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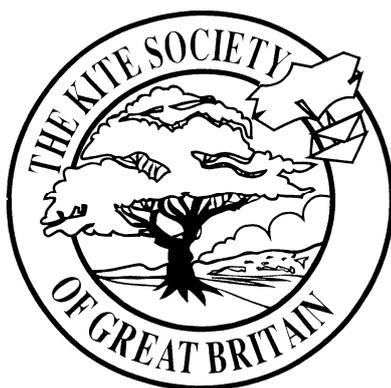
Yes still popular as ever we have a huge collection of these items available so many that to list them all would need a Kiteflier magazine of its own to house them all. You can see most of these items at Kite festivals throughout the show season. We continue to update our website but with so many items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

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

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### Editorial

Dear Reader

In this issue you will find the Kite Trade Directory. Please support these traders and get your Kite Society discount as well. Due to space constraints we have delayed the publication of the Group Directory until the July issue. However, up to date information for both directories can be found on our web site [www.thekitesociety.org.uk](http://www.thekitesociety.org.uk).

Many of you may have already visited the web site. We have revamped it re-

cently and hopefully you will find it easier to use. You can also renew your subscription online using Paypal—which allows credit and debit card payments.

Finally, don't forget Weymouth. During the Sunday evening reception in the Pavillion from 7:30, Tony Cartwright will be showing some more of his old 8mm films of Kite Festivals from the past. If you were at Portsmouth you may remember the laughter! Hope to see you there.

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Marilyn Potheary from STACK UK

Experienced pairs champions Close Encounters showing that single line kites can be fun too with this weird and wonderful creation from HQ Kites called the Flex Ring. This is designed by Rainer Hoffmann who also designed the other kites on the cover. He is one of the invited guest kite fliers at the Weymouth International Beach Kite Festival 1st and 2nd May,

Marilyn photo by Allan Potheary. Other photos from [www.hora-kites.de](http://www.hora-kites.de)

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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.

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## Kites in the Sky—George Webster

Kites in the Sky is a series of articles which (hopefully) will end up as a book.

I have set out below the brief titles to the articles which I have written, the issue of The Kiteflier in which

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they appear and their chapter number if they were to appear in a book.

What I intend to do is update chapters 1—10 using comments that I have received, new information (particularly on Asian kites) altering the balance of illustrations and just getting rid of first time glitches.

Chapter 1 would have to be greatly simplified for a book. Chapter 11 (this issue) is the most elementary which I have written but I have included it as it would be part of a book.

Chapter 12 has grown out of my original idea to have something on tails. I decided to write something on how kites fly. Ernest Barton saw a draft of this part and said I did realise that there is a strong view that the Bernoulli effect of airflow over a wing providing lift by pressure difference is rubbish. SO I have read up on it and hope to provide the first 'non-Bernoulli' explanation which I have seen in a kite book. I could not quite manage it for this issue but I am sure it will be ready for the next.

As usual comments are welcome—plus any ideas on publishing.

## Flex Ring—Marilyn Potheary

At *second* attempt or, if you have already seen it up, the Flex Ring is quite simple to construct although it looks more complicated.

It's about four foot nine inches in diameter and uses fiberglass rods.

It comes with a bag filled with weights which keeps the kite in an alternative, upright position and gives the kite a completely different appearance - It makes you wonder whether this was planned or accidental but it is quite amazing never-the-less.

When we tried it the wind was around seven mph which was about as low as we felt comfortable with.

The manufacturers claim a 4 to 18mph wind range so perhaps we should have tried some adjustments but I am a believer of reporting on how it comes out of the bag because that is how most people who don't understand bridles would want it.

In that wind The Flex Ring was a little cumbersome to get away but once it had gotten to around 80 feet it sat in the sky as steady as a rock.

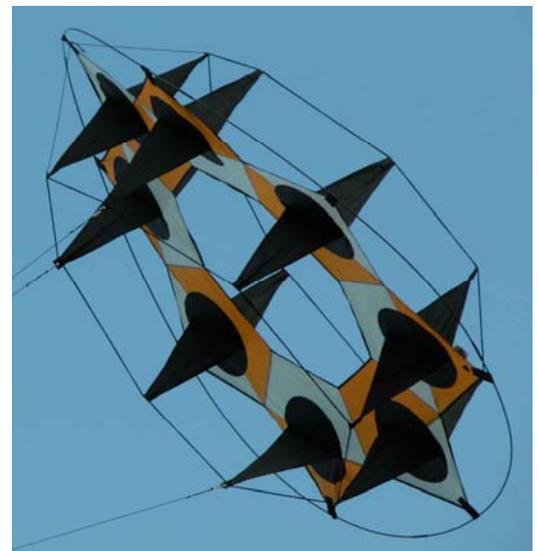
This is one of those kites that look better from any angle other than straight on, from the flyer's point of view, so the sooner you get it staked the better then try the different angles using the weight.

The ripstop sail folds down to practically nothing and weighs about the same.

Because the rods are so flexible you could easily get this kite in to a suit case and turn a few heads on a holiday beach.

The pull is nicely firm so you could even hang your towel on the line to dry.

Another new kite for this year you should be able to find it for under £60.00.



## Some Points on Kite Flying—George Webster

### 1 Introduction

People fly kites and get interested in kites for many reasons. The two things are different, many of us fly a kite bought casually as a toy either when a child or with a child. A few of us 'get interested' and buy a second kite or perhaps make one. Many people now buy a 2-line kite for fun on a beach.

If you are 'interested' then I strongly advise that you make contact with fellow enthusiasts. It may be as easy as going to the local flying spot on a Sunday – or you may decide to contact the Kite Society of Great Britain. They will put you in touch with your local kite club and give you knowledge of local events. You will find out the location of your local kite store and the nearest gathering that attracts a trader.

Obviously fellow enthusiasts are the best source of information on how to get more from kites. Kite clubs add something extra as many are introducing a safety code for their members. This becomes increasingly necessary, not particularly because single line flying has become more dangerous, but because power kiting (2- or 4-lines, buggies, boards etc.) is inherently more dangerous and however good the flier is a damaged onlooker is more likely to think of legal action nowadays than some years ago. Local authorities, who tend to be the owners of flying sites, sometimes do not distinguish between multi-line and single line kites and seek to ban the lot. Safety schemes help to preserve sites as well as reduce damage.

My only advice on choice of kite is to get something fairly straightforward from a kite specialist so that if conditions are right it will fly. Go for nylon fabric rather than plastic. Read the rest of this chapter and the next.

### Exhibit 1

Ten Tips for Safe and Sensible Kite Flying

#### Section A - Pick the right spot

1. It should be a clear open space – a park, a field or a beach
2. Do not fly downwind of trees or buildings
3. Do not fly in a thunderstorm or into a rain cloud
4. Do not fly over roads or near cables

#### Section B - Fly Sensibly

5. Have your kite under control. No kite will fly in all wind conditions
6. Use gloves
7. Have a clearly-visible fixed point on the ground but don't leave it unattended with a kite up

#### Section C - Lines are important

8. The 'best' line depends on the size of the kite, the intended wind speed and, of course, how high you wish to fly
9. If you cross lines with another flier, walk towards the other person. As usually the kites are flying at different angles to the wind, the tangle will move down the line to the two of you and it is then easy to sort out
10. Don't try to fly your kite on a very short line, say less than 20m. (We are not concerned with two line kites, but if we were, the most common beginner's error is to try to fly one on anything less than all the line supplied)

#### Lastly

11. Leave the site tidy – pick up line, spars etc which can be dangerous

Exhibit 1 is a version of a demo that Tony Cartwright's Skystage puts on sometimes at a festival where the points made by the commentator are illustrated to interest spectators (e.g. Point 7 a small kite struggling to fly on a length of clothesline).

The next section (2) says a little on good practice when you first get on to the field. I will then review each of the sections above in a little more detail.

- 3 Pick the right sport – Section A
- 4 Fly sensibly – Section B
- 5 Lines are important – Section C
- 6 Lastly

The approach is a brief treatment of things which seem important to me. Not a comprehensive one; I'm not going to suggest where you put your suntan cream.

### 2 First Moves

If you are new to kiteflying, fly with a friend. Give yourself a good start by putting the kite together for the first time at home. With children rehearsal is vital. All the 'bonding' and

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'problem solving' is much better done from the basis of a correctly assembled complete kite. On the field you have a wind to blow the bag and instructions away and it is so much easier to lose a piece in the grass.

When the kite has been erected, hold it by its bridle point upside down so that the lowest point of the kite is just above the ground. This is easy for a single spined kite such as an Eddy or a Delta. The kite should be balanced each side of its centre spine and the angle of the rear point above the ground should be about 30 degrees (this is the angle of attack mentioned in the next article). In more complex kites you should still look for balance, angle, correct bridling etc. on the field.

The next stage is to check that you can give out line quickly (see 5 below) and, if flying by yourself, then hold the kite from the bridle point and let line out slowly. It is easier if you have a friend. By-standers who are not fliers are rarely reliable, they are given to launching your new kite upside down with a reflex gesture as if it has become electrified which hurls it into the sky at a multiple of its normal flying speed. However, the friend can be asked to take out about 20m of line downwind and let go or gently toss it up on your instructions. If all does not go well then you might be glad you read the next chapter and at least knew the first two rules of kiteflying.

Now we need to discuss WIND.

Most people think of wind in terms of its direction, its strength and whether the speed is variable (gusty). Kitefliers know that the wind will also be smooth or bumpy – sometimes called 'rolling', 'full of holes' or just 'bad'. People I have asked seem to think that airflow is usually 'smooth like water in a river'. Look at a river and you will see numerous eddies and little whirlpools only some of which are obviously the result of the irregular shape of its banks. Don Dunford wrote in *Kite Cookery* 'wind is like a large number of giant sausages that move along at different heights and at different speeds. They curl upwards and downwards when they meet obstacles, and are constantly overtaking or being overtaken by each other'.

Even above a smooth field the wind might be bumpy and yet in such ideal conditions the wind for the first 10m will be affected by the drag of the land's surface (sometimes called ground effect and a reason why meteorologi-

cal measurements are taken 10m up). So your immediate objective is to get your kite safely up through this lower level.

If the smooth field has buildings or trees, then these will cause eddies like those next to a riverbank. The effect is felt downwind roughly ten times the height of the obstruction. I used to fly regularly on a West London common where new fliers would come with expensive new kites, set them up in the shade of one of the chestnut trees round the edge and wonder why their kite wouldn't fly, but mine would 50m away in the middle.

Not only is the wind more turbulent near the ground but also there is often a 'wind gradient', meaning that the wind 50m up is stronger. While that might be more than your kite needs obviously if you want a stronger wind for your kite you will want to get up into it.

Three points about wind gradient:

1. It isn't always there and anyway isn't a smooth continuous effect – I was once surprised to find on a transatlantic flight which gave you all sorts of info – airspeed etc, to see windspeed at 35,000ft registered as 1 knot.
2. The law says that you may not fly higher than 60m (200ft) anywhere in the UK. Kite events not near an airport often get permission to go higher – 1,500ft is quite common.
3. If all goes well your kite rises, you let out line gently and soon you are flying at 60m. What to do if instead something dramatic is happening will be found next article.

But suppose that when launched it doesn't rise except if you pull on the line resulting in it flying towards you and gradually losing height. It could be that there just isn't enough wind. But there are things to try to see if there is enough wind 'up there'.

Firstly, walk back slowly, not winding in, so producing the effect of a stronger wind. If this allows you to let line out and gain height to a stronger breeze then fine; if not then stop walking before you fall over something.

