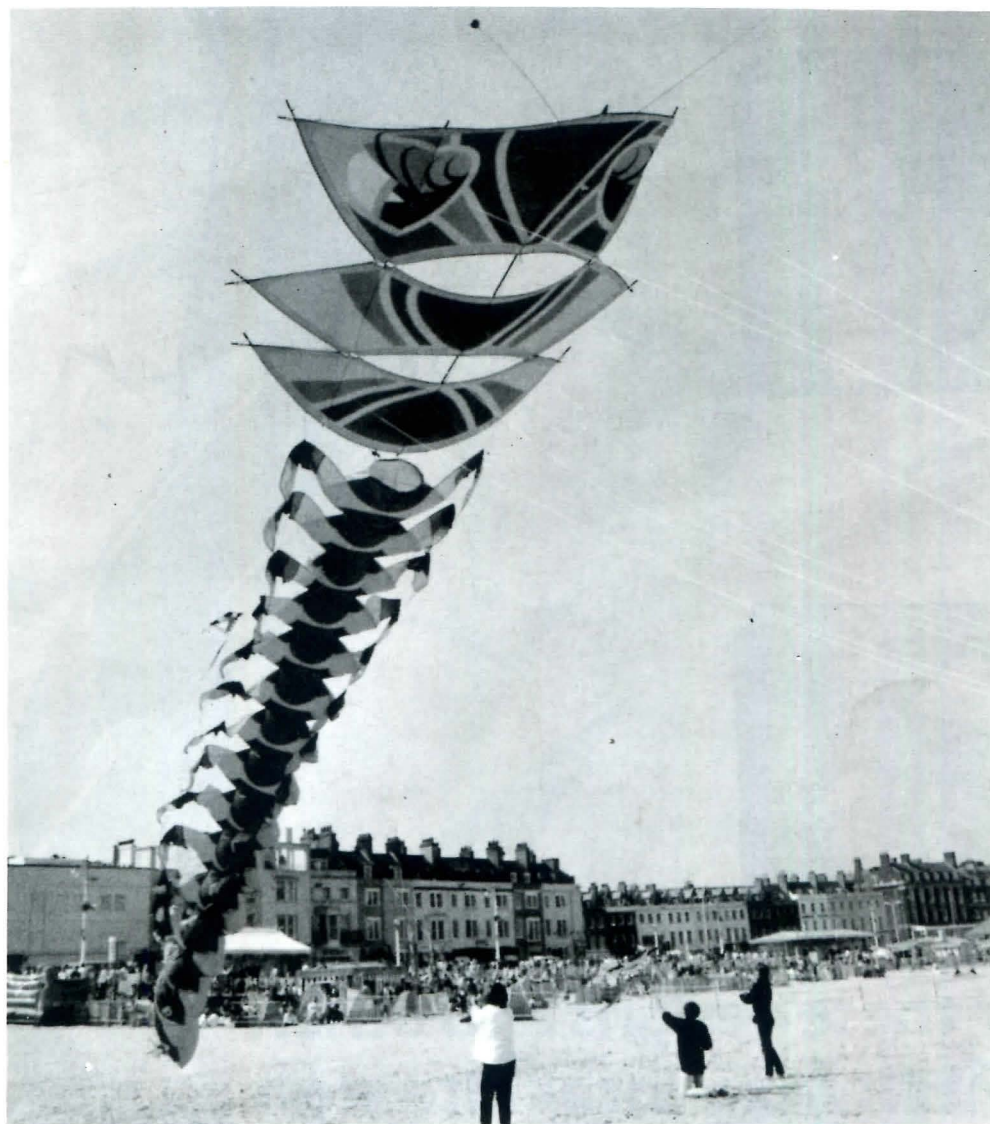


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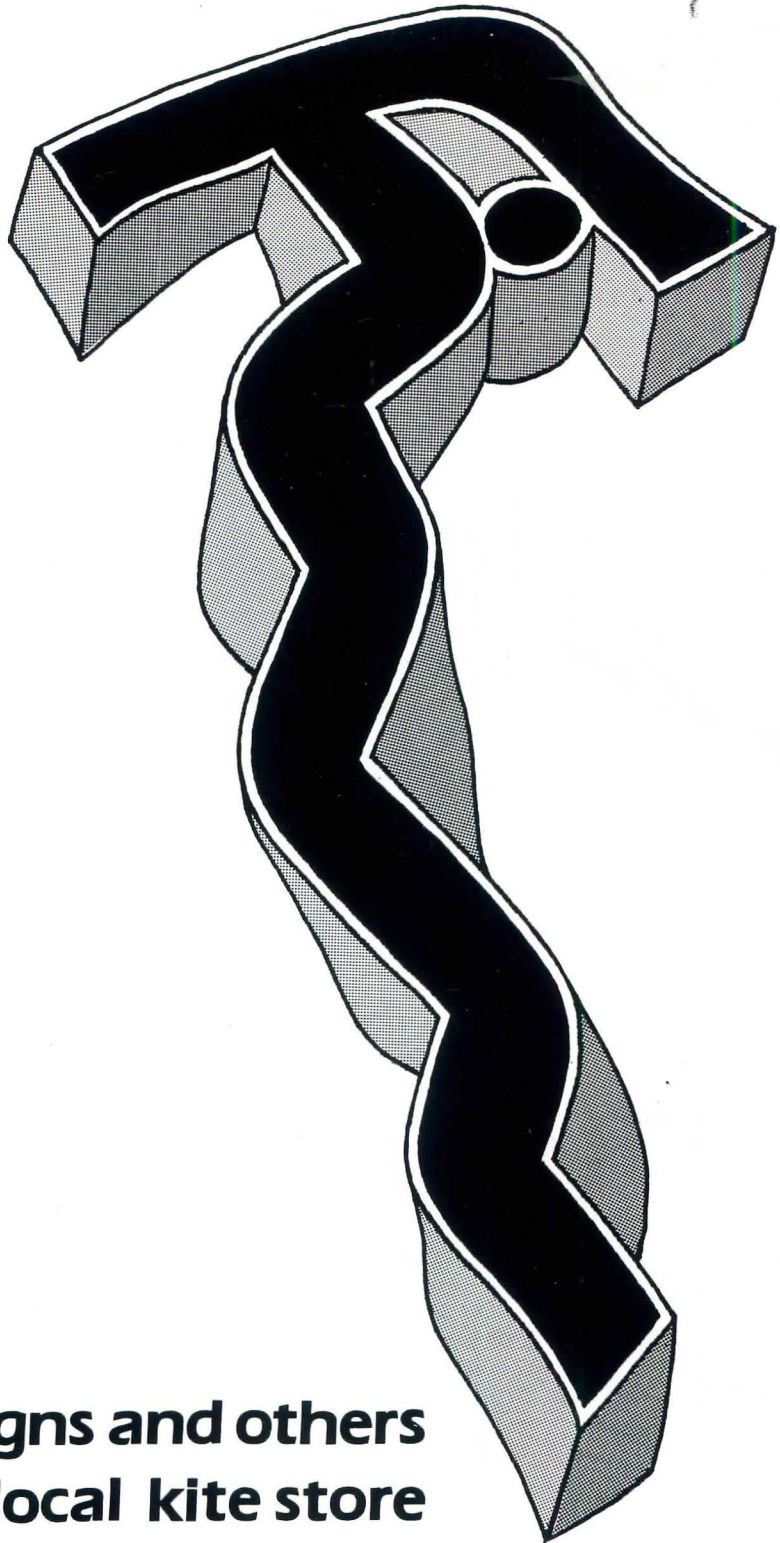
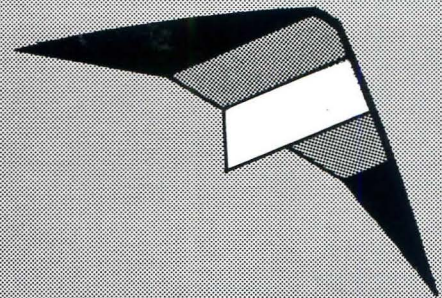
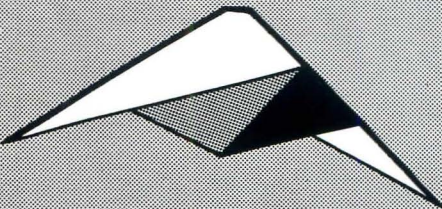
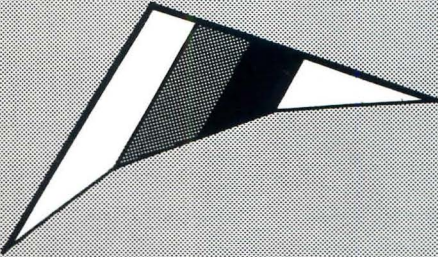
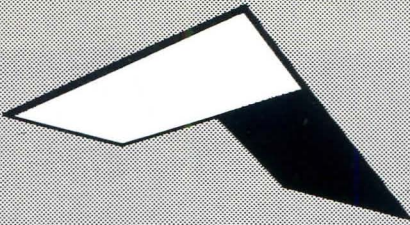


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# EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

As you can see this magazine is a bit smaller than usual - this is due to the fact that we have little stock of articles to use. We need more items from you - the reader - to fill these pages. We are interested in all aspects of kite flying and are particularly interested in kite plans. We could also do with some more information from the sports kite fraternity.

You may remember that we tried to organise a winter retreat last year. Unfortunately this fell through as the venue we hoped to use changed the available dates. So we are looking for a suitable location. The criteria are - good accommodation (e.g. dormitory or plenty of rooms), rooms for workshops and lectures (active workshops i.e. lots of sewing machines) and a flying site attached. Do you know anywhere - if so find out the details and get in touch with us. We were thinking of late January to early March time.

We now have a new stock of sew on Kite Society badges celebrating 15 years of the Kite Society. These cost £2.50 each and are available at festivals or by mail order when an S.A.E. should be sent. We should have organised, before Portsmouth, some Kite Society "leisure wear" e.g. sweatshirts polo shirts etc. Costs are yet to be determined but orders will be taken at Portsmouth.

See you at Portsmouth.

Gill and Jon Bloom

### Front Cover Photo

**Ron Gibians Centipede Kite flying at Weymouth in May this year. Photo by Gill Bloom.**



# Letters

## **From Hugh Leslie, Douglas, Isle of Man.**

I would like to offer you the ramblings of a kite fanatic from the Isle of Man. Having returned to kiting after more years than I would care to mention, I bought a few kites through mail order as there were no good kite shops here at the time. I bought some good and some not so good. My partner Rosemary and I went to a kite festival at Parnham in Suffolk and saw something I had never seen before - team flying. I was really impressed by Team Cascade who did a marvellous job in conditions which were atrocious.

I managed to get in touch with Kevin Appleton who manages the team and who helped us immensely over the past few months. Thank you Kevin. We shall be doing our outmost in future to try and get a festival next year here on the Isle of Man.

Having bought and read many kite books there was something that kept cropping up - Indian Fighter Kites. We went to the Blackheath festival and I was fascinated by a small gold coloured kite buzzing all the other kites and generally having a lot of fun - at last I saw a gentleman who was having all this fun ....

I introduced myself and he told me his name was Stafford Wallace. I told him how interested I was and delighted to find out how helpful he was.

He spent some time showing me the intricacies of these marvellous kites, I bought two just on his enthusiasm alone. When we got back to the island I took out the kite for the first time, after a few mishaps - suddenly it clicked.

Over the past few months I have spent hundreds of pounds on kites but the ones that have given me the most pleasure are two indian fighters which cost less than £10.00, absolutely marvellous.

Kiting at its best. I would certainly recommend anyone with the slightest interest in kites to have a go but be warned - you'll get hooked.

I would also like to mention a few of the people who have been very helpful to us: Richard Potter of Cannock Kites, Kevin Appleton, Stafford Wallace, Dick and Shirley Turpin, of the Highwaymen.

## **From Manni Kluge (Pin Head 93/Sport Kite Info) who is moving back to Germany by the end of July.**

Sadly I must say - I liked it here. Unfortunately I don't have a choice. As a kite flyer from abroad I arrived in the U.K. in Summer 1990. Friends from the Great Ouse Kite Flyers and traders like Richard Marsh from Tradewinds helped me to settle into the U.K. kiting world. In the past 4 years I have met lots of you kitefliers. Thanks for the good times I could spend with you at festivals or other occasions. Besides a full bag of kites I will take another one filled with nice memories with me to Germany.

My special thanks go to those traders and manufacturers who supported the "Kite Charity Raffle" which I organised for an event at work during the past 4 years. Your donations of kites made many children and adults happy. Thank you.

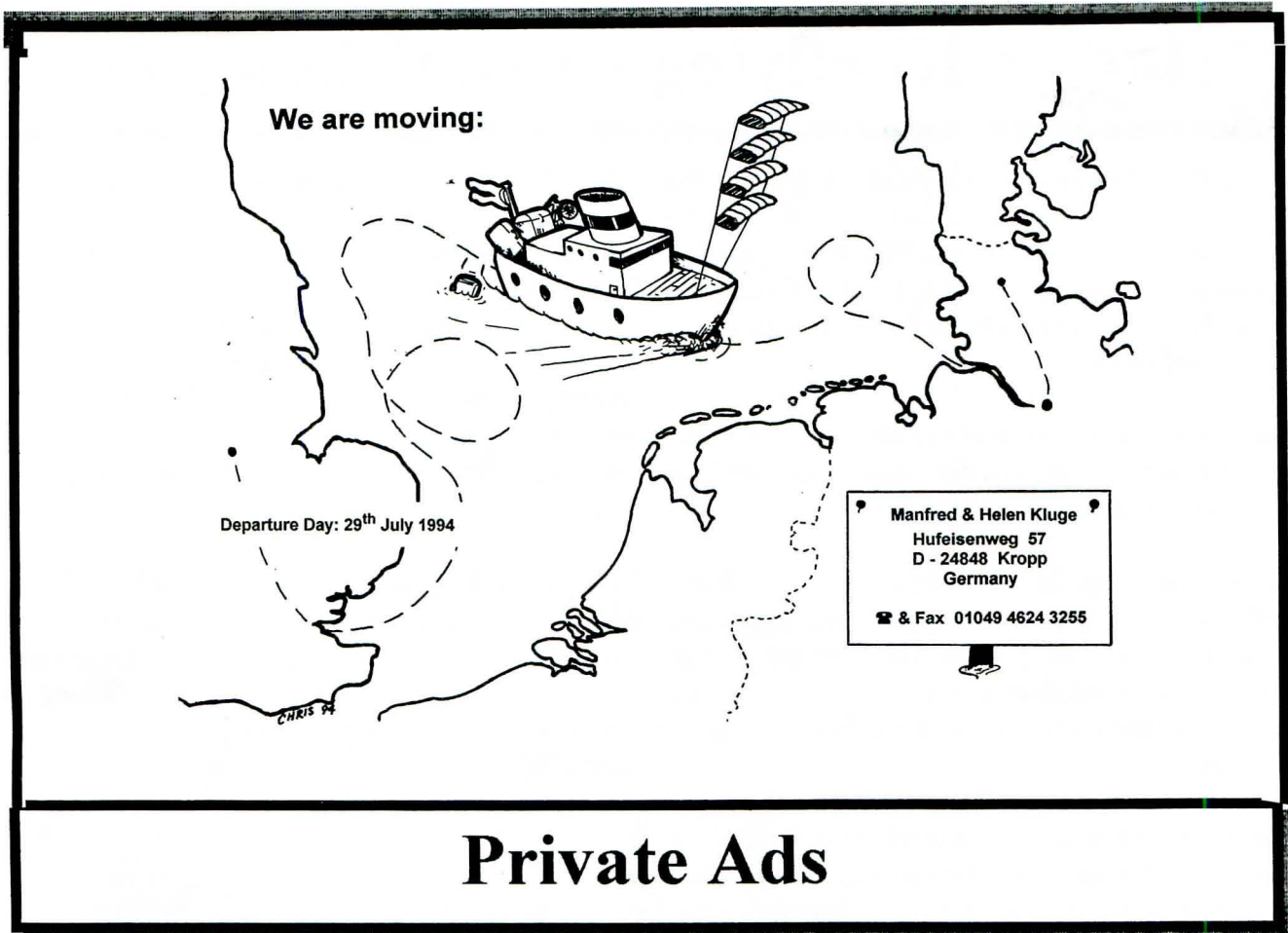
I will remain a member of the K.S.G.B. and G.O.K.F. For those of you who want to stay in touch, my new address (80 miles north of Hamburg) follows this article. By the way, Damp, Fano, Romo and other nice kite flying places are just around the corner. I'm sure I'll see a few of you there. Watch out for my Dragon Banner (thanks Paul).

Peaceful Skies to all of you.

## **From Steve Gibson.**

Margam Kite Festival:- We would like to thank all the flyers, who came and made this years event the best yet. They are too numerous to list, but I am sure they won't mind if we pick out Ray Bethel for a particular mention. Again he was our star attraction, thanks to Way on High, who sponsored Ray's visit. All who came into contact with Ray during the festival and his visit to other areas in the country, know they are in the presence of a very special talent and he is an inspiration to all flyers. We hope we can get him back again next year - which means that, yes, there is going to be a Margam 4! Probably the second weekend in June 1995, but keep an eye on your kiteflier for details. We must just give a mention to David Shakespeare, who gallantly took part in an under 16 Rok Challenge, but blindfolded - but you had to be there to appreciate his bravery!





