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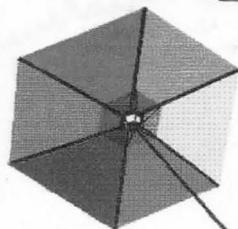
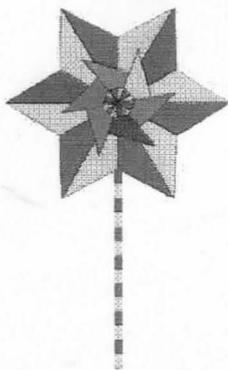
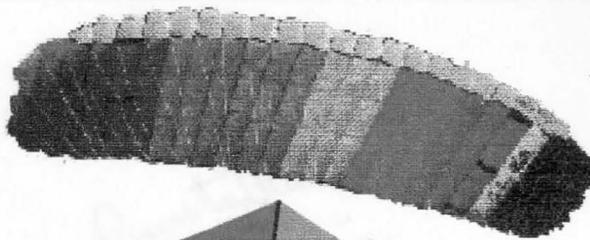
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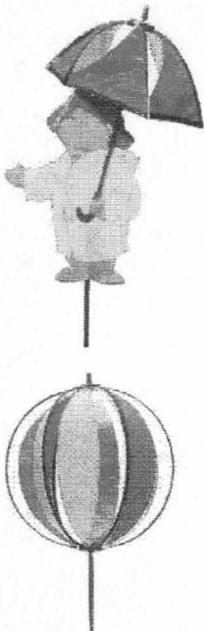
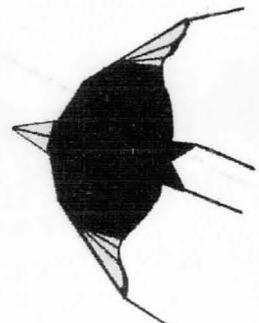


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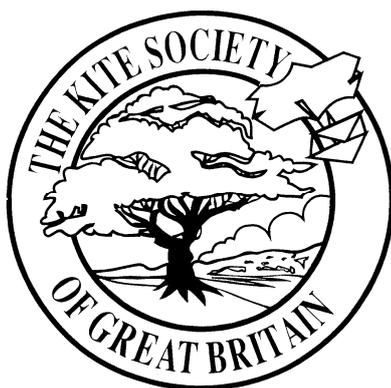
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Editorial

Dear Reader

This is the start of, what may well be, an unusual kite flying season. Of course as users of many places that are deemed to be countryside we should all be concerned about the current Foot and Mouth situation and do all we can to avoid the risk of spreading this any further.

Some festivals are at risk of cancellation - Stowe has already been cancelled and both the Suffolk Kite festival at Rougham and the Swindon Kite Festival are potential cancellations. We suggest that you contact the ORGANISERS of the event to double check before travelling.

We will strive to have up to date information on the web site so keep checking!

Fortunately Weymouth is not one of site where F&M can affect it. The Kite Society convention and the Kite Festival are both going ahead.

We have an interesting line up of talks for the convention, including the first UK appearance of the Drachen Foundation with some of their fascinating archival material, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the event.

The convention is free, with the exception of the two workshops to which a few places are still available. See page 15 for some more details and the timetable of both the convention and the festival.

Remember the Kite Society Auction—this is taking place in the Weymouth Pavilion Saturday evening from 9:00pm, after the civic reception. All are welcome to attend this. It may be the chance to acquire an unusual item!

Gill and Jon

Front Cover.

A blast from the past. Nick Morse showing off one of his 'perfect' Cody kites.

Whilst every effort is taken to get the details correct The Kite Society cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions that occur. Opinions expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the Editors or The Kite Society.

Wall Street Journal

WALL STREET JOURNAL'S QUEST FOR A KITE TURNS UP HOT ONE-ON-ONE TALK Friday,

March 09 04:44 p.m. The Wall Street Journal's search for a simple kite turned out to be more complicated -- and XXX-rated -- than the paper's Catalog Critic ever imagined.

A story in Friday's Weekend Journal on finding "a foolproof kite for kids" led the paper to five models in particular. Since one was sold by eToys, the e-commerce site that recently went out of business, the Journal helpfully provided the manufacturer's phone number -- which, unfortunately, had one digit wrong.

So instead of finding the home of the Sky Pilot Collapsible Kite (which the paper ranked as the best value), seekers of a child's toy were referred on to a second number. "Hi Guys," that message says. "Welcome to an exciting new way to go live and one-on-one with hot, horny girls waiting right now to talk to you. Get ready to get off with real working girls, housewives, students and fantasy girls."

While there were no kites to be found, live amateur talk was available for \$.99 per minute, and live fantasy talk costs just \$2.99 per minute. A spokesman for the Wall Street Journal says the mistake was a simple typographical error and a correction will run in the paper on Monday.

Dieppe Night Flight

George Webster's 'Recollections of the 2000 season' and his mention of the big black bats at Basingstoke set me remembering the night flight at Dieppe 2000. We were there for the last 4 days and found it quite a contrast to the 1998 festival. It may have been the World Championships that gave a different feel to it last time - or the weather.

Anyway. We'd had quite a busy three days and watched the spectacle from our motor caravan for a while, then I HAD to be amongst 'em. I took my seagull as an excuse (though it was a bit windy for it) and WOW!! What a difference it made to the experience. It was (I imagine) like being 'high' or on a 'trip', the kites seemingly appearing and disappearing as the lights caught them for a moment, some of them darted to and fro while others sat steadily, their long silver tails shining in the light. The red and yellow salamander was caught in the

The Handbook over Time

1998 Kite Trade Directory (booklet). 102 entries (including one from Guernsey and one kite holiday company).
1998 Kite Group Directory. 33 groups including STACK.

1999 Kite Trade Directory (Booklet). 72 entries (including 3 from the Channel Isles and 1 kite holiday company)
1999 Kite Group Directory. 29 entries including STACK
Editorial April 1999 reported 170 questionnaires sent out, approximately 80 replies.

An Appreciation

I'm sure we have all been supporting the battle against foot & mouth and our sympathies are with the flood victims (not news items any more!) but what a rotten winter we've had!

Dark nights, lousy weather at weekends, flooded flying fields, cancelled events and now even fewer places to go enjoy our sport.

A few less festivals too this year I hear - not because of lack of enthusiasm for taking on the seemingly thankless tasks just lack of time or

spotlights many times, getting smaller each time as it went higher and higher, and the white leaf shapes (6 or 8 of them) had a life of their own.

Then the BATS!! I had to laugh out loud as they careered around, flapping madly as they sought and failed to catch their supper. There were two black ones and a white cousin, all 2-3 metres across. WONDERFUL !!

Eric had arrived by then and was also entranced by it all, capturing it on video. George's article prompted me to transfer it onto the home video and so be able to re-live the night flight in a small [square] way.

If there's a night flight around - BE THERE.

Sue Storey

2000 Kite Trade Directory (in magazine). 62 entries (including 2 from the Channel Isles and 1 kite holiday company)
2000 Kite Group Directory. 34 groups including STACK and 3 late entries.

As you can see there has been a noticeable drop in kite traders but the groups have remained about the same.

David Webster

sponsorship and now of course the dreaded F & M.

As a dedicated attendee of events whenever time allows please let me say to all those who worked so hard last year and are going to do it again this year - thanks - there are so many that appreciate it - and that includes you Gill and Jon at "The Kiteflier"

Allan Pothecary

The Step Ladder Kite

A variation of Joseph Lecornu's original "Etagere" design Invented in 1898

After the article in the January 2001 of the Kite Society magazine regarding Lecornu and his Waffle Kite, I have set out a plan on a variation of his Shelf or Ladder kite, which was also mentioned.

Lecornu's original design comprised of three rectangular cells stacked. (An Italian kite designer Andreas Casolbani has reproduced Lecornu's original "Etagere" Kite which you can find on the Internet under Historic Kites).

This configuration has four cells stacked and is made much smaller than the original and is a good size for the average single line kite flyer. See picture above.

The kite is made from ripstop nylon, 6mm rammin dowel and cane (I use the green lengths obtained from gardening centres).

The kite measures 3 foot high by 18 inches wide and a depth of 8 inches, but can be made to a larger size if desired.

Making the Kite

1. Cut 8 pieces of ripstop measuring 8 inches by 9 inches, piece "A" (Fig 1) and allow $\frac{1}{4}$ inch for hemming on the 9 inch sides and $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch on the 8 inch sides. Then cut 5 pieces measuring 8 inches by 18 inches, piece B (fig 2) and as above allow $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch for hemming on the 18 inch sides and $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch on the 8 inch side. The $\frac{3}{4}$ allowance also incorporates a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch sewing point, this will be to make a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch pocket for the longerons.
2. Hem all sides, I tend to use a zig zag stitch to stop fraying or instead of hemming, the edges could be edge bound.
3. On four of the "A" pieces allow for a hole the centre of the piece to take a cross strut. I tend to cut a slit then hem, but you can use an alternative method of reinforced tape stuck to ripstop and then cut using a compass cutter. (two of the "A" pieces you will need to make another hole, which will be positioned 1 inch from the top (see picture to the left).
4. Begin by joining pieces "A" and "B" along the 8 inch side where the $\frac{3}{4}$ excess has been marked and sew along the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch line from the end making sure that the outside parts of the sail are joined together. Then turn over and sew along the other line to form the $\frac{1}{2}$ inch pocket (see Fig 3). Repeat the other end of the "B" piece by joining another "A" piece.
5. Next another "B" piece and another "A" piece are sewn so that the "B" side is sandwiched between the two "A" pieces. Again this is sewn along the $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pocket allowance. You will find that when sewing the pocket on the end of each "A" piece the sail will need to be turned right side out.
6. When all pieces have been sewn together, cut out 12 pieces of dacron tape measuring $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1$ inch and sew these on to the pockets on the 3 centre plains, see fig 5. At the four corners I have used

two pieces of ripstop on each corner, which are 3 inches long by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. These tabs will overhang from the pocket to accept an 8 inch longeron.

7. Next cut lengths of cane which will be just under 8 inches long and insert these into the pockets and sew either end of pockets.

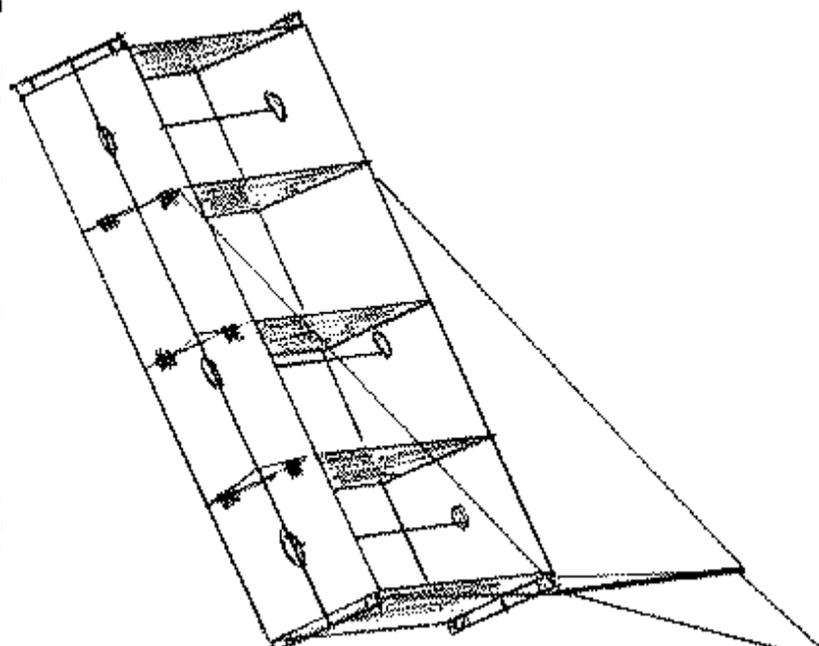
8. Next cut four lengths of dowel with small holes drilled at $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch from either end and then before inserting and sewing into the ripstop tabs cut 4 pieces of reinforced tubing about 1 inch long and pierced at one end to then slide over the 8 inch length of dowel see fig 5b.

9. On the pocket with Dacron tape sewn on pierce and insert nylon or Dacron line with a button or slider for tensioning see Fig 5a.

10. Next cut lengths of dowel for the struts and also lengths of plastic tube for the joints. The two longest lengths on the side pass through the tensioning cords. And for greater collapsibility these can be cut and ferruled. See Fig 4 for the front view of the kite.

11. The final part is to bridle the kite, which is of the compound type and also has a spacebar see Figs 6a & 6b for top and side views and also Fig 7 for the whole kite. When flying this kite a number of adjustments may be necessary to the position of the space bar and if the kite tends to fly to one side, adjust the towing ring. In steady winds this kite flies with beautiful stability but does become a little erratic in unstable winds.

Mark Farnborough



Full View of Kite

The Step Ladder Kite

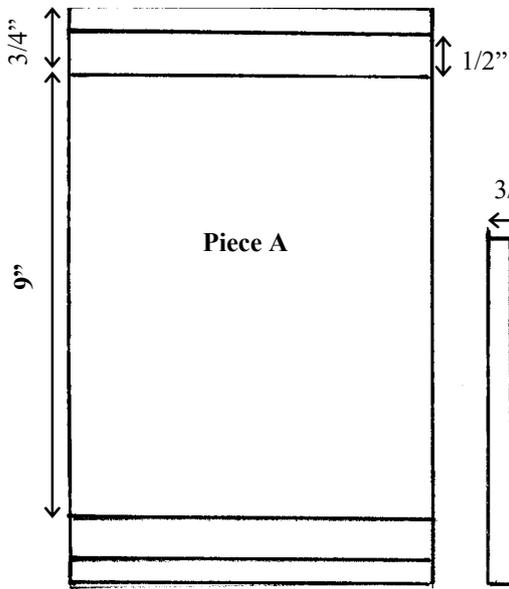


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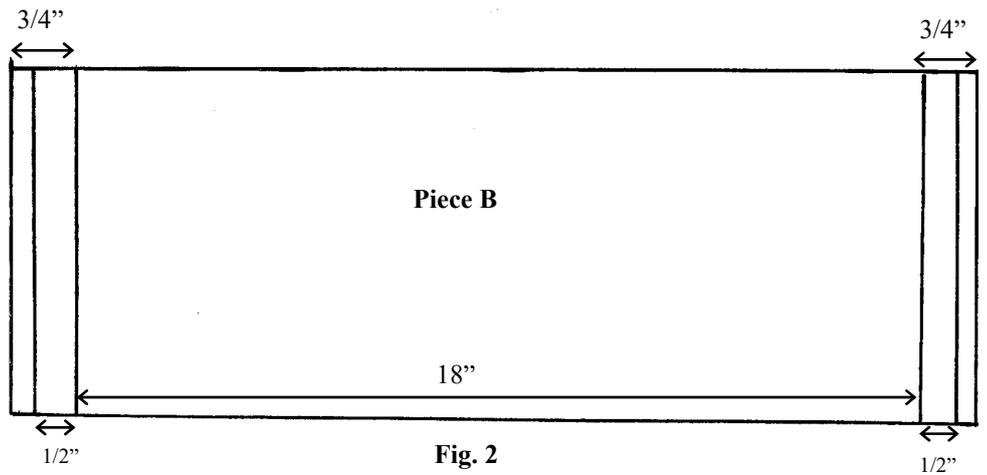


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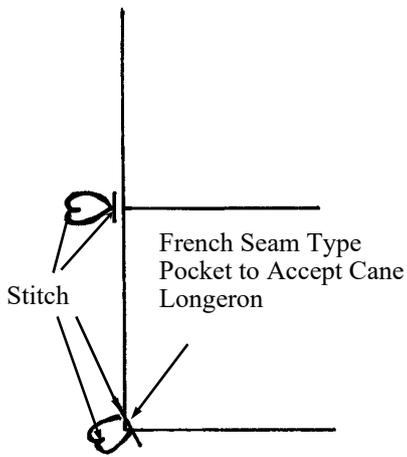


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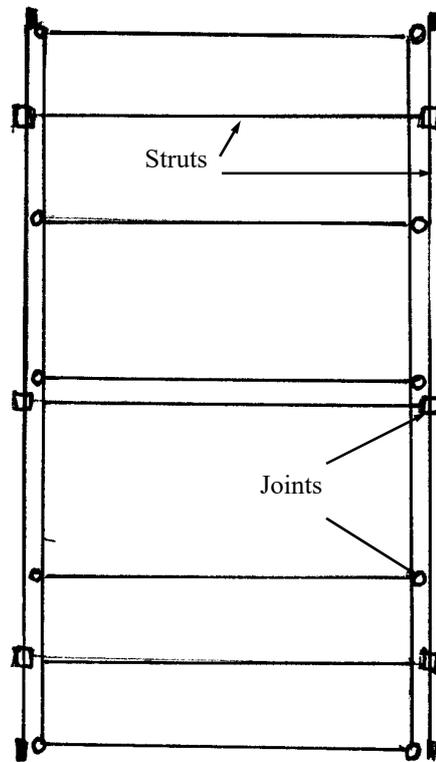


Fig 4 (Front Section)

Fig 5a (Side Section)

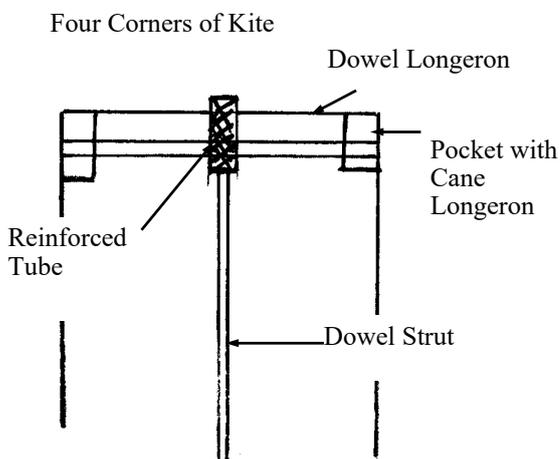
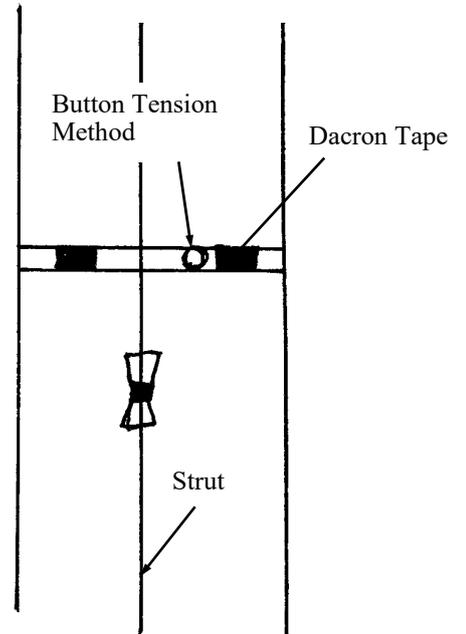