Secondly, you can try what is sometimes called a 'long launch' or 'high start'. Your friend launches the kite at least 30m away and you pull in the line as slowly as you can while the kite climbs. When the kite is say 5m up, let out the line slowly hoping not to lose too much height but to have the kite

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drift, still low but flying say 50m away. Now pull in the line and the kite will rise, again drift the kite downwind and this time, or the next, when you pull in on the long line the kite will rise enough to get into a stronger wind. This process can be started with a very long line if the kite has enough lift – you can even long launch by yourself – watch another kiteflier to see how it is done.

The important point is NO RUNNING. Why not? Surely children run around with kites. It may be good exercise and it certainly wears out the kite. But consider. Few people can run backwards successfully. Even fewer can run while looking over their shoulder at the kite. If the kite will only fly at the extra, say 10mph from running, it is unlikely to keep flying when you stop. In most cases a running speed pushes the kite into a gusty windspeed with which it can't cope and it crashes. An aware backwards walk; yes. Running; no.

If your kite has more major problems then next article might help.

Now returning to Exhibit 1.

### 3 Pick the right spot

It should now be obvious why you should be clear of buildings and trees. Being down wind of even a low cliff isn't a good idea as the wind rolls over the edge like water over the lip of a basin. Turbulence is a reason why a hilltop is not a good site – but the uphill part with the wind behind you might be.

There are many cartoons on the theme of kite-eating trees. The reason why this happens is not simply that trees have a malevolent disposition towards the beautiful artefacts that fly above them. It is more because if you do fly your kite not far above the downwind side of a tree, turbulence may cause the kite to drop and it, or its line, to be caught. We have all done it; I once spent several evenings a week for 5 weeks poking a (very valuable) kite from a tree.

Check what is underfoot as you may find yourself moving fairly quickly while looking up into the sky. Frank Watlington in Bermuda Kites wrote 'Don't fly your kite near holes or cliffs for you may easily fall over in the excitement of getting the kite up'.

It is not sensible to be in a situation where your kite might fall across a road, wrap itself

around a telephone cable or power line. In the latter cases leave it alone and contact the power supplier or telephone company. A quote from Maxwell Eden in 'The Magnificent Book of Kites' (in such circumstances) 'walk away without trying to retrieve it. Your next kite will be a better one because you will still be alive to fly it.'

The danger from a lightning strike is real. There is an argument as to whether Ben Franklin really did his famous experiment of launching a kite into a storm and producing long sparks at ground level. But if he didn't – and he certainly invented the lightning conductor – others undoubtedly did.

### 4 Fly sensibly

It may not be you, or your kite's day; but certainly if your kite is out of control it won't be the other flier's day and crashes can hurt people and not merely things.

Always have gloves in the bag. Good ones called 'riggers gloves' are often sold in bargain stores for £1. Surprisingly small kites can damage hands.

Some sort of ground anchor is a good idea and essential if you are flying alone. A popular anchor is a dog exercising screw (looks like a giant corkscrew), big kites use metal pegs and hammers, and small kites on grass can be controlled by a meat skewer. Remember to make the anchor visible (e.g. by an orange nylon streamer), make sure it is 'man-enough' for the job and hang something on the line if you are not close to it.

A fixed point

12. Allows you to rest
13. Gives you time to get your next kite ready
14. Enables you to fly two kites at once
15. Is vital to allow you to get a big puller down. Again, most of us have done it. With a fixed point you can put your gloved hand over the line and walk towards the kite, bringing it down with least effort

### 5 Lines are important

The line is the essential characteristic of a kite (see Diagram 1). Any depiction of a kite shows the line. Good lines help a kite to fly better; bad lines drag it down or break and lose it. Look at the line connecting the kite to you and it always hangs in the curve shown in

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the diagram. Of course if the kite is pulling hard the deviation may be very slight. Line has that shape because of its weight (pulling down) and air resistance (drag) which pulls it back. Too much of a curve shows too heavy a line for the lift from the kite. Line drag is not of great practical importance unless you are using unusually fat line for its strength or, most significantly, when flying high. The cross section may be less than 1mm but if you have 1000m out.....

Most line supplied 'free' with a kite is inadequate in three ways –

16. It is poor quality; twisted not woven
17. It is too short
18. The plastic winder is too small so winding in is very slow.

You are looking for a line that is light and thin for its breaking strain. While you don't need some of the 'high-tec' lines that are primarily on sale for 2/4 liners, you should get at least a decent woven polyester. Woven as it tangles less easily than twisted. For line strength it is best to be guided by the seller's experience.

There was an old American rule that the breaking strain (in lbs) should be 3 times the area of the kite (in sq.ft.). So if you are flying a Della Porta (Chapter 6) of 2ft x 2ft = 4 sq.ft., your line should be at least 12 lbs. I would use line 3 times that strength. Firstly kite line strengths aren't guaranteed. Secondly they have to endure considerable shocks near the kite as it responds to wind-speed changes. Thirdly you are bound to have at least one knot connecting line to bridle and many knots reduce line strength by 50%. And if you do fall foul of a tree, hard pulling might be required.

Length of line is worth some thought. There are considerable advantages in having a single length of line (if only because knots can weaken it) but why should you need more than 60m (maximum height) + say 50m for the flying angle and line belly? Well you might fly in circumstances where you can exceed the usual 60m and it can be nervous fun to fly 200m up for the first time. The other reason for buying more is that if you fly frequently then it is a good idea at the end of each season to get rid of the last 10m. This has had most wear from shocks, dragging on the ground and even exposure to sunlight (some fliers simply reverse the line on the

reel).

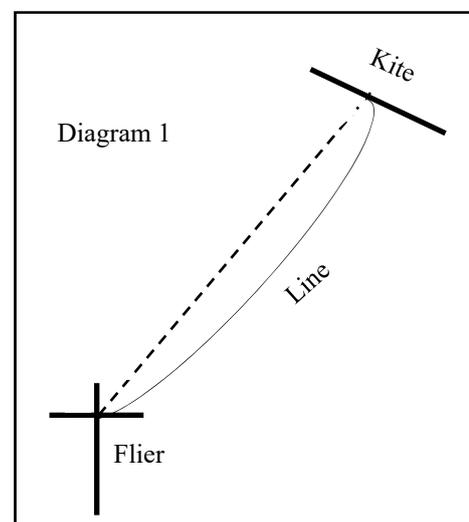
The third problem with the 'free line' is that you need something better than a fiddly small winder – a crushed drinks can is better than that. While there are beautiful handmade 'deep sky reels' available, for most purposes a winder used for fishing hand lines or one of the many versions of 'hoops' will be fine. You need something that is fairly tough (they get bounced on the ground), big enough to take the line easily (you don't want to have to look at it rather than the kite) and finally large enough that each turn takes in an appreciable length. Remember that if you wind directly on to your reel (or whatever) while the line is tight, many lines stretch under load, contract when wound and have been known to crush quite solid cores.

### 5 Lastly

Be responsible and leave the site clean. Spare lengths of line can trouble wild life. Some kites use carbon fibre spars – if one breaks take it home, the stuff produces non-degradable splinters.

Above all – enjoy.

It wasn't the New Zealander Peter Lynn but the American Wayne Brumitt who said 'the sky is big enough for all of us'.



## Private Ads

**For Sale:** Due to lack of space.

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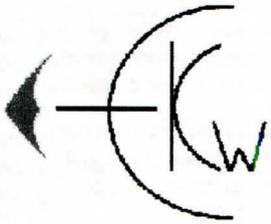
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## Trade Directory 2005

This directory has been compiled by sending a questionnaire to all of the kite traders that we know of. The information is as supplied (subject to typos) and the contents of the directory were correct to the best of our knowledge. However details may change and it is best to contact the trader before travelling any great distance.

This is a comprehensive (but not exhaustive) list of kite retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers and traders currently known in the U.K. The Kite Society supplies this directory in good faith. An entry in this directory is not an endorsement or recommendation.

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## **ROTARY CLUB OF ROYSTON**

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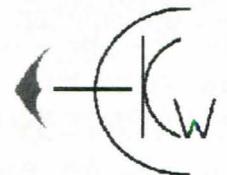
## **Sales Assistant Required**

West midlands based kite retailer requires sales assistant to help at kite festivals across the UK from April through to October 2005

Reliability is essential and a basic knowledge of kites and associated products is preferred but not necessary as full training will be given to the successful applicant.

So if you like kites and enjoy travelling we would like to hear from you. For further details please contact -

**Keith White**  
Tel: 01922 624739  
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## Bits And Pieces

**New from EMKAY Kites** in Lincolnshire are a variety of new kite lines for this season. DA-CRON lines for single lines are now available in strengths from 10daN/20lbs up to 500daN/1100lbs and also swivels that support weights up to 1500lbs.

For power, sport and competition flyer they have a range of high performance lines from the Climax line system for kites. NEW this season will be Climax combat 4-line sets for Buggy, Surf and Snow Kiting.

For single line flyers EMKAY provides large kites like Cody, Genki and 4m Deltas in addition to a large range of fun kites. For the power addict RHOMBUS Firebee Force (a much improved Firebee) and AMUN High Performance 4 line kites are NEW in 2005.

For more news and information and a stockist near you email your address to info@emkay.info or write to EMKAY Kites – Unit 1 Hadley Road, Woodbridge Road Industrial Estate, Sleaford, Lincs. NG34 7EG.

**Kite man's rifle delivery shock.** A man who ordered parts for a kite buggy was shocked when he received two Winchester rifles instead.

Andy Coptcoat, from Berkshire, ordered two steel tubes through Bristol-based Atmosphere Kites, who forwarded the order to its suppliers in France.

"I thought the shape of the package looked strange and when I checked it, the two firearms were inside," he said.

A spokesman for carrier Business Post, blamed human error, saying there had been a mix-up with labels.

Mr Coptcoat, 34, took the guns to Reading police station, but said he was horrified they could so easily be sent through the post.

"They were shipped in cardboard boxes and not secured, I could've been stopped by the police or the car could have been stolen and the guns fallen into the wrong hands," he said.

Alistair McHardy, from Atmosphere Kites, said: "The parts still appear to be stuck on the French side, but we've placed a new order. The guns were apparently meant for a dealer.

"It's worrying that there's little control over moving dangerous weapons round."

A spokesman for Business Post said: "The operator concerned with the error in question has been retrained to ensure he understands fully the possible consequences of such errors.

"We have also informed the French distributor that consignments of firearms will not be accepted for delivery in future."

**Kite Record Attempt.** An update on the progress of the world single kite altitude record attempt. Accommodation is booked for Cobar, a remote part of NSW, Australia. I will be at Cable Downs, a 50,000 acre sheep station (ranch) 40 km north west of the Cobar township. I will be flying from a disused airstrip.

I've almost completed the modifications to the winch and have added a capstan, storage reel, an adjustable line tensioning clutch and a line laying system. The whole device will be mounted on a steel post on a box trailer so it can swivel like a tank turret. The line payout is measured with a digital meter, triggered by a magnet on the capstan drum. Line retrieval is 4,600 metres/hour.

The line is 9,500 metres of 200lb Spectra, a high density, braided Polyester fibre. This line is 0.8mm thick. As I had bad experiences at the October testing due to poor line splices, I have focused on line integrity and have checked the entire line 3 times. That is nearly 30,000 metres of line! I also made a line testing rig and the Spectra measured between 195 - 210 lbs breaking strain. Their will be "fusible link" near the bridle. This will consist of 160lb braided Dacron. If the kite encounters unexpected high winds, rather than breaking near the winch, the line will break near the kite. The kite will drift to ground quicker and eliminate the chance of the line dragging through the countryside, prolonging its flight or snagging a tree and flying outside the allocated zone. The line will also drop more quickly.