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# Indian Kiteflying - Some Thoughts

I enjoyed reading Mike Murphy's first account of the trip to Lucknow. I know he intends to follow this up with a report on the visits to kite makers, manjha makers and wooden reel makers, but unfortunately he has had other demands on his time with house moving and work.

I thought I'd record some of my observations on the trip. I noticed three distinct skills which Indians have gives them the edge in the sky.

Firstly, launching in very light or non-existent winds. England with it's stronger winds had spoilt our group. Here we just let our kites out of our hands and the wind does the rest. In India, the kite has to be coaxed into the sky till it finds a layer of light breeze.

In India during a match, several fliers fly off the same roof, causing no problem to each other. They manage to launch their kites without crossing other lines of kites already flying or involved in a tangle. It is important because the kites are always let out to the full length of the manjha and they hold the cotton line in their hands waiting for their turn to tangle.

The English visitors, with the best intentions couldn't keep a straight launch-path and were accidentally getting their manjha across the cotton line of other fliers on the roof. After a while we decided to fly on a rota basis with only one of us flying at a time. As the action in the sky was so furious and short, my turn came around very quickly.

Since our return I have noticed a marked improvement in their launching skills. Launching from hand requires the skill of controlling your kite, constantly pointing the reel towards your flying hand and letting line out.

At the Banham kite festival, Paul Barratt achieved this feat during the altitude sprint with an Indian kite, unfortunately for him the commentator thought it was me and announced me as the winner. We corrected this and he did get the trophy. He proved

the skill isn't purely Indian and can be mastered here.

Secondly, the skill of identifying where each kite is being flown from. With the hundreds of kites all around, it is important to know where they are coming from and to anticipate their intentions. Rooftop flying has no rules and a lot of mischief is accepted as normal. Some small boys like attacking the cotton line behind the manjha and nearer to hand.

You need eyes in your behind and to your sides as well to keep an overall control on the situation. You don't launch a kite up to about 20 metres and stand still. You have to constantly keep looking to the left, right and behind, just in case someone quietly launches a kite behind and cuts the cotton line near your hand.

All kitefliers keep a long bamboo pole on the roof to deter such mischief, the pole also comes into use to catch a free kite which drifts overhead.

I felt guilty about developing the low spinning technique because when one of the group started to spin their kite low over a roof, a pole suddenly appeared and snatched the kite out of the sky. I informed them this was normal and that low flying was not a good idea. When you know where a kite is being flown from it enables you to create the correct angles to give you the best chance of winning.

Even when I fly in a crowded area at any kite festival in UK, I employ this skill to allow to manoeuvre between the many lines in the sky. It's almost as though I have drawn invisible lines from each kite to each flier. It helps to do this as the western habit of anchoring the kite and leaving it often confuses fliers who haven't allowed for the line from the invisible flier.

Thirdly, the quick pulling in of the kite using both hands. I never realised how cultural this was until I saw my group trying to tangle with other kites. I kept shouting 'pull, pull' and couldn't understand why they didn't match their opponent's ferocity in



# Indian Kiteflying - Some Thoughts

the tangle. It was then that I realised they had to look at the line before they could hold it and pull, whereas the Indians never look at the line, yet manage to pull in line at a furious speed thereby creating good tension for the slicing manoeuvre.

I see regular fliers in the UK now developing this skill and I would recommend fast pulling is easier if pulled to one side, rather than keeping both hands directly in front of the body.

I am not pointing out weaknesses necessarily, but identifying the differences in techniques. Flying Indian kites is somewhat like learning a new language and to expect immediate expertise is unrealistic.

Since my involvement with kiting over the last five years I have noticed a marked improvement in skills. One day we will take on the Indians at their own game and win.

We took a stunter and a Rev with us and it was amusing and very interesting to see the very professional kitefliers of Lucknow struggle with them.

They wanted to fly them off a reel, they wanted to let out line and they constantly hit the ground. It was a splendid example of reverse culture, while Mike and Steve had to teach them how it was flown.

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# A Little Story

This has been sent in by John Daleman.

Arriving at his practice area one day, Ron Reich encountered a small boy at his favourite spot, playing with a small plastic delta. According to his nature, Ron made do with an adjacent area. After performing his latest routine, Ron landed his kite to reflect on his performance. It was at this time that he noticed the small child sat behind him watching. Whereas most others thoughts would be to move and commandeer the prime flying area, Ron noticed that the boy was quiet and upset and asked him what was wrong. The boy told him that his kite wouldn't fly and was no good and in the same breath he asked how much Ron's kite cost. When Ron told him it was more than 200 dollars, the boy was even more upset, proclaiming that he would never be able to afford a real kite. Abandoning his practice session, Ron explained that his kite was far too powerful and advanced for a small boy and that the boy had the best kite that he could have and that it would fly.

"Always remember, the kite is always better than the flyer" Ron told him. A point we should all bear in mind. Ron found the kite to be hopelessly out of trim and showed how to adjust the bridle. He explained about the need to make these adjustments for varying conditions and that kites can always be made to fly better and better. Instead of going home, never to touch another kite, the boy returned to the Champion's favourite spot elated with success, but was soon backwards and forwards to Ron with a barrage of questions. In short he was simply aching for an aerobatic kite so he could try and fly like Ron. Realising this, Ron made up a bridle from the boy's line, he laced the delta's keel on a cross line, fixed the bridle, made up lines, trimmed and flew the kite. He then played 'ground crew' whilst teaching the boy to fly. At the end of the afternoon a little boy walked home clutching the 'best kite in the world'. Little did he know he had got started by the World Champion. But thats Ron, and maybe why he is who he is. As for the little boy, in a few years time the then world champion could be him. He nearly walked away from it all that afternoon.



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# Rokkaku Challenge - The Future

Firstly a short note from John Barker:- Drawn out Rok Battles: The U.K. Rok Challenge has provided and continues to provide a large amount of fun and excitement for both contestants and onlookers, but of late each heat seems to be getting longer, recovery and setup becomes drawn out and spectators lose interest. Is it not time that some positive method of speeding up the whole affair was employed? Conversations I've had with many of the contestants seem to equally favour either a positive line cutting device or a set line length. The only people who can decide are the contestants themselves, as without them there is no Rok Challenge.

More thoughts from the Chief (and usually only) Judge Gill Bloom: I can certainly agree with John that the Rok Challenge seems to have lost direction. It was originally set up as a fun event that anyone could enter and enjoy, but now many teams seem to take the whole thing much too seriously and are coming up with ideas such as natural line (which will not melt) to give them an unfair advantage and also prolong the heats. Whilst talking of these and other thoughts during the judging of the Baskingstoke round of the U.K. Challenge, John Odgen of Tigger and the Boop Troop Team was "volunteered" to hold the Chair at a Rok Meet at the Kite Society Convention. So we have booked a room for the Friday evening after the evening meal for all interested Rok fighters to turn up and put forward their ideas in the hope that a set of new rules for 1995 can be devised. Thus it will be the fliers who will decide what will be allowed and what will not. John will welcome your thoughts before hand so that he can come up with some kind of agenda for the meeting. Even if you can't attend the meeting let John know your thoughts. This is the rok fighters opportunity to improve the Challenge so use it or I will just come up with my own rules!

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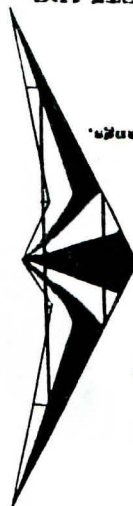
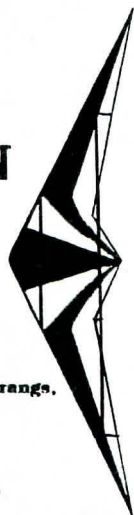
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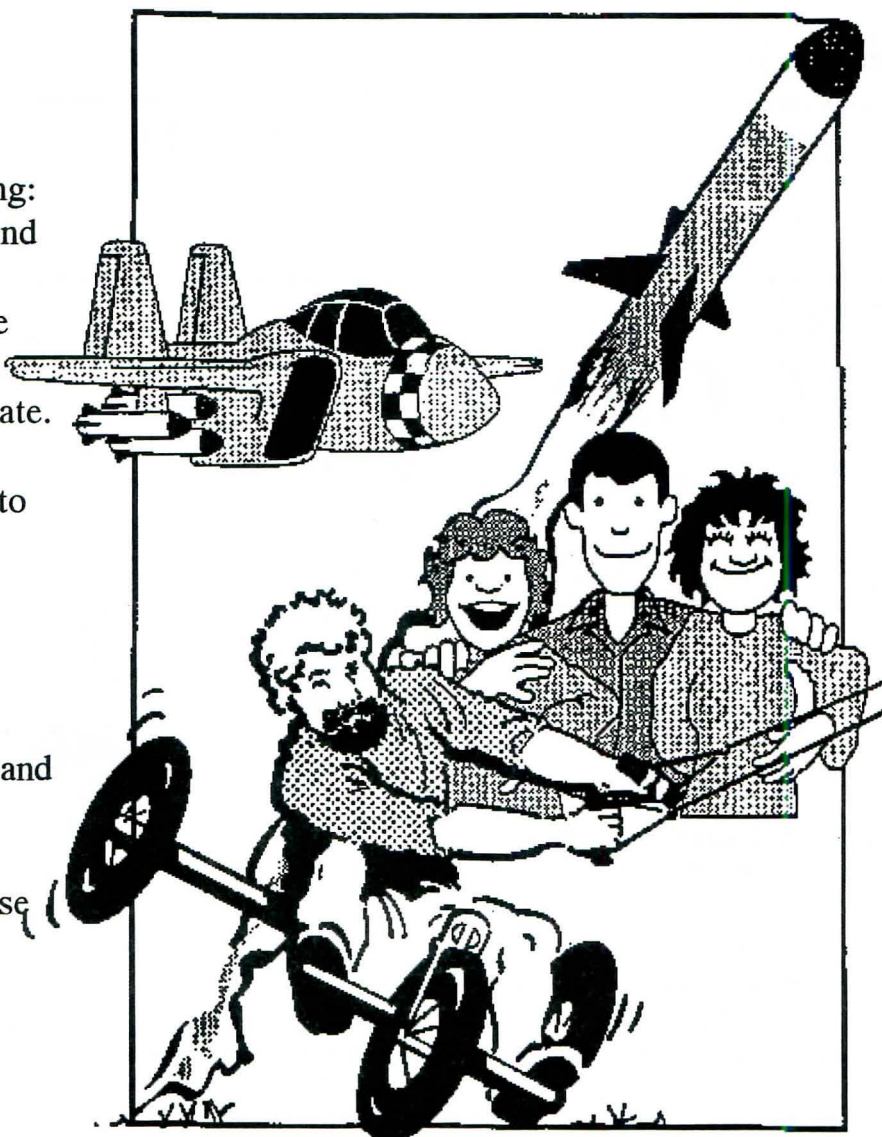
The original plan was to emulate Corrie Jensen's Boogy Thang, but it seems to have turned into a "Thingy" all of it's own.

Here's the deal: On bank holiday Monday 19th August (just after Portsmouth and just before Bristol), we can take over the runways and taxiways of the ghost town that used to be Greenham Common Air Base. The aim is to bring together buggiers of all persuasions to do their own thingy, try out other people's thingies and generally have a good time. Nothing except the date and the venue are cast in stone, but we hope to have :

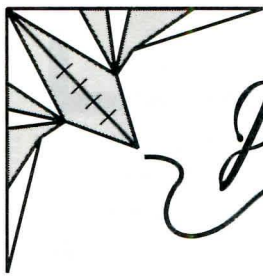
- The PKA doing a PKA race thingy (special thanks to Mick for sorting out the insurance nightmare)
- Ian and Mad John doing a 2nd National Buggy thingy
- Jost bringing his battle-bus thingy (in case it rains)
- A "Beat Peter Lynn" thingy (provided he doesn't go for a day trip to Japan!)
- Silly games thingies (even naked thingies if you please)
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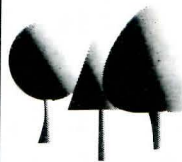
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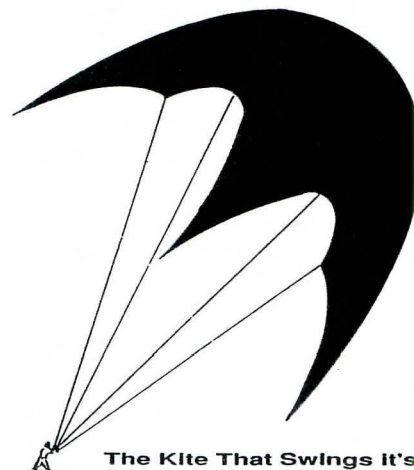
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Indicate which category of the Competition you wish to enter for: Amateur Professional Junior

The festival does not deal with hotel accommodation for this you should contact the tourist office (Tel 010 33 35 84 11 77).

**Return this form to The Kite Society of Great Britain, P.O. Box 2274, Gt Horkesley, Colchester CO6 4AY by 7th August 1994.**

## THE COMPETITION

Dieppe International Kite Competition: The competition will take place throughout the second weekend of the festival (17-18 September) and is open to all kitefliers. As in the past, valuable prizes (airfares to other festivals) will be awarded.

This year's competition has been given a theme: kites should refer by their shape, decoration or by other means to "**The Sea, The Ocean**". There are no other requirements. Kite creators have all the freedom to devise, innovate, create, but their kites must fly.

The organisers of the festival will pay special attention to a smooth progress of the competition. Entrants are kindly asked to enrol as they fill in the registration form for the second week-end of the festival. On arriving on the festival site they will be given a numbered pennant which they will be asked to attach to their kite line. The jury will thereby be able to collect the pennants and make sure they have seen all the kites.

Entrants will be invited to join a public all round flight on the demonstration area on Sunday afternoon. Each participant will be granted a distinction and the jury's prize list will be read out by the end of the afternoon.

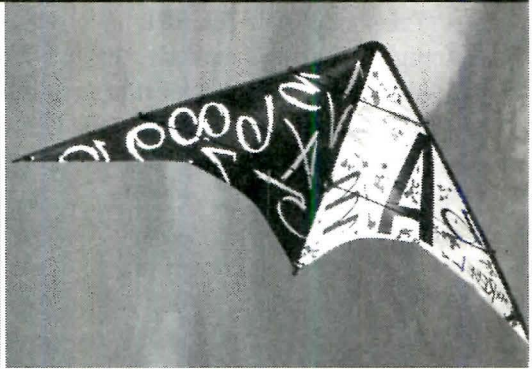
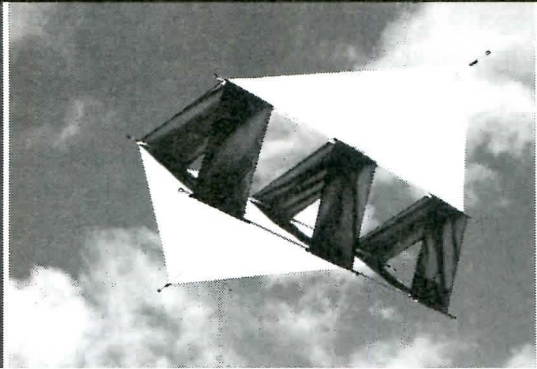
The jury will include major actors of the performance and visual arts world. Guidance on the technical qualities of the kites will be provided by a kite expert. The jury will be given all latitude to judge the kites artistic qualities and originality. By the way - kite fliers may enter several kites!



