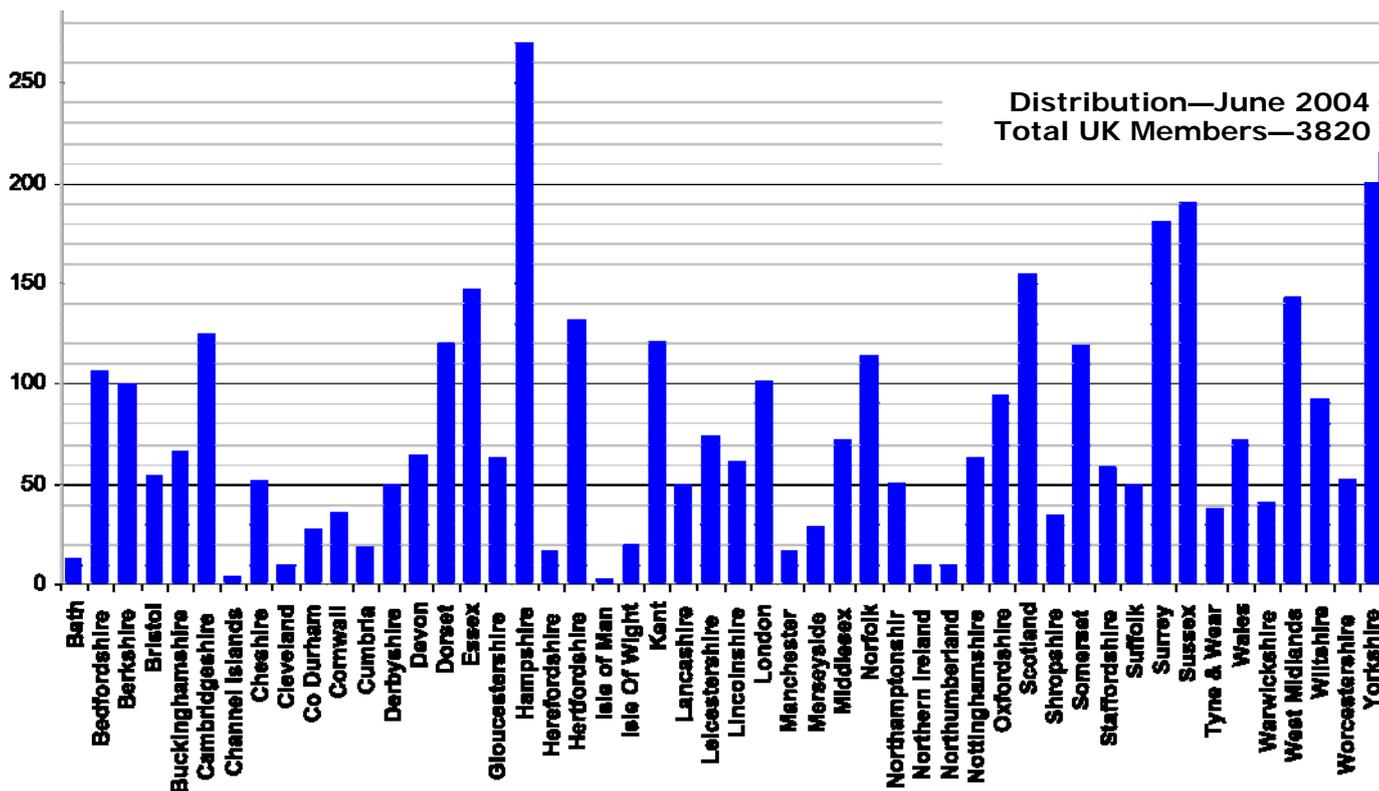
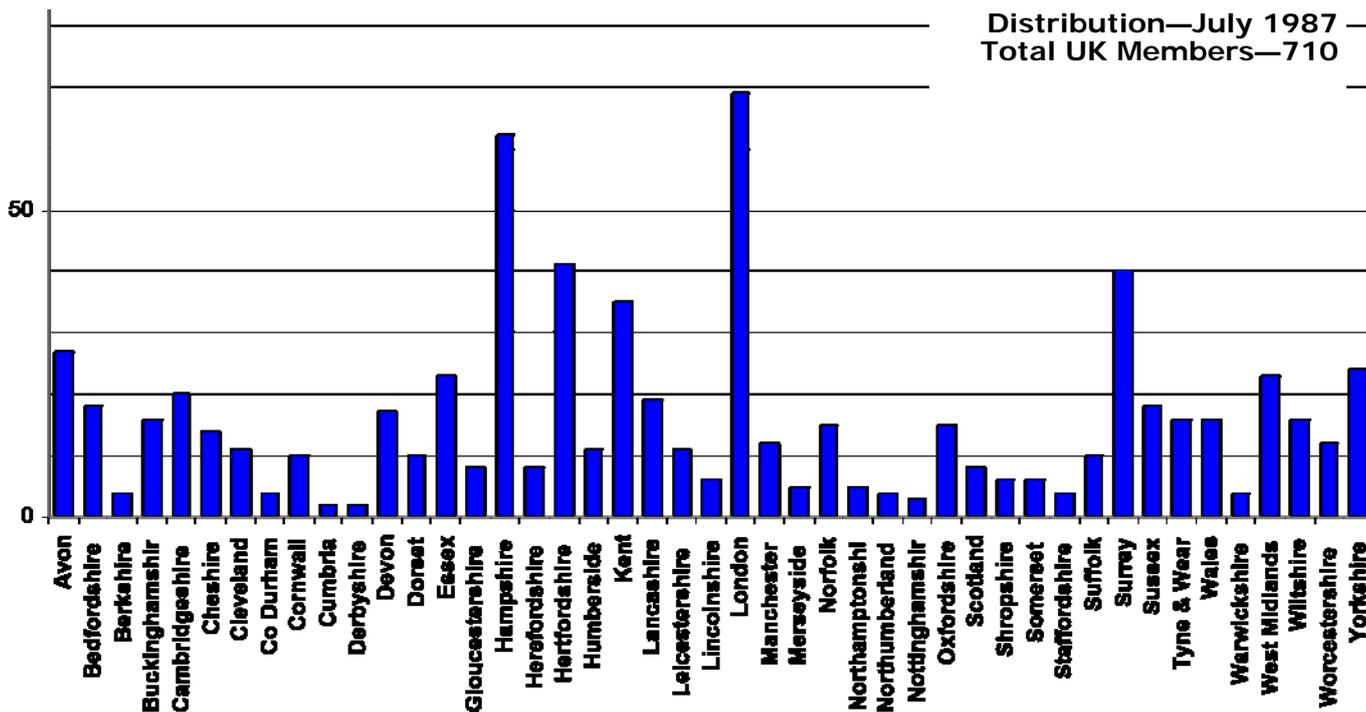




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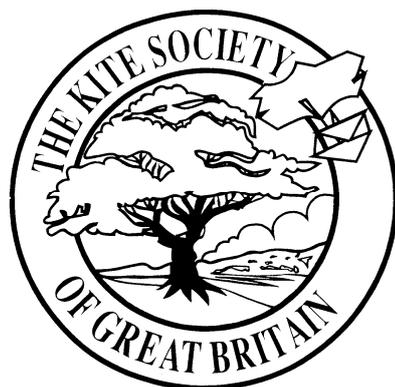
In July 1987 we published a breakdown of our members across the country. Overseas members and exchanges were excluded. At the time we noted the lack of members in certain areas and suggested that if members found their area low on members that they should "promote kite flying, The Kite Society and even start a local group."

We have done the same as of June 2004 excluding the overseas members and exchanges. Family memberships count as 1.



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**Editorial**

Dear Reader

We have made treble figures! 100 issues of the Kiteflier (or K.O.N. in the early days and 25 years. Please forgive us for being a bit self indulgent but digging through the archives bought out some interest items!

Continuing the theme, Tony "TC" Cartwright will be resurrecting the cine projector and dusting off the film to show some of the old festivals at the Portsmouth Kite Festival during the Saturday evening. All are welcome to attend.

We are also going to be running a raffle and auction (short with just a few items) during the evening—again all are welcome to attend (B.Y.O.B.s)

In the last issue we mentioned that we were pursuing insurance—well the wheels are turning slowly but we are confident that it will happen. There may be some other interesting news later in the year as well. Watch this space.

Articles—well, we filled this one by doing our own, borrowing from others and bullying people. Please consider sending us something for the magazine, we really need your input.

**Gill and Jon**

**Front Cover:  
Peter Dolphins Award winning kite at Weymouth 2004.  
Photo: Gill Bloom**

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**Membership Information**

The main vehicle of communication between members is the quarterly publication 'THE KITEFLIER', 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.

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 send your name and address (plus the names of any supplementary members) and your payment for the appropriate membership type, to the address shown above. All cheques, 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

*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.*

## Weymouth Thoughts

Well that will be Weymouth over for another year then.

As I'm sure that we all noticed the Kite Society could not quite order the correct weather this time. I don't know how many years we have been attending but this is the first year that I can remember Jon and Gill not quite managing to order wall to wall sunshine for us all to enjoy!

I'm trying to remember the name of the two crusty old so an so from the Muppets show, you know the two that use to sit in the box by the stage. Was one named George, and did the other have a kite shop somewhere, well-done lads excellent commentary yet again.

Arrived Friday, blown out of my tent, Saturday night couldn't see a hand in front of my face, Sunday sunburnt and Monday rusty. Could only happen here, anywhere else in the world and they would have had to cancel it! I've decided I'm owed a bit of a moan, so hard luck, I'm going to have it here.

I'm a trick flyer, not to the standard of Andy Wardley or the Robertshaws, but I like a bit of a backspin and a flick-flack, so, when are those power people going to get their own arena!

Two comments from the bloke next to me on the beach, "when are they going to rename this the mad peoples arena", and, as he strapped on all manner of stainless steel hooks and pulleys, "Oh well, time to go and get hurt".

If you want to go and get hurt mate, go and do it in your own arena! I wouldn't mind so much, but most of them don't seem to know how to do it, reference the bloke that ended up nearly sitting on my lap, and then proceeded to cut most people out of the sky, even the power people had had enough of him!

So for next year, because I cant stand the sight of blood, two more arenas please, a 'mad person arena', and a 'stake out your 10m Blade and leave it all day on the beach', arena! I'm not anti power/traction, but come on.

Can I just share this little stunner with you, girl on the registration desk to man in Oakley sunglasses, "Well you still have to register", man in Oakley's, "But I'm a kite surfer, so where's the best place to do it"! Well mate, if I were you, I'd try the sea, and if you can't find it, it's the wet bit between the land and the sky.

### **Anthony Smith.**

Just a quick e-mail re Weymouth this year. I have attended for the last 10 years and enjoy the festival immensely my main interest being stunt kites. What I would like to comment on though is that this year and also last year the stunt kites were pushed out of the stunt arena by a great many power kites. Last year when the winds were stronger there were a number of incidents with the power kites going through lines and other kites and I feel it was very lucky that no injuries happened.

Would it not be possible to have another arena for the power kites then people who wish to board/buggy can do so in safety and also to protect other fliers who attend the event and wish to use the stunt area. I also realise that stunt/freestyle kiting is not as strong as it was a number of years ago but I only managed to fly for about an hour throughout the whole festival mainly because there was not room in the arena.

Do not get me wrong everybody should be able to fly at the festival I just feel that for safeties sake that an extra area should be set up for the power kites. Thank you for organising, what is an annual pilgrimage for myself and my son, long may it continue.

### **Dennis Broughton**

*As organisers we obviously take thee comments on board and will see if we can squeeze in another arena beyond the stunt arena. The only problem is the local Council may have an issue as it encroaches more onto the public bathing/beach area. An alternative may be to have the power kites on the water edge.*

## The Todd Ward Fund

On behalf of my family, I wish to let you know that on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June I went to Kings College Hospital London SE5, with my son Danny, his wife Katrina and Simon Hennessey. This was to present the Todd Ward staff with a cheque for **£6466.79p**. This magnificent amount was the sum total of all the amazingly generous donations to the fund, set up as a thank you to Todd Ward for looking after Pat and doing everything that could be done.

The fund will be used to buy a portable heart monitor that can be used at the patients' bedside, a very useful piece of equipment for the ward. The unit will carry a dedication to Pat.

I wish to thank every one most sincerely for your help and support to help me get through this difficult time since Pat died.

**Ron Dell.**



# THE HUNSTANTON KITE FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST SMITHDON SCHOOL FIELDS**

**POWER KITING INDIAN FIGHTER KITES**

**SINGLE LINE DISPLAYS TEAM FLYING**



**Hunstanton Rotary host this most popular event again  
with all the usual attractions**

**The flying programme starts at 10 am Sunday  
morning , with full arena events all day**

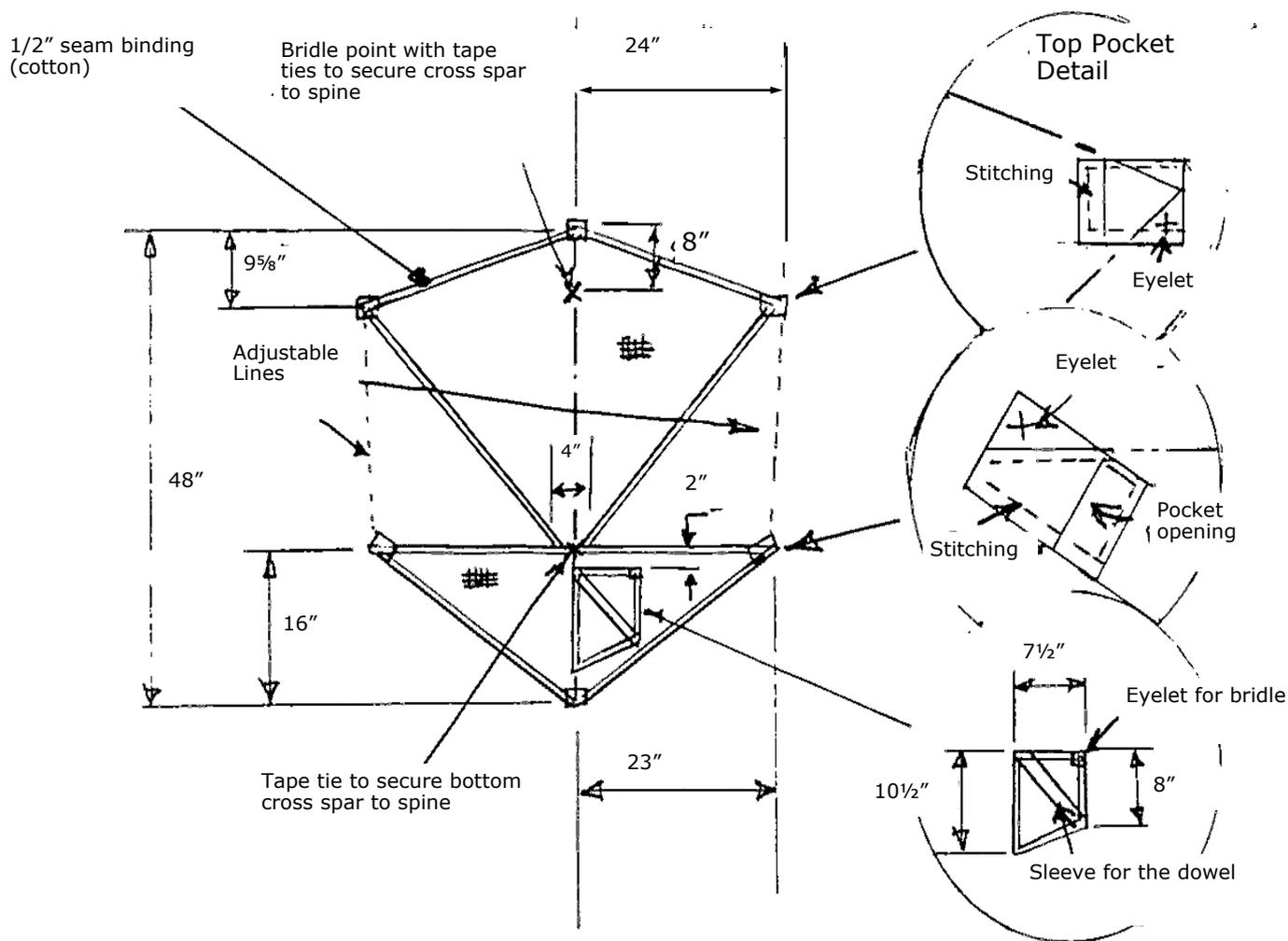
**Kite flyers and visitor are welcome to fly and display  
their kites all day .**

**New this year!**

**Saturday from 1pm kites will be able to practice in  
the flying field for the festival day**

**For further information, camping , etc please call  
Bryan Cante 01223 243825**

## Diamond Roller after Alick Pearson



Bridle: 72"

Spars: 5/16" or 8mm Ramin Dowels

Dihedrals: Originally 5/16" internal diameter x 6" long Dural (aluminium alloy). Tube bent up to 150° inclusive angle. Thin wall brass is available to suit in many model shops.