Fig 5b

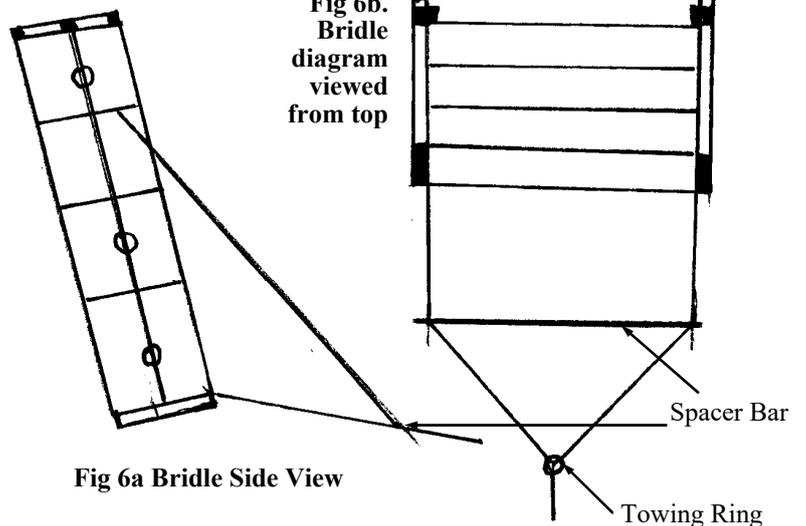


Fig 6a Bridle Side View

Fig 6b.
Bridle
diagram
viewed
from top



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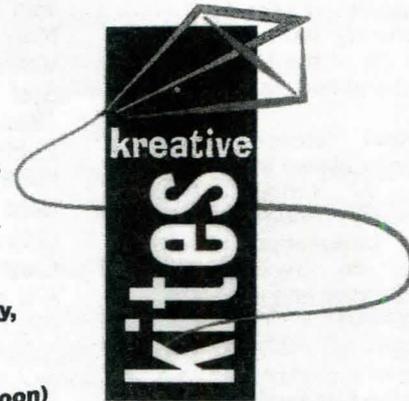


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Margam Park Kite Festival 9th & 10th June

The kite festival is now organised locally with the continuing support of the Midlands Kite Fliers. It will continue to be a relaxed family atmosphere with flying events for all ages and interests.

Car passes are limited, these allow free entry into the park and flying areas. There will be a small charge for camping. The park entrance is approximately 300 metres from junction 38 of the M4 between Bridgend and Port Talbot.

For further details and pass applications please send SAE to Scruffs, 77 Oxford Street, Pontycymer, Bridgend CF32 8DD. Information is also available on www.kiteshops.com, telephone enquiries 01656 871871.

Hunstanton Kite Festival 9th September

Smithdon School Fields.
Sunday 9th September

The Hunstanton and District Rotary Club is hosting their 5th festival this year.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our kite teams and fliers again. Just a brief note about Team Adrenalize. They hope to do their main lifter event again this year - hoping to equal their record of an amazing 150' lift. This event always has worked well in the Hunstanton coastal breeze.

If you have a kite inflatable or display and you would like to show off in the arena please contact me on the number below. Events will also include a craft fair, classic cars plus kite trade stands.

For more information contact Bryan Cattle on 01223 243825. For trade stands etc contact Ron King 01485 572032.

2nd Cleethorpes International Festival of the Air - 19th & 20th

After last years very successful event the Cleethorpes International Festival of the Air will again take place on Cleethorpes Beach. The Festival has attracted some of the World's leading kite flyers to provide an amazing two day aerial extravaganza.

International flyers already confirmed for the event include Ton & Maria Vinkin, Bas Vreeswik, Henk Boelens, Sjef v Zeeland and Dutch Cody Manlifting Team, Robert & Heleen Valkenburg (Holland), Guido v Hove, Sjef v Zeeland and Derk Berkveans (Belgium), Rolf Sturm, Jurgan Ebbinghaus, Rolf Zimmermann & No Limits Team (Germany), Marla and Ron Miller (USA), Mr & Mrs Ohashi (Japan), Mr & Mrs Kurahashi (Japan/Canada), Pan Gang (China) and others who have yet to confirm - plus the best of the British kite flyers who have made this festival the success it is.

Malcolm Goodman has arranged the International element of the festival and along with Ann & Eddie

Megrath who have been assisting Andrew Pidgen will bring you another spectacular display of kites, wind instruments & colour in the air. White Horse Kite Flyers, North East Kite Flyers, Wigsley Wings, kite groups and flyers from all over the British Isles who have formed the backbone of this event will be converging on over 5,000 square feet of beach flying and creating an explosion of colour and movement.

After the flying on Saturday join us again for a fantastic free international Firework display, fired at dusk from the beach.

Kite stalls, craft stalls, kite workshops, street theatre and musical displays will be some of the added attractions.

For further information on accommodation, camping, car parking, etc contact Andrew Pidgen 01472 323004

For latest update
www.kiteman.co.uk

Suffolk Kite Festival—12th & 13th May

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

We are all well aware of this terrible disease and how quickly it has spread.

The organisers of the above Kite Festival (Suffolk Kite Flyers and Rougham Tower Association) have, as you can imagine, major concerns if the festival should go ahead under the present situation.

Various meetings and discussions have recently taken place and will continue up to the date of the Festival.

We have consulted with various interested parties including the local Farm Manager, Local Council, STACK UK, landowners and MAFF Web Site.

All necessary precautions will of course be put in place including approved MAFF disinfectant procedures to include all vehicles and all footwear. This must include all spare footwear etc.

ON - But with caution !!

At an agreed two weeks before the event a final decision will be made.

Therefore please check with the organisers after MONDAY 30th APRIL 2001 for the up-to date situation, thank you.

Contact Details :- Martin Corrie – SKF Chairman – Tel 01206 –299560
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Or

Visit our Web Site for up-to date information www.skfc.co.uk

Joint Statement Issued by :

Martin Corrie – Chairman Suffolk Kite Flyers and Peter Woods – Chairman Rougham Tower Association

THE SUFFOLK KITE FESTIVAL IS STILL

Sunderland International Kite Festival - 7th & 8th July

NORTHERN AREA PLAYING FIELDS, DISTRICT 12, WASHINGTON, TYNE & WEAR

The Festival is now recognised as one of the major Kite Events in Europe attracting specialist kite-makers from throughout the World. The Festival also features a variety of music, dance, visual arts etc and is well known for its hospitality and friendliness and attracts over 60,000 spectators each year!

We will host some of the Worlds best Kitemakers. The following have confirmed: Mikio Toki & Mrs Tokuko Sato, (Japan), Mr Ha Yi Qi & Pan Gang (China), Ray Bethell (Canada), Wolfgang Schimmelpfennig, Rolf Zimmermann, & Frank Schwiemann, (Germany), Iqbal Husian (Switzerland), Claudio Cappelli (Italy), Ton & Maria Vinkin, Bas Vreeswik, Henk Boelens and Dutch Cody Manlifting Team, (Holland), Guido v Hove, Sjef v Zeeland and Derk Berkveans (Belgium), Sari Madjid & Tinton (Indonesia) and others who have yet to confirm - plus the best of British!

The Festival is a wonderful opportunity to see kites you have only seen and read about in magazines and to meet their makers - plus great displays of single, two and multi line kites, the European Air Gallery, the latest creations in soft kites, many having been made specifically for the Festival.

This years Festival will have a Japanese focus linking with the national festival **Japan 2001** featuring Japanese dancers, drummers and crafts along with specialist kitemakers from Japan.

Besides seeing beautiful kites from all over the World we will have as usual a fabulous entertainment programme throughout the two days including - international street theatre and music - marquees with arts and crafts, visual arts, international cuisine, kite trade stands, a childrens village and lots more.

Following the success of last years spectacular 'Chinese Dragon Kite Display' (we managed nine in the sky at once) we will be repeating the event on both days - so if you have a Dragon please bring it along.

On Saturday evening you are invited to a buffet (on site) 7:00pm to 10:30pm - no liquor license - please bring your own!

Due to the rising cost of accommodation, marquees, site fees, catering and reduced budget we plan to hold an auction on the Saturday evening to help boost our funds. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the auction last year - this has enabled us to invite some 'long distance' kitefliers to this years event.

From the very first Festival of the Air it has been my aim to help kitefliers with their costs (I know how expensive it is attending kite festivals). This year the cost of accommodation has rocketed and unfortunately we will have to make a small charge towards the cost of rooms at the Sunderland Polytechnic (single rooms only) - £7.50 per room per night (we are charged £19 per night). We only have 60 rooms available this year - book early!

Free on site camping/parking places are limited and will be issued on 'first come first served basis'. Public car parking is £1 per car.

For maps, car/camping passes, accommodation at the Poly and other enquiries, please send a **LARGE S.A.E.** with your car details - make and registration number to :-

Malcolm Goodman, Tel/Fax - 01642 550827 - please not after 10:00pm
134 Thames Rd, Billingham, TS22 5EX

www.kiteman.co.uk
www.sunderland.gov.uk/
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North West Sport and Power Kite Group Festival 2nd & 3rd June

Just to let you know of the **North West Sports and Power Kite Group's** kite festival. This will be held at the Beacon Country Park nr Wigan / Skelmersdale.

For more details.
<http://www.ste-aspey.freereserve.co.uk/beacon.htm>

Informal Fly-in by the Sea, Gosport - 9th & 10th June

Saturday and Sunday 9th & 10th June.

All are most welcome to come and support the relatively newly-formed Kites Over Gosport Society, who fly on an open site next to the Solent (the strip of sea between Southern England and the Isle of Wight).

Informality will be the order of the day, although we do hope to have separate arenas for single liners, duals and quads - only to avoid problems over air space.

A restaurant, snack bar and toilets are available near the site. Route directions and/or list of local hotels/B&Bs available from Daryl Brett 01329 512477 email: thebretts@cwcom.net.

Malcolm Goodman - Selling Kites

Many of you may know that Malcolm Goodman - the organiser of the Sunderland International Kite Festival and joint organiser of the Cleethorpes Festival of the Air is a collector of kites, particularly Oriental kites. Using his knowledge and connections he is now able to offer a range of Oriental kites for sale. Contact Malcolm on 01642 550827 (not after 10:00pm) for more details.

Tewkesbury Kite Fun Weekend - 26th - 28th May

Karl Longbottom has offered to do a workshop again (if there is enough interest) and has suggested doing a small box or edo or roller. Any body interested can contact Karl directly on 01981 550362, he requires about 10 persons to make it viable.

Helen Howes has offered to try and create a banner or some thing that recognizes the spirit of the weekend, from donated decorated pieces of ripstop.

Once again if any one is interested in getting this demo of Helens off the ground please contact her on 01508 548137 for any specific details.

Shropshire Fighter Kite Weekend - 16th & 17th June

The arrangements for this event have now been finalised, i.e. location and facilities.

Location is Beaconsfield Farm, Upper Battle Field, Shrewsbury SY4 4AA.
Tel: 01939 210370. The site

Swindon Kite Festival - 12th & 13th May

Roves Farm Visitors Centre

You may, already be aware, however just in case you haven't heard, this year's Swindon Festival, will be held at Roves Farm Visitor Centre, and **NOT** Wroughton as in the previous seven years. The Science Museum, let the weekend that we had verbally booked, and then informed us that we could have the site in 2002, for a fee of £4,500 for the weekend! Thank-you but **NO THANKYOU!**

Roves Farm Visitors Centre, is in the village of Sevenhampton, about 7 miles to the Northeast of Swindon Centre, the entrance to the Farm is near the Church, the lane to the Farm is about 1 mile long, please be extra careful, when driving through the Village, the Villagers don't see eye to eye with the Farmer that runs Roves Farm, we don't wish to exacerbate the problems. The easiest way to find the Farm is to enter the Village from the A420, Swindon to Oxford road. It will be signposted!

Consequently the Festival will be much smaller this year, but just as friendly and laid back as ever! Roves Farm is a very interesting place, that has regular open week-ends, all of the Farm's attractions will be open on the week-end. You will be able to camp or bring your caravan, the fee will be £1.50 for small tents, £3 for large tents and caravans, this is for the week-end! Entrance to WHKF members is **Free** on production of a valid membership card, visiting club's members will have to pay £2

PER CAR! on production of your club card or KSGB card. There will be a Lamb Roast on the Saturday night, in the Barn. This will be a plated meal at £6.50 per head, we need to have some idea of numbers for this meal, prior to the event, so if you want to join us for the meal, please let us know. There will be a licensed bar.

Marla Miller, the World's best "Ticket Chick" will be conducting the raffle again this year, if you were at our festival last year, you will remember what a good job she made of it! all donations to the raffle will be very well received.

This Year's Guest is Dan Kurahashi, a Japanese Kite Maker, from Vancouver, Canada. Dan specialises in kite-trains and miniature kites, he is also an expert in most of the methods in making, traditional Japanese Kites, and has the honour of being one of the few people to be invited back year after year to the Fort Worden Kite Makers Conference. Dan is a great character with a very dry sense of humour. He will be demonstrating his skills, however I don't know yet, which skill, it depends on what he can carry in his luggage. However, whatever he does will be a pleasure!

If you have need any further information, please do not hesitate to call me on 01793 824208 (Evenings Only) or e-mail me at either dar-jer@cwcom.net or kites@whkf.org.uk

Dave Robinson

itself is very large and open and we have been given permission to either one of the two fields which are free of trees, powerlines etc and overlook the plain of Shropshire. The location is five miles north of Shrewsbury just off the A49 outside the village of Hadnall. It is a very prestigious caravan park and the facilities are a coffee lounge, an indoor heated swimming pool, a laundry, fly and coarse fishing pools in the park and permanent toilets which actually won 'Loo of the Year' award last year. For more details try www.beaconsfield-farm.co.uk on the internet.

As no tents are allowed i.e. it is a caravan, motor home park only, we will not have any official traders but if you wish to do a bit of car boot selling this will not be objected to provided you contact me in advance for a natter.

On site there are static holiday homes and caravans for hire, B&B accommodation is available in nearby Shrewsbury—ask me for a list. An extremely good pub at the end of the driveway serves meals all day.

Mr Phil Poole has asked me to say that you must book in advance for this event at least 3 weeks before the date as it can get pretty crowded because of the popularity of this centre.

There is no objection to you flying normal kites but please remember that it is predominately a fighter weekend, Mac McCleod and Ron Moody will be attending. Even if you have not flown a fighter kite before, if you are keen and wish to learn please come along and help make it a crowded weekend for us. If you have any queries about the kiting activities or B&B please contact : Tony Slater on 01743 235068, or send an SAE to 128 Meadow Farm Drive, Harlescott, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY1 4JY. For any queries regarding the caravan park, maps etc please contact Mr Poole directly at Beaconsfield Farm. Look forward to flying with you.

Tony Slater

Kitecalendar.com

As the "season" kicks-off many of us are already planning what we want to do and where we'll go this year. As the dates continue to come in we'll realise there's more than one kite event on most weekends. If it's right for you a local meet can be as enjoyable as a major international kite festival or major competition, the important thing is knowing about it!

I'm currently compiling a comprehensive kite calendar to include events happening during 2001. When functioning the site will be <http://www.kitecalendar.com>. My first task will be to list all UK events followed by an international listing with accompanying information. A filter system will enable a viewer to dismiss events that'll be of no interest or unsuitable for them. A map-

ping system will allow area selection and listing. It will be capable of showing weekend listings or a full annual calendar of events.

Of course the information on the site is dependant on individual input and FOR ME to chase up the details. So, Where's your event? When's it on? What type of event is it? and Who's the contact? Please, PLEASE send me any details regarding events you're organising or know of, all I need is the event and a contact name and phone number and I'll chase the rest.

Please contribute and benefit from <http://www.kitecalendar.com>

John Eaton, mail-to: info@kitecalendar.com

Private Ads

Wanted: I am interested in buying either a new or second hand Peter Powell Stunter, can anybody help? Email: gwen-sal@beechpool.fsnet.co.uk

For Sale:

Buggy - Peter Lynn-As new	£150
6m Didi Kite Pro - New, Quad Line	£200
Hi40 Sky Tiger, Quad Line	£110
Delta, needs repair 8ft	£10
Siegers Vliegiers Power Kite Two line, 3.5m	£50
L Pink, Yellow, Black, Grey	
Go Fly a Kite Parafoil	£15
Prism 3D Two Line	£30
Daka D6 Quad Line, New	£50
6ft Flexi Rainbow as new, Two Line	£60
6ft Flexi Yellow, Pink, Blue, New. Two Line	£50
6ft Flexi Mauve, Turq, Pink. New, Two Line	£50
Joystick 3 Line	£10

Contact Peter Phillips, 01483 428847

Private ads are free to all our readers. All that is required is for the copy to be with us by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

Kiteability

Kiteability has a quantity of 10lb polyester twist line in 1 Kilo cops. Ideal for workshop kites and small kite's etc for sale @ £9.50 per kilo cop.

Runnage on a cop? A lot. Give us a call and we can bring it an event if we are attending or pop it in the mail. @£3.50 per cop postage. Trade inquires welcome See advert for contact details.

Wind Info

Sorry if I'm repeating old news but I came across this site a few days ago, really useful to us in the UK. It appears to show, up to the minute wind info (from every airport in the country, there's lots) It's a single map page, click on "your area" wind arrows and you also get actual speed, direction, temp and visibility. It's a cracking decision maker.

Right, where are those big arrows?

<http://www.xcweather.co.uk/>

John Eaton

Press Cutting

From The Times, 23rd February 2001.