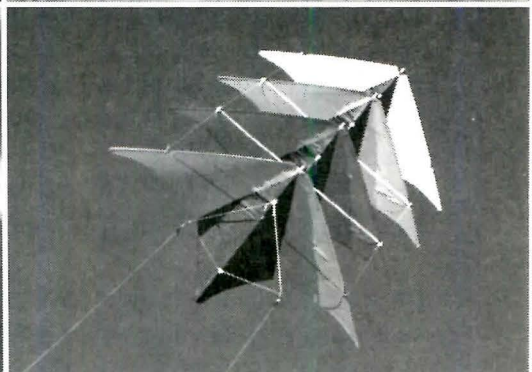
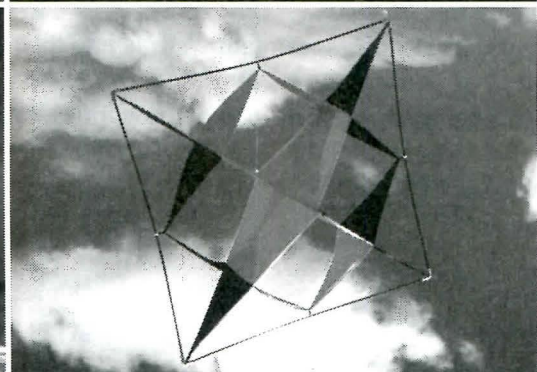
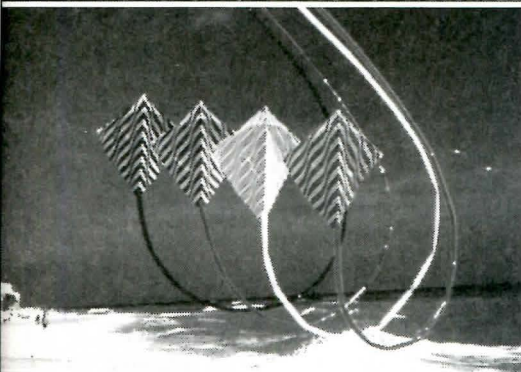
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# Kite Society Convention 1994

This years Kite Society Convention is being held in conjunction with the Portsmouth International Kite Festival. The Convention is being held on Friday 26th August at the Hospitality Inn, South Parade, Portsmouth PO4 0RN. Telephone 0705 731281. We have negotiated a special rate for the convention/festival of £25.00 per person per night (sharing) inclusive of full English breakfast. A supplement of £10.00 per night is payable for single occupancy, this special rate runs from Thursday through to Sunday. For booking phone 0705 731281 and ask for Lisa in reservations quoting the Portsmouth Kite Festival. Alternatively we have an arrangement with the University of Portsmouth Halls of Residence where bed and breakfast is only £12.75 per person per night. Contact Pat Henley at The University of Portsmouth, Residential and Catering Services, Nuffield Centre, St Michaels Road, Portsmouth PO1 2ED. Telephone 0705 843178.

We have quite a number of meeting rooms this year so we are hoping to have a wide ranging programme to cover all aspects of kites and kiteflying. A full timetable has yet to be sorted out but we do know that there will be some restriction on numbers for some of the talks. We have therefore decided to have registration from 9.00am for the various talks and workshops.

The following talks will be happening (subject to final confirmation) and are not in any special order:-

**Stafford Wallace** - Making Indian Kites - including a video showing the complete process.

**Paul Chapman** - Weifang 1994 - A slide show together with an opportunity to examine a number of Chinese kites.

**Sue Wardle** - How to run a kite workshop.

**Martin Lester** - A Legs workshop - your chance to make a small pair of tissue legs. (A small charge for materials will be made).

**Janneke Groen** - "The way I make the designs for my kites"

**Randy Tom** - Applique Techniques using ripstop nylon.

**Stretch Tucker** - Making tails streamers, banners by sewin fabric strips into blocks.

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**David Gomberg** - The status and future of Sport Kite competition rules and the future of competitions vs demonstrations.

**Peter Dolphin** - Arches - How to make and fly them.

**Ron Gibian** - Cellular kites and applique.

As you can see there is quite a lot going on - we therefore need people to volunteer for some of the jobs that need to be done such as assisting with registration, "room monitor" etc. So please get in touch if you are willing to help.

**Kite Market** - this year we have decided that rather than charge a flat rate for people to trade the market will be open to anybody, small and large, who wishes to sell some kite related item(s). We hope that this will enable those people who cannot afford to trade at the kite festivals. No need to book just turn up on the day. All we would ask is for a donation to the convention funds.

We have arranged both a lunch and an evening meal for the Friday, both of which have to be prebooked. Lunch - a finger buffet - costs £4.00 per person, and the evening meal, which is a fork buffet (a selection of 3/4 hot dishes with pasta / rice /jacket potatoes etc plus garden salad and coleslaw plus choice of sweets and coffee) costs £7.00 per person. Before, during and after the evening meal we will be holding the Pin Head Challenge and around 9.30pm the Rokkaku Challenge discussion will take place. After the meal there will be a pay bar with extended hours plus we hope to have a slide/video talk by one of our visitors and, of course provide an ideal time for socialising.

The Portsmouth International Kite Festival takes place on Southsea Common on Saturday the 27th and Sunday 28th of August. There will be free car parking for kitefliers - for which a pass will be required. This is available from us - see the form below. The festival will run along the same lines as previous years with displays and contests, including a round of the U.K. Rokkaku Challenge. On the Saturday evening the Kite Society auction and meal will



# Kite Society Convention 1994

be held at the Pyramids Leisure Centre - the same venue as last year. With the kind sponsorship from Portsmouth City Council the meal has been quite heavily subsidised and will only cost £5.00 per person. This again will need to be prebooked and is limited to 100 people for the meal. Everyone is invited to attend the auction which will start at about 9:30pm. There is also an extension to the bar until 12:00pm.

*Thanks to everyone who contributed items to the Kite Society Auction last year at Bristol, and to those who bid so generously - the result of your efforts are seen in the magnificent agenda for this year's convention!*

*There is always a cost involved with supporting the events of the Annual Convention, and the Kite Society is not able to raise funds through normal subscriptions. The cost is met entirely out of the proceeds of the Kite Society Auction: there is no other way of raising the necessary cash. This year the convention is at Portsmouth, and the Auction will be held there during the evening of Saturday 27th August. As last year, there will be a "Noisy" auction and a "Silent" auction.*

*On behalf of the Kite Society Convention Committee, I am appealing to all Kite Society members, to clubs, to traders, and to all kite friends to donate kites and kite-related items for the auction which will raise money for next year's Convention. Please send all items to me, or let me know what you will bring to Portsmouth. As a last resort, just turn up with something on the day!*

*For the Kite Society Convention Committee.*

*Derek Kuhn, 29 Bradbury Road, Solihull, West Midlands B92 8AE. Tel 021 706 1302 Fax 021 708 2984.*

**Please note - for those people who have already applied for car passes or meal tickets - don't worry. These will be sent out by the middle of August in plenty of time for the festival.**

**Please return this form together with any payment due to the Kite Society, P.O. Box 2274, Gt Horkesley, Colchester CO6 4AY. All cheques should be made payable to "The Kite Society Convention".**

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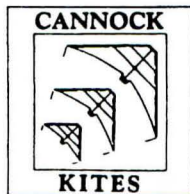
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# Kites in Cyberspace

The UseNet News - In answer to Peter Dawson's 'Highflying Messages' [April 94] where he asks if there is already a message area being run for us kiteflyers on a Bulletin Board System (BBS) the answer is emphatically YES. I will now try and go on to explain further for those who may wish to access it.

It is run on what must be the largest network in the world called the Internet and the Bulletin Board type system is called UseNet News, commonly abbreviated to just UseNet or News and where our newsgroup is called 'rec.kites'. There you will find contributions from many kite fliers world-wide, from the famous like Ron Reich, to the almost unknown like me. Indeed a complete cross section of people with a common interest in kites but not necessarily all computer buffs so don't let that put you off. In fact once you're connected that last thing you will find discussed is probably computers!

Articles 'posted' vary from simple question and answers like 'where's the best place to buy a Flexifoil'; 'how do I adjust the bridle of my speedwing', to reviews on new kites, to announcements like 'Petworth Kite Festival - 10th July', to long discussions with five or six contributors on subjects like 'Indian Fighter kites'; 'cross-cell venting of soft kites'; 'sleeving spectra line'. A good place to start is to look for the 'frequently asked questions' or FAQs which are posted regularly and are composed on a Q & A basis. They contain a wealth of information that is regularly updated and save common questions having to be regularly repeated.

There are also what are termed archive sites, where some of the more informative articles are kept. This is important as UseNet News is a bulletin board to which articles are 'pinned' but they have a limited life independent of whether you have read them or not. This keeps the News fresh and you will often get references to previous articles that can be found in the archive site.

Hopefully the above has raised some interest not only in those familiar with computers but also a few

others - the UseNet News is not just about computers - its just you need to know a little about them to participate. There is not space to go into all the technical details here - in fact I don't know them all anyway - but I will try and give guidance below. It is not meant to be a 'recipe' of how to connect as there are so many possible ways, but more an overall view of the technical topics.

## **The technicalities.**

The UseNet is a set of people who electronically exchange articles tagged with one or more universally recognised labels, called newsgroups or groups for short. It is not an organisation, nor a public utility, nor an academic network. These articles are composed on one machine and then exchanged over the networks, primarily the Internet, to other sites. Thus, it is the site administrator who controls what information or groups are taken and how long it will stay there. So not all sites will have on offer 'rec.kites'.

A distinguishing feature is that these articles are 'broadcast' to anyone who wishes to receive them, in contrast to Electronic Mail or email which is sent only to those who you, the sender, wish them to be.

Then we kiteflyers have to connect to one of these sites to read the articles and even compose and send some of our own. In the past access to the UseNet has normally required access to a fairly large computer and this normally meant people accessed the UseNet either from work, or in the case of students from their University. Things are now changing fast. The BBC is now offering access to the InterNet and their weekly TV program 'The Net' has put the topic into the media thereby attracting attention the likes of which it probably hasn't had, at least in the UK, before.

More relevant to us is that all the previously unconnected Bulletin Boards and conferencing systems like Compuserve and CIX are now becoming Internet connected and thus can offer the UseNet News. There are principally two types of offerings available with different facilities and of course costs.



# Kites in Cyberspace

a) You may obtain full Internet access which includes such facilities as ftp, telnet, gopher, www, email, usenet news. This connects your own computer to the Internet and indeed it becomes part of it. Typical costs for this are from £10 per month upwards (unless your company pays!).

b) You may obtain offline access to some of the facilities - principally usenet news and email. This way you become a user on another computer (with username and password), which offers a 'temporal gateway' to the Internet. It does this by connecting itself to the Internet at set periods during the day and exchanging information - sending outbound information and receiving inbound information. This gateway means that when connected via modem you can leave email or UseNet News on the system and read any new information that has been collected since you were last there. Your outgoing articles will be forwarded on when this gateway next opens. Typical costs for this are from £25 per year. There are also 'ftp mail servers' which can get at the archive sites and email the files to you if you don't have direct ftp access.

Like the start of UseNet News in the late '70s the late '80s saw BBS connecting together and exchanging messages. There is a UK centred group of boards called 'The Net' and an international one called 'I-Link' that exchange messages on a daily basis. Increasingly these groups of bulletin boards are also now connecting to the Internet and offering a type (b) service as above.

Even if you don't go for access to the UseNet News using one of these linked bulletin boards does give you a much wider audience most of whom may only have to make a local telephone call to access it.

## Finally some contacts.

I have only listed a few names here of the lower cost options know to, me, after all if we have any spare money we want to buy kites not computer time!

### Type (a)

CIX, 081 390 8446, - hourly charge £2.40 - £3.20. Demon, 081 349 0063 or 343 3881, fixed

monthly charge £10.00, some other local access points around country. Spud's Xanadu, 0203 364436 or 362560, free internet access and local BBS.

### Type (b)

CompuServe, 0800 289458, hourly charge \$4.80 - \$9.60 plus monthly \$8.95, local access points. Abacus Vortex, 0483 755099, £25/year for UseNet News & Internet Email, free BBS on TheNet with 50+ access points in UK.

Please feel free to contact me, there is lots more information I can probably direct you to.

I am registered on Abacus Vortex as Andrew Tate and if you dial in there look at bulletin 10 which lists all the other TheNet nodes around the country to find one close to you. Maybe we can connect Index 3 that Peter mentioned.

I have just registered on Spud's Xanadu where they use CB type handles and mine is Spud, however from there it would be better to use my internet email address. I have an Internet email address at work of: a.tate@surrey.ac.uk.

## Andrew Tate

For the record, the message area on Index 3 now has something like 20+ regular kites on line from all over the country. Even Jon Bloom of 'The Kiteflier' fame (get your articles in this way!), and we are (just) now on a larger network (Fidonet) that covers across to America, the Far East and Europe. This is now the fastest growing free message area in the U.K. Here's a list of phone numbers for you:

0602 855661	Index3 at Nottingham.
0689 838267	Woody's in Orpington, Kent.
081 986 5964	Activa Int. in London.
0602 445307	The Cript at Nottingham.

As the spread increases, I'll keep you posted.

## Peter Dawson



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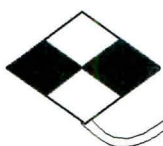
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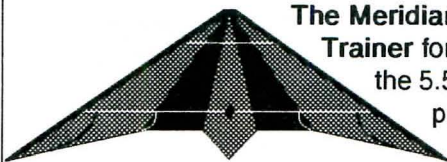
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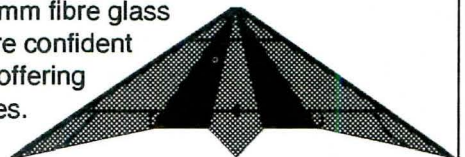


**The Harlequin** - A stunt kite ideally suited for the young first time flier. A 4mm fibre glass frame makes this kite *virtually* indestructable. Complete with a 12 mtr. tubular tail, handles & line, and a ripstop sleeve bag. Size: 35 ins. wide by 27 ins. high.



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# Bits and Pieces

## Press release from Inflight.

Inflight are introducing two new power kites - a larger, 5 metre span, version of the very successful Vector and a 3 sq metre quad. Both are designed to satisfy the growing demand for kites powerful enough for buggy racing.

Early tests suggest that they have the performance edge over most other similar kites, combining superb power and manoeuvrability, and of course made to Inflight's high standards.

These two kites will be the first introduced into the U.K. market specifically designed to make use of Dimension Polyant Fabrics. The 32gm nylon elastic spinnaker is ideal for these large kites since it combines low weight, high tear strength, low porosity and low water retention. Having all the advantages of polyester without the disadvantages.

Prototypes and early production models of the Vector 5 and the power Quad will be available from selected dealers, for demonstration and testing from July.

New versions of the vector 3 and Speedrunner will also be available in 32gm Polyant Spinnaker from July/August.

For further information contact Jim Rowlands at Inflight, Normanby Park Workshops, Normanby Road, Scunthorpe DN15 8QZ. Tel 0724 859118 or Fax 0724 865329.

## Group News

**Exeter/East Devon area:** I know there are flyers out there somewhere! interested in starting a local Group? Phone John Staplehurt on 0392-464862 or leave a message on 0392 264875 - we need a site East of Dartmoor!

**Avon Kitefliers News** - Following our recent AGM there have been some changes to the committee of Avon Kiteflyers for 1994/95. Martin Lester has now been elected President and David Johnson replaces Martin Baker as secretary. Many thanks to

Martin for all the hard work he's put in over the last few years. Tom Oates remains as Chairman and Tony Baker is still Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Please send all correspondence, etc to David Johnson, 21 Somerston Road, Clevedon, Avon BS21 6JR or telephone 0275 875342.

AKF usually meet on the first sunday of the month at Ashton Court, Bristol. Entrance is best via Longwood Lane - same as for the Festival - although you can park elsewhere on the estate if you don't mind the walk. All flyers and friends welcome!

For stop press details of AKF activities please see the Club Noticeboard as kindly displayed in the window of the Bristol Kitestore, 1b Pitville Place, Cotham Hill Bristol.

**Poole Kite Fliers.** Contact Harry Douglas, 249 Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 2EG tel 0202. 660457. Membership costs £5.00 for individuals and £7.00 for families. Area covered Dorset.

**Whitstable Kite Fliers** - during the summer months they fly weekly not fortnightly most Friday evenings. Contact Kites and Things for further details.

**Sheffield Kite Club.** This club has just been formed. Contact Ashley Clark, 29 Moor Oaks Road, Broomhill, Sheffield S10 1BX. Tel/fax 0742 671946. The area covered is South and West Yorkshire, Derbyshire. They have fly-ins most Sunday afternoons at 2 local sites; Sheffield; Graves Park, Peak District; Higger Tor. Membership is free and there is a bi monthly newsletter and discount is available at the local kite shop (Perpetual Motion).

**Shaftesbury Kite Club (Heavens Above)** the contact for this group is Andrew Lear, Port Regis, Motcombe Park, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 9QA Tel 0747 854348. Membership - free (two pints of Beer !) regular fly-ins every Sunday afternoon on Win Green Shaftesbury, regular social meetings and trips to festivals, beaches and the like. We now have 135 members. Quarterly newsletter and kite reviews - up to date hands on trails of new designs and kites



# Bits and Pieces

- open to all ages 6-80 years.

## Tips

**Alan Bole** writes - I have just discovered these "Hook-ups" which are intended for hanging coat hangers on washing lines. I am using them for attaching drogues/spinners to the kite line. They are quick to attach and it is easy to adjust their position along the line. I find that I put the line under, then over the top and under again, they won't fly off the line. By putting a short length of line on the rim of the drogue, it will act as a "keeper" and so avoid many of the tangles in the bridling lines.

They are sold by Lakeland Plastics, Alexandra Buildings, Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 1BQ and retail for £2 for 12 hook-ups.

**Ray Smith** (Duchy Kitefliers) - To anyone who is having difficulties obtaining a Coleman Cabana. They are available from your local Index Store under the name of Beach Shelter order no:- 130 053 for the price of £27.99.

If you don't have a store close by, you can order them over the phone or Index will deliver within a few days. Charge for delivery is about £3.00.

## Kite Sites

Steve Gibson writes - I haven't given up on collecting these, so if you want a site included in the next booklet drop a line to Steve Gibson, 91 Baysham Street, Hereford.

