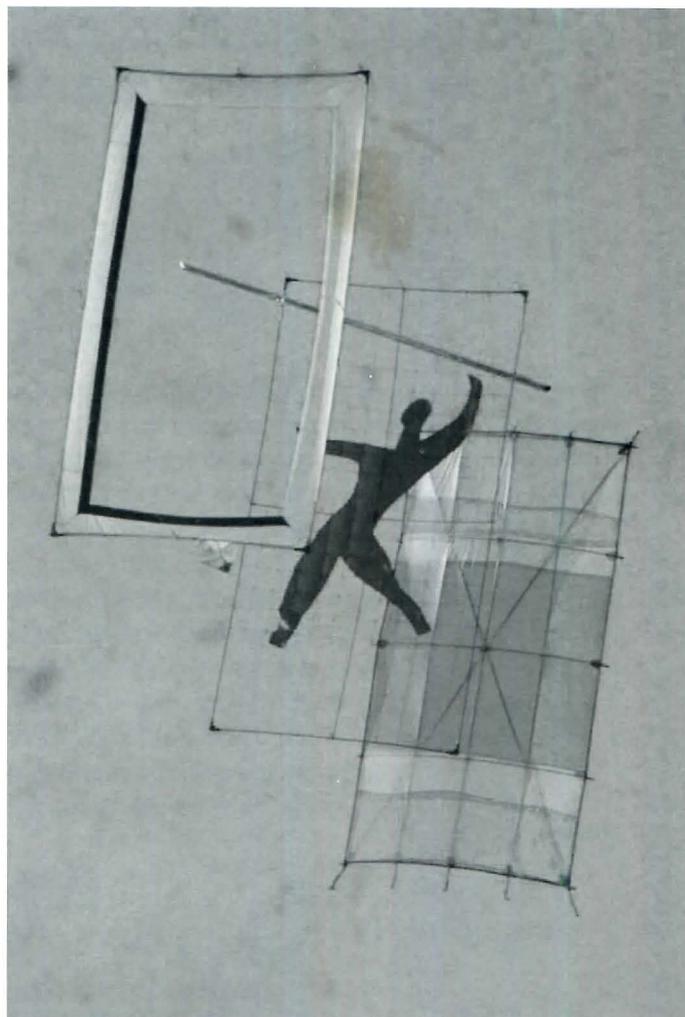


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Editorial

Dear Reader

Welcome to first magazine of the new kite flying season. The season looks to be very full with events nearly every weekend until the end of August. There are also a number of new festivals such as Bedford and High-force.

Our first main event will be Weymouth. There are a lot of overseas visitors including the largest American delegation to attend. So hopefully there will a number of new and unusual kites on view. The programme of events for Weymouth will be available on the Kite Society web pages soon. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there. Remember there is a free get together in the Pavilion on Saturday evening to which all of you are invited.

By now many of you would have learned of the sad death of Pat Dell of Kiteability. Ron has started a fund to raise money for equipment for the unit which looked after Pat for which all donations would be appreciated. She will be missed by all who knew her and our thoughts are with Ron.

See you on the flying field somewhere.

Gill and Jon

Front Cover Pictures.

On the left is the new kite by Marco Cassadio.
On the left is the Winning kite of the DCD competitions for Kite Trains by Heinrich Hohmann.
Both kites can be seen at the Weymouth International Beach Kite Festival—May 4th & 5th

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Membership Information

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

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

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

If you wish to join The Kite Society please send your name and address (plus the names of any supplementary members) and your payment for the appropriate membership type, to the address shown above. All cheques, made payable to 'The Kite Society' and, for overseas members, should be drawable in the U.K. and be in sterling.

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Letters

From Ron Dell

On behalf of my family and myself. I wish to thank you all most sincerely for your love and support following the death of my life partner Pat. We were overcome by your messages of condolence and letters of tribute to a wonderful lady. There is little left to say other than Pat will be remembered for a long time by all for what she was.

A big thank you to all who attended the funeral service which was held in our village and for all the donations received for the Kings College 'Todd Ward Fund'.