The cutting from Mr Bird Titled "Treasure Dome" is an article about the recent auction of items from the Millennium Dome.

The Times compares this with the Great Exhibition of 1851 "... The Great Exhibition of 1851 included some rum things, not least a carriage drawn by kites..."

Sounds like a Pocock—whatever happened to it?

New buggy

We build the JONSON mk1 Buggy, basic cost £215 each. We also build specialist buggies and radical machines for fun with kites. Let us know what you think of the buggy, and if any member has requirements for crazy machines let us know. We are developing a stand up type chariot and a crazy dragster type buggy all good fun. We can build absolutely anything any one wants. If it can be pulled by kites we will build it, let us know

Contact:
hjweldinguk@aol.com

Spotted in W H Smiths. Kitesurf Magazine. Lots of girlie pictures and kite shops advertising.

Kite with no Lines!

Clive Davies of Woolmer Forest Composites ponders:

Kiters are always eager to try something new. We see the growth in kite surfing but still us landlubbers will no doubt continue to do our own thing with "traditional" kites. We attempt to fly in all or no wind, outdoor and indoor. Could these endeavours be extended to kites with no lines! Maybe this is then not a kite [I have not looked up the definition!].

The IFO could be considered a lineless stunt kite. Simply construction, battery powered, virtually indestructible. Available in various states of

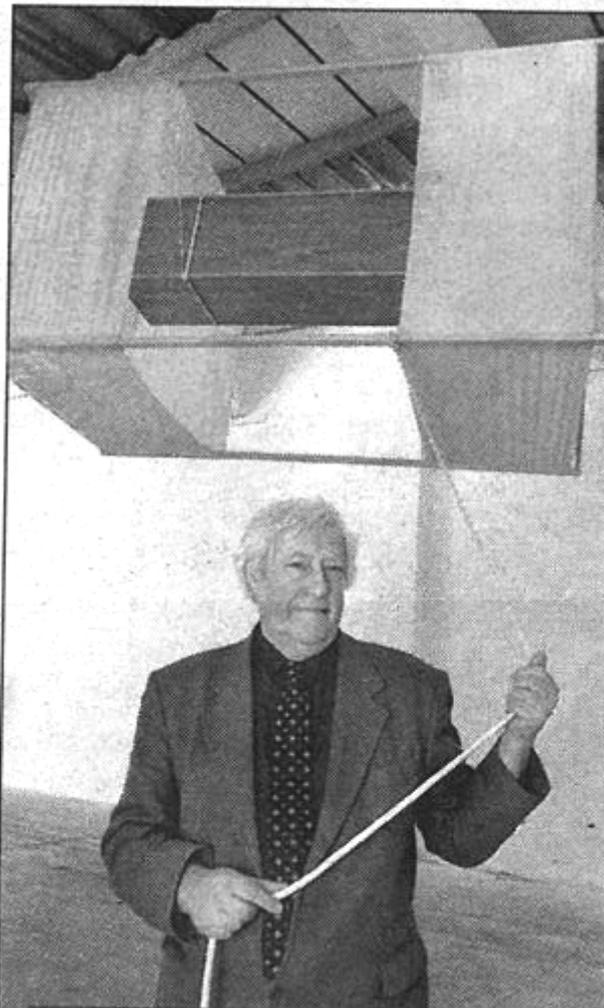
construction from kite to complete aeroplane.

The leaflet goes on to describe "The incredible and revolutionary Mini-IFO Indoor Flying Aeroplane. Made primarily of carbon fibre and kevlar it is claimed to be virtually indestructible. From kite form it takes around 2 hours to put together.

Ideal for indoors or those no (and this means really NO) wind days.

More information from Woolmer Forest Composites (01428 712126 or Ansa Products 01633 843000.

Press Coffins



From The Sun, February 21st 2001.

Coffin makers are proving that there is a laugh after death by creating a range of crazy caskets. Each is built to reflect the dearly departed's lifestyle or outlook.

One of the latest models includes a box kite ordered Ivan Fox, 72, from Highbury North London. He said "It's thought provoking".

Ivan hopes to ascend with his Kite Coffin.

John Gill, a directory of the 100 year old firm said "Coffins cost from £40, but if the idea is good we build them for free.

Ron Gunter 1922 - 2001

Ron started late into kiting around 1978. This was because he bought his nephew a kite for his birthday and took him up to Minchinhampton Common. It was up there he met other kite flyers and caught the kiting bug. This was to stay with him for the rest of his life.

I first met Ron and his wife Bet at a Kite Festival on Malvern Common about 1981. This was after seeing his picture and parafoil kite flying off The Beacon, Malvern in Malvern Kites Catalogue. It said in there that Ron was a well-known kite flyer from Purton, Swindon. The Kite Festival was in the September and was the very first one I attended. I pulled on to The Common next to a Reliant Robin and low and behold out popped Ron in his usual manner and introduced himself. That was the start of a twenty year friendship. As time past two things never changed, one Ron's enthusiasm for kiting, and two the Reliant Robin that took him and Bet around the country to Kite Festivals and doing workshops. The car only went when Ron was no longer able to drive, exchanged for an electric buggy.

Ron was already giving talks and doing workshops when I first met him. Typical of Ron always helping others, trouble was he roped me in to help him and now look what happened. After a couple of years we thought it might be a good time to start a Kite Club up. Between us we started to sound people out seen on Minchinhampton Common and at festivals. At around the same time Swindon Council Arts Dept. asked Ron about forming a kite group based at The Joliffe Centre, Swindon. Ron and I thought it was silly to try and set up another club on The Common and as the Council would help in getting the group going and providing rooms for kite workshop we set about the task in hand. Workshops were organised and a flying site was found. Barbury Castle was suggested and we started flying there.

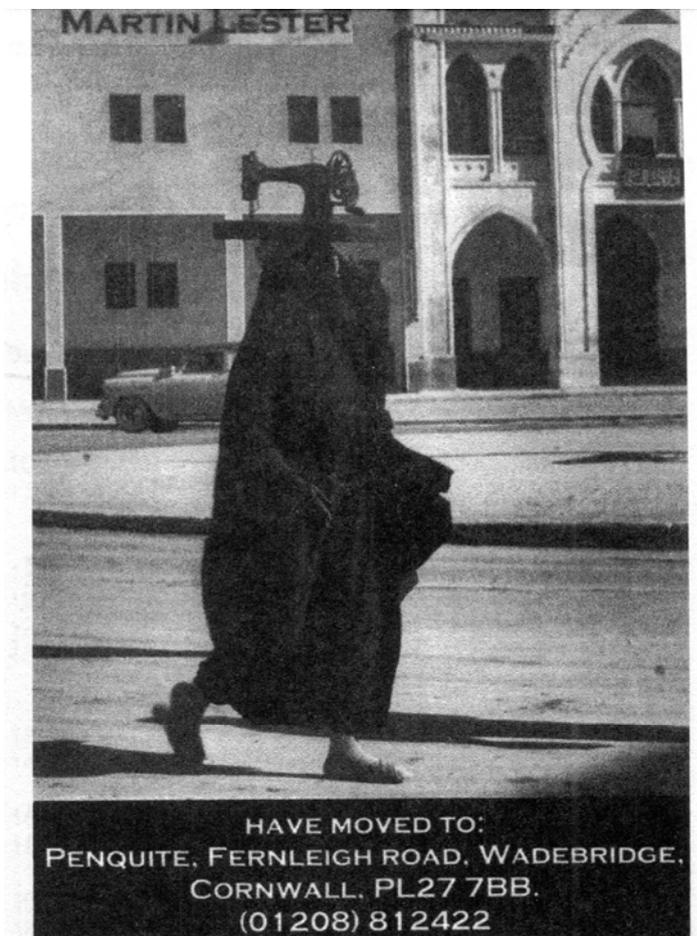
Moving on a year or so the ever-increasing group of flyers meeting at Barbury formed up a constituted club The White Horse Kite Flyers. Ron was elected its first President, a post that he held until his death. The Club has gone on from strength to strength under his presidency to running festivals, workshops, giving kite talks and one of Ron's passions Teddy bear parachuting from kites around the country.

While Ron will be missed with that empty

space in the sky. He will also be missed by many other groups and many more people. He always had time to talk to anybody about anything. As a railway man he had a passion for steam with The Cricklade and Blunsdon Steam Preservation Society, in his younger days with the Scouts and his help in Purton events. He was also very good with his hands, making metal things, glass engraving, painting, and gardening: plus a host of other pastimes. When he wanted to relax he would sit at his electronic organ and play away. He had learned to play the piano as a boy from his mother and was no mean player.

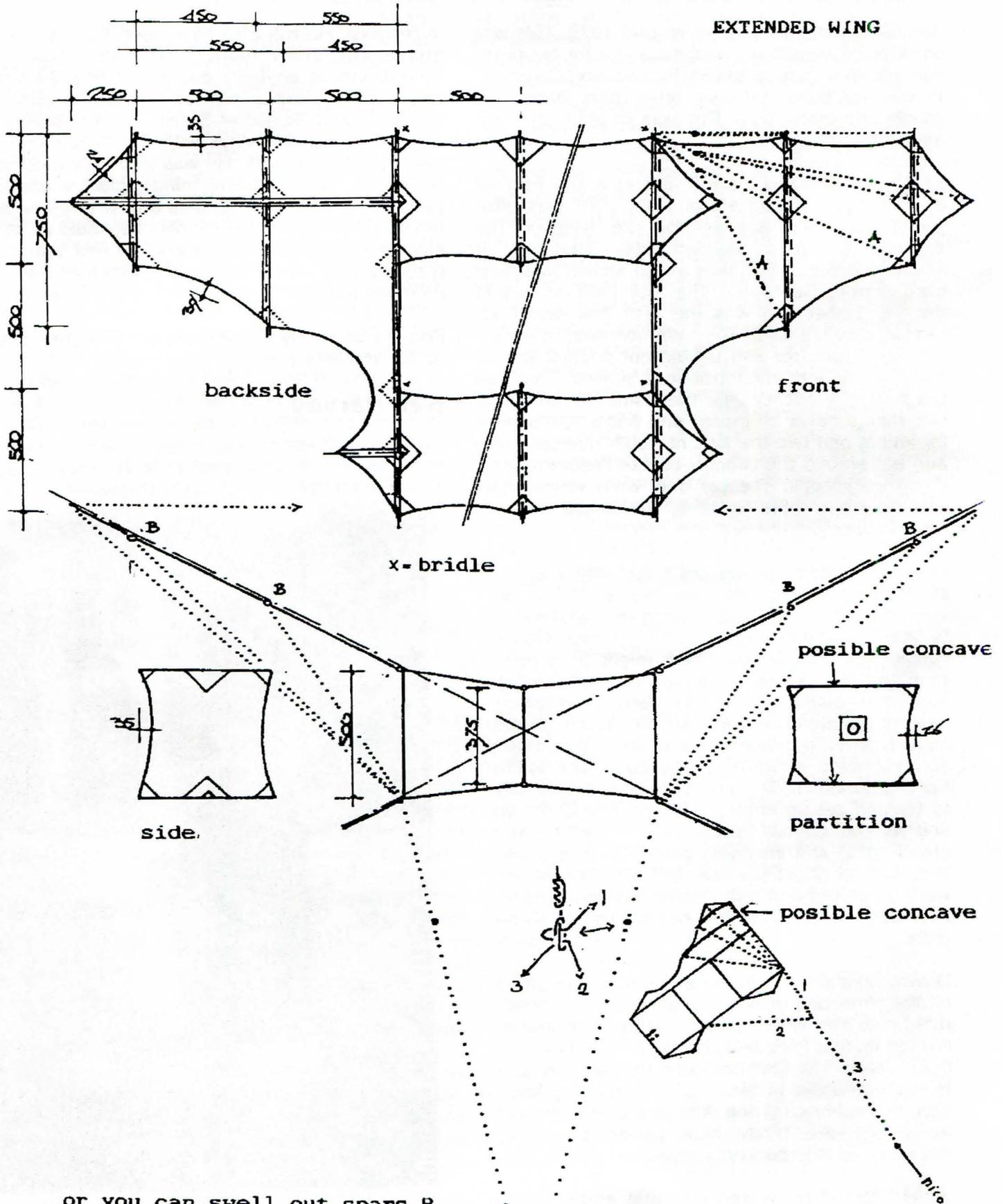
Ron will be sorely missed and our thoughts go out to Bet and family.

Neil Harvey



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or you can swell out spars B
(gives the kite more lift)

Weymouth Convention - The Pavilion, Weymouth

The Timetable for the Kite Society Convention—Saturday 5th May is printed here. STACK were unable to find a lecturer for the convention. We have David Gomberg instead! There are a few places still available for the workshops please get in touch as soon as possible. You must book these in advance as materials need to be obtained.

Details of the subjects were printed in the January issue, they are also available at www.thekitesociety.org.uk.

As you can see the talks start at 10:00am and run until 4:30pm.

In the evening we have a civic reception followed by the Kite Society Auction. The auction will start around 9:00pm. Donations for this are welcome, or just come along and buy something. Entry is free to the evening events. A pay bar is also available until 11:00pm.

	Ocean Room	Sundeck	Crows Nest	Theatre
10:00	Nicolas Wadsworth		Martin Lester	Cody Symposium
11:00	George Webster	Dan Leigh	Martin Lester	Runs throughout the Day.
12:00	Francesca Caton	David Gomberg	Closed	
13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14:00	Olivier Raymond	Closed	Closed	Cody Symposium
		Janneke Groen		Continues until
15:00	Paul Chapman	Janneke Groen		4:30pm
16:00		Janneke Groen		
16:30	Close	Close		Close
	British Information Stand Buggy and Club			
	Videos running throughout the day.			

Please note that because of a double booking the reception and auction are taking place in the theatre area.

Weymouth Beach Kite Festival Timetable.

Saturday 5th May	Free Flying on the beach	Monday 7th May
Sunday 6th May		10:30 Altitude Sprint Competition
10:30	Altitude Sprint Competition	11:00 Kite display by Guest Kite Fliers from Germany, France, Holland, America and Switzerland
10:45	Peter Dolphin and the Rainbow	
11:00	Official opening	11:30 Team Rokkaku Fighting
11:15	Kite display by Guest Kite Fliers from Germany, France, Holland, America and Switzerland	12:00 Team Xtreme - sports kite display
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14:30	Team Rokkaku Fighting	15:30 Kite Display by International Guests from all countries
15:00	Ann Harris - Inflatable Sculptures	16:00 Peter Dolphin and the Rainbow
15:30	Large (and other) Kite Display by the Avon Kite Fliers	16:30 Prize giving and close.
16:00	Kite display by Guest Kite Fliers from Germany, France, Holland, America and Switzerland	
		As normal all subject to wind and weather.
16:30	Team Xtreme - sports kite display	
Sunday 6th May 9:00pm	Firework Display	

April		
28	Stowe Kite Festival, Stowe Gardens, Bucks.	White Horse Kite Fliers
29	Stowe Kite Festival, Stowe Gardens, Bucks.	White Horse Kite Fliers
May		
5	The Kite Society Convention, Weymouth.	The Kite Society
6	Weymouth International Beach Kite Festival, Weymouth, Dorset.	The Kite Society
7	Weymouth International Beach Kite Festival, Weymouth, Dorset.	The Kite Society
12	Swindon Kite Festival, Roves Farm, Visitor Centre. Sevenhampton Suffolk Kite Festival, Rougham Airfield, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk	White Horse Kite Fliers Martin Corrie
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19	Cleethopes International Beach Kite Festival.	Malcolm Goodman
20	Cleethorpes International Beach Kite Festival. Poole Kite Picnic, Baiter Park, Poole, Dorset	Malcolm Goodman Richard Nourse
26	Tewkesbury Kite Fun Weekend	Neville Wing
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June		
2	Basingstoke Kite Festival, Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane	Alan Cosgrove
	North West Sports and Power Kite Group Festival, Beacon Country Park, Near Wigan	www.ste-aspey.freemove.co.uk/beacon.htm
3	Basingstoke Kite Festival, Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane	Alan Cosgrove
	Ashdon Kite Festival, grounds of the Waltons, Essex.	Alan Hardy
	North West Sports and Power Kite Group Festival, Beacon Country Park, Wigan	www.ste-aspey.freemove.co.uk/beacon.htm
9	Margam Park Kite Festival, Margam Park, near Swansea, Wales. Kites over Gosport's Informal Fly-in, Stokes Bay, Gosport, Hants.	Scruffs KOGS
10	Peterborough Kite Festival. Margam Park Kite Festival, Margam Park, near Swansea, Wales. Kites Over Gosport's Informal Fly-in at Stokes Bay, Gosport, Hants	G.O.K.F. Scruffs KGOS
16	Fylde Kite Festival, Lytham St Annes, near Blackpool, Lancs. Teston Bridge Kite Fly, Maidstone, Kent 6th Fairbourne & Barmouth Railway Kite Festival, Fairbourne, Wales	Phil Womack Kiteability 01562 66102
17	Fylde Kite Festival, Lytham St Annes, near Blackpool, Lancs. Teston Bridge Kite Fly, Maidstone, Kent. 6th Fairbourne & Barmouth Railway Kite Festival, Fairbourne, Wales	Phil Womack Kiteability 01562 66102
23	East Coast Kite Festival, Dovercourt, Essex. Southampton Kite Festival. Includes STACK competition Shrewsbury Kite Festival, Sundorne Playing Fields.	Force Nine Kites Michael Lowe Skybums
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30	5 th Canterbury Kite Festival, University of Kent, Canterbury.	Alan Cunningham
July		
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7	Sunderland International Kite Festival, Washington, Tyne & Wear	Malcolm Goodman
8	Sunderland International Kite Festival, Washington, Tyne & Wear	Malcolm Goodman
14	Silloth Kite Festival, Cumbria. Newbury Kite Festival. Includes STACK competition.	Ian Gilmore Kreative Kites
15	Silloth Kite Festival, Cumbria. Newbury Kite Festival. Includes STACK competition Petworth Kite Day, Petworth, West Sussex.	Ian Gilmore Kreative Kites Joanna Mersey
21	Tewkesbury International Kite Festival Brighton Kite Festival, Stanmer Park, Brighton.	Neville Wing Simon Hennesey
22	Tewkesbury International Kite Festival Brighton Kite Festival, Stanmer Park, Brighton.	Neville Wing Simon Hennesey
29	2nd Shipley Park Kite Festival, Shipley Country Park, Heanor, Derbyshire Dunstable Downs Kite Festival.	M.K.F. Dunstable Kites
August		
4	Middle Wallop Kite Festival, Andover Hants. Includes STACK competition.	Kites Up.
5	Middle Wallop Kite Festival, Andover Hants. Includes STACK competition. Royston Kite Festival, Therfield Heath.	Kites Up. Ken Charles 01223 207213
11	Teston Bridge Kite Festival, Maidstone, Kent.	Kiteability
12	Teston Bridge Kite Festival, Maidstone, Kent	Kiteability
18	8th Coventry Kite Festival.	M.K.F.
19	8th Coventry Kite Festival.	M.K.F.
25	Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Southsea Common, Hants.	The Kite Society.
26	Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Southsea Common, Hants.	The Kite Society.
27	Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Southsea Common, Hants.	The Kite Society.
September		
1	Bristol International Kite Festival, Ashton Court, Bristol.	Avril Baker
2	Bristol International Kite Festival, Ashton Court, Bristol.	Avril Baker
9	Hunstanton Kite and Classic Car Fair, Norfolk	Bryan Cantle

Kite Flying Events and Foot & Mouth

As is obvious from the media, the Foot and Mouth issue is causing severe disruption to many areas of the country and hence may well cause kite events to be postponed or cancelled. The events listed are all going ahead as of today (March 31st). However, we do suggest that before travelling any distance you contact the relevant organiser (as shown below) to ensure there are no changes.