## Kites - An exhibition of European Kites, 17 September - 13 November.

In this exhibition of some of Europe's most original and dedicated kitemakers we see ingenuity, creativity and painstaking attention to detail though only the breath of wind can bring out their full poetry. At the Waterfront Museum, 4 High Street, Poole. Organised by the Poole Museum Service, contact Sue Beckett 0202 683138.

## Kite Travels

**Paul Chapman** attended the Weifang Kite Festival

in China this year and will be giving a talk about this at the convention in Portsmouth. Whilst in China he received information of the 1st China International Kite Series near Shanghai. Paul says if anyone is interested in attending this event or next year's Weifang they should get in touch with him so he can help with co-ordinating. Paul can be contacted at The Old Post Office, Wadeford, Chard, Somerset TA20 3AP.

**Derek Kuhn** is once again coordinating the European contingent that is attending the 2nd International Kite festival in Medellin, Columbia. All kitefliers need to do is to pay the airfare - approx £650 return. Once in Columbia all food and accommodation will be taken care of. At the moment it is for one week but it is likely to be extended to two. Dates are the 1st of August to 15th August. If you are interested contact Derek as soon as possible on 021 706 1302 or fax 021 708 2984.

**Derek** also passed on news of the 4th International Meeting of Air and Space Kites in Kherson's Steppes in Russia (or whatever it is called now). The festival dates are the 1st to 4th October. There appears to be no financial support for the festival and the organiser is looking for some hard currency from the participants. For further details contact Alexey P Zverik, Box 110, Post Office 32500, Kherson, Ukraine. Fax 05522 43203 e-mail gersh@spsc.UKrcm.Kherson.ua.

## New Books

**A beginner's guide to flying Indian Fighter Kites by Shirley Turpin**, is a new 20 page booklet covering the subject in great depth with clear explanations and excellent illustrations by Andy Smith. Subjects covered include: choosing kites and line, flying principles and line tension, using a reel, launching, changing direction, spinning, tuning and repairs.

Much interest has been shown by novices and experienced alike, with many orders being taken for a copy even before going to print. The booklet is available at £1.99 plus 25p postage from Shirley



# Bits and Pieces

Turpin, the Highway Men, 3 Beechwood Avenue, Burbage, Hinckley, Leics, LE10 2HD (tel 0455 230736), and cheques should be payable to 'S Turpin'.

**Manfred Kluge** is known for his little sport Kite Information booklet which he wrote for the beginner. His booklets will continue to be available to interested clubs, retailers or manufacturers from Kites and More see their advert for the address.

If you are in need of translations (German-English / English-German). Manfred has done a few translations for the kite world. Anyone out there helpless or manufacturers in need, contact him at his German address and he will see what he can do. No not a complete translation of the wonderful German DrachenMagazin - not yet.

## The Press

Spotted in the Guardian by Martin Lester - "A D-Day postscript. Roly Rollison, who may sound like an unsung opponent of the Red Baron but is actually a Bridlington salmon fisherman, was 300 yards out from the harbour, when he hauled in something fishy. A teddy bear, in leather flying jacket and goggles. It was perfectly clear how it got there - it was attached to a small parachute. The bear refused even to give name, rank or station, but is hanging up in its straps, drying out in Mr Rollison's shed on the quay, awaiting ransom or parole".

## Trade News

**Writes Noel Staples and Ashley Clark** - We are the Directors of Sheffield's new Kite shop called Perpetual Motion. The shop at 127-129 Devonshire Street Sheffield, S10 3SB, telephone 0742 671946 is open 10:00 - 6:00 Monday to Saturday. They will also be trading at a number of festivals as well as doing mail order.

**Flexifoil International Ltd** are moving, from July 4th their new address is Flexifoil International, 27 Regal Drive, Soham, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 5BE. Phone 0353 723131 Fax 0353 722311.

"**Kites & More**", which has been around for some time now, is moving to Cambridgeshire. Manfred Kluge who established K&M is moving back to Germany. Kites & More (without the German accent on the phone) is now based in Huntingdon, Cambs. Besides offering a variety of (k)items from the UK and Germany, K&M specialises in silent sport kites from Germany. Also available is a 3 metre open keel delta, as seen flying during Conquer the Wind Festival 94. For details write to 1 Hardy Close, Hartord, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE18 7RR or call on 0480 457626.

**A new kite trader - Just Kites** (at the moment mail order and festival trading only). They carry a wide range of Delta kites and produce a free well illustrated colour catalogue.

Just Kites, 20 Trent Crescent, Thatcham, Berkshire RG13 3DN. Tel 0635 871170 (24 hour).

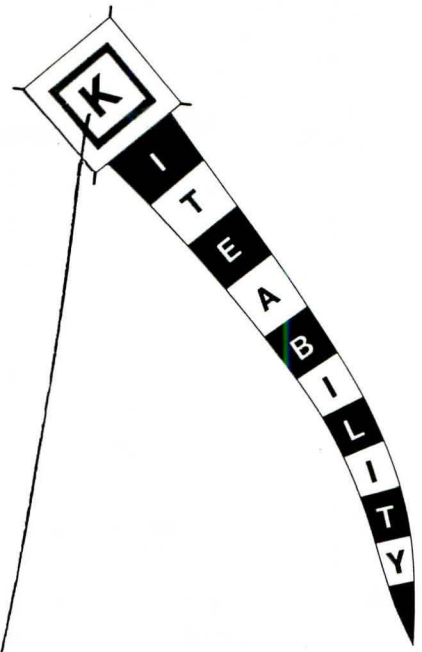
**Another new trader - Mullin Kites**, 15 Weedon Lane, Amersham, Bucks HP6 5QT tel/fax 0494 431726. They offer their own discount offer on joining the Mullin Kite Club but would offer 5% off to members of the Kite Society. They sell retail and wholesale and are agents for Flexifoil International. They will be trading at Portsmouth and Bristol. All their kites are manufactured by themselves and they carry a range of sports and single line kites, they also stock kite parts and accessories, flexifoil, buggies and equipment to order. Their mail order service is set up with a business reply service as they have not been trading long enough to have a credit card facility. They produce a colour brochure.

**Kreative Kites** are moving to much needed larger premises from the 4th of July. They will be located above Newbury Pet Shop. This will be run mainly as a workshop but they will have their own range of kites etc on display and for sale. Callers are welcome. The full address is 59 Bartholemew Street, Newbury, Berks RG14 5QH. Tel 0635 872186. Opening hours Tuesday - Saturday 9.00 -5.30.



# KITEABILITY

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left, right, about and around,  
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we've battled through the rain,  
once or twice up to our axles,  
stuck in the mud again.

Frozen to the marrow,  
alternatively, soaked to the skin,  
this year so far, with the weather,  
we just cannot win.

Blown away at Blackheath,  
Warden was very soggy,  
Two days becalmed at Banham,  
Brighton very wet and boggy.

Many miles we have driven,  
We must be \*\*\*\*\* mad,  
But if we didn't get there,  
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# The Pin Pratt

Not so many new pins this time - obviously things are calming down but we have news of a few new pins:-

From the Duchy Kitefliers - Ray Smith - Just a few lines to inform you of our new pin based on our original design but the white centre has been changed for a gold foil effect and has a deeply sculptured outer ring. This pin is limited to 50 and costs £2.50. I also have a few of the original design and can offer a set of two pins for £4.00. Any replies to Ray Smith 44 Rosevear Road, Bugle PL26 8PJ. Tel 0726 851491. Please include S.A.E. jiffy or similar.

Dave Clements writes - the Skysquad has produced a Skysquad pin. The pin is hexagonal and features a parachuting teddy bear. They are produced in five colours - blue, black, green, mauve and maroon - and cost £4.00 each or £17.50 a set (only 60 sets made). They are 1.25" in diameter. Contact Dave Clements, 93 Farmfield Road, Downham, Bromley, Kent BR1 4NE.

John and Barbara Baker of Leeds Kites have commissioned a run of enamel badges which measure roughly 2" by 1.25" and (I think) feature the N.K.G. logo and name. These are available on a first come - first served basis for about £6.00. Contact Leeds Kites on 0532 789727 for more details.

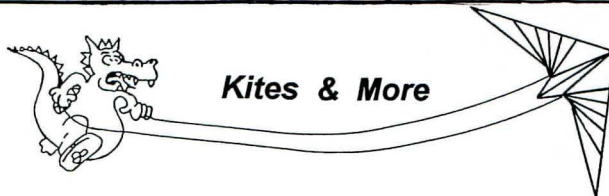
Also available to members only is the N.K.G. pin. A very nice white Malay with the letters NKG on it. The catch is you have to join to get the pin! For more details contact Ron Odgen, 41 Ashfield Drive, Clayton Bridge, Manchester M40 1WJ.

Don't forget that The Pin Head competition will take place during the evening of the Kite Society Convention at the Hospitality Inn on August 26th. As last year there will be two competitions - one for the largest collection and one for the most artistic. The actual competition will take place before, during and after the meal (with members being asked to vote for the most artistic display - but it will be nice if we can arrange for at least some of the pins to be on show during the day. So please bring your pins early if you can! Remember we will have some of GOMBERGS' collection, the rarer pins, on show so come along and drool.

Wants and swops - don't forget pin pratters can use this space to advertise their swops, wants etc - its all free!

**Wanted** - Vic Eshpeter of 1702 E 99th, Tacoma WA 98445, USA wants the following - The 1986 & 1991 Kite Store Pins, and the Yellow Lite Flite Pin.

**Write to: The Pin Pratt, c/o The Kite Society, P.O. Box 2274, Gt Horkesley, Colchester CO6 4AY.**



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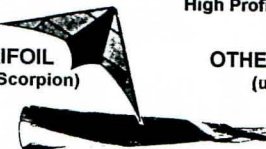
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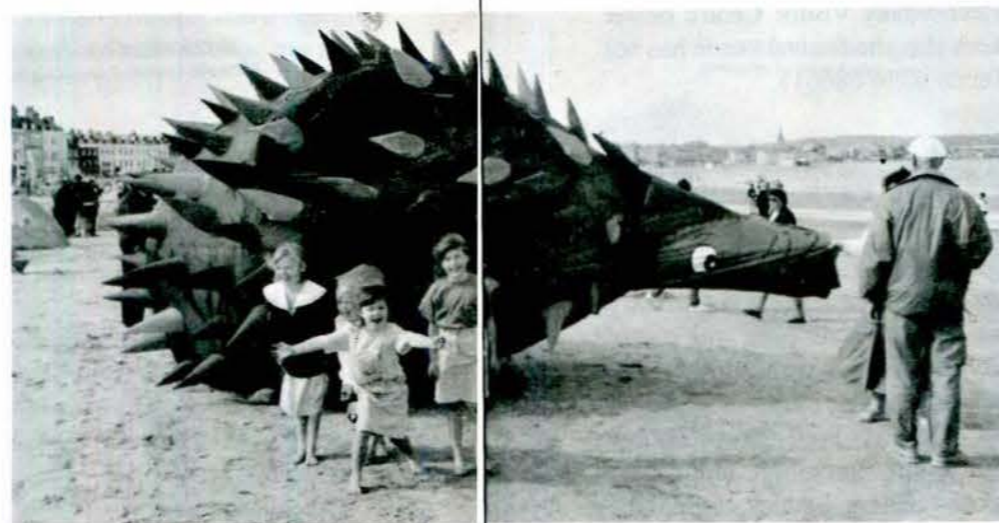
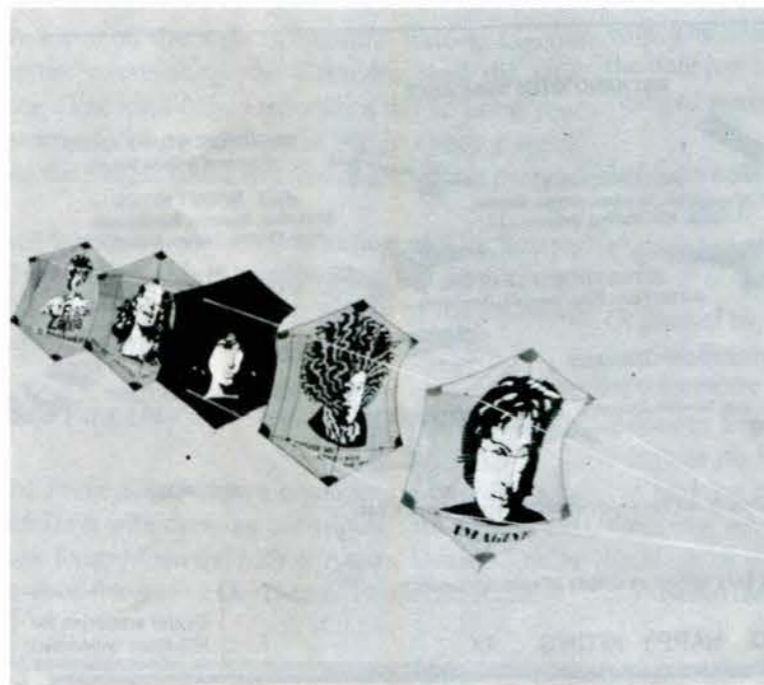
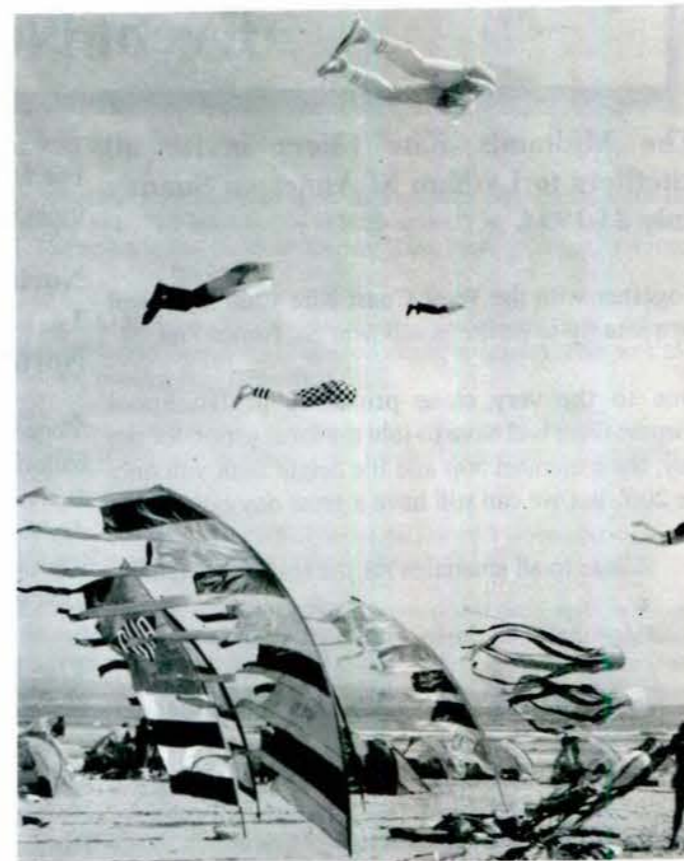
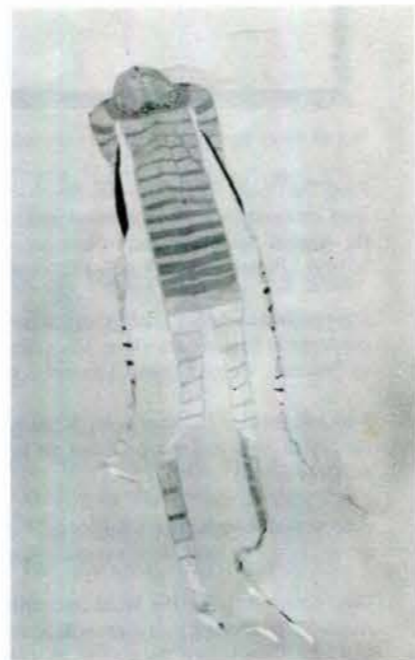
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Clockwise from Top Left. Peter Dolphins "Rainbow Arch" and some of the Legs in the Mass Legs Launch. Peter Dolphins "King Tut Kite". Ron Gibian and Kite. More Legs and Banners. Some of the kites from the German Team. "Huff the Hedgehog". Peter Dolphins "Soul Train". Ron Gibian Cellular Kite.

All Photos - Gill Bloom



# Event News

## **The Midlands Kite Fliers invite all kitefliers to Lytham St Annes on Sunday July 31 1994.**

Together with the West Coast Kite Club there will be a kite fly-in on the beach near St. Annes Pier.

Due to the very close proximity of Blackpool Airport fliers will have to join the local group for the day, for a nominal 50p and the height limit will only be 200', but we can still have a great day out.

Close to all amenities for the rest of the family.

Hospitality in the local pub afterwards.

See you there with your bucket and spade!

Don't forget to bring your kites.

For more information contact:

The Midlands Kite Fliers, 4 Hermitage Court, Oakwood, Derby DE21 2LG. 0332 669203

## **Lincoln Castle Flying Circus Saturday 6th August, Lincoln Castle, Lincoln.**

Fly a kite off the walls of beautiful historic Lincoln Castle, overlooking the Cathedral and the city. Single line kites only. Definitely a day to bring your camera. CAA permission for 500' has been granted. See the Magna Carta and the unique prison chapel.