Note: This size should work with 5.5mm carbon.

By multiplying all dimensions by 0.75 1/4" or 6mm Ramin dowel can be used successfully.

The spine is cut long enough to stretch but not distort the sail. The cross spars are then cut and trimmed on the longish side so as to induce a camber in the spine. Tape ties then hold the spars in place.

Flying adjustments are by bridle and adjustable side lines.

From Chiltern Kite News, newsletter of the Chiltern Kite Fliers—June 1993.

## Bits and Pieces

### South East Kite Society Change

At the AGM of the South Eastern Kite Society members voted by an overwhelming majority to change the name of the club to Kent Kite Flyers. Contact details remain the same. You can also reach us through our new web site at <http://www.kentkiteflyers.org.uk> or you can email the secretary, Gareth Williams, at [gareth@kentkiteflyers.org.uk](mailto:gareth@kentkiteflyers.org.uk)

### The Kite Store, London

Finally, after 28 years of just running a retail shop in Neal Street, London, we have an online shop for you to browse and, hopefully, order from. Admittedly not everything we sell is here, but most of the usual stuff is and if there is anything you particularly want we are just a phone call away on 020 7836 1666. The Kite Store, London. [www.kitestore.uk.com](http://www.kitestore.uk.com) .

### Middle Wallop Kite and Buggy Event – August 2004

Due to the much bigger turnout at the last Middle Wallop event combined with the current demands that are being placed upon us as organisers, we have had no choice but to cancel the August event.

Over the last few years the land owners and other relevant parties have been placing ever more financial demands on us. As the event has grown safety has become ever more a concern. To ensure not just the safety of competitors but most importantly the safety of third parties there is a need for greater investment into the event.

The landowners once again require more money than we can currently raise from the existing set-up, so we need to take a step back and re-think how we can successfully continue to organise the Middle Wallop events.

After considering all the restrictions and demands being imposed upon us and the immediate need for much larger investment we now will turn all our efforts into bringing you an even better event for May 2005. This only affects the Middle Wallop event and we are at present trying to organise another event for 2004. Details will be posted as and when they become available.

Information will be posted reference 2005 festival dates as soon as they become available

### Follow Up on the Largest Kite Record—From the Peter Lynn Newsletter.

Early last month, just after our March newsletter, the Guinness record people formally confirmed to us that they'd made a mistake last year in elevating the Qingzhou Cigarette factory's serpent kite to world record status. They had measured the Qingzhou kite as 842 sq.m including tails while the Megabite with frilly bits but WITHOUT tails had been certified by Guinness in 1997 as 933sq.m. Quite puzzling really, especially the time and difficulty we've had in getting this obvious error corrected.- and I notice that it still hasn't been corrected on their website, though I'm sure this will eventually catch up.

Anyway, our approaches were successful, thanks almost solely to Meg Albers who pursued Guinness with a mixture of relentlessness and diplomacy that I could never match. Thanks Meg. So, the Megabite is officially re-instated by Guinness as the world's largest kite, and of course the MegaRay also therefore regains it's informal position as joint largest kite, being exactly the same size as far as we can ensure.

Additionally, in the last few days, Guinness have further stated that the "largest kite" definition will revert to being based on lifting area only, with tails and non-lifting appendages excluded. So, the Megabite is reinstated, lifting area only, at 680sq.m,- exactly as Guinness measured it by this definition in 1997. By our measurement, being a bit more conservative about subtracting area for bulging and curvature, the Megabite and MegaRay each have lifting areas of only 635sq.m- but we won't quibble about this.

## Bits and Pieces

### Support the World Kite Museum Capital Campaign!

Building a Legacy for the Future. The World Kite Museum—the only kite museum in North America—has launched a \$3.35 million capital campaign to build and endow a new, 12,010 square foot museum. The “new” Museum will be surrounded by dunes and other natural vegetation in a park-like setting that overlooks the Pacific Ocean. The Museum is based on the Long Beach Peninsula, a resort community in SW Washington.

Driving the Capital Campaign is a Commitment to be:

**A world-class, international kite museum which fosters programs and events that maintain and enhance the lore and history, while advancing kiting as a form of recreation and an international art form**

Why a “new” Museum is needed:

- The Museum has acquired a collection of 1500 international kites, yet 95% of them must remain in storage at any one time, due to the lack of space.
- The cramped quarters of its current facility, a one-story cottage, restrict the artistic display of remarkable and extraordinary works of international art.
- The Museum must rent offsite space for workshops and education programs to accommodate the public’s interest in kiting.

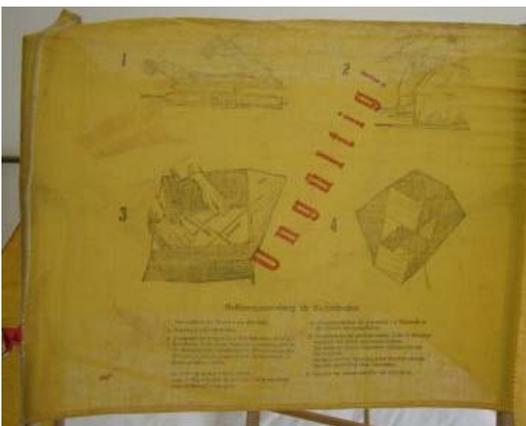
The “new” World Kite Museum will:

- Create a lasting legacy for the region, the Pacific Northwest and the world by building and sustaining a world-class museum devoted to kiting.
- Enhance cultural livability by becoming the region’s arts and cultural center.
- Provide year-round educational and arts programs for children and adults and stimulating and interactive exhibitions about a remarkable art form.

How can I help? Support the capital campaign by a) joining the Board, b) volunteering to help and c) making a cash donation or multi-year campaign pledge. We need everyone’s help to make the “new” museum a reality. For more information, please contact the World Kite Museum at +1 360.642.4020 or [info@worldkitemuseum.com](mailto:info@worldkitemuseum.com).

### Seen on E-bay

Someone selling some of their Luftwaffe items. “This is one of the rarest pieces of Luftwaffe survival items - the kite that was included with the raft and emergency Notsender 2/4 radio. The kite comes in a cloth bag and can be quickly assembled. The antenna from the radio is attached to a ring on the kite - and flown to raise the antenna so the airman could send his emergency signals in the hope of being located by the air sea rescue launches. I can't say how rare this item is - you Luftwaffe collectors will recognize it! Over the years I have had numerous requests to sell this item from Luftwaffe and RAF collectors in North America and Europe”.



“There are instructions printed on the kite material and on the storage bag - one panel has, in red lettering, “UNGULTIG” - which means “INVALID”.

The final selling price \$1275.00



## Bits and Pieces

See on the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers. Something for the kite book collection ([www.ilab-lila.com](http://www.ilab-lila.com))

### FRANKLIN, Benjamin Experiments and Observations on Electricity

This first complete edition is the fourth edition of the original work; the earlier editions, each issued in three parts as separately published pamphlets usually bound together, were carelessly published. Franklin edited this new one-volume edition himself, significantly revising the text, adding for the first time a number of his own philosophical letters and papers, introducing footnotes, correcting errors, and adding an index (Cohen, Benjamin Franklin's Experiments). Included in this work are accounts of Franklin's famous kite and key experiment.

Price: USD 16,000.

**Airdynamics** is best known for our range of hand-built sport kites – the T2, Dharma, Odyssey and Trancer, with some new and revised models coming soon.

We are also great fans of traditional Chinese kites –

especially Dragon kites. These have a reputation for being spectacular but difficult to fly, but we've found a source of dragons which fly exceptionally well. We are now importing these from China – there's a full range from £25.00 up to monster kites over 250 ft. Full details at <http://www.airdynamics.co.uk/dragons.html> The small ones make great presents and the big ones are serious festival attractions.

The dragon kite section of the website also has instruction for flight, and some background on the history and culture of dragons.

The same source supplies us with other traditional Chinese kites (see <http://www.airdynamics.co.uk/chinese.html>) and we've picked the best from the range.

Peter Taylor  
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01432 271598

## Event Reports

### Cleethorpes 15th & 16th May

Forecast for the weekend was wind 0-5 mph, but I guess even the gods couldn't resist Sue's smile. The sun shone and we had almost perfect on shore winds all weekend.

Ann and Eddie Megreth, Malcolm and Jeanette Goodman aided by an army of others formed the organisation working alongside the council led by Susan and Annabel.

Marco Cassadio and his partner Sophie had 10 or more kites flying all day each of the 2 days. Wigsleys Wings also kept an ever changing display going. My particular favourites being the frilled lizard by Phil Machonnacie and Rolf Zimmerman's blue owl.

Mr and Mrs Nakamura flew the 100 plus kite train, how does such a slight lady hold on to a train that must exert quite a pull? Mr Nakamura demonstrated his superb control of his cicada hummer kite by plucking an errant green White Horse workshop sled from the top of the marquee with great ease. In the evening Stafford Wallace also showed his skill by flying his fighter way down the estuary, it must have been well on it's way to Mablethorpe, yet under perfect control.

Nick James enhanced the gathering dusk with a glittering pyramid surrounded by lights on the beach, while the sky was being filled with a brilliant firework display.

George Webster's dulcet tones kept the public well informed during the day, and filled our evening with laughter as a teller of jokes.

Security was tight, but I guess in these days of litigation, it is something sadly we are just going to have to get used to. Sue's smile smoothed a way through any problems that arose. At the end of the weekend a Cleethorpes resident said to me that he had really enjoyed the festival, and surely that is what it is all about. **Lynn Blowers**



## Event Reports

### Russell Park, Bedford. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> June

The wind throughout the weekend varied between 0-5mph. Andy Pidgen should have followed the advice of Cheang Yarin from Cambodia who said that in her country prayers and offerings are made to the 'gods of winds' at the start of each kite festival to ensure good flying. She had tried, but she thought our wind god must have been deaf. Bedford is a small site surrounded by trees, very pretty, unless you are a kite flyer with no wind. Everyone had to work really hard to put on a display for the public, and I have picked out a few that caught my eye.

Jerry and Carolyn Swift parachuted flora and fauna, their own and those of the local children, this caused a few heart stopping moments when a tearaway headed for the trees, but all landed safely. They also flew an amazing 'two dragons fighting over a pearl' kite, quite a feat in the very light winds.

From Japan Eiji and Eiko Ohashi, who are in their late 60's



**Eiji and Eiko Ohashi**

always seemed to have kites in the air. Edos flying either in a train or separated into single kites, which they let the children fly. It was quite an amusing sight to see small folk with large kites in tow, running in opposite directions, Edos still flying happily.

The Red Baron Tri Plane flown by Thijs

van Beek and Ada Schonhage from the Netherlands, seemed to find wind way above the trees, for a short while anyway.

Husband and wife team Eli and Shula Shavit from Israel use patchwork quilting techniques on their kites. Shula is an expert quilter and she transfers her designs from that discipline to kite making.

Jimmy Sampson from Guyana used an outline technique, black on white to create Jimmy Hendrix and others. He also won one of the several 50sec. sprint competitions held over the weekend. My kite couldn't decide which way was up and stayed on the ground.

Jade the sheepdog owned by Jim and Lesley Batten with new trainee Erin, had a great time rounding up all these errant kites.

Sport kite flyers came into their own with Jamie and Carl (all that hair) Robertshaw producing some brilliant routines. Axel Ferraro seems to be aiming to emulate the brothers flying achievements, with a skilful display of his own.

Team Adrenalize flew their power kites, but however hard they worked both feet and wheels refused to budge.

Yarin was proved right when Andy made an offering of a glass of champagne (with half a strawb) and cute little canapés to hungry kite flyers, it certainly produced a squall, but once the turbulence was sorted out, we were all able to enjoy an explosive pyrotechnic show.

In spite of the lack of wind it was a great Festival.

**Lynn Blowers**

### Ferry Meadows, Peterborough. 13<sup>th</sup> June

Blue skies and white clouds for the Great Ouse Kite Festival, a welcome change after several years of rain. A teasing wind 0-9 -0 meant everyone had to work hard in the hot sun.

From Ipswich came, father Bryan and son Carl, who have been flying as Team Spectrum, for 8 years. All of that experience was called upon when during one of their routines, the wind shifted by 180 degrees.

Dark Star aka Bryan Cantle flying 3 kites at once also had the conditions testing his skills, most of us would have found one kite enough of a problem. His colourfully decorated hummingbird kites with long tails looked really beautiful set against the blue sky. He built these ultra-lite ¾ kites himself, based on a Joel Scholtz design.

Joe Brown another multi tasking male, flew and, this is the technical bit a, 71/2 metre PKD Century power kite, whilst steering the Parastorm Typhoon buggy (which has only just come into this country), and did an excellent running commentary as well.

Stafford Wallace also took to the microphone whilst flying, and did his best to keep his team of helpers and kite catching children, from ending up in a tangle.

Chief commentator Colin Jackson kept the programme progressing along nicely. Lots of events for everyone to participate in, the usual altitude sprint etc but also sled fighting and my favourite 'Paint the sky red' where as long as the kite is

75% red you can fly anything.

Great Ouse are a very friendly club who work really hard to provide a great day out for all the family. The park has plenty of space and is a great place to fly.

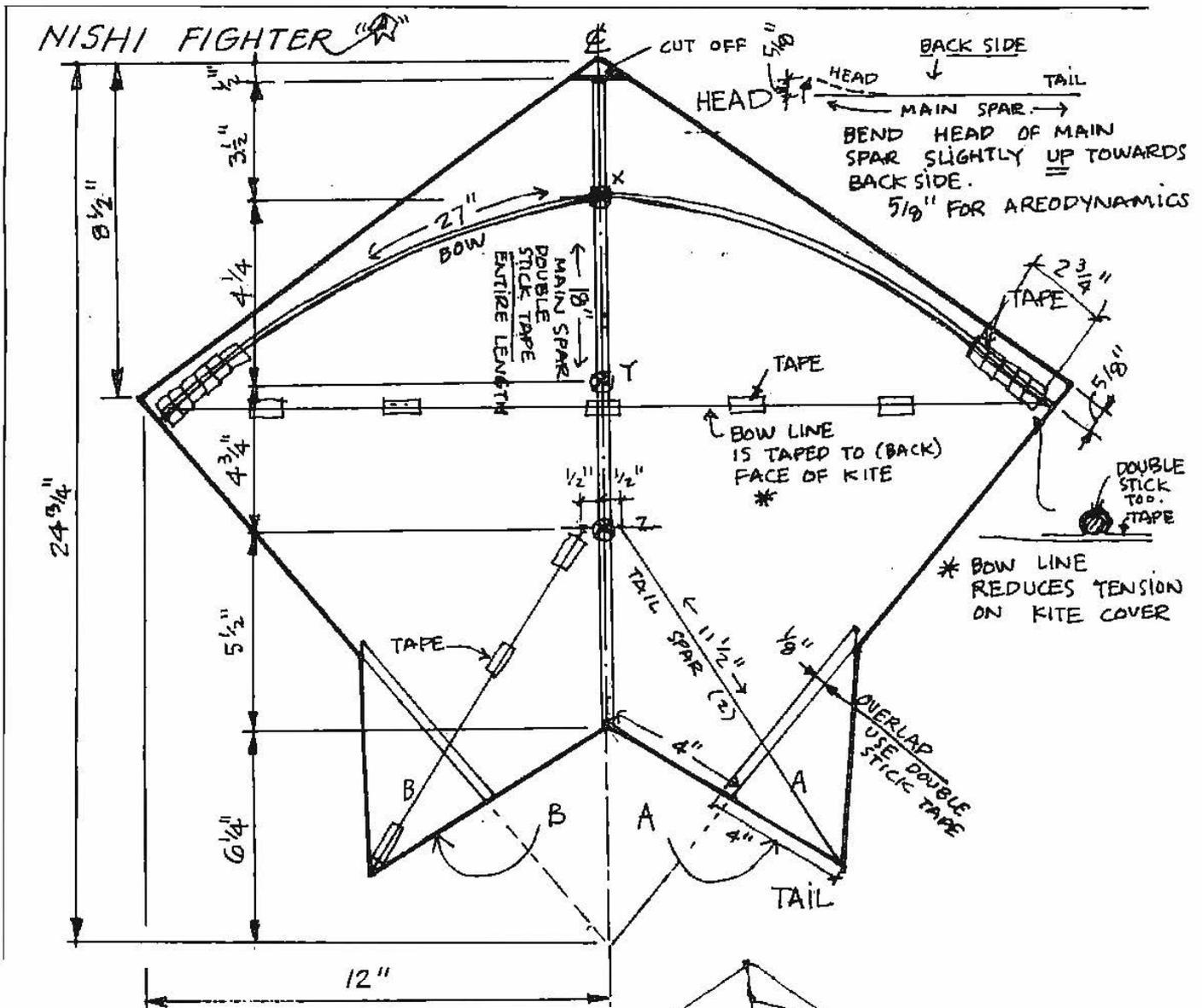
**Lynn Blowers**



**'Paint The Sky Red' fliers at Peterborough**

# Nishi Fighter -

Reproduced from the San Francisco Bay Area Kite Flyers News.



