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EDITORIAL

Dear Reader

The season is upon us and there have already been some significant changes to the kite scene in the U.K.

First of all, Kite Passion has made the decision to go with the flow (or should it be surf!) and devote itself to the kite surfing scene - the new name is Kitesurf Magazine. We wish them luck.

Also missing from the festival/competition circuit will be two of the backbone of sports kite flying. Mark and Jeanette Lummas of Bi-Dance and formally Sky Dance are off to the USA following career options. They are sure to partake in the sports circuit over there (and maybe dominate). Many a display has been watched with amazement but surely nothing can beat Bi-Dances paddle in the Weymouth sea when the beach and wind ran out - those kites kept going! Good luck to them both.

We could at this point repeat the plea of the January issue - lack of information. We are always indebted to those people who take the time and effort to pen something for the magazine - and this issue particular thanks go to the British Buggy Club. BUT we always need more - so keep items coming.

Last but not least, you will find the pages for the 2000 Directory included in this issue rather than the normal separate publication. The reason is to reduce overall costs and save our time stuffing the extra into the envelopes!

See you all around somewhere

Gill and Jon

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Front Cover Photo

John Eaton with one of his 'planless' creations at Sunderland Festival of the Air.

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Letters

From Aled Lewis (Northern Kite Group)

Beverley 99 - Putting the record straight. I was very surprised and a little angry at some of the comments made by Sue and Eric Storey in the event report "Beverley Garden and Kite Festival" published in the January issue of The Kiteflier. In particular the description of Stafford Wallace as an "idiot" and "irresponsible" I found both offensive and totally unjustified. I attended both days of the Beverley event and have seen Stafford fly on numerous other occasions. His skill and experience allows him to fly his kites very close to other people without in any way compromising safety. Buzzing over peoples heads he invariably generates a tremendous amount of interest not to say fun and enjoyment from the general public, which surely is what we are all striving for.

From Nick Green, INTERNET:nick_green@talk21.com

I've just started flying kites and noticed that predicting the angle of the string is not obvious. Well certainly with the type I have been using: strut free two divided tube design "Sure-Flight" made by Worlds Apart Ltd.

Have any of your members treated this problem mathematically? There are probably chaotic processes working. When two more or less identical kites are flown together their trajectories diverge, I suspect.

I'd welcome contact with anyone who might be interested in this area.

From John Thornton

In your last editorial you queried the reason for the lack of fliers at some of the festivals and perhaps I can shed some light on it.

I have been flying single line kites for many years, deltas, rollers etc, I attended most of the early festivals so that I could fly my kites at altitudes they were designed for and not the frustrating 200 ft, in attendance with like minded fliers.

In recent years the areas allocated to experienced single liners has been eroded by the areas given over to the multi-line brigade. The areas for the Peter Lynn monsters and similar and the host clubs parafoils, windsocks and other laundry leaving very little room for the rest of us.

Any area outside the arenas are usually taken up by the inexperienced multi-liners who are a danger to everyone.

Having kites trashed, lines cut and generally pushed aside by all of the above one becomes rather dissatisfied with the organisation and I know I am not alone in feeling this way as others I have spoken to feel the same.

At the early festivals single liners were the mainstay of the events and the public enjoyed meetings, now, however they have become brash noisy events taken over by a fairground atmosphere. Supposedly this is to bring the younger elements of the public into the fun of kiting but does it?

Take the multi-line demonstrations (Ray Bethell excluded!), these are obvious fun for the fliers themselves but how many of the public aspire to copying them? The cost of even one of their kites is beyond a lot of people and after two or three demos boredom sets in as most demos look very similar, just watch the peoples faces. Now come back to single line kites, which can be bought quite reasonably or made easily and most fly well which allows the beginner to be interactive with a kite quickly. Just watch the children in the kids workshops and the fun they have, surely these are the people who need encouraging and who will keep kites going.

Whenever I fly in my local park many people come up and talk, they and their children hold the lines and just to see the looks in their faces makes it so worthwhile and I have given them advice, plans and even kites at times, then see them later with their own creations. When I tell them about the festivals they feel they are not good enough to attend and I try and persuade them but if they are faced with what I have said above they will be driven away as I am being.

There are still festivals that are a pleasure to attend such as Petworth where fliers and public mix well and the general atmosphere is one of calmness and enjoyment. I feel the large festivals have lost the way somewhere and unless we revert back to something like "good old days" more fliers will give up attending.

Letters

I have not mentioned Power Kiting and the Buggy Brigade as they seem to have sorted out their sphere of kiting out well, so perhaps we can take a lesson from them and have separate single line and multi-line festivals which might sort the problem out. I know there are many kiting people who fly both kinds but having separate festivals should not impact them too much. How about if a festival runs to several days, the various factions could have a day each!

From Ian and Cath Brett (Brett.harbour@virgin.net)

I.C. Kites are pleased to announce that the business has been sold to Rob Pegg who will be operating from 33A The Barley Loft, Hawcliffe Road, Mountsorrel, Leics. LE12 7AQ Tel. 01509 413514. Ian and Cath would like to wish Rob all the best in his new venture.

We would also like to thank everyone for their support over the 10 years that we have been operating. The kite fraternity is one of the most friendly bunch of people that we have come across and long may it stay like that.

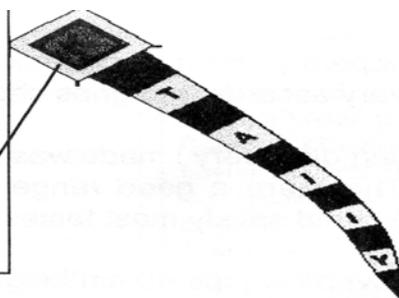
We have enjoyed the business that we have been operating and it is now time for us to move on to other things. The children are growing up and Cath has found a new interest in accounting.

Watch out for Rob's Delta Power Kites he tells me they are awesome and I have to try one out so call him up and book a go. Rob will be supporting the Northampton Kite fly-in and may be keen to develop other regular locations. So come and fly and meet Rob at the First Sunday in Every Month at the Northampton Racecourse 10am to 4pm this will start from March 5th.

The contact for the 'Northampton Kite Fliers' will now be Mr Paul Mellows who can be contacted on 01933 673917. Please support him with your ideas to help develop the club.

Thank you for your support and best Regards

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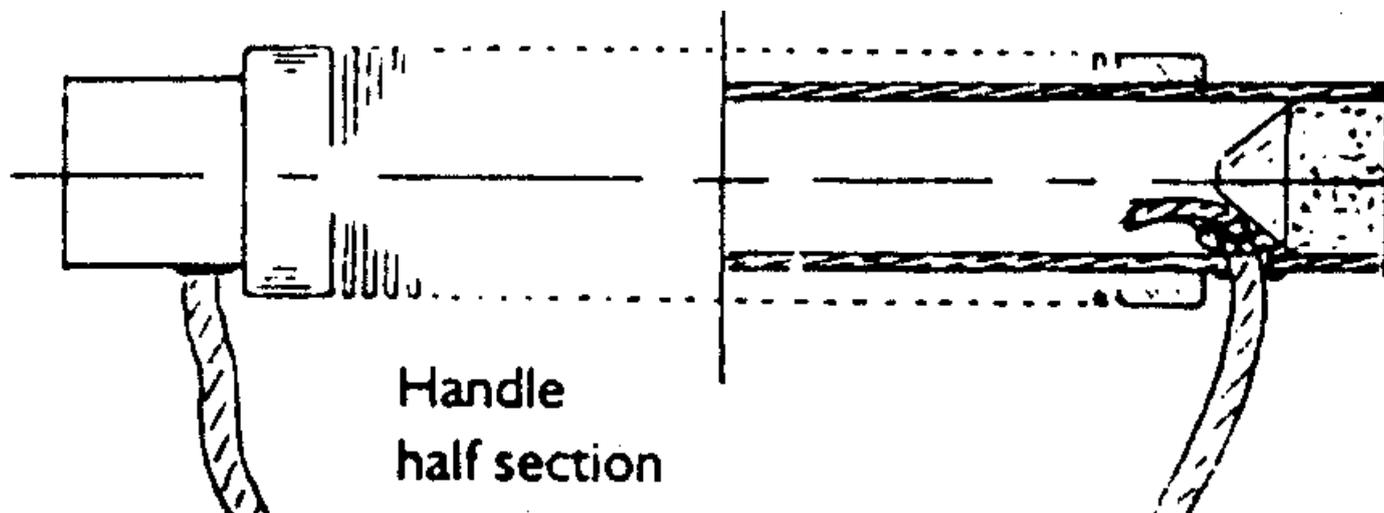
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Bar Handle

When I became interested in kiting several years ago, one move I made was to read as many books on the subject as I could get hold of through my local library. One book, in particular; extolled the virtues of the bartype handle which persuaded me to make a pair. The following information describes the design I made.



Materials required:

320mm plastic overflow pipe (22mm O/D x 18mm I/D)

1 pair bicycle handlebar grips 4 x 5mm eyelets

4 wine bottle stoppers (wine making accessories) coloured cords, 1/2 metre black, 1/2 metre red lengths will vary according to grips chosen

The first interesting discovery I made was that bicycle handlebar grips were a nice fit on plastic overflow pipe. There are a good range of handlebar grips available from stores such as Halfords, which should satisfy most tastes.

Cut 2 lengths of overflow pipe 40mm longer than the grips. The grips will be held firmly on the pipe if they are pushed to one end, Evostik applied to the pipe, left to half harden and the grip carefully pushed over the half tacky Evostik patch and centralised along the pipe length.

Drill 2 holes through the wall of the pipe, in line, and half an eyelet diameter away from each end of the grip. Fit an eyelet into each hole and crimp over using eyeletting pliers. Two equal lengths of different coloured cord are then threaded through the eyelets, one cord per handle, and the ends knotted inside the pipe.

The ends of the pipe are sealed by shortening to 20mm and paring down the diameter of the stopper corks until they are a tight twist fit inside the pipes. Chamfering the ends of the corks provides clearance for the cord knots.

David Bentley

Berrow '99 Report

Berrow '99 Report

This is a very brief glimpse of what happened at Britain's biggest power kiting festival last September, the rest you can only imagine.....

Day 1

The day when everyone is reunited after a five hour drive, too many beers and a whole year of catching up to be done. Ah yes, the bliss of telling those wonderful stories of 180 airs and the one wheel balancing trick you learnt at last year's event has finally got dialed. The ones in real life always sound better.

Well, it started off as a very breezy, bright day and with an onshore wind. The ramps this year were built bigger and better and with a variety of transitions and heights for the more extreme of the bunch and sure enough - within seconds of them being built 'fleets' of buggies were giving them some beating - Chris Croft pulling off some wicked airs.

Racing was soon under way and both novices and pros took to the beach to try and win yet another Berrow trophy. Jason Furness coming first in the pros and Mark Morgan in the novices.



Photo courtesy of Shutterman Dan Productions

Day 2

The first day of rough wind, it was offshore. Many people were happy to just tie up and repair what they had broken the day before. Fortunately many of the people had taken an interest in kite surfing this year and were able to participate in a day's theory lesson with kite surf instructor Jason Furness.

The evening arrived and Ian Meredith and clan had their first wicked evening of games lined up with Roy Broadley and Paul Morgan viciously competing to see who could drink a pint of beer out of the now legendary 'Berrow Beer Toilet'.

"Unfortunately words cannot describe the Berrow Beer Toilet, you have to see it for yourself!"

Day 3



Photo courtesy of Shutterman Dan Productions

The wind was still offshore but today it was howling and there were enough buggies with small enough kites to allow us to set up a race. While the others were racing, people who still had their buggies still in one piece took to the big ramp for some out of this world jumps. Chris Croft setting the pace with laybacks and one-handers and the mohican brothers showing us their collision techniques with the ground! It was only until Mark Stewart took to the stage when things started to heat up and he began pulling off distance jumps and ending with the biggest one of the week. "I'm so happy I was wearing my face mask" he said, "I would have hated someone

to have caught a picture of that. You should have seen my face!"

Berrow '99 Report

Day 4

Another offshore wind but nevertheless enough for a long race down the beach, three miles to be exact. The storm was soon picking up and many had to walk back due to the strong conditions. Some of the selected few were fortunate to see a waterspout out to sea - a sign of good weather to come! With the disappointment of no decent wind for surfing, the boat was prepared for some water skiing.

The Seagull Club was very entertaining as always and we even acquired 'an item of clothing' from the lead singer to be used as a fundraising item in the auction.

Day 5

Reaching the end of the week, and another windy day. Off shore all day until late evening when it suddenly turned to a crosswind and the surfers got the best chance of the week. Andy Sands and Jason Furness - pulling off big airs and loops, together with plenty of speed. While on the beach Andy Beverage who came all the way from Jersey was pulled skywards, like many others, but this time landing with a thud and hence a broken collar bone.



Photo courtesy of Shutterman Dan Productions

Day 6

Plenty of sun and wind and races were again on the agenda as well as the odd RAF Tornado flying over at 225ft. Chris Croft and Mike Shaw took to the ramps again with slightly more favourable conditions to break something. Mike was first with a 90 degree landing causing his aluminum spoke wheels to bend beyond usability and Chris Croft followed swiftly behind with a huge jump which caused the back axle to jab him in the back which put him out of action for the rest of the week.

Day 7

Bit of a windless day this one and for most people it was a day to build sandcastles and visit the local shops for their costumes for tonight's "Friday Fright Night", a wholesome fest of drool and gruel sited at the Embelle Holiday Park marquee. It turned out to be another great one with many dressed up as doctors, nurses and some saucy devils.



Photo courtesy of Shutterman Dan Productions

Day 8

Probably one of the muddiest days of the week but it was without doubt set for the biggest buggy race. The course was set to cater for both novice and pro racers with over 60 buggies at the start line. The race started and they were all eager to get round the first post and away from the field. After the legendary ten-lap course, Tony Ferraro came through the finish line with a downwind leg between him and the next pilot.

As always the day was rounded off with a well-deserved alcohol-induced party and an auction that raised over £1500 all proceeds go to next year's festival, roll on Berrow 2000! Oh and how much did the signed 'item of clothing' raise? More than fifty quid, but we're not telling you who bought themer it

One Sky One World Results?

Every year, in October, a large number of fliers take part in the various "OSOW" events. Surely I can't be the only one who wonders, "So how many kites were flown on the day, and where can I find out?"

Over the years, people around the world have apparently lost interest - not in taking part - but in reporting the number of participants and kites involved. Even when figures are collected, they seem to vanish into some bottomless pit. As a result, there are seemingly no totals published, which seems a shame.

In an attempt to rectify this, I would like to volunteer my services as a sort of 'national coordinator' for the organisation. This would simply involve my receiving totals from the various OSOW event organisers around the UK, and providing a result in a form suitable for publication to interested parties (primarily The Kite Society and any local groups that want it). I would of course send a copy to Jane Parker-Ambrose in the U.S.A. - being the originator and organiser of OSOW, and with whom I was recently in touch. Jane agrees that it's a pity that things have gone the way they have; she too would like to see a resurgence of interest in reporting results, as she would like to be able to publish totals again.

I don't intend trying to sort out the rest of the planet, but you never know - we might prompt people in other countries to run a similar scheme. It would be a shame if OSOW were to fade away through lack of interest - especially when there are so many people out there keen to take part in the flying side of the event! Here is a charitable event, with plenty of willing participants, yet which receives virtually no media coverage to my knowledge.

We (kite flyers) don't even know the outcome of the event! If we are going to hold OSOW events, surely we should have some "follow up" - otherwise it's just "a bunch of people flying kites in a field".

I'd like to begin by collecting figures for 1999. There will be people who'll say that I should start afresh with the 2000 event, but I see the 1999 results as a "test-run". If I can collect these, it will show that there's enough interest to make it worthwhile collecting and collating the figures for 2000, whilst also establishing lines of communication.

So to all those in possession of '99 results - I'd be most grateful if you could email them to me at: osow_results@jcronin.easynet.co.uk or if you must, fax to: 024 7633 8979.

The information I'd like for each venue, is:

- The organising body.
- The flying-site location.
- The total number of participants.
- The total number of kites flown throughout the day.
- A contact name and email address or fax no.

Feel free to include any other information you think useful, or, if you haven't the figures but do organise OSOW events and agree with what I am trying to do - tell me, I need to find out if there's enough interest for this to work!

Whether or not I bother with October 2000 will depend on the number of positive replies received.

So it's up to you - if I get a decent response, I'll do my best to produce the required results for the benefit of all, if not I'll just go back to quietly flying kites.....

Jim Cronin

PS: If you are organising an osow event for 2000, I would appreciate you sending details for inclusion on my site at www.jims-place.org.uk - results will hopefully be published there too.

OCTOBER 8th 2000, a ONE SKY ONE WORLD fly in at the Ashford Police Training Ground, Ashford Kent. Organised by the SEKS (South Eastern Kite Society) Alan Cunningham (01227 275604 or ACUNNI3747@AOL.com).

Private Ads

Wanted: I have been trying to purchase some bamboo tube about 65mm to build a traditional kite without any luck. Please can anyone help? Roy Stoneham 01705 362809 or at stoneham@zoom.co.uk.

For Sale: I have four 10ft flexi's for sale they come with lines, harness, bridle and carry bag I'm asking £200 for the whole set. Anthony Craik 0181 3785843 h or 0956145246 m.

For Sale. Fiesta Cabana 2 - shade protection for 3 adults. Never used. £15. Ralph Holding 01544 370 661.

For Sale. 2 pairs 150' x 150lbs Dyneema lines. Virtually new. Sleeved. £11.50 per pair. Rev 1.5. Excellent condition. £50. 3 stack of 6' delta kites own make. Little used. Tremendous pull. £60 the three. R Baker 01252 650842

For Sale. Superb collection of kites and accessories (owner has recently died). All first class condition; accessories include lines, handles, books, rolls rip-stop nylon and other items. Offers. Mrs Reed Tel: 01494 526673.

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News from Kites & More: Kites & More have some great kites for the freestyle, trick, precision or competition flyer. Handcrafted with the finest materials (ICAREX P31, Exel Extreme/ G-Force and APA, JACO, HQ fittings). SPACE KITES are available at down to earth prices. Listen out for names like Carat, Topas, X-Raver or Scalar.