We intend to keep the fund open until the end of the kiting season and hopefully raise enough money to purchase a decent piece of equipment for the Liver Intensive Therapy Unit, which will be dedicated in Pat's memory. We could not have asked for better care for Pat. The doctors and nursing staff were wonderful both to her and us, and we would really like to repay their kindness by supporting the unit and their endeavours.

Once again many thanks to you all, it is a comfort to know that Pat was so highly thought of and it is great to know that we have such wonderful friends in all of you.

As Kiteability, we had a certain reputation for our little rhymes, but try as I might, this time I could not link words together to express my feelings at the sad loss of my dear Pat. In my hour of my need, came my saviour on the guise of Bob "Hi" Cruikshanks

I thank him most sincerely for the following:

Now is not the time to cry
Now is just the time to fly
To remember back when Pat would say
"Thanks for your custom, have a good day"

Now is not the time to cry
Now is just the time to fly
To dream upon the distant scene
And think of Pat in pastures green

Now is not the time to cry
Now is just the time to fly
To think of Pat, whose body whilst gone
Lives in our memories for time to come.

Thank you Bob.

From Richard and Joanna Mersey (Petworth Kites)

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Pat Dell soon after Christmas. She was a very special person. Ron and Pat encouraged and supported us every year at Petworth. They sorted out many a problem and drama for us. Always patient, calm and friendly. Nothing was too much trouble. Pat's kites were wonderful presents for birthdays and Christmas and always popular. We and many others will miss her friendship and we wish Ron strength and courage for the future.

From Paul Chapman

Thank you so much for the honour of gracing the front cover of the January KITELIER with the photo of my winged Brookite. It is modelled on the kite shown being held by Thomas Brooke in the book by David Pelham. I was lucky enough to be able to research this kite and found the dimensions and details in the Royal Navy design specification for their target kite of the early 1930s. Yes, these things were made under contract to HM the King for the grand purpose of being shot out of the sky by the guns of the Fleet! My Brookite is full-size and made from cotton cambric. One of the puzzles in the design specification occurred when I struggled with the statement that the bracing lines from the wing tips to the rear cell should be 'whiting line'. I tried pestering local fishermen at Lyme Regis for this stuff to no avail - whiting is a fish? Then the penny dropped and I went to the local hardware shop and bought several hanks of builder's chalk line. It is surprising how obvious the answer is after the event. Actually there is a real problem in getting good quality hemp cordage (cannabis line to you) so I would love to hear from anyone who knows a supplier.

The other kite on the cover is by my friend Jan Desimpelaere. Jan lives in Belgium and makes and collects REAL kites. His kites are absolutely correct in every detail. The European cottonheads go under the name of Historica Dragonicum and you can usually find us deep in discussion arguing details of warp and weft. Thierry Nenot of France is typical - he wanted to open up the hems of my original Cody stuff and then wanted to cut samples to send off for materials analysis! In my mind there is nothing so lovely as vintage white cotton in the sky because of the subtle shades of light playing around the cells as the kites move about. Cotton kites tend to need more wind than ripstop but the porosity means that the kites bleed the air and remain stable through strong gusts. Well that is the theory.

Kites Over Jordan

FIRST INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL IN AQABA, JORDAN

DAY 1 – Tuesday 28 January 2003

Arrived at the airport (Heathrow) with the rest of the group (Flying Squad – Ian, Andy, Geoff, Matt & Lisa), plus fliers from the Midlands Kite Group, Hilary & Stafford Wallace, Peter Lynn and other assorted kite fliers and buggiers. Our flights had been arranged by the sponsors in Jordan and we were flying Royal Jordanian Airlines, but I managed to get upgraded to first class! I did really enjoy the trip!

Arrived in Amman late in the evening, found all our luggage and made our way by coach to our hotel. The Howard Johnson was a very nice hotel, good breakfast and coffee.

DAY 2 – Wednesday

Loaded up our luggage (kites going separately to Aqaba) on the coach and then drove down to Petra where we had a leisurely lunch (in the rain) and then had a walk around (stopped raining by then) the wonderful ruins of Petra. Some of us chose to walk others (including Peter Lynn) