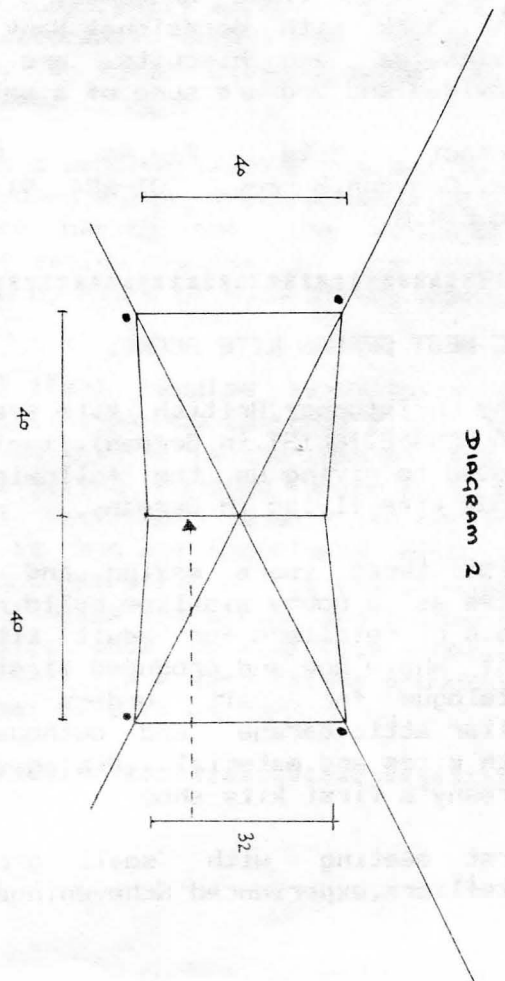
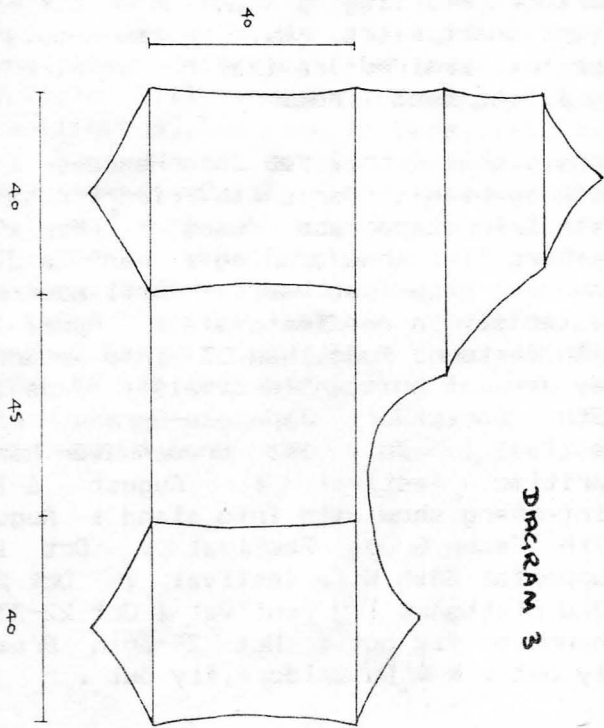
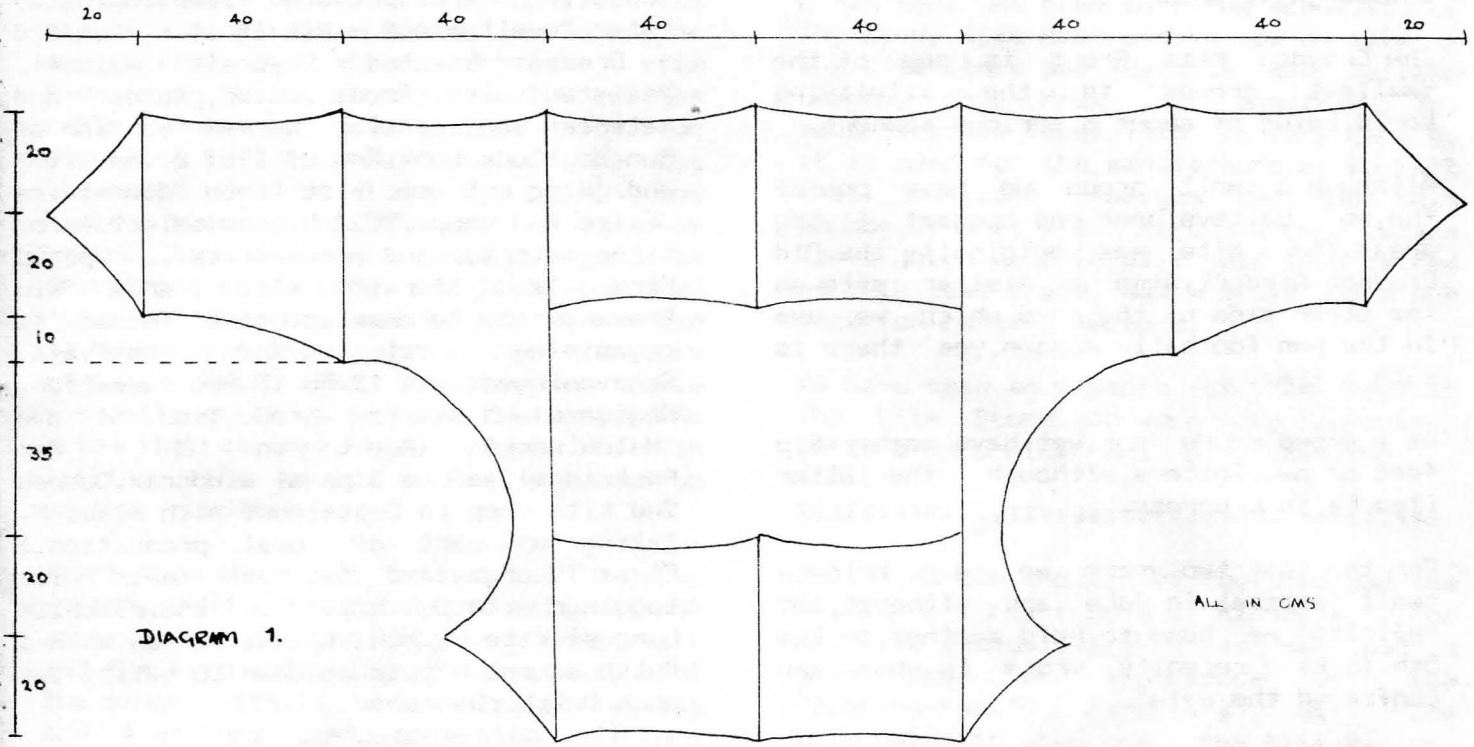