Last year we all saw windmills in the shape of fish, cockerel etc. For the year 2000 Kites & More has a large selection of new designs so that you can build your own colorful 'wind farm'. Kite List and other news are available on request (SAE). More details, pictures etc. can be made available on 3.5" discs or CD-ROM (send SAE + 4x 1st class stamps, refundable with purchase). Write to Kites & More - 18 Water Lane - Threkingham - Lincs. NG34 0BE.

Malcolm (Kiteman) Goodman Web Page. I have been building a web site - www.kiteman.co.uk which was a present from Jeanette 2 years ago. This is my first attempt at designing and putting together a web site. Jennie my daughter said two years ago she would do this for me but I'm still waiting! She would rather go out socialising than sit in front of a VDU, so I have had to learn and do it myself. My site is very basic without any flashy graphics etc (because I don't know how to do it yet!) and I have tried to make the navigation simple including only pictures and text.

I have tried to include a little about most of the many facets of kiting and have set up links to more specialist sites for those who want to find out more about a particular aspect of kiting. The first page only is online at present, but most of it should be up and running, I hope, soon.

I still have a lot of pages to add but it will include the following pages when finished : Images, artwork, history and cultural background of kites from China, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam. Pictures of some of my favourite kites collected over the past 30 years which form one of the largest private and comprehensive collections of Oriental kites in the world, most of which carry descriptions. Pictures I have taken of kites and kite festivals in China, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Europe. Also some stunt/sports kite moments including Top of the Line, Hawaiian Delights, Ray Bethell, Sky Dance, AirCraft, the Decorators etc. A section on kite surfing and power kiting. A gallery of some of the worlds most beautiful kites and their makers. How to make a simple kite - the best place to launch and fly. Links to other kite sites. Festival dates and information etc, etc.

So come and have a look.

Shutterman Dan Website <http://www.shuttermandan.fsnet.co.uk>. Specialising in kite related imagery. Shutterman Dan, photographer, cameraman and power kiting enthusiast has got himself his own website so he can share his photos and videos.

On this fantastic website there are a wide range of kiting photographic material. From recent kite festivals including Weymouth and Portsmouth Kite Festivals to Britain's largest power kiting festival, Berrow "Power Break", which includes some awesome feats of ramp jumping, mass buggy racing and kite surfing.

There are also some great archived photographs from Berrow "Power Break" '98. All the photographs are available to buy as high colour gloss or matte and are also available on professional photo-cd format for kite companies and members of the press.

There is also a special preview of "The Storm of 1999" video shot at "Power Break '99". There is also some footage of amazing spectacles of the year of 1999 with awesome thunderstorms, solar eclipses, ufo's, helicopter crashes and a real life tornado that was shot from outside Shutterman Dan's house! Wow!

If you have any questions or comments regarding the website or you wish to use any of the material in other websites/publications please e-mail Shutterman Dan Productions for a consultation at Shuttermandanprod@skysculpture.fsnet.co.uk

Kites of the World. The Hackney Kite Festival this year will be featuring a kite pageant with a global theme. 17th 18th June 2000. Sky Stage have been asked to organise it and as previously WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The display will consist of mass launches and various demonstrations backed by music and a scripted commentary. Using the principle; Name a Country! What's the first kite you think of???

Bits & Pieces

We have come up with the following presentation-----

Japan	Mass launch of Rokkakus*
India	Kite Fight*
China	Dragon kite, silk / paper kites*
Ethnic	General other Far Eastern* ,Pacific* and Caribbean* etc.*
New Zealand	Buggy Demo
UK	Codys*,Martin Lester kites* and Flexifoils (possible EuroStack?)
Germany	Rollers* and inflatables*
European	General open category*
America	Parafoils*,Deltas* Sleds(workshop)* Team Demo and finish with Revolutions.

We have starred* the kites we need your assistance with!! One key kite we are missing is the Chinese Dragon. So bring your Mega Deltas, brush the dust off that Chinese Kite box on top of your wardrobe, take that Butterfly off your dining room wall!!

Give your collection a chance to FLY. What days can you attend? And the kites you can bring?

Contact Tony "TC" Cartwright, 70 Pierson Rd ,Windsor,SL4 5RF. Tel 01753-866642 fax 01753-675469 e-mail tc@rokmaster.freeserve.co.uk

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Alcester & Worcester Kite Fliers. An update about AWKF. As you will be aware Lillian and Fred Taplin resigned last year as officers of the club. At the AGM the following people were elected - Chairman Fred Apperley, Treasurer Rose Wyle, Secretary Allan Gilbert. The correspondence address for the club is Alcester & Worcester Kite Flyers 26 Evesham Road Leicester LE3 2BD Tel. 0116 2243983 e-mail ag.lg@virgin.net.

The club continues to meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Worcester Country Park from 12.00 onwards if anyone is thinking of visiting us. There is an excellent car boot sale on the site and a Visitors Centre with toilets and a cafe. Our festival is again over the Easter period. The 22nd & 23rd April are informal flying days with a height clearance of 800ft . The car boot sale is on until lunchtime on 23rd. The main flying day is Easter Monday again with 800ft clearance. The festival is always well attended by the public.

The Scout Association: In May the Scout Association will be holding the first of three millennium events in which T S Harrison has been asked to assist. As Air Activities Adviser for Central Yorkshire he has been approached to put on activity bases for their members at two international camps. There will be over 2000 people on site and representatives have indicated that the members would like to take part in kite flying / building workshops. As the theme for the event is countries advice is being sought on the types of kites which could be built in relation to the Caribbean, Australia, India, Italy, Greece, China, Scandinavia and America. Any plans or designs would also be appreciated.

In addition Mr Harrison would like to be able to produce kites on a sale or return basis as there is no capital to back the workshops. If anyone is able to assist and become a supplier, or if you can provide catalogues or stock lists then he would be pleased to promote your company. The events will be well publicised and promotion given to your company within the Scouting community.

If you would like to assist then contact:

Mr T S Harrison, Parsons Close, 2 Chapeltown, Pudsey, Leeds LS28 8QR.

BBC Launches Instructors Training Course

The British Buggy Club has launched its first buggy instructors course.

This course is designed to teach experienced buggiers on how to teach novices and those wishing to improve their skills in a safe and consistent manner.

Designed primarily with retailers in mind these courses will be held throughout the country by Mike Shaw and John Eaton. This will allow a retailer to be able to offer a complete service from not only selling the equipment but also being able to ensure that the customer gets the maximum from their purchase in a safe and controlled environment.

For non-retailers who want to undertake the instructors course the British Buggy Club can provide insurance that will cover any pupils they teach for the duration of the course.

The British Buggy Club hopes it will be able to bring awareness to people who are new to the sport and are able to learn buggying under better supervision.

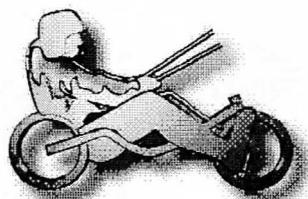
If you are interested in becoming a British Buggy Club Certified Instructor you must supply your own equipment for the course and attain an instructor certificate which will allow you to teach buggiers either as individuals or groups up to a maximum of four (six with an assistant).

John Eaton and Mike Shaw will be teaching kite buggying level one and two for people with experience of power kites. Also, kite surfing courses will be available throughout the year.

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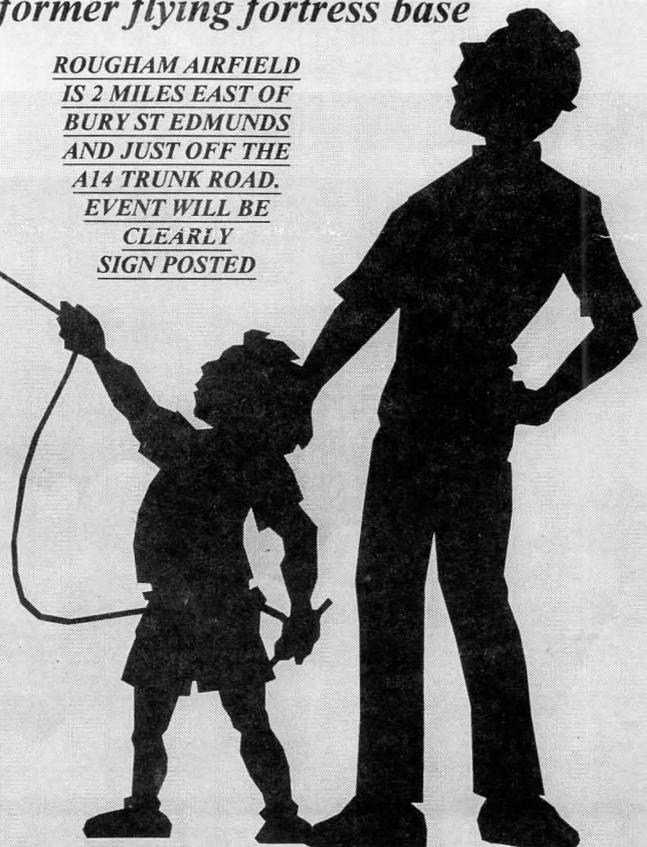
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30	Weymouth Beach Kite Festival, Weymouth, Dorset. The Kite Society East Yorkshire Kite Festival, Beverley Race Course. Jean Welsh 01423 867114
May	
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13	Suffolk Kite Festival, Rougham Airfield, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. P J Phillips 01473 464095 Swindon Kite Festival. White Horse Kite Fliers Traction/Surf kite retreat with Jason Furness, Portugal. Until 20th. Natural Heights . Kite over Gosport, Stokes Bay, Gosport. Roy Stoneham 01705 362809
14	Suffolk Kite Festival, Rougham Airfield, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. P J Phillips 01473 464095 Swindon Kite Festival. White Horse Kite Fliers Kite over Gosport, Stokes Bay, Gosport. Roy Stoneham 01705 362809
20	Cleethorpes International Beach Kite Festival. Andrew Pidgen
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27	4th Tewkesbury Kite Fun Weekend, Tewkesbury, Glos. Neville Wing
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29	4th Tewkesbury Kite Fun Weekend, Tewkesbury, Glos. Neville Wing Kite Hebrides Festival in the Western Isles of Scotland. Starts. Ian Callaghan 0141 772 5928
June	
3	Basingstoke Kite Festival, Al Cosgrove Kite Hebrides Festival in the Western Isles of Scotland. Ends. Ian Callaghan 0141 772 5928
4	Basingstoke Kite Festival, Al Cosgrove Ashdon Kite Festival. Andrew Eyles 01799 584339
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July	
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8	Brighton Kite Festival, Brighton. Brighton Kite Fliers
9	Brighton Kite Festival, Brighton. Brighton Kite Fliers
15	3rd Siloth Kite Festival, Cumbria. Ian Gilmore 01900 881371
16	Petworth Kite Day, Petworth Park, West Sussex. Joanna Mersey 3rd Siloth Kite Festival, Cumbria. Ian Gilmore 01900 881371
22	Guernsey Kite Fly. Doug Irvine
August	
5	Attingham Park, Atcham, Shrewsbury. Tony Slater 01743 235203 Middle Wallop Kite Festival, Andover, Hampshire. Kitees Up or BBC
6	Royston Kite Festival. Tony Bradford . Attingham Park, Atcham, Shrewsbury. Tony Slater 01743 235203
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26	Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Southsea Common, Hants. The Kite Society .
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2	International Kite Contest, Detmold, Germany. Bristol International Kite Festival, Ashton Court, Bristol. Avril Baker
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9	Dieppe International Kite Festival, France. Until the 17th.
10	Hunstanton Kite Festival, Smithdon High School, Hunstanton. Bryan Cante
15	East Kent Kite Festival, Palm Bay Recreation Ground, Margate. Malcolm Ford
16	East Kent Kite Festival, Palm Bay Recreation Ground, Margate. Malcolm Ford
23	Berrow Buggy Week. Until 30th BBC
24	Old Warden Kite Day, Old Warden, Biggleswade.

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New British Buggy Club Website

<http://www.buggy.demon.co.uk>

The British Buggy Club is the largest buggy group in the country and are currently collecting information for their new website which is presently under construction.

One of the features of the website is a 'Buggy Site' page which will provide information and a location map of buggy sites around the country.

This information however needs to be provided by you! If you are a regular buggier at a particular buggy site or know of any locations where you have seen buggiers, please send us details as outlined below

- Name of the location
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- What terrain/surface (concrete, grass, sand)
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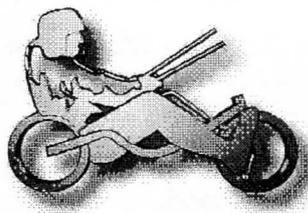
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Please send your information to:-

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Or you can e-mail the information with perhaps a photograph of the site to:-

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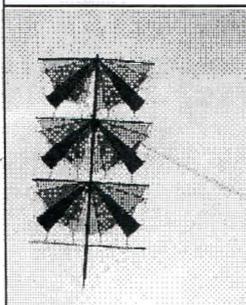
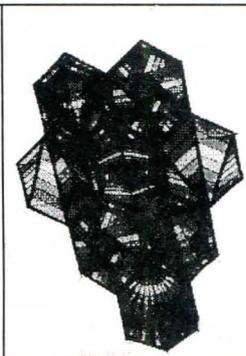
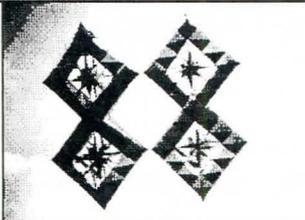
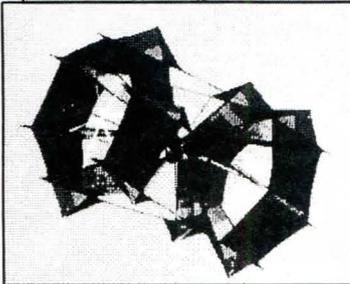
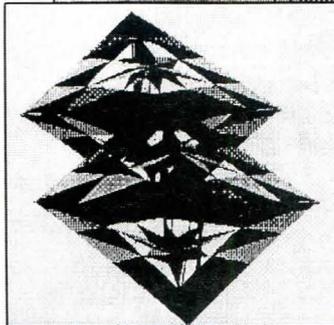
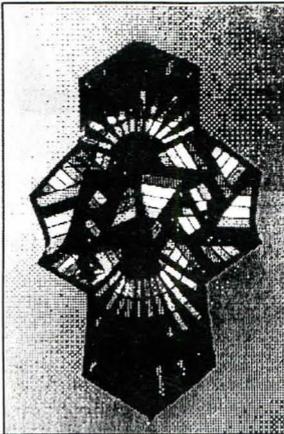
A different route to Kite Making

There's a myriad, probably even bags of ways you could come up with your next kite plan but the reality is

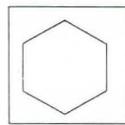
You don't need a kite plan to start a kite.

None of the kites shown here ever had a plan whatsoever, in fact, all the kites weren't even in my mind until after I'd started sewing the first panels.

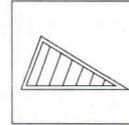
No computers, No wading through archive material, Erase any preconceived ideas you had, Believe that bridled correctly, anything can be made to fly, Small is good, Big is Good and when it's in the sky who cares how bad the stitching is? Never ever underestimate yourself. Decide to make something. Start Now. **Now is a Good Time.**



Aurora



Rok Fusion



Diablo



Arrow

Sketch something simple (see icons). Start small and build up or even down - You'll know when it's complete, something magic forms. Ideas evolve as you sew as did all the kites shown here. Any final design decisions were never truly adopted until after much of the sewing had been done. A panel sewn will never be wasted.

Sew together your simple sketch pattern and you have the first panel, alternatively it could easily be the final design. If you want a challenge there's no reason why your kite cannot be asymmetric (see Diablo Icon). Join asymmetric shapes together and they make symmetrical designs. The Aurora Box kite, less star, is nothing but triangular panels. The triangular Diablo panels created the necessary turbines for rotation and Rokfusion is 16 Rok panels fused into a box kite.

Sew panels together into a block using different colours if desirable.

Choose colour sequences wisely, it makes all the difference.

The good thing about 'mass' producing panels is that they're made quick.

Adjust the main panel as you go introducing new shapes if required. (See star in center of Aurora). With the panels made consider alternative layouts. Square, rectangular, etc.

Consider 3d effects (box and rotators). 3d effects will change the kites' shape when looked at from different angles. Imagine it folded, angled, curved etc. Use card/paper template to shape your idea. Often this allows you to see if an idea is feasible. Leave the template by the TV, at the side of your bed or in your car - the solution comes at anytime. Even now you may not fully understand how you are going to support the kite or bridle it but believe that bridled correctly anything will fly so don't be concerned. The important point is that at half a dozen stages above you could have stopped and finalized the design of the kite. The only hard decision is when to stop but usually even this becomes apparent when you've got there.