Any changes we are notified of will be posted to the web site www.thekitesociety.org.uk.

Contact	Address	Telephone	Email
Kites Up	Roy Broadley	01256 812487	kites@kitesup.co.uk
The Kite Society	P.O. Box 2274, Gt Horkesley, Colchester CO6 4AY	01206 271489	Events@thekitesociety.org.uk
Scruffs	77 Oxford Street, Pontycymer, Bridgend CF32 8DD	016560871871	margam@kiteshops.com
Avril Baker	5 Lilymead Avenue, Wells Road, Totterdown, Bristol BS4 2BY	0117 977 2002	
Martin Corrie		01206 299560	
Neil Harvey		01285 740295	
Simon Hennesey		01273 582309	S_hennesey@bigfoot.com
Joanna Mersey	Bignor Park, Pulborough, Sussex RH20 1HG	01798 869214	
Richard Nourse	85 Bells Orchard Lane, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4HP	01929 554690	richard.nourse@virgin.net
Frédéric Pouillaude	2 Place de la Mairie, 62170 Saint Aubin, France.	03 21 89 55 98	cerf.volant@wanadoo.fr
Neville Wing	9 Howard Road, Tewkesbury, Glos GL20 8QX	01684 295132	neville@nwing.fsnet.co.uk
Great Ouse Kite Fliers	27 Milton Way, Peterborough, Cambs PE3 9AP	01733 269687	Gokf@tinyworld.co.uk
Force Nine Kites	40/42 High Street, Clacton, Essex CO15 1UQ	01255 221059	Sales@fnk.co.uk
Michael Lowe	44 Bellemoor Road, Shirley, Southampton, Hants SO15 7QU	023 8077 0788	
Alan Cunningham		01227 275604	acunni3747@aol.com
Ian Gilmore		01900 881371	
White Horse Kite Fliers	P.O.Box 585, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 4YR	01793 824208	Dajjmj@tesco.net
Kreative Kites	4/5 Sadlers Court, The Broadway, Newbury RG14 1AZ	01635 528400	
Bryan Cattle	21 Shepherds Close, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge CB1 4HP.		
Phil Womack		07957 308734	Fylde@fly.to
Kiteability	2 Garfield Road, Ponders End, Enfield EN3 4RP	020 8804 9080	Patnron@kiteability.co.uk
Malcolm Goodman	134 Thames Road, Billingham, Cleveland TS22 5EX	01642 550827	Malcolm.goodman@virgin.net
Skybums	7 Sunnyfields, Bell Lane, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2 5EW	01743 244677	Kites@skybums.freeserve.co.uk
M.K.F.	Alan Bill, 90 Weybourne Road, Great Barr, Birmingham B44 9DE	0121 360 1955	
Bob Colover		020 8764 9655	bobcolover@easynet.co.uk
Alan Hardy	"Woodside", Bartlow Road, Castle Camps, Cambs CB1 6SX	01799 584718	alan@castlecamps.com
Alan Cosgrove			alan.cosgrove@ntlworld.com
KOGS	Daryl Brett	01329 512477	thebretts@cwcom.net
Dunstable Kites		01582 662779	sales@dunstable-kites.co.uk

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The Kite Society of Great Britain was founded in 1979 and, since then, has grown to be recognised as the leading organisation for kite flying in Great Britain with over 3500 members worldwide.

The main vehicle of communication between members is the quarterly publication 'THE KITEFLIER'. 'THE KITEFLIER' is published in January, April, July and October of every year. 'THE KITEFLIER' contains news of forthcoming kite festivals, kite retailer news, kite plans, kite group news and a comprehensive events list.

Other benefits of membership include free, or reduced, entry into selected kite festivals in the U.K., special parking arrangements where possible, discount - from 5% to 15% - on all kite purchases from the majority of kite retailers in the U.K.

More information about The Kite Society, U.K. based kite groups, kite traders and kite events is available via the internet at <http://www.thekitesociety.org.uk>

A membership 'year' runs for four issues of 'THE KITEFLIER'. plus other occasional mailings. Each member receives a membership card entitling them to free entry and discount.

If you wish to join The Kite Society please fill in the form below and send it, with your payment, to the address shown. All cheques, postal orders and money orders should be made payable to 'The Kite Society' and, for overseas members, should be drawable in the U.K. and be in sterling.

Membership Type	Fee
Individual	£10.00
Family - all members in the same household.	£11.00
O.A.P.	£8.00
O.A.P. - Family (Husband & Wife)	£9.00
Overseas - Europe and Surface Mail	£12.00
Overseas - Airmail	£16.00

Name _____ Family Members _____
Address _____
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Post Code _____ Telephone _____

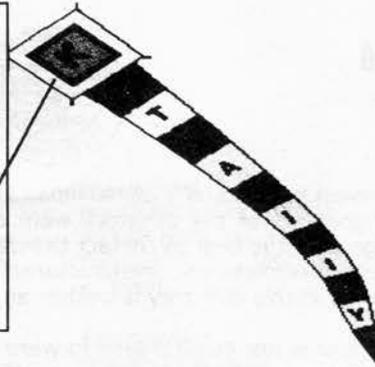
* This is a RENEWAL/NEW MEMBERSHIP. For renewals please give old membership number. _____
* New members please state which issue your membership should start with - JANUARY/APRIL/JULY/OCTOBER.

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Kite Trade Directory

This directory has been compiled by sending a questionnaire to all of the kite traders that we know of. The information is as supplied (subject to typos) and the contents of the directory were correct at the time of going to press. However due to the life of this handbook details may change and it is best to contact the trader before travelling any great distance. It is a comprehensive (but not exhaustive) list of kite retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers and traders currently known in the U.K. The Kite Society supplies this directory in good faith. An entry in this directory is neither an endorsement nor a recommendation

If you know of a kite trader that is not listed please forward their name and address to us for inclusion in the next issue of both The Kiteflier as well as the handbook.

Classification

S Shop
W Wholesaler
R Retailer
F Festival Trader
M Manufacturer
O Mail Order
C Catalogue Available

Discount is given to members of The Kite

Stock

SK Sports Kites
SL Single Line Kites
BK Books and Magazines
KM Kite Making Material
BG Buggies and Equipment
JG Juggling Equipment
Pk Power/Surf Kites and Equipment

Society where shown for the given payment method.

(01) indicates that the details were compiled from a questionnaire sent specifically for this handbook. The absence of this indicates that no return was received.

Bedfordshire
Dunstable Kites (01)
[S/W/R/F/O/C]
 23 Great Northern Road,
 Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU5
 4BN
 01582 662779
 Fax: 01582 666374
 kites@dunstable-kites.co.uk
 www.dunstable-kites.co.uk
 9am - 6pm Mon - Fri 9am -
 5pm Sat
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/PK]
 Flags, windsocks and poles.
 Cash - 10% CC - 5%

TATT
 15a The High Street,
 Henlow, Beds SG16 6BS
 01462-850540

Berkshire
Tradewind Kites (01)
[S/W/R/O/C]
 6 Harris Arcade, Reading,
 Berkshire RG1 1DN
 0118 956 8848
 Fax: 0118 956 8848
 sales@tradewind-
 kites.demon.co.uk
 www.tradewind-
 kites.demon.co.uk
 9:30 - 5:30 Monday -
 Saturday
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
 Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Kreative Kites (01)
[S/R/F/M/O/C]
 4-5 Saddlers Court, The
 Broadway, Newbury RG14
 1AZ
 01635 528400
 Fax: 01635 528400
 kreativ.kites@argonet.co.uk
 www.argonet.co.uk/
 kreativ.kites
 9:30 - 5:30 Tue - Fri. 9 - 5
 Sat. Closed Monday and
 Sunday
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
 Cash - 10% CC - 10%

Bristol
Bristol Kitestore (01)
[S/R/F/O/C]
 1b Pitville Place, Cotham
 Hill, Bristol BS6 6JY
 0117 974 5010
 Fax: 0117 973 7202
 info@kitestore.co.uk
 www.kitestore.co.uk

10:00 - 6:00 Monday -
 Saturday
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 Cash - 10% CC - 7%

Nick James Kitemaker (01)
[W/R/M/O/C]
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 Horfield, Bristol BS7 9QU
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[SL]
 Cash - 10%

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 01225 466661
 Fax: 01225 464188
 sales@tkcsales.co.uk
 www.tkcsales.co.uk
 9 - 6 Mon - Fri
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 01494 431726
 Fax: 01494 724339
 info@mullinkites.co.uk
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 01353 723131

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 Info@flexifoil.co.uk
 www.flexifoil.com
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 01208 862993
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 10am - 4pm (Nov-Mar) 9.30
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 Estate, St Dennis, Cornwall
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 01726 822066
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 Devon EX20 1RR

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www.kitesandthings.com
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www.balloonandkite.com
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The Kite Store Ltd (01)
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Power Kite Tuition

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01895 823315
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Fax: 01553 679090
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1JY
0131 622 7032
Fax: 0131 622 7032
shop@windthings.co.uk
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Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2
5EW
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01963 351482
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www.airbornkites.co.uk
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24 Kensington Gardens,
Brighton, BN1 4AL
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sales@hooked-on-
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alex@carouselkites.com
www.carouselkites.com
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Cash - 10% CC - 5%

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Fax: 01903 850831
andy@air-head.com
www.air-head.com
Mon to Fri 10am til 5pm, Sat
9.30am til 5pm, Sun to be
confirmed.
[SK/BM/BG/JG/PK]
Cash - 5%

Wales
Dan Leigh Delta Kite
Designs (01)
[R/M/O/C]
54 Osborne Road,
Pontypool, Gwent NP4 6LX
01495 750875
dan@deltakites.com
www.deltakites.com
Work from home
[SL]
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Bethesda, Gwynedd LL57
3EW
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8 Duke Street Arcade,
Cardiff CF10 2AZ
029 20343818

Scruffs (01)



Kite Trade Directory

[S/R/O]
 77 Oxford Street,
 Pontycymer, Bridgend,
 Wales CF32 8DD
 01656 871871
 Fax: 01656 870000
 info@kiteshops.com
 www.kiteshops.com
 9 - 5:30 Mon-Sat, Closed
 Wed. Open other times by
 appointment
 [SK/SL/BM/KM/BG/JG/PK]
 Festival Organiser. Mountain
 boards and Bolle sunglasses

Route One (01)
[S/O/C]
 27a Morgan's Arcade,
 Cardiff CF10 1AF
 029 2023 3621
 sales@routeone.co.uk
 www.routeone.co.uk
 9:30 - 6:00 everyday except
 Sunday 12 - 4
 [SK/SL/BM/BG/JG/PK]

Spirit of Air Ltd (01)
[W/M/C]
 Portland Street, Newport,
 Gwent NP20 2DP
 01633 246788
 Fax: 01633 246788
 sales@spiritofair.co.uk
 Monday - Friday 9:00am -
 5:00pm
 [SK/BK/KM/BG/PK]

**The Camping and Kite
 Centre (01)**
[S]
 Raglan Garden Centre, Old
 Abergavenney Road,

*Raglan, Monmouthshire
 NP15 2BH
 01291 690944
 Fax: 01291 691098
 rquick@aol.com
 www.campingandkitecentre.
 co.uk
 10am - 6pm Mon - Sat,
 10am - 5pm Sunday. 1st
 April to 31st August. Winter
 weekends only
 [SK/SL]
 Cash - 10% CC - 10%*

**West Midlands
 Chalkies-Kite Works UK
 (01)**
[W/R/F/M/O/C]
 22 Cranfield Place, Delves,
 Walsall, West Midlands WS5
 4PL
 Tel:01922 624739
 Fax:01922 624739
 keith@chalkies.fsnet.co.uk
 www.chalkies.co.uk
 8.00am- 8.00pm seven days
 [SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/PK]
 Kite Clothing and luggage.
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 and fixtures. African,
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 Cash - 10%

**Derek Kuhn Kite
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*Lane, Willenhall, West
 Midlands WV13 2HA
 Retail (please phone first) - 1
 New Oxley House, Lymer
 Road, Willenhall,
 Wolverhampton WV10 6AL
 01902 782490
 Fax: 0121 609 7000
 fsk@enta.net
 www.freespiritkites.com
 www.fsk.enta.net
 10:00 - 9:00 Please phone
 first
 [SK/SL/KM/BG]
 Bespoke kitemaker
 Cash - 10 %*

**Wiltshire
 Cunning Stunts**
 45 - 47 Fisherton Street,
 Salisbury SP2 7SU
 01722 410588

Demon Kite Co. (01)
[M/O]
 Unit 12, Enterprise House,
 Cheney Manor, Swindon,
 Wiltshire SN2 2YZ
 01793 514151
 Fax: 01793 514151
 demonkite@uk2.net
 www.demonkite.co.uk
 9 to 5 weekdays + telephone
 answering service
 [SK/SL/BG/PK]
 Cash - 10% CC - 5%

**Worcestershire
 Kaos (01)**
[S/O]

*Unit 7, Reindeer Court, New
 Street, Worcester,
 Worcestershire WR1 2DS
 01905 611820
 Fax: 01905 611820
 steve@kaos.com
 www.kaosuk.com
 10am - 5:30pm Mon - Sat
 10am-1pm Thursday
 [SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
 Stomp Rockets, Frisbees,
 Aerobies, Swiss Micro
 Scooters (originals only!)
 Cash - 10% CC - 5%*

**Yorkshire
 Leeds Kites**
 2 Eden Crescent, Leeds L54
 2TW
 0113 278 9727

Anti-Gravity (01)
[S/O/C]
 15a Gillygate, York YO31
 7EA
 The Corn Exchange, Leeds
 LS1 7BR
 01904 631696
 info@antigravity.uk.com
 www.anti-gravity.uk.com
 Mon - Sat 10:00am -
 5:30pm. Closed Sunday
 [SK/SL/BM/KM/BG/JG/PK]
 Inline skates, skateboards,
 Magic, airtoys and yo-yos
 Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Perpetual Motion (01)
[S/R/O/C]

*659 - 661 Ecclesall Road,
 Sheffield S11 8PT
 0114 266 0321
 Fax: 0114 266 0321
 perpet.motion@virginnet.co.
 uk
 www.kites.gb.com
 Tuesday - Saturday 11:00 -
 5:30
 [SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
 Mountain boards, BMX and
 skateboards
 Cash - 10% CC - 10%*

**The Barber's Kite Shop
 (01)**
[S/R/M]
 7 King Street, Ripon, North
 Yorkshire HG4 1PJ
 Tel: 01765 609391
 Email clippykites@aol.com
 9am - 5pm Tue - Sat
 [SK/SL/PK]
 Cash - 5%



Kite Group Directory

Welcome to the 2001 Kite Group Directory. The directory has been compiled by sending a questionnaire to all the kite groups that we know of. The information is as supplied (subject to typos) - and as details can change it is best to contact the group before sending any money for membership. All groups would appreciate a stamped self addressed envelope when you write. Italics are used to show the geographical area covered by the group.

Alcester and Worcs Kitefliers (01)
 Allan Gilbert
 26 Evesham Road
 Leicester
 LE3 2BD
 Tel: 0116 224 3983
 ag.lg@virgin.net

Membership £10 including family members at same address (£17.50 including The Kiteflier) Third party Insurance, Occasional Newsletter. Club Fly-in's 3rd Sunday in the month at Worcester Countryside Park (after lunch until dusk car boot sale before lunch) height clearance 800ft

South Birmingham, Worcester area.

Small club with around 35 members. Main event Easte Fly-in and Festival on Easter Monday

Avon Kite Flyers (01)
 David Johnson (Secretary)
 21 Somerton Road
 Clevedon
 Somerset
 BS21 6JR
 Tel: 01275 875342
 akf@argonet.co.uk
 www.argonet.co.uk/users/parsons/

Membership £7.50 (individual or family). Bi-monthly Newsletter. Public Liability Insurance. Club goodies. Discount at nominated Kite Stores

Old county of Avon, Bristol, Somerset and South Glos.

Involved in Bristol Festival. Kite workshops. Evening meetings during winter. Evening fly-ins during summer. Fly-ins at Ashton Court on 1st Sunday in month.

Bath Kite Society
 Zoe Hancock
 Flat 2
 24 Green Park
 Bath
 BA1 1HZ

Brighton Kite Flyers
 Peter Linnell
 30 Moulscumb Way
 Brighton
 East Sussex
 BN2 4PB

The British Buggy Club (01)
 P.O. Box 4015
 Smethwick
 Warley
 West Midlands
 B67 6HJ



Kite Group Directory

Fax/Voice Mail Hotline: 01384 257 224
BBC@Buggy.demon.co.uk
www.buggy.demon.co.uk

£15 per year per person for insurance worldwide. We do not charge for any BBC insured members to participate in any of our events.