**ORIGINAL MATERIALS:**

- COVER - BALLOON MYLAR
- SPARS - BAMBOO -
- ROUND - FOR BOW & TAIL
- FLAT FOR MAIN

**SUBSTITUTE MATERIALS**

- COVER - MYLAR, HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE PLASTIC TYVEK, OR? (REINFORCE EDGES AS REQUIRED)
- SPARS - 1/8" DOWEL - BOW
- MATCHSTICK BAMBOO FOR TAIL SPARS
- 1/8" x 1/4" SPRUCE FOR MAIN SPAR

**BRIDLE LINES**

- X = 18"
- Y = 17 1/2"
- Z = 18 3/4"

NOTE: FOLD MATERIAL ALONG CENTER LINE (E) AND THEN CUT THIS INSURES SYMMETRY!!



# La Femme

## Nature et Splendeur

**13th International Dieppe Kite Festival**  
From the 11th to 19th September 2004

### Childhood and Youth Area

This area will propose various pedagogical activities based on kite and woman theme, it will encourage meetings between young public & delegations, and further will plan workshops for the youngsters, the teenagers, as well as the handicapped persons.

I wish to participate at the workshops the :  
(precise the date)

Number of participants :

**For the groups :**  
I wish to receive the "special group" form.

**Young Public**     **Handicapped public**

### The Creative Kite Contest

Theme : **"Woman Nature and Splendour"**

Category :

- First participation                      first or second participation to the contest  
 Experienced                                you attended at least two contests  
 Junior    Under 16 years old.

In order to make easier the jury's deliberations after the lookout of the kites in front of this, it is necessary to send us a picture of your kite with a description at the latest 1st of September. Without any picture, the jury could not pronounce.

I send a picture of my kite.

**The contest will begin on Saturday 8th at 15:00 by a collective flight of all the participants. Do not forget to mention your name and the one of your kite at the back of the picture.**

We remind you that the presence of a trademark within the confines of the festival is submitted to authorization. Trading from the delegation tents is prohibited.

### The Night Flight

Will take place on Saturday 18th at 22:00. Open to all the registered kite fliers.

### Bowling Evening

On Monday evening 13th, in partnership with the Dieppe Bowling, a party is organized with the participation of all the official delegations. You could join them for this wonderful moment. Open to all the registered kite fliers. Information at the reception desk of the festival.

I wish to take part at the Bowling evening.

### Workshops

As previous festivals, Dieppe Capital of Kite offers you the opportunity to meet kitemakers from more than 30 countries and to learn with them the way of construction of various traditional kites...

Workshops for adults and children will be held all along the week.

### Origami Workshop

The Nederland Delegation will guarantee during the festival, an Origami kite workshop including more than 100 different models.

### Kite Schools

Do not find any excuse to not begin !  
The first official kite schools will born in Dieppe in September.

### Piloting Kite School with the French Free Flight Federation

I wish to participate at the initiation sessions the : .....  
(precise the date)

### Fighting Kite School with the Manjha Club

I wish to take part at the initiation sessions the : .....  
(precise the date)

### Aerial Photography School with the CVCF and the NCB

I wish to take part at the initiation sessions the : .....  
(precise the date)

### The Swarm of Dragons

During the week of the festival, as well as the second week-end, collective flights of Dragons will be organized. Everyone could take part.  
I wish to take part at the flights.

Please precise the date and the type of the Dragon(s)  
.....

### Rokkaku Fights

As usual, the kite fliers will have the opportunity to join the delegations at Rokkaku Fights organized every end of the journey.

I wish to receive the program from its publication.

# Registration Form

In order to host you in the best conditions, and to prepare your participation in the kite area, please complete clearly each part of the form. **We ask you to send it back before the 15th of August 2004.**

**First Name :** ..... **Surname :** .....  
**Complete Address :** .....

**Telephone :** ..... **Fax :** ..... **E-mail :** .....  
**Name of the club :** ..... **Membership number :** ..;

**I'll be accompanied**  **YES**  **NO**

If so, how many people will be present in the kite areas ? **Number of people :** ..... (see under for the insurance)

**Names and membership numbers :** .....  
.....  
.....

**ATTENTION ! We remember you that any person present on the flying area must be covered by an insurance. If you are not insured by your club, we propose you to subscribe an insurance (15 € / pers).**

**I'm insured with my club**  (don't forget to mention the name of the club and your membership number).

**I need to subscribe an insurance**  **number of persons :** ..... X 15 euros =  €

## ACCOMODATION

Please note that accomodation is not provided by organizers this year.  
For hotels, bed and breakfast and camping, please contact Tourist Information that will guide and help you with your search : telephone : 33 2 32 14 40 60 - Fax : 33 2 32 14 41 61 - E-mail : officetour.dieppe@wanadoo.fr  
You can also find the accomodation list on their web site : <http://www.dieppetourism.com>  
or on the Dieppe Website : <http://www.mairie-dieppe.fr>

## CATERING

As in 2002, the Dieppe restaurateurs will propose you every day a special menu called "Kite Menu" for 9€/person (same rate at the restaurant of the festival).  
Further the list of the participating restaurants will be available at the information desk.  
As usual, the Closure dinner will take place the second week-end.

**I'll take part in the Friday dinner (17/09)** **YES**  **NO**

**Number of persons :** ..... X 14 euros =  €

**SUM : Insurance**  **+ Friday evening meal**  =  €

For the countries out of the euro area, we'll accept cash payment on the site. Please, precise :

**I'll pay on the site**

## PARKING

**Information :** On 11th April 2002, a by-law was introduced to prohibit the parking of the motor home (camping car and mobile home) on the seafront. A special location is foreseen on the Quai de la Marne (60 places). This site do not required special pass. Please contact Dieppe Tourism Office for further details. This year the town centre will be open , so no car pass will be needed.  
For more information, please contact the Tourist Information.

## OBSERVATION

In case of any problem or question, please let us know : .....  
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**ATTENTION !** your cheque should only be worded as follows : **Dieppe Capitale du Cerf-Volant.**  
**Cancellation conditions :**

Cancellation conditions: 21 days before the festival, 100% refunded, 7 days before 50% refunded  
Beyond this delay, any refund will be possible.

**Your registration form and your payment have to be sent back before August 15th to :**

Dieppe Capitale du Cerf-Volant - BP 142 - 76204 DIEPPE Cedex  
Tél : 33 (0)2 32 90 04 95 - Fax : 33 (0)2 32 90 07 72

## International Kite Festival, Portsmouth 2004

The Portsmouth International Kite Festival takes place on Southsea Common, Southsea, Hampshire on Saturday 28th, Sunday 29th and Monday 30th August and is jointly run by the Kite Society and Portsmouth City Council. The site is a large grassed area and there are many local facilities including a leisure centre - so plenty to keep the non-flier happy. The event is AA signposted from the major access routes

Saturday and Sunday will have a full programme of arena displays and demonstrations with Monday, once again being a relaxed informal day with no planned events. The event will run along the normal lines and if anyone wishes to put on a display for the public then please contact us before the event so that we can timetable your demonstration in.

This year we have a spectacular display of large inflatable kites with such notable kite fliers as:

- Peter Lynn (New Zealand)
- Jos Valcke (Belgium)
- Marco Cassadio (Italy)
- Phillip McConnachie (Australia)
- Avon Kite Fliers
- Brighton Kite Fliers

Other attendees include:

From Holland:

- Bas Vreeswijk
- Ruud Kugel
- Robert and Heleen Valkenburg (The Wind Gallery)
- Janneke Groen

From France:

- Generation Kites
- Team FLIC
- AWITA

From Australia:

- Bill Farber
- Robert Brasington

From Germany:

- Sonjia Graichen
- Heinrich Holmann

From Italy:

- Claudio Capelli

From Spain:

- Pedro and Estoban Gonzales

From the U.K.:

- The Flying Squad
- The British Buggy Club
- George Webster and Andy King on commentary.

There will be a good selection of kite traders and caterers on site as well as a selection of non-kite stalls. The fun fair will be in attendance for all three days plus there will be a dog show on the Monday.

Free parking is available for KSGB members and the pass below should be displayed in your windscreen. Please photocopy the pass as required. You will be able to unload your vehicle on the site but PLEASE, once unloaded, move your car to the car park behind the craft marquee. There is NO parking around the arena.

Camping is not permitted on site other than for trader security. For details of local accommodation please contact the Portsmouth Tourist Centre on 023 9283 6722, [www.visitportsmouth.co.uk](http://www.visitportsmouth.co.uk).

Finally, kite traders are welcome to attend the event and the cost for 15ft frontage (and under) is £165 and over 15ft £240. This covers two or three days trading. Please note payment is required



# Kitefliers Car Pass

Portsmouth International Kite Festival  
28th, 29th and 30th August 2002  
Southsea Common, Portsmouth

This pass entitles you to park, free of charge, in the festival car park. Parking is NOT permitted anywhere else on the flying site without permission of the organiser

# International Kite Festival, Portsmouth 2004

**before** the event. Pre-booking is essential. Send cheques, made payable to The Kite Society with your booking to the editorial address.

A full timetable and additional details will be available on the web site shortly—[www.thekitesociety.org.uk](http://www.thekitesociety.org.uk)

Tony Cartwright and Sky Stage are once again preparing a display for the festival. Tony says:

"Thinking about Kite Society's 25th, I wondered what to do? For the 20th we did a 1977 kite sky, Stack's 10th History of Sport Kites and last year 100 years of Flight.

With Barbara's article in mind what is the last 25 years about, People and Kites, simple!!

"My Favourite Kite" is the theme of the display.

So we are asking people to fly at Portsmouth their special kite!! It might be their first one, a George Peters what ever?

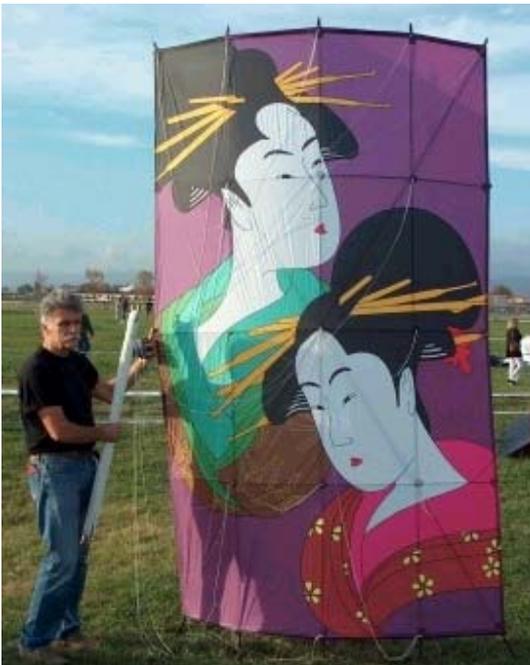
To help please email Tony in advance with what kite and why so George and Andy can be briefed. Otherwise just fly it on the day and let us know then.

Restricted to single line, but allowing a light and moderate wind choices.

Tony's choice would be light wind the Blitz Rok and stronger wind the Blitz's Legs.

Write to:- Tony "TC" Cartwright, 70 Pierson Road Windsor SL4 5RF. 01753-866642, Fax 01753-675469 e-mail [tc@rokmaster.freemove.co.uk](mailto:tc@rokmaster.freemove.co.uk)

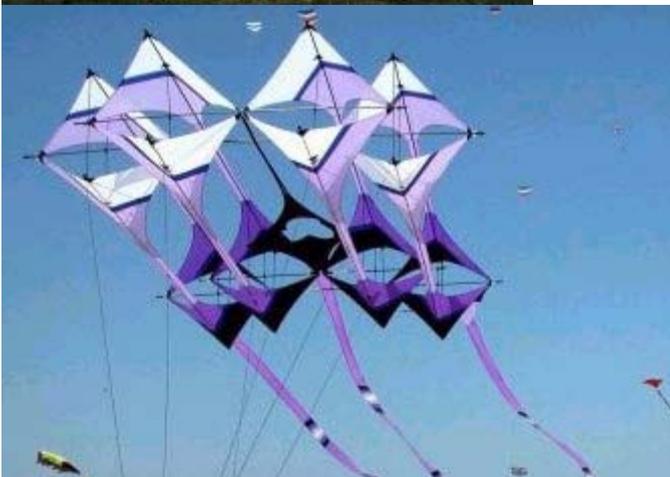
The arena is open to all fliers during this display.



Heinrich Holmann - 3D Edo train.



Sonja Graichen—Metamorphose



Robert Brasington Cellular Kite

Some of the kites to been seen at Portsmouth in August.



Claudio Capelli Edo

## Remembrances—Joyce Fennemore

When Gill and Jon asked for our memories of the last 25 years it really got me thinking. Myself, Bill, Gill and Jon joined the Essex Kite Group in the seventies. We met every month at different venues in Essex—very informal. One of our members—Jack Spiers— always flew big kites, possibly one of the first to do so, he would take the wheel off his Volkswagen and tether the kite, everyone always gave Jack a wide berth.

Does anyone remember the plastic Red Arrow Stunt Kite? Lionel Lowe, another member was an expert flying them in train.

Peter Powell was, I think, the first maker of stunt kites (I may be wrong). His party piece was being driven around the arena at kite festivals flying them from the back of his car.

Old Warden, two festivals a year, always had a good crowd. The Dutch with their Cody man-lifting team. Flexi-foil always gave a great display, these days they have branched out into other fields. Blackheath—another enjoyable festival, such a great site for flying but unfortunately the festival is no more.

I enjoyed reading Barbara Cartwright's recollections and it was especially good remembering all the fliers she mentioned who, alas, are no longer with us. Does she remember a coach load of us going to Scheveningen and parading around the town with all the international kite fliers blowing whistles and Tony and others scouring the town and sea front for posters of the event (I don't think anyone was ever caught).

Dieppe—how that has change since it began—so much bigger now. Going across on the ferry from Newhaven with John Barker flying kites from the rear of the ferry or should I say aft.

I know that kiting has changed over the years. We all say 'it is not like it used to be'. Of course there are more groups now which is good. But it seems to me that the emphasis now is on bigger and bigger kites.