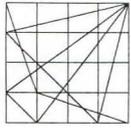
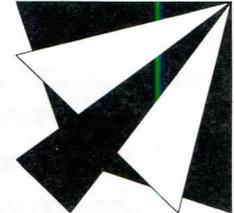
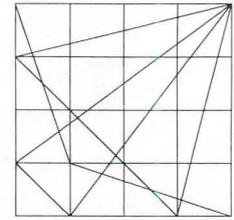
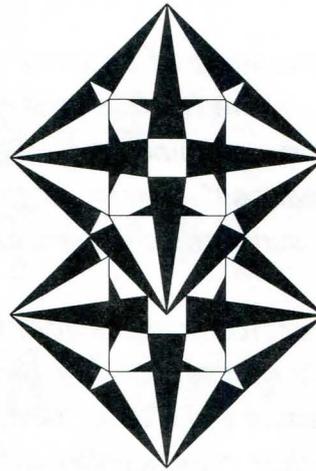
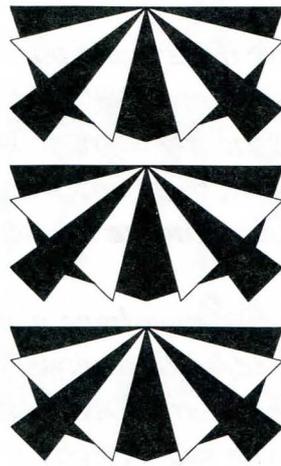
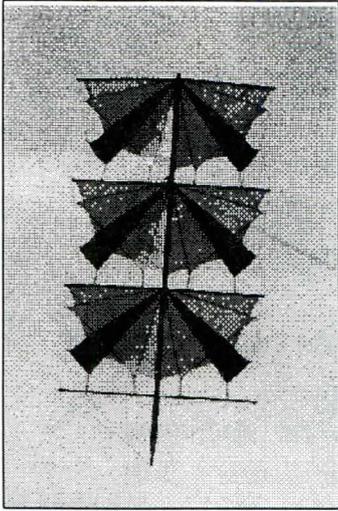
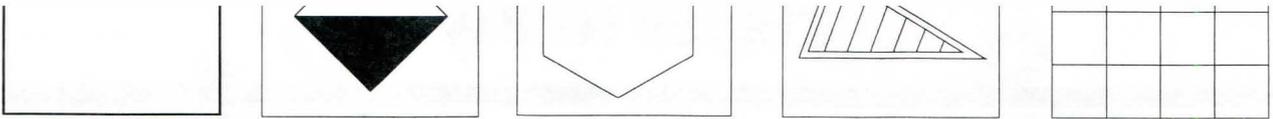
Later sparring for support and bridling has to be considered and sometimes not until it's been flown do things like stability become apparent. The Aurora just needed the addition of vertical panels. The bridle points have had to be increased but really only to eliminate any need for a tail. I've now included mesh into the front vertical panel to reduce front end steering - Any development to a new design may take years but this season you could easily be flying a new kite.

My technique has changed a little over the years but only in so much that the original icon is photocopied about 20 times to beer mat size, cut out, then arranged to make something that looks desirable to me - forget what critics say - do it for yourself.

The next page goes over in more detail the steps I took over the winter period to build a new kite collection if it works for anyone else that's great. Hopefully by the end of the season, I'll get the odd one to stay in the air and it'll be safe to come out.

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Sketch something simple - Use a grid to simplify - A grid also makes joining patterns automatic.

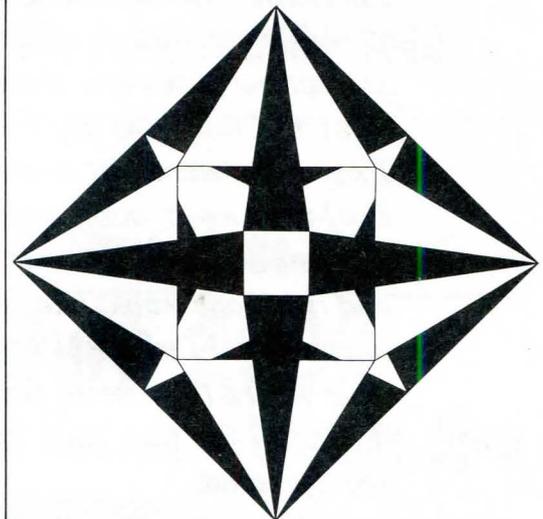
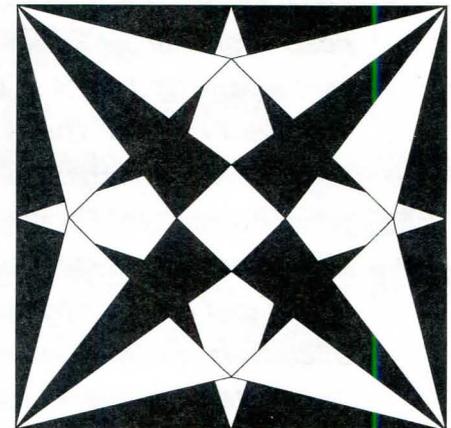
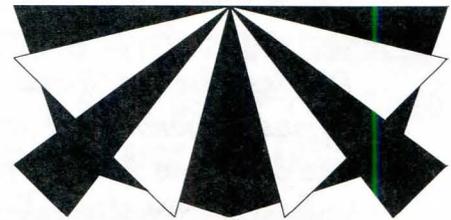
Transfer idea to your template material (scale accordingly) use card or stiff paper (Cornflakes box) - Redraw grid if it makes plotting easier but remember if you're using more than one component to a panel each component must be drawn individually so that the hem can be added. Turn left hand templates over when cutting right hand components and vice-versa. Write onto the template all the information applicable as reminders - use both sides and include direction of weave etc with arrows - this saves cutting a pile of panels the wrong way.

Cut out just the one panel and sew using whatever technique suits you. If you have problems holding material still and flat try light spraying your cutting surface with Spraymount or similar (only once for the whole job) - you can physically iron your material out onto the work surface for cutting, alternatively, get the tins of baked beans out to hold down corners. To cut use a sharp craft knife or even a hot knife if you want (it's not critical at the end of the day you're only making a kite!) Work out a joining sequence - Is the panel as good as you thought? Kickstart the creative bit of your brain and plan how that panel or panel combination could make your final design.

Photocopy the original sketch to something manageable (100mm sq.) - colour them in. Keep rearranging them until something you like appears. Obviously if you have a computer available you're going to be laughing reading this but I'm only trying to emphasize that kite making is possible for everyone and that

You don't need a kite plan to start a kite.

When you've decided on a design, stick the paper panels together, fold it, curve it but basically experiment and try to either make something different or make a design you like. Ultimately make at least something and don't expect to make it in a day and if it all starts going wrong, leave it for another day and go and fly something you've already got.



Places to Fly

Can anyone recommend good beaches or other suitable flying areas abroad?

It might save some of us some time if we could pool our knowledge and experiences if we happen to be in the area.

Here are some of mine anyway but firstly what do the brochures mean by "unspoilt beaches". I went to some of them and they are all permanently covered by sun-beds and parasols even in the low seasons.

Cyprus - practically impossible to find anywhere along the coastal regions which hasn't contracted the sun-bed/parasol virus.

I did find some small quiet beaches west of Aya Napa after following a long track that runs parallel with the sea for about 4 or 5 miles, but short lines only and very soft sand - hard work!

Rhodes The north end of Ixia is quite good but the constant wind which comes diagonally off the sea gets quite strong by mid-day. Lesser winds and good beaches are found at Falaraki (at least until more hotels and consequently more beachy things arrive).

Lanzarote The brochure said there was a nice sandy beach across the road from our hotel. It was about the size of my back garden - and that was when the tide was out!

We went all over the island but because of the volcanic nature of the region the only flying area we found was about a mile north of the main town Puerto Del Carmen.

This place was superb - hard packed sand, extremely wide, good to strong winds and plenty of room to fly pairs on long lines. Just watch out for the occasional German wandering across to sit on the part of the beach by the water - whoops! - sorry Fritz!

I met one guy there who had just packed up flying for the day.

Unfortunately we neither spoke a word of each others language but we got out our kites and showed them off before gesticulating that we would meet the following day for a fly.

I say not a word but there were two he understood (no Jason - not those two) they were, oddly enough - "Benson" and "trick"!

I am sure the editor would be pleased to receive any other contributions and if anyone would like to pay I will go with them to one of the best sites in the world I'm not telling you where right now, but here's a clue - it's near where Revolution test their kites.

That's all for this issue - please excuse spelling mistakes which I blame on the typist.

Fighter Kite News

The Millennium kite fly. Yes the fighter kite Club was there, it was great to to be asked by Chris Matheson the organiser if myself and a few others would like to take part in that Millennium kite fly, in London on 31st December. Our flying position was to be Potter's Field with Anne Harris and her inflatables, it was a perfect site, just below Tower Bridge and just across the river from the Tower of London.

It was well after 11 o'clock before we could fly our kites as the Paras were there with their little helicopter waiting to give us a close-up demonstration of their parachute skills. They were first class considering the weather conditions and the small green patch they were to land on - it was spectacular.

After all the excitement, we got down to launching our fighters. There was just enough wind to keep us airborne most of the day buzzing the people on Tower Bridge and people in the crowd. We had many people wanting to fly our Fighters. The Indian people of course showed the most interest as it brought back memories of their child hood in many cases, many of them said they had not flown a fighter for more than 20 years or more and enjoyed the experience immensely.

Mike Harrison decided to try and put his fighter into the courtyard of the Tower of London which was directly across the river from our flying positions and this is exactly what he did, I am not quite sure of the distance but it was a long way. At the last moment he decided not to lose his kite and all that valuable cotton and recovered his fighter from a very dodgy situation - well done Mike a great piece of flying.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Harris for taking us to the site and all our equipment and for bringing everything back to the hotel for us, thank you very much.

As it had been a very long day we decided we should go back to the hotel and freshen up a little, have a few beers and return to the Thames, to watch the firework display. The atmosphere was great everybody was rushing towards the Thames because this is where it was going to happen, the firework display was amazing.

After it was all over we all had a problem, which way was home. After some considerable time walking through some miserable rainy weather our guide Mike who I would recommend again saw us safely back to the hotel.

Major Fighter Kite Meeting.

Tony Slater and myself have been having talks about the first major fighter kite meeting in the UK. The meeting will take place in Shrewsbury. Arrangements will be made for all the usual camping facilities needed. We are not quite sure at present if the meeting will take place this year or next. We are hoping that all you interested fighter kite fliers will make a special effort to come to this meeting.

I would like to see the BFC become as well known as some of the other Fighter clubs throughout the world, e.g. the Manjha Club and the NKFA. and it is only with your enthusiasm this can come about.

The NFKA in America has produced a book all about building your own fighters. If you should be interested please let me know and I can put you in touch with them. The BFC meetings, as you know, take place at most major festivals, Weymouth being the first event. Also Swindon, Basingstoke., Tewkesbury, Sunderland and Portsmouth. Are on the list and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at some or all of these events

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July 15th-16th



Kite Trade Directory

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

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

Classification

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

Stock

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

Discount is given to members of The Kite Society where shown for the given payment method.

Bedfordshire

Tel: 0117 923 2084
Fax: 0117 923 2084
9:30 - 6.00
[/SL/ / / /]
Banners/Custom work

Dunstable Kites (*)

[S/W/R/F/ /O/C]
23 Great Northern Road
Dunstable
Bedfordshire
LU5 4BN
Tel: 01582 662779
Fax: 01582 666374
kites@dunstable-kites.co.uk
www.dunstable-kites.co.uk
9am - 6pm Mon - Fri 9am -
5pm Sat. Weekend subject
to festival season
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/ /PK]
Yo-yo, Finger Boards, Finger
Bikes
Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Bristol Kitestore (*)

[S/ /R/F/ /O/C]
1b Pitville Place
Cotham Hill
Bristol
BS6 6JY
Tel: 0117 974 5010
Fax: 0117 973 7202
info@kitestore.co.uk
www.kitestore.co.uk
10:00 - 6:00 Mon - Sat [SK/
SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Kite surf Boards/kites.
Buggy hire available.
Cash - 10% CC - 7%

Nick James Kitemaker (*)

[/W/R/ /M/O/C]
58 Springfield Avenue
Horfield
Bristol
BS7 9QU
Tel: 0117 951 1247
Fax: 0117 951 1247
10 - 8, 7 days
[/SL/ / / /]
Cash - 10%
School workshops and
displays.

Buckinghamshire

Mullin Kites (*)

[S/W/R/ /M/O/C]
21c The Maltings
Old Amersham
Bucks
HP7 0ES
Tel: 01494 431726
Fax: 01494 431726
mullin.kites@virgin.ne
www.mullinkites.co.uk
Tuesday - Saturday 10.30
am - 6 pm Open to public
1.30 pm - 6 pm.
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/ /PK]
Cash - 5%

Berkshire

Tradewind Kites (*)

[S/W/R/ / /O/C]
6 Harris Arcade
Reading
Berkshire
RG1 1DN
Tel: 0118 956 8848
Fax: 0118 956 8848
sales@tradewind-kites.demon.co.uk
www.tradewindkites.co.uk
9:30 - 5:30 Mon - Sat
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Kreative Kites (*)

[S/ /R/F/M/O/C]
4-5 Saddlers Court
The Broadway
Newbury
RG14 1AZ
Tel: 01635 528400
Fax: 01635 528400
kreativ.kites@argonet.co.uk
www.argonet.co.uk/users/kreativ.kites
9 - 5:30 Mon - Fri.
9 - 5 Sat.
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Yo-Yos, Skateboards
Cash - 10% CC - 10%

Bristol

Martin Lester (*)

[/W/ / /M/O/C]
20a Backfield Lane
Stokes Croft
Bristol
BS2 8QW

Cambridgeshire

Flexifoil International Ltd

[/ / / /M/O/C]
27 Regal Drive
Soham
Ely
Cambridgeshire
CB7 5BE
Tel: 01353 723131
Fax: 01353 722311
Info@flexifoil.co.uk
www.flexifoil.com
9:00am - 5:30pm
[SK/ / / /BG/PK]

Kiteshop (Cambridge) Ltd.

1c/d Arbury Road
Cambridge
CB4 2JB
Tel: 01223 502211
kiteshop@email.com

Cornwall

Cornish Kites (*)

[S/ /R/ /M/O/C]
The Kiteshop
Meaver Road
Mullion
Cornwall
TR12 7DN
Tel: 01326 240144
Fax: 01326 240144
cornishkites@mulliononline.com
www.mullion.com
Low Season Mon - Fri 9am -
5pm/Sat 10am - 3pm. High
Season 7 days a week 9am -
6:30pm.
[SK/SL/ /KM/BG/JG/PK]
Windsocks, Ty Beanies
Cash - 5%

Just Kites (*)

[S/W/R/ /M/O/C]
The Mowhay
Trebetherick
Polzeath
Nr Wadebridge
PL27 6SE
Tel: 01208 862993
justkites@aol.com
http://members.aol.com/justkites/
0930-1730, 7 days a week.
(only closed Christmas day)
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/ /PK]
Banners, bunting. Repairer.
Cash - 5% CC - 2.5%

Devon

Brookite Ltd

[/ / / /M/O/C]
Brightley Mill
Okehampton
Devon
EX20 1RR
Tel: 01837 53315
Fax: 01837 53223
enquiries@brookite.com
http://www.brookite.com
Factory Premises
[SK/SL/ /KM/BG/ /PK]
Cash - 10% CC - 10%

Kruzy Kites (*)

[S/ /R/ /O/]
10a Market Street
Barnstaple
Devon
EX31 1BX
Tel: 01271 346033
Fax: 01271 346033
10am - 5pm Monday -
Saturday.
[SK/SL/BK/ /BG/JG/PK]
Rollerblades, skateboards,
air toys, mountain boards,
interesting toys.
Cash - 10% CC - 7%

Dorset

James Hartley (*)

[/W/R/F/M/O/]
Bethia Close
Bournemouth
Dorset
BH8 9BB
Tel: 01202 247478
[SK/SL/ /KM/ /]
Cash - 10%

East Sussex

Air Born Kites (*)

[S/ /R/ / /O/C]
42 Gardner Street
Brighton
East Sussex
BN1 1UN
Tel: 01273 676740
Fax: 01273 676752
sales@airbornkites.co.uk
http://www.airbornkites.co.uk
Tues - Sat 10am-5.30pm
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/ /PK]
Mountain Boards and kite
surfing equipment.
Cash - 10% CC - 5.0%

Essex

Force Nine Kites Ltd (*)

[S/W/R/F/ /O/C]
40/42 High Street
Clacton-on-Sea
Essex
CO15 1UQ
Tel: 01255 221059
Fax: 01255 221059
sales@fnk.co.uk
www.fnk.co.uk
10am to 5.30pm Mon-Sat
Closed Sundays
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Kite Surfing equipment
Cash - 10% CC - 10%

Force Nine Kites (*)

[S/W/R/F/ /O/C]
St John's Street
Colchester
CO2 7AN
Tel: 01206 560948
sales@fnk.co.uk
www.fnk.co.uk
10am - to 5pm Mon-Sat
Closed Sundays
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Kite Surfing Equipment
Cash - 10% CC - 10%

Sky Blooms (*)

[/W/R/F/M/O/C]
c/o The Kite Society
P.O. Box 2274
Gt Horkeley
Colchester
CO6 4AY
Tel: 01206 271489
Fax: 01206 271489
gill@skyblooms.freemove.co.uk
www.skyblooms.freemove.co.uk
Home Business - Phone
between 9:00 and 5:00
[/SL/ / / /]
Also specialise in Custom
Made Windsocks and
Banners.