Four other people will be assisting me, Michael Richards, kite builder, Hugh Moore, surveyor, Greg Moore, mechanic and David Moore, photographer.

We will be at the site from April 24th - April 30th.

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The Air Safety Authority has allocated a 40km diameter and 20,000 ft high zone. There are strict conditions I must adhere to such as no night flying, not flying in cloud and not flying in winds over 25 knot ground equivalent. The nearby weather station will play a vital role by providing wind data from ground to high altitude via daily balloon Radio Sonde flights. The kite is a 12 sq metre full cell Conyne Delta. It has a three legged bridle with elastic lower and centre legs. These will limit the pull generated and smooth out gusts. This kite easily flew to 7,500 + ft in the October testing before the a splice separated at the 3,000 metres point. The altitude will be measured with onboard GPS and two theodolites spaced 1 km apart. The later will be rendered useless by cloudy conditions but with 27 years experience as a survey technician, Hugh can measure positional accuracy to within 1 metre. This is better than the manufactures claim for the GPS.

It should take, at the most, 3 hours to reach the target altitude of 18,000 ft in ideal conditions. It may take about an hour longer to winch it back. If I am successful at reaching 14,500 ft I will apply to the Guinness Book and the newly established AKA records committee for recognition. I need to satisfy all their evidential criteria. After 2 years of research and preparation, I am quietly confident of breaking the record. I have nearly completed my Web site.

Bob Moore

### From the Pages of Ebay.

*Historic BENJAMIN FRANKLIN Kite Flying Electricity 1752 Magazine & Much More - Historic!* THE GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE, London, December, 1752. Inside this issue is a wonderfully historical accounting of an almost legendary event in history. The article gives a splendid account of instructions on how to "...build a kite out of a large thick silk handkerchief and a wire to draw the electric fire out of..." storm clouds. The article is signed in type: "B.F." for Benjamin Franklin. The article gives some nice details on this event--rarely found in periodicals of that time! This 40+ page issue includes 3 full page plates including a watercolour print of "The Crested Fly-Catcher". Also the full title/index page with an engraving of St. John's Gate. Measures about 5 by 8 inches. Great condition & a very significant issue. INTERESTING VINTAGE READING. Great for framing! Starting bid was \$270—but no bids received.

### VINTAGE BOX KITE

A rare opportunity to acquire a Vintage Box Kite by Findlayson Bousfield and Company Limited, Johnstone, Scotland.

This item is in good condition and consists of metal frames attached to fabric panels, with a cord leading from the kite to an octagonal cardboard cord storage box with the makers logo name and location shown.

Instructions on how to assemble the kite are printed on one of the canvas panels. Also kite M=357-A which may be a model number, as well as various other information.

A really outstanding unusual item which has survived in such good condition. A collectors item or toy for the nostalgic.

Sold for £72.00

**Kiteplane Challenge.** A kite which is as stable and controllable as an airplane. A kiteplane! And you are going to design it. And in doing so you will compete for a number of prizes, as well as, be a hero for the sustainable future!

The kiteplane challenge is a design competition, which has been organized by ASSET. The purpose of the kiteplane challenge is to innovate the current kite ideas and to show the general public the enormous potential a kite has. Anyone who feels the need to pick up this challenge can compete. Not just students, but hobbyists and other enthusiasts are also invited to pick up the gauntlet and start designing their remote controlled kite.

All designs will enter a competition on the beach of Scheveningen in the weekend of August 6th 2005. During the competition, the participants will have to fly their designs, picking up small buckets and setting them down in different locations. The challenge is to acquire as many points as possible. The participant who has gathered the most points will win the grand prize of 1000 euro. An innovation prize of 750 euro can also be won by the most innovative design.

Are you prepared for this challenge? Do you think you can do better than anyone else? Do you want to contribute to a sustainable future? Enter the kiteplane challenge now at [www.kiteplane.com](http://www.kiteplane.com)

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**Kites Generate Electricity**

**Kiteplanes Power Up.** The wind energy at 30,000ft is 20 times more powerful than at sea level. Flying a kite in the park has inspired an innovative concept to generate electricity from powerful winds miles above the earth.

The 'Laddermill' concept, envisaged by a team at Delft Technical University in the Netherlands, is a chain of wings or kites attached to a looped cable stretching up to 10km high. The 'kiteplanes' exert an upwards force on one side of the loop and a downwards force on the other, causing the cable to rotate and power a generator in the base station. The kiteplanes' angle and shape can be altered to generate the opposing forces needed.

Delft University team leader Prof Wubbo Ockels, an ex-astronaut and head of ESA's education office, said the wind energy at 30,000ft is 20 times more powerful than at sea level. 'Above a certain altitude there is a massive amount of wind power,' he said. 'Kites that can tap into that wind can generate a great deal of energy.' One Laddermill could generate 100MW, the researchers claimed, compared to only a few MW for conventional wind turbines.

At the recent European Wind Energy Conference, the The Laddermill team announced plans to test a variety of kiteplane designs next year using inflatable and lightweight materials. A working model will be built in the next four years, e4engineering.com reported. The apparent dangers of a structure extending kilometers above the earth could be overcome, the researchers said. 'If the wind dropped the Laddermill would drift gently to the ground', said Ockels. 'We want to be safe. Flexible or inflatable kites wouldn't be hazardous; the worst that would happen would be the kite becoming dirty when it landed,' he said. 'We would only operate the system with a good forecast and the wings would be adapted to weather patterns.'

The ground station could deploy and retrieve the Laddermill in hours, he added, and they would only be built in uninhabited areas. The cable connecting the wings would be made of materials such as Dyneema, said Ockels. Cable breaks would be unlikely, because the cable could be inspected as the system rotated through the base station, and sections removed for maintenance.

Each kiteplane would have a GPS sensor to

inform air traffic control of its position. Stability of the wings is important in the unpredictable, turbulent winds near the ground, but the kites higher up the system would support the lower cable, said Ockels. The most critical aspect is controlling rotation about the cable axis. The team plans to control this by changing the kites' shape, or by fitting small propellers, which could be controlled remotely or by 'smart kites' that reposition themselves.

**Drachen Foundation.** The Drachen Foundation has quite a few books Available for pur-



chase and it always worth a look to see what they have.

One of the newer publications is the 'Samuel Franklin Cody Pictorial', price \$15.00.

This is the first of four volumes to be published by The Drachen Foundation on the flamboyant life of Samuel Franklin Cody.

This pictorial collection includes many of Cody's professional portraits from his acting days, glimpses of his family, his innovative kites, gliders and airships, and his successes with powered flight.

This edition is curated by Cody collector and authority Jean Roberts, England. Many of the pictures; published for the first time, comes from several archives throughout Europe, as well as Robert's own extensive personal collection. Detailed captions lead the reader through a crash course in Cody's life and dispel many of the myths created by Cody and still promoted today. Softcover, black and white images, 56 pp.

To order email [info@drachen.org](mailto:info@drachen.org) with your requirements and they will get back to you.

## The Papillon—Allan Pothecary

Who says that Close Encounters are only in to pairs flying. TKC recently asked us to try out some single line kites and the first one we tried had a surprise bonus!

The Papillon from HQ Kites was a great bundle of fun. The trouble is I get sent kites which are usually prototypes or a sample, forward model, just for demo and they rarely have instructions so I am never quite sure what I'm doing but as Marilyn says – "What man ever reads instructions anyway?"

I sorted it out though and got it together without breaking anything whilst sheltering from the wind behind the tailgate of my car in the middle of Salisbury plain – If I had done it wrong I was sure no one would notice out here at minus two degrees.

At first launch it was a little bit wobbly at first but I found a couple of things weren't quite level. After that I found it an incredibly easy kite to fly. In ten miles per hour (I measured it - I can now - more about that another day!) there was a firm but not strong pull and the kite shot up in to the air even easier than a delta, I thought, and at a really nice angle - nice to know I had worked out the adjustable bridle OK.

At one stage it came back almost overhead – wonderful. As the wind increases the design allows it to self adjust and not seriously increase on the pull as the wings bend back. It doesn't sit there stable - you don't want it to because you can fly it like an Indian fighter kite which was handy because I had forgotten to bring a stake so I managed to fly it down toward the ground and with a deft piece of foot-work did a gentle landing!

I found that it was also quite easy to do a re-launch without having to go to the kite as long as it doesn't sit upside down. For those who may not know, you steer a kite like this by allowing the line to slacken and the kite will spin and you pull the line taught again when it is facing the direction you want.

You need to take more care with this kite – it is a good way to learn how to steer a single line because it tends to settle in an upright position but at four feet by four feet you do need a bit of room and the 4mm rods stretching out the ripstop nylon sail will seek out and hurt some innocent as long as Murphy has a law.

I looked around the web to see what else I

could find about this kite and I saw one site saying that it was developed by Didier Ferment (probably for HQ I would think) and another which said that the Papillon was designed for Atelier by Alain Micquiaux but that seemed to be more like a butterfly – and very nice too – but if you'll pardon me then I'll stay out of those types of discussion as I know not!

Whilst I was looking around I saw that someone had made up a kit to change the Papillon in to four-line kite. Remembering a line once uttered by Mark Lummas that you could fly a rain-coat if you put four lines on it (must try that some-when) I decided that it seemed fairly rigid as it was and hooked it up to my 30 foot lines.

This was the bonus – it worked! A slight adjustment to how I have the Revolution set (How come you can never mention four line with out talking about Revs?) and I could get a fair amount of accuracy with it – stops, starts forward, back, spin and hold upside down – brilliant – but of course you'll have to buy your own lines as it only comes with 60 meters of single line. Recommended for force 1 to 5 Beaufort.

In the shops at around £36 to £40 and new this year - go see your favorite trader!

Close Encounters are sponsored by [www.kiteworld.co.uk](http://www.kiteworld.co.uk)



## Event News

**Swindon Kite Festival, 7 & 8th May**

Science Museum, Wroughton Nr Swindon

White Horse Kite Flyers are pleased to announce that the festival is again at the Science Museum, this year, the British Buggy Club is supporting the event, if you want to buggy you will need to be a member of the BBC. Tents & Caravans are allowed on site for a fee with water and toilets available behind D4 as previous years. Food will be available and the bar will be open on Friday night; all day Saturday until late, plus Sunday until 4pm. One big difference this year is that entry is FREE to all, so there is no excuse not to come!

Members of the Historic Kite Group of Germany are bringing over the Arno Haft collection, which will be on display in hangar D4. The Vice President of the German Kite Club, Ralf Maserski is also coming over. We have a return visit of the Southern Rocket club, who will be displaying their spectacular rockets in hangar D4 plus firing some, at intervals throughout the weekend. There is also a gathering of Gibson Girl's, if you have one and would like to display it, please bring it along, lets see how many we can "Gather". If there are any "Pinheads" still out there, there will be a festival pin limited to 100 and another for the Gibson Girls, so if you want one you will need to get there early. If you have been to Wroughton before you will know that it is a very large site with room for all types of kite flying. If you require any further information please visit the club website at [www.whkf.org.uk](http://www.whkf.org.uk).

**Suffolk Kite Festival, 14th & 15th May**

Carl and James Roberstshaw " Evolver" World Championship Display Team will be displaying for the second time at this year's festival. Known throughout the world for their dazzling displays to music, this is sure to attract a large crowd at our 8th Suffolk International Kite Festival on 14/15th May 2005

After the great success at last year's festival we are delighted to once again be hosting an International Fighter Kite Competition. Last year flyers from the UK, France, Germany, Holland, and Belgium took part in a weekend of competitions.