After some arm twisting from you know who I did put pen to paper. So come on all you fliers I know ,any of you can go back 25 years of flying. You must have a few tales to tell.

Lastly I must congratulate Gill and Jon on the 25th anniversary of The Kiteflier—a job well done.



Early trip to 2nd Dieppe kite festival in 1982: Back Row—Alan and Carol Peacock, Geoff Adams, Tony and Barbara Cartwright, one of the Peacock boys, Julian Smith, Jon Bloom, Ted Ladd, Len Patten, Guy Smith, Mike Fay. Another member from the Croydon Group. Front Row—John Spendlove, John Barker, the other Peacock boy. Gill is taking the photo.

## Twenty Five Years of KON— George Webster

Or Jon 'n' Gill asked me to write something!

Firstly let me categorically deny the story that I was in the White Bear pub in Piccadilly when George Pockock came in for a drink after having beaten the stage from Hounslow. That was probably 1829, although it is getting on for 50 years since I was in the pub (that pub that is).

Looking back over 25 years I think of the people, the places and the kites.

Three fliers stood out as being helpful when Oliver and I started to go to kite festivals and meet other fliers. There was a flier from the Great Ouse Kite Flyers with a son about Oliver's age. We met at Old Warden and Woburn before he was involved in a bad motor bike smash and dropped out.

Secondly there was Pat O'Driscoll—kite and reel maker. I still use one of his deep sky reels with the unique (and ineffective) brake. I still fly his excellent high aspect ratio delta conyne. I have a delta he designed to be used for single or two line operation. The kite is about 1.20 metre long as was supplied with a spine made from two pieces of dowel joined with some copper tube. Asked why, Pat replied that this was an economical way of using up short lengths of dowel. No answer to that! I'm sure many others will remember him at Southampton, Hengistbury Head or Petworth—always some new line with amazing strength properties which he had discovered. Pat died about 10 years ago.

My third very early contact was with Tony and Barbara Cartwright. Barbara put her arms around me in the Kite Store—but that's another story. Tony involved me in his team in the first Rok fight at York. I remember leaning on the racecourse rails out of breath and deciding I was too old for that sort of thing.

[Stupidly I forgot this feeling and formed a team with Oliver. We once won the trophy for team spirit, clinching the title with our launch performance at Washington. Andy King was helpless with laughter at the team discussion—or shouting match—between Oliver (flier) and me (launcher). It was Oliver's fault that he took so long to realise that I was holding the kite upside down].

Later Tony failed to convert me to sports kites. Other friends included Earnest Barton, Jon 'n' Gill, Andy, Malcolm, etc.

The first kite festival I went to was Hampstead Heath in 1977 (?). I've never been a regular flier there, although I went as a Sunday stroll in 1955 and saw a hexagon being flown on piano wire by, I believe, the flier referred to as 'Mr Van' in Pelham p171.

Being based in London, venues not so far mentioned included Croydon, Blackheath (the most prestigious) and far away Bath. Brighton 1980 was memorable—we got a certificate for best home made delta from

John Barker.

Important memories for me are how kites have changed. The 80's was the era of the delta—remember it was "just another kite" in Pelham (1976).

I have a poster catalogue from the Kite Store 1980, which was reproduced in The Highflier (NEKF) April 2003. This has delights such as the Kholer Roller, Sacconey Box, Dragon Pilot, Stack Delta (Bloom made) and 2 types of Levitor. Many kites were crafted by Alick Pearson, Monday Lunch (Helen Howes) and Dan Leigh. In addition to the range of boxes there were experimental rollers and flares.

Two line kites were Peter Powells (seen as ordinary), Dunford Flying Machines (always rare) and stacks of Barnstormers, Trlbys, Aces, etc. In 1979 soft kites were unusual and usually quite small. They were 'technical' and journals were full of learned articles about the precise rin shape and bridle system required to make anything fly. (Now look again at a Peter Lynn Flying Cat).

Toyshop kites included the Zammo Sled—mentioned recently in the Kiteflier and Glites. The latter have a claim to be the most faithful Rogallo type produced where the angle of the leading edge spars is determined by a plastic 3 way fitting which joins them to the front of the keel. No spreader.

Some words about materials. Wood—dowel ruled. I remember John from Malvern Kites and the first glass fibre rods. Rip-stop—you could always do better from someone at a festival. Or seek out off-cuts from sail makers as I did in Poole. Fittings—various types of plastic tube were advocated for making fittings. I remember beer pipes were supposed to be good—so we looked in skips outside pubs. Our major source of 'plans', advice and contacts was of course KON, later to become The Kiteflier.

In a large nutshell:

Main improvements:

- Soft kites
- Multiline kites (far enough away)
- Far greater care with colourful decoration.

Not so good:

- A smaller range of sparred single liners except at the big festivals.

Unchanged:

- Since 1976—the Flexifoil. Even though originally you could have any colour as long as it was yellow. By 1977 Mark was flying the Eurostack.

**George Webster**

## The Anniversary Years

There were a number of options when it came to looking at the last 25 years of The Kiteflier. We could go over the founding history, the way that the 'old' regime was cast off and a new one put in place. Another option was to take something from each issue and reproduce it here—but that has been done before for other anniversaries.

In the end we decided that it would be interesting to take a snapshot at the 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 year marks and see how the shape of kite flying in the UK has changed. These snapshots are simply taken from the content of that years Kiteflier magazines (or K.O.N. in the early days), this is more in the way of ease of access, all of the Kiteflier issues are stored in the office whereas the other archives (with magazines from various clubs worldwide, shop catalogues, newspaper articles and so on) are in boxes in the attic. [One dream is to sort them all out one day].

**5th Anniversary 1984.** The April edition saw, for the first time, inclusion of the Midlands Kite Flyers News within the pages of the magazine. The MKF was also founded in 1979 although it is 5 months older than the Kite Society! The number of local groups listed in the April issue were 10 (of which 4 no longer exist). Shops and traders providing discount to members; nine (two of which were overseas, 4 of which no longer exist. Number of festivals listed—15. 1984 also saw the subscription rate increase from £3.00 to £4.00.

**10th anniversary 1989.** The January issue reproduced a safety code from the Drachen Club Deutschland. It goes on to say "To make sure our sport does not get a bad name and is not perhaps subject to certain restrictions each one of us should observe a few basic rules. Subscription rate was £6.00. The second STACK news was published in the pages of The Kiteflier. Number of festivals listed 10.

**15th Anniversary 1994.** The group directory listed 47 regional group and one national group. Of these 28 no longer exist. The trade list showed 93 shops/traders of which 57 no longer exist. Number of festivals listed 20 UK, 6 overseas. Of the UK festivals just 10 are still running in one form or another. Subscription rate £8.00.

Notable in the January 1994 issue was a full page from the Ian Meredith titles "Be a Safer Buggier". This gave 11 simple rules for safer buggying at festivals. Nothing has really changed, safety is just as important today as it was then. Just to finalise the buggy theme (which shows how big it all was in 1994) Peter Lynn contributed a set of rules to cover buggy racing with the aim to get international agreement of the rules. The July issue announced the formal creation of the British Buggy Club, this announcement goes on to say "There is a need for a national independent organisation to help promote buggying and buggy skills throughout the UK and at all times keep the FUN aspect alive and kicking".

Pin collecting was also a major happening around this time with most groups producing a pin of some sort. This extended to the traders as well, although it could be argued that it was a good way of making a bit of profit. The mania at the time was such that a new pin being spotted on the field led to a frenzy of people wanting to (preferably) swap pins but as a last resort buy one!

In July 1994 Andrew Tate wrote an article about Kites in Cyberspace and promotes the availability of Usenet and rec.kites. This talks about internet connectivity just becoming available via such suppliers as the BBC, CompuServe and CIX.

**20th Anniversary 1999.** Membership increases to £10.00 (first change since 1996). It is probably around this time that the popularity and availability of large inflatable kites becomes the norm. It is interesting to look at the events list in the January issue. There are some 15 main events listed and the majority of these are still running in 2004. It does appear that events have polarised around these main ones and there are very few new events on the calendar. It was in this year that a road was named after Vivian Comma the creator of the Kisskeedee kite.

**This Year.** Just to keep things consistent. Membership costs £10.00 The 2004 Handbook listed 118 traders and 36 regional and national groups.

Blasts from the Past



October 1986—  
A very young  
looking Paul  
Morgan



Clive Rawlinson. One of the  
founders of the Essex Kite Group



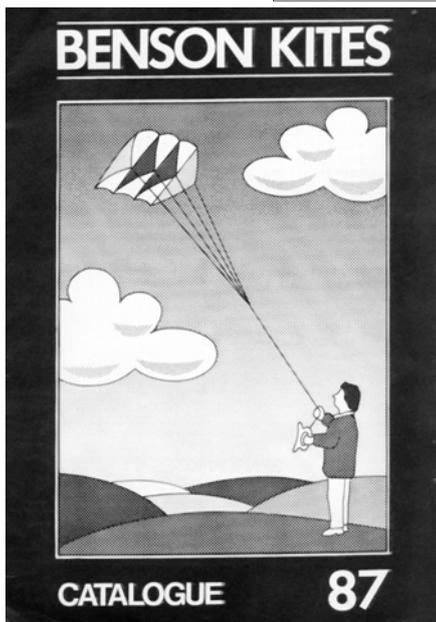
Professor Waldorf (Peter Waldron) with his  
kites at Longleat—circa 1977.

Books and Magazines

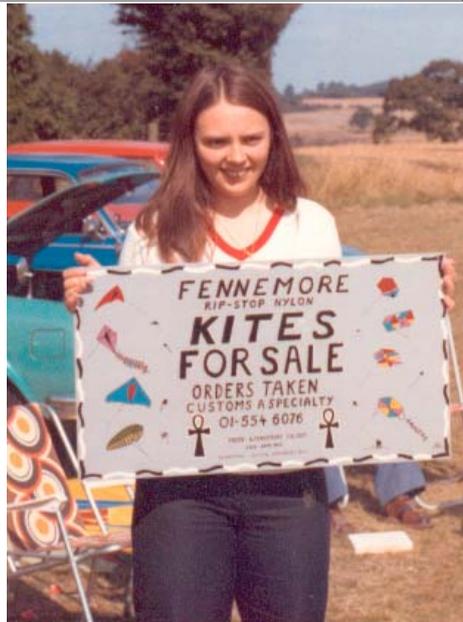
- KITES (David Peihem)**  
Still known as the 'Kite's Bible', this book is excellent value for money. As reviewed in the EKA magazine. BM1
- KITES (Ron Moulton)**  
Recently published, this beautiful hard back book was researched and written by the founder member of the BKFA. Full of facts and figures on every aspect of kiting. BM2
- KITE COOKERY (Don Dunford)**  
Full of facts and information by a famous designer. Excellent value. BM3
- MAKING & FLYING KITES (Ambrose Lloyd)**  
A hard back version of this extremely informative book by the maker of Zammo kites. Paperback version of above. BM4  
BM4A
- MODEL AIR BALLOONS (Ray Moran)**  
A complete guide on how to make and fly model air balloons, including designing your own. BM5
- KITES SCULPTING IN THE SKY (Tao Tomu Hiroi)**  
The first English version of this classic book which contains a practical and aesthetic guide to the art of making kites. BM6
- YOUR BOOK OF KITES (Clive Hart)**  
First published in 1964. Hard back — excellent value for money. BM7
- EUROPEAN KITEFLIER**  
The magazine of the European Kitefliers Association. BM8
- AMATEUR AIRSPORT**  
The new monthly journal incorporating all forms of amateur airsport. BM9
- KITELINES**  
The magazine of the American Kitefliers Association. BM10



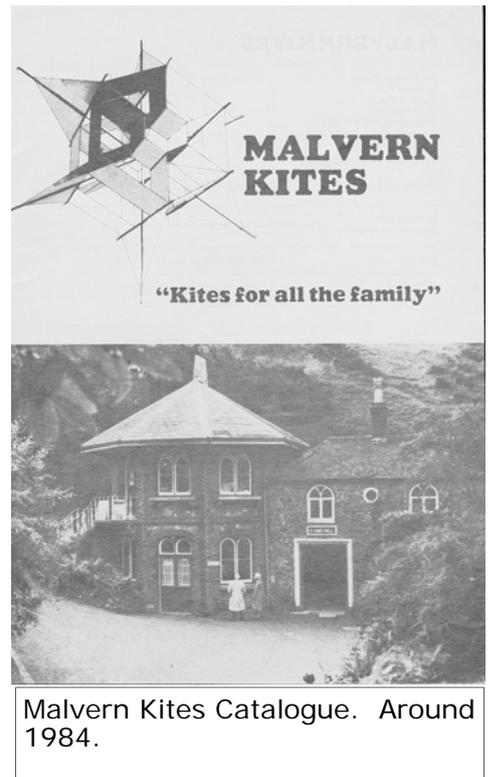
Kite and Balloon Company catalogue listing the books and magazines of the time. Around 1981.



Tim Benson Catalogue from 1987. It only contains single line kites.



Yes—it is Gill before she was a Bloom. The sign was painted by John Barker.

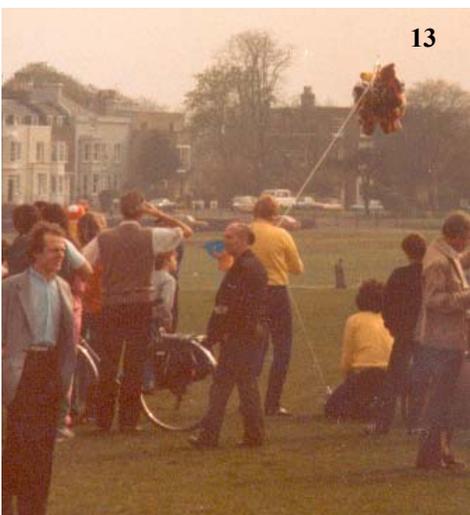
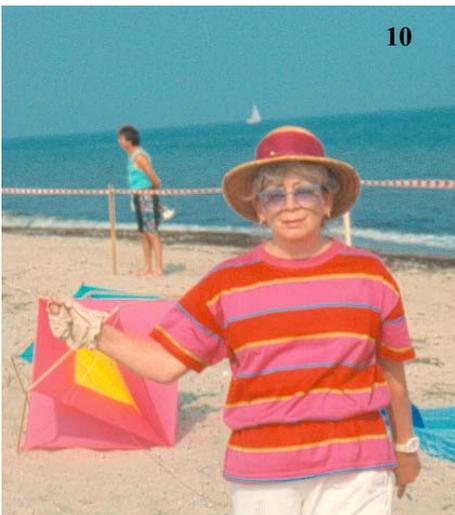
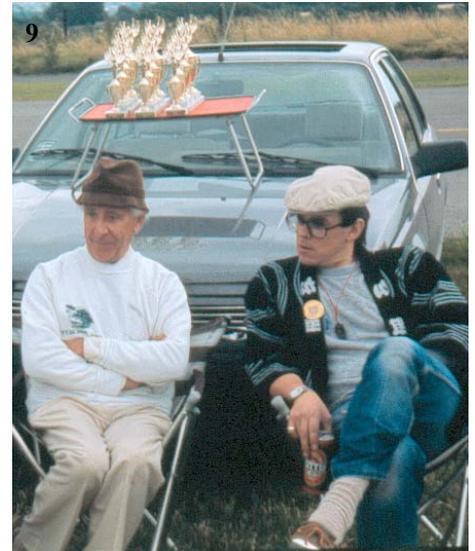


Malvern Kites Catalogue. Around 1984.

# Festivals and People



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1. KON Stall at an Early Old Warden
2. Nishi signing his Peace Kite at Washington
3. Awards ceremony at the First Weymouth Festival
4. Kite Society trip to Scheveningen
5. Flying at a Blackheath Winter meet (with real snow!)
6. York Kite Festival group photo
7. A young George Webster with kite.
8. Dave Turner one of the founders of The Kite Store in London
9. Bill Souten and Don Dunford at Middle Wallop (before the buggies!)
10. Jilly Pelham of Vertical Visuals
11. Denis Hawkes Kite train at Nomansland Common
12. Archbishop of York at the York Kite Festival
13. Mass bear bung at Blackheath by Dave Clements

## Event News

### Kites over Capstone 21 & 22 August

Following the success of last year's inaugural one day event, the organisers have decided to expand this year's Kites over Capstone over the whole weekend. Kites over Capstone 2004 will take place over the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

The event takes place on the events field at the Capstone Farm Country Park, Capstone Road, Gillingham, Kent.