Guernsey

Trick of The Eye Kites (*)

[S/ /R/ / /O/C]
Trompe L'Oeil
La Ramee
St Peter Port
Guernsey
GY1 2ER
Tel: 01481 715405



Kite Trade Directory

Fax:
0148 1405
carl@trick-of-the-eye-kites.co.uk
www.trick-of-the-eye-kites.co.uk
8.00 - 10pm [SK/SL/BK/KM/
BG/ /PK]
We are specialist in kite
traction
Cash - 15%

Hampshire

Woolmer Forest Composites (*)

[/W/ / / /O/C]
44 Hilland Rise
Headley
Bordon
Hampshire
GU35 8LZ
Tel: 01428 712126
Fax: 01428 714914
cdavies@woolmer.co.uk
Open reasonable times!
[/ / /KM/ /]

Kites Up (*)

[/W/R/F/M/O/C]
The Studio
Station Road
Cliddesden
Basingstoke
RG25 2NH
Tel: 01256 812487
Fax: 01256 812487
kites@kitesup.co.uk
http://www.kitesup.co.uk
10 - 6 Mon - Fri. Open Sat &
Sun but phone first please.
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/ /PK]
Kite Clothing
Cash - 10% CC - 5%

MacFighter Kites (*)

[/M/R/F/M/O/]
3 Pump Lane
Waterlooville
Hants
PO8 9TS
Tel: 023 9259 1171
Fax: 023 9259 1171
mac@mcleodm.fsnet.co.uk
www.khyland.freeserve.co.uk
9am - 9:30pm
[/SL/ /KM/ /]

Herefordshire

Way On High (*)

[/ /R/ / /O/C]
91 Baysham Street
Hereford
HR4 0ET
Tel: 01432 359999
Fax: 01432 359999
info@wayonhigh.co.uk
www.wayonhigh.co.uk
24 hours, 7 days a week on
the internet.
[SK/ / / /BG/ /PK]
Internet based.
Cash - 5%

Humberside

Inflight Kites and

Windsocks (*)

[/ / / /M/O/C]
Unit 53
Normanby Park Workshops
Normanby Road
Scunthorpe

Humberside
DN15 8QZ
Tel: 01724 280307
Fax: 01724 865329
sales@inflightkites.co.uk
www.inflightkites.co.uk
9:00 - 5:00 Mon - Fri.
Closed Bank holidays and
Xmas - New year.
[SK/SL/ / / /]
Specialist manufacturer of
soft kites and inflatable fabric
sculptures. Retail catalogue
available at web site.
Printed wholesale catalogue

Isle of Wight

Cyclone Kites (*)

[S/ /R/ / / /]
3a Melville Street
Sandown
Isle of Wight
PO36 8JW
Tel: 01983 402174
Fax: 01983 402174
9.00 - 5.00 Mon-Sat
9:00 - 1:00 Wed.
[SK/SL/BK/ /BG/ /PK]
Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Jersey

Conjuring Kites Ltd. (*)

[S/ /R/ / /O/]
17 Cheapside
St Helier
Jersey
JE2 3PG
Tel: 01534 618548
Fax: 01534 607032
ckites@hotmail.com
Weather Dependant
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Kite surf Naish Dealer
Windspiration, Magic
Lessons and instruction
Cash - 10%

Kent

Sky Kites (*)

[S/W/R/F/M/O/C]
17 The Oval
Sidcup
Kent
DA15 9ER
Tel: 020 8302 8203
Fax: 020 8306 2633
kites@skykites.Demon.Co.uk
www.skykites.demon.co.uk
Monday - Sat 9am-6pm
other hours by prior
arrangement
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/PK]
We specialise in kite traction
and are the largest supplier
of Buggy equipment in the
UK. Home of the Predator
Traction Kites
Cash - 10% CC - 10%

Air Born Kites (*)

[S/ /R/ / /O/C]
Unit 082c, Upper Thames
Walk
Bluwater
Greenhithe
DA9 9SR
Tel: 01322 427000
Fax: 01322 427980

sales@airbornkites.co.uk
www.airbornkites.co.uk
Mon - Fri 10am -8pm
Sat 9am - 6pm.
Sun 11am - 5pm
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG//PK]
Mountain boards and kite
surfing equipment.
Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Vertical Visuals (*)

[/W/R/ /M/O/C]
Jilly Pelham
3 Bartholomew Street
Hythe
CT21 5BS
Tel: 01303 266328
Fax: 01303 266328
10:00 - 6:00 Mon - Fri
[SK/SL/ / / /]
Printed promotional kites,
windsocks, flags, banners.
Large kites for display /
custom kites.
Cash - 5%

Kites and Things (*)

[S/W/R/F/M/O/]
3 Oxford Street
Whitstable
CT5 1DB
Tel: 01227 264722
Fax: 01227 264722
Mon - Sat 9.30am to 5pm.
Wed 9.30 - 1.00pm. Open
Wed pm and Sun in High
season
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Air toys and gifts. Take
trade-in kites. Sell ex-demo/
trade-in kites.
Cash - 11% kites, 10%
other. CC - 10%

Lancashire

Greens Of Burnley (*)

[/W/R/ /M/O/C]
P.O.Box105
Burnley
Lancs
BB11 4GN
Tel: 01282 426643
Fax: 01282 426643
dave@greenbeans.freeserve.co.uk
freespace.virgin.net/rob.green/greens/
Monday - Thursday 9am -
5am Friday 9pm - 1pm
[SK/SL/ /KM/BG/ /PK]
Cash - 5% CC - 5%

Leicestershire

The Highwaymen (*)

[/W/R/ /M/O/C]
27 Sapcote Road
Burbage
Hinckley
Leics
LE10 2AS
Tel: 01455 230736
Fax: 01455 230736
www.highwaymen.demon.co.uk
www.thehighwaymen.co.uk
9.15 to 5.30 Mon - Fri
Visitors welcome at our
workshop by appointment
only please.
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG//PK]
Turbines, spinners etc.

Workshops.
Cash - 10% CC - 5%

I.C. Kites (*)

[S/ /R/F/ /O/C]
The Barleyloft
33a Handcliffe Road
Mountsorrel
Leicestershire
LE12 7AQ
Tel: 01509 413514
Anytime before 9pm - 7
days.
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Maker for Deltapower
bespoke kites.
Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Kite Kitchen Ltd (*)

[/W/R/ /M/O/C]
27 Sapcote Road
Burbage
Hinckley
Leics
LE10 2AS
Tel: 01455 230736
Fax: 01455 230736
www.highwaymen.demon.co.uk
www.thehighwaymen.co.uk
9.15 to 5.30 Mon - Fri
Visitors welcome at our
workshop by appointment
only please.
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG//PK]
Turbines, spinners etc.
Workshops.
Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Lincolnshire

Kites & More (*)

[/ /R/ / /O/C]
18 Water Lane
Threackingham
Sleaford
Lincolnshire
NG34 0BE
Tel: 01529 240908
Fax: 01529 240908
kites@kites4U.co.uk
www.kites4U.co.uk
Visits by appointment
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/]
Kite cdroms, Rolly for kite
transport
Cash - 10%

Ground Control Kites

West View
Sturgate
Gainsborough
Lincs
DN21 5PX
Tel: 01427 838414
Fax: 01427 838414

EMKAY (*)

[/W/R/ /M/O/C]
18 Water Lane
Threackingham
Lincs
NG34 0BE
Tel: 01529 241080
Fax: 01529 241080
info@emkay-int.co.uk
www.emkay-int.co.uk
[SK/SL/BK/ / /]
NASA Wings, climax lines,
kite surf lines.

London

Natural Heights (*)

[/ /R/ / /O/C]
15 Northbourn Road London
SW4 7DR
Tel: 020 8675 7878
Fax: 020 8675 7878
naturalheights@dial.pipex.com
www.naturalheights.co.uk/km
9.30 - 5.30 Mon/Friday
[/ / / / /]
Tel: 01509 413514
Kite flying holidays
Discount given.

The Balloon and Kite

Emporium Ltd. (*)

[S/ /R/ / /O/C]
613 Garratt Lane
SW18 4SU
Tel: 020 8946 5962
Fax: 020 8944 0027
info@balloon-kite.co.uk
www.balloon-kite.co.uk
9am - 5:30pm Mon - Sat
[SK/SL/BK/KM/ //PK]
Cash - 5%, CC - 5%

Kite Corner (*)

[S/ /R/ /M/O/]
657 Watford Way
Mill Hill
NW7 3JR
Tel: 020 8959 0619
Fax: 020 8906 2599
kites@blah.com
10:00 - 5:00 Mon - Sat
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Flying toys, rockets,
fireworks all year round.
Cash - 5%

The Kite Store Ltd (*)

[S/ /R/ / /O/C]
18 Water Lane
48 Neal Street
WC2H 9PA
Tel: 020 7836 1666
Fax: 020 7836 2510
10:00 - 6:00 Mon - Fri. (Jan -
March). Rest of year 10:00 -
6:00 Mon - Wed & Fri.
10:00 - 7:00 Thur. 10:30 -
6:00 Sat.
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG//PK]
Estes and other rockets.
Discs, Boomerangs, Gliders
and Planes. Tinboats.
Assorted airtos.
Cash - 5% CC - 5%

Middlesex

Kiteability (*)

[/ /R/ / /O/C]
2 Garfield Road
Ponders End
Enfield
Middlesex
EN3 4RP
Tel: 020 8804 9080
Fax: 020 8804 9080
PatnRon@compuserve.com
http://ourworld.compuserve.com/
homepages/PatnRon
Part Time business
operating from home
Personal callers must be
prearranged by phone
[/SL/BK/KM/ /]



Kite Trade Directory

Norfolk

Surf 55 Lifestyle Sports (*)
[S/ / / / / O/]
125 Wootton Road
Kings Lynn
Norfolk
PE30 4DJ
Tel: 01553 679090
Fax: 01553 679090
surf55@applepie363.freemove.co.uk
Mon to Sat 9.30-5.30
[SK/SL/BK/ /BG//PK]
Kite Surf

Raindrop (*)
[S/W/R/F/M/O/C]
Helen Howes
4 The Raveningham Centre
Beccles Road
Raveningham
NR14 6NU
Tel: 01508 548137
helen@raindrop-kites.demon.co.uk
raindrop-kites.demon.co.uk
11:00 - 5.30 Monday -
Friday, Sundays by
appointment
[/SL/ / / /]
Own makes only.

North Somerset

UFO (*)
[S/ /R/F/ /O/]
70 Meadow Street
Weston-super-mare
North Somerset
BS23 1QN
Tel: 01934 644988
Fax: 01934 644988
10 - 5.30 Mon - Sat Closed
Wed Jan-Mar
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Skateboards and skates
Cash - 5%

Rutland

**Stafford's Indian Kites
(Fighting Kites)(*)**
[/ / / F/ / O/ C]
25 Main Street
Empingham
Rutland
LE15 8PR
Tel: 01780 460389
stafford@lucknow.demon.co.uk
10:00am - 11:00pm
Kites & Line from India
Cash - 5%

Scotland

Wind Things Ltd (*)
[S/W/R/F//M/O]
11 Cowgatehead
Grassmarket
Edinburgh
EH1 1JY
Tel: 0131 622 7032 Fax:
0131 622 7032
shop@windthings.co.uk
www.windthings.co.uk
Monday - Saturday 10am -
5:30pm Sundays in August &
December.
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Discs / Boomerangs BBC
Qualified Buggy School
Cash - 10% CC - 10%

Shropshire

**SkyBums Kite Design and
Manufacture (*)**
[/W/R/F/M/O/C]
7 Sunnyfields
Bell Lane
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
Shropshire
SY2 5EW
Tel: 01743 244677
kites@skybums.freemove.co.uk
www.skybums.co.uk
10am - 6pm Closed Mon

[SK/SL/ /KM/BG/ /PK]
Kite clothing, Workshops,
Promotional work, Displays,
Flags, Banners and
Windsocks
Cash - 10%

Surrey

With Flying Colours Ltd (*)
[S/W/R/ / / O/]
9 Wharf Road
Frimley Green
Camberley
Surrey
GU16 6LE
Tel: 01252 836241
Fax: 01252 838361
dennis-vance@talk21.com
8:30am to 3.30pm Mon -
Friday 9:30am to 5pm
Saturdays
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Paragliding equipment
Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Sussex

Hooked on Kites (*)
[/ / R/ / / O/]
130 Braybrooke Road
Hastings
Sussex
TN34 1TG
Tel: 01424 721872
Fax: 0870 7065530
sales@hooked-on-kites.co.uk
www.hooked-on-kite.co.uk
Monday to Saturday 9 - 7 pm
appointment only. Sunday
out kite flying, Beachy Head
or Camber Sands
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/ /PK]
Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Carousel Kites (*)

[S/ /R/F/ /O/C]
23/24 New Broadway
Tarring Road
Worthing
BN11 4HP
Tel: 01903 212002
Fax: 01903 821678
alex@carouselkites.com
www.carouselkites.com
Mon - Sat 09:00 - 17:00
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Wales

**Dan Leigh Delta Kite
Designs (*)**
[/ / / / M/O/C]
54 Osborne Road
Pontypool
Torfaen
NP4 6LX
Tel: 01495 750875
dan@deltakites.com
www.deltakites.com
[/SL/ / / /]
None in stock - all made to
order.

Merlin Kites (*)

[/ / R/ / M/O/]
Martyn Lawrence
3 Britannia Street
Rachub
Bethesda
Gwynedd
LL57 3EW
Tel: 01248 602600
Work from home - anytime.
[/SL/ / / /]
West Midlands

Chalkies Kites and Clothing (*)

[/W/R/F/M/O/C]
Kiteworks UK
22 Cranfield Place
Delves
Walsall
West Midlands
WS5 4PL
Tel: 01922 624739
Fax: 01922 624739
8.00am- 8.00pm seven days
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG//PK]
Kite clothing and luggage.
Specialist material fittings
and fixtures. African,
Egyptian drums and musical
instruments.
Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Derek Kuhn Kite Workshops (*)

[/W/ / / M/O/]
29, Bradbury Road
Solihull
West Midlands
B92 8AE
Tel: 0121 705 1302 Fax:
0121 708 2984 kiteman@olton.
demon.co.uk
By arrangement
[/ / / / KM/ / / /]
Kite Making workshops
Supply materials for kite
making workshops

Free Spirit Kites (*)

[/ / R/F/ /O/]
West Midlands House
Gypsy Lane
Willenhall
West Midlands
WV13 2HA
Tel: 01902 782490
Fax: 0121 609 7000
fsk@enta.net
www.fsk.enta.net/index.html
Allways Phone
[SK/SL/ /KM/ / /]
Discount given.

Wiltshire

Cunning Stunts (*)

[S/W/R/F/M/O/C]
45 -47 Fisherton Street
Salisbury
SP2 7SU
Tel: 01722 410588
Fax: 01722 410597
power@cunningstunts.co.uk
www.cunningstunts.co.uk
9.30 - 5.30 Mon - Fri Sat 9 -
6
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Repairs, Bespoke Training
Organisation, Clothing. Kite
surf, snowboards, skate &
skateboards, surf boards,
mountainboard, fireworks &
accessories
Cash - 5% CC - 5%

Worcestershire

Kaos (*)
[S/ / / / O/]
Reindeer Court
New Street
Worcester
Worcestershire
WR1 2DS
Tel: 01905 611820
Fax: 01905 611820
stevekaos@juggler.net
http://www.kaosuk.com
10am - 5:30pm Mon -Sat
10am-1pm Thurs
[SK/SL/BK/KM/BG/JG/PK]
Circus Equipment,
performer, teacher.
Longboards, mountain
boards, magic.
Cash - 5%

Yorkshire

Leeds Kites (*)
[/ / R/F/M/O/C]
2 Eden Crescent
Leeds
LS4 2TW
Tel: 0113 278 9727
jbleedskit@aol.com
10:00 till 4:30
[SK/SL/ /KM/ / /]



Kite Group Directory

Welcome to the 2000 Kite Group Directory. The directory has been compiled by sending a questionnaire to all the kite groups that we know of. The information is as supplied (subject to typos) - and as details can change it is best to contact the group before sending any money for membership. All groups would appreciate a stamped self addressed envelope when you write. Italics are used to show the geographical area covered by the group.

Alcester and Worcs Kitefliers (*)

Allan Gilbert
26 Evesham Road
Leicester
LE3 2BD
Tel: 0116 224 3983
ag.lg@virgin.net
Membership £10 includes insurance, occasional
newsletter. Membership & The Kiteflier £17.

*Worcestershire Membership welcome from
anywhere..* Tel: 01275 875342
Fax: 01275 337584

Avon Kite Flyers (*)

David Johnson (Secretary)
21 Somerton Road
Clevedon
Somerset
BS21 6JR

akf@argonet.co.uk
www.argonet.co.uk/users/parsons/
Membership £7.50 (individual or family). Bi-
monthly Newsletter. Public Liability Insurance.
Club goodies Discount at nominated Kite Stores
Old area of Avon, Somerset and South Glos.
Involved in Bristol Festival. Kite workshops.



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Evening meetings during winter. Evening fly-ins during summer. Fly-ins at Ashton Court on 1st Sunday in month.

Bath Kite Society (*)

Zoe Hancock
Flat 2
24 Green Park
Bath
BA1 1HZ
Tel: 01225 462944
exzvvh@bath.ac.uk

Individual and Family membership (currently £5 and £7) Club Newsletter (approximately bi-monthly) Regular Fly-ins, 3rd Sunday in each month Kite Making Workshops, 1st Monday each month Evening flying in summer months Kite loan, Video library, Public liability insurance
Bath and surrounding area.

Bath Kite Festival late May bank holiday.

Brighton Kite Flyers (*)

Peter Linnell
30 Moulscumb Way
Brighton
East Sussex
BN2 4PB
Tel: 01273 683082
petelinnell@connectfree.co.uk

Single Membership BKF Only - £9.00. Single Membership BKF/ KSGB - £16.00. Family Membership (BKF) As above plus £2.00 insurance per additional person. Family (BKF/ KSGB) £17 plus £2 per additional person. Magazine published in The Kiteflier.

East & West Sussex, Surrey

All members covered for 3rd party insurance. Organise Brighton Kite Festival - workshops, BMISS demonstrations and charity events. Library of books/magazines.

British Buggy Club (*)

Ian Meredith/Mike Shaw
P.O. Box 4015
Smethwick
Warley
West Midlands
B67 6HJ
Fax/Voice Mail Hotline: 01384 257 224
lanMeredith@Buggy.demon.co.uk
MikeShaw@Buggy.demon.co.uk
www.buggy.demon.co.uk

£15 includes £2,000,000 cover worldwide, regular mailings -newsletters. UK's largest FREE buggy event at Berrow!! Free events during the year. BBC Hotline, upto date info obtained via phone fax message system
UK primarily, also able to insure EEC residents.

The British Buggy Club has over 700 buggiers and puts on the largest free Buggy event in the UK.....24th September to 31st September 2000 can you afford to miss it?

Camelot Kite Fliers

Terry Dabinett (Sec)
13 Cowen Close
Crewkerne
Somerset
TA18 8JF
Tel: 01460 74655

Devonair (*)

Tim Hampson
32 Mansfield Road
Exeter
EX4 6NF
Tel: 01392 258881
tim@devonair.co.uk
www.devonair.co.uk
No details as yet...embryonic

club
East and North Devon

Great Ouse Kite Flyers (*)

Peter West (Secretary)
27 Milton Way
Peterborough
Cambridgeshire
PE3 9AP
Tel: 01733 269687
gokf@tinyworld.co.uk
www.alec43.freemove.co.uk
Membership £10 year single or Family Flying insurance 1500ft height licence, quarterly magazine.
Sites at Ferry Meadows, Peterborough and Priory Park Bedford. We really cover the "flow of the Great Ouse
Annual Festival 2nd Sunday in June. 24 hour fly in for charity this May.

