged Teddybear outreach Foundation and the Terrorised Dropniks counselling group ' cor dunnit

ANOTHER FINALIST IS WAITING TO WALK OFF WITH THEODORE OBEAR'S TEN MILLION DOLLARS!

make yer sick. Hey whats the Postie stuck through the letterbox. Why its a Postcard from Len Conover, Whats it say, " Hi, suckers, whilst that Furry little Git was humming and harring about what good works he would spend his Dough on, I decided to walk off with it and at present I am enjoying a 5 star World cruise, and when the ship docks in Italy, i'm off to buy half a dozen Dayglow Testa Rossas and a solid Gold Conover Eddy, yoo wot."

PENNSYLVANIA STUFFS SOME JOLLY OLD RAGS.

Anything New Jersey, Oregon and various other States of the Union can do Parafaunawise, Pennsylvania can apparently do just as well, News is to Paw of a new Mob in Philadelphia.

Seemingly not as shocked and terrified as certain residents of Indiana, the as yet , to our knowledge, un named Mob, no doubt soon to be luxuriating under the Title of The First Pennsylvania Bear Force, or somesuch Banner, appear to be well in the Vanguard of Parafauna Sartorial Splendour, judging by the Photos sent by Mike Dallmer who has sportingly put himself forward as the local shocked and terrified Hume.

So, from the BMISS H.Q. its a big hello to Flash, Umph , C.C., Chubby and Airey, who is Toggled up with such a Lairey pair of Purple Pantaloons, that He/She would be in Danger of being arrested in this neck of the woods as a Right Poser. The Lilac Jacket dont help either.

FORGET WHAT YOU READ, BIG REALLY IS BEST.

Dear Fred, goes the letter, My Potential Dropnik has a Three foot Delta and a yearning to go Bear Bombing, What are his chances? Zilch probably, that is, unless you are severely Weight and Size challenged.

Nope, fact is no matter what those Naughty Bit Manuals might say, when it comes to being succesful at Bear Bombing, BIG Is BEST. Realising that the Boring Old Fart had bombed the odd one or two of our members in his time, I shocked and terrorised him into giving his views (such as they are) on the matter.

Yawn, Bler, get ready for some extra special mindless drivel..... When I was a boy, I well remember making superkites from Toilet Paper and Flour and Water Paste.....

Oi, get on with it you silly old sod..... Oh yes, where was I, for Bear Bombing ,you cannot reallybeat a largish Kite for hoisting a goodly Payload . Having tried most designs from Conynes to Codys and Scoops to Parafails, I can honestly say that in my opinion a good sized Delta is very hard to beat. Deltas will hoist Parafauna in the widest range of Winds, to My mind bettering known Light Wind and Heavy weather Designs, even in their respective conditions.

Sothen BIG IS BEST?.... Yes, a Delta of 10 or 12 ft (3 or 4Metres) will really do the Bizzo time and time again. If you want to go bigger thats up to you. A 16 ft home made Delta of mine lifts some phenomonel loads, but one of Rocket Rons Dan Leigh Style Deltas with a 12ft span performs almost as well. If you are a dab hand witha sewing machine then a 12ft Mega Delta is easily made, if you're not, then you'll have to visit the Skybums Emporium

So there you have it. what Kite you use to Bomb Bears is up to you, but you wont go far wrong with a good sized Delta.

SHOCK HORROR YET AGAIN

Look at this. The Swine are at it again.

When we see pictures such as this we can well understand why old Pooky is shocked and terrified

Remember those Photos of Para Bar Steward in R.C.23?, it all went quiet after we published those and we thought that the Sods responsible for those Pics would keep a low profile, maybe they did, but now we have this Pic on af all things, a Greetings Card via Bertram and the Jones Kid. When we rang the Almond Rock Liberation Front a Socksperson said that they were getting pretty CHEESED off with seeing their Brothers and Sisters treated in this shock-ing socking manner.