Free camping on site is available on the Saturday night. As last year, there will be a host of attractions for the whole family, and we hope to once again be entertained with live music.

Contact Gareth Williams, email [gareth@kentkiteflyers](mailto:gareth@kentkiteflyers) or telephone 01622 763059 for more information

### 11th Oldham Kite Festival 22 August

We're up, up and away on Sunday 22nd August as the Oldham Kite Festival takes to the air at Radclyffe Lower School, Broadway, Chadderton, Oldham from noon to 5pm.

Come along and catch the biggest and best free kite festival in Greater Manchester. We've spectacular flying displays gracing the skies throughout the day from Flying Circus and the Northern Kite Group, plus loads of activities for a great family day out.

Join in the fun and launch a balloon with a prize for the one that travels furthest. And don't forget to bring along your own favourite cuddly creature and watch them take to the skies for the famous teddy bear parachute drop. Only the bravest bears should apply!

On the ground there's a host of fantastic family entertainment including street theatre, circus skills, samba drumming, belly dancing and lots more children's activities, including the chance to make your own kite at one of our free kite making workshops

Call 0161 911 4076 for more information  
Or click on [www.visitoldham.co.uk](http://www.visitoldham.co.uk)

### Bristol International Festival of Kites and Air Creations

### 4th & 5th September

11.00 am - 5.00 pm, Ashton Court Estate

#### Introduction

You will notice that this year's festival has a broader theme – including air creations. For a while we have featured many ground displays and aerial designs which are technically not kites so we decided to reflect this in our title and programme. Whilst kites in all their various shapes and sizes are very much the centrepiece of the weekend's activities look out for some new & interesting air creations including the world's first inflatable church and even an inflatable pub which will accommodate our licensed bar!

We look forward to welcoming familiar friends and hopefully lots of new faces to Bristol this year. Please do bring along any interesting kites, windsocks, inflatables, ground displays or sky junk to fly either in our special arena or generally in the free flying areas to add to the Festival atmosphere. If your kites are really spectacular or unusual let us know in advance and send in pictures so that we can build them into the Festival programme and pre-publicity.

This year we have again teamed up with local charity **Bristol Kidz**. This charity was set up by radio company GWR FM to help give local young people a chance to achieve and to experience opportunities they would not normally encounter in their everyday lives. This fits very well with our own Festival aim which is to ensure that as it grows and develops over the years the event remains friendly and welcoming and involves the local community. We are also working with the Deaf Studies Trust on a project to teach a group of teenagers to fly kites in the run up to the Festival and to hopefully also involve them in the weekend activities. So that this group can really enjoy the Festival and feel part of what's going on we are trying to find some extra people who might be able to help with signing. If anyone can help for an hour at some point during the weekend please do get in touch with the Festival office.

#### Guests:

We are still liaising with various flyers and clubs as well as looking to share costs of some long distance flyers with both with Portsmouth and Dieppe. So far we seem to

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have a focus of interest from down under with confirmation from Robert Brassington from Tasmania – who makes stunning cellular kites one of which will be the festival poster image this year. Also we have regular superstar Peter Lynn with his big beasties hot foot from New Zealand and a welcome return by both Patrick McConnachie and Bill Farber from Australia. From closer to home we are delighted to welcome back members of the Settimo Cielo Aquilonisti kite club from Italy who gave some fantastic displays last year and managed to put on a good show in the lightest of winds and likewise to members of Generation kite club from France. Another familiar face from a few years ago is Marco Casadio with his trademark big softie mermaids and neptunes. As if these were not enough we also hope to welcome back many of the usual suspects such as the Decorators, Carl Robertshaw and many other wonderful UK flyers not to mention local stalwarts Nick James and Martin Lester.

Last but by no means least the stalwarts from Avon Kite Flyers will again be host club and they are particularly helping to liaise with UK clubs, societies and flyers as we hope that many of you will come along too. The team from AKF work really hard not only helping with the organisation, running children's workshops and the information marquee but also putting on their own impressive arena displays.

The format for the weekend will be along similar lines as before with two arenas, one for single line display kites and the other for a rolling programme of timetabled competitions and demonstrations.

There will be the usual Rok battles both days so do bring along your individual and team kites ready to enter. AKF have again requested more relaxed rules a la Francais to help entertain crowds, so within reason anything goes but for safety sake no kevlar or sharp objects please!

Alongside the arenas there will be the usual line up of kite traders and Festival food and drink, full bar, a range of inflatables and some modest children's entertainments

**Saturday night party**

As has become a tradition at Bristol there will be an on site kite flyers party under cover in the large marquee where the usual excellent meal, with bar, which will be followed by the Festival auction. Tickets for the meal cover a choice of two or three hot dishes (vegetarians catered for) and a pudding. Prices have been pegged for a fourth year running at £10 per adult and £5 for a child (under 14 please!!) which, for those of you who have enjoyed the food before know, is good value.

Please if you possibly can apply for these in advance as we have to confirm catering numbers the week beforehand. Those not eating are more than welcome to come along and generally join in the party especially for the Festival Auction.

Afterwards there will be the usual wonderful fireworks and hopefully some night flying. If anyone can contribute to night flying we would love to hear from you.

**Accommodation**

We have again negotiated rates and ring fenced rooms at Redwood Lodge Hotel, which is the nearest hotel to the site. These rates will be held for reservations made before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2003; the room rates for the first time vary depending on which nights you require. All include bed, breakfast and VAT:

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September or Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> (one night only)**

- £84.00 bed & Breakfast per double or twin
- £67.00 bed & breakfast per single room

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September (2 nights)**

- £75.00 bed & Breakfast per double or twin
- £60.00 bed & breakfast per single room

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September (as part of a 3 night stay)**

- £50.00 bed & Breakfast per double or twin
- £35.00 bed & breakfast per single room

**Please note that the hotel will charge their normal rates for reservations**

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made after 31<sup>st</sup> July (though we are working on them to be a bit more flexible re this cut off time!).

Bookings should be made direct with Redwood Lodge tel 0870 609 6144 mention you are booking as part of the Kite festival.

If you want to make other hotel arrangements try the Bristol Tourist Information Centre on 0117 926 0767.

### Camping

As many regulars will know this is always a real problem for us as the Council has a complete ban on all camping in Ashton Court which is so frustrating as there is so much space, it is a wonderful site. Also we appreciate that many of you want to stay close by and hotels aren't an option! Every year some people abuse the system and just camp anywhere on site which is unfair on those of you who have paid to book in elsewhere and jeopardises our future use of the site.

The Council do however let us have what they call a 'Crew Area' where we can have pre-booked camping for traders and suppliers to which we manage to add in a good few of you flyers as well!

If you would like to book in there and it will be pretty basic please write in with an SAE and we will try to fit you in! We are again trying to negotiate a small area on the edge of the crew field for caravans/motor homes because at the moment we are limited to tents - because it is a local horse club's gymkhana field!

Alternatively we are also talking again to the registered caravanning club at Failand (less than 2 miles away from Ashton Court) which some of you with caravans used in previous years. Again we will post details in due course in the website or contact the festival office for details but they do get booked up very early.

### Parking

To help cover costs such as our site fee we are again asking flyers for a contribution to car parking. On arrival Flyers displaying a pass will be asked to pay £2.50 per day, (instead of £6 for general public).

To get your pass please apply in writing, with a SAE, **BUT SEND NO MONEY** to Festival Office, 5 Lilymead Avenue, Bristol BS1 2BY

Passes will be issued by on a first come first served basis up to a maximum of 500. (Any kite fliers who are AKF members will have received details in the recent AKF Newsletter asking their members to reply to Paul Clarke) The Festival will also be running a system of dropping off passes for those with particularly heavy loads of kites and kit so again mention this in your car parking request.

On behalf of the Festival team we are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Any queries please contact Avril Baker or Jackie Wills, Festival Office, 5 Lilymead Avenue, Bristol BS4 2BY  
Tel: 0117 977 2002  
Fax: 0117 977 4255  
www.kite-festival.org  
e-mail info@abc-pr.co.uk

### Bewl Water Kite Festival 11 & 12 September

A new event added to the kite calendar for 2004 is the Bewl Water Kite Festival, to be held, surprisingly enough, at the Bewl Water Reservoir, just outside Lamberhurst in Kent.

Bewl Water host a number of attractions, and this year is to host its first kite festival for a number of years. The festival is planned for the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September.

Camping will be available on site, and full facilities, including toilets and showers will be open. The field allocated to the festival is at the top of the hill above the reservoir, so should benefit from good winds.

We are looking for traders to support this event, so anyone interested should contact me. Also for more information on the event, how to get there, etc. contact:

Gareth Williams  
[gareth@kentkiteflyers.org.uk](mailto:gareth@kentkiteflyers.org.uk) or telephone 01622 763059.

## Event News



### James Hopkins Trust Kite Day "Kids Helping Kids" 17th September

This year there is an important milestone in the life of the Trust. We will celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and have a range of events planned over the next few months to celebrate, culminating with a major event on the actual day which is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

One of the major ongoing issues for the Trust is the need to maximise awareness amongst potential families and children. Gloucestershire has no central database of children with the sort of conditions we help and "word of mouth" is often the only way we can contact them. One of the aims of the day, therefore, is to have a kite flying in every parish in the county so that we can maximise local publicity and awareness. Equally, with £250,000 to raise each year, we are hoping that it will generate financial support as well.

For the main anniversary celebrations on **17th September**, we are organising a special '**Fly the Kite Day**' (The logo for the James Hopkins Trust is a flying kite, which appears on all our documentation, and is representative of the free spirits of the children who are no longer with us).

We are planning to get as many kites flying in as many places as possible all on the same day. Hopefully these kites will range in size and shape from the simple to the exotic, from the plain to the comic.

This event will need a lot of coordinating and obviously a large number of volunteers will be needed to help make a success of it.

Ideas include Sponsoring Kite "Flyers" to:

- Fly a kite on the day
- Fly the most unusual kites
- Fly from the most unusual place

- Fly the largest kite
- Have the most flyers in any one location
- Having a kite permanently flying at a location with people paying to fly it
- Kite making competitions
- Charging for Kite "flying lessons"

The feature of the Kite Day therefore will be **"MANY KITES", "IN MANY PLACES" "WITH MANY PEOPLE"** from the simple to the exotic, from the plain to the comic.

We are planning to work with media partners to ensure the widest publicity through Press, Radio and TV. We are also hoping to engage a number of celebrities in the event. We are confident we can obtain sponsorship for the cost of supplying kites which contain the logo of both the Trust and Sponsor.

In addition we will be holding the **opening ceremony** for our **new Multi-Sensory Garden** at the home of The James Hopkins Trust, Kite's Corner. This will be purpose built for children who are disabled and will provide a range of opportunities to enrich their quality of life, including a playground for wheelchairs users, a wildlife area, various interactive experiences, water features and specialist planting, plus a secluded remembrance corner.

We are also holding a **Major Anniversary Draw**- for which we will have a **car as the first prize. The draw will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2004.**

Vance Hopkins, Trust Founder and Manager has described it as "a beautiful sensory garden for children with disabilities and their families in Gloucestershire. It will be a unique place to go – unlike any other garden in the county- a place of tranquillity, challenge and play. It really will be an 'Oasis' in a society that just does not cater for these needs".

Our target is to raise a considerable sum to help toward our annual budget of £250,000.

If you are willing to help and take part in this worthy event then please make contact with the Trust.

**For further information contact Steve Raftery or Colin Stoner on 01452 612216**

## Events List

July 2004		
24	Whitley Bay Kite Festival	Malcolm Goodman
25	Petworth Kite Day, Petworth Park, West Sussex.	Simon Hennessey
25	Dunstable Downs Kite Festival, Dunstable Downs, Beds	Dunstable Kites
24-25	Tewkesbury International Kite Festival, Glos.	www.gvkf.org.uk
August 2004		
1	14th Royston Kite Festival, Therfield Heath, Royston	ken@mini-basketball.org.uk
1	Dorset Kite Festival, Bournemouth & Poole, Canford Arena, Poole	imtkitefestival@hotmail.com
7-8	Middle Wallop Kite Festival, Andover	Kites Up
<b>CANCELLED</b>		
14-15	High Force Kite Festival	Malcolm Goodman
14-15	Teston Kite Festival, Teston Bridge Picnic Site, Maidstone, Kent	ron@kiteability.co.uk
14-15	Coventry Kite Festival, Memorial Park, Coventry	M.K.F.
15	Hunstanton Kite Festival, Smithdon School Fields.	01223 242825
21-22	Northern Ireland Kite Festival, Port Stewart (Provisional)	Malcolm Goodman
22	Kites Over Capstone, Gillingham, Kent	01634 812196
22	11th Oldham Kite Festival, Radclyffe Lower School, Broadway, Chadderton, Oldham.	0161 911 4076 www.visitoldham.co.uk
28-30	Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Southsea Common, Hampshire.	The Kite Society
September 2004		
4-5	Bristol International Kite Festival, Ashton Court, Bristol.	Avril Baker
11-12	Hartlepool Kite Festival	Malcolm Goodman
11-12	Bowl Water Kite Festival, Bowl Water, Lamberhurst, Kent	gareth@seks.org.uk
11-19	Dieppe International Kite Festival, France	www.dieppe-cerf-volant.org
12	Rockingham Kite Day.	White Horse Kite Fliers

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<b>Neil Harvey</b>		01285 740295	
<b>Simon Hennessey</b>		01273 582309	mailto:info@bkf.org.uk
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<b>Skybums</b>	7 Sunnyfields, Bell Lane, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2 5EW	01743 244677	skybums@kites4.co.uk http://www.kites4.co.uk
<b>Force Nine Kites</b>	40/42 High Street, Clacton, Essex CO15 1UQ	01255 221059	Sales@fnk.co.uk
<b>Michael Lowe</b>	44 Bellemoor Road, Shirley, Southampton, Hants SO15 7QU	023 8077 0788	
<b>Bryan Cantle</b>	21 Shepherds Close, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge CB1 4HP.		
<b>Kiteability</b>	45 Windsor Road, Welwyn, Herts, AL6 9JY		ron@kiteability.co.uk
<b>M.K.F.</b>	Alan Bill, 90 Weybourne Road, Great Barr, Birmingham B44 9DE	0121 360 1955	
<b>Dunstable Kites</b>		01525 229773	sales@dunstable-kites.co.uk
<b>White Horse Kite Fliers</b>	P O Box 585, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 4YR	01793 824208	Cowpat.ed@whkf.org.uk
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<b>Avril Baker</b>	5 Lilymead Avenue, Wells Road, Totterdown, Bristol BS4 2BY	0117 977 2002	info@abc-pr.co.uk
<b>Malcolm Goodman</b>	Bluebell House, Middleton in Teesdale, Co Durham, DL12 0QG	01833 640584	malcolm.goodman@virgin.net
<b>IMT! Promotions</b>	Des Poeling-Oer, Suite 363, 89 Commercial Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5RR	07966 676991	imtkitefestival@hotmail.com

### Weymouth Beach Kite Festival 2004



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1. Sonja Graichen 'Odyssey'. 2. Anne Harris' 'Purple People Eater'.  
 3. Jon Burkhardt Kite. 4. Avon Kite Fliers Gecko. 5. Pete Dolphin Erecting his People Choice winner. 6. Joe Brown with the Airbow. 7. The Flying Squad in action.



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## How Things Have Changed

Over the last 25 years there have been a lot of changes in the way that the magazine - KON to start with and now the The Kiteflier - has been produced.



**In the beginning there was the Typewriter.** The first few issues were produced on a manual typewriter - which is still around for those extreme emergencies! Any drawings for the magazine were produced using a Rotring pen, drawing implements and paper! Letraset - or dry letter transfers (remember that!) was also used for captions on the diagrams. John Barker produced many a cartoon using his unique talent. As for printing the early issues (issues 1 to 3) - these were photocopied at work. In fact some copies of issue 1 were copied onto foolscap paper rather than A4 (it was the only paper size used). The membership system consisted of each members details being held on a file card - fortunately the numbers were low as we had to write the envelopes by hand.

**Then came the First computer** - Sharp MZ80K, 20KB of RAM, Z80 processor and a cassette storage system. In fact the whole operating system was booted from tape! Other programs were also loaded from tape and a simplistic word processor was used. Whilst the pages with text could be printed drawings still had to be done by hand as for the early days. The membership system was also held on tape and used a very archaic method of having to view the addresses in a single stream of data with 'blobs' representing line feeds! Linked up to a Epson MX80 printer we could print the address labels rather than write them out by hand. Sold the Sharp shortly after buying the Amstrad.



**Then was the Second Computer.** An IBM clone Amstrad PC1512 was purchased when they came out in 1986 - Dual 5.25" floppy discs, 512KB RAM, 8086 processor, hooked up to the same printer as the Sharp but some quirk meant that it did not work properly, therefore ended up buying a Star NL-10 which we still have and use for mailing labels. Vast improvement on the systems and with the ultimate add on of a 20MB file card allowed data to be kept on line without having to load floppies. Around this time a DTP style tool called Fontasy was purchased which allowed a bit more variation in the fonts and graphics used - and it showed when we first got this as the over-use of fonts and graphics was rather obvious - but hey, it was a new toy. Diagrams were still done using the trusty Rotring pen. Membership system was Dataease (a bootleg copy from work) - which was dead easy to use, character based

and did not require any coding. WordPerfect 5.0 was the word processor of choice - except for the Fontasy pages. Took it on holiday one year to do the magazine whilst we were away! Still have this one in the attic! During this time also obtained a very cheap Amstrad portable - dual floppy but we could do things at events like take the members. Unfortunately it was stolen at Weymouth one year.

## How Things Have Changed

Third computer bought in 1993. Dell—faster processor, Windows 3.1 based with a 230MB hard disc and 4MB RAM. Add ons eventually included an Iomega Zip drive for offline storage [which as an aside came in mighty useful when the disc crashed wiping out the membership system. We were in the process of converting to Paradox so thankfully had a new system with the data in it to use]. Other additions—more memory, faster CPU (bought whilst on holiday in Florida), hand scanner, page scanner, flatbed scanner over time.

Around this time a 2400 baud modem was also obtained allowing us to browse a number of bulletin boards (no such thing as the web then). Nice character based boards using the old version of Hyperterminal. One of the earlier bulletin boards was a dial up to Nottingham - not cheap on the call costs!



Star NL-10. After many years it is still going strong and used for the mailing labels.

Zip drives, Laser printer (Sharp Wintype 4000) to supplement the dot matrix. Paradox Database membership system created rather than simple mailing list giving us a bit more control.

Faster modems (4800, 9600, 32000 and the ultimate 54000), web browsing, email all came along. Used CompuServe for a number of years (remember the funny numbers for the id - we were one of the first in the UK to have a real name instead). Microsoft publisher used for magazine. Web site built

(handcrafted in raw HTML!). Used CompuServe for the first ISP as well as the homepage.

Kept using this computer well past the year 2000 - of course Windows 3.1 was not year 200 compliant so had fun and games with the date stamps on files—something to do with 100 being the year!

At various times have also used an old IBM ThinkPad for dual typing—so we could both do the work at the same time. The Dell is also in the attic!

**Fourth computer.** Compaq, 12GB disc, 128K memory - upgraded from 64K, Celeron processor, built in modem, Colour Xerox M750 printer. Finally handed on to Tara. FrontPage 2000 used for web site rather than hand crafted. Had our own hosted web site.

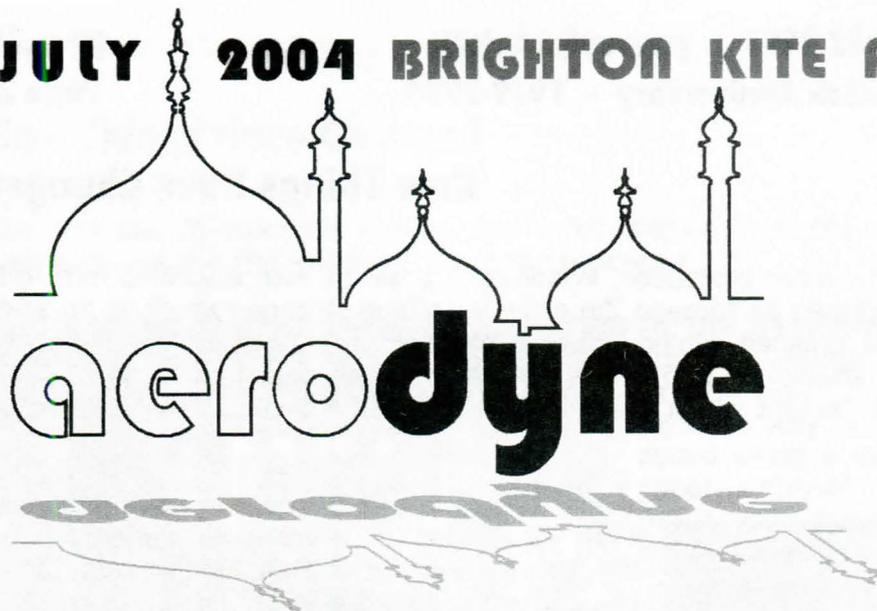
**Current computer.** HP Pavilion, 256MB Ram, 20GB disc, AMD Athlon processor. Mostly the same software as before but later versions. Broadband obtained (just this year - and what a difference it makes). At the same time wired up the two PCs in a network - back to dual working!

Over time the main change has been the use of email for communication and submission of items for the magazine. The time required to create the magazine has been reduced substantially as there is little need to type the items in anymore. Various drawing tools have been used over time.

Digital cameras have also been a great boon. Rather than the shoot, print and then scan to get a picture in the magazine. Link up and copy directly from the camera and the quality is as good if not better!

Mind you with the exception of one printer none of this equipment was ever bought with KSGB money (for those cynics amongst you).

**JULY 2004 BRIGHTON KITE FLYERS JULY 2004**



Teddy & the gang meet a new friend. Is this the youngest BKF member, as we speak?

**THE NEWS LETTER FOR THE BRIGHTON KITE FLYERS**

## **R A M B L E S   F R O M   D A V E   F R O M M I D D L E   W A L L O P E**

Middle Wallop airfield in Hampshire is one of my favourite flying sites. However it is also liked by the British Army and is their flying school so it is a privilege to be able to use it twice a year. In May and August, Roy Broadley from Kites Up organises two festivals on the airfield. Because there are 800 acres of short grass there is a lot of space for all types of flying and a line of 200 red flags separates the general flyers from the buggy and board enthusiasts. Great for people like me who find being dragged around by an airbed on lines as interesting as watching grass grow. Each to his own and that is what you can do at Middle Wallop. It is so BIG that, as a considerate flyer, you will be able to find space to fly your favourite type of kite without obstructing other flyers.

I arrived on Friday afternoon and found a space in the car park, it is not possible to get on the airfield until the Army stop flying for the day. The gates opened at half past five by which time both car parks were full and we all drove on to the airfield to set up. This year the traders were lined up along the edge of the runway instead of dividing the flying area, a very good arrangement. There are no organised arena events at the Middle Wallop festivals but STACK have their own arena and run their competitions over the weekend. This

gives an opportunity for those who like skilful multiline flying, to see some of the best flyers in action.

The weather was good for flying, the wind was there all the time and only a few showers all the long holiday weekend. There was even enough wind on Saturday night to allow night flying with lights. I flew single, two line and quad line kites, I'm master of none but trying, and had a great time. I was in the middle of a long fly with the Sky Dancer when the safety marshall asked for all kites to move away from the top end of the field to allow two Army aircraft and two helicopters to take off. That was the first time that had happened to me at Middle Wallop and I was actually quite glad to have a break. The flying conditions are so good there you wear yourself out. When the aircraft returned in the early evening they gave us an immaculate close formation fly-past before turning off in sequence to land.

During the weekend I bought a DVD "Flying Techniques" by Carl and James Robertshaw and Andy Wardley. In the small print on the back of the case it says "aimed at kite flyers who want to take their skills to the next level". Having now watched it, I agree with that, you need to have quite a bit of experience to appreciate the skills being explained. I believe it should be called "Advanced Flying

Techniques", but that is a minor quibble. This is excellent information, right up to the minute, explanation and demonstration of the latest two line aerobatic manoeuvres such as the "Comete" and "Jacob's ladder". A brilliant section by Andy Wardley with the Airbow, a must if you are going to or just have bought one. Great demonstrations by Carl and James with Revolutions and Matrix and a fascinating insight showing how they plan and practice their Evolver routines. There are also lots of hints and tips on basic techniques, all in all a good buy.

I came home late Monday afternoon, tired but happy, looking forward to August for my next visit to the biggest lawn in England, And another fun packed weekend of flying.

Dave McArthur



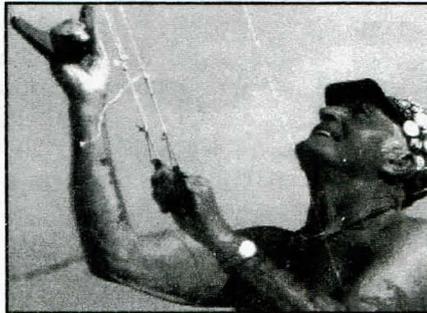
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## THE 6TH SOUTH PADRE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL & SPORT KITE COMPETITIONS FEB. 2004

I have been to many Islands around the world including Hawaii, Fiji and the famous Frazer Island in Australia I have enjoyed flying on all of them but I must say South Padre Island on the Gulf of Mexico to me for kite flying has to be the best, and at the right time of year it is a Kite flyers dream, with super 10 mph winds coming off the ocean and literary dozens of awesome flying places along this 34 mile long stretch of pure white sand (by the way it is ranked as one of America's top 10 beaches) which is bordered on the East by the emerald water of the Gulf of Mexico and on the West by the Laguna Bay, the whole Island is a perfect play ground for what ever you have in mind, sailing, surf and boat fishing, windsurfing, kiteboarding, (which has become the Islands hottest new water sport because of the ideal conditions at Laguna Madre's waist deep water and consistent winds) horse back riding, kite flying. Man you name it you can do it on this Island of paradise located on the tropical tip of Texas where the Snowbirds or "Winter Texans" flock to, to escape the cold of the north, and I like to mention it is also a Treasure hunter's paradise as way back even before I was born: numerous galleons laden with gold and silver bars coins and priceless jewellery on there way to Spain were blown off course to Padre Island, where they foundered on sand bars and the surf smashed there hulls to pieces, the thrill of just finding just a single 400 year old Spanish coin would be some thing else.

It was so nice to get back to the Island as I had some great memories from my last visit in 2000, I had a good flight into Valley International Air port at Harlingen late evening Thursday and only had a 30-minute wait for my friends and team mates Gerri and Fred Adler from California to arrive, it is about an hours drive from Harlingen to South Padre Island Jim Geyerman owner of the Wind chasers of SPI Kite Store and my sponsor was waiting for us and took us to dinner, the talk over dinner was mostly about the weather as it has been cold and lots of rain of late and not any way near what it is normally

like and Jim was kind of worried about the kite festival and competitions on the Saturday and Sunday but I told him no worry Jim... I always bring the sun shine and good winds, well the Sun and Wind Gods must have been listening because the festival was bathed in sun shine and wind, which was blowing 18 to 20 mph on Saturday, the festival was a huge success both days from start to finish the competitions were put off until Sunday hoping that the wind would not be as strong, again the Wind God was on our side with a steady 12 mph wind the competitions ran with out a hitch thanks to the



organizers Guy Blatnik, Steve Mutter and Jim Geyerman, and Tom Chaffee once again did a great job on keeping a running commentary on what was going on plus answering the many questions from some very interested spectators, this being there first kite festival that they have attended and were very impressed especially with Masters Team Ballet and I like to mention that SPI Team was one of the Teams that represented the USA at the World Sport Kite Championships in Berck France last April this was another added bonus for the hundreds of spectators, and the back bone to all sport kite competitions is without a doubt the sound system, Geoff Clifton once again did a fantastic job and was right on cue with everyones music.

I was given my own arena to give all day multiple kite demos, and as I mentioned before this Island is a kite flyers dream, as there is enough room on this 628 acres of flat as a pancake sand area where they hold the festival for everyone to have his very own flying arena, and the beauty of it is that it is only a few minutes drive from the town,

The dinner and auction was also a huge success there were a lot of great kite buys and most of the kite flyers took full advantage to stock up their kite bags, the food was great and plenty off it, I noticed that Jeff McCown the captain of SPI Sport Team and his team members even went for seconds and thirds...hard to believe I know...but I know this for a fact as they tried their hardest to push their way in front of me each time:

After the festival my sponsor Jim Geyerman had me stay on a few more days to fly on the beach which was only a few steps away from where he had booked us to stay, Gerri and Fred Adler also took full advantage of their first time on this Island and also stayed a couple more days, the weather and wind was perfect for us to fly team with our stacks of Dyna kites which attracted lots of attention from afar, I was in my glory flying team plus flying multiple kites from early morning until dusk.

On my last day before heading back home Jim said " want to take you for a drive along the beach", 5 minutes out of town Jim drove off the main road and on to the beach and drove for miles and miles on beautiful white sand and we passed literary dozens of awesome flying sites flat as a pancake and straight as a die, open to the ocean on both sides, super deluxe places to fly regardless what ever direction the wind would be coming from. The whole Island is a kite flyers paradise, plus the bonus of finding an old Spanish treasure when pulling up your ground stake, but as always the real treasures for me is seeing the pure joy in the spectators faces at the kite festival.

Thank you Jim for a great festival and for your invitation to your 7th Kite Festival in 2005, many thanks to all the Kite Flyers who made my team mates and myself so very welcome see you in 2005 if not sooner. Thank you for listening

Ray,

ps, if anyone is interested in seeing the results of the competitions You can find them at: [www.kiteshop.com](http://www.kiteshop.com)

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## THE BRADLYS DO NOT HALF GET AROUND

First there was Berck. We left home on the evening of April 23rd and took the caravan to Folkstone Racecourse. We were picked up early Saturday morning by Simon, Ron, Alan & Dorothy when we then went to the tunnel station to board a train for Calais. At the terminal we met up with other members of BKF and Team Elf. After a scenic drive to Berck via a hypermarket in Boulogne to stock up on food we arrived in Berck about 12:00. Having parked up we then ate our lunch and made our way to the beach to be confronted by a sea of kites of all shapes & sizes. A stroll along the promenade to visit the traders proved fruitful, we purchased 2 'dragon' banners, a traditional dragon kite and a balanesian Dragon. We spent some time on the beach looking at all the wonderful display kites, including inflatables from David Gomborg one of which was his blue meanie. Many british kite flyers were present, including Ray Bethal flying his 3 2 line kites. There was also an interesting wind garden, the flowers being made from plastic drinks bottles. We left Berck around 5:00 and made our way back to Calais, stopping en route for a super meal. We arrived back in England about midnight after an interesting day - will definitely go again.

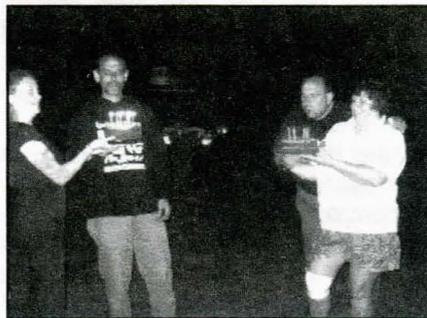
**Weymouth.** We travelled to Weymouth on Friday night and parked the caravan in a local camp site. Saturday morning we arrived at the flying beach and met up with Simon who then organised flying passes for us. We tried to fly some of the larger kites but as there was very little wind we were not very successful and around lunchtime we gave up and walked round to the harbour. Saturday evening a group of us went to a fish & chip bar for a meal and then eventually ended up at Simon's flat for coffee. Sunday proved a bit more successful and managed to fly some of the larger display kites. Sunday ended with a reception in the pavillion followed by fireworks, the start of which was counted down by Charlotte Hennessey. After the fireworks we wandered round to the funfare where Victoria went on a ride which while spinning the occupants also turned them up side down. This

was watched by Margaret, Malcolm, Simon & Charlotte and we all decided that we didn't want to join Victoria. We woke up Sunday morning to fine rain so decided to pack up and go home. Even so we had had another enjoyable kite flying weekend.