Golden Valley Kite Flyers (*)

Peter Whitaker
Kitesnest
12 Littlefield
Quedgeley
Gloucester
GL2 6GZ
Tel: 01452 728521
paul@gvkvf.org.uk
www.gvkvf.org.uk
Individual £5, Family £7.50 includes insurance, newsletter, library, tools, monthly fly-ins.
North Gloucestershire and surrounding counties.
Organise Tewkesbury International Kite Festival - 22nd/23rd July 2000. Founders of South Western Kite Flyers together with Bath Kite Society. Twinned with Banlieue Sud Cerf-Volant, Saclay near Paris.

Kennet Kite Flyers (*)

David Tomlinson
4/5 Saddlers Court
The BRoadway
Newbury
Berks
RG14 1AZ
Tel: 01635 528400
Fax: 01635 528400
www.kkf.org.uk
Family membership £8, Individual £6 per year. Liability insurance for all members. Quarterly club magazine.
West Berks, South Oxfordshire, North Hants.
Kennet Valley Kite Festival Organizers.

Kite Club of Scotland

Marigold Kerby
Rose Cottage
2 Queen Street
Newport on Tay
Fife
DD6 8EE
Tel: 01382 543 051
/www.almac.co.uk/personal/blwww/kindex.htm
Cost from £4 -£14 annually, Optional Kiteflier magazine. 10% discount at Wind Things in Edinburgh, discount at most shops. £1m public liability cover for flying
Scotland!

Kites Over Gosport (*)

Ray Stoneham (Chairman)
3 Warnfield Close
Alverstoke
osport
Hampshire
PO12 3RT
Tel: 01705 362809

stoneham@zoom.co.uk
From April 2000 annual fee £5, newsletter at monthly meeting 50p. Members meet to fly at Stokes Bay, Gosport on Saturday and Sunday pm. Club meeting 1st Wed of Month at "Dolphin" public house - 20:00.
Gosport, Fareham, Portchester, Havant, Portsmouth
We attend kite festivals in our area and visit Country pubs with a field for flying and Sunday lunch. Attend some local shows for flying and kite building for children workshops.

Lyme Park Kite Fliers (*)

Mark Bowlas
162 Petersburg Road
Edgeley
Stockport
SK3 9RB
Tel: 0161 480_9649 (after 2pm only)
mark@bowlas.freemove.co.uk
www.ipkf.fsnet.co.uk
Zero Cost. Newsletter via Email. And Website
South Manchester and North East Cheshire.
Run as a no-funds club, purely for fun. Because of no funds, most communication done via email

North East Kite Fliers (*)

Pete Sturrs
7 Tiverton Place
Parkside Grange
Cramlington
Northumberland
NE23 1PT
Tel: 01670 732705
pete@sturrs.freemove.co.uk
Cost of joining NEKF is £8 per household. Benefits include 4 issues of the club magazine The Highflier. We have Public Liability insurance for when we fly as a club and for kite displays. We are also the proud care takers of the European Air Gallery donated to the club by Sunderland City Council. We make every effort to fly some of the gallery wherever we are invited. Last year festivals included Sunderland, Silloth, Fylde, Oldham, Bristol and Edinburgh. For more information contact the above address.
Generally Northumberland to North Yorkshire but we have members in Norfolk, West Coast, and West Yorkshire.

Northampton Kite Flyers(*)

Paul Mellors
7 Scott Road
Wellingborough
Northants
NN8 3ND
Free and informal
Northamptonshire
All kite fliers are welcome to join us. Fly 1st Sunday at Northampton Racecourse, St Georges Avenue Northampton.

Northern Kite Group (*)

Mrs Margaret Watson
10 Green Square Flat
Kirkby Lonsdale
Carnforth
Lancs
LA6 2BU
Tel: 015242 72064
Beardrop@exosse.net
Cost of membership £5.00 and £1.00 for others at the same address, one magazine to members address. Insurance third party at N.K.G. meetings. Four magazines per year.
Lancashire, Cumbria, Cheshire, Derbyshire Yorkshire.
Members welcome from other areas.



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Poole Kite Fliers (*)

Richard Nourse
85 Bells Orchard Lane
Wareham
Dorset
BH20 4HP
Tel: 01929 554690
richard.nourse@virgin.net
<http://www.poolekites.freereserve.co.uk>
Free membership, no direct benefits, no insurance. Newsletters by email, occasional mailings to non email members. On-line database of UK flying sites, clubs and traders. We support local events with flying displays and teddy parachuting.

South of England centred on Poole, Dorset
Home flying site is Baiter Park in Poole, weekly fly-in Wednesday evenings

Sheffield Kite Club

Dave Proctor
168 Heavygate Road
Sheffield
S10 1PJ
Tel: 0114 268 5233
Fax: 0114 266 0321

Shropshire Kite Group (*)

Tony Slater
128 Meadow Farm Drive
Harlescott
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
SY1 4JY
Tel: 01743 235068
No fees, no insurance, no mag. Benefits - a great flying site! Exchange of ideas, friendly fliers.
Shropshire, Mid Wales
Formed in 1977. Annual Kite and Boomerang festival. A wealth of kiting experience for your use. Free of Charge

Solent Kite Flyers (*)

Michael Lowe
44 Bellemoor Road
Shirley
Southampton
Hampshire
SO15 7QU
Tel: 023 8077 0788
mklo2@yahoo.com
Membership. Individual £5. Family £8. Includes Public liability insurance. Meetings held first Monday evening of month at Ship Inn, Redbridge, Southampton. Flying meetings 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons. Locations vary. Flyin list available on request. Run kite workshops and displays at various local events. Southampton Kite Festival 24/25 June.
Solent Coast line..
Organise & run Southampton Kite Festival in June.

Solway Kite Group (*)

Ian Gilmore
Sycamore House
Garden Lane
Allonby
Maryport
Cumbria
CA15 6PX
Tel: 01900 881371
iangilmore@aol.com
Informal group, no formal membership at present.
North & West Cumbria - and beyond.
Monthly fly-ins, usually 2nd Sunday of month and usually at Sillioth.

South Eastern Kite Society (*)

Alan Sage

22 Cherry Drive
Canterbury
Kent
CT2 8HF
Tel: 01227 462786
alan16@tinyonline.co.uk
Single £7, Family £12 per annum. 4 newsletters a year. 3rd party insurance cover at organised meetings.
Kent - mainly East Kent
Club flying 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Monday evenings durin Summer Time. No festival this year but plans in hand for June30/July 1st 2001.

STACK UK (*)

Kathy Jarvis
33 Catherine Close
Pilgrims Hatch
Brentwood
Essex
CM15 9RJ
Tel: 01277 373865
Fax: 01277 3738655
kathy@alphabyte.demon.co.uk
www.netspaces.com/stackuk
Individual £12, Family £14 plus £2 per family member, Junior £7
Includes discount at shops, the right to compete (not family members), newsletters and £2million public liability insurance flying anytime, anywhere in the UK
UK

Suffolk Kite Fliers

Peter Phillips
43 Princedale Close
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP1 4JG
Tel: 01473 464095

Taunton Kite Flyers (*)

Lawrence Rayment
8 Hartley Way
Taunton
Somerset
TA1 2LJ
Tel: 07880 793077
Fax: 01823 334503
Lawrence-rament@hotmail.com
Family membership £10 per year, Public Liability Insurance including member to member cover. Quarterly club newsletter. Annual Kite Festival in August.
South West England
A club for training, displays and competitions. Single line and dual line welcome.

Team Rikok (*)

David Montague-Smith
9 St James Road
Kidderminster
Worcs
DY10 2TR
Tel: 01562 66102
Fax: 01562 740361
Not a club therefore - No subs, No meetings other than to fly kites. No mag other than "Not a newsletter" at Xmas but tend to travel together to festivals.
Joint organisers of Fairbourne Kite Festivals with F & B Steam Railway

The Fighter Kite Club

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

Tel: 01705 591171
Fax: 01705 591171

The Midlands Kite Fliers

Doug Richardson (General Secretary)
19 Wigsley Close
Doddington Park
Lincoln
LN6 3LDG
Tel: 01522 884744
mkf@mkf.org.uk
www.mkf.org.uk

Thorpe Kite Flyers (*)

John Arnott
210 St Faiths Road
Old Catton
Norwich
Norfolk
NR6 7AG
Tel: 01603 429512
Fax: 01603 429512
£12 family. £7 individuals. £3 under 16. Quarterly newsletter, Insurance, club library. Assistance with making & flying all types of kite.
Norfolk and Suffolk
Available for displays and charity events. Meet every Sunday morning at Thorpe Recreation Ground. 1000 feet first Sunday in every month

White Horse Kite Flyers (*)

Dave Robinson
61 Bridge End Road
Swindon
Wiltshire
SN3 4PD
Tel: 01793 824208
Fax: 01793 824208
darjer@mcmail.com
www.whkf.org.uk
£8 per year family membership includes liability insurance, quarterly magazine, free entrance to annual festival.
South West Midlands, Central Southern England
Kite Workshops for kite members (yearly).

Whitstable West Beach Flyers (*)

Andy Thomas
3 Oxford Street
Whitstable
Kent
CT5 1DG
Tel: 01227 264722
Fax: 01227 264722
Free membership - informal. Low-tide meets at arranged dates (details from above address) - mostly Friday evenings during Summer time hours.
North Kent Coast/Kent
Family groups welcome - bring a picnic - beach flying site.

X Air power kite club (*)

Steven Carter
206 Grosvenor Avenue
Hayes
Middlesex
UB4 8NW
Tel: 020 8581 8876
x-air@power-kites.fsnet.co.uk
www.power-kites.fsnet.co.uk
Free membership, British Buggy Club power kite and buggy instructors, insurance through B.B.C.
Fun and friendly advice, Trips to the coast and abroad.
NW London
All levels welcome, from beginner to advanced. Our main aim is fun, come and give it a try

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

In addition the Kite Society organises kite meetings where guest speakers are invited to talk about their specialist area of kite making and flying.

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

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

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

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

Name _____ Family Members _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Telephone _____

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

Please send this form with payment to:
The Kite Society, P.O. Box 2274, Gt Horkesley, Colchester CO6 4AY

20 Years of flying at Petworth

**20TH
PETWORTH
KITE FESTIVAL**
on
Sunday 16th JULY 2000

We started in 1980 with groundsheets on poles over our heads, and many a drama! Over the years the organisation has improved with experience and wonderful help from our kiting advisers. Last year the local paper reckoned we had 10,000 visitors. A fantastic turnout. We raised over £6,000 for Angels International and The National Trust. Thank you to all our demonstrators and helpers. It is in aid of the same charities this year.

We want it to be our BEST EVER EVENT.

So please come, bring your friends and tell your friends. You will find the usual favourites. Petworth Town Band, boats on the lake, Nosebag food all day, delicious homemade teas and icecreams, kite stalls, workshops and competitions for children, and of course the Teddy Picnic at 3pm, with welcome guests - the Bearly Made It Sky Dive Squad.

For more information, posters and B&B details contact:
Joanna Mersey 01798 869214 or Ron or Pat Dell 020 8804 9080



**Petworth Kites
Demonstrator's car/van Pass**

Sunday 16th July 2000

**Petworth Park - West Sussex 11am to 5pm
A272 Midhurst Road entrance**

In aid of Angels International & The National Trust • Sponsored by Richard Etherington & Co

Up and Coming Events

Poole Kite Picnic - Baiter Park - 7th May

We have chosen our usual slot for the Poole Kite Picnic, one week after Weymouth. So, the date for your diaries (please) is Sunday 7th May, at Baiter Park, Poole.

We are planning to have the same laid-back approach as last year, which seemed to go very smoothly, with very little effort and a great deal of enjoyment for everybody. Perhaps a nominal boundary rope or two to segregate the 2-liners for safety's sake? I have 500m of rope and steel stakes that should suffice.

As before, we are planning to have no trade stalls, PA system or formal timetable. Weekend parking is free in the adjacent road, along with extra car parks that are likely to charge. If anyone in the kite trade does happen to bring saleable stock with them, that is their choice, and their responsibility. Last year's common-sense and practical approach seemed to meet most of the possible things that could have gone wrong in the flying area, from a safety point of view!

If you do not have personal (or club) accident insurance, then I would recommend it "just in case", as PKF cannot accept any liability. Will any other qualified First Aiders attending please let me know?

As usual, if you have any queries about finding the site, or weather conditions, please call Harry on 01202 732055, or me on 01202 785374 (office) or 01929 554690 (home)

We look forward to seeing our "old friends" then, if you feel like a nice relaxing day out. There is plenty of shopping nearby, and other attractions for kids along Poole Quay - check out the Poole TI website if interested.

Details of Baiter Park on the club website <http://www.poolekites.freereserve.co.uk>

If you have an on-line events calendar, please try to put on a mention for this event, and please also pass the word out to all "non-cybernaut" fliers within easy driving distance of Poole.

Hope to see you all then, if not at other festivals around the South of England!

Best wishes - Dicky & Harry (for Poole Kite Fliers)

Kites Over Gosport Fly-in - 13th & 14th May

At Stokes Bay in Gosport. We have an informal event where any visitors are welcome to give a display of their flying skills or just come as a flier and to do their own thing as they wish.

Flying is from 10.00 hrs till 18.00 hrs on the public grass fields, for which there is no entry charge. For further details please contact Roy Stoneham on 01705 362809 or at stoneham@zoom.co.uk

Swindon Kite Festival - 13th & 14th May

This will be the tenth year of this popular family event, the sixth year at the Science Museum site at Wroughton. The event attracts Kite flyers from all over the UK and Europe, this year's invited guests are Wolfgang & Constanz Grimsel from Germany, who are well known across Europe for their many unique designs in single line kites and windsocks. We are also pleased to have Martin Lester (on Sunday only). Martin, from Bristol, is a World renowned kite designer, his Legs Kites won the toy of the year award in America, when they were first launched 10 years ago. These leg kites were the inspiration for the W.H.K.F. frogman's legs, explained below. Martin's latest innovation is a Frogman, complete with face mask and air tanks.

The Festival's popularity, is due to the fact that the public can come to the event with their own kites and join the many experienced kite flyers, or just come and view some of the largest kites in Europe. In fact the co-organisers, the White Horse Kite Flyers, are renowned for their collection of extremely large kites, some in excess of 600sq. ft. One of the kites made in a joint effort by club members three years ago is in the form of Frogman's legs. This kite is 67ft. long, its flippers measure 20ft. in length! One of the other attractions will be kite buggying, this is a small three wheel vehicle, propelled by a very large kite, this pulls the kite flyer along at speeds up to 40 mph, imagine that with their backspides just a couple of inches off of the ground! Of course the other attraction at this event is that the Science Museum's exhibits will be open. Also this year we have invited the Octopus, This is a charity that uses a double-decker bus to take art into the community, and children's participation will be encouraged. They will be on site for three hours each afternoon of the festival. In conjunction with the Octopus

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we have invited a Graffiti Artist, to decorate some large kites, this will be on the Saturday afternoon, and then we will be flying them on Sunday.

The festival is on the weekend of 13/14th May, from 9am until 5pm each day. The festival also attracts kite traders from around the UK. Many of whom make their own kites, so the public can be assured that when they purchase a kite from one of these traders they are buying from an expert, who, in most cases will be able to give expert advice on how to fly the kite. There will be Teddy Bear Parachuting and a Children's kite workshop.

The only thing we cannot order, is the weather, so all displays are subject to the prevailing weather. There will be food stalls and a beer tent. Admission Fees: Adults £3, Concessions £1, Children under 16 Free.

For any further information do not hesitate to call David Robinson. Secretary W.H.K.F. 01793 824208 (evenings) or 01285 740295.

Open Days - 14th May & 17th June

Here are details of two events which are part of Open Days and are intended as informal get togethers for kite fliers who can put on colourful displays of kites for the public. All are welcome. For information and car passes (both events) please contact Nellie and Alwyn Parker on 01889 566118 after 6pm.

(1) Wootton Lodge Estate Open Day Staffordshire. Sunday 14th May, 10am-5pm. Directions: From Uttoxeter take B5030 towards Ashbourne. At Ellastone turn left past pub on the right. Signposted from there to Wootton Lodge. Refreshment tent and toilets on site.

(2) J.C.B.s. Factory Open Day. Saturday 17th June, 10am - 5pm. Venue: J.C.Bs. Rocester Works, Near Uttoxeter, Staffordshire. The Dancing Diggers will be there! Directions. From Uttoxeter take B5030 towards Ashbourne. The flying site is on the left-hand side past the lake, turn left at crossroads. Refreshment tents and toilets on site. (This kite event is part of the C.A.K.E.S. programme. Contact for C.A.K.E.S.: felt@jon2c.freemove.co.uk).

Cleethorpes International Festival of the Air - 20th & 21st May

The Cleethorpes International Festival of the Air has this year attracted some of the world's leading kite flyers to provide a two day aerial extravaganza on Cleethorpes Beach.

International flyers already confirmed for the event include top mini kite flyers Ton Viken, Sjef van Zeeland and Tiny from Holland, Wally Dalmolen, Jan ten Wolde and Menno Bosch members of the Cody Kite-Lifting team also from Holland, Guido van Hove and Alex de Beleyer from Belgium with kites, digeridoo and jembee percussion. Adding a real sparkle Ismail Mat Taib and his team from Malaysia also Seiko and Akiko Nakamura from Japan. Plus a mystery guest who is very well known throughout the kiting world but hardly anybody has ever met him!!

The International element of the festival has been programmed by 'The Kiteman' Malcolm Goodman the official kite consultant to the Sunderland Kite Festival. Giant kites, Art of the Air the 1998 British Champion stunt team alongside over 50 British kiteflyers including top designer Martin Lester, the White Horse Kite flyers and groups from all over the British Isles will be converging on over 5,000 square feet of beach flying and creating an explosion of colour and movement. Kite stalls, craft stalls, kite workshops, street theatre and musical displays will be some of the added attractions.

For further information on Accommodation, Camping, car parking, etc contact Andrew Pidgen 01472 323004 For latest update <http://www.kiteman.co.uk> www.kiteman.co.uk

Tewkesbury Kite Fun Weekend - 28th & 29th May

Sunday 28th May The Indian Fighter Trophy is once again being competed for. Monday 29th May We are now holding an open team ballet competition for the Tewkesbury Challenge Trophy. Helen Howes will be giving a demonstration of her well known sewing skills. There are still places available for the Rok. workshop. Do not forget your swimming gear if you fancy a swim in the indoor pool.

Any more information please contact Neville Wing on 01684 295132 or e-mail neville@nwing.fsnet.co.uk

"Kite Hebrides" Festival in the Wsetern Isles of Scotland - May 29 to June 3.

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Imagine some of the finest, cleanest and largest sandy beaches in Europe. Imagine winds that blow clear and unhindered over 3000 miles of the Atlantic. Imagine the vast skies that surround some of the most spectacular and unspoiled land and seascapes in the world. Imagine you could kite it ...

Well now you can! The first ever Western Isles Kite Week will be staged from Monday May 29 to Saturday June 3 2000. Featuring all aspects of kiting from single-line to sport to Rokkaku, buggying and surfing, the Festival is designed to allow enthusiasts to indulge their passion on a rolling island adventure at Europe's northwest frontier.

Different in format to most kite festivals, the week will in fact be a series of "mini-festivals" taking in a different island in the Hebrides chain each day – from the Butt of Lewis (of weather forecast fame) in the north to Barra (the setting for "Whisky Galore") in the south.

As well as the kite activities, there will be cultural events, wildlife and landscape excursions, the chance to see Harris tweed being made and trip to some of the many sites of archaeological interest, including the famous Callanish Stone Circle, second only to Stonehenge in size and importance.

In the long days of early summer in the Hebrides, you will have time not just to kite to your heart's content, but to make a whole "Western Isles Experience" out of your participation in the Festival. Inclusive packages are available through island holiday specialists Scotsell – or just "drop in" for a part of the week as your time and other travel plans allow.

A group of Europe's top kite specialists will be at the heart of activities during the week. Why not join them for a kiting, social and cultural experience that you will remember for ever!

For up to the minute information, fly to the website at www.kite-hebrides.co.uk . Or call Scotsell on 0141 772 5928.

Ian Callaghan Festival Director

Basingstoke Kite Festival - 3rd & 4th June

This year the guests will be from Germany, Holland, France and the good old UK. There will be a STACK Competition on the Saturday, followed by team displays from Crosslines and Vortex and lots of single line stuff.

Commentary by George Webster & Simon Dann. Lots of Kites to buy & fly. After last years mix up, we will be having an evening bash on Sat (cost is £8). Tickets will available from Easter onwards. From me or Kites Up.

There is also camping on site (cost is £5, this includes showers) For any more info ring me on 01256 421800 or e-mail al.cosgrove@bigfoot.com

Alan Cosgrove

Margam Park Kite Festival - 10th & 11th June

Hopefully the Festival will be run on the usual easy going way as in previous years. However there will be a difference, we are sharing the park with the Japanese Bonsai Society annual show, and I am given to understand that they will using most of the main drive. Large marquees on each side. They will be useful if it rains as before.

Still the Park has plenty of space and I am sure we shall find plenty of space for our needs. Car passes are limited, these allow free entry into the Park and flying areas. There will a small charge for camping. The Park entrance is approximately 300 metres from junction 38, of the M4, between Bridgend and Port Talbot.

For further details and pass applications, please send a stamped addressed envelope to Fred Apperley, 9, The Meadows, Bidford on Avon, Warwickshire, B50 4AP. Tele.01789-778424.

4th Peterborough Kite Festival - 11th June.

The Great Ouse Kite Flyers have, once again, been asked to organise the Peterborough Kite Festival, which will, as in previous years, be held on Ferry Meadows Country Park, which is part of the Nene Park complex on the west side of Peterborough. As before, there will be a full programme of arena events between 10.00 am and around 5.00pm on Sunday, 11th June. This year we have already put our order in for a suitable breeze as well as sunshine! There is plenty of space for flying; there will be arenas for stunt kites, single-line flyers, and children, as

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well as the main display arena. We have a number of traders organised and refreshments are available from a cafe on the site. GOKF members will be setting up on the previous day and there will probably be an informal fly-in during the Saturday afternoon, but it is not expected that any traders will be operating then.

As in previous years, we intend to have displays by both invited fliers and home-grown talent. Also there will be chances for everyone to take part in mass displays, particularly with kites on a "Nature" theme. We also aim to extend the Red Delta Challenge further again this year, so bring along your red deltas and see how far beyond 70 kites we can get. In addition to familiar events, such as Altitude Sprints, there will be fun fighting with roks and our own unique brand of fun fighting with pocket sleds.

There is a well-appointed Caravan Club Site adjacent to the Park and hotels in the vicinity. Admission to the Festival is free, but the usual car parking charge (around £2.20) will apply.

For further details please contact:

Peter West, GOKF Secretary, 27 Milton Way, Peterborough PE3 9AP. Phone: 01733 269687, e-mail: GOKF@tinyworld.co.uk

John Slater, GOKF Chairman, Phone/fax: 01780 752503. Or visit our Web Site at: www.alec43.freerve.co.uk

London Kite Festival - 17th & 18th June

After seven very successful years, the London Kite Festival is back, bringing together a vibrant combination of aerial colour, music, art and sport.

The Festival will take place over two days on Hackney Marshes in East London. The marshes are the largest open green site in London, with two square miles of flat grass and playing fields. This is an enormous area with room for everyone that wants to come along, fly a kite and have fun. We have invited celebrity guest flyers from the UK and overseas and we will present a vast array of colour and shapes in the sky, ranging from artistic display kites to huge inflatable sky sculptures.

The festival will feature rounds of the STACK UK National Championships for Pairs and Teams, where we hope that a number of overseas teams will also be joining us. London Kite Festival is also the home of the UK's only Urban Kite Buggy racing, the unique "Hackney Rules" Rokkaku battles, Quad Line painting and an It's-a-Trick-Out competition that usually features a host of international stars. With the other onsite attractions, there will be something on offer to everybody. In addition, to mark this Millennium year, we will be staging a display of world kites, celebrating the diversity of the cultural traditions of Kiting across the globe.

Entry to the event is free on both days and there will be onsite car parking space. The programme will start at 11 :00am on Saturday and Sunday morning. On Saturday night there will also be the latest Hackney "Pyro-Kitenic" display; the spectacular after-dark fusion of fireworks with music, lights and kites.

The whole festival is relaxed, with the emphasis on providing entertainment for all the family. There will be a variety of food stalls, a licensed bar and other traders onsite. When the sun is out and the wind is blowing, the sky will be filled with kites of all shapes and sizes.

If you have never been to the London Kite Festival, and want to experience one the season's premier events, then this your best opportunity to find out how we fly kites in London. The 8th London Kite Festival promises to be the biggest and the best so far!

For more details about the festival, or to request an information pack, visit our website at www.netspaces.com/londonkitefestival, or through the contact details below.

Andy Phelps, The London Kite Festival c/o: 60 Sandtoft Road London SE7 7LR

You can telephone us on 0181 858 1959 [answerphone], 0976 433194 [mobile] or email us at lkf@netspaces.com Come to Hackney for a great day's kite flying. See you in June.

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Contact Big Dave @ 9 James Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 2TR. Tel: 01562 66102, Fax: 01562 740361, for full details.

Southampton Kite Festival - 24th & 25th June

Lordshill Sports Ground, Redbridge Lane. Southampton.

Solent Kite Flyers in conjunction with Southampton City Council and Coles Fun Fair would like to invite all kite fliers to this enlarged event, the major emphasis being on having fun at a relaxed and friendly festival with lots to see and join in with.

The weekend is open to all types of kites and buggies with limited camping on site if pre-booked. Entrance is free but car parking is limited and passes will be required for on-site access. A limited number will be available nearer the date by post.(S.A.E. will be required.)

There will be a number of kite traders and craft stalls on site as well as refreshments, a Children's Kite Workshop and over the weekend various special competitions and flying displays, along with a STACK Competition on Saturday, the exact form of this is yet to be confirmed. We also hope to have a local Schools Kite Design Competition that will be taking place alongside the general kite flying areas. We will also be having Night Flying on the Saturday Evening, so bring those lights along.

Access to the site will be signposted locally, the main route being via the M27 J.3. and M271 J.1. Flying will be from 10.00am to 5.30pm. each day with a height limit as notified at the event.

For more information please contact Michael Lowe. 44. Bellemoor Road. Shirley. Southampton. Hampshire. SO15 7QU. Tel. 02380 770788.

Sunderland International Kite Festival – 1st & 2nd July 2000

Northern Area Playing Fields, District 12, Washington, Tyne & Wear.

The Festival is now recognised as one of the major Kite Events in Europe attracting specialist 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. The event attracts over 70,000 spectators each year!

We will host some of the worlds best Kite Makers. The following have said they are coming : Mikio Toki, (Japan), Mr Ha Yiqi (China), Ray Bethell (Canada), Wolfgang Schimmelpfennig (Germany), Connie & Thomas Roth (Germany) Martin Lester, Gill Bloom and Dave Holt (England), Ton Vinkin and Dutch Cody Manlifting Team, (Holland), Guido van Hove (Belgium) plus many more yet to confirm.

The Festival is a wonderful opportunity to see kites you have only seen and read about in magazines and to meet their makers - plus great displays and challenges 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 – huge marquees with arts and crafts, visual arts, International cuisine, kite trade stands, a children's village and lots more.

We will be having a Mass Dragon Kite Fly on both days to celebrate the year of the Dragon. If you have any kites which may be appropriate please bring them along.

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

We have limited accommodation bed and breakfast at the Sunderland Polytechnic Forge, (student residence) single rooms only and 100 free on site camping/parking places that will be issued on first come first served basis. Public car parking is £1 per car.

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

Malcolm Goodman, 134 Thames Rd, Billingham, Cleveland, TS22 5EX

Telephone/ fax - (01642 550827) please not after 10:00pm. email - malcolm.goodman@virgin.net
For latest update www.kiteman.co.uk. Festival web site – www.sunderland.gov.uk/kitefestival

Guernsey Kite Fly - 22nd July

Just a quick note to let you know that Kitefly 2000 is taking place in Guernsey again this year. As ever all proceeds from the event are split 50/50 with local paraplegic charities and International Spinal Research. The festival has moved its date this year to Saturday 22nd July and will take place at L'Eree airfield. The Guernsey tourist board will be able to provide travel/accommodation information. Anyone interested in knowing more about the festival itself, please contact Doug Irvine on:

01296 770422 (after 7:00 PM) or Email irvined@capitagroup.co.uk

Attingham Park - 5th & 6th August

Location: Attingham Park on the north side of the B4380 in Atcham, 3 miles east of Shrewsbury town centre.

Those who have been to this kiting weekend before know what a pleasant and picturesque location this is. It is the headquarters of the National Trust and it attracts lots of weekend visitors, not only for the kite festival but also for the parkland area. The staff at the house always put themselves out for us to make sure that everything is as we want it.

The format will be as previous years; i.e. flying on the large area marked out for us at the front of the house. All types of kite flyers are welcome but if you are buggying insurance is required for this.

Entrance is free to all kite flyers and I am hoping, but not sure at this stage, that camping will also be free. You can arrive from mid-day on Friday onwards and stay over until Monday mid-day if you wish.

If you are camping you will require a camping pass which is available from Tina Salter, House and Services Manager, Attingham Hall, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 4TP, telephone number 01743 709203. She will also supply maps if required.

There will be the usual mish-mash of informal competitions and the prestigious PEOPLES' CHOICE AWARD. If you have any queries regarding the kite flying side of things please telephone me, Tony Slater, on 01743 235068.

Middle Wallop Kite Festival - 5th & 6th August.

The Festival is to be held on August 5th & 6th, at Middle Wallop Airfield (as it was last year). This is on the A343 Andover to Salisbury road, Hampshire.

The hours will be a 10 AM start, finishing time on the Saturday is to be confirmed, and finishing time on the Sunday will be 5 PM. There will be food and kite traders, a licensed bar, Tandem Buggy rides, Kite Workshop, Kite and Buggy Competitions, and Teddy Bear Dropping.

The Paragliders will be around to offer Parascending dual flights, and round canopy dual flights, so give it a go!

The Museum of Army Flying will be open, and camping is available on the edge of the airfield this time. There is a small fee this year (going to the MOD), but facilities are being arranged.

With 800 Acres of space, there is plenty of room for every-one. There will be a small admission fee, due to it being a live Military base, this money goes to the Museum. The finer details are now being thrashed out, so any queries, please contact;

Roy (Kites Up) 01256 812487 or Mike Shaw(BBC) 0468 765887.

Up and Coming Events

Come along and have some fun!!

East Kent Kite Festival - 15th & 16th September

Palm Bay Recreation Ground, Palm Bay Road, Cliftonville, Margate

The above event returns after an absence of one year. It is organised by Heather Town and myself under the title of Kare Kites. Kare Kites organises kite festivals to promote and raise funds for charity. We also run kite workshops for children, and these are also run for charities or schools.

This event is to promote and raise funds for the local Charity SERV (Service by emergency riders) which delivers emergency blood and blood products for free after the normal working day. There are separate flying areas for single line, multi line and children. Kite club members will have access to the area with their vehicles on production of membership card. (This on the proviso that the area is fit for transport.)

For more details visit our website www.eastkentkitefestival.co.uk. e-mail:karekites@eastkentkitefestival.co.uk. or fordcoastguard@talk21 Telephone 01843 224593

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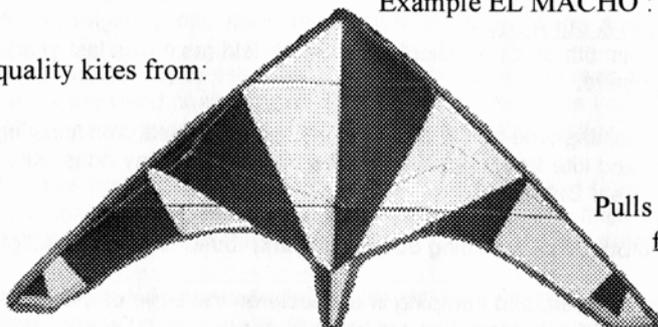
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Kite makers are invited to enter a competition based on the festival theme. Prizes include all-expenses-paid trips to exotic kite festivals in other countries.

Everybody is welcome to come and take part in the biggest kite event in the world.

The Festival is open to the public (nearly half million visitors in 1998) and is free of charge to spectators. Kite Fliers wishing to take part must register with the organisers, and pay a small charge for insurance and administration. They will receive a name badge which gives access to the flying arenas. Registered fliers and friends have the opportunity to attend a banquet on Saturday 16 September. Places are limited, so early booking is essential. As in previous years, it is necessary to book in advance by registration form. On arrival at the festival, the information point will confirm your registration and issue badges and so on. Fees are paid in French Francs at the festival - there are no facilities to pay beforehand. Last date for registration is mid-August.

Travel to Dieppe is very easy by ferry (Newhaven to Dieppe) or by tunnel. The Festival organisers are usually able to provide hostel accommodation at a very modest cost, and there are numerous hotels in the town to suit all tastes.

In the first instance, please contact me, Derek Kuhn. I can provide:

- Registration forms. Please send S.A.E. to me around the end of April.
- A list of hotels in Dieppe, and a map of the town.
- Details of the Festival theme and competitions.
- Up-to-date information about all aspects of the Festival.

Useful contacts:

- Dieppe tourist office: tel. 0033 - 232 144 060. Isabelle speaks English.
- About the castle in the country : www.normandy-tourism.org
- About Dieppe : www.mairie-dieppe.fr
- Festival web site: www.dieppe-cerf-volante.org

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BKF AGM 2000

WEDNESDAY 23/02/2000 7.30PM
DOWNS HOTEL/WOODINGDEAN

1 Welcome: Pete Linnell opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed the 15 members present.

2 Apologies: Were received from: Dorothy Cragg/Mick & Norma House/Maurice & Betty Sawyer.

3 Minutes: Of the last meeting were published in the April 1999 issue of Aerodyne.

4 Membership Report: As Membership Secretary Corinne Hennessey reported that the club currently has 63 memberships, some of which include more than one person as 'family' members.

The membership has shown a slight overall downturn during the last year as the lack of activity at fly-ins (due to clashes with festivals elsewhere) has meant a drop in new members joining. There has also been a reduction in renewals -

despite a mail shot reminder to lapsed members this year.

5 Financial Report: As Treasurer Gill Pitman provided a statement of profit and loss together with an analysis

balance sheet for the club accounts. There was a slight overall loss last year due mainly to credits outstanding from the festival - once these are received the situation will be a break even one (the accounts are therefore provisional).

The income from the 1999 festival was more or less the same as the previous year but the expenditure was more than anticipated. This was due to additional unexpected expenses incurred by hospitality, being mainly the Saturday evening BBQ and a last minute increase in the cost of accommodation for invited guests.

During the course of the year a total of £177.60 was donated by the club to the Royal

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Alexander Children's Hospital Rockinghorse Appeal - the highest amount donated to date.

6 Festival 2000 Progress: As Joint Festival Co-ordinator Simon Hennessey gave a résumé of pre-festival meetings held and progress of organisation to date, which is on schedule.

It was agreed to invite the Evening Argus to attend with their bouncy castle once again, together with the East Sussex Fire Brigade fire engine - which proved to be a great success last year.

Last year's children's entertainer was also a huge success but is unable to attend this year so Alan Outram has organised a replacement.

Simon suggested that invited guests should, wherever possible, be accommodated with BKF members this year in order to reduce the cost of accommodation. It was agreed to offer a repeat invite to Ray Bethell who will be attending the Washington Festival once again, which takes place over the weekend preceding Brighton. Simon agreed to email Ray and to

continue his efforts to contact Malcolm Goodman with a view to sharing expenses for Ray again and hopefully other guests who will also be attending Washington this year. It was also agreed to invite Janneke Groen and Toody Oakhill and Mik Jennison offered to find out if she will be attending Washington before any expenses are agreed. Simon also agreed to

BRIGHTON KITE FESTIVAL 2000

- ◆ **Date:** Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 July 2000
- ◆ **Time:** 11.00am - 5.00pm (Daily)
- ◆ **Site:** Stanmer Park/Falmer/Brighton/East Sussex
- ◆ **Map Ref:** 198 TQ 342 088
- ◆ **Height Clearance:** 3000ft AGL (Day)/1200ft AGL (Night)
- ◆ **Contact:** Simon Hennessey: Tel: 01273 582309
email: s_hennessey@bigfoot.com

follow up the possibility of inviting Don Mock, who will be in the UK at the time of the festival.

7 Fly-in Venues: After some discussion Pete Linnell proposed that the Ladies Mile Road site be replaced by Telscombe Tye as the regular fly-in venue on the 1st Sunday of each month. This was seconded by Toody and it was agreed that this should take effect from Sunday 6 August 2000. Fly-ins will continue at the Ladies Mile Road site until then. It was agreed not to make any change to the Social Evening Fly-in which takes place at Stanmer Park on the 2nd Thursday of April to September inclusive.

8 Beer Break: As things were progressing so quickly it was agreed that there was no need for a beer break... rats!

9 One Sky One World Venue: It was agreed to hold the 2000 event (which falls on 8 October) at Devil's Dyke.

10 New Year's Day Fly-in Venue: It was agreed to hold the 2001 event also at Devil's Dyke and Simon offered to contact the Ranger re posting some information about BKF events at the site. He also agreed to send out a mail shot to members regarding the venue for this together with information about this year's OSOW day and the Brighton Kite Festival 2000, as this worked so well for an increased AGM attendance.

11 Kite Accident - 1999 Festival: Ray Oakhill gave a progress

report on events since a kite was cut free and caused minor injury to a motorcyclist travelling on the A27, which runs parallel to the festival site. There has been no contact from the injured party's solicitor for several months. In the event of a claim against the club's insurance the premium may be marginally increased.

12 Festival Kite Fighting Events: Although the accident at last year's festival was not related to a kite fighting competition it was agreed that, should the unusual wind direction recur at future festivals at Stanmer Park, it would be essential to take the dangers of drifting kites into consideration and that this should effect the decision as to whether or not these events should be run. It was suggested that this could possibly be prevented by using a limited line length in the Rokkaku battle and a line touching only rule in the Indian kite fighting competition - but noted that these limitations would not necessarily preclude accidental cuts taking place.

13 Next Pre-Festival Meeting: A date was set for Wednesday 8 March 2000 at 8.00pm to be held at the Downs Hotel, Woodingdean. It was agreed that all future festival meetings should be 'open' events and Simon invited any of the members present who were not on the Festival Committee to attend.

14 AOB:

i) Club Kites: It was agreed that the club needs some large kites for display and promotional purposes. After some discussion it was agreed that, if possible, a purchase/s should be made in time for this year's flying season. A large and varied selection of suggestions were made and several people agreed to follow up contacting various kite makers with a view to providing an idea of costing a commission. It was agreed to organise a club workshop event towards the end of the year in order to make a large kite/s for the following season.

It was also agreed to investigate the cost of spraying the existing BKF banner, which is now very faded. It was agreed that although, ideally, it needed replacing - finance would currently be better spent investing in display kites.

ii) Letters: In response to the recent AGM and Membership Renewal mail shots, Simon read out letters

received from Jim Mellor and Maurice and Betty Sawyer. It was agreed that Sophie and Kit Horton's club membership should be an ongoing complimentary one for this year.

iii) BKF & Brighton Kite Festival Web Sites: After discussion regarding the possible development of the BKF web site, Simon agreed to email Phil Chitty to thank him for maintaining the site and to establish whether he is happy to continue doing so.

Mik agreed to undertake updating the festival site for this year (with help from Toody) and made a plea for material for inclusion from past Brighton Kite Festivals.

iv) Honorary Life Memberships:

Barry Pitman suggested Shakib Gunn. After discussion it was agreed that those who have received this to date have done something specific for the club and that this should remain as a qualifying condition. It was also agreed that, although this would currently exclude Shakib - he should be invited to contribute to Aerodyne as he has a vast collection of stories that would be of interest. Barry agreed to contact him with a view to this.

v) Club T-shirts & Sweatshirts: Responsibility for this side of club merchandise was transferred from Simon to Alan.

vi) Election Of Officers & Committee Members:

Simon proposed that Pete Linnell be re-elected as Club Co-ordinator/Chairperson and this was seconded by Ray and agreed. Mik suggested that in light of no one standing down from their current positions, they should all be re-elected. This was seconded by Barry and therefore the following Officers and Committee Members were re-elected:

Officers: Co-ordinator/Chairperson: Pete Linnell/
Secretary: Simon Hennessey/
Treasurer: Gill Pitman
Committee Members: Norma House/Alan Outram/
Toody Oakhill

Simon agreed to contact Norma House re her re-election to the Committee. In the event that she should stand down Ken Boddy volunteered to take her place as a Committee Member.

15 Close: Pete thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 10.00pm.

Toody Oakhill (BKF Editor)

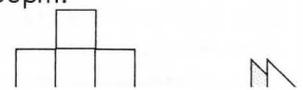


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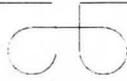
- ◆ **Date:** Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 May 2000
- ◆ **Time:** 10.00am - 5.00pm (Daily)
- ◆ **Site:** Borde Hill Gardens/Haywards Heath/West Sussex
- ◆ **Map Ref:** 198 TQ 322 265
- ◆ **Height Clearance:** 1500ft AGL
- ◆ **Contact:** Ray Oakhill Tel/Fax: 01273 306842 email: rao@mistral.co.uk

The club has another invite to demonstrate kites and parachute bears at this event. This year we can use the field on the other side of the lakes for kite flying and have permission to camp - water and a toilet will be available. Kitefliers will need to be on site before 10.00am.

Ray Oakhill (BKF Events Co-ordinator)



MAN WHAT DID I START?!!!



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The article I wrote in the last issue of KiteLife was just my sense of humour as a kind of retaliation to the joke that my friends Brian and Sharon Champie tried to pull on me last August at the WSIKF. I was amazed that so many readers took me seriously ☺... I have received a lot of fan mail and love letters "with the assurance that they are not joking"

☺. I am also being asked many questions by interested flyers about the little blue pills, (which I can honestly say I do not need... but if by chance I did... I would not be shy in trying them!) ☺. I am receiving so much mail that I am seriously thinking of asking the editor Mike Gillard if I can add a "Dear Big Daddy" column in KiteLife ☺.

Over the years I have been given the opportunity to be able to travel this big wonderful kiting planet of ours... so many great opportunities have come my way. Lesley, my wife, has also been invited many times to accompany me on many of my sponsored trips, but she is a stay home girl - besides she has no interest in kiting whatsoever. In fact she has yet to see me fly (other than on TV or video) but never has she stopped me from travelling the world, I mean just the opposite, she encourages me to go. One day I am going to pretend I am off on a sponsored trip... and then sneak back and see why she can't wait to get me and my kite bag in the cab fast enough! ☺... but it goes without saying that she is very proud of all my achievements.

✂ We have been together 50 years in February and I can truthfully state... on a stack of old AKA kiting magazines... that I have... "Never fooled around"... Well!! I mean... no more... than... a couple of hundred times!!☺ And, by the way, I would like to add that my wife and family plus my grandchildren and great grandchildren thought my love note article was hilarious and a real scream, to say the least, and I had to make copies for them to give to their friends. You probably won't believe this, but my great grandson bugged me for days to make him a copy to take to school for "Show and Tell"... Bless him... (he will be just 23 come April!) ☺. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who has taken the time to drop me a line, very much appreciated. Here's one letter that really made me smile because it could happen to any of us... (I quote):

Dear Big Daddy, I have met the most beautiful and the most perfect lady of my life and I desperately want to ask her to marry me... but I have a big problem... you see I have just been released from prison after serving 15 years for numerous offences which I will not go in to right now. My father died in prison after serving 30 years of his life sentence, my brother goes on trial next week for man slaughter, and my problem is... should I tell my girlfriend before asking her to become my wife... "that my very best friend is a kite flyer?!"? ☺

Signed... Worried!

Thank you for listening.

Ray Bethell
(BKF/Vancouver/Canada)

GERMANY ADVENTURE '99

PART 1: THE 10th SYKE KITE FESTIVAL

This was my third time of being sponsored to Germany and each time I tell myself it can't get any better than it was last time, but it does! The festivals are bigger and better organised, the amount of spectators seems to have doubled and kite flyers attend from all over Germany.

I have had the unique pleasure of sharing many kite arenas with some of the best kite designers and flyers in Germany and beyond, Thomas Roth - 2nd place winner in the 1997 German Single Line Championships, and first place winner in 1998 - 1999 with his beautiful kites 'Time for Emotions' and 'Nature Time', Rolf Zimmermann with his unique

giant Lobster, Seahorse, Seastar, Centipede etc, and the infamous Willi Koch, just to name a few. Not only does Willi make unique designed single line kites but his appliqué work is pure art, I have had the pleasure of spending many happy hours at his home with his wife Erika and family, and to sit beside Willi watching him work on yet another masterpiece is well worth the trip to Europe, there are so many more to even begin to mention at this time.

This was my first time to the town of Syke which means 'valley of many waters', it's a beautiful town about 25km from the south of the city of Bremen. My hosts were Matthias and Monika Coreeds, Matthias is the fourth generation master baker and his home is on top of the bakery. To wake up each morning to the smell of fresh baked bread is something else, this is also a great incentive to get up and head for breakfast. I  am not a big e a r l y  morning

eater - but I couldn't resist the fresh baked rolls, so many different kinds of cheeses and meats, coffee, milk, plus many choices of fruit juices.

Matthias is also the organiser of the 10th Syke Kite Festival, the flying field is 2 miles from Syke in a suburb called Heiligenfeld - a huge open grass area. The kite club rents this throughout the year from a local farmer, the grass is kept nice and short and is ideal for kite flying. European kite festivals are so different to North American, they are very family oriented - by that I mean whole families turn this into a very special day, there is something for everyone from the very young to whoever. This festival was very well organised - not only kite flying at its very best, but so much more to entertain the hundreds of spectators. On first day I officially opened the festival with a 3 kite ballet using my Black Knight Pro Dancers to the music of 'You are the Wind Beneath my Wings' played on Thomas Getheroefer's 'Disc Jockey'



huge mobile music system from Hamburg.

Then the single line kites of every description with their awesome colours began filling the clear blue sky - this was a great start for the town of Syke to celebrate their 10th kite festival anniversary. It was well covered with video and news media, it looked like the whole town had turned out for this long awaited event. As I mentioned there was something for everyone... like the North German 1999 Boomerang Champions, Dieter Franke and Otto showing their skills with boomerangs (that I am sure would make many Australian Aboriginals envious!) and Bremer Sprinterfreunde who put on a boomerang workshop which was a huge success with the children and adults... Wilhelm Clausing and his 11 man Ultra Light Flying Team put on a spectacular show with their Ultra Light Air Craft thrilling the crowds... plus the spectacular Hot Air Balloon Teams, Horst Sieners, Klaus Sarinsky and the Syker Balloon Team, they would be doing their thing right after the night fly when the wind was calm... and the children were thrilled to the eyeballs with Bremer and his group taking care of all day Parachuting Teddy Bears, candy drops, and something that I have not seen before - the Skydiving Dolls.

The wind was a constant 8-10mph throughout the first day. I had my own flying area and I flew all day which got rid of all the cobwebs off my bum that I had picked up on the long flight! ☺ The night fly was great - the Skylines Lightshow from Hamburg did a great job making the night fly a super success.

Another great thing in Europe is that you can drink beer at festivals, parks and beaches without having to be fenced in, and believe me there was a lot consumed throughout the two day festival (I can vouch for that! ☺). Sunday was another awesome day except the wind was only 4-5mph, but it was enough for most of us to fly all day and word must have travelled far and wide as there were twice as many spectators as the previous

day. The festival ended at 5pm and I was surprised that so many people joined in to help pack up, at 7pm there was hardly a trace of a festival ever being held there. The organiser, Syke club members and sponsors were over the moon with the super success of celebrating their 10th anniversary, and are making plans already for this coming September.

The next day Matthias said, "Ray we have arranged a big surprise for you, I hope you will like it." He drove me into the countryside and I was wondering all the time what was the surprise they had planned. After about 30 minutes Matthias turned off the main road into a field where they were just finishing off inflating a huge hot air balloon. The next thing I knew I was lifted up and placed into the balloon basket and up, up and away I went on a fantastic two hour flight across the north German countryside. The weather was perfect and the view awesome: I kept thinking, "I wonder if I could fly multiple kites from up here?!! ☺" It was strange to see the balloon team and members of the kite club following the path of the balloon by road, while flying hundreds of feet above them. The flight was so beautiful and peaceful, half way through the flight the pilot Horst Siemers broke out the schnapps... which went down very well! Nearing the end of the flight he said, "Ray please hang on", I wondered why but I soon found out as he was looking for a field to land in, now I know how a kite feels when it crashes into the ground! I said, "Horst do balloons always land this way?!!" He said, "It depends on the schnapps! ☺" Five minutes after landing (I'm not sure if that is the right word?! ☺) Mathias and other friends arrived. Now the fun started, I did not know that after one's first balloon flight one has to be initiated in to the club! I was asked to kneel down... then they spoke a lot of mumbo jumbo (which sounded German to me! ☺), took a wad of my hair (which is just about all I have! ☺),

poured a little lighter fuel on and then set it

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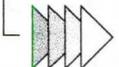
on fire - which they put out by pouring champagne on (what a waste! ☺). So I guess I am now classed as an official Balloon Man, last year it was Skydiving, it makes me wonder what's in store for me this year?! ☺ After the balloon was packed up (I can not believe something so huge can be put into such a small bag!) we headed out for our last supper together. What a terrific adventure this has been, plus today being a very special way to finish an awesome kite festival.

The next morning Matthias drove me 400km to Titz where I had also been sponsored, this will be my third time to perform at the Grisu Familiendrachenfest but that's another story.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my sponsors to the 10th Syke Kite Festival... the local newspaper Weser-Kurier and the meals on wheels company Menke-Menu, for without your support this would never have been another wonderful adventure. Many thanks to all the members of the Syke Kite Club, the Balloon Team: Horst Siemers and Klaus Sarinsky who made my balloon flight possible, also all the kite flyers who attended from across Germany and made me feel so welcome. My new friends Briditta Pigma the official festival photographer and her husband: thanks for the great photos, Detlev Marquardt and his family: thank you for all your help but most of all for your friendship, and last, but not least, my friend of many years Matthias Cordes: thank you and your wife Monika for your hospitality plus letting me share not only your home but also your family - who treated me like a long lost uncle.

Thanks for listening.

Ray Bethell (BKF/Vancouver/Canada)



BRIGHTON KITE FLYERS FLY-INS & EVENTS 2000



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Please note that events marked * are NOT organised by the Brighton Kite Flyers. For a full list of UK kite festivals please see the Kite Society of Great Britain's Kiteflier magazine events list. H/C = Height Clearance.



Date:	Day:	From:	Event:	Venue:	Map Ref:	H/C:
01 Jan	Sat	11am	New Year Fly-in	Telscombe Tye/Brighton	198 TQ 392 017	1000ft
02 Jan	Sun	11am	Monthly Fly-in	Ladies Mile Road/Brighton	198 TQ 317 092	1500ft
06 Feb	Sun	11am	Monthly Fly-in	Ladies Mile Road/Brighton	198 TQ 317 092	1500ft
23 Feb	Weds	7.30pm	Club AGM	Downs Hotel/Woodingdean	198 TQ 356 059	N/A
01 Mar	Weds	N/A	Deadline	Aerodyne Issue April 2000	To: Toody Oakhill (Editor)	
05 Mar	Sun	11am	Monthly Fly-in	Ladies Mile Road/Brighton	198 TQ 317 092	1500ft
02 Apr	Sun	11am	Monthly Fly-in	Ladies Mile Road/Brighton	198 TQ 317 092	1500ft
13 Apr	Thurs	6pm	Social Eve Fly-in	Stanmer Park/Brighton	198 TQ 342 088	200ft
06/07 May	Sat/Sun	10am	Fair: Demo/BMISS	Borde Hill Gardens/H Heath	198 TQ 322 265	1500ft
07 May	Sun	11am	Monthly Fly-in	Ladies Mile Road/Brighton	198 TQ 317 092	1500ft
11 May	Thurs	6pm	Social Eve Fly-in	Stanmer Park/Brighton	198 TQ 342 088	200ft
20 May	Sat	?	Cub/Scout Workshop	Down/Kent (Sue Rhatigan Tel: 0181 309 6491)		
29 May	BH Mon	10am	Fête: Demo/BMISS	Maresfield/Uckfield (Barbara Isitt Tel: 01825 765355)		
01 Jun	Thurs	N/A	Deadline	Aerodyne Issue July 2000	To: Toody Oakhill (Editor)	
04 Jun	Sun	11am	Monthly Fly-in	Ladies Mile Road/Brighton	198 TQ 317 092	1500ft
08 Jun	Thurs	6pm	Social Eve Fly-in	Stanmer Park/Brighton	198 TQ 342 088	200ft
02 Jul	Sun	11am	Monthly Fly-in	Ladies Mile Road/Brighton	198 TQ 317 092	1500ft
08/09 Jul	Sat/Sun	11am	Brighton Kite Festival	Stanmer Park/Brighton	198 TQ 342 088	3000ft
13 Jul	Thurs	6pm	Social Eve Fly-in	Stanmer Park/Brighton	198 TQ 342 088	200ft
*16 Jul	Sun	11am	Petworth Kite Festival	Petworth Park/West Sussex (Joanna Mersey Tel: 01798 869214)		
06 Aug	Sun	11am	Monthly Fly-in	Telscombe Tye/Brighton	198 TQ 392 017	1500ft
17 Aug	Thurs	6pm	Social Eve Fly-in	Stanmer Park/Brighton	198 TQ 342 088	200ft
01 Sep	Fri	N/A	Deadline	Aerodyne Issue October 2000	To: Toody Oakhill (Editor)	
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*09/17 Sep	9 Days	10am	Dieppe Kite Festival	Dieppe Seafront/France (KSGB Tel/Fax: 01206 271489)		
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01 Oct	Sun	9am	Show: Demo/BMISS	Ardingly/West Sussex	187 TQ 341 303	1000ft
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BKF FLY-IN REMINDERS (UNTIL AUGUST 2000)

1ST SUNDAY MONTHLY
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

General fly-in day:

- ◆ **Venue:** Ladies Mile Road/
Patcham/Brighton
- ◆ **Site:** Top/North end of road
- ◆ **Map Ref:** 198 TQ 317 092
- ◆ **Time:** From 11.00am
- ◆ **Parking:** On roads next to
the site or on the site (with
key from Ray Oakhill only)
- ◆ **By Bus:** Nos 26/5/5A from
central Brighton
- ◆ **Height Clearance:** 1500ft

BKF FLY-IN REMINDERS (FROM AUGUST 2000)

1ST SUNDAY MONTHLY
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

General fly-in day:

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

BKF FLY-IN REMINDERS

2ND THURSDAY MONTHLY
APRIL - SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE

Flying evening with a social
bash afterwards at the Swan
pub (Falmer).