Free admission only on production of Kite Society Membership cards otherwise £2.00 per adult charge will apply. Kite Exhibition provided by the Midlands Kite Fliers on site from 6-12 August as well.

## **Kite Fun Days, 13th & 14th August.**

The Poole Kitefliers are organising a two day Kite Fun Days with camping on August 13th and 14th at Park Farm Museum, Milton Abbas, Dorset 2 miles north of the A3543 Dorchester/Blandford Road.

For further details contact Harry Douglas on 0202 660457.

## **Northampton Balloon Festival 12, 13 and 14 August, Racecourse Park Northampton.**

Very well signposted with hundreds of hot air balloons launching both early morning and evening every day. Kiteflying demos in the arena during the day from the Midlands Kitefliers and Northampton Kitefliers. Plenty of car parking, with stalls and food on site pubs nearby.

## **The Blackwater Valley Kite and Juggling Festival Sunday 21st August.**

This festival now has a new venue - Queen's Parade Recreation Ground between Aldershot and Farnborough. The site is between the A325 Farnborough and Queen's Avenue. There is ample parking next to Aldershot Military Stadium off Queen's Avenue.

The festival has the usual range of kite related activities - official opening is at 11.00am. Alan Williams (the organiser) has asked that you check with The Blackwater Valley Visitor Centre nearer the date just to check that the festival venue has not changed again! Tel no 0276 686615.

## **Ist Coventry Kite Festival Sunday August 21st War Memorial Park, Kenilworth, Coventry.**

Organised by the Midland Kite Fliers and Coventry Leisure Services on this 120 acres park with plenty of spaces for all types of kites to be flown. No arenas or fixed programme, just plenty of kites and things to do in lots of space. Free admission, free car parking on site, a kite workshop, teddy bear dropping, several kite retailers, bouncy castle, face painting, a caricature artist and a mini fun fair. Bandstand and refreshments in the formal park.



# Event News

Camping on-site on Saturday night is available by contacting Carol Lewis, Coventry Leisure Services on 0203 832439. Direction signs will lead to the park on the day.

## **Bristol International Kite Festival 3rd and 4th September 1994**

This is the ninth year of the Festival!!! As this year's event falls between the Portsmouth International Kite Festival and the World Cup at Le Touquet we are hoping to attract some outstanding overseas flyers to Bristol. Possible celebrities include: Peter Lynn, Sandy and Ron Gibian, George Peters, Spencer Chung, Don Mock and Bobby Stansfield, Randy Tom and Stretch Tucker.

As usual the Festival programme will include the Kite Society Comprehensive Single Line Competitions, the final round of the U.K. Team and Individual Rokkaku Challenge, the Bristol Open Rokkaku Challenge and also this year the third and final round of the British National Pairs Sport Kite Championships.

Anyone coming with children might also like to know that from 23rd August to 22nd November, Bristol is the only U.K. venue for the Jurassic Park Film exhibition which is on a world tour. For further details call the Festival Office.

Redwood Lodge Hotel and Country Club is offering a similar deal to last year £27.50 per person per night sharing and £38.50 per night for single occupancy, both include a full English breakfast.

However, rooms are limited as they have a wedding on so **BOOK EARLY** tel 0275 393901 and speak to Linda Edwards in Reservations. To secure the Festival rate please remember to state you are with the Bristol International Kite Festival.

As rooms are limited at Redwood Lodge we have negotiated the same rate at the Hilton Hotel. This is in the city centre and would be an ideal base for either a family who also want to visit tourist

attractions in the area (the hotel has negotiated discounts at various attractions including; the Exploratory Hands -on science Centre, Wookey Hole, the Zoo, SS Great Britain etc) or someone who wants to go shopping/eat out at restaurants etc. The hotel also has a leisure centre with indoor swimming pool and hotel parking. Contact Hilton Hotel on 0272 260041 and speak to reservations and state that you are part of the Kite Festival. Cut off date is the first week in August.

Camping - The future of the site which we usually use for camping is presently very undecided as the lease to the former Bristol Polytechnic is up at the end of August and the owner (the Quarry) are considering redeveloping the site. We have been told that the Festival can definitely have a camping area but it may not necessarily be the same site as last year i.e it may be a lot further from any washing facilities/loos etc.

Obviously we are fighting very hard to sort this out in time but it may be a bit of a nightmare this year!! Fee £5.00 per tent for the weekend to cover site fee, costs etc. Limited places on a first come, first served basis.

Bearing in mind this uncertain situation you may want to make arrangements e.g. the nearest camp sites are Baltic Wharf Caravan Club Site, Cumberland Road, Bristol tel 0272 268030 and Brook Lodge Farm Caravan and Camping Park, Cowslip Green, Redhill, Bristol tel 0934 862311. This site is about a 20 minute drive from Bristol City centre. Please note that both these sites take tents, caravans and motorised caravans.

Kite Society Car Passes - As usual we have a finite number, these will also be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Send S.A.E. to Festival Office. Please note only traders or exceptional cases will be allowed car access to the arenas! (this is a kite festival not a car parking festival!!!!).

Saturday Night Party - We have decided to do a really special on-site party again this year and to put the money we would have spent at Redwood Lodge



# Event News

into having a larger heated marquee, a fireworks display and night fly as well as a limited item auction and a silent auction. We hope it will be a really good evening and that as many people as possible will join in. Tickets £12.00 per adult £6.00 per child. This will include generous portions of food and a couple of drinks. Further drink tickets can be bought during the evening.

The auction will be to raise some funds for next year's Festival which is our tenth anniversary as we want to put on something really outstanding in 1995.

For more information please call or write to Avril Baker or Jo Watts, Kite Festival Office, Saville Court, 10 Saville Place, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 4EJ tel 0272 466852 Fax 0272 466853.

## **Family Kite Day, 4th September, Kendal.**

Jenny Harris writes of a family kite day-part of the Kendal Gathering on Sunday 4th of September at Queen Katherine's School-A685 Appleby Road, Kendal. There will be kiteflying, demonstrations and competitions plus kite workshops. For further details, offers of help etc. contact Bryan and Jenny Harris on 0539 731977.

## **Salisbury Kite and Sky Hoolie, 18th September.**

Salisbury Kite and Sky Hoolie.- Part of the Salisbury Festival will be taking place on 18th September at Hudsons Field which is ten minutes walk from the town centre and overlooked by historic Old Sarum. There is parking and camping on site.

There will be all the good things that made last year event so good with lots of silly competitions and juggling, of course, and an ultimate frisbee demonstration.

For further details contact Martin Brady at Cunning Stunts, Crosskeys Chequer, Salisbury SP1 1EL. Tel no 0722 410588.

## **The Gwithian Sport Kite Classic 17th-25th Sept 94, In aid of the Downs Syndrome Association.**

Hosted by the St Ives Bay Holiday Park, Hayle, Cornwall

This will be the third Gwithian, Eight days (And nights) of "Solid Air". A week later than last year, means even more Beach!! For those who want just to fly their hearts out, this is for you. We have the Beach, we have the equipment, We just need "The Wind". The Trusty Rusty Beach P.A. will make its presence felt. Even if it again, only plays Stairway to heaven "twice a day".

Events.. World Can Clobbering Championships.. You may mock!! not so easy. Beach Volley Ball Championships complete with magnificent Trophy kindly donated by our "brave" hosts. We have had some welcome assistance from several Kite Clubs and this year will see more static and stunt events with a definite "Carnival" on the afternoon and eve of Sat 24th. The "Barbi" team have all reported for duty!! This time (Due to good behaviour!!) We have permission? So we would like to be a bit more daring? any suggestions??

For the Buggys we have the "Gwithian Cup", the Daily "Needle" Challenge.. And (official) Speed trials to try and "bust" Keiron's 39 m.p.h set in 92. To register ring the P.K.A. on 0554 834937.

The main arena (The only bit of beach to remain virgin) will again be set out every day. We invite you to use it?? Gwithian is what you make it, The setting is perfect, for many this year will be a celebration of new life. Mick and Leen are now the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl Amie Ellen born on the 19th of May, Mia's Birthday.

For Accommodation details ring St Ives Bay Holiday park on 0736 752274. For any other Information ring Mick or Mike on 0554 834937.



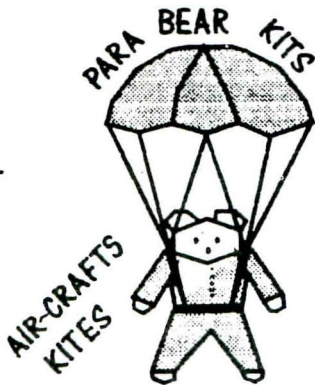
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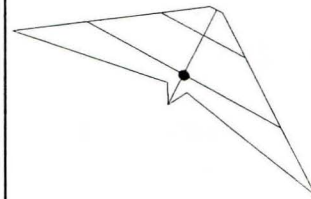
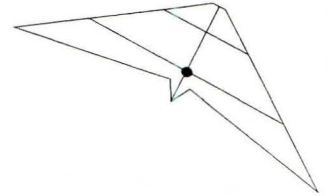
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# KITE EVENT CALENDAR

## U.K. KITE EVENTS

Date	Event	Contact
<b>July 16th &amp; 17th</b>	British National Individual Championships, Stanmer Park, Lewes Road, Falmer, Brighton.	Estelle Barton
<b>July 31st</b>	Blackheath Summer Festival, Blackheath, London.	Andy King
<b>July 31st</b>	Lytham St Annes, near Blackpool	Julie White
<b>August 6th &amp; 7th</b>	3rd East Kent Kite Festival, Palm Bay, Margate	Heather Town
<b>August 6th</b>	Lincoln Castle, Lincoln	Julie White
<b>August 12th, 13th &amp; 14th</b>	Northampton Balloon Festival, Racecourse Park, Northampton.	Julie White
<b>August 13th &amp; 14th</b>	Summer Kite Festival, Teston, Maidstone, Kent	Heather Town
<b>August 13th &amp; 14th</b>	Kite Fun Days, Park arm Museum, Milton Abbas, Dorset	Harry Douglas
<b>August 14th</b>	Bournemouth Kite Festival, Hengistbury Head.	David Webster
<b>August 21st</b>	Blackwater Valley Kite and Juggling Festival, Queens Parade Recreation Ground, Farnborough.	Alan Williams
<b>August 21st</b>	Oldham Kite Festival, Oldham Edge.	Ron Ogden
<b>August 21st</b>	1st Coventry Kite Festival, War Memorial Park, Kenilworth, Coventry.	Julie White
<b>August 26th</b>	Kite Society of Great Britain Annual Convention, Portsmouth, Hampshire.	The Kite Society
<b>August 27th &amp; 28th</b>	Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Southsea Common, Portsmouth, Hampshire.	The Kite Society
<b>September 3rd &amp; 4th</b>	Bristol International Kite Festival, Ashton Court, Bristol. U.K. Pairs third round.	Avril Baker
<b>September 17th - 25th</b>	Gwithian Sport Kite Classic, Hayle, Cornwall	Spider Kites
<b>September 18th</b>	Salisbury Kite Festival., Hudsons Field, Salisbury.	Cunning Stunts
<b>September 25th</b>	Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire.	Ron Moulton
<b>October 9th</b>	Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Parham Airfield, Framlingham, Suffolk.	Liz Hammond



# KITE EVENT CALENDAR

## OVERSEAS KITE EVENTS

Date	Event	Contact
September 9th, 10th & 11th	World Cup, Le Touquet, France.	010 33 21405040
September 10th - 18th	Dieppe International Kite Festival, France.	The Kite Society
September 24th & 25th	Berlin International Kite Festival, Germany.	010 49 30 788 1992/3

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# MKF Extra



## IOW

So, what have we been up to since the last issue?

Some poor unfortunates toddled off to the wettest place in the world during May, that is the Milton Keynes Kite Festival, whilst a couple of others went to the Isle Of Wight. Mind you, the IOW was pretty wet but that didn't deter a certain Mad person from putting on a wet suit and braving the rain, wind and also the lack of beach. In fact more time was spent in the sea than out of it as the tide did a peculiar thing and refused to go out (some nautical bod might understand why). Mind you, there was a sewage pipe that seemed to be quite attractive and was also a bit whiffy, for some reason a lot of time was spent at the end of that thing.

The weather did pick up and the sun did come out, honest. The plan for the day went a little to pot as all organisers know only too well. At one point the wind dropped off and there was nothing in the air except for a green 10 metre peel and you can only say so much about one kite.

As the day progressed the wind picked up again and by the end of the day it rained again (good job I took enough clothes for a week).

On the evening the council laid on a civic reception and I must say that I was impressed by the enthusiasm that they all showed with making the event a success. I am certain that the festival was the first of many to come.

Sunday was a lot better and more and more people turned up to look at the 'nutters' on the beach.

All in all it was an excellent festival for a first time and can offer a lot to make it a major player over the next couple of years.

## Stafford Castle

We have been to this event for the past three years and every time it seems to go down very well. The day was nice and hot and the wind fluttered around a bit and sometimes dropped completely off.

Stafford Wallace could not make it and we had the great pleasure of having Andy 'Indian Kite

Fighter' Smith stand in and boy did he put on a show?.....Well, er, (Stafford, what are you doing next year?) he did try.....honestly. The famous Parachuting Teddy Bears failed to turn up, something to with their agent mixing things up a bit and the wind not being quite right. Don't bears get fussy!

Doctor Don the Kite Mon did his biz, but due to the lack of wind was only required once. As a bit of a fill in, we had Mad John giving kids a buggy ride down a slopey bit at the castle and he really sweated away as I talked to the kids etc. All was going fine until.....the BBC turned up (the TV people not the club) and bought along the local tory euro something or other and sort of hijacked the event....he didn't even ask! This resulted in the event being shown on the news during the next day. At the time of writing (13th June) I am pleased to announce that the tories were completely trounced....ha! served him right!

Anyway, a good day was had by all and we have already been booked to do next year....see you there!

(Well, Stafford are you free?)



# WHOOSH, BANG, AAAAAHHHHH

Coombe Abbey Coventry.....The wind may have been too powerful for Peels but not how I like it for the flexis, however, a quick look at the sky and it did look as though stronger winds would follow. I gambled on Flexifoils....I gambled right! Three eight footers are just right for me in strong winds (heavy git), they power up on request but let you off the hook when flown on the edge of the window.

For about an hour I'd potted about teasing the kites over and between trees. With daring I'd skimmed perimeter fencing and generally checked out the terrain throwing in the odd stunt when the power seemed smooth. All the time I'd been eyeing this ramp up at the end of the field assuming it was some kind of reservoir or cesspit landscaped over. Only about 5 foot high but steep at about 45 degrees it did present something of a challenge, it levelled off at the top for about 15 metres then dropped back down 5 foot on the exit route.

As forecasted in came the wind, suddenly the power was there all the time." Come on then" it dared me. The switch was thrown, I'd decided " Hell, I'm gonna do it"....

So leaning forward over the front wheel the turn up the course was made keeping a good speed and with a loop on the flexifoil stack on the way out of the turn acceleration came in....slight turn towards the kites as overpowering came in then pulling away as the flexi's came into a forward direction. YES this was going good! WHOOSH streaming through water on the field makes the speed seem even more impressive. A few S's through the sky and the power kept coming! OH YES it's happening...CLICK...I'm in concentration mode...The ramps in front of me, my course is plotted, my speed increases, my pulse increases,

STAY ON TARGET,  
STAY ON TARGET...

Go for it John, Go for it...

I'm going, I'm going...

It's going to be fast, keep powering....

Now totally committed (I ought to be!) I cannot go anywhere bar up the ramp...

FULL DRIVE...

Here I go...sharp intake of  
breath...

AAAAAHHHHH!

A brick wall 8 inches high!

Where the \*\$\*!?\* did that come from?.

"I was born November 1954..."

Concentrate you can do it..  
.Feet pressing down hard, botty  
twitching...

WHACK...

I've hit it...

Stay with it...

WHAM...

I'm on the ramp, both my feet are on  
the same side of the buggy!.

.Control, control....

I'm tryin' I'm tryin'!...

CHUNG...I'm off the top...

BANG...I've landed...

HA HAH I'm still in the buggy!

You've done it ...

Hold it now the jump to go...

AAAAAAHHHH!

WARNING!

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MALFUNCTION!

Something is missing!

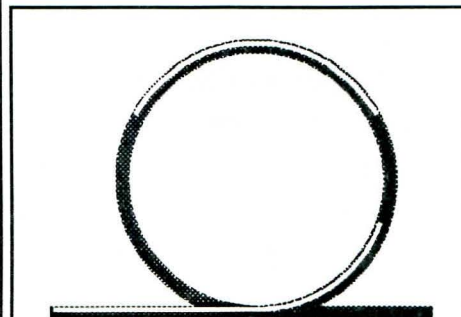
The buggy's gone AWOL!...WALLOP.

At this point in came some major sensory overload.... What happened next is still unclear however, I would like to thank Karl, Sara, and Gemma for retrieving my flexis and lines and for untangling my body. The buggy ended up with bent axle, recambered wheels, bent forks and a broken seat harness. I got my adrenaline rush and much contentment knowing I'd had a really good day which is why I do it!