UK primarily, also able to insure EEC residents.

Camelot Kite Fliers

Terry Dabinett (Sec)
13 Cowen Close
Crewkerne
Somerset
TA18 8JF

Tel: 01460 74655

Cleethorpes Kite Club (01)

Andy Pidgen
Knoll House
Knoll Street
Cleethorpes
North East Lincolnshire
DN35 8LN

Tel: 01472 323004
Fax: 01472 323431
andy270969@aol.com

£2.00 membership to join the club, newsletter, special offers for members.

North East Lincolnshire

Large buggy membership. Cleethorpes has excellent buggy facilities

Devonair (01)

Tim Hampson
32 Mansfield Road
Exeter
EX4 6NF

Tel: 01392 258881
tim@devonair.co.uk
www.devonair.co.uk

No cost, no real benefits, no insurance, no mag yet!

Devon

Essex Kite Group (01)

Mrs Marion Brewer
Secretary
Brook Fields
Craigs Lane
Mount Bures
Suffolk
CO8 5AW.

Membership £5 p.a., Children (under 16) £1 p.a. Magazine twice a year. Public Liability insurance for £1m

Essex

Great Ouse Kite Flyers

Peter West (Secretary)
27 Milton Way
Peterborough

Cambridgeshire
PE3 9AP

Golden Valley Kite Fliers (01)

Peter Whitaker
12 Littlefield
Quedgeley
Gloucester
GL2 4GZ

Tel: 01452 728521

Individual £5, Family £7.50 includes insurance, newsletter, library, workshops, monthly fly-ins.

Gloucestershire

Organise Tewkesbury Kite Festival end of July

Kennet Kite Flyers

David Tomlinson
4/5 Saddlers Court
The Broadway
Newbury
Berks
RG14 1AZ

Kites Over Gosport (01)

Ray Stoneham (Chairman)
3 Warnford Close
Alverstoke
Gosport
Hampshire
PO12 3RT

Tel: 0231 9236 2809
stoneham@zoom.co.uk

Annual fee of £5 and subscription of 50p at each meeting attended, on the first Wednesday of the month. 20.00 hrs at the Dolphin pub. We fly on Sundays at 1400 at Stokes Bay and any other time weather permitting, there is a large, fairly flat, grass area with a fair amount of parking which has to be paid for in high summer.

Southampton, Fareham, Hayling and up to Petersfield.

We attend other clubs events and have an annual flyin at the bay which is scheduled this year for June 9/10th. We have a monthly newsletter at the meeting, anyone not able to attend has it E-mailed to them. New members are always welcome.

Lyme Park Kite Fliers

Mark Bowlas
162 Petersburg Road
Edgeley
Stockport
SK3 9RB

Mobius Flix (01)

Alan Nightingale
27 St Marks Field
Rochford
Essex
SS4 1PT

Tel: 07970 233145
mobiusflix@empress.org.uk
www.empress.org.uk/index-mobius/

The newly formed Mobius Flix (trick/freestyle kite club) is based in

Essex. Membership is open to all interested in sports kites and is currently free until such time funds are required for insurance, newsletter etc. Catering for trick and freestyle flyers wanting to learn, teach, give and get advice! Regular fly-in's around the South East, this may expand as time passes. Membership is via the above address or Whaam Kites at unit 416, Lakeside Shopping Centre, Thurrock, Essex. 01708 864074. At present all correspondence is via email and the web site until such time a newsletter can be published with the appropriate fund etc

Essex

The web site will list festivals, personal, commercial pages, clubs and a whole load more. Everyone is welcome to place links or even pages into the web site for the benefit of others. Input from membership is welcome and regular fly-in's are at Galleywood Common, nr Chelmsford on every 3rd Sunday of the month. We are also looking for other clubs fly-in's to travel to between festivals during the summer and make new friends.

North East Kite Fliers (01)

Pete Sturrs
7 Tiverton Place
Parkside Grange
Cramlington
Northumberland
NE23 1PT
Tel: 01670 732705
pete@sturrs.freemove.co.uk

Cost of joining NEKF is £8 per household. Benefits include 4 issues of the club magazine The Highflier. We have Public Liability insurance for when we fly as a club and for kite displays. We are also the proud care takers of the European Air Gallery donated to the club by Sunderland City Council. We make every effort to fly some of the gallery wherever we are invited. Last year festivals included Sunderland, Silloth, Fylde, Oldham, Bristol and Edinburgh. For more information contact the above address

Generally Northumberland to North Yorkshire but we have members in Norfolk, West Coast, and West Yorkshire.

North West Sports and Power Kite Group (01)

Stephen Aspey
10 Beech Walk
Wunstanley
Wigan
Lancs
WN3 6DH
Tel: 01942 213094
ste.ve@ste-aspey.freemove.co.uk
www.ste-aspey.freemove.co.uk

Membership is FREE. No insurance provided. There is a regular online magazine. Regular fly-ins.

North West UK

Formed in late 2000 we are an informal club/group formed to promote, educate and motivate people in all aspects of sports and power kite flying in the North West of England. Email based news flashes of meetings and other pieces of interesting news. Ainsdale Sands and Beacon Country park amongst others are our usual venues.

Northampton Kite Flyers (01)

Paul Mellows
7 Scott Road
Wellingborough
Nothants
NN8 3DJ

Tel: 01933 673917
mellows@tesco.net

Local group of enthusiastic kite builders and fliers. Meet on the Northampton race course, near the Freemasons Hall, St Georges Avenue. 1st Sunday every month 10am - 4pm

No fees, no committee just a group of fliers who enjoy flying. Help and advice freely available to those who want it.

Northern Kite Group (01)

Carole Foreshaw
8 Hallgarth
Airton
Nr Skipton
N Yorkshire
BQ23 4AQ

Tel: 01729 830171
forshawcarole@talk21.com

Cost of membership £5.00 and £1.00 for others at the same address, one magazine to members address. Insurance third party at N.K.G. meetings. Four magazines per year.

Lancashire, Cumbria, Cheshire, Derbyshire Yorkshire.

Members welcome from other areas.

Parakart Association (01)

The PKA Secretary
Cymorth
Silver Street
Braunton
Devon
EX33 2EN

Tel: 01271 812465
alistair@kitebuggyschool.freemove.co.uk
pka.mariner.co.uk

National Association to promote parakiting, including standards, training insurance and racing



Poole Kite Fliers (01)

Richard Nourse
85 Bells Orchard Lane
Wareham
Dorset
BH20 4HP

Tel: 01929 554690
richard@poolekites.org.uk
www.poolekites.org.uk

Free membership, no direct benefits, no insurance. Newsletters by , occasional mailings to non members. On-line database of UK flying sites, clubs and traders, worldwide clubs, traders & contact, advice for members and HTML workshop. We support local events with flying displays and teddy parachuting.

South of England centred on Poole, Dorset

Home flying site is Baiter Park in Poole, weekly fly-in Wednesday evenings.

Sheffield Kite Club

Dave Proctor
168 Heavygate Road
Sheffield
S10 1PJ

Shropshire Kite Group (01)

Tony Slater
128 Meadow Farm Drive
Harlescott
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
SY1 4JY

Tel: 01743 235068

No fees, no insurance, no mag. Benefits - a great flying site! Exchange of ideas, friendly fliers.

Shropshire, Wales, Midlands

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Solent Kite Flyers

Michael Lowe
44 Belle Moor Road
Shirley
Southampton
Hampshire
SO15 7QU

Solway Kite Group (01)

Ian Gilmore
Sycamore House
Garden Lane
Allonby
Maryport
Cumbria
CA15 6PX

Tel: 01900 881371
iangilmore@aol.com

Informal group, no formal membership at present.

North & West Cumbria - and beyond.

Monthly fly-ins, usually 2nd Sunday of month and usually at Allonby.

South Eastern Kite Society (01)

Mrs Valerie Cunningham
47 Fitzroy Road
Tankerton
Whitstable
Kent
CT5 2LF

Tel: 01227 275604
vecunningham@hotmail.com
www.seks.org.uk

Single £7, Family £12 per annum. 4 newsletters a year. 3rd party insurance cover at organised meetings.

East Kent

2 venues - one at Ashford (Kent) one at Canterbury. Meetings held second Sunday of month at Canterbury, fourth Sunday of month at Ashford. Festival over 2 day period June 30 - July 1st.

STACK UK (01)

Kathy Jarvis
19 Leigh Drive
Wickham Bishop
Essex
CM8 3JS

Tel: 01621 892481
Fax: 01621 892336
stack@alphabyte.co.uk
www.stackuk.org

Bi-monthly newsletter, £5m 3rd party public liability insurance, permit to compete in STACK events worldwide, access to database of national coaches, National and local competitions for all disciplines and skill levels. Individual membership £12 per year, £7 for Junior and OAP, £16 for family membership

UK

Suffolk Kite Fliers (01)

Martin Corrie (Chairman)
Wynot
3 White Horse Road
East Bergholt
Colchester
Essex CO7 6TU

Tel 01206 299560
martcorr@tinyworld.co.uk
www.skfc.co.uk

£17.50 family £12.50 adult £7.50 concession. £2 million public liability insurance. 3 or 4 magazines annually Regular flying days, kite workshop, attendance at local fetes and schools. Annual kite festival at Rougham. Flying throughout Suffolk, North Essex and close liaison with Thorpe Kite Flyers in Norfolk.

Taunton Kite Flyers

Lawrence Rayment
8 Hartley Way
Taunton
Somerset
TA1 2LJ

Team Rikok

David Montague-Smith
9 St James Road
Kidderminster
Worcs
DY10 2TR

The Fighter Kite Club

Malcolm McLeod (Mac)
3 Pump Lane
Horndean
Hampshire
PO8 9TS

Kite Club of Scotland

Marigold Kerby
Rose Cottage
2 Queen Street
Newport on Tay
Fife
DD6 8EE

The Midlands Kite Fliers (01)

Jerry Swift (General Secretary)
Howardian View
Great Barugh
Malton
North Yorks
YO17 6UZ

Tel: 01653 668157
Jerry&Carolyn@mkf.org.uk
www.mkf.org.uk

£10 club membership. Club Membership Plus, including The Kiteflier, £17 families, £16 individuals with reductions for senior citizens, junior, student and unsalaried people. Quarterly newsletter for all members, public liability insurance, club library available on request

Central England from Welsh borders to Yorkshire and Lincolnshire

Events across the region, throughout the year. Available for displays and events

Thorpe Kite Flyers (01)

John Arnott
210 St Faiths Road
Old Catton
Norwich
Norfolk
NR6 7AG

Tel: 01603 429512
Fax: 01603 429512

£12 family, £7 individuals. £3 under 16. Quarterly newsletter, Insurance, club library. Assistance with making & flying all types of kite.

Norfolk and Suffolk

Available for displays and charity events. Meet every Sunday morning at Thorpe Recreation

Ground. 1000 feet first Sunday in every month.

Wessex Kite Group (01)

David Webster
16 Brackley Way
Hammonds Green
Totton
Hampshire
SO40 3HN

Tel: 023 8086 0255

The group maintains close links with the Solent Kite Flyers. They arrange joint flying meetings 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons at various venues, including Stoney Cross Common in the New Forest and at Lordshill Southampton.

Southern Hampshire

Help with the Southampton Kite Festival

White Horse Kite Flyers

Dave Robinson
P O Box 585
Swindon
Wiltshire
SN3 4YR

Whitstable West Beach Flyers (01)

Andy Thomas
c/o Kites and Things
3 Oxford Street
Whitstable
Kent
CT5 1DG

Tel: 01227 264722
Fax: 01227 264722

No membership. We are an informal group who meet through the spring and summer on most low tide Friday evenings (dates from the above contact).

North Kent Coast

Bring the family and a picnic. Help with most kites available.

X Air power kite club (01)

Steven Carter
206 Grosvenor Avenue
Hayes
Middlesex
UB4 8NW

Tel: 07974 235318
x-air@power-kites.fsnet.co.uk
www.power-kites.fsnet.co.uk

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NW London

All levels welcome, from beginner to advanced. Our main aim is fun, come and give it a try

Kite Travels in India

The earthquake struck Gujarat the week before I left for India. An omen perhaps? Our plans were to explore the ancient city of Bhuj but it disappeared from the face of the Earth. Sadly my friend Mital had lost her uncle, his pregnant wife and their daughter when their house in Ahmada-bad collapsed on that fateful day; the result of bad builders and doubtful building controls. So it was with much trepidation that I arrived in Mum-bai to take a taste of India for ten days. India at last....and Mital was there to greet me and whisk me off to the Ganesh Palace Hotel in order to rest after 24 hours of fairly gruelling travel. Ganesh, incidentally, is the elephant god who brings good luck. The term Palace struck me as being rather odd; I doubt if it would be acceptable under the Trade Descriptions Act. But this was real India - the sound, smell and chaos of India!

Two hours rest and we were away to meet Dilip Kapadia of the Golden Kite Club of Bombay. Kiteworld closed in and for the rest of the day I was in Indian Kite Heaven. A 'Professionals' cutting competition is taking place - should we go? We arrive in the middle of dusty scrubland to be greeted by seriously serious flyers. The competitions are a series of one-on-one jousts and held under the strictest possible Indian rules (after all, they inherited our passion for bureaucracy and have embellished it since). The fliers are confined to their crease (cricket must have taken the term from the kite tanglers) and are assisted by their reel handler. The blue, or black, tissue and bamboo kite is launched into the gentle sea breeze and rapidly disappears from sight as the manjha line is spooled off. After spooling 900 yards of lethal glass the kite is considered safely airborne and it is time to attach the cotton line. And when 500 yards of cotton are out the Knights of the Manjha start manoeuvring to gain tactical advantage for the fight. The kites are just dots on the horizon and I can see why these dull colours are chosen. "Are you ready?" "yes, er no, er yes, er no" Psyching each other out is part of the battle. "Ready?" "TANGLE!!" The little dots manoeuvre around each other and the performance reminds me of Kipling's famous Indian story of the mongoose and the snake. There is a strike...no cut and the kites back off. They circle and strike again. Line is pulled in fast to accelerate the



escaping kite. Line flies off the spool as the attacker strikes again. At each joust the kites seem to climb higher in the sky until.....CUT CUT CUT! Suddenly one of the dots is floating away and the flier is looking downhearted.

"This kite is for you." I am suddenly in possession of a kite, manjha, reel and Mital is to be my spool handler. I suddenly feel hot and sweaty as my credentials are to be tested. What can I do against the top Professionals of Bombay - these people who treat kites more seriously than cricket? The dark blue paper kite takes to the air and I try playing with it, hoping that I won't be asked to fight. No chance. They see my trick flying as part of the tuning process. "Bring it down and I will make the necessary correction." Huh, seemed ok to me. Airborne again and now disappearing into the blue. At 900 yards it becomes really sluggish to control and I am fearful that just pulling will break the line. At 1500 yards I am flying an invisible tank. "Ready?" What? I desperately try to bring the kite down in order to start the tangle from low altitude. "TANGLE!" I have lost sight of the black dot and have no idea where the opposition is. There is a slight pressure on the line and a hearty slap on my back. "Congratulations,

you have won your first tangle in Indian skies." The second tangle went rather better because I could see both my kite and the opposition. The line continues to pull so I ready myself for another tangle. This time we were a crafty pair and the advantage was with me, and against me. "Spool!" "Pull!" "Line, line, line!" By now the Professionals are looking bemused and my quarry looks dejected as his kite drifts away. Another kite takes to the air. Try as I can, my dot will not come down so I try a different tactic. "Pull, pull!" And my eagle accelerates down towards the enemy. "Line, line, line!" The line spools off rapidly

as I see my kite pass below the second dot. What happened next cannot be explained but both of our lines went slack and two little dots drifted skywards. The Professionals looked relieved. And I ponder on whether three wins and a draw was kindness on their part or a fluke on mine?

That night we took the crowded and rattling night sleeper to Ah-madabad. The City of Dust and



Kite Travels in India

Kites. Ahmadabad has a kite museum but, like many other unfortunate buildings, it had been rocked by the earthquake. The delicate exhibits were covered in dust and there were piles of rubble and plaster scattered across the floor. It was there that I met the mystic, Dipak Bhaff. Dipak held his breath and went into a trance. He emerged from the other side of eternity with my name written on a grain of rice. He carved me a Beetlenut Ganesh, played magic tricks and read my mind. He could make exhibition kites too? Of course, but when we returned after our few days in Rajasthan there were no kites because of the Richter 5 earthquake. Dipak had to go home to his village to help with the rebuilding. So instead we talked with the Albanian Rescue Team - who hold my greatest respect as the toughest, but most gentle people that I have ever met.

Wherever you go in India you find kite eating trees. There are also kite-eating telephone wires and vast numbers of kites roosting on the roofs. I even witnessed a pile of kites been given the hoof. Holy Cow! The 14th January mass tangle is a rare solar festival that celebrates the passing of the mid-day sun from the north to south. On that day everyone must come out in the sun and what better way than a picnic and tangle from the roof-tops. Ahmadabad has a population of over one million, so if everyone has approximately five tangles.....

Because of the earthquake we took to hotelling in the cramped night trains. We explored the fabulous fortress at Jodhpur and the awesome Amber Fort at Jaipur in Rajasthan. There are kites in Rajasthan too. At considerable cost we managed to relieve Jodhpur of a delightful miniature painting depicting kites being flown by the Maharaja and his concubines - painted on ancient paper with fine detail, brilliant colours and lots of sparkling gold lustre. I was told that, at Agra, the Maharaja's palace has many manjha cuts to the fine stonework. Somehow we missed meeting Kite Guru Babu Kahn in Jaipur and instead rode on elephants, charmed snakes and did the amazing fortress thing. For some reason kite-tangling whilst riding on Dumbo is frowned on! Jaipur is called the Pink City so the sight of the rosy sunset, with kites rising to take part in the ritual evening tangle, was ever more dramatic. And of course I managed to find kiteshops and lesser makers everywhere!

Back to Ahmadabad for my second sleep on solid ground in over a week. A nocturnal call of nature



caused mayhem. I emerged from the Khasi to see the whole family out on the verandah because they had felt the ground shake!! Incidentally Indian food can be a moving experience. Also incidentally toilet paper is banned in India. My illicit roll stayed with me at all times.....