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

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Dates:
Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 July 2000
Venue:
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ROMAN CANDLE 56.



The Journal of the Bearly Made It Skydive Squad. The International Brother and Sisterhood of Parachuting Fauna, and the U.K. Ted Devils. Arguably a bigger load of Mindless Drivel, than the over hyped Y2K Bug, but then, did you need us to tell you?

Death of the Great Bear



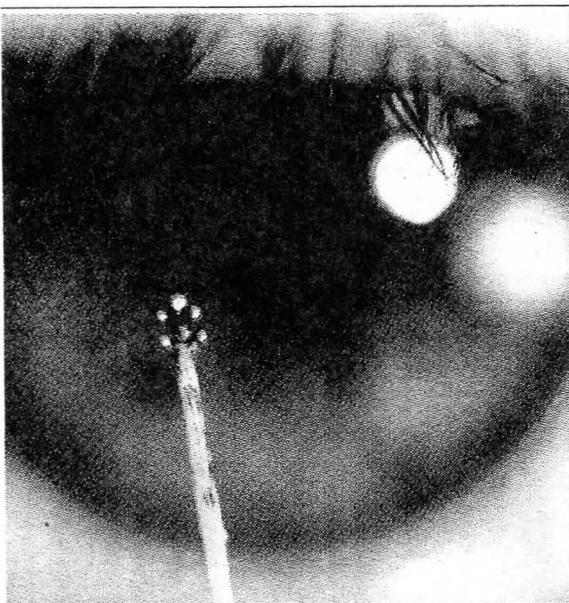
SHOCK, HORROR, AARGHHH! YOU COULD SAY THAT WHEN WE FIRST SAW THIS HEADLINE, THE OLD TIZZY REALLY DID GO POOF..... HOWEVER, ALL IS NOT, AS IT AT FIRST GLANCE SEEMS.....

Far from announcing the demise of one of our Brethren of that ilk, its merely commenting on the departure of one of the biggest BEAR MARKET players from his position in the City.

Of course we wont bore the pants off all you knowledgeable Bears out there by stating what you already know, that a Bull Market is going up and a Bear Market is going down.

All of which, poses a little conundrum. Most of us are well known to be, how shall I put it? "Two Stops past Dagenham" i.e. BARKING, after all, theres no use in you denying it, look matey, you've read 56 issues of this load of crap, and you persist in being bombed from Kites, with no guarantee that the bleeding Chute will deploy, so like me, basically you must be as they say, BARKING BARMY.

But, and its a big but, Barking you may be, but are you SCHIZO? we must be for when we are going up we are told that we are Bulls, and when we're coming down we're reliably informed that we are Bears, so by my reckoning, as well as being a Raving Loony, as daft as a Brush, Barking Barmy and as Crazy as a Two Bob Watch I've now got a split personality, WHO, MOI? (Soddit this Bicorn Hat is too small and my Paw is stuck in the Front of my Coat).....



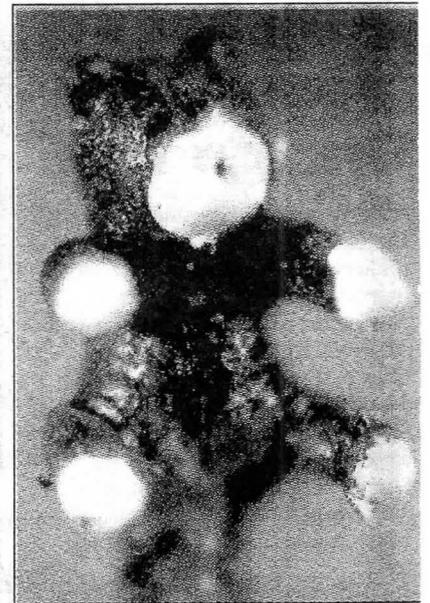
The world's tiniest teddy

A **MAGNIFYING** glass is needed to see the details carved into the world's smallest teddy bear. Less than a millimetre in height, the bear was created by 'extreme miniature craft artist' Hiromu Morino.

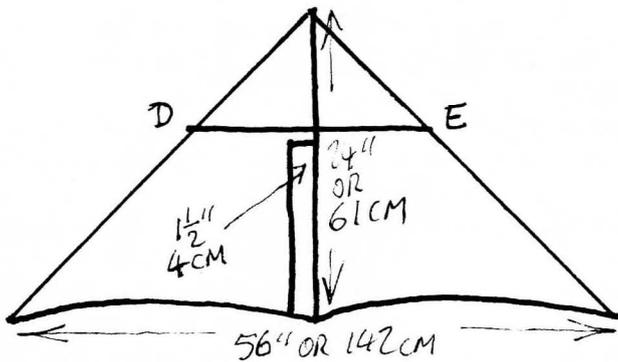
The former graphic artist used a penknife and his fingernails to make the tiny bear out of resin.

The intricate features of the model, which sits on the tip of a toothpick, are too small to be seen with the naked eye.

The Japanese artist, from Akishima, near Tokyo, created the bear for a small-size craft



BOY, DID WE START SOMETHING WHEN WE FEATURED SIMON HENNESSEYS TED HANGLIDER... AND, NOW HANG THE EXPENSE, THROW THE CAT ANOTHER KIPPER, VIA LEN OCHILTREE, WE PRESENT LEN DUSAQUID'S (BET HE'S DONE MORE THAN A FEW SQUIDS ON THIS CAPER) VERSION OF TEDS ON THE WING, OR No.1 IN AN OCCASIONAL SERIES, ENTITLED "101 THINGS TO DO WITH A KITE THAT DONT FLY"



FIRST OFF, SORT OUT ONE OF YOUR KITES THAT DON'T OR WON'T FLY, PREFERABLY A DELTA OF THAT ILK

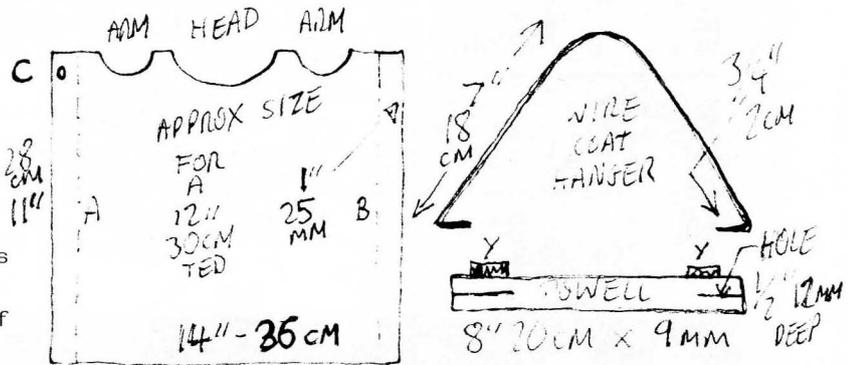
If it has a Keel? (the one in the sketch done by Len didn't appear to have one) Hack it off so as to leave a strip of material about 1 1/2" or 38mm wide. Along this strip, stick or sew some Velcro.

Make up a Thingy rather like a sleeping bag for Ted to lie, whoops, lye? oh Soddit, fit in, and adopt the prone position whilst flying.

Make a couple of cut outs for the arms and one for the head, then fold in half and sew along the open side so as to form a seam about 1" or 25mm wide. You then have what looks like, according to Len, a strapless evening gown, (oh yeah, looks more like a vest)

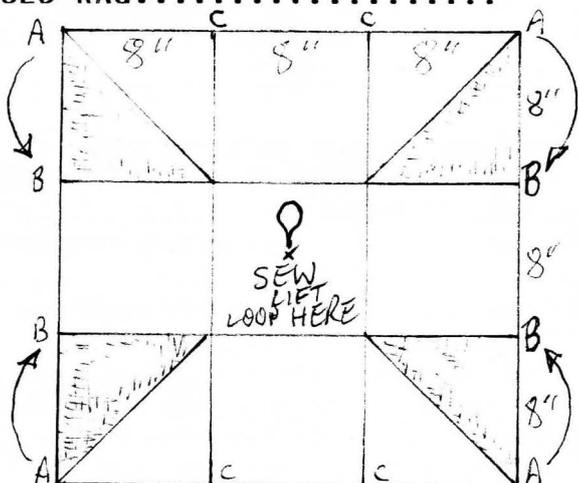
If you then sew the other half of the Velcro along the 1" strip, you then can adjust the position of Ted along the Keel of the Delta, thereby altering the Flight characteristics, until the optimum position is achieved,

For the triangular steering (or not) bar, you can utilise a piece of wire coathanger and a length of dowell. At point C on the vest or strapless gown, make a small hole, then thread the wire through, and fit the piece of dowell to the wire, a push fit should do, if not glue it.



Stick two small pieces of velcro to points YY and the other half of said velcro to Ted paws, this enables Ted to hold the steering thingy. Attach a length of line to points D E on Delta, and form a loop in the middle. This enables Delta and Ted load to be attached to the dropper mechanism. If you have an assortment of spreaders of different lengths, giving tight or slack Delta Sail you can get lots of different flight variations, its all down to lots of suck it and see.....

HOLY COW, IS THERE NO END TO THE TALENTS OF MONSEWER DUSAQUID, DOYEN OF THE SOUTH EASTERN KITE SOCIETY..... AT GREAT EXPENSE AND FOR YOUR GENERAL HEDIFIKASHUNN, HE'S EVEN THROWN IN PLANS FOR A SEW OR NO SEW JOLLY OLD RAG.....



There's no longer any excuse for not Toggging up your non parachuting Furry Wotsit with this quick and easy to make chute.

All that is require is a square of material 2ft, thats 24" or 60cm approx. Remove the shaded portions, then stick or sew point A's to B's.

Fit 8 loop and shroud line to points B & C the shrouds lines are approx 24" to 30" or roughly 60 to 75cms. Another loop is attached to the middle of the chute, this fixes to the dropper. Gather up the shroud lines, stick on a hapless wotsit, loft your Kite and Bobs yer flipping.....

UP FOR THE EYE JUMP

Parachute nut leaps off 135m Millennium Wheel

HERE WE GO AGAIN..... YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT BY THE HUMES TO OUT DARE THE BEARS. OR ANYTHING TO GET MY PICTURE IN THE PAPERS.....

A Daredevil Student was cock a hoop recently, aft climbing the LONDON MILLENIUM WHEEL, then Parachuting off the Top.

Barmy Arme Aarhus, braved wind, rain and icy temperatures to scale the 450 odd ft London Eye. once aloft he attached his static line and jumped. his chute opened after an estimated 60 ft and Arme landed safely on the footpath below. Thrill seeker Arme crept onto the site undetected by security guards who had stepped up their patrols in the wake of a previous escapade when 10 eco protesters scaled the giant Ferris Wheel earlier.

Arme said it took half an hour to scale the wheel in the dead of night and when he drifted down in full view of a guard Arme did'nt know who was more surprised, however Arme got away scot free.

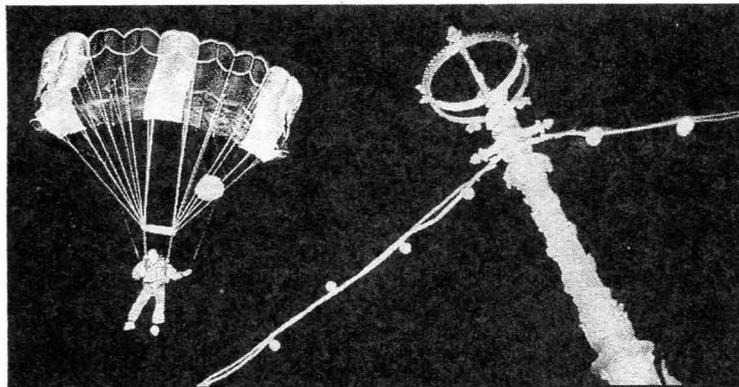
Elated Arme said afterwards, it was a great jump. He was able to climb a ladder on the first part of his climb, but when he went onto climb the steel structure itself, it became very scary as the steel was wet and the higher he went the more difficult the climb became due to the curve of the wheel.

However he persevered and was rewarded with a magnificent nighttime view of the Capital.

Arme took his time before jumping and when he did he said it was exhilarating and he had plenty of time to control his chute and make a safe landing. Arme from Norway has done more than 230 similar jumps since taking to the extreme sport of Base jumping so five years ago.

He came to Britain especially to jump from the London Eye Ferris Wheel after seeing it in the newspapers.

Photographer Atle Dahl who captured Arme's jump, said it was a brilliant



Arme is snapped by photographer pal leaping from London Eye

achievement to be the first to parachute from the London Eye, as any new structure anywhere in the world over 300ft high is fair game for Base jumpers

READY TEDDIES

BAILIFFS are to hold an ID parade of teddy-bears to reunite them with their owners after the collapse of Sherwood Bear Clinic, a toy hospital in Nottingham.

ALRIGHT, HANDS ON HEADS, WE KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH YOU CRIMINAL TEDS..... HOLD IT, HOLD IT. HOLLLD ITTTT! JUSTA COTTON PICK MINNIT MATEY, WHAT THE SODDING HELL IS GOING ON.....

Ah, yes Bears, I.D. Parade, got to be a Bear faced load of Criminals dont'cha know?

No we dont, Gordon Bennett whata liberty, how can anybody eat some poor Bears in an I.D. parade with Criminals is beyond us.

Nope we do believe that its what is said, namely a lot of confusion

and agitated Furry wotsits will be re-united with their owners and will live happily everafter and will not be subjected to such horrors as being bombed from Kites.

Of course, on the other hand if you are some kind of sicko barsteward, you could

Table for one

OAKIE ONE SENT US THE CUTTING FROM WHICH WE'VE CULLED THE PIECE ABOUT THE GUY WHO THEY SEEM TO THINK IS AT THE LEAST RATHER CURIOUS..... Having booked for

Solitary diners aren't sad - they show great taste,

Sir Terence Conran, who at the last count owns, or is about to own, 17 restaurants in London, disliked eating out unaccompanied until he went on holiday alone in France in the mid-1980s: "It taught me to lose my self-consciousness. The waiters rather respected me. They were surprised at an Englishman eating alone. Now I find I can enjoy the

Far more curious is the young chap who eats at the Bluebird restaurant once a month. "He books for four or five and arrives with a court of stuffed animals," says the manager, Kingue Nkembe. "He orders for

himself and for the animals. He has even sent back food saying: 'Teddy isn't happy.' He has the entire staff convulsed with giggles."

Restaurateurs' reactions to singletons range from "go away" to "welcome to the club". Some restaurateurs become paranoid. "We were convinced one woman customer was from a guide," says David Morgan-Hewitt of the Goring Hotel in Victoria. "When we gave her the bill, we found she was from Sainsbury's." A brilliant disguise. No one could possibly mistake anyone from Sainsbury's as a foodie.

food and wine far more when alone. I also find it easier to people-watch and eavesdrop. You hear some fantastic conversations."

One famous lone luncher was the gentleman at La Tante Claire restaurant before it moved to the Berkeley Hotel in Knightsbridge. He commuted into town from north London every day and sat bow-tied at his own table for one.

four or five and arriving with, as they say a "COURT" of stuffed animals, one does wonder if the Restaurant loads up the Bill. The staff may well be convulsed with the giggles, but we wonder if they giggle when he settles the Bill and presumably leaves a nice Tip?

Actually dining on your own with a Few Furry Wotsits could well be a good move. No having to put up with unforeseen eating habits, the Teds aint gonna try to andout-drink you. and the odd bit of footsie under the table wont result in a smack in the gob. Plus the biggest bonus of all, if it is a classy Eaterie, the Teds aint gonna get onto the Lager and show you up something rotten when they inevitably get pissed

So the Motto is , if you do require company when you're out on the scoff, by all means go for it, when you desire some serious gut Bashing on you own, you pays yer money and takes yer choice.

HAVE WE MISSED THIS ,ORIS IT NEW OUT? its probably been with us for yonks, however its worth a little puff as anything Kite and Bears on chutes must be all good.....

Dunford "TEDDY IN SPACE KITE" Featuring a Kite with a Trade Mark Dunford Wavy design on its plastic sail, weirdish ferry and a Tiny Ted on his own tiny chute.

Have'nt seen it in action, but no doubt knowing Dunfords, its a goer and is liable to keep your anklebiters occupied for hours, whilst you get on with the serious biz of putting egg on your own face, £16.99p from all good kite stockists

ONCE AGAIN A NEW SEASON IS NEARLY UPON US AND SO WE MUST ANSWER THE ANCIENT CALL OF THE EASTERN FRONT (BLACKHEATH) WHERE THE LAST VESTIGES OF OFFICIAL WINTER KIP WILL BE BLASTED AWAY BY THE USUAL FORCE TEN RIGHT UP THE JACKSIE.....

Ah, can anything be grander than the anticipation of our annual deeds of derring do, yes do, not doo doo, thats reserved for the environs of Ye Olde Cow Pat (now mainly sheep whoopsies) Hill where Capt Face Plant, yes he of blessed memory (wake up you lazy git) will almost certainly try for a slow motion replay of the stuff of legend

SO AS EVER, ITS THE USUAL TO THE USUAL AT THE TEDDY TORIAL c/o The boring old Fart, 48.Laurel lane. West Drayton, Middx, UB7.7TY.in what will be forever ENGLAND a part of the UNITED KINGDOM, no matter what the TRAITORS have planned, A Plague on all their Houses.....



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