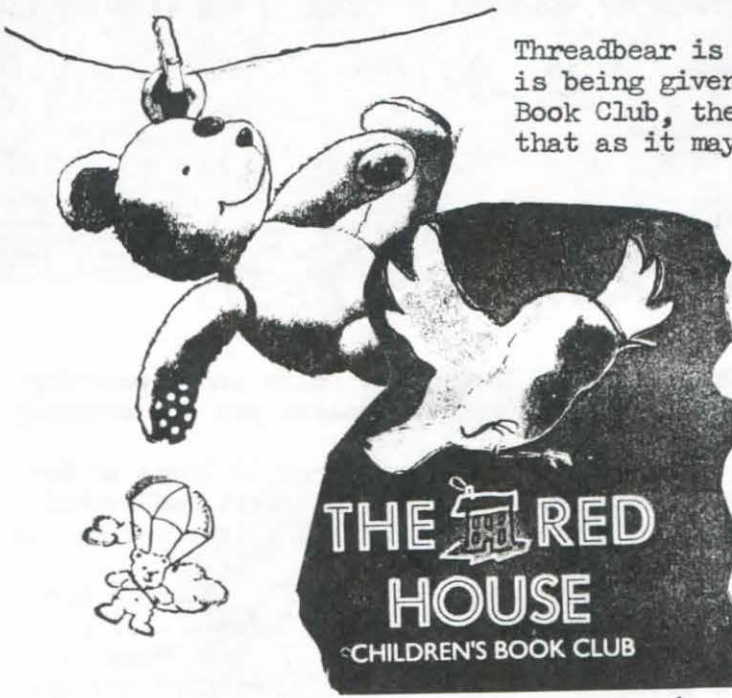
I'm telling you, much more of this and there'll be untold pairs of Kneecaps Glued together.

One of our members who wishes to remain anonymous wonders,if that in the present climate of Political Correctness, it would be more correct to refer to the Boring Old Fart as **The Chronologically Challenged One who Wearies** those he talks to with endless repetition of that which does not Intrest, Gaseous Outburst, Yoo Wot, in anIdeal World,I suppose the answer would be yes, but until then it would be easier to refer to him as always, The Boring Old Fart.



Please
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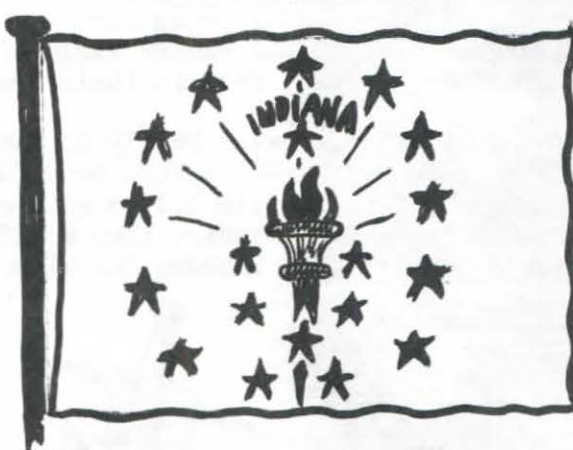
"I'm Threadbear, but I'm FREE"



Threadbear is the Title of a Book by Mick Inkpen which is being given free as a Promo by the Red House Childrens Book Club, the adress of which we've mislaid, however be that as it may, Nick Hale who supplied the bumf says that he considers that Mr Inkpen has gone into print with a thinly diguised, nay Bearfaced Pun on my name. He also seems to be advocating a nasty form of exercise which involves fauna sliding down a clotheline suspended by one Ear.

More likely, Nick, its another in the Shock Horror Saga, where Brain Dead Humes get their rocks off indulging in doing nasty things to Fauna.

However, if any of our members are a bit Kinky, and fancy a bit of Clothesline hows yer farva. Be warned, behaviour such as this will only bring our reputation into dispute and bring your Lugholes out in a nasty rash.



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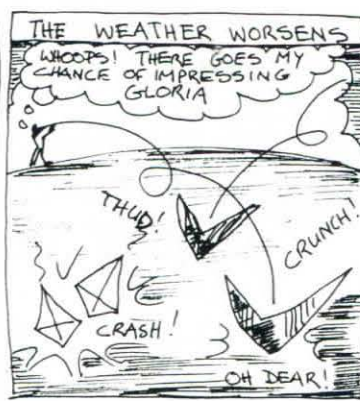
Once again by a dint of huffing and puffing we've actually managed to stretch this issue to four pages, you should be so lucky.

But now its time for tenterhooks and worrying. How many more noses will we have gotten up this issue? Will Indiana declare War on the BMISS? (Tin Hats on and watch out for Incoming) Will the BOF prove once and for all that The Fauna of the Year Trophy was'nt a Flash in the Pan, Scam, Ha, you noticed..... Will the Po Faced Kitters ever stop complaining that we have'nt given them much of a Slagging off in the past couple of issues? Will the weather ever get warmer and cheer us up? Will our contributors still keep their bits and pieces coming or will we have to go from 100% mindless drivel, to 101%? Will a Brown Bread Scabby Donkey crash through our roof, complete with the bit the Jockey sits on? (what, you may ask have Brown Bread Scabby Donkeys got to do with Parafauna?) to which we can only say in this issues immortal word of Theodore E. O'Bear 'TREBUCHET' which are good for parachuting B.B.S.D's sans Chutes. So then its the usual to the usual. The TEDDYTORIAL, c.o. The BOF. 48 Laurel Lane, W/Drayton, Middx UB7. 7TY. U.K.



FROM A POSTCARD VIA BILL SOUTER

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