So for as long as there's adventure in it and its fun.

JOHN EATON.

Please note I have additional strengthening to my buggy which includes "sump guard" and frame and fork strengthening. I cannot recommend ramp jumping to anyone.



Mad Johns Next Challenge

## The Heights of Abraham Cable Car 10th Anniversary Display

Place: Matlock Bath, Derbyshire

Date: Saturday 23rd April

Time: 10am

Brief: To fly kites high over

Derbyshire overlooking a wonderful  
view

**The Heights of Abraham Cable Cars were celebrating their 10th Anniversary, and with two weeks notice to gather an energetic and adventurous crew we were assembled in the car park ready for the day ahead.**

I had promised the team a cable car ride to the top of the venue complete with a tour round the caverns in return for flying a kite high off the top of a Derbyshire Hill overlooking Ribber Castle Zoo and Matlock Bath.

We clambered into a moving cable car with all our kites and gear for the day bending a pole to fit (some did not believe my instruction of a 5'10" height limit in the cars!). Someone was a little nervous (no names mentioned here), holding on tight as the car swayed in the wind, increasing speed until upon reaching the centre point where it stopped. This they say is to admire the view, but we now know different, and after a minute or two in limbo we rode up to the top. Getting off a moving cable car with all our baggage for the day with the grace of baby elephants. But we made it and soon we were like a little troupe of overburdened hikers trudging onwards to our goal.

So far so good. But despite all the planning, which so far seemed okay, one thing was not quite right. The kitefliers worst nightmare. The one thing you cannot order, predict or control. The weather. It was throwing it down. The mist was swirling and the visibility was about 25 feet.

Someone mentioned coffee. What a good idea. Too wet to fly a kite, and no one would see in this thick mist.

The troupe moved together. We were easily noticed. We could not be mistaken. The red block of soldiers found one advantage in wearing club clothing. The event organisers bought the coffee. As we looked out the rain poured down, but soon fortified (and probably just a little foolhardy) we



# A SHORT STORY

zipped up our waterproofs, picked up our bags and baggage and optimistically followed our leader to the promised wonderful flying site.

Upwards, upwards and upwards we wound round the hill to the top when someone said, 'We are here, this is it. Someone set up a cabana (even this high up they appear like pink blobs). Someone even unrolled a kite and hoisted it in the air. We really believed him when he said 'Look, up there is my kite'. 'Yes, we said, we believe you'. The line was vertical, disappearing into the mist, the kite was not to be seen.

We were a little daunted, but a second kite was hoisted, a second cabana was erected, and then lo - someone said 'Look. Look at the view'. 'What view, in this fog?' But yes, there it was. Unveiled, switched on, as if someone has put the coin in the meter. The view appeared in front of us. The rain stopped soon afterwards and then the sun shone.

Club banners went up, a static stunt kite display went on show and the single liners flew, encouraging visitors to talk to this little red band on top of the hill.

The laughter echoed over the valley, the team gave out MKF information to all who came, and, best of all, the club was paid for our hard work.

The cable cars beckoned us to go home and rest. Together we descended, now old hands at getting on and off the moving cable cars, this time enjoying the view at the centre stop point. Now we were part of the happy band that work at the venue. The workers waved us good-bye. 'Nice having you here' they said. 'Come again soon.' Some of us did, the next day. For the same reason. To fly kites high off the top of a Derbyshire Hill.

Jim and Julie White

## Date for your diary

The Midlands Kite Fliers will be on the television. Both single line and sport kites were flown and filmed to be shown on Tuesday November 15 1994 on Channel 4 at 11.22am.

**It was a fine day; the sun was shining, there was a slight breeze, and the countryside was looking picturesque, as the young shoots of spring began to issue forth.**

The small group of friends, most of them experts in their field, had set about their task in the usual quiet, yet professional manner. There was no need for haste, no undue panic; everything seemed fine, and there was even time for a little levity. It had all the makings of a really good day.

Then they came! At first a small scouting party appeared. A group of four or five, popping up over the rise like inquisitive little animals, then descending the hill cautiously onto the field. Then more. And More. And suddenly there were droves, all in small packs, appearing from over the hill and careering down the other side. They were everywhere, inundating our small band of heroes (and heroines), screaming and chanting, grabbing and tugging, relentless in their frantic charge.

The group hardly stood a chance. Yet even faced with these overwhelming numbers they struggled as hard as they could. At times it seemed like the balance of power was swinging their way, when suddenly another wave of the hoards came swarming over the hill.

Hour after hour the fearless band fought to maintain control, throughout the day and into the long, hot afternoon, with hardly any respite from the onslaught. Then suddenly, when all were near the point of exhaustion, the hoards retreated, disappearing like smoke on the wind, so that there was hardly any sign that they had been at all.

The brave band, exhausted, stood alone in the field, disbelieving at first that the ordeal was over, silence again returning to the countryside in which they stood. Finally the silence was broken. Someone said, "Well that's the last time I offer to show Boy Scouts how to fly kites!"

Author's Note:

This little story, though fictitious, is based on fact. The Walesby Scout Camp weekend, on 26th and 27th March, was about teaching scouts to fly kites, among many other pursuits of which, thankfully, we were not privy. But despite the dramatic form of the story, the reality was frighteningly worse in one simple aspect; we had to do it for TWO DAYS!

The Saturday was a lovely day of sunshine and light breezes, which made for a very pleasant day without too much strain on the dozen Space Kites we were using. It would have been even better without Scouts. However, all concerned did a remarkable job. No Scouts were killed at all, either by kites or by MKF members, despite levels of exhaustion unheard of in kitefliers.

The Sunday was more overcast, with the wind turning completely around and freshening all the time. The Space Kites did a remarkable job considering the amount of punishment they were given. The Kitefliers did even better, judging by the number of Oohs, Aahs, aches, pains, and assorted ailments reported at the end of play on Saturday, it was a surprise anyone turned up on Sunday.

Thanks should go to all who turned up to help, to the Scout leaders who helped for the two days, (sorry I didn't get their names), and Julie & Jim for most of the MKF organisation. Despite the hard work, it was enjoyable, and rewarding, and the Scouts enjoyed it too. Many of them said so.

Alan Poxon

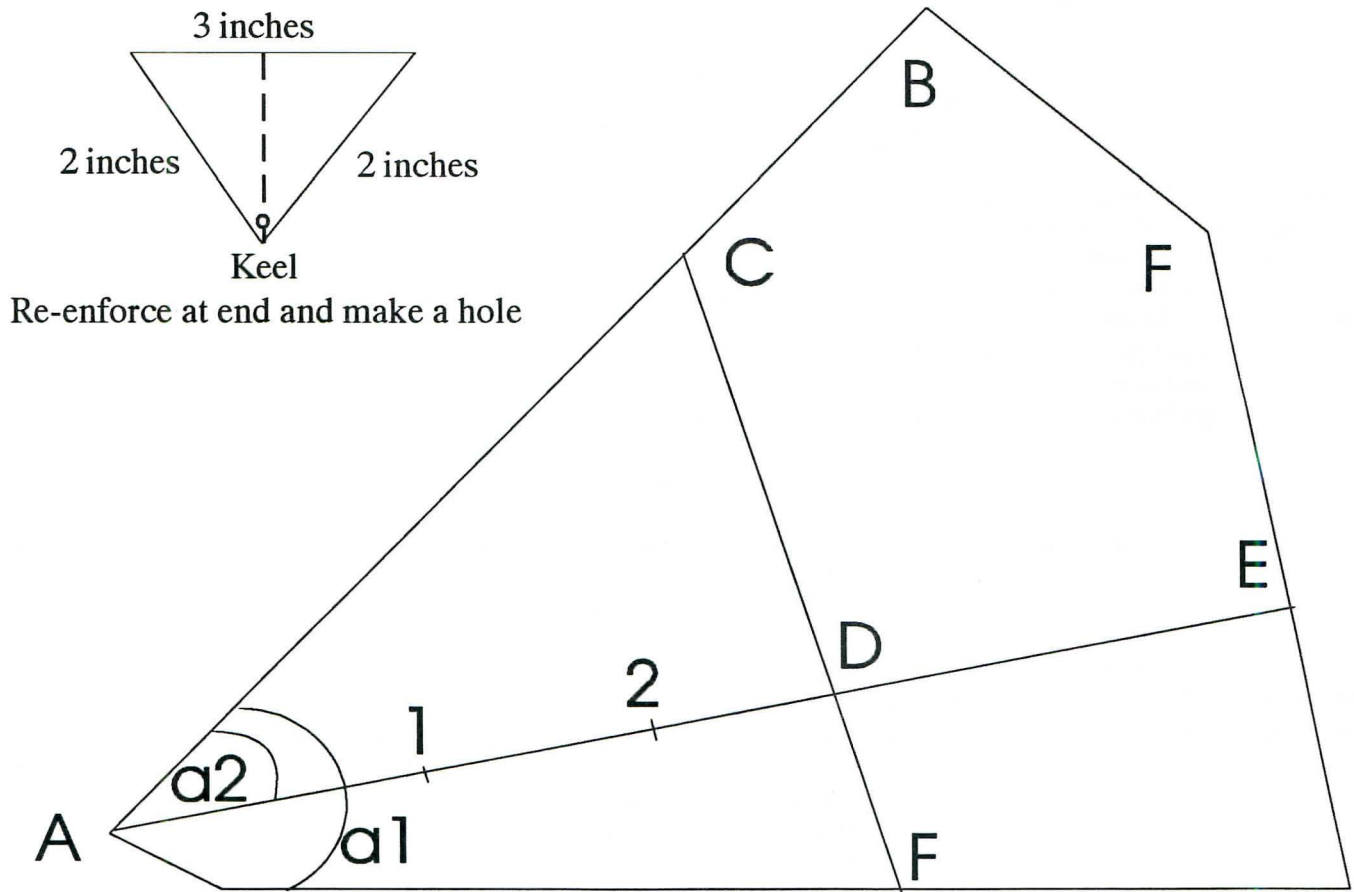




# Superman Badge Kite

By Stephen Billings

Please note this drawing is not to scale and may look more accurate when constructed



A-C-D, A-D-E and C-D-F are 12 inch BBQ skewers.

The angle at A1 is 90 degrees and A2 is 45 degrees.

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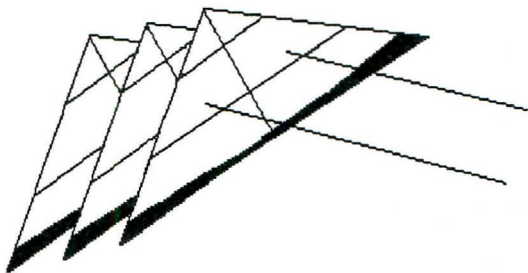
Points 1 and 2 are the front and back of the keel.

Cover with a plastic bag or other lightweight material. A tail may be placed at point E to stabilise the kite. I used 8 lengths of knitting ribbon 36 inches long. This may be available from woolshops.

Allow  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch overlap for spar wraps. Tape leading edge at nose, cross spar and end, also halfway between A-C, tape main spar at nose, cross spar and end.

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6mm3.08 p/m  
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8mm5.82 p/m  
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I/D	O/D	
3mm	6mm	.40 p/m
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6mm	9mm	.50 p/m
8mm	11mm	.60 p/m

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This season seems to have drawn many members, both old and new, into participating with zest in club events. This was noticeable both at our own festival where many new faces were put to names as everyone pitched in to lend a hand, and is also much in evidence at other festivals up and down the country where the BKF is really starting to make a marked group presence.

At long last the 7 by 2 metre club banner is now in its final stages of completion (I'm sitting here swamped by acres and acres of it in our small bedsit flat!) so we will be easier to find (or avoid!) at festivals for those members who make the journey but can't track down any fellow BKFies amongst the sea of kites, kities and endless pink cabanas.

### **BLACKHEATH EASTER RALLY 03 & 04/04/1994**

Winter is dead and the beginning of the kiteflying season is with us - at least that's the feeling as I mark off the days that lead towards the first festival of the year. Unfortunately Rude Boreas (look it up in the dictionary) had decided that the Winter was very definitely still going to make his presence felt when the two days finally arrived.

A bright and sunny Sunday morning on the southern coast merged into a breezy, cold and somewhat greyer day as two car-loads of Oakhills headed up the M23 in the general direction of London. It seems typical that the first kities that we met there were fellow BKF members Barry and Janet Poulter in the company of Jerry and Carolyn Swift and attended by a goodly chunk of the Air Zoo fauna.

Most of the day was spent renewing acquaintances with various flyers (and traders) not seen since Bristol last year. A couple of the more familiar faces were missing from the scene as the WHKF expedition to the Antipodes only made it back to these shores in the early hours of the morning.

The high point of the day (for me at least) were the Rok' competitions. The number of contestants in both the Solo and Team events came as a real surprise for so early in the year. If the field gets any bigger (as I'm sure it will later in the season) then organisation of such events will become a real problem. As it was, 'time' had to be called on two out of the



three Solo heats and the Team event cut from three to two heats. What has been a mainstay of so many festivals, providing visual delight and easily understood cut-and-thrust to the public is in danger of strangling itself and becoming b-o-r-i-n-g. It's a sad fact of life that you can't do the same thing in the arena for too long without losing the attention of those who are watching. Ray Oakhill turned in the best performance of the six (count 'em!) BKFies in the Solo while the Team event saw both the new 'Menaces' (replacing the veteran 'Groucho') and 'Brick Wall' (Barry Poulter et al) Rok's making their debut appearances, unfortunately without any great success.

At least the weatherperson's promised 'heavy showers' held off until 4.30 but the darkening sky didn't bode too well for those brave souls staying overnight.

The following morning on the south coast was again bright if a little windier - promising enough to make the trip back to Blackheath for the Monday's events. As it turned out the weather was filthy - a bitter gusting wind with occasional icy showers thrown in for good measure. Few kities (and fewer kites) braved the elements. Those that did spent most of their time huddling in the nearest shelter or like the BOF replacing broken spars and cursing mightily. In the end trusty old 'Groucho' was pressed into service for the sweet drop when his last Mega Delta spar gave up the unequal struggle.

Oakie 1 (of course!) insisted on trying to fly the infamous 'lawnmower' Stratoscoop while all those with any remaining grasp on reality headed for the most distant parts of the flying field to watch the resulting carnage. This assembly of ripstop (calling it a kite is a

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debatable point) is the aerial equivalent of a wrecking ball in all but the most perfect conditions. True to form and unable to satisfy its insatiable desire for trashing anything else in the air it settled for trying to Stuka the Kent Kite Klub's encampment out of existence.

By 5 o'clock we'd had enough and were heading back south again leaving Tony 'TC' Cartwright, Andy King and the rest of the BKA probably wondering what they had done to deserve such rotten weather. All that hard work for so little reward. Hopefully, conditions on the 31st of July (Blackheath Summer Festival) will go a long way to make up for it - mark it in your diary *now!*

**Mik Jerhison**

### **AFTER SAND SPEED RECORD**

Reproduced from the **Bexhill Observer** (sorry we weren't able to show the photo).

Who sits on three wheels and very little else, hangs on to the cords of a giant kite and can reach 60mph?

The answer is a para-kart enthusiast, as fascinated Bank Holiday promenaders found out on Easter Saturday.

Drawn by what he regards as the finest sands of their kind in the region, National Para-Kart Championships contender John Worcester of Sutton, Surrey and girlfriend Nicola Tippet made the best of the day's low tide and blustery conditions for John to get in some practice on the beach off West Parade.

The couple were staying with Nicola's parents at Collington Lane.

What is para-karting?

It's Britain's newest sport.

The rider steers the contraption via rudder pedals. Strong wrist straps prevent him letting go of twin 150ft long cords at the end of which, buzzing in the wind like an angry bee, swoops and dives a crescent winged kite with an 11ft 6in span.

Bespattered with mud and sea-water after skidding about the beach with his bottom only inches above the sand, John explained: "It was only officially affiliated as a sport six months ago.

"This year is seeing the first National Championships. We've just had the first round at Pembrey. The next round is at Lytham St Anne's on July 15-16 and the finals are at Gwithian, Cornwall on September 17-24."

Tow kites are selected according to wind

conditions. Too big a kite in too powerful a wind makes the rig uncontrollable. As his Big Time kite soars into the air John is hauled bodily down-wind, his heels carving furrows in the sand before he has a chance to get in the cart.

But once established, the kart sends sand and spray flying as John performs for the camera.

He says: "The fastest I have been is 42mph. The official record, which has to be timed by observers with calibrated equipment, is 39mph. Unofficially the record is 64mph.

"It's a lot of fun..."

**John Dowling**

### **BRIGHTON KITE FESTIVAL 21 & 22/05/1994**

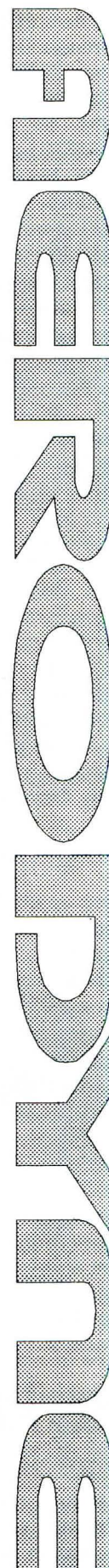
Shoreham Airport - who would ever consider holding a kite festival on an operational airport? Well we did and it happened! So much for the site, what about the weather? Certainly not up to much on the Saturday. When it finally gusted up to 45mph with driving rain thrown in, we decided to haul down the large Multi-Sled that was supporting the Brighton Kite Festival windsock. It took six soaked and courageous BKF members to do the job! And still there were stunt kites flying!!! There were, however, several sensible people on site, who closed their stalls and repaired to the pub. I should have been one of them!

Sunday was a different story. Eventually the sun shone and the public appeared. Competitions got under way, the children's kite workshop was inundated, Ray Bethell started work, kites were flying and my face finally cracked into a smile. At last, after six months work and several hundred pounds, it was going to be a success!

At the end of the day, the Mayor of Brighton awarded the trophies and prizes as follows:

**Kiteability & UK Solo Rokkaku Challenge:** Simon Dann/**UK Team Rokkaku Challenge:**

'The Menaces'/**Lifter Challenge:** 'Trouble On The Horizon' Team (Ian Gardner lifting kite & beer with rule abiding ground assistance from Richard Courtaney-Wyllie and Malcolm Roots: 48 cans)/**Best Kite:** Barry Poulter's 'Osprey' Edo/**Best At The Fest:** Ray Bethell/**Brighton Kite Flyers Shield** (awarded to the person or persons that we feel have made a significant and





unrewarded contribution to kiting throughout the year): Martin Croxton. I would like to thank all of the Festival Committee members who gave up their time so generously to support the Festival, and in particular Norma and Mick House, who ran their first ever children's kite workshop, supported by a generous donation from the Nationwide Building Society. I would also like to thank Dik Ruck and all the BKF stewards who did a thankless task throughout the weekend, together with Alan Outram for his efforts parachuting bears, Danny Steer, Pete Swan and Maurice Sawyer for running the Kite Hospital and all those who man/woman-ed the BKF HQ tent. My thanks also to Ray Bethell, our first international guest from Vancouver, who flew his three stunts at every opportunity to the delight of so many spectators. Probably very little effort to him after the 8hrs 42 mins marathon at Long Beach last year.

At the end of the festival it appeared that the pilots, air traffic control and the kiteflyers were all very happy with the event, so there is every possibility that it will take place at the same venue next year, or is Gatwick a better possibility?

**Ray Oakhill**

### **THE ROCKINGHORSE APPEAL**

This year's Brighton Kite Festival saw the club's first events taking place in aid of the Royal Alexandra Hospital For Sick Children's 'Rockinghorse Appeal'. The 'Trash The Wild Thang' competition (organised by Barry Poulter) together with the teddy bear parachuting (organised by Alan Outram) raised £15.17. Thanks also to Paul and Estelle at 'Air Born Kites' for providing the Wild Thang at a generously discounted price and to Mik Jennison for designing the new dead whizzie BMISS certificate for bears dropped in aid of the Appeal. For the small fee of 50p towards the Appeal, once parachuted by us, your brave bear can have one too! See us at any Fly-In or Festival.

### **BRIGHTON KITE FESTIVAL WORKSHOP**

Well 3/52 before the Brighton Kite Festival the phone rang, it was Ray Oakhill, asking if we'd organise the workshop. Yes said I, answering also on behalf of Mick (my husband). Well with

our weeks holiday and having not organised or helped at a kite workshop before, we had 2 weeks to organise it all. Several phone calls later, we had names of helpers. Within 1 1/2 weeks we'd cut out kites, dowels, tails and wound endless lines in front of the TV!

The festival arrived with torrential rain on the Saturday which many of you cursed but it gave us a welcomed warm up of 50 kites in 2 hours. On Sunday we didn't know what hit us - 2 1/2 hours and 225 sled kites later the strong team of 12 had finished... no kites left and 12 sore backs!! Apparently they flew so well that additional lines were being added to the originals by kids, including Toody who we were sure was going for the Altitude Sprint!

Mick and I would like to say thankyou to the Nationwide Building Society for their kind sponsorship, to BKF members Oliver Fynes-Clinton, John Thornton, Derek Lloyd and to non members who helped turn it into a fun day for all and have given us the festival bug!!

Thankyou Ray - we owe you one and maybe we'll be around next year, backs permitting!

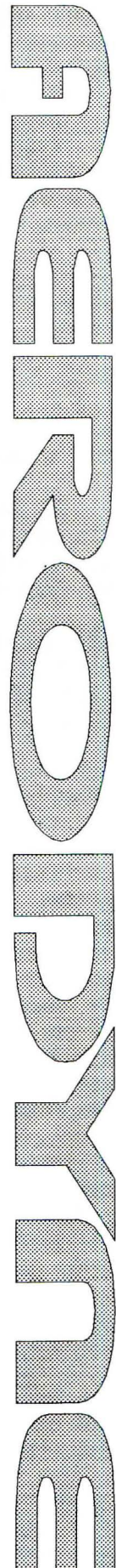
**Norma and Mick House**

### **THE CULTURAL BIT ☞**

#### **'A Typical Brighton Kite Festival'**

Brighton Festival was so much fun, I hope we have another one.  
Us keen kites don't mind the rain,  
We drink beer to dull the pain.  
Food is plentiful at the barby,  
A trip to the pub and we're all quite hardy.  
The booze and the singing in the pub was fine,  
And funny I can't remember the next line.  
Some time later we crossed fields to our beds,  
Just in time to rest our heads.  
Soon we awoke to the sound of Rev's,  
Crashing loudly about are beds.  
The sun was visible in the distance,  
Despite the clouds constant persistence.  
The following day was full of fun,  
The rain had gone out came the sun.  
Competitions were held all though the day,  
We won the team Rok, well what can I say?!

Thanks to Ray and Co. for a brilliant Fest.,  
Shoreham airport is really the best.  
Just be sure when you do it next year,





There's plenty of sun and plenty of beer!  
**Tom Gunter**

## LETTERS

Dear Toody, 31.5.94  
Contrary to PO FACED Opinion, I did not indulge in a prolonged and intensive programme of Training for the TRASH the Wild THANG Competition at the Brighton Fest.

Let's face it. What Bear Bomber worth his or her Salt would pass up such a God sent opportunity to TRASH A STUNTER (YUK) and show the Po Faced Multitude how to do it, in front of as large a crowd as possible and all for the modest sum of 50p.

Feeling a bit sorry for the Poor Muts, I went first and decided to give them all a sporting chance by landing just Two Inches from the One "P" Piece. Knowing this would not be beaten, I fully intended, Burning the stunter when the competition was over, which, let's face it is the Best thing to do with Stunters, but, on seeing how the assembled PO FACED BOTTOM LIPS were starting to Tremble, I relented and Donated the Wild THANG to the Second place entrant.

So, without wishing to Rub Salt in the Wounds of the Po Faced Multitude (the thought never even crossed my mind) (LYEING LIEING LYING BASTARD BAR STEWARD) All I can say is, BMISS, We Came, We Flew, WE STUFFED YA!

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## MONTHLY CLUB SOCIAL BASH

Ever get so wrapped up in what you've put into the sky at a Fly-In that you never quite get around to trekking across the field to say hello to other members? Well at the post festival meeting on 7 June it was agreed that a BKF club evening on the second Wednesday of each month would be an ideal opportunity for

members to get to know each other. This will kick off on Wednesday 10 August in the Terminal building bar at Shoreham Airport from 8.00pm onwards. Bring your kites along - as while this is going to print Ray is negotiating the possibility of using the festival site for evening flying (2nd Weds monthly *only*) which will hopefully include obtaining permission to use the Airport's hard runway for buggying. Please check with us on the evening of 10 August *before* you fly so that we can let you know if there are any restrictions. See you there!

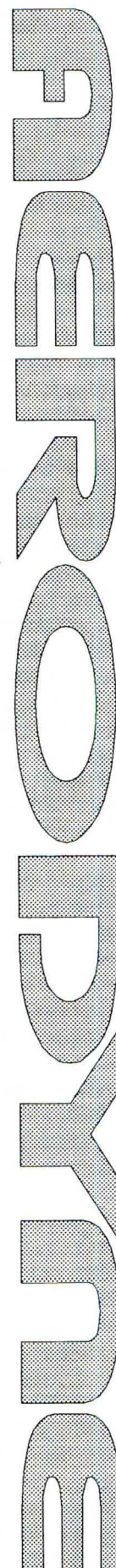
## BANHAM KITE FESTIVAL 29 & 30/05/1994

After an easy drive up to Banham Zoo on the Friday we set up camp. Just as Janet and I had finished tenting and cracked open the first beer, who should arrive but Ray (Flymo) Oakhill gasping for replacement fluid and an Indian Fighter. As the wind fell and the rubbish bag chinked louder, 'H.B.' the orang-utan insisted on being fed and watered and so we were dragged kicking and screaming to the local.

Morning arrived to reveal ice on the tent and that someone had been road drilling on the inside of my head. 'H.B.' sat there smiling and loudly explaining how the security around female orang-utan enclosures had really deteriorated since the local government cut-backs.

The day continued with light fluctuating winds and we were joined by fellow Brighton Mobsters Carolyn and Jerry Swift. After a satisfying individual Rok' we got ready for the team fight. Janet graciously doffed her Brick Wall hat and donned a Menace shirt instead to assist Ray. They then proceeded to win the first round (the Bricks came third). We narrowly lost the second round to the Menaces after a pasted death spiral which could have gone either way (unfortunately not ours). The final round saw Team Brick Wall win our first fight and Dennis the Menace drift half a mile away across the local scenery (GNASH, GNASH, tee hee). All in all a good overall win for the Menaces (with Brick support) and an excellent BKF performance.

During both days we enjoyed some excellent display team flying from Team Cascade in very difficult conditions and several well run competitions. Unfortunately the wind didn't allow the





100ft octopus to conquer the wind too much but a fine effort was made. Stafford (Wallace) was in attendance and throughout the weekend showed just what an Indian Fighter is capable of. This included catching a descending rocket pod with his flying line and flying a black speck somewhere into the next county. A big thank you to Nigel and all the organisers for an enjoyable weekend and we hope to return to this excellent festival site again next year: hopefully the wind will be kinder to us.

PS. 'H.B.' would like to thank Coco and Milly for a pleasant evening/morning.

**Bazzer and Janet Poulter**

**BKF LIBRARY UPDATE** 📖📖📖📖

Since sending the catalogue to all members there have been several additions to the BKF Library. Thanks to John Barker for his generous donation of 'Early Aviation at Farnborough Volume 1: Balloons, Kites and Airships' by Percy B Walker (Macdonald) and to Phil Tolley for his donation of 'The Compleat Rokkaku Kite Chronicles And Training Manual' published by Kite Lines Magazine (Aeolus Press). Phil has also kindly made his private book collection available to members as follows: 'Kiteworks' by Maxwell Eden, 'Skywork Experience' by Christine Schertel (in German), 'Stunt Kite Basics' by Richard P Synergy, 'Kites A Practical Handbook' by Ron Moulton & Pat Lloyd, 'Cody's War Kites' by Hugh Andrew, 'Kites & Windsocks' by Jim Rowlands, 'Making & Flying Kites' by Jim Rowlands, 'Stunt Kites To Make & Fly' by van der Horst/Velthuisen and 'High Performance Stunt Kites to Make' by Peter Rieleit (in German). For further details contact Toody Oakhill.

**BOOKS FOR SALE** 📖 📖 📖

The BKF has 15 copies of 'How To Make A Deep Sky Reel (With Accessories)' by John Wilding. This is a 16 page soft back book illustrated with BW photographs and technical drawings, and also including plans for a Flat Winder and Sled Kite. Sales are open to non members and all proceeds will go to the club. Please send a cheque/PO made payable to 'The Brighton Kite Flyers' for £4.95 (£3.95 plus £1.00 P&P 1st class with hardbacked envelope) to Toody Oakhill at the Editor's address. If

members want to save on the postage give me a call and I can bring a copy along to a Fly-In for you.

**BKF HANDY HINTS NO 9** 🍷🍷

'The true winners of the Rok' Fighting competition are those who still own a kite after three rounds (re Weymouth!) and know when it's time to stop and have a beer!'

**Baz Poulter**

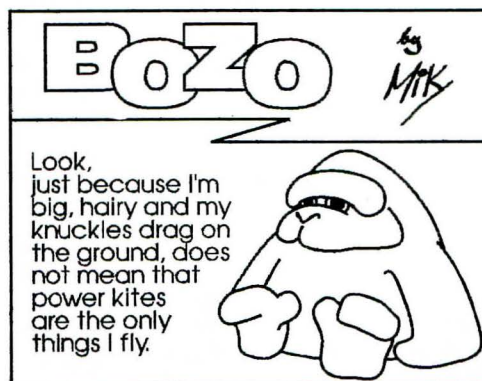
...and while we're at it some further thoughts from Baz on Weymouth:

*Weymouth Pavilion proudly presents - Brian Rix's new comedy: 'When Did You Last See Your Rokkaku?'* (Sponsored by Mothercare and Barclays Bank!)

*For sale: 2lbs of finely sieved cabana sand - offers welcome.*

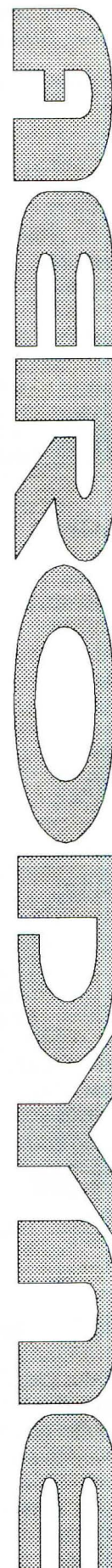
**USE THIS SPACE** ☑️☑️

Thanks to all the BKF members who sent in material for this issue; it is very much appreciated. We want you to contribute to 'Aerodyne' (it is your newsletter after all!) so please send anything that you



feel may be of interest for inclusion to me at the following address (copy deadline: 10th of the month preceding publication):

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# BRITISH BUGGY CLUB

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Why? I hear you all ask (well, some at least).

There is a need for a national independent organisation to help promote buggying and buggy skills throughout the UK and at all times keep the FUN aspect alive and kicking.

The Club is open to anybody who wishes to receive and contribute information and share what knowledge they have with others.

It is also available to people who are 'not yet sure' of what they want or are maybe just dipping their toe into the exciting world of Buggying.

The organisers of the club are highly skilled and more than happy to share their skills with you.

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The Journal of the Bearly Made It Skydive Squad. The International Brother and Sisterhood of Parachuting Fauna and the U.K. Ted Devils.

Warning... Mindless Drivel content exceeds most local Limitation Treaties, so there.

SHOCK, HORROR, FROTH OFF THE BEER CASE, LATEST... DRUNKEN DAVE BEARNAPPED AT WEYMOUTH,

## Dream or a nightmare?

WHACKO JACKO RANSOM DEMAND..... AN

AMAZING RESCUE EFFECTED... THE GOER

RUNS AWAY WITH DAVE AND SPROGS..

CUCKOLDED SFOUSE GOES BALLISTIC.

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ALLEGES, GOER TOOK ADVANTAGE

OF HIM WHILST PISSED AS A

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THE WHACKO RANSOM DEMAND

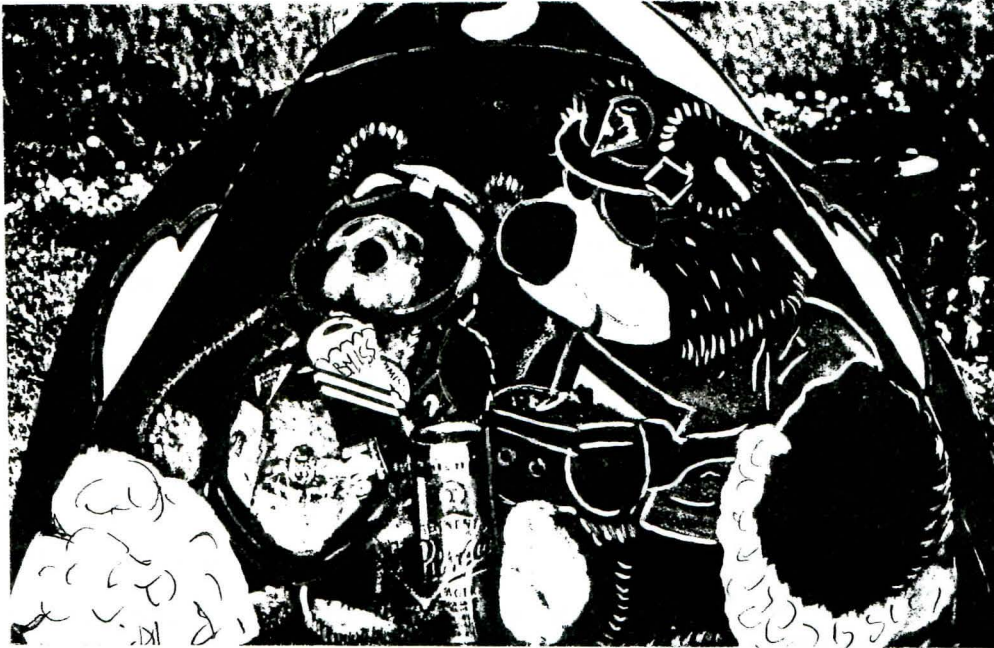
Far from going Belly Up, the now Infamous 'Froth off the Beer' affair continues fast and furious, constantly shocking the normally Staid Kite Flying community of a well known South Coast Town.