**Swindon.** We decided just go to Swindon on the Sunday. We loaded up the car and even though it was raining we decided to go anyway. On the way the sky brightened up and we thought we were in for a good day weather wise - we were however wrong! As we got nearer to Swindon the weather deteriorated and by the time we arrive at the airfield we were in low cloud. After looking around the hangers and catching up with various people the weather improved and we were able to fly a few kites. Not the best festival for weather but the company made up for it.

**Rougham.** After much deliberation - because Victoria has to attend wind orchestra practice Saturday morning, we decided to pick up Victoria from rehearsal and get to Rougham late Saturday evening. We arrived at 7:00 and after Simon 'drove' our caravan into its allocated space we joined Force Nine kites and other BKF members in a barbecue. This was followed by fireworks and further socialising at the Froce Nine Stall.

This included a presentation of birthday cakes to Mark and Simon who had birthdays very close to the festival (see picture). Sunday proved



a successful kite flying day and at one point with the help of Ron Dell and Ray Oakhill, we had 4 of our larger kites in the air, our green delta with the links tail, our 5 sided snowflake, our six sided snowflake and our black dragon Rokkaku. During the afternoon we relieved Simon & Paul who were flying the Manta. After

another super weekend we arrived home about 8:00.

**Tewkesbury.** We left for Tewkesbury about 6:45 Friday evening, arriving about 8:30. Friday night we were wakened by rain and thought we were in for a wet weekend. Saturday was cloudy but dry and there were times when we managed to fly a few kites but the wind was rather gusty and it was not very easy to keep the kites in the air although Malcolm did manage to fly some of his oriental kites - dragon, carp & owl. Victoria & Malcolm also entered in the individual Rok fight but didn't win. Saturday evening we attended the buffet provided by Golden Valley Kite Flyers and discovered another BKF member - Maurice. Sunday there was more wind and after rebridling our new hexagonal kite we managed to get it to fly - a bit unstable. We adjusted the bridle & eventually managed to get it to fly well. As well as individual rok fight, Malcolm & Victoria also entered a team Rok fight with our green Dragon kite. This was cut down and floated away - landing on the roof of the school - fortunately Malcolm managed to retrieve it with no further battle scars. Sunday evening finished with an auction. Monday morning was cloudy so we packed up the awning while it was still dry - fortunatley it didn't rain until after we left for home. The wind proved better on Monday and we finished the day flying the Hex which was really stable & dominated the skyline. We left around 6:00 after a super weekend.

Margaret, Malcolm & Victoria

## SO YOU THINK BUGGING IS NEW

George Pocock a schoolmaster used the power of two kites, in 1820's, to pull a carriage at speeds of up to 20 mph on his 1st attempt and then on some of his later trips speeds were recorded at over 100mph. Because road taxes at the time were based on the number of horses a carriage used, he was exempted from any taxes and tolls! Once he connected several kites to a carriage and pulled it from Southampton to London.

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## THE BKF RALLY @ ROUGHAM

Well what an eventful weekend!! Both on and off the flying field. We arrived at Rougham on the Saturday after a three hour drive from Brighton to find various BKF members on site and nomiS on his own at the other end of the field. We drove over to use the car as a ground anchor through grass which was higher than the bonnet of the car. A strange experience, driving through grass that appeared to part like water as you drove through it. As the weekend progressed it appears that many people enjoyed this sensation as lots of cars drove across the field rather than using the cut road way around the edge. Still, back to the flying.

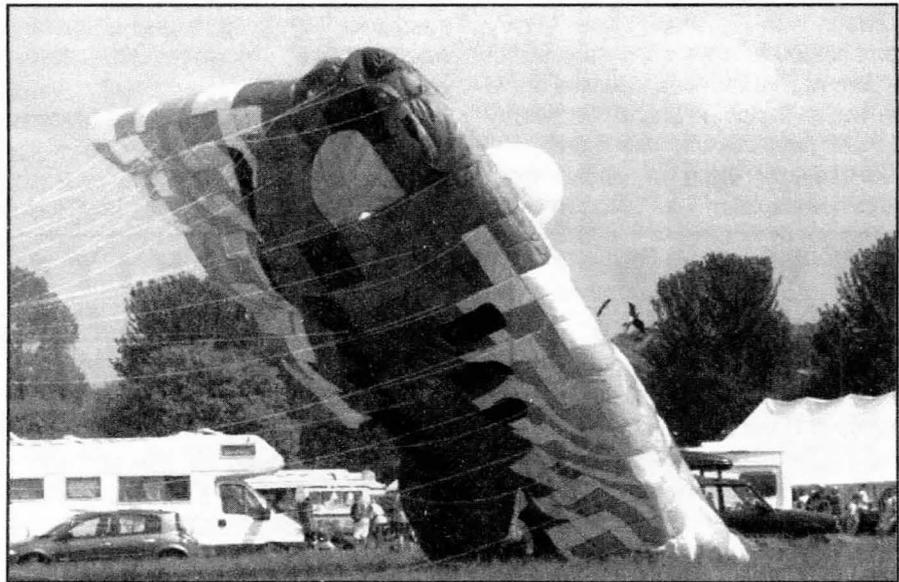
Up went Manta, followed by Teddy and the new acquisition, a Peter Lynn Penguin. We then flew Ollie and two lobsters from our car. By this time utterly exhausted, htebasilE evaD, noR and I collapsed into chairs and got our breath back. No sooner had we sat down than the wind dropped and everything fell out of the sky. This seemed to be the agenda for the day - Wind, run out inflate the pilots, every thing rises majestically into the sky, we sit down grab water etc, wind drops and all fall down. Then wind again and we start all over again. All the time the sun was getting hotter and hotter and hotter.

Still that is half the fun of kite flying; another aspect of the hobby and kite festivals is acquiring new kites. Jackie & Hugh Pennie came over to say that they had decided to have a clear out of their kite bag... fatal to my wallet, I came away with 14 new, to me, kites..... Oh how do I explain this one when I get home..... Let me think, I know I will use the same excuse that she who must be obeyed uses..... "look how much I have saved by buying these bargains".... Yes that will work..... Anyway she never reads Aerodyne.

The afternoon passed and we baked and still the wind was up and down and up and down, By half past three we had had enough of this and left the kites down and wandered off round the traders and other stalls. Here we bumped into Martin (Firework) Corrie one of the organisers of the festival. Between nomiS and Martin it was decided to fly

the large inflatable in the arena at 4:30 to close the events for the day. Well we folded the kite up and carried it across to the arena. Laid out the fabric narrowly avoiding being decapitated by an exhibiting flyer doing his display. At the time of our slot we were ready but no wind, not a breath. So what now? Well as readers will be aware BKF members are not adverse to a spot of "Charlie Browning" (see October 2003 issue and our exploits at Teston). So how to drag a kite that is 100 feet long and

And staggered back to the "base" camp where we had left the rest of the kites and stuff. Now you will recall that the field was a silage crop and as such the grass was high. Well nomiS had set up camp in an area that had very sparse grass and was mainly sand, we now discovered why, the biggest ants nest you did ever see! Everything was covered in ants that were furious at being disturbed, we all got bitten and stung by these insects as we packed away the kites. Saturday evening was drawn to a



weighs in at 50 kgs? We will use a car!!! So with evaD and I holding the wings apart and nomiS at the wheel of his car we started, and failed as we ran out of arena just as the kite got airborne. Still never being ones to give up at the first attempt the whole thing was dragged back to the starting point. This time with the addition of a pilot kite and two more helpers we achieved the impossible flight of a large inflatable in zero wind. All going well until a small child ran in front of nomiS who had to stop suddenly. This had the effect of dumping the Manta straight down. Heading straight for the spectators luckily I could reach the bridle lines and steer the kite to a relatively empty part of the park, much to the annoyance of a collie dog who was most distressed to see such a large animal with huge teeth and gaping mouth falling out of the sky straight for him and his mistress.

This was the final straw we gave up!!

very pleasant close by a BBQ and gathering at the Kiteworld tent. Even if someone who shall be nameless made me the colour of beetroot by mishearing a totally innocent comment (so he says) and then perpetuating the misunderstanding even to the extent of phoning she who must be obeyed to check if I could actually do what was requested! (sorry to be so cryptic but if you were there you will understand and if you weren't then you don't need to know, but you could ask someone who was and you may be told)

And so to bed - Peter Linnell, who had had, set up on site his caravan after it was repaired for him to use. As he was unable to attend so Rougham his caravan was lent to nomiS and as it was a 3 birth nomiS suggested that hteB and I share, to save putting up our tent. He also asked noR to stay when it became too late for him to drive home. So nomiS went from

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having a double bed to himself to ending up on the floor of the van. Still four of us in a small caravan was very cosy and noisy as all four snored - at one point so loudly that I woke myself up with the racket!

Sunday morning was as still as still could be. Not a rustle or movement at all. So what to do at a kite festival with no wind and at 6:00 am? I know set up kiteworld's stall for them. By the time Michael and Linda got out of bed the stall was open and set up.

Michael then decided to fill a hole in his display with a wasp kite from premier this kite was very complicated and we set a stop watch on him twelve minutes later we could not resist "helping" and a full twenty minutes later the kite was ready.

After several cups of coffee from Linda the decision was taken to try to

get something into the air. As the trailer was opened the remainder of the ants that got caught up yesterday tried to escape through us rather than round us.

The manta was lofted skywards and as on the Saturday it went up and down and up and down and up and down and up and down and up and down. As the day progressed the wind got better and better and by the time to pack up it took several BKF members to bring down the beast.

All in all a good festival and many thanks to Suffolk flyers and all those who organised Rougham 2004. See you in 2005.

By then evaD may well have a proper banner.

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**NOT A REAL KITE FESTIVAL BUT GREAT FUN TO FLY ANY WAY**

Cuckfield Bank Holiday Fair

Well the forecast was iffy, but we had promised to fly so we set off to arrive at about 8.30am. Found Paul and Beth Hill along with Amy, Paul partners Daughter, already there. A boot sale was taking place so before we flew we had to have a look around didn't we. Alan Outram may be hard of hearing but his nose works well, he had smelt the boot fair from miles away and turn up just as we were going in. While looking round the kids brought more toys, and Alan restocked his garage with bits and bobs (sorry Anne).

Once out in the parking area again the wind had picked up a bit and we managed to put up the club manta ray. Soon after, Mark and Michelle turned, up along with the Craggs, then Dave and Tracy with their nipper. More kites were brought out of kite bags and flown. The manta was soon joined by the penguin and later in the day Teddy showed it face to the delight of the children watching. The public soon started to arrive and watch, some came up and talked to us about the kites and what was going on, some even had kites in the cars and came and flew which was

nice to see. One man had just brought a new quad line kite and was having trouble flying it so Paul and I fixed the line length and bridle (must be the single line flyers in us to make this possible) and he went away very happy with a kite that now flew promising to see us at Brighton.

The number of cars entering the show soon made the flying area smaller and smaller. We did however manage to hold enough ground to keep on flying all day. Paul and I had a try at team flying and we will soon get there with a bit more practice. Next week we may even try a full team with Dave as well.

Towards the end of the morning we were thinking that we would have to bring down the kites, as the area we were flying in, was again being taken over by parked cars. However after a quick word with the attendant this stopped and we kept flying till the end of the day, even managing to put up my large spinning doughnut for the 1st time this year.

Thank you to all those who turned up, what do you think same again next year, or try something else. Just let me know what you think.

Simon Hennessey

**THE ART OF THE WAU**

The beautiful island of Langkawi, Malaysia in January - lots of sun and sandy beaches, but winds that average merely 2 mph at this time of year, so only the lightest of kites will fly. A trip to the Malaysian Craft and Cultural Complex at Teluk Yu provides an entertaining diversion, not least because of the 3.5m traditional Wau which greets you hanging from the ceiling of the entrance hall.

There are three museums located within the grounds of the complex; one of them, the Heritage Museum, features crafts associated with Malaysian culture, including spinning tops and drumming. More importantly, it has a permanent static display dedicated to the art of making kites, with many beautiful examples on display. At the time we visited there was an extra display of kites which had been made on site the previous month by a kitemaker from Perlis.



The wau, which resembles the shape of the letter wau from the Arabic alphabet, is the most popular traditional kite. There are many types, the commonest being: Wau Bulan (Moon); Wau Kuching (Cat); Wau Ikan (Fish); Wau Jalabudi (Woman) And Wau Daun or Barat (Leaf), they are named after the particular shape or a feature of the kite. The kites are large, often 2 to 3 meters high. The frame is made from bamboo with a sail made from layers of cut and pasted coloured paper, and beautifully decorated using traditional designs of leaves and flowers. The wau bulan has a long nose which supports a bow drone. In competition the drone is usually made of rattan, but for less serious flying re-cycled video tape is used,

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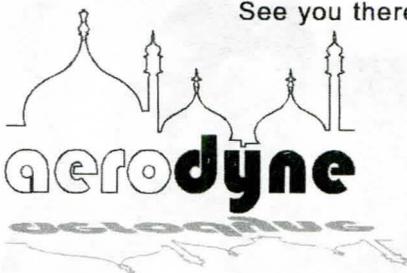
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**fly-in reminders**

Our Monthly fly-in is where we try and get as many of the club members to fly together. These are held on the 1st Sunday on Telscombe Tye, East Sussex, 2nd Thursday at Stanmer Park 6pm. Remember that during the summer members may well be attending kites festivals, but the fly-ins are still on.

See you there



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**Thank you**

I would like to say thank you to all those who made this issue of Aerodyne possible Ray Bethall, Paul Hill, The Bradly's, Terry & Irene Golding for articles. I know it seems we keep going on, but Aerodyne is only possible with your help, so thank you again to those who help.

Simon Hennessey

**Next Issue**

Story of a young girl who wanted to be one of Ray Bethall's kites. Hopefully a write up on the Brighton festival and Petworth.

We have a range club t-shirts and hooded tops for sale  
 T-shirts £10  
 Hooded tops £25.00

Please contribute to your club newsletter - even the smallest of items is welcome. Anything sent to the 'Editor' will be considered for print unless marked otherwise.

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In competition flyers all use the same length line. Kites of similar style, shape and size are judged not only by how high they fly but also by how well they are decorated. After being launched by a team of two and flying for about 10 minutes, the flying line is attached to a protractor or spirit level to measure the angle of flight and height. Sometimes the speed of ascent to a set height is also part of the competition. Pictures of the kites in the complex can be found at:

<http://terry.fotopic.net/c117731.html>

If you are in the region a good time to see Waus flying is at the Pasir Gudang kite festival in Johor Bahru, southern Malaysia which is usually held in mid-February. Closer to home, some beautiful examples of waus and other kites were to be seen (and purchased) on the Malaysian stand at Berck this year, they will also be at Dieppe International Kite Festival in September.

Terry & Irene Golding

**A very big Thank you**

We would like to put out a heart felt thank you to those the firemen of Red Watch of Newhaven & Preston Park for their gallant efforts in retrieving our lifter from the top of the football stadium floodlight while we were flying at the RNLI fete held at the Newhaven Fort Recreation and football ground. As a thank you we have donated £50 to the FSNB fund.



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# ROMAN CANDLE 73.



The Journal of the Bearly Made It Skydive Squad. The International Brother and Sisterhood of Parachuting Fauna and the U.K. Ted Devils. Politically Incorrect and definitely not up our own fundamental, all we give you is 100% Mindless Drivel, but then, you already knew that.

## The teddy bear's days are numbered

WHOOA, HOLD YOUR HORSES ALL YOUZ R.C.HATERS, BEFORE YOU START HOLLERING "ABOUT TIME"

THE DAYS ARE NUMBERED BIT ONLY APPLIES TO POOR OLD MOTH EATEN AND DECREIPIT ERIC HERE.

Fair do's you would look a bit knackered if you was one year short of the ton, anyway poor old Eric is facing eviction along with an amazing collection of Victorian toys and Chinese dolls made of donkey skin. Eric is a resident of the famous Pollock's Toy Museum in London and unfortunately the museum has come to the end of its 30 year lease in the shadow of centrepoint and is faced with finding upwards of half a million squids for a new lease:

'Arfa mill aint a lot if you say it quick, but in reality the museum is sweating a bit. They have engaged an agency to try and drum up the dosh i.e. they are on the scrounge, hoping that some kind person or company would be willing to make a donation. "He's already lost an ear, don't let him lose his home" the ad says, a tragedy if the museum disappears, blah, blah, blah. Some hard hearted city types think a more robust sort of advert would do better, something along the lines of. "COUGH UP OR THE BEAR GETS IT" (hows that for an insult, "oi, donkey skin" makes a change from " oi dog breath"



### Barred from children's ward

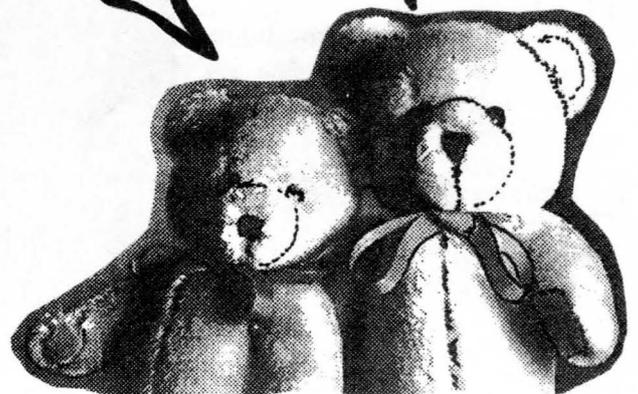
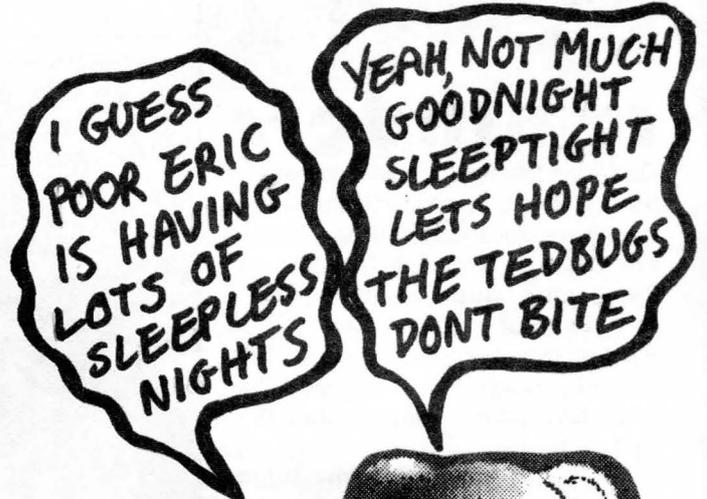
JUST WHY A BUILDING SOCIETY WOULD HAVE A COLLECTION OF TEDDY BEARS IS SOMETHING

OF A MYSTERY, BUT THEY DO HAVE 'EM.

Leeds and Holbeck is rebranding and decided to dispense with their collection of Teds. What to do with them? too good to throw away Hey, offer them to the childrens ward at Leeds General Infirmary, but alas those poor Teds have fallen victim to todays most fashionable disease, health and safety fascism. "Ve cannot accept these Bears 'cos of the risk of infection "

The PR for the building society was most taken aback upon hearing the refusal. The Bears have been sitting in a box in our office and we're not infectious, he said.

There you go, no wonder the NHS is in such a shambles. But of course nowadays you go to Hospital to catch a disease , not the other way round.....





As you are no doubt aware for every special forces operation that has been well pulicised and and has passed into folklore, there were many more that are to this day pretty well unknown. some were very successful, others were, to put it blunly, expensive failures. When we say expensive, we actually mean in terms of the casualties suffered by lots of of largely unsung heroes.

The ASFA is also trying to raise funds for a permanent and dedicated memorial to those unknown hereos.

### Bear Squadron

What, you may ask is the connection between the ASFA and Parachuting furry whatnots. Yes, you've guessed it, its

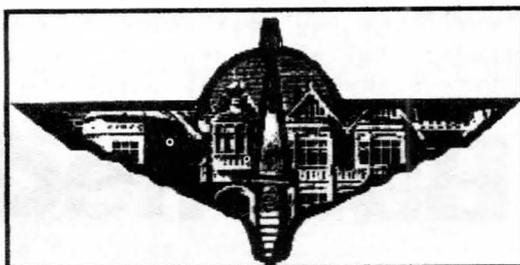
the Bear Squadron. It seems that the BMISS aint the the only mob well into stuffing the jolly old rag. the Bear Squadron on the Wirral, to give it, its full title, is dedicated to fund raising on behalf of the ASFA and Monty, pictured left, a member of their

Dorset troop(watch out, thats an SAS beret he's wearing) is on permanent guard duty at the ASFA offices, which it is alledged he parachuted into, though we dont think he did it from a Kite.

### "Chutes and Daggers"

MANY OF THE SPECIAL FORCES OPERATIONS WERE THE RESULT OF THE CODEBREAKERS WHO WORKED UNDER THE UTMOST SECRECY AT THE FAMOUS STATION X, AT BLETCHLEY PARK

Its now common knowledge that the team at station X, under the legendry Alan Turing and using early computers were responsible for shortening WWII by at least 3 years when they broke the German Enigma and Ultra code systems. Truly a Chute and Daggers and Codes connection



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who is sindie (boogeredifweknow) HOWEVER THE ERSTWHILE SINDIE IS DOING IMPORTANT RESEARCH INTO THE WELL KNOWN AILMENT "BEAR MAKERS BUM"

Sindie says "Myresearch has a long way to go, however I have discovered some intresting facts.

1. If you hold your food higher than your mouth. all the calories jump out before you can consume them.
2. Leng, thin foods i.e. chocolate fingers, sausages, Kitkat, Niknak crisps, spaghetti Bolognese etc maintain their form when you eat them so you will become long and thin too.
3. Ring doughnuts, coconut ring biscuits and bagels have lo fat centres so are okay to eat.
4. Anything with lots of air in it is lo fat also, i.e. Aero, chocolate mousse, Wispa etc.
5. Avoid anything round(see No2) such as apples, tomatoes, ricecakes, grapefruit, pickled onions etc.

This is very intresting, but even with the current hoo haa about obesity, this is actually uncommon. What you most likely are is nothing more than " A FAT BARSTEWARD" sod all this politically correct mumbo jumbo, its no more s,m,l, its xxl, fb1, fb2,fb3 and'kin ada Any bigger, then its rent a tent, pass them chocolate fingers.....

# Skydiver unstrapped parachute at 9,000ft

THE WAYS OF THE HUMES ARE PRETTY MUCH BEYOND THE KEN OF THE AVERAGE PARACHUTING FAUNA IT SEEMS THAT SUICIDE BY PARACHUTE IS ANOTHER METHOD OF EXITING THIS LIFE. SHOCKING BUT THEN WHAT SUICIDE IS 'NT?

A Skydiver who recently plunged to his death did actually unstrap his chute in midair during a National Skydiving competition. Eye witnesses said there was no doubt about it, he did commit suicide.

Alistair McLaren was said to be a highly experienced Skydiver who had completed almost a thousand jumps, he was also a parachute instructor. He had jumped

with fourteen other skydivers from a Dornier aircraft aboard which he had left his mobile phone, this was alleged to contain "suicide text messages". Mr McLaren was believed to have broken up with his wife and a young student with whom he had been having a relationship, though whether or not this had played any part in his decision to end it all, is not clear. A Police spokesman said they are not treating his death as suspicious.

The somewhat bizarre death of Mr M. comes after the equally bizarre death by parachute of Stephen Hilder last year. After believing that this was a murder and going so far as to arrest some of Mr Hilder's friends in connection with the incident, Police are now almost 100% certain that Mr Hilder committed suicide. DNA and forensic evidence seem to point in this direction. We know full well that us furry wotsits are doing the old "stuff the rag" bit strictly for laughs, any accidental hume deaths by parachute are a tragedy for all concerned, but it is truly beyond our ken to think that some humes are killing themselves by parachute on purpose.

## Bad medicine?



## BEAR EATS CRUEL OWNER



TASTY,  
BUT  
PITY THERE  
WAS NO  
BROWN  
SAUCE

HERE'S A TALE FROM DEEPEST DARKEST CENTRAL RUSSIA, THAT FAIRLY WARMS THE COCKLES OF YOUR HEART, YIPEE, GETTING YOUR COME UP PANCE DONT COME MUCH BETTER THAN THIS.

A cruel hunter was killed and eaten by his pet Bear after he abused and taunted it for months, Boo, Hiss..

Vladimir Mamontov kept the bear, called Horatio, chained up outside his house in Tambov, central Russia. This specimen constantly mistreated the bear whilst supposedly practising his hunting and stalking skills as he endeavoured to win Russia's top hunting award, the title of "Distinguished Huntsman"

Horatio, finally decided that enough was enough and he grabbed his tormentor, gave him a right pasting and finally to put the cherry on top of the icing, he ate him.

A Police spokesman said, "Mamontov had given the bear a long term hard time, keeping it chained and gauging its reactions to his stalking methods. This was some kind of divine retribution, he went to feed the bear and it decided that he was lunch". Funnily enough Mamontov was guest of honour at the Tambov Regional Hunting Society's 115th anniversary bash recently, but the Bear had the last laugh.

# Once bitten... or pecked



## Kite population soaring

SCARY OR WHAT....GANGBANGING ANTI TED KITES IN BUCKS RAMPAGE, OO'ER MISSUS, WHAT WE GOT? CLANDESTINE KITE FESTS,WHAT ARE THEY?DELTA?...CONYNES?, OR GAWD FORBID,RED WOGLAM PARA KITES. IF SOME WAG SHOUTS OUT THAT TEY'RE EAST GERMAN RED ROLLERS, WE'RE OUT OF HERE.

# CAN'T GET IT OUT OF MY HEAD

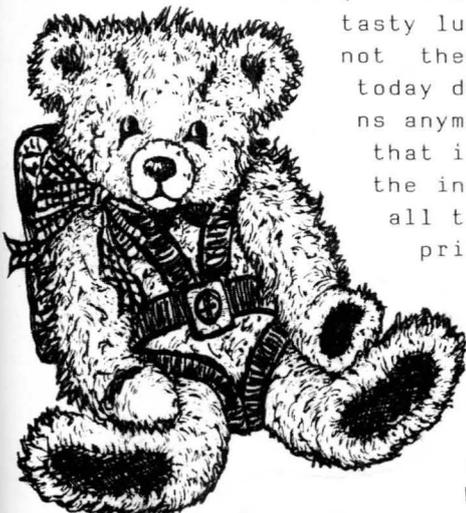
said that they were turd skinning a bit as they were only charging 50p a drop and they were having a competition, the winner being the Bear who drifted the furthest.

Tony also said that someone was planning to drop parafauna from inside a Liverpool cathedral. Liverpool has two, both huge, a good inside height but which one was it, the orange or the green?

STEVE BILLINGS SENT US THE BIT ABOUT THE TEDS USING OR CONSUMING SPAM, IT COMES FROM COMPUTING. AS WE ARE COMPUTER ILLITERATE ITS ALL GREEK TO US, BUT THERE YOU GO.

SPAM, we thought was a tasty luncheon meat, but not these days, SPAM today dont come in tins anymore, it seems that it comes through the internut and uses all the ink up in ya printer as well as

costing you an arm and a leg in paper. Aint life grand.



So, as ever its the usual to the whatnot c/o The Boring Old Fart at the Teddytorial.48. Laurel Lane, West Drayton, UB7.7TY. In what forever will be ENGLAND no matter what the Traitors, running dogs and fellow travellers have planned. Ahem, how many years is it since those awfully nice Eurocrats have posted a set of accounts, Nine is it ?.....

DAVE HUGHES THINKS THAT THE CHILTERN ARE IN DANGER OF BECOMING A NO GO AREA FOR TEDDY BEARS AND OTHERS OF THAT ILK, IF RECENT LETTERS TO THE GRAUNIAD ARE ANYTHING TO GO BY.

Whist its highly commendable that the population of Red Kites is showing a marked increase since the reintroduction of Spanish birds between 1989 and 1994, it does not auger too well for the furies. Sir, Red Kites may be seen patrolling as far south as Marlow. They have a reputation locally for removing Teddy Bears and other soft toys left unattended on lawns. Fred Cairns, Bourne End.

Sir, We've been trying to keep these Red Kites a secret since their release near Stokenchurch about 15 years ago. It seems someone has noticed, however, Oh well, good whilst it lasted. S Kibble, Berkhamstead, Herts. Sir, Red Kites are familiar to anyone who travels along the M40 between junctions 4 and 8, keeping an eye on the sky. My personal record was 21 kites spotted during one journey. perhaps I should add that I was'nt in the drivers seat. Stephie Coane, Harrow, Middx.

THEY SAID IT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN, BUT IT HAS AND ITS ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU A TOUCH OF THE Screaming abdabs.

Monsewer Tony Slater informs us that a recent edition of the Archers, the longest running Radio soap in the world featured Teds parachuting from the tower of the local church in aid of some charity. So the everyday story of country folk, ahem, weirdos has caught up with reality. mind you, Tony

### Spam's no picnic for teddy bears

Many more of you have been reading your random word spam, thanks to our helpful intervention.

'I'm more intrigued by the supposed authors of such messages - my latest correspondents include Rossario Biggs, Sadie Blankenship, Paige Yazzie, Trinidad Busby and Cyrus Solis,' says John Carr, at Waddington Labels.

'More disconcerting are emails from Robert Wiseman, whose black and white milk lorries I often pass on the motorway, and Teddy James, a bear who was my daughter's inseparable companion when she was small.'

Has anyone else had spam from their teddy bear? Or from themselves? Or John Carr?

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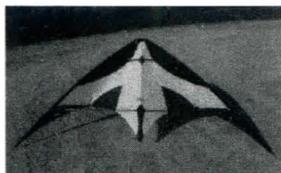
## FLYING TECHNIQUES



Flying Techniques is an instructional DVD presented by three of the UK's most respected sport kite flyers; Andy Wardley, Carl Robertshaw & James Robertshaw

The DVD is aimed at the kite flyer who wants to take their skills to the next level and is presented in a way that even a complete novice can follow. It also details the methods for creating flying routines and concentrates on the skills required to master four line and two line sports kites including the Airbow, Revolution, Gemini, Matrix and Dot Matrix. Flying Techniques lasts 93 minutes and there are 20 minutes of extras.

**Flying  
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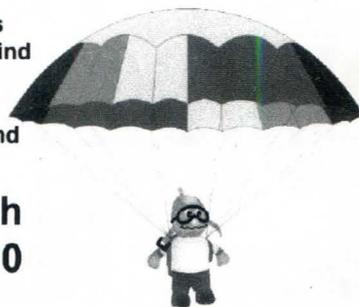
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**Transition Tail £9.00**

## Kite people of the world!

Dont forget here at Dunstable Kites we still keep a huge range of fixtures and fittings of all shapes and sizes, we have even been known to find illusive or long lost parts!

Our Ripstop range always has a wide variety of colours including the standard 14 colours of Spiraglyde, but we dont just stop there we also have wind meters, books, line, handles and many more bits and pieces needed to make that new kite. So don't delay call us today!

## Windsocks and Windgames

Yes still popular as ever we have a huge collection of these items available so many that to list them all would need a Kiteflier magazine of its own to house them all. You can see most of these items at Kite festivals throughout the show season. We continue to update our website but with so many items its hard to keep up!

**Dont forget our new Phone Number is 01525 229 773.**  
**See you on the Flying fields.**