Dr Azhar Mir from England will be defending his title as last year's champion of the second " Fighters Over Rougham" competition. Let's see if us British can retain the title this year. We are also delighted to be staging for the very second time in the UK. The British round of the European Manjha Cup. Other rounds will be held throughout Europe in 2005. Last years overall winner of the Cup was Tom Apura again from England - Congratulations to Tom

The festival will be hosting for the 5th year running, a round of the UK National ' STACK ' Championships, this will include all disciplines. STACK (Sports Team And Competitive Kiting) involves some of the best teams and individuals from around the UK. Judges will decide a winner in various competitions and they in turn can eventual qualify for the UK, European and World Championships.

The following superb Display teams have also been booked and include Team Adrenalize (Power kiting display) including their famous 'Man Lift'; The Beccle's Bunch (Large Inflatable kites some over 100ft in length); Brighton Kite Club ( Large Inflatables and decorative kites); Dark Star ( Bryan Cattle – One-man three kites); Eastern Rocket Association (Model Rocket display); Team Spectrum ( Colourful kite display team to music); Stuart Fletcher with his huge Flexifoil stacks.

For the first time at the Suffolk Kite Festival we are pleased to introduce you to Karl Longbottom who not only designs his own kites but makes and displays them at festivals throughout Europe. There will also be displays from the best of the UK STACK teams and individuals and the finals of the International Fighter competition including the UK round of the European Manjha Cup in the main arena.

Many of the kite clubs from the UK will also be attending, some of which are kite professionals, showing of their kiting skills. They are always willing to pass on their vast knowledge and give help to the general public in flying that never flown kite you purchased a few years ago. The main arena will be filled with non- stop action for the two days of the festival.

This is the biggest kiting event held in East Anglia and takes place on what must be one the largest flying sites in the UK. Rougham Airfield is " West Suffolk's Premier Open Air Venue" This is 8th Suffolk Kite Festival and is staged jointly by the Suffolk Kite Flyers Club, Friend's of Rougham Airfield and Rougham Estate at the beautiful and large flying site of Rougham Airfield near Bury St Edmunds.

This is a festival for all kiter's and a great family day out and includes a full range of children's entertainment, fairground, kite workshops, sweetdrops, and competitions Adults will enjoy a visit to the Rougham Tower Museum where they will be able to witness the history of this famous WW11 - 94th USAAF Bomb Group with Blenheim Bomber s, B-26 and B-17s aircraft.

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A full range of catering facilities, beer and tea tent will be on the festival site. Craft Show and kite traders will be there for all your kiting needs, talk to the experts and pick up a bargain from the kite professionals.

The British Fighter Club will also be holding various competitions as well as the International competition described above throughout the weekend. These fantastic small kites are unbelievable to watch, see them dance in the sky and perform to your command.

Don't miss this fantastic FUN FAMILY DAY OUT in Suffolk. Event will be fully sign posted off the A14 – Ipswich to Cambridge road. This will be an action packed event with one or two surprises; a sky full of color and the best flyers in the UK and Europe will be there to entertain you with their fantastic skills.

Camping is available from 2pm on Friday 13th (NO earlier please, we need Friday morning to set up the site etc, thanks – unless you would like to help?) and you can stop on site until the Monday if required. Due to ever increasing costs to stage the festival, a small camp fee of £5.00/night will be charged this year. No need to pre-book.

Important: - For safety reasons - NO vehicles will be allowed on or off the main Festival site between 10am – 5pm on Saturday and Sunday except in an Emergency.

For up to date information including camping arrangements, site layout, map location etc. please visit our web site [www.skfc.co.uk](http://www.skfc.co.uk) or e-mail [martin@skfc.co.uk](mailto:martin@skfc.co.uk).

The festival will be fully sign posted on the A14 - 2 miles east of Bury St. Edmunds. Follow the signs to Rougham Industrial Estate and NOT Rougham village which is on the opposite side of the A14

Finally we are grateful to all our sponsors and supporters including East Anglian Daily Times. The Suffolk International Kite Festival is part of famous BURY FESTIVAL 2005.

### **FlexiWallop 1, Middle Wallop, May 28th to 30th.**

On the A343 Andover to Salisbury Road (Hampshire).

Once again we have access to the largest lawn in the UK. Gates will open at 6.00pm on Friday 27th and we all need to leave by 5.00pm on Monday 30th .

As the site is owned by the MOD there will be an

admission charge and all other money raised will contribute toward the funding of the event.

For further information:  
[www.wallopkitenbuggy.org.uk](http://www.wallopkitenbuggy.org.uk),  
[www.britishbuggyclub.co.uk](http://www.britishbuggyclub.co.uk), [www.flexifoil.com](http://www.flexifoil.com)

Camping is available on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings in the area by the windsock. There will be toilets facilities and water available on site.

A reasonably priced licensed bar (including soft drinks and nibbles) will be available and open throughout the day and most of the evening and a selection of food traders will also be present and will remain open as long as food is required.

England's Largest Lawn: 800 acres of grassed area the majority of which is allocated for buggying and landboarding. There will be no additional charges to BBC members and PKSF insurance is compulsory for power kite activities.

Parachuting teddy bears, a Kite Workshop for children, a general fly for all, no arenas just lots of space. Single liners are welcome, please bring your kites-large or small-and lets fill the sky with colours! Come along and give us your support again we look forward to seeing you there!!!

### **Basingstoke Kite Festival—4th & 5th June**

At Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane, Basingstoke. 10 am to 5 pm both days. Come along to our 13th Festival and join in the fun!

The theme for the weekend is to be JAPAN. There will be a prize will be awarded for the best themed kite, so soon you can let your imagination get carried away!.

Guests will be from Home and abroad and as well as things going on in the display arena, there will be the usual array of activities, along with various Kite & Food traders. There will be a raffle over the weekend with lots of donated kite related prizes, Kite traders please take note!

On Saturday evening we will be having a social get together in the marquee, and everyone is welcome.

Camping is available on the Friday and Saturday evenings @ £5 for the weekend (payable on the weekend), showers and toilet facilities are on site.

So come along and have a laugh and we look forward to seeing you there!!!

Contact: Alan Cosgrove 01256 421800 or Roy

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Broadley (Kites Up) 01256 812487

**Butser Hill Festival of Flight Sunday June 12th 2005**

This is to be held at Queen Elizabeth Country Park, off the A3 (follow the signs for Butser Hill). Kites, Hand gliders, Para gliders and Model gliders are welcome.

Plenty of space for flying and a café is on site for refreshments. Sorry, but no buggies are allowed.

Come along and have some fun!

Contact: Roy Broadley (Kites Up) on 01256 812487 or Queen Elizabeth Country Park on 02392 595040

**Shrewsbury Kite and Boomerang Festival, 18th & 19th June**

To confirm the change of venue of the 22nd annual Shrewsbury Kite and Boomerang Festival on 18th and 19th on June 2005. Due to work being carried out on the Sundorne site we have been given access to the London Road sports facility of the Shrewsbury Technical College. It is very easy to find and has similar (if not better) facilities to the old site.

Camping will again be available from the Friday afternoon until Monday morning. There will be a slight increase in fees due to the fact of the site costing more. There will be caterers on site from Friday afternoon and breakfasts will be available. There will be the usual mix of competitions and free flying over the weekend and a raffle will again be held to help pay for the event (any raffle contributions will be greatly appreciated).

For more information please contact Sky Bums on 01743 244677 or go to the website at [www.kites4.co.uk](http://www.kites4.co.uk) and go to the Shrewsbury page.

**Teston Bridge Kite Weekends Maidstone Kent 2005—June 11th & 12th Weekend-August 13th&14th Weekend.**

The best little Kite-fly in Kent Since 1987

So that makes it that this will be the 18th year for our little Teston, and still going strong thanks to you for supporting us. So do come along, business as usual, nice relaxing weekend, it is not compulsory to fly, sit around, fly a kite, what ever, in the lovely Kent countryside...

Camping on site from Friday afternoon for a donation to the park.

On site all weekend Kiteworld traders, Michael & Linda. Catering...teas, food, etc. What more

could you want....

**Southampton Kite Festival, 18th & 19th June**

This year sees the 10th. Southampton Kite Festival organised and run by Solent Kite Flyers in conjunction with Southampton City Council and C Coles Fun Fair. It is to be held over the weekend of 18th. & 19th. June 2005. from 10.00am. to 5.30pm. each day with night flying on Saturday. The venue is Lordshill Sports Ground .5 Acre Field, Lordshill. Southampton. Hampshire. which will be AA. Signposted for the event. Access is via Junction 2. M271 off Junction 3 M27. and the site entrance is off Redbridge Lane.

This year's event, the 10th. will be the biggest yet with a greater emphasis on different types of kites and flying displays, kite competitions and general activities around the Festival Site.

Each day will see Kite Flying Displays from the UK's best Individuals, Pairs and Teams in National Sport Kite Competitions as well as general entertainment and display flying to music, along with a few very special arena displays from local groups. There will also be International Guests flying and giving displays around the Festival site which has plenty of open space available for public flying so there is no excuse for not joining in with the fun. C Coles Fun Fair will be on-site and open all weekend for those thrilling rides and side stalls. There will be a Kite Making Workshop, in which everyone will be able to make their own simple kite, A Sport Kite Flying School for help in getting started in two and four line kites, as well as several Kite Traders selling a range of Kites and Accessories to all levels of experience and price levels. Craft Stalls, Refreshment Traders, Live Music, Street Theatre, Arena Displays, Marching Majorettes, Face Painting and Punch & Judy will also be there to keep all ages entertained throughout the day.

There will also be 'Parachuting Teddy Bears' so don't forget to bring along your own 'Cuddly Toys' so they can join in the Fun! Weather permitting, there will be a 'Night Fly' on Saturday Evening from Dusk. This is open to all fliers to join in, with the kites having lights attached or using reflective tapes etc. Some of the food traders will stay open as long as there are customers to serve!

If you don't want to fly, then why not just come and watch one of the most colourful and exciting events to happen in Southampton this year. Entry is free, parking is free and the wide open sky is free for all to use and enjoy

**Sunderland International Kite Festival, 2nd**

## Event News

### & 3rd July

Northern Area Playing Fields, District 12, Washington, Tyne & Wear NE37 3HR

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

We will host some of the Worlds best kite makers from Japan, China, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Holland, France, Ghana, Australia, USA and others who have yet to confirm – plus of course the best of British!

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

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

Following the success of previous years spectacular 'Chinese Dragon Kite Display' (we managed 11 in the sky at once in 2003) we will be repeating the event on both days - so if you have a Dragon please bring it along.

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

Once again due to the rising cost of accommodation, marquees, site fees, catering and reduced a budget we plan to hold an auction on the Saturday evening to help boost our funds. I want to thank all those who contributed and to the generosity of everyone who made last years auction such a success – this has enabled us to invite some 'long distance' kitefliers to this years event.

We will be using the Campanile Hotel again this year. Anyone requiring accommodation - please contact me direct.

Free on site camping/parking places are limited and will be issued on 'first come first served basis'. Public car parking is £3 per car.

For those camping – please arrive no earlier

than Friday morning on July 1st.

For maps, car/camping passes, accommodation at the Campanile and other enquiries, please send a LARGE S.A.E. WITH YOUR CAR DETAILS - make and registration and telephone number to :- (No e-mail requests for car passes please).