A the Weymouth Fest, Dave Bear and his Beer were Bear and Beernapped, possibly by Biggles, the Cuckolded Spouse, and, as Dave puts it, at least 30 Heavies. Dave was shut in a cupboard overnight, within a few feet of his beloved, and the next Day was confined to the South Coast Mobs Cabana, albeit with Suzy Bear and the Sprogs. Due in part to a Dereliction of Duty by one of the South Coast Mob and a Daring Raid by the Woodley S.A.S. an amazing Rescue was effected, and as Suzy Bear was clinging to Daves leg, both she and the Sprogs were taken too.

Mind you, we think Dave had an ulterior motive in dragging Suzy off to his now notorious 'Love Cabana' for some heavy duty Trysting and then back to his Hotel Bed for a night of Romping, during which he forced Suzy Bear to admit that she had taken advantage of him whilst he was legless resulting in the Look alike Debacle. Dave says that he has instruc-

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TRYSTING IN THE NOTORIOUS LOVE CABANA

Runne have said that Dropnik Oakhill has no intention of paying and would like to warn Dave that return of his alleged progeny could be an unwise move as the little lookalike is already consuming vast amounts of Beer for one so young, and..... would Dave really like some serious Boozing competition right on his doorstep. And there, for the moment, the on-going 'FROTH off the BEER' must rest..... Doubtless to be continued

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ted his Soliciters, Codpiece Legless and Crutch to demand that Dropnik Oakhill, with whom Suzy Bear currently resides (we think also that Oakie One is also her legal Guardian) pays a modest Stud Fee of one Six Pack of the Amber Neck Oil for use of their Clients Body without his consent, otherwise Dave demands the return of his Frogeny.

Dave is of the view that if Biggles can demand a Ransom of £55 million, then his demand of one sixpack is very fair.

However, Oakie Ones Legal Eagles, Sue, Grabbit and

## NON ALCOHOLIC HOLY LAGER AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED BRING YOUR OWN

Of late it has been a feature at certain Kite Fests, that the B.O.F. personally admits to the Worldwide Fraternity of Parafauna lots of New Recruits, who are welcomed with liberal showers of Holy Lager. Of course the BOF is careful not to get the Holy Lager on the backs of the Parafauna, or even the backs of the attendant Humes, in case the poor sods break their necks, trying to lick it off.

These ceremonies, or as some would have it, Religious Rite have been referred to as Christenings, which led the BOF to think that this is just a little off the Target. As you are no doubt aware, around the the World, Parafauna of a soft cuddley toy persuasion, come from many Faiths. We have Jewish Teddy Bears, Sikh cuddleys, Muslim Parafauna, Christian Teds of every denomination, Sunni Bears, Ba'Hai's, Hindu Parateds, etc, etc, etc we even have some Parafauna who are Pagans and of course we musn't forget Atheist Teds and also Agnostic Parafauna.

In order to upset nobody and to demonstrate that BMISS is open to Soft Cuddleys of whatever Species, Creed, Proclivity or Persuasion, from Henceforth the aforementioned ceremonies will be known as "SLOSHING" and as everyone usually gets Sloshed agood time will be had by all.....

The biggest recent Sloshing was conducted by the BOF at an Arctic Easter Thrash on the Eastern Front at Blackheath, where a large group of the South Coast AIR ZOO were welcomed into the Fraternity, including the first known Teddy Bear Nun, Sister Imaculata of the Nocturnal Emission. Sister Imaculata's expertise was invaluable to the BOF as he was a bit Nonplussed at having to Slosh an amazing Fauna Portaloo or Kharzi if you prefer. This Throne room for Fauna was made by Dropnik Barry Poulter, (a right nutter) who said he had to make it as it was so painful to see his Parafauna with Watering eyes and tightly crossed legs after consuming vast amounts of Beer, Dropnik Poulter also calls his Parafauna some very rude names, most of which are unprintable, such as Fat Hairy Barsteward which an unfortunate Orang Utang has to aswer to.

## PAWS, WHILST I TELL YOU SOMETHING!

Professor Mike Dallmer of the World Famous Oakley Street Soft Cuddley Maternity Clinic has vast group of Parafauna hell bent on Partying him out of the Clinic. We were under the Impression that this Mob were called the First Pennsylvania Bear Force, however Professor informs us that they wish to be known as P.A.W.S. Philadelphia Area Wanna be Skydivers.

It would appear that the term Wanna be, doesnt have quite the same connatations in the U.S.A as it does in the U.K. you know, I wanna be Michael Jackson, cos I like baby Goats.





# TORNADO TEDS TEAR IT UP A BIT.

Below we print two letters from a couple of our Members who are currently serving with a Tornado F3 Squadron in the Royal Air Force. The Bears are on extended leave at the moment and are staying with Dropnik @£"&@ no name for security reasons, who they reckon is also a BOF.

Mach 2 Bear is the Tornado Pilot and says that this is O.K. except for when for when he gives the Old Crate some Welly, then he bangs his Nose on the Windscreen. Mach1. Bear rides in the back of the Tornado and has'nt passed Mach 2 yet. He is the Nav and Weapons officer, In Flight Caterer and Chief Cook and Bottle Washer. Just in case you were wondering, a couple of Humes do go along for the Ride, but they're only there as Ballast and in Flight entertainment, when every so often they go Bananas and shout a funny phrase, similar to..

Dear All

We are a couple of mascot Teds who fly in F3 Tornados.

My name is Mach 2 (thats how fast I've flown) & my mate is Mach 1 cause he sits in the back seat & hasnt passed me yet.

We were given to our pilot **CENSORED** by his old dad John who is the kiteflier who told us about BMISS, he said its about time we learnt how to "hit the silk" in case we have to eject so old John is putting us up for a while & will bring us along to some of the festivals where we hope to meet you all & maybe cadge a drop or two (booze as well as a chute) & perhaps get the benefit of your experiences to learn the bizzo

Cheers for now  
Machs 2 & 1

Shoot, they've got Lock-on. We met Mach 2 and 1 recently, fastest bears?

Dear All

Here's the Tornado Teds with an update to our last letter

We could'nt make Blackheath or Weymouth (dont like sand in our fur) & the wind didn't oblige at Swindon so we were keeping our fingers crossed that the whole year might be a washout & so it seemed when we were dragged of to Shoreham Airfield for the Brighton Fest & spent all Saturday in the comparative warmth & dry except, when old John kept opening the doors to get another creation to try & fly, without much success by the sound of his swearing!

Sunday arrived wet & gloomy so we looked forward to another restful day. Old John disappeared somewhere & all was quiet until the car doors were opened & we saw the sun shining & knew we were done for, we were whisked away with some bearfaced lies about there being nothing to worry about & we wondered why he kept the sun in our eyes until we lifted them unto the sky & beheld an apparition of white & orange floating on high (a bit poetic that)

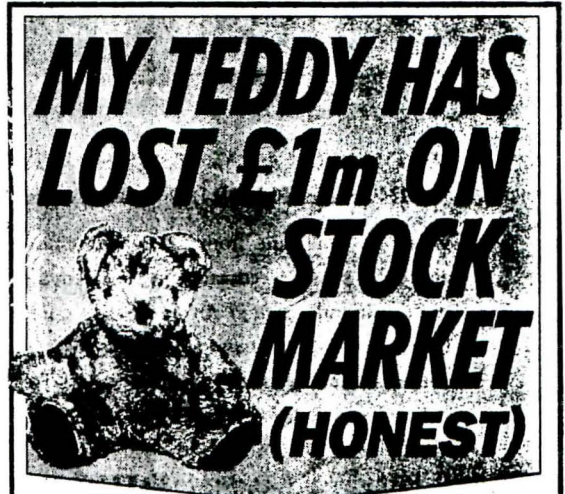
The next thing we were being manhandled by some bloke called Alan who admired our outfits & badges whilst tying something round our middle, by this time we were both feeling far from well & must have looked it as old John muttered something about going downwind, & disappeared whilst we were hooked onto a bit of string going up to the big shape above & before we knew it we were on our way up

From thereon our memories are a bit hazy, I know we could see old John looking up at us with his mouth open & saying something about hanging on, as if we had any bloody choice. We then realised we had come to a stop at least if you can call twirling round on a bit of string miles above the ground stopping. We must say that the view was great & the sensation quite pleasant & we started to congratulate ourselves on coming through the ordeal unscathed & looked forward to sliding back down the line to the ground when an almighty jerk set us racing across the sky with the ground coming up to meet us almost as quick as our plane, then we hit, albeit relatively soft grass & were dragged along on our bums by a round bit of cloth with the silly old sod, John, trying to catch us. At last all was still & we lay on my back gazing up to thing that had carried us up to great heights then let us go to find our own way down & we looked at each other & soppy grins began to appear as we realised what we had done & apart from a bit of mud & damp on us we were both alright.

We were given a certificate to say we were now part of your grand order & when we eventually made it back to the car & tucked up warm again, we reflected back on what we had been through & realised that apart from the initial shock we quite enjoyed it & might be persuaded to try it again one day so hope see some of you there, Basingstoke perhaps?

Cheers for now & may your landings be soft

Machs 2 & 1



A CITY whizzkid who lost his firm £1 million on the stock market told bosses it was his teddy bear's fault.

The dealer, who earns more than £100,000 a year, was asked to explain a series of disastrous deals. Bosses were stunned when he told them: "Don't blame me, blame my teddy bear Henry."

The man's colleagues later revealed he had been spotted chatting to the bear, which he kept in a desk drawer.

His bosses decided the stressful 13-hour days were too much for the dealer and ordered him to take a month off.

He is now back at his desk at top City of London bank Goldman Sachs - minus his small furry adviser.

By SUN REPORTER

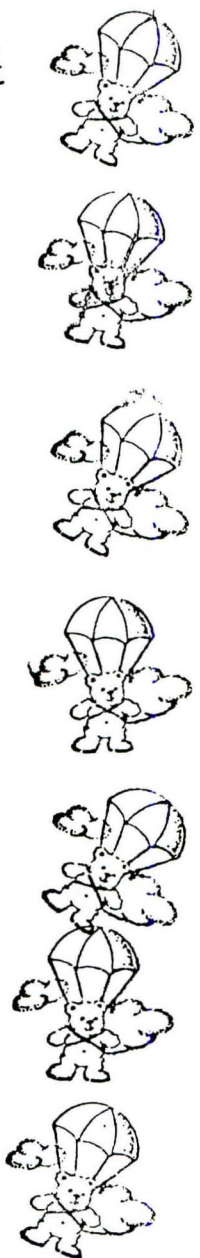
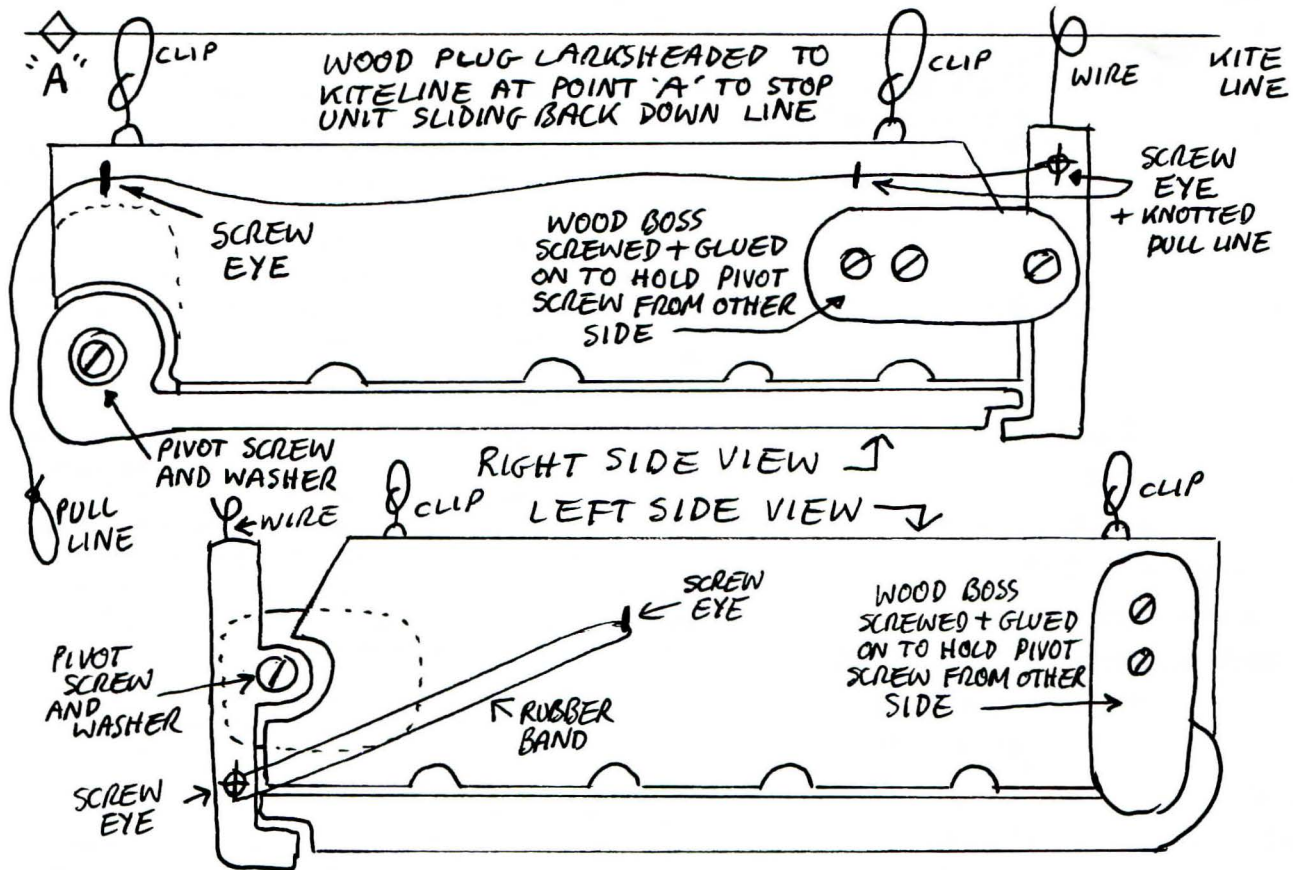
A colleague said: "The work's hard. It's easy to go off the rails if you're not careful."

Goldman Sachs last month fired three dealers when they sexually harassed a secretary.

She became the butt of blue jokes after asking how to get promotion at the firm's Fleet Street office.

WHAT A LYING SOD





Basic idea here is pretty straight forward. Bottom wood bar pivots and drops open when catch is released. Tension is supplied by a rubber band strung between two screw eyes. A spring could also be used. Bear or bears are strung on the bar by their hanging rings, with notches above bar keeping them separated. When catch is released and bar drops open, they slide off. Static lines are hooked to whatever screw eyes are handy. Basic unit is 10 inches long by 2 1/2 inches. Pivot bar and release lever add to that. Nothing is real critical except being sure to relieve the corners around the pivots and be real sure to sand the pivot bar a lot, rounding the corners so the bears will slide off easily. You may need to use a larger ring on the bears' hanging straps. I used a very high grade of seven layer craftsman 3/8 inch plywood for mine. Weight is 4 ounces. Note that you can use the pull cord if using a single line set-up, or you can put it on a pulley system and the wire on top of the lever will serve as the trip. This wire is put into a hole drilled in top of release lever. Be sure fit is tight, or use epoxy. It works very well for me.

News is to Paw of a Mob of Weirdo's who puport to be out to save Teddy Bears of a Parachuting Persuasion. Calling themselves, would you believe it, The Royal Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Teddy Bears. Hmmm, they sure do reckon themselves when all they are is a front for an International Teddy Bear Abuse Ring.

These Noncers seem to be totally unbalanced, but can easily be straightened up with a small piece of Lead inserted in one Ear, preferably with a 12 Bore Shotgun. If any of our Members are accosted by these Pervies, let us know and we'll do the Bizzo on them in the time honoured BMISS fashion.

Also to Paw, via the Pin Pratt, we've received a copy of the Rabbit Review by one Rex T. Rabbit. Whilst the Review is intresting, it does indicate that the impression that he and his family are the only Parachuting Not so Rex, aint'cha heard of Brother Sid, the BMISS H.Q.mobs ard and Convener? Not to worry as we did like your caper of Hoi sting yourself up on a Chute whilst tied to the back of a Radio-controlled Model Car, could be a Bummer if the Ni-cads go flat.



Thats another Four Pages Huffed and Puffed Up, so its the usual to the usual.. The Teddutorial, c/o The Boring Old Fart, 48. Laurel Lane, W/Drayton, Middx, UB7. 7TY. U.K.



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