Then it was a day spent climbing 3000 steps to witness 1000 mountain-top temples, each one containing a different god. This most bizarre experience was topped only by the indifference of our driver when I pointed out to him a) that it was dark, b) that he had yet to switch the lights on c) that we were travelling in the fast lane of a very busy dual carriageway and d) that we were on the wrong side of the road! The spatially dyslectic bat remarked that he was the one doing the driving. And that was that.



Finally it was the dusty night train back to Mumbai, to drink ch'ai with the Kapadias and spend a long day discussing the finer points of Indian kites, manjha, reels and strategy. Tal Streeter had it all wrong when he wrote his book. "Come back again and this time meet the makers, the fliers and really enjoy India". I returned from India with so many kites from so many regions, with reels, with the painting, with bizarre memories....and with the smug satisfaction of having competed with honour against the Indian Knights of the Manjha!

Paul Chapman

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INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL
AUGUST 2000

Both my wife Gerri and I have known Ray for many years and shared many flying fields with him across Southern and Northern California, Washington State, Oregon, Hawaii and also at the last four AKA Conventions.

We have also had the pleasure of crewing for him many times and I might add that he is not your average flyer to crew for, far from it - very fussy, everything must be right on; meaning the right place in the arena to set up his kites, how far apart from each other they are, rechecking each kite not once but a

couple of times, then I think that's it... but Ray comes running over to check them himself. This used to get under my skin a little at first, until I realised what Ray is up against in his multiple kite ballets - just one little mistake and it's game over. One thing I have learned is never to lose eye contact with him while setting up his

kites - as you know, he usually flies shirtless and this makes him very sensitive to the least change in the wind, then he uses hand signals for us to reposition the kites. I'm very proud to say that Gerri and I must have served our apprenticeships well, as we're now part of his official crew when we're together. On August the 24th, at the infamous Long Beach, WA, State International Kite Festival, Ray was going for a new

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► this point had been a secret between Mark Reed (President of Prism) and Ray. Apparently they had been working together on this for the past few months and a lot of us had heard a rumour that Ray was going to attempt something. While at dinner the evening before, Ray suddenly said, "Fred, tomorrow morning, with your help I'm going to give it a go!" That's when he filled me in on what he had in mind - to fly 3 stacks of Prism's Fanatic kites. I said, "How many?" and he said that his last stack record was 3 stacks of 4 (12 kites) in 1997, and that he wanted to start this one with 15 kites (3 sets of 5), then go up from there.

Next morning when I arrived at the beach, Ray was already flying 3 Prism Legacies and the wind was very light at around 2.5mph. In the meantime, Mark and his crew were adding train lines to the Fanatics and setting the bridles etc. When they were all set up, Mark test flew a stack to see how they were; which was a little wobbly. Then Ray landed the Legacies and came over - between them they flew and adjusted the kite stacks until Ray was satisfied, he gave Mark the thumbs up and said, "Lets do it!" I asked Ray if he would like to use my new sets of 200lb Blue Line, that I had just made up the previous day, and he answered in his normal fashion when he is pleased ("Good stuff Fred!"). By this time a large group of kite flyers and spectators had gathered, the

Prism crew set 3 stacks of 5 kites on the beach and the wind now was 5mph. Ray had three helpers besides the Prism crew - Colby Gratzter, Craig Robbbaro and myself, with Andy Tauber as the official time keeper. The kites, the crews and Ray were ready - so Mark Reed sent a runner up to let the officials know that it was a go, and it was announced over the speakers that Ray was going to attempt to break his 1997 stack record.

By this time more spectators had arrived and everyone was watching Ray. The 3 stacks of kites looked great posed ready for take-off and their graphics were very impressive - one stack blue/white, one red/white/blue and the other red/white. Ray gave the thumbs up sign and up went the centre stack, followed by the left and right stacks. It was very impressive and a great round of applause arose from the spectators, whose videos cameras were in full swing. Ray did compulsory manoeuvres; ►

BKF ONE SKY ONE WORLD DAY 2000

Our millennium One Sky One World Day Fly-in at Devil's Dyke on Sunday 8 October saw the best turnout to date, from both members of the club and the public. The totals registered for the Brighton Kite Flyers' event at OSOW HQ in Denver, Colorado, USA are:

► Kites flown: 106 ► Fliers: 35 (18 BKF/17 other)

One Sky One World Day was founded by Jane Parker-Ambrose in 1986. It takes place annually on the 2nd Sunday of October, when kite fliers across the world unite to fly kites for peace. Further info about the event and its history can be found at: <http://www.oneskyoneworld.com/>
Details of other OSOW events held in the UK can be found on Jim Cronin's website at: <http://www.jims-place.org/>

Toody Oakhill (BKF Editor/Brighton/UK)

▶ passes, dives, raps etc, then came in for a perfect 1-2-3 landing - he had broken his 1997 record, but it wasn't over yet! The Prism crew reset the stacks to where he wanted them, then Ray gave them a hand signal to add 3 more kites; making it 3 stacks of 6 (18 kites). The wind had increased to 7mph by now and it was announced over the speakers again. Ray gave another thumbs up and launched the centre stack, which he flew around for a few seconds controlled by his waist, then put into a dive right between the right and left stacks. At the same time as reversing the dive into a climb, he launched the left and right stacks - this was a great hit with the spectators, who whistled, shouted and applauded their approval. Once again he did all the qualified manoeuvres, plus lots of his own, and landed with another perfect 1-2-3. People were waving, shouting and coming over to congratulate him - but before they could get to him, he signalled to the Prism crew to reset the kites again and to add 3 more. This now made 3 stacks of 7 (21 kites) - you could literally feel the excitement; if he pulls this off, he will have broken 3 of his own records. Once again it was announced and this time there was complete silence among the spectators, it was like they were holding their breath. The last 3 kites were attached, they gave Ray the thumbs up and I heard him remark to Mark Reed, "If I pull this off the beer is on you tonight!", to which Mark smiled and gave him the thumbs up sign. Ray was now fully

focused on the 3 stacks and you could have cut his concentration with a knife. Then all of a sudden up went the centre stack and Ray was leaning way back as he turned it into a dive, turning up at the very last second. At the same time he launched the left and right stacks, and there was like a big sigh of relief from the spectators, followed by a huge burst of

applause. And what a magnificent sight it was to see these 3 stacks flying synchronised and in complete harmony with each other. One of his manoeuvres that always amazes me, is his 'hover mode' - he stacks the kites above each other at the very edge of the wind window for a few seconds, then each one in turn breaks off into follow the leader manoeuvre. It's such a clean and precise manoeuvre, and so hard to believe that this is being performed by just one person and not a team.

Once again Ray did all the compulsory manoeuvres, plus many of his own, and after more than the qualified air-time he brought the kites in for another perfect 1-2-3 landing. The huge crowd of spectators showed ▲

▶ their appreciation with handshakes, hugs, applause, waving... you name it, he got it! Cameras and videos clicked away, spectators wanted their photos taken with him and many asked him to sign their festival programmes.

This, I am positive of, is reward enough for Ray - he has achieved

what he's set out to do, plus having the big added bonus of the joy of receiving the generous appreciation of the spectators and his fellow flyers. Well done Ray, and using your own expression, "Good stuff mate!" - thank you for letting

us, Colby, Craig, Andy and myself be a part of this very special event. The 21 Fanatic kites were on show at the Prism demonstration area and later sold, after Ray had signed them. Many people were disappointed in not getting one of these kites as a souvenir of Ray's achievement in setting a new world record, but both Gerri and I were very fortunate to have been able to get 3 of them. They will be displayed, along with this article and photographs, at our place of business - to show our staff, customers and friends yet another aspect of the world of kite flying. Ray also flew them individually the next day, at the request of many of those who were lucky enough to have obtained one or more of the kites which were used in the world record attempt.

Fred Adler ('Lasting Impressions' Pairs Team/USA)

AFGHANISTAN...

Anyone thinking of flying kites in Afghanistan - think again. The Taliban have enforced strict interpretation of Islamic Law. As well as ordering all statues to be destroyed they have included a ban on keeping pigeons, playing music, dancing and kite-flying. (The Guardian: 27/02/01 page 17)

Mick & Norma House
(BKF/Brighton/UK)

BORDE HILL GARDENS

- ▶ **Date:** Sunday 13 May 2001
- ▶ **Time:** *10.00am - 5.00pm
- ▶ **Map Ref:** 198 TQ 322 265
- ▶ **Height Clearance:** 1000ft
- ▶ **Contact:** Ray Oakhill (BKF Events Coordinator: see page 6)

Once again the club has been invited to demonstrate kites and parachute teddy bears for charity at the Borde Hill Gardens Children's Animal Fair, near Haywards Heath. Unfortunately the event clashes with both the Swindon and Rougham Kite Festivals - but despite this, several members have already confirmed that they will be attending. If you haven't been before - it's well worth the trip to West Sussex, as the grounds are very picturesque and we have permission to camp there on Saturday night (only). *For those arriving on Sunday morning, please ensure that you are on site by 9.30am in order to have access to the flying area with your car.

Toody Oakhill (BKF Editor/Brighton/UK)

5TH INTERNATIONAL DESERT KITE FESTIVAL

An exhilarating global festival consisting of flyers from Belgium, France, Holland, Japan, Sweden, UK and USA. We were to spend 15 days in India at 4 kite festivals.

After arriving in Delhi and thinking, 'How could so many people fit into such a small space?', plus experiencing our first hair-raising rickshaw ride; we knew this was

going to be an experience! An overnight train took us to our first stop - Jodhpur the city of forts and palaces. At the station we were welcomed by strangers who insisted on carrying our cases, tugging them from us and then expecting us to pay for portage, the trouble was that few of us had rupees and they didn't accept travellers cheques. After a mini riot we were on our way.

We stayed at the Bal Samand Palace as guests of the Maharaja Gaj Singh - where fruit bats, parakeets and peacocks shared our stay. We participated in a kite workshop at the local girls' school and met locals at the polo ground kite festival. Babu Khan, the well-known Indian kite maker, gave us an outdoor demonstration on kite making.

Our next port of call was Jaipur. An elephant ride up to Amber Fort found us bumping into Paul McCartney and inviting him to the festival, but unfortunately his schedule made this impossible. This is where some of us learnt the

delicate art of bargaining with the locals, each of us getting what we perceived to be a bargain. We visited two family businesses, a factory to observe paper being made from recycled linen, then to a textile printing factory. Here we watched material being printed by hand with hand carved wooden blocks and vegetable dyes. A visit to the basement cellar revealed thousands more of these wooden blocks, which had been accumulated over the generations. The festival at the stadium was ▲

► an opportunity to exchange western and eastern flying techniques. Unfortunately an appreciation that single line flying need not involve glass coated line proved impossible. Off went our yellow/blue conyne into the distance over the temple, never to be seen again!

The Makar Sankranti, on January 14th, was the annual kite festival in India where tens of thousands of kites were flown simultaneously from the rooftops. As a group we were invited to an afternoon's flying from a rooftop in the city centre. On arrival at the roof, monkeys were seen eating kite remains. Here we continued to test our skills with guidance from our hosts. Some of us succeeded in keeping kites aloft for more than 30 seconds! Sunset over the rooftops along with fireworks ended an unbelievable afternoon. Our third stop was Agra. This city, with the Taj Mahal, was a beautiful backdrop for the kite festival.

However, to get to the flying area we had to take a precarious trip by rowing boat, which for some resulted in wet feet and bailing out of water. The day was hot on the sands with lack of winds for us western flyers, but a good display by us all. 'House Rok' has flown at some tourist sites, but this was one we were glad not to have missed. The last festival was at Lucknow. Here there were some of the finest kite and manjha makers. At last the winds were up enough to do the sweetie drop, (thanks Nico for the lift with your Rok) the kids went wild. A walk through the local town saw women labouring on building sites dressed in their saris, locals making silver edible paper by hand, and here we purchased fireworks for our private farewell send-off. The impromptu firework display certainly went with a bang. An Indian wedding took place in the hotel grounds, for some this was spectacular but for others the noise continued for most of the night. We extended our stay to include a trip to Varanasi and the holy Ganga River, to observe the Hindu ritual of immersing themselves ▲

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► in the river to cleanse themselves of sin and free them from the cycle of birth and death. Then on to Khajuraho to see the exotic temples depicting sensuously carved gods, goddesses and mythical half-beasts.

We returned to Delhi for 4 nights, visiting the rail museum (of course!) and experiencing the street sellers offering to polish our trainers, pick wax from our ears and sell us dodgy looking delicacies - we observed only. We stayed for the republic day parade; thankfully we didn't experience the tremors from the Gujarat quake. To sum up our Indian experience... Roaming holy cows, camels, goats, monkeys and elephants, dodging of rickshaws, hot spicy food, Delhi-belly and clutching of loo rolls, malaria tablets for pudding, brightly coloured saris, wide-eyed children tugging our sleeves and cupping their hands for money or asking for pens and the locals practising their English, "Hello, what is your name, where are you from and what is your job?" And not forgetting our reason for being in India - our flying experience and meeting new friends: Sam & Anne Huston (USA) flying their optic rocket, Collective Zoone (France) flying their artistic shapes, Scott Skinner (Drachen Foundation, USA) flying the Bell tetrahedral, Martin Skoog (Sweden) flying his Rok with eyes looking down on us, the Ohashi's (Japan) flying their kite trains, Nico (France) the aerial photographer, Fanc Coenraets (Belgium) flying his genki and our host Ajay Prakash and his family, to name but a few. This natural sport has connected us with people in a space where there are no boundaries - One Sky One World... "What an experience", we recommend it.

Mick & Norma House
(BKF/Brighton/UK)

GERMANY ADVENTURE 2000: 11TH SYKE KITE FESTIVAL

Due to Dieppe changing their festival date, a lot of the German dates were also changed, so there was quite a mix up on my calendar and trying to fit in and rearrange my September's sponsored invitations was quite a chore!

I usually have the air flight tickets and itineraries weeks ahead, but on checking my email early one morning I found a message from Germany, with the subject: 'Ray is coming'. It read, 'You leave for Bremen, Germany in 5 hours, the tickets are waiting for you at Vancouver Airport and I will be waiting for you at Bremen Airport tomorrow morning. Have a good flight - Matthias.' I wonder how many of you can arrange things at home, pack 25 kites, tails, lines etc, plus a suitcase, make it to the airport (45 minutes away) and catch a plane... all in 5 hours? I think this must be another world record! It was a 9 hour flight to Amsterdam, with a 4 hour lay-over and then a 1 hour flight to Bremen - so I had time to catch my breath and think, "Will this madness ever end?" I have been asked this question many times by the media and also by kite flyers. Is it worth it? I mean I've already travelled Down Under for 6 weeks, with 7 flights across Australia, Madison, South Padre Island, Wildwood, 3 trips to California, Long Beach WA, Alberta, 2 international UK and 2 French kite festivals plus many more, now Germany and next week Marseille in France, then home just in time to take off again to Florida for the Nationals! Well, looking back and savouring all those beautiful memoirs - meeting and making friends with literary hundreds of wonderful people, having the marvellous opportunity to fly with some of the best kite flyers on this planet, the honour and trill of seeing thousands of spectators jumping up and down, waving and clapping their hands in appreciation after watching my performances, plus the buzz and honour of being carried shoulder high around the flying area by one's peers. Is it worth it?... "You betcha!!" It's worth every single long, lonely hour (sometimes many!) spent waiting for connecting flights and every arm-aching minute of carrying my kite bag to the hundreds of flying arenas! Another thing I'm very sure of is that the more I travel, the more I find that the world is full of beautiful people. So, "Will this madness ever end?"... for me, I certainly hope not!

This was my second time to the town of Syke, meaning 'valley of many waters', which is a very peaceful and beautiful place. My hosts were once again Matthias and his lovely wife Monika Corede - Matthias is the Syke Kite Festival Organiser, besides working 12 hours a day at his bakery. By the way, he is the fourth generation master baker in his family and his bakery makes bread etc that is shipped all over Germany. His home is above the bakery - so once again I woke up each morning to the smell of baking bread and cakes, and what a way to start the day... fresh rolls smeared with butter and the choice of all kinds of sliced meats and cheeses, washed down with hot coffee.

After breakfast it was off to the flying field, ▲

► which was 2 miles from the town of Syke, in a small suburb called

Heililigenfeld. The festival is held on a huge open grass area, which is rented from one of the local farmers on a yearly basis by the Syke Kite Club. The field was in the process of being set up ready for the two day festival starting the next day, it was great to meet and work with all the club members that I had met last year. We soon had the work done, so then sat around reminiscing about last year's festival and discussing Saturday's bad weather forecast.

Well, the weather man was right... as Saturday morning started with light showers, but by noon the weather had cleared up. The wind was very light but "No worries", as I had my new Pro Dancers, made by Jon Trenapol, with beautiful appliqué maple leaf graphics - designed and sewn by none other than the one-and-only Pam Kirk. The Pro Dancers have been proven over and over again to be my 'life saver' when asked to open a kite festival with a multiple ballet in just about zero wind, like today! So let the festival begin - and it sure did... as all the kite flyers were soon displaying and flying every kind of kite they could in the low wind. Thomas Getheroefer 'Professional Disc Jockey' was there with his huge mobile music system from Hamburg - playing music to suit the wind conditions, hundreds of spectators started to arrive and the news media was there too, interviewing the kite flyers from all over Germany. Apart from the wet start it turned out to be a pretty good first day.

Sunday morning arrived with sunshine and a 5mph wind, which was just enough to fill the sky with kites of every description - showing off their awesome graphics and colours against the blue. Again this festival provided entertainment to just about suit everyone, including North German Boomerang Champions: Klaus Dieter, Sascha Winkler and Christian Meyer... who put on boomerang throwing demos and workshops which were a huge success with children and adults alike. These guys can throw 5 boomerangs right behind one another and catch every one of them as they return! The wind dropped a little late in the afternoon, which gave the Hot Air Balloon Team leader Horst Siener and his team time to set up and get ready to take flight, carrying the very lucky spectators that were chosen. But just watching them setting up and inflating these huge balloons was a thrill in itself and a great crowd pleaser.