Malcolm Goodman, Bluebell House, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Co Durham DL12 0QG. Telephone - (01833 640584 ) please not after 8:00pm. Email - malcolm.goodman@virgin.net. Web Site www.kiteman.co.uk. Festival web site – www.sunderland.gov.uk/kitefestival Festival site postcode NE37 3HR for web maps.

### Brighton Kite Festival 9th & 10th July

It's not often you can have a totally free Day out for all the Family, but the Brighton Kite Festival is one such day. This year in its 27th year it promises to be better than ever and have lots for people to do and see.

Each year the event has attracted more and more interest from not only kite flyers, but also the public alike. Last year between 5 -10,000 people attended (even though the weather was not forecast to be good) All seemed to have a good time and went home with smiles on there faces, and some times new kites as well.

The event this year again is planned Stanmer Park, Brighton, East Sussex. On the 9th and 10th July 2005, the opening times to the public are between 11.am and 5pm with a night fly on the Saturday night for kite flyers if the weather allows, quite often the wind drops so this is not possible.

We will be having arena displays throughout both days from internationally recognized flyers and UK club members. There are also large areas of land where non-arena flying can take place. We have a large area for those spectacular inflatable display including this year the clubs new "Cat in the Hat", these can be seen from quite a large area around the festival.

A children's kite workshop where a basic sled kite can be made free of charge will takes place on both days. There will also be prizes are given to the best flying workshop kite flown in the arena at around 3.30pm. With the clubs aim of the festival, being to give all those that attend a good spectacle and fun as well, we will be having other non kiting attractions for the public to be entertained by, and this year there include have following, birds of pray, local fire brigade, fun fair including bouncy castles and slides, etc There will be a selection of traders at the event

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including kites stalls, food outlets, ice cream van and a local Cider producer along with some non-kite stalls selling clothing and such like.

The festival will be signposted from the A23 and A27, which will direct you to the PARKING at Sussex University. The nearest British Rail Station is Falmer. On the BRIGHTON & HOVE bus route 25 from Brighton. For more information look at our Website [www.brightonkiteflyers.co.uk](http://www.brightonkiteflyers.co.uk) or contact Simon Hennessey at [Simon@BKF.org.uk](mailto:Simon@BKF.org.uk).

We would like to thank Brighton & Hove City Council and Tates Cars are sponsors for this years festival Brighton Kite Festival.

Please note that all events are weather dependent and Brighton kite Flyers can not be held responsible for changes and cancellations.

### **Hereford Kite Festival 2005 July 16th & 17th**

As in the past couple of years the Festival will take place at Kingstone High School, Kingstone, Herefordshire HR2 9HJ.

On site camping is available from the Friday evening (after 4.30pm please) through to Monday morning. This year's event falls within term time so please make sure you leave site early on the Monday.

We will have the usual disorganised chaos, with competitions as the mood and wind allows and a Saturday night meal and Auction.

For further details please contact Karl Longbottom on 01981 550326 or [Karl@Longbottom.org.uk](mailto:Karl@Longbottom.org.uk)

### **Kingsfold Engine Rally and Kite Festival—24th & 25th September**

For the third year running I have been invited to present a kite festival alongside a traditional and well established steam rally and country show located on a farm showground on the A24 just south of Dorking in Surrey.

Personally I am quite pleased that we have been invited back again because it means that our kites are obviously a real attraction for the main event and to me this is perhaps one of the rare occasions when we get to fly and introduce our hobby to enthusiasts of a completely different discipline, namely steam and stationery engines

In the past I have been very lucky in that many members of my own club, Brighton Kite Flyers (BKF) and several of my kiting friends from other clubs have given up their time to help make

the kite section of this unique rally such a success and I hope that this support will continue this year, if all goes well this kite event might just become an annual fixture

This year the organisers of the parent rally, which by the way is a paid for ticket only entrance rally, have increased the kite flying allocation and hopefully some of you reading this may wish to spend a few days flying your kites with us at the end of September, all you need to do in the first instance is to contact me, I will do the rest, the numbers are limited so I am afraid it will be strictly first come first served

You do need to be prepared to "camp" onsite for at least the weekend of the show, you may arrive at the site anytime from Thursday 22nd and you may stay over until the following Monday afternoon, it really is a bit of a hoot as the location is also shared with the permanent headquarters of the "Western" association and you are just as likely to bump into a cowboy or an Indian in full costume, including six shooters and pink Long Johns while you walk around the main show ground. The show area itself will be filled with farm and field exhibits, mainly old engines that have been restored and are to be seen running most of the time when the visitors to the rally are onsite, plus there are the usual food and commercial stalls associated with any country show. For our part we have a separate field adjacent to the main show ground where we are able to camp and fly our kites

The actual dates are the 24th and 25th September, you may arrive on the 22nd and stay until the 26th. You must have a "pass" to gain access to the site and under "normal" circumstances you will not be permitted to drive your vehicle on or off the rally field when there are paying guests around, so if you are interested in a jolly good fun flying weekend with the added attractions of both a country show and an insight to how the "west was won" please email me or telephone me after 8pm most evenings if email is not available

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## Events List

<b>May 2005</b>		
1-2	Weymouth International Kite Festival, Weymouth Beach, Dorset	The Kite Society
1-2	Beverley Kite Festival, The Racecourse, Beverley, nr York	01430 860070 www.kite-festival.co.uk
7-8	Swindon International Kite Festival. Wroughton	White Horse Kite Fliers
14-15	Suffolk International Kite Festival, Rougham Airfield, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.	Martin Corrie
14-15	Cleethorpes International Kite Festival, North Lincolnshire	01472 323352/323004
15	Poole Kite Picnic, Baiter Park, Poole, Dorset	Poole Kite Fliers
28-30	Tewkesbury Kite Fun Weekend, Tewkesbury School, Glos.	Peter Whitaker 01452 728521
28-30	FlexiWallop1, Middle Wallop.	info@wallopkitenbuggy.org.uk
<b>June 2005</b>		
4-5	Basingstoke Kite Festival, Down Grange Sports Centre, Pack Lane	KitesUp
4-5	Beacon Country Park Kite Festival,	Northern Kite Group
5	Ashdon Kite Festival, near Saffron Walden, Essex	ashdonkites@castlecamps.com
5	Stourport on Severn Kite Event, The Riverside, Stourport on Severn, Worcs.	Dave Montague-Smith 01562 66102. www.wryeforestdc.gov.uk
11-12	Wirral Kite Festival, New Brighton Promenade, Cheshire	Northern Kite Group
11-12	Margam Park Kite Festival, Bridgend, Wales.	www.thekitingexperience.com
11-12	Teston Bridge Kite Weekend, Maidstone, Kent.	RonDell
12	Butser Hill Festival of Flight, Hampshire	Kites Up
12	Peterborough Kite Festival, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough	Great Ouse Kite Fliers
18-19	Fylde International Kite Festival, The Beach, Lytham St Anne's, Lancs	www.flyingcircus.info/
18-19	Southampton Kite Festival, Lordshill Recreation Grounds, Redbridge Lane, Southampton.	Solent Kite Fliers
18-19	Shrewsbury Kite and Boomerang Festival, London Road Sports Facility, Shrewsbury Technical College	Skybums
20-22	Longest Day Fly-in, Uig, Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides	Western Isles Kite Company 01851 672771 www.extremehebrides.co.uk
25-26	Bedford International Kite Festival, Russell Park, Bedford	Andrew Pidgen
<b>July 2005</b>		
2-3	Sunderland International Festival of Kites and Music, Washington, Tyne & Wear	Malcolm Goodman
9-10	Brighton Kite Festival, Stanmer Park, Brighton	Brighton Kite Fliers
9-10	Barmouth Beach Kite Festival, The Beach, Barmouth, Gwynedd, Wales.	Lloyd Kirton 02476 732083 Dave Montague-Smith 01562 66102
16-17	Hereford Kite Festival, Kingstone High School, Herefordshire	Karl@Longbottom.org.uk 01981 550326
17	Petworth Kite Festival, Petworth, West Sussex	Brighton Kite Fliers
23-24	Tewkesbury Kite Festival, Tewkesbury School, Glos.	Peter Whitaker 01452 728521
<b>August 2005</b>		
6-7	Middle Wallop Buggy Event	www.flexifoil.com/flexiwallop
7	Whitley Bay Kite Festival, The Links, Whitley Bay, Northumberland	Malcolm Goodman
7	14th Royston Kite Festival, Therfield Heath, Royston	peteramitton@btopenworld.com
13-14	Teston Bridge Kite Weekend, Maidstone, Kent	Ron Dell
13-14	High Force Kite Festival, Middleton in Teesdale, Co Durham	Malcolm Goodman
13-14	Coventry Kite Festival, Memorial Park, Coventry.	Midlands Kite Fliers
21	Hunstanton Kite Festival, Smithdon School, Hunstanton, Norfolk	Bryan Cante

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August 2005 Continued		
20-21	Northern Ireland Kite Festival, Port Stewart Strand, Co Londonderry	Malcolm Goodman
20-21	Kites Over Capstone, Capstone Park, Kent	gareth@seks.org.uk
27-29	Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Southsea Common, Southsea, Hampshire	The Kite Society
29	1st Charlecote Country Park Kite Day, near Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire	MKF
September 2005		
3-4	Bristol International Kite Festival, Ashton Court, Bristol	Avril Baker
10-11	Headlands Kite Festival, The Headlands, Hartlepool, Teeside	Malcolm Goodman
17-18	2nd Chester Kite Festival, in association with NKG, The Roodee Race Course, Chester	Northern Kite Group
18	9th Rushcliffe Kite Festival, Rushcliffe Country Park, Mere Way, Loughborough Road, Ruddington, near Nottingham	MKF
25	Wakefield Kite Festival, Heath Common, Wakefield, West Yorkshire	The Faceless Company
25	2nd Kedleston Hall Kite Day, Kedleston Road, Derby, Derbyshire	MKF
October 2005		
8-9	Bewl Water Kite Weekend, Lamberhurst, Kent	gareth@seks.org.uk

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The Journal of the Bearly Made It Skydive Squad. The International Brother and Sisterhood of Parachuting Fauna and the U.K. Ted Devils. Guaranteed 100% wuss, risk assessor, happy clappy, outreach counsellor and other assorted tossers of that ilk free. Known to get up more than a few noses, but, who cares?

## Brussels lumps teddies with old fridges in waste ruling

If any of you Teds or furry wotsits out there are ever so slightly electric, then watch out, 'cos you are now classed as a fridge and must be recycled toot sweet.

We kid you not. According to the latest directive issued by those swivel eyed loonies at the Reichstag in Brussels, namely the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment directive (WEEE) which is aimed at stopping landfill being swamped with household goods such as Fridges and TV', Also included are toys with electrical components like railways, racing car sets, talking toy telephones and wait for it, Talking Teddies. You know which of our brothers and sisters we mean, the ones containing chips which tell you to Sod Off in thirty seven languages when you stick a finger up their, whoops, give them a cuddle.

Apparently the pre school educational toy makers are doing their nuts over this as the makers are expected to bear the cost of recycling and if the WEEE directive is interpreted critically it could see the demise of quite a few toys including Teds. Recycling is a good idea, but beware, if you can say "On Yer Bike" in serbo croat, you'd better keep schtum or you're for recycling and who knows a once proud gobby, parachuting hows yer farva could possibly return as a component part of a Dralon covered three piece suite, and it would be a right bummer trying to fix a chute on that.

Word has it that there is a new snow covered Alp up Chorley way, it aint, its a mountain of fridges, though wether or not theres any forlorn Talkative Teds marooned on the summit we dont know. All jokes aside, we cannot resist having a pop at them loony barstewards in La La land the capital of which is Brussels. On second thoughts, sod it, we are entitled to have a pop at them the amount of money them swine cost us, but what is truly frightening is when you have an excursion into the thought processes of these idiots via their directives.

They totally redefine the word BARKING, perhaps we should refer to these euronutters as BECONTREE, 'cos that is definitely two stops past BARKING.

Re this WEEE, WEEE directive, by August, recycling centres must be opened up so Joe Soap can get rid of his unwanted electrical goods, so be warned a car trip may not be to a Kite fest, if theres a fridge on the roof rack, watch out.

Ho, Hum time was when you went cycling all you needed was a bike, job sorted. Now they want your guts for garters, literally.

Re-cycling on the face of it is a very good idea, and maybe them yuro loonies started out with the best of intentions, but they do say the road to hell is paved with them good intentions, nowhere does it say paved with bits of Teddy Bears.



is  
Teddy  
waving  
goodbye?



# 'Crazy' teddy bear irks mental health advocates

LETS RATCHET IT UP  
A BIT MORE.  
OI! WHERES ME  
PARACHUTE  
AND KITE

The Vermont Teddy Bear Company recently caused a bit of a bit of a storm in a teacup when they marketed a Bear in a straitjacket, complete with sectioning paperwork, entitled, "Crazy for You". The P.C. brigade in vermont promptly lost the plot somewhat, going into paroxysms of breastbeating, not so much as they said about the "Crazy for You" slogan, but because the straitjacket and paperwork represents such a painful image of mental illness.

Joe Public in vermont obviously thought otherwise as the Teds were selling like hotcakes at \$69.95 a pop. Hooray for good old Joe Public. They know that straitjackets were as much about protecting some mentally ill people as protecting the public, besides the P.C. brigade have nothing to be so smug about as their idea of controlling the mentally ill usually involves the use of vast amounts of "Chemical Coshes" the stronger the better.

Would there have been such an uproar if the Vermont Bear Co had called their straitjacket Bear "I'll Escape for You" Harry Houdini Bear. Probably not, but you never know. more than likely some usual semi-professional rent a quote axe grinder would have crawled out of the woodwork and had their customary rant....yawn.....

This echoes somewhat the uproar that occurred over here a couple of years back when Bad Taste Bears marketed a Bear complete with meat and two veg akimbo. Some of the P.C. mob got very aeriated, dont they ever?, whilst those who thought it was a good thing simply voted with their dough and had a bloody good laugh which appears to be something the P.C. mob are incapable of. (if anyone reads this who swears blind they dont, and they get the 'ump. this is cobbled up by a short fat, ugly barstweard, whos mad, but knows it and dont really give a toss)



## Big teddies 'lure children to gambling'

EIGHT KNICKER  
THATS HARDLY  
BIG BUCKS  
IS IT?



Has the Nanny State gorn Raving Mad? you betcha after hearing that the government wants to reduce the size of Teddy Bears given as prizes in seaside arcades to, wait for it, discourage children from a lifetime of gambling.

You could'nt make it up. Under the proposed Gambling bill which will allow Las Vegas style mega casinos to open in the U.K. with unlimited cash prizes for adults, Nanny has decided to cut the value of grab a Ted arcade games from £8 to £5. Now we know that the state is completely out to lunch. We're not sure if Teds who wear a chute will be exempt or not, but it certainly seems as if Nanny dont like Teds.

Here we go, the Department of culture, Media and Sport says that Nanny believes that Kids should be aable to play grab a Ted games, but we must discourage them from playing too much. Sodding hell what next, will the mingy old sods ban Xmas? **STOP PRESS....** After being threatend with the curse of the small furry objects, Nanny has relented good thing too.....

# Teddy, a tiny friend for 1908 tsunami survivor

By the looks of him this Bear has had some of the stuffing literally knocked out of him. his woebegone air does belie his significance for he is perhaps one of the last links to an all but forgotten cataclysm, which in its day was as devastating as the Boxing Day Tsunami in the Indian Ocean.

On December the 28th 1908 an earthquake and tsunami hit the straits of messina. the quake levelled the towns of Messina and Reggio di Calabria and the ensuing tsunami devastated the eastern coast of Sicily killing upwards of 200,000 people. In those days of course communications were very primitive, unlike today where shocking visuals were in our faces in just a few minutes. Back in 1908 the survivors were literally on their own there was very little in the way of rescue and relief for their suffering.

The little girl on the right was just a seven month old baby in Reggio when the town was flattened. her entire family was wiped out, but miraculously she survived and was rescued by Russian sailors who named her Feodora after the Tsarina,

Even stranger perhaps was the fact that the baby was eventually adopted by a Scottish Doctor and his wife who brought her to the U.K. where she was brought up at Sway in Hampshire. Even in 1908 it was very unusual for an Italian baby to be adopted by a foreign couple, however it was all for the best as had a happy life here till she passed in the 1990's, the Bear was given to Feodora in 1910 and she treasured it for the rest of her life. The picture was taken in 1917 and the Bear appears to be in Scottish military uniform and of course a kilt, what else? the current pic does show a somewhat different jacket and kilt, not surprising really as no doubt the W.W.1. togs probably fell apart.

The Bear with an amazing provenance is shortly to come up for auction in Stockton on Tees and is estimated to fetch about a £1,000, a unique item for a serious Teddy Bear fan.

## THE FORGOTTEN TRAGEDY

The Straits of Messina Earthquake struck at 05.20am on 28th December 1908. most of the victims of both the quake and Tsunami were probably still asleep, and never really knew what hit them. but, then as now the true horror of the situation was the effect of a 45ft wall of water on Human life over a very large area. Those aftermath pictures of Bandar Aceh in particular said it all. Mankind is nothing against the force of Mother Nature.....



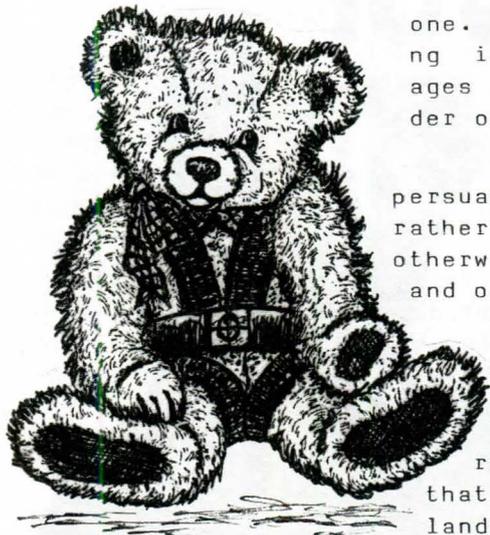
# WHY 24-HOUR THINKING WILL BE A DISASTER

ONE DOES WONDER ABOUT PROPOSALS TO INTRODUCE 24 HOUR THINKING. IS IT A STEP TOO FAR? CAN THE TRANSITION FROM KNEE JERK TO REASON BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH OUT UPSETTING THE DELICATE BALANCE OF KITING TODAY?

Must we indulge Kitiers with the latest fad of 24 hour thinking, surely the prospect of all those Kitiers wandering around the Kite Festival site in the wee small hours all thinking away nineteen to the dozen, is an extremely depressing one. If the average Kiter was to get hooked on 24 hour thinking it would surely put a severe crimp in the alcoholic beverages industries fiscal plans and thats enough to cause a shudder of earthshaking magnitude.

To be honest, we parachuting fauna of a soft cuddly toy persuasion, strictly on humanitarian grounds of course, would rather that Kiter/Dropnik thinking time was strictly limited, otherwise we could be facing a nightmare scenario where Kitiers and or Dropniks have been thinking so much that they realise they shouldn't be reading all the mindless drivel printed in that scurrilous rag known as roman candle.

Its no use you having a laugh, what would happen in that situation beggers belief. We are sure that vast numbers of parachuting fauna will begin to plummet and you know that those furry sods dont give a toss as to how and where the land and before you know it we are up to our **CONT. P 94....**



# AREN'T WE MARVELLOUS?



SOME WOULD SAY THATS ITS AGRAND OLD LIFE BEING A PARACHUTING FAUNA AND TO BE HONEST, WHO ARE WE TO ARGUE, LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE IT HAS ITS UPS AND ITS DOWNS AND SOMETIMES EVEN ITS SIDWAYS. ON THE WHOLE THOUGH..

Mind you, there are times when feel that we are not appreciated, and lets face it, unacustomed as we are to banging our own drum, blowing our own trumpet and not hiding our light under a bushel, we feel that its about time a big hand was given to parachuting fauna per se.

We are that great we could almost be said to be a part of the social services, the things that we do. for instance stress relief. Just how much of this we generate is unknown but boy do we generate some bloody good laughs and they're good for you. Extracting the urine, wow thats really good as retention of too much of that bungs up blood pressure in those who hate our guts, As well as extraction we also generate lovely profits for the drug companies whose hypertension products are prescribed more and more to those who swear that that they never read this garbage, a consequence of which is even higher blood pressure.

We've even been regularly known to cure brain fade and eyes glazing over syndrome Be honest, what Kite Fest has'nt been relieved of those symptems whe a horde of moth eaten mangy parafauna has totally ruined a super farty spurt Kite display, we love the sound of gnashing teeth. Come on, admit it you love us, and besides , what anti para fauna Kiter in their right mind, is going to be seen in public, punching the lights out of a parachuting Teddy Bear.



One thing we could be said to be a bit remiss at is crediting those whose help we've had in knocking out this load of mindless drivel, so a big hand to Julie White, Val Govig and the one and only Electric Arfa.

AS EVER, ITS THE USUAL TO THE TEDDITORIAL C/O THE BORING OLD FART, 48. LAUREL LANE WEST DRAYTON, MIDDx, UB7.7TY. **FOREVER ENGLAND.**

Next Issue.... Parachuting Teddy Bears under Heavy Rain

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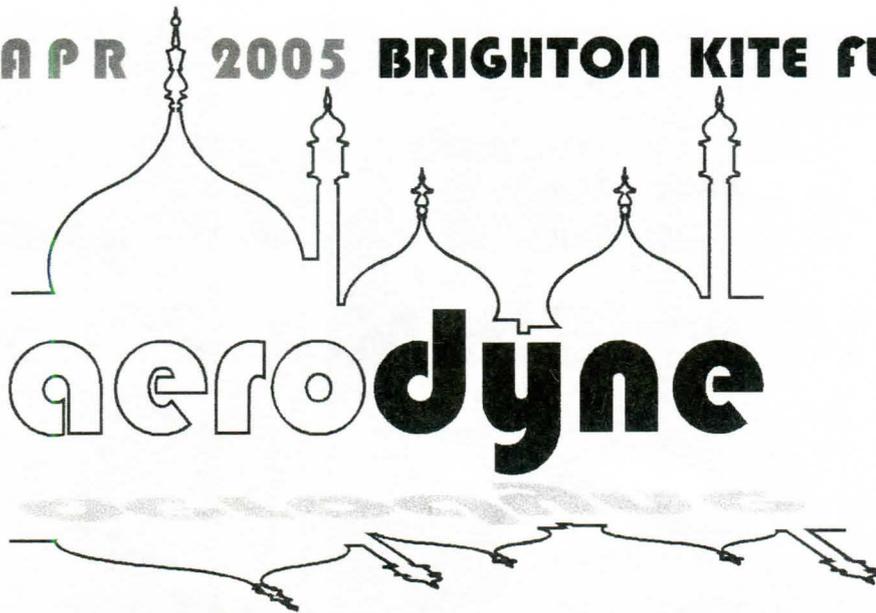
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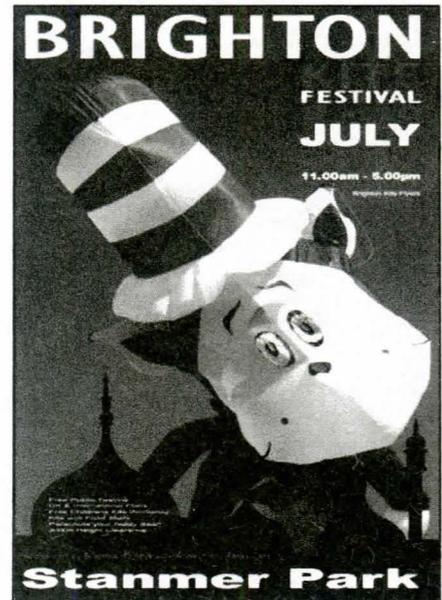


# Rougham Airfield

*West Suffolk's Open Air Venue*



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



# **THE ONE AND ONLY CAT IN THE HAT**



For those of you that know last year Brighton Kite Flyers took ownership of a new cat, to be more exact a new "Cat in the Hat" made by a great kite maker Robert van Weers from New Zealand.