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CROYDON KITE GROUP

The Croydon Kite Group is one of the smallest groups in the kiteflying world, being of about 6 serious members.

Although a small group we have one of the, we believe, best and biggest flying areas. The site was originally the Old Croydon Airport, also a similar site on the other side of the road which we use in the non football season, yes there is such a time.

As a group we do not yet have membership fees or newsletters, although the latter item is in progress.

For the last two years we have held a small festival in June and although not definite we hope to hold another on the 5th. (Mike recently wrote to us and confirmed the date).

We have in our group an expert Indian Fighter Kite flyer who would welcome any other enthusiasts or kites who want to learn more about the art.

We are on the field on Sunday's from 2pm until dark with occasional Bank Holiday flyins. Tea and biscuits are always provided and you are sure of a welcome.

Contact Mike Fay, 94 Ringwood Ave., Croydon, Surrey. 01-684 9141 about the C.K.G.

THE WEST GERMAN KITE SCENE.

Tony Christopher, British kite freak (DER DRACHENSPEZIALIST in German), finally got around to giving us the following info about kite flying in Germany.

First three years making and selling kites as a hobby-sideline, building up a chain of retailers for adult kites. 1981 went whole hog and produced first colour catalogue for mail orders ... House, cellar, attic, garage and outhouse full with kites and material ... Dining room as Germany's first kite shop.

First meeting with small groups of kitefliers, experienced Scheveningen as an

"observer and private flyer". Mainstay Peter Powell - ACE - Flexifoil - Dunford - Greens - Spectra - Skycraft - Waldorf. Assisted with front cover, photos and material sources for German version of Ron Moultons book. End of 1981 moved kites and gear out of flat into downstairs office and shop. 1982 bigger selection of kites, material and accessories... Opened Germany's "first" kite shop in Bremen, with "eternal student" Thomas K. organising sales and festivals. Scheveningen with 12 to 15 ACE formation. Designed and started production of own "Halowinder" (Agent in UK = Max Puckridge), and a 3 panel windsock. Opened 2nd Kite shop in Dusseldorf with Klaus N. taking up part of local production.. First TV organised festival (near Ulm) together with Dutch team and their Worlds Largest Kite... Now speaks German with a Dutch accent - puts it down to eating too much Dutch cheese!!

1983 article about Dunford's Twinkeel Birdscarer in several agricultural magazines - causing telephone to run hot!... End Feb starting up 3rd (Hannover) 4th (Hamburg) 5th (Bonn) 6th (Stuttgart) 7th (Frankfurt) 8th (Munich) and 9th (Berlin) Kite Shops with partners. Starting production of kit for Tyvek snake kites. Winding own spools of special (braided Trevira) non stretch 18 to 110 kg test lines.

Provisional events: Feb 25th Hannover Kite Shop opening : Mar 3-6th Friedrichshafen kite info stand and demos : Mar 19th Hamburg Kite shop opening : Mar 26-27th Hannover Kite festival : April numerous Easter fly in and festivals : April 13-17th Dortmund Modellbau 83 info stand : May several Whitsan festivals : June 11-12th Dusseldorf Japanese-German kite festival : July 1st Bremen bazar maritime festival : August 6-7th Winterberg show with info stand : August 27th Essen Gruga Festival : Oct 1st Wuppertal 34th Kite festival : Oct 22-23rd Stuttgart T.V festival : Oct 22-23rd Hhannover fly out : Oct 29-30th Bremen fly out : Nov Dusseldorf fly out .

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