I had just finished a multiple kite ballet in the main area when Matthias Corede, the Festival Organiser, came over with some other kite flyers and said, "Ray, are you ready for this year's surprise we have planned for you?" Last year it was an awesome 2^{1/2} hour hot air balloon flight across the north German countryside, one guy said, "I will look after your kites, go ►



► for it Ray!" So I was taken to the other end of the festival site, and on the way I wondered what was in store for me! We stopped right by a beautiful ultralight aircraft (a motor propelled hang-glider) and I was introduced to Wilhelm Clausing, who soon had me dolled up in a flight suit and helmet. Crowds had gathered, the photographers were busy and a reporter asked me, "Are you not a little scared?" I said, "If I can jump from a plane at 16,000ft with no problem, this will be a piece of cake!" What am I saying?! I mean, in my excitement I have already broken wind a couple of times!! ☺ The pilot said he sure was glad that I would be sitting behind him! I wonder what he meant?! ☺

The pilot sure knew his stuff and the flight was better than awesome - looking down at the countryside from 500ft+, then swooping low over the festival site, every minute was thrillingly exhilarating and the landing... as smooth as a baby's bum! What a wonderful surprise from the Syke Kite Club and the sponsors, but it wasn't over - as the Syke Balloon Club later gave me another complimentary hot air balloon trip. It sure can't get any better than this... or can it, as it makes me wonder what they're planning for their surprise next year?!

Like I have mentioned before in my other articles, European kite festivals are very different to the North American ones - things happen so fast that it's a hard job to keep track of all that's going on! I would like to mention the wonderful family feeling that there is at all the German kite festivals, they are very family oriented and not only cater to kite flyers but also to ▲

► children of all ages... with workshops and kite flying lessons etc. Everyone works together and there is

never a shortage of volunteers, even the children help with collecting dishes and glasses and also sometimes even with the washing-up in the food and beer marquees. And talk about 'food'... all the kite flyers' wives, sisters and mothers must spend hours making and baking all those mouth-watering homemade cakes and pies! I love gooseberry pie, as I remember the ones my mother used to make when I was a young lad - someone noticed this last year and this year they made sure there was extra just for me, "Good stuff!"

I could literally go on for hours telling you about this festival, but it is time for me once again to thank the sponsors; the local newspaper Weser Kutier and all the others sponsors (too many to list here). Also all the kite flyers that came from all over Germany to participate, the Syke Kite Club, the Syke Balloon Club, the Ultra Light Flying Club, the North German Boomerang Club... with everyone working together as a team we were able to make the 11th Syke Kite Festival another huge success! And last, but by far not the least, Matthias and Monika Corede plus Detlev Marquardt - thank you for your hospitality and friendship, and also for letting me share your homes and families.

Thank you for listening.



A SPACE IN THE SKY...



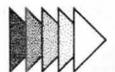
I was very sad to learn at Christmas of the death of Don Newing in October 2000. Although I didn't know Don terribly well, or see him particularly regularly - you didn't have to in order to consider yourself as one of his many friends. He always welcomed you with a huge warm grin, no matter how long it had been since he'd last seen you on the kite field.

Don's regular presence at most of the major (and minor) UK kite festivals over the years, along with his Mini Skydivers, enriched me and countless others with many enjoyable memories of fun times spent together. One particular incident springs to mind above all others... his infamous (unofficial!) grand opening ceremony for the 1994 Basingstoke Kite Festival. As usual Don was the endorsed master of the event's bear bunging ceremonies and, despite the appalling weather, stood determinedly out there in the rain (in his shorts, of course) to complete his first test drop prior to taking on any punters. Due to the torrential downpour at the time, the rest of us wimps were to be found taking shelter courtesy of the traders stalls and proceeded to give him some of the usual type of encouraging banter that is traditional on such occasions(!). To rapturous cheers and yelps of delight, his much anticipated inaugural festival drop was a classic 'Roman Candle' - with said cuddly Mini Skydiver (Peter The Blue Bunny, I seem to recall) plummeting rapidly to earth at an alarming rate and colliding with it rather more suddenly than he had anticipated. This, of course, was met by a huge round of applause from his audience - to which, being the model of modesty and decorum that he was, Don just duly bowed and grinned wickedly in that way that only he could! Needless to say, a repeat performance was always requested at following years' events - and he always did his very best to oblige us... being, I think, secretly greatly tickled at having inadvertently provided everyone with so much amusement on a wet Saturday morning in Basingstoke!

Sadly, in more recent years, we began to see less and less of Don, as he became progressively more ill and was no longer able to regularly undertake his much loved festival trips and fauna bombing excursions. I last bumped into him at the 1999 Bristol Kite Festival and was surprised to find him in a wheelchair. Never being one to dwell on his illness, we enjoyed a good laugh together over a couple of pints in the beer tent on Saturday evening and his company was as ever... warm, friendly, humorous and fondly remembered.

Toody Oakhill (BKF Editor/Brighton/UK)

Ray Bethell (BKF/Vancouver/Canada)



BKF FLY-IN REMINDERS

1ST SUNDAY MONTHLY
(THROUGHOUT THE YEAR)

Our monthly general fly-in days - a chance for club members to meet up and fly together. Refreshments are available at 'The Badgers Watch' pub, which is just across the coast road opposite the flying site.

- ▶ **Venue:** Telscombe Tye/Brighton
- ▶ **Site:** Next to the A259 coast road between Saltdean and Peacehaven
- ▶ **Map Ref:** 198 TQ 392 017
- ▶ **Time:** 11.00am - 5.00pm
- ▶ **Parking:** On roads next to the site or in A259 lay-by
- ▶ **By Bus:** Nos 14/711/712/713 from Brighton
- ▶ **Height Clearance:** 1500ft

BKF FLY-IN REMINDERS

2ND THURSDAY MONTHLY
(APRIL - SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE)

Six mid-year monthly flying evenings at our festival site - with a get-together afterwards at 'The Swan' pub at nearby Falmer.

- ▶ **Venue:** Stanmer Park/Lewes Road/Brighton
- ▶ **Site:** Next to Sussex University
- ▶ **Map Ref:** 198 TQ 342 088
- ▶ **Time:** From 6.00pm
- ▶ **Parking:** On road through the site
- ▶ **By Bus:** No 25 from Brighton
- ▶ **By Train:** Falmer Station
- ▶ **Height Clearance:** 200ft

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MKF EXTRA

The Extra Newsletter of The Midlands Kite Fliers



Foot & Mouth - Let's think again before we go out to fly

One of the elements of our sport/activity that I really enjoy is being out in the country with the wind on my back. Indeed, when Carolyn and I bought this place one of its biggest benefits was a large grazing field behind the house, and few trees.

It is a really good flying site and the landowner is quite happy that we use it.

All that has changed. Our county, North Yorkshire, is thankfully free of Foot & Mouth disease.

Nevertheless, the local rights of way are all closed with a £5,000 fine for breaching the

regulations. That includes the right of way through our flying field.

For those of you who missed Watchdog on Foot & Mouth, this horrendous virus is spread on clothing, vehicles, people, animals - in fact just about anything and would certainly be spread on our feet or our clothing and equipment. In this cold weather it can apparently survive away from a host for a very long time.

So my plea, as one who lives in a rural area, is please think before going to fly. Fields, parkland,

common land - they are all out, even if animals are not immediately obvious. I understand Calke Abbey is closed and we should expect to lose some of our other events.

I think the 'long winter kip' as John Barker always calls it, just got a lot longer.

With best wishes to all in the hope that this thing ends soon and we can go back to enjoying ourselves.

Jerry Swift
Secretary, MKF

THE MIDLANDS KITE FLIERS

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WOULD YOU BE AN MKF BUDDY?

Julie White

Can you remember the first time you needed help with making or flying your kite? Was help readily to hand? As a member of one of the best kite clubs in the world I would love to think that any new flier/maker thought they could ask for help at any time. But in practise I know this is not the case.

I am often being asked, and recently I was again, 'Who can I talk to about...' Usually I suggest the best way to find out about all aspects of kites are to go to a fly-in or event and ask a fellow kitefliers - but this option is not open to everyone.

Recently a new member asked if we could set up a Buddy Scheme - basically a list of members who would be happy for new members to phone/email or contact them with their query.

Could you help a new flier by passing on all those little hints and tips that you know now, but didn't when you first started flying. You may think you do not know anything of value - but if you have been a kiteflier for say, over a year, you know a lot more than the new member!

Don't be shy! If you like the sound of this idea, and wish to participate, either by being a buddy, contact me, when I can put together a list of Buddies. This list would be made available to all officers and buddies, and on the members only section on the MKF website.

I can see that we would have to ask what each buddies expertise is (i.e. - single line kites, teddy dropping, buggies, making, Kite Aerial Photography, trick flying, precision flying, competition flying etc)

Alternatively, if you are a new member in search of a buddy, get in touch and we shall see what we can all do to help.

Julie White - email: julie@mkf.org.uk phone 01332 669203

We have another new committee member, Martin Harris (see left), who was co-opted at the January meeting. Martin is very keen to see the Club flourish and put on some really good events. Thanks for your help, Martin.

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Cover Picture: Peter Harrington

Sky Symphony, Kite Display Team, caught posing for onlookers at Birmingham Botanical Gardens in October.

From left to right - Alan Poxon, Graham Binney (crouching), Dave Salmon, Chris Head, and Alan Bill.

ORDER YOUR CLUB CLOTHING

Julie White has some club clothing in stock -

sweatshirts	(£16)
t-shirts	(£10)
cloth badges	(£3.50)
pin badges	(£2)
car stickers	(£1)
baseball hats	(£4.50)

Unfortunately, not all sizes are stocked, but can be ordered (orders are placed when demand allows).

See Julie on the kite field, telephone 01332 669203 or email <julie@mkf.org.uk>



KITEFLYING ON THE INTERNET

I hope to establish this page in every newsletter to keep you up to date with what is available to the kiteflier on the Internet. This time I am concentrating on MKF, and it's website:

CHANGES TO EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR CLUB OFFICERS

Since the last newsletter in December changes have been made to the email addresses used by the club's officers. If any of the old addresses are used the officers will get the email, but only after redirection.

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Recent changes have been made to the MKF website to now include a members only section. It is still in its infancy and we are keen to hear from members about what they would like to see on there. At the moment it contains the minutes of meetings and AGM's, and a messaging area. A suggestion has been made about using it as an area for members to contact each other. To gain access you need a password, which has been sent by email to current members. It will change every three months.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All the information on forthcoming MKF events is on the website, including directions, information on camping, contacts etc. For information on other (non MKF) events visit the Events Calendar at www.kitefliers.co.uk - which lists all the major kite events in the UK, including hyperlinks to other websites for more information.

EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

In January, the club consisted of 327 memberships, and of those 186 had email addresses to which we sent out an e-mail newsletter. E-mail newsletters are sent out to members of The Midlands Kite Fliers on a very irregular basis. - i.e. if late or urgent news arrives we'll let you know. If you are not receiving these newsletters, and would like to, email me.

ORDERING BOOKS FROM AMAZON

Thank you to everyone who has ordered books from Amazon Bookstore via the link on the MKF website. The 5% commission we earn from every order (currently about £30) goes straight into club funds. If you are thinking about buying a book remember to go via the link on the website for the commission to be registered to the club.

SUGGESTIONS PLEASE

If you have any comments/questions/suggestions regarding this page or the website, please email me. I am especially looking for your favourite kite related link/s that you would like to share with other members.

Julie White <julie@mkf.org.uk> or <julie@kitefliers.co.uk>

Please be a good egg and pop this request in your 'Kites for Sale' page, I am desperate to get 'off the ground'.

Wanted: Flexifoil 'Super 10' power kite (or equivalent) with lines and straps for under £100, or swap for 'Tanglewood' Electric Bass guitar. contact Joe at jsawyer@technolog.com, or ring 07968 29 21 28. Derby area.

Many Thanks, Joe Sawyer.

Brother VX1100 sewing machine
3yrs old great little stitcher
£ 60.00 plus p&p
contact:
mick@fuzzy.in2home.co.uk

Dear Alan,

I enjoyed the Beer and Skittles night; it was brill.

I especially liked the bowling, even though we didn't win. The food was nice too!

Laura Islip (12)

Jason Smith (8), the youngest flier on the "Fred's Tours" trip to Dieppe last September, seen here being presented with a kite by Seiko Nakamura, the famous Kitemaker from Nagasaki, Japan, and his wife.

Jason had presented Seiko with a badge earlier at breakfast, and Seiko asked Jason to attend his workshop. He and his wife each made Jason a kite and personally signed them. Jason was overjoyed.

Sorry I didn't have space to put the 'photo. in last time, Jason. Hope you like it. Ed.



The sixth Beer & Skittles event took place, once again at 'Schofields' Birmingham on Saturday 24th February 2001.

My wife and I arrived at the venue at about 6.30 pm to organise the many donated Raffle Prizes and set out the Skittles Competition.

This year was a SELL-OUT!! All tickets were sold (to those of you who missed out if there is another event in 2002!!, book early!)

Everyone was punctual, and I welcomed everyone, laying out the format of the evening.

Programme of Events

1. Preliminary Round (1 match to be played)
2. First Round Matches
3. Semi Finals
4. Basket Meals
5. Whisky Roll
6. Charity Raffle

During the above programme 2 Silent Auctions would be in progress.

On Friday evening Mrs Kay Wilkinson came to my house to complete, the 'draw' for team names, and position of play!

I thought this would be fair to everyone as this year there were 9 Teams.

Teams of 4 were drawn out randomly with the following (Team Names):-

- TEAM SCORPION Judith, Dave, & Ethan Troy, & Jim Cronin
- TEAM ELIXIR Stacey, Andy, Sam, & Alex Stevenson
- TEAM MAESTRO Kay, John, Dean, & Stella Stevenson
- TEAM ILLUSION Alan Poxon, Lorraine Stennett, Laura & Jamie Islip
- TEAM FANATIC Sarah & Chris Head, Dave Salmon, & Sue Daniel
- TEAM ALIEN Lesley, Bryn, & Donna Baggaley, & Kayley.
- TEAM FIREBALL Janice & Stan Fones, & Dot & Tony Marshall
- TEAM VAPOUR Alan, Zena, & Vicky Bill, & Jane Davies
- TEAM DANCER Graham & Linda Binney, & Sandra & Brian Harris

Prior to any play, a lucky ticket draw was carried out. The lucky recipient of a bottle of wine was the MKF Chairman – Jim Cronin (I must have scored some

brownie points).

The preliminary round was completed (after a little confusion), but the outcome was a win for Team Alien, beating Team Elixir by 78 pins to 61.

First Round Proper - First Round Results

- Team Vapour beat Team Illusion by 81 pins to 67
- Team Fanatic beat Team Scorpion by 76 pins to 55
- Team Maestro beat Team Dancer by 80 pins to 78
- Team Fire ball beat Team Alien by 53 pins to 50 (2 games only)

At this point the evening was interrupted by the staff of 'Schofields' and my good lady, serving the basket meals, of Chicken, Scampi & Cod and judging by the noise level (none!!) the most excellent food was consumed by all.

Semi-Finals

- Team Fireball beat Team Fanatic by 52 pins to 45
- Team Vapour beat Team Maestro by 51 pins to 46

We therefore had our finalists!

At this point in the evening we had 'The Whisky Roll' a donated bottle of whisky was placed on the No. 5 pin, together with a yellow dot, which signified a mystery prize. Everyone tried to skim, roll or throw their 20p pieces down the lane to land closest to these points, after 10 minutes I called a halt.

The winner of the bottle of Bells was Jane Davies and the mystery prizewinner was Sam Stevenson. The mystery prize this year was a prestigious glass paperweight.

SKITTLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

This again was settled (as last year) on the last ball!! Team Vapour were the final champions beating Team Fireball by 45 pins to 43.

After much celebration (especially by Zena Bill), I presented winning medals, together with MKF red, white and blue ribbons, to each member of the winning team.

VAPOUR - Alan Bill
Zena Bill
Vicky Bill
Jane Davies

*(THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING FOR ALAN – as Champion)

Other presentations were made:-

Highest Points Scorer - Zena Bill

A medal with No. 1 was presented



Wooden Spoonist

Ethan Troy won this decorated (by my artistic daughter Jo) spoon, which I think might be used by Judith, his Mom.

Throughout the evening two Silent Auctions had been in progress – the items were:-

- 1. Flexi 6' Stacker
- 2. Team Sky Symphony 'T' Shirt

At the close of bids (10.30pm) Bryn Baggaley bid the highest for the flexi, and Lesley (his wife) wanted the shirt desperately, it was 'fitting' that she received it.

This made way for the final event of the evening – our Charity Raffle, over 30 prizes again this year, including: Stunt Kites, Windsocks, Wine, Chocolates, CD's, Pictures, Lines Handle and other items far too numerous to mention.

I would like to thank everyone for their kind and generous donations again this year.

Special thanks to Flexifoil, Spirit of Air, Shirley Turpin, and Linda & Doug Richardson, whose 'Spikey Ball Windsock' stole the show!

Finally all my hard work was over. The evening had been a huge success, and had been enjoyed by all.

Résumé:

- 1. The total amount raised through the Raffle and Silent Auctions was £170 – WELL DONE EVERYONE!

This money will be donated to the Birmingham Children's Hospital (Ward 5) as we learn that their TV has broken.

- 2. The Whisky Roll generated £25. This is to be donated to the M K F Committee to use as they see fit, (probably for the purchase of a stunt kite for prospective new members!)

FINALLY MY THANKS

- To all those who attended
- To all who donated prizes (as already mentioned)
- To Chris Head, for his numerical skills!
- The staff of Schofields
- Donna & Kayley for selling Raffle Tickets

Finally, my report wouldn't be complete without thanks to Linda my wife (although she doesn't have the passionate interest I have for Kiting) whose help and assistance in planning the evening was invaluable.

2002 ??? – YOU TELL ME!!

Graham Binney

It would appear the current Foot and Mouth crisis will have an effect on our calendar for at least the first part of the year. At the time of writing, Calke Abbey is closed, as are Shipley Country Park and Hardwick Hall. Whilst I am concerned it would be unwise to double book dates and lose future venues, let's be positive and give you the fliers, a choice of venues which are active:

Baxterley 1st April

Cookley, Worcestershire 7th May

Long Eaton, Scout/Cubs Gala 1st July

Biddulph, Staffordshire July (date to be confirmed)

Yorkshire Hot Air Balloon Festival 6th, 7th, & 8th July

The above are not all MKF events but organisers who have made contact with us to notify of their event and ask for support.