I, for one first saw the "Cat in the Hat" flying at Portsmouth where I thought that although not the prettiest of kites, more that to do with the kite itself, more that the "Cat in the Hat" is not the prettiest of cats after all, with his lanky legs, arms and body, who could look pretty. It certainly had a lot of impact and you could hear the children running up to look at it shouting "look, look it's the "Cat in the Hat"". Being the runner at Portsmouth I soon got to

talk to Robert and discovered that the Kite was a one off he had made to bring on his tour of England and after the problems he had with copyright he was not going to make another one. Well the cat was staked to the ground to fly but had other ideas over the festival weekend and wanted to go off to explore Portsmouth. As Robert went to get a coffee the wind picked up and the cat ran off into the nearby trees and got badly ripped. So, although great to see flying, it was short lived.

Imagine my surprise when at Bristol the following weekend "The Cat in the Hat" was all repaired and as good as new, if not better. Thanks to Paul Chapman who had allowed Robert the use of this flat in Bristol and sewing machine during the week. "The Cat in the Hat" did not fly much over the weekend well nothing did really, as the wind went from very light to nothing at all and the temperature soared and we all drank



lots of Shloer who were sponsoring the event.

The next time I was to see "The Cat in the Hat" was at Dieppe where I talk to Robert and jokingly said that if he did not want to take "The Cat in the Hat" home I would look after it for him. Well Robert made me an offer I could not refuse and "The Cat in the Hat" came home with me. He almost had to go back to New Zealand after all the negotiation, as the copyright owners were at first not willing to pass the use over to the club, but after several e-mails back and forth Robert managed to get it transferred to the Club and also permission to use the image in advertising the Club and its festival.

Thank you Robert for not only building the wonderful kite but all the work to enable us to fly it as well.

Simon Hennessey



# VIVIENNE WESTWOOD

Best laid plans of mice and men...

In our quest to impress others with our latest kite designs we often forget that some of the oldest and probably the most impressive and beautiful kite designs in the world have been with us for hundreds of years. The Chinese "Dragons" for example have been emulated and copied for years and have "adapted" well to modern materials, there are many other traditional designs including Butterflies and Birds and the following is about one such kite namely the quite sensational "Bali Ship" kite

Late last year I happened to be talking to Joe and Beata De Campos at the Vivienne Westwood Studios in London, this husband and wife partnership head up the "digital" conversion team who take hand drawn originals, including fashion photographs and prepare them for web and media use and like most adults they "remembered" the kites they flew as children but like most people as they grew up they left their kite flying days behind. This turned out to be a good opportunity to reintroduce them to the pleasure of flying kites and as a result on my next visit to the studios I took up one of my own Bali Kites as a gift

Over coffee we managed to "string" the kite up and the immediate response from Joe and Beata was

that they thought that the kite was quite magnificent, not an unexpected response as I have yet to find anyone who sees one of these kites for the first time who does not have a similar response. We discussed the flying requirements and put the kite, assembled and ready to fly on top of a small cupboard in the office as we all had to get back to work

Many of you reading this will know the name of Vivienne Westwood and for



those that do not she is probably one of the most famous British fashion designers of all time, indeed she may even be the most famous as her

"empire" has now grown to include wholly owned retail outlets in countries all over the world and should you wish to look at the latest fashions and a potted history of this famous fashion house you will do no better than going to the following web site

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

Vivienne Westwood, is herself, involved with fashion design and management of the business on a day to day basis and after we had temporarily put the kite to bed she had cause to visit the digital studio whereupon she caught her first sight of the Bali Ship – that was it, all over, no flying by Joe and Beata who were told that this would make a super window dressing for one of the London shops and that was that

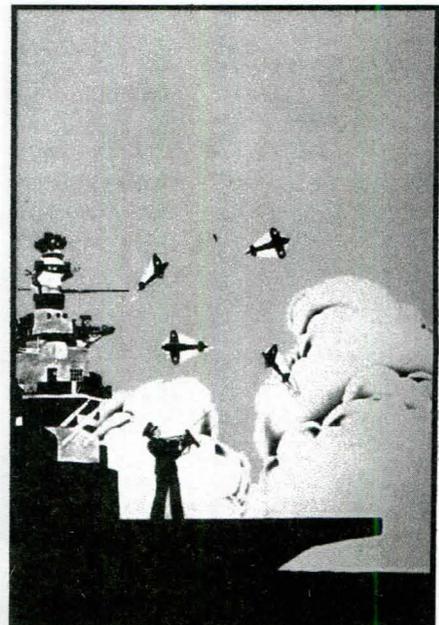
The pictures show the kite in the very first Vivienne Westwood shop in Worlds End and you will see from the web site that this shop has lots of history and associations going back to the days of Johnny Rotten and the Sex Pistols – all we can hope is that when the kite has finished its duties as a novel window dressing it will be returned to its owners who will eventually be allowed to fly it as it was intended

John Dimmock

## MILITARY KITES

Since kites first took to the air, many countries have used them for a variety of military purposes. During World War II, Paul Garber, historian emeritus at the Smithsonian Institution, was commissioned by the U.S. Navy to teach aircraft gunners to identify enemy planes. He was sent out to the Navy stations and observed that the targets used to teach the ship-to-air gunnery were not realistic, also when targets towed by aeroplanes were not available, the gunners were ordered to shoot at clouds. He soon decided he could develop a much better system using kites. He soon discovered that by flying a kite with two lines and a

rudder mechanism, he could steer the kite through loops, dives, figure of eights and recover from dives while standing on the side of the ships. The kite could perform acrobatics and dodge bullets very much like an enemy fighter plane. By painting planes on the kites this worked even better and would make the target practice more realistic and increase the gunners skills. Thousands of the kites were made and distributed to ship and shore stations to train U.S. Navy and Army aircraft gunners. Most were used and destroyed as the Navy gunners got better. The target kites are now collector's items as so few survived the war years..



# WHKF WORKSHOP SHOCK

Image if you will, Boxing day evening relaxing on the sofa watching an episode of Friends (one of Ria's Christmas presents, Friends Mad). Phone rings, who's that? Ria does not want to answer it, Friends more interesting." Ria it's bound to be for you". Ria answers phone "dad it's for you". Ria answers phone "dad it's for you". Ria answers phone "dad it's for you". Ria hands me the phone with that, you're so sad dad, expression.

"Hello" Marla wishing me A Happy Christmas. "Hello Marla Happy Christmas". Niceties out of the way Marla asks why I'm not coming to the WHKF's Ralf Maserski workshop in February. Alan and I had talked about the workshop, but decided that our sewing skills (that's a laugh) would not be up to an intense workshop.(sticking is OK but sewing in a workshop!!!!!! HEEELLP)

I explained this to Marla to which she replied "Alan's coming, I've just spoken to him "(what happened to solidarity) now I'm on my own against Marla, what do I do? "I'll have to think about it". Marla replies "I'll ring you tomorrow"

Resigned myself to the fact that I'm going to the workshop, thinking New Year, new challenge, be brave.

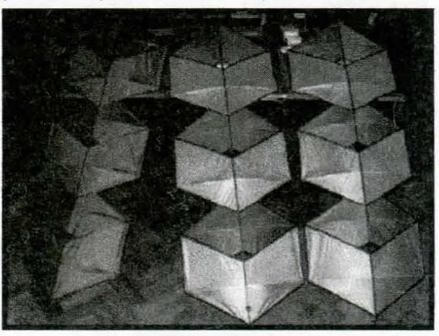
On speaking to Alan we both decided that we needed some training ahead of workshop, it's been about 5 years since I used a sewing machine and I would probably require a whole week to make a Ralf Maserski BoxTower 3, not 2 days.

It was decided that we ask Helen Howes of Raindrop Kites for some training in basic sewing machine, and what a great day we had at her workshop. Alan and I had to work hard ,but with Helen's expert tutelage we both went home with kites to be proud of. Thanks Helen, for all your help that day, I know we all had to work very hard.

It's amazing how quickly February 12th came around. 6 am we're off to Swindon, we joked as to whether we would get lost in Swindon again, we did. (3 times over the weekend)

Arriving early at Penhill Primary school, we said our hello's to WHKF's and the other workshop participants, picked our tables and set up our

machines. (as if we knew what we were doing). Ralf Maserski was setting up some sewing machines, time to have a look at Ralf's kites especially the BoxTower 3. Looking at the black edging on this kite I was terrified, (thanks Marla another fine mess you've got me into) I can't put an edge like that on a kite, that takes a lot of experience, which I sadly lack. Eventually Dave introduces everyone to Ralf and the workshop was under way, we chose our kite colours and picked up our workshop manuals, this



was going to prove to be very useful, well planned with pictures and very simple instructions. Mine was well thumbed by the end of the workshop. Having sorted out our materials the first job was to put the black edging on one of the kite panels. The next step was a revelation, Ralf pointed us to the machines he had been setting up when we arrived and we were introduced to Suisiei, an incredible attachment for double folding 25mm wide rip stop tape. Simply feed your sail panel into the fold of rip stop tape on the Suisiei and sew. Professional edges in minutes.

Needless to say everyone was very excited and I realised even I could make this kite.(I could make it, whether it looked professional we would see) Ralf said that all kite shops in Germany sell the 25mm wide ripstop tape, it comes in colours too.

As I suspected this workshop was a lot of hard work, but with guidance from Ralf , the help from everyone else at the workshop and of course the excellent WHKF lunch, I managed to get my kite to the point where I could finish on Sunday. Maybe if I had referred to my manual and treble checked what I was doing,

I would not have made so many mistakes which required unpicking. But I think everyone agreed, that after the Suisiei, the most important tool was the unpicking tool.

We all met up later at the Blunsdon House Hotel for a drink, a superb carver dinner WELL DONE WHKF's. This was an opportunity to relax and to talk to Ralf. He told us of a German web site that stocks 25mm wide rip-stop in all sorts of colours . [http://www.metropolis\\_drachen.de](http://www.metropolis_drachen.de) Sunday morning after a good breakfast, back to School and nearly everyone managed to finish their kites by lunch time, I even managed to fly mine in the play ground. Another excellent WHKF's lunch and the raffle as usual with the WHKF's raffle everyones a winner.

Many hands made light work of the clearing up and after saying our farewells to everyone Alan and I started our journey home. We both agreed that as usual WHKF's had put on another excellent workshop. (I'm still going to sort Marla out when I see her). We are both looking forward to the Robert Brassington workshop in the autumn.

We made such good time on our journey home that Alan suggested we fly our new kites on Epsom Downs, I didn't require much encouragement. We paid for our enthusiasm though, the wind cut right through us, but we saw our brand spanking new BoxTower 3's flying.

What a wonderful time. Thanks to Ralf Maserski for a well planned workshop, WHKF's for the superb organisation and to friends old and new who made this a very memorable weekend, and of course a big Thank You to Marla for stirring me out of my winter slumber.

Keith Boxall



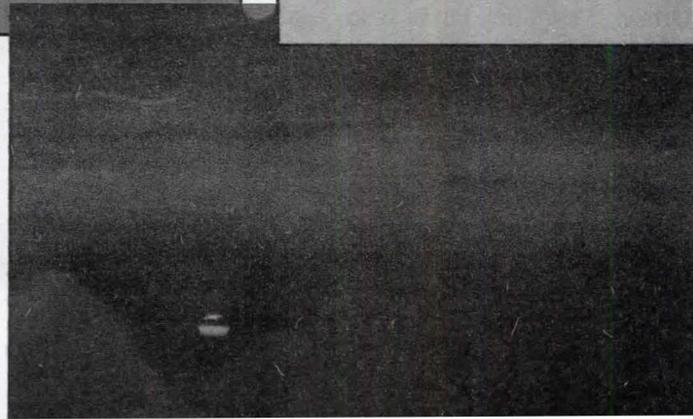
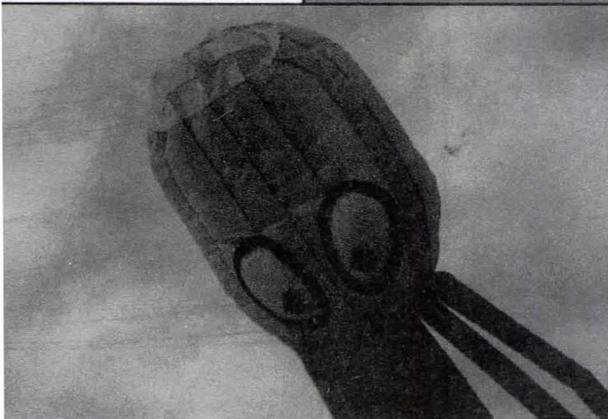
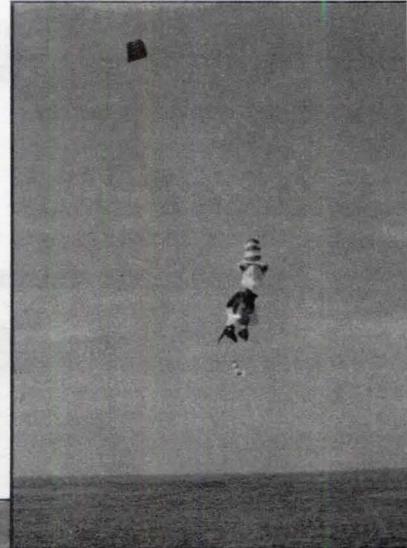
# ANOTHER GREAT DAY

The 1st Sunday in February soon came around and for the first time so far this year the weather was just right for the fly-in. Almost every other weekend it had been raining, too cold or far too windy, but not today. So off we went to the Tye with the club kites. The Council have kindly put up some great new kite stakes and with the wind in the direction it was, these were in a perfect position. For the jugglers out there, the Farmer has also laid out a slalom course for you to avoid. OK, there not that kind, the stakes are there in the way of a fence that is now all around the Tye and the Slalom course has been left not only by the dogs but the farmers cattle as well now, at least these are bigger and you can see them, sometimes!!!!

Well I was the first to arrive and so thought that I might as well put up one of the club kites and looked in the back of the trailer and having thought for a while about which one, out came the club's newest inflatable "The Cat on the Hat", I was still on my own and tied the line to the supplied ground stakes and walked across the field laying out the line. Attaching the pilot and main kite I launched it skywards, up it went but it would not inflate fully. By this time Dave had turned up and gave me a hand to re-launch it and while holding open the vents I spotted that the zip was undone, this closed it inflated quickly and up he went. As the morning wore on more members turned up and also more

public, who said that they saw the large inflatable and had to come and have a closer look. Also flown was a pink octopus made by Alan Reynolds with material that his good lady had given him for Christmas and great it looked too. Although we all believe it's not an "it" but a "she" but you need to see her to work out why. We carried on flying for the best part of the day but as the sun set the temperature dropped and we packed up and went home to a setting sun over the sea.

Simon Hennessey



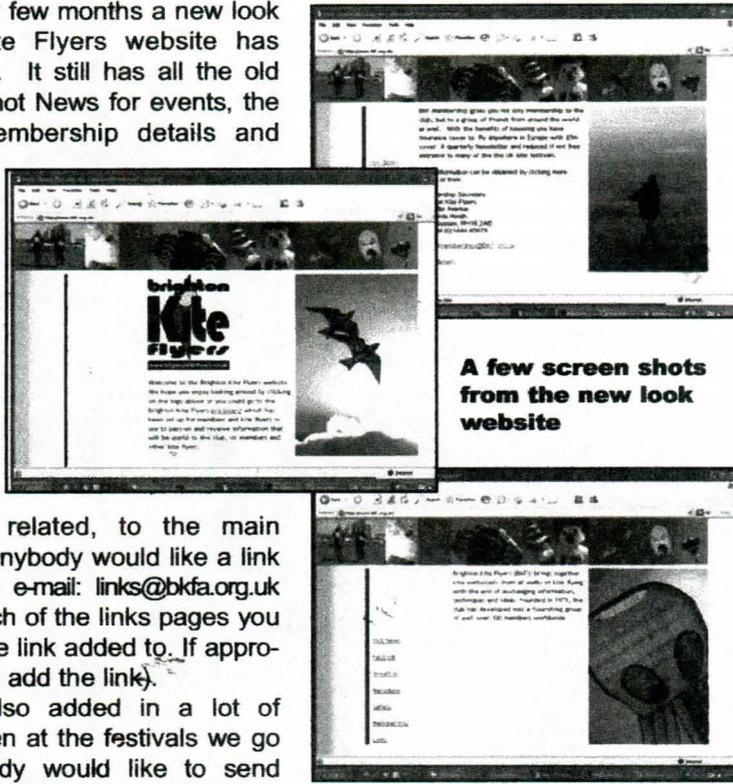
# BKF HAVE NEW LOOK WEBSITE

Over the last few months a new look Brighton Kite Flyers website has been set up. It still has all the old favourites, hot News for events, the weather, membership details and Aerodyne.

This time we have added the festival information page, a few basic safty tips and links pages for all those

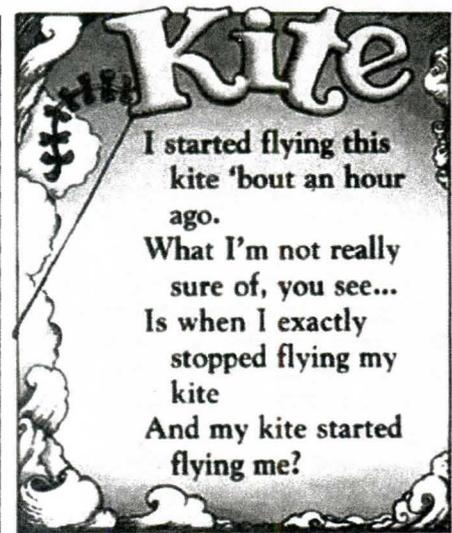
things kite related, to the main website. (if anybody would like a link added please e-mail: [links@bkfa.org.uk](mailto:links@bkfa.org.uk) and say which of the links pages you would like the link added to. If appropriate we will add the link).

We have also added in a lot of images taken at the festivals we go to. If anybody would like to send images in to be used we would be more than happy to try and add these to the site.



A few screen shots from the new look website

[www.brightonkiteflyers.co.uk](http://www.brightonkiteflyers.co.uk)



# DIARY DATES

**April 10th** Streatham Common Kite Day, Brighton Kite Flyers will be there dropping teddy bears and flying some of their large display kites, Please come along and join in.

**April 16th** Berck Sur-Mer Kite Festival, France. We will again be heading off for a day trip to enjoy the great kites and moule frite.

**May 1st and 2nd** Weymouth International Beach Kite Festival Dorset. This is one of the first international festivals of the year held in the UK and as Brighton Kite flyers we can be seen there flying some of the clubs large kites. (please let KSGB know if you need a car pass)

**May 7th and 8th** Swindon Kite Festival, this is at the science museum Wroughton, A fun weekend and loads to see not only kite but the

Hangers are open for you to look at the exhibits.

**May 14th and 15th** Suffolk Kite Festival, Rougham Airfield, we have again been asked to come and fly the club kites. ( please let me know if you need a car pass)

**June 4th and 5th** Basingstoke Kite Festival, Down Grange Sports Complex, One where we have not been asked to take the club kites but we often go and fly for fun

**June 11th and 12th** Teston Bridge Family kite weekend, Nr Maidstone Kent. This is far more than a kite festival it's just so relaxed and one not to be missed.

**June 18th and 19th** Southampton Kite Festival Lordshill Recreation Grounds. Interesting site Stack event held here.

**I'd Love to fly a kite today.  
I'd run and let it fly.  
I'd run across this meadow.  
Till it sails into the sky.  
Soaring above this meadow,  
this town,  
these earthbound things.  
I'll imagine what it must be like to have an angel's wings**

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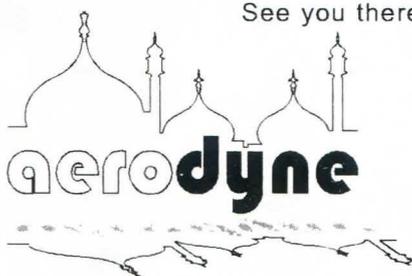
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**fly-in reminders**

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



**THE SUISEI**

You would have read about a great hemming tool in the "Whitehorse Workshop Shock" article about a great tool called a Susei. Once I got home and relaxed a bit I did a search on the Web and found a company in this country that can supply the Susei. For more information on how to get hold of one look at this website.

<http://www.college-sewing.co.uk>

Hope this is of use.

Keith Boxall

We have a range of sizes in all club t-shirts and hooded tops for sale T-shirts £10 hooded tops £25.00

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 January issue - 1 December  
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**Proboard**

A proboard has been set up for the Brighton Kite Flyers, you do not need to be a member of the club to join the forum but you do need to sign up to post on it;  
[www.brightonkites.proboards40.com](http://www.brightonkites.proboards40.com)  
 The normal rules of the forums apply

The moderators and administrators reserve the right to deny access to anyone they feel is not complying with the spirit of the site. They also reserve the right to edit or erase any items contravening normal standards of good taste including those items detailed below.

1. No obscene language will be used. (Note there is an automatic filter for this that sometimes uses obscure alternatives)
2. There should be no defamatory or derogatory comments about third parties, individuals or businesses
3. No Racist, Sexist, Religious or any other ethnic remarks should be made.

Any information posted to the site are the views of the individual posting them and not necessarily those of the Brighton Kite Flyers, it's committee, it's members or the forum managers.

Simon Hennessey

**Thank you**

I would like to say thank you to all those who made this issue of Aerodyne possible John Dimmock, Keith Boxall and Paul Hill who have helped to make this edition possible. The poem was found on the Web. I must also say a very big thank you to Anne and Alan Outram who have edited areodyne.

Simon Hennessey

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