We suggest you call to confirm events are active and we will do our very best to keep you informed.

Alan Bill, Events Co-ordinator.

Longshaw Estate, near Grindleford, Derbyshire - Tuesday 17 April 2001 10.30am-4pm

Over 2000 people including celebrities, politicians and civic dignitaries, are being asked to put on their walking boots, pack up a picnic, bring a kite and hop on a bus cycle as part of the celebrations commemorating the 50th anniversary of Britain's first national park at the National Park, Longshaw Estate, near Grindleford, in the Peak District.

Longshaw is a wide expanse of open land, woodland and farms within the Peak District National Park, with dramatic views and excellent walking. The anniversary Day event includes speakers, displays, demonstrations and guided walks and plenty of space to fly a kite. Invitation is extended to all members of the public, whether they walk or come by bus, train or cycle.

THE FLYING SITE

Kitefliers are invited to fly their kites on the large flying site which is open on all sides, and to the prevailing wind. (Some of the sites could get a little marshy, so walking/strongly recommended, but the site is big enough for everyone to find somewhere to fly.)

For more information: see Website or contact Julie White.

7th Calke Abbey Kite Day, Calke Abbey, near Ticknall, Derbyshire - 29th April 2001

A popular event with both public and fliers in the past, this is a nice opportunity to fly a kite in the grounds of 'the house that time forgot' which now belongs to the National Trust. Kite club members are excused from paying the £2.50 car park charge on production of their membership card. (cont'd. overleaf)

Sorry Event Cancelled



Calke Abbey (cont'd.) Last year's height limited of 200 feet will unfortunately apply again this year, due to the proximity of East Midlands Airport. A trader, free parking on field, kite workshop, will all be in attendance.

Event Steward: contact Alan Bill

East Yorkshires' 4th Annual Kite Flying Festival.

**May Day Bank Holiday Weekend, Sunday 6th & Monday 7th May 2001
at Beverley Race Course, Beverley, East Yorks.**

Sunday Evening - Kite Fliers get together on the racecourse in the Kite Fliers Marquee - the organisers hope to provide a barbeque - bring your own food & wine.

Beverley Racecourse is the perfect flying arena in a lovely setting surrounded by rolling countryside with the hills and the Yorkshire Wolds in the distance. This is the friendly informal festival - just come and enjoy yourselves.

Kite Fliers and their families can enjoy all the features of the busy garden festival and shopping for all those unusual presents. Enjoy the music and performing arts and the Children's Festival. Your access to the festival is free at all times. Beverley's historic Minster town is a good place to spend a weekend, with quality shopping and many nice eating houses & pubs.

There is excellent caravan and camping on site, only £5.50 per weekend, including shower & toilet facilities. For hotel and B&Bs phone Beverley Tourist Information Centre on 01482 867430.

Garden Festival

Opening Sunday 10:00am to 6:00pm. Monday 9:30am to 5:30pm. Free access. something for everyone.

Children's Festival

Busy programme designed specially for children featuring Owls, Pets and Wildlife, Puppet Theatre, Workshops, Bouncy Castle and much more.

Free admission to Kite Flying Arena & Garden Festival on production of your MKF or KSGB membership cards.

How to find us

Beverley Racecourse is on the A 1079 York Road a half mile from Beverley town Centre.

Travelling along the M62 - take the signs for Beverley and go into Beverley and follow A1079 York's signs out of Beverley to Race course.

Travelling from York - Take the Hull signs. This road will bring you straight into Beverley - The racecourse is on the left, half a mile before the town.

Travelling from the South

- (a) From Lincoln A15 North - M180 East - A15 signed Humber Bridge - over Humber Bridge & follow signs for Beverley off the roundabout
- (b) A1 - South of Doncaster take M180 East - A15 signed Humber Bridge - over Humber Bridge see (a)
- (c) M1 - M18 - M180 - A15 signed Humber Bridge - over Humber Bridge, see (a)

May day event in the village of Cookley in Worcestershire

Dear Alan ,

Would any of your members be interested in flying their kites at our event? We received an millennium award to fund artists to work with groups of people of all ages within the village and they have produced banners and kites on sticks which will be exhibited and flown on the 7th May. We would like to invite any other kite flyers to join us.

If you would like more information you could Email me at the address I have sent from or julietmay@stourbridge.ac.uk or telephone me on 01384 344466 or 01384 344610.

Thanks

Juliet May

MKF Fly-in & Shipley Country Parks' 25th Birthday Celebrations, Shipley Country Park, Heanor, Derbys - Sunday, 27th May 2001

On May 26th 1976 Shipley Country Park was officially opened. There is a Jubilee Jaunt for walkers on Saturday, along with displays etc. all weekend.

Event Steward: Alan Poxon.

MKF Fly-in Stonleigh, Warwick, 3rd June 2001 (prov).

Event Steward: contact Alan Bill

Margam Park Kite Festival Port Talbot, South Wales 9th & 10th June 2001

The kite festival is now organised locally with the continuing support of the Midlands Kite Fliers. It will continue to be a relaxed family atmosphere with flying events for all ages and interests. Car passes are limited, these allow free entry into the park and flying areas. There will be a small charge for camping. The park entrance is approximately 300 metres from junction 38 of the M4 between Bridgend and Port Talbot. For further details and pass applications please send a SAE to Scruffs. Information is also available on the website www.kiteshops.com

Contact: Ian Read or Irene Dawson
SCRUFFS, 77 Oxford Street, Pontycymer, Bridgend. CF32 8DD

E-mail: margam@kiteshops.com

Tel: 01656 871871

Fax: 01656 870000

MKF Fly-in, Hardwick Hall Kite Day, near Clay Cross, North Derbyshire (Notts/Derbys border) 17 June 2001. 10.30-5pm

Hardwick Hall (NT) was a new venue for the club last year and it proved so popular that we are back again.

Event Steward: contact Alan Bill



ROMAN CANDLE 60.

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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. 100% Recycled, Politically Incorrect Mindless Drivel? Yep, that says it all, but do we give a Toss?, nah.....

AND WHILST ON ABOUT SODDIN' POSERS,

STYLE, AH, THERES A THING, IS IT JUST POSING OR WHAT? IS IT A CASE OF HAVING MORE MONEY THAN SENSE?, OR COULD IT BE A TRUE DESIRE TO GET AWAY FROM YOUR AVERAGE BMISS MEMBERS DRESS SENSE WHICH OWES MORE TO AN EXPLOSION IN AN OXFAM SHOP THAN "STYLE"

Be that as it may, the Bears shown here are certainly a bit out of the ordinary schmutter wise, which is not surprising, seeing as how their Togs are from the Top designers in the Rag Trade.

A collection of Bears was recently put together, Toggled up by no fewer than 30 of the Rag Trades most well known designers. The collection was in aid of fund raising for the childrens charity Norwood Ravenswood and was a full on, no punches pulled tour de force by the likes of Gucci, Prada, Versace and Valentino amongst others.

The Bears

outfits were take offs of those worn by many celebs at various fashion and showbiz jamborees last summer.

For instance, the Bear with the Shades is the Gucci recreation of the Punky black leather biker kit worn by football super star David Beckham, whilst the Bear in

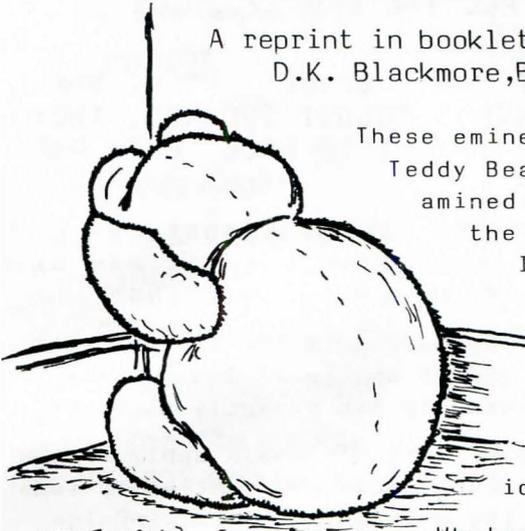
in the middle is Valentinos mini version of the red chiffon dress and rose shoulder bag worn by Elle Macpherson.

Good grief, can the Bear on the right be a Fat Reg from Pinner look a like? Holy Cow it is. Versace really went to town with the amazing outfit worn by the one and only Elton John..Wow... Needless to say the Bears at auction realised mega \$!



SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE DISEASES OF "Brunus Edwardii" (species nova).....

A reprint in booklet form of an article in the VETERINARY RECORD by three vets D.K. Blackmore, BSc, PhD, FRCVS, D.G. Owen, MSc, and C.M. Young, MA, VetMB, FRCVS.



EMOTIONAL HYPERTENSION

These eminent Gentlemen conducted a study into the afflictions of Teddy Bears which inhabit an amazing 63.8% of U.K. homes. They examined a total of 1,598 Bears and they describe in some detail the worst of the specimens.

It would seem that the average Ted suffers quite a variety of physical and mental disorders, ranging from very common outbreaks of ALOPECIA, to SQUINTS, EYE and LIMB loss, INFESTATIONS and some chronic EMOTIONAL HYPERTENSION. The Veterinarians also noted that all Teddy Bears seem to be Genetically the same as Limb re-grafting with whatever origin of new limb, seemed to show no signs of Tissue rejection whatsoever.

Whatever the outcome of this study regarding care of your Bear, we can see quite a glaring omission in that the Vets were probably unable to make a study of Parachuting Bears, which would have opened up a whole new can of worms. Most Dropniks are aware of the alarming Emotional conditions displayed by their Parachuting Fauna, not to mention the physical ones.

For instance, how would the Vets have described poor Brother 'Oraces Head Coming off on one notable Total, or for that matter, in what Latin Terminology would they have described poor Brother Gamley's condition when Dropnik Locke blew his BUM off with that fiendish smoke flare. Perhaps we can persuade these Vets to undertake a study into the Physical and mental condition of a selection of Dropniks, most of whom are wrecks and mostly two stops past Upton Park, i.e. BARKING.....

Para-suits let SAS glide for 50 miles

By CHRIS PHARO

CRACK SAS troops will soon be able to parachute from 45,000ft and glide 50 MILES - thanks to revolutionary James Bond-style jump suits.

The stealth outfits will enable the elite squadron to be dropped unnoticed on enemy targets.

The suits have heating systems to protect troops from temperatures as low as minus 60 degrees. They also use a satellite navigation system.

And each helmet has a sophisticated oxygen supply unit and communications system allowing teams to speak to each other while airborne.

Covert testing of the equipment has been carried out by Defence Eval-



SAS... testing suits

uation and Research Agency staff in Boscombe Down, Wilts. During trials, SAS forces jumped from EIGHT miles up, stayed airborne for 30 minutes as they "flew" 50 miles.

At that altitude an aircraft is out of radar range, making the troops virtually invisible.

Forty members of the Air Troop of the 22nd SAS Regiment - dubbed Ghosts - will be the first to take delivery of the gear this year.

An MoD spokesman said: "Researchers are constantly upgrading military kit in an effort to stay ahead of the game."

was the poor Bear last being seen at an estimated distance of two miles climbing rapidly and heading for the South Coast, Ohh, Nersy...

Nope, them SAS boys is welcome to them suits, we'll stick to parachuting in the Naughty Naked Fur.....

EIGHT MILES HIGH..... Hmm, we've heard that somewhere before and we're pretty sure that they wer'nt referring to Hi Tec Parachuting schmutter.

Still, for all that these Parachuting suits really do sound the Bizzo, and you can bet your bottom dollar that you wont pick them up at your local branch of the Flying Queerthing Emporium.

Mind you even without the aid of such Megabuck high technology some of our Members have performed drops of a similar nature.

Does anyone recall that one at the Grenham bomb dump some yers back when Dave Clements dropped a Bear that almost reached the ground, only to encounter an updraft which took the Bear on an amazing ride, the result of which



SO, WHY DOES THAT BRAIN DEAD FURRY WOTSIT COP ALL THE GLORY?.....

SO WENT THE LAMENT AFTER THE LAST ISSUE OF ROMAN CANDLE. WHILST THE MOB WERE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO BE GIVEN A PUFF IN THIS AUGUST JOURNAL, THEY WERE SOMEWHAT MIFFED THAT THE SPOTLIGHT SEEMED MAINLY TO FALL UPON ONE THEY REGARD AS A SUICIDAL OLD STUFFY.

However, the other members of The One and Only Famous Barnstorming Bear Devils! Masters of The Sky. were somewhat mollified when it was explained to them that every outfit does require a suitable "MUGGINS"

In every walk of life there is always one Muggins who will pull the Trigger after someone else has loaded the Gun. These silly sods will always oblige if its demanded that an idiot sticks his bonce over the parapet, where usually its promptly shot off.

Its an even bet that hundreds of years ago Muggins of that ilk would apply to the King for the post of whippingboy, with very little prompting. Sobe it, dont worry lads if Grizzly Mishap wishes to take centre stage amid all the muck and bullets, indulge him, lie back and luxuriate in the knowledge that if that silly old sod wishes to cop all the Flak, then its sure as hell that the said Flak aint being aimed at you.

Apart from the aforesaid tizzy over the star billing of Ye Olde Brayn Dedde Furry Wotsit, ernie Fosselius, erstwhile ground Crew Ghief to "TOAOFBBDMOTS"(cor wot a jaw-breaker) says that the mob are currently having to have crash helmets fitted that are a couple or three sizes larger, whilst also self importantly strutting their stuff.

All we can say is good for them, why not strut your stuff? but, and its a big but, never lose sight of the fact that there is a vast and never diminishing number of the PO FACED out there who need sorting out, so dont strut your stuff for too long.

SO, GO GET 'EM BOYS,
YEEE, HARRRRRRRRRRR....



Burglars with a conscience return head's Teddy bear

By RICHARD SAVILL

A TEDDY bear that was stolen from the home of a public school headmaster along with thousands of pounds of antiques has been returned to its owner with a note of apology.

James Macpherson, of King's Hall, Taunton, Somerset, appealed in a local newspaper for the return of the 50-year-old bear which has sentimental value as it was given to him on the day he was born.

The appeal appeared to have pricked the consciences of the burglars who dropped off the bear in a plastic Asda bag on the steps of the vicarage with a note saying: "Sorry. Please return to James Macpherson."

The bear is named Card'n after the cardigan it used to wear, which Mr Macpherson mispronounced as a boy.

"It was like being reunited with an old friend," Mr Macpherson said yesterday. "It looks to me as if he has lost a lot of weight because of the worry of being kidnapped. Other than that, he is in good shape. It was devastating because I have owned him all my life."

The bag returned by the thieves also contained a brooch stolen from Mr Macpherson's wife, Sarah.

The burglary took place at Mr Macpherson's home in the school grounds while the couple were out celebrating the New Year. The thieves have yet to be caught.

20 YEARS? CHEERS YOU CRAZY SODS!

IT WAS TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY,SGT PEPPER TAUGHT THE BAND TO PLAY, HOLD IT, HOLD IT, HOLLLLD IT ! NO IT WAS 'NT, IT WAS SOME BARKING BARSTEWARDS WHO THOUGHT THAT PARACHUTING FAUNA OF A SOFT CUDDLY TOY PERSUASION SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN NEWSLETTER

SO HERE WE ARE WITH TWENTY YEARS WORTH OF WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE, ARGUABLY KITEFLYING LONGEST RUNNING GAG, WELL LOADED WITH FOOT AND MOUTH, i.e. WE KEEP PUTTING OUR FOOT IN IT AND RUNNING OFF AT THE MOUTH, CHOCK ABLOCK WITH MINDLESS DRIVEL, ALL PUT TOGETHER BY,YOURS A BORING OLD BASTARD,WHOOPS SORRY, BARSTEWARD WHO DONT KNOW HIS ARSE FROM HIS ELBOW.

Thanks to all you Crazy Sods out there who enable us to keep the whole ramshackle affair moving, or should that be lurching along getting nowhere fast and also a big thankyou to all those who hate our guts. getting up your collective noses makes it all worthwhile.

Over the last Twenty years or so we like to think that we've kept a few people off street corners by introducing them to the delights of Bear Bombing, we also like to think that as well as raising the odd eyebrow, we've also raised the odd Titter, which is no bad thing in the world as it is today. Having a dredge through the back issues is also a bit of a giggle. Holy Cow who'd have thought that this running gag could be kept going for so long. It must be something to do with Parachuting Fauna from Kites itself as its a disease with no known cure.

Once again, thanks to all you crazy sods out there, you know who you are, keep the crap coming we love it.....

FAREWELL DOREEN, YOU WAS A GOOD'UN GAL.....

The good feelings engendered by 20 years of Roman Candle were tempered by the passing of Doreen (Ginja) Oakhill, wife of Ray Oakhill (Oakie One) after a short illness.

Doreen really was an avid supporter of Roman Candle and Parachuting fauna in general and was the brains behind the worlds one and only Parachuting Teddy Bear Nun, Sister Immaculata. Doreen also had to put up with the antics of the notorious South Coast Slapper and all that that entailed, and it was a lot that Suzy Bear and her various suiters visited on her. Thanks Doreen it was a priviledge to have known you.

SO, AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF PARACHUTING MAYHEM, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GRANDIOSE PLANS FOR WORLD DOMINATION?

LIKE THE CURATES EGG, IT WAS GOOD IN PARTS, AS BMISS IS ALIVE AND KICKING AND SCREAMING IN MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD,AND THEY ARE STILL DEDICATED TO VISITING PARACHUTING MAYHEM ON THOSE WHO ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF IT.

Lets face it, Kiting as with any other Sport or Pastime is always in danger of taking itself too seriously.Whenever the air of being right up your own fundamental hoves in sight, then its surely time for an injection of levity or lunacy. after all most things are started with the express idea of having fun. So go on Smile, it makes a difference.

SO AS EVER ITS TE USUAL TO THE USUAL AT THE TEDDYTORIAL C/O THE BORING OLD FART, 48 LAUREL LANE, WEST DRAYTON MIDDX, UB7.7TY in what forever will be England no matter what the Traitors have planned.

P.S. Some years back a Geezer with a ludicrous 'TASH was in favour of a European superstate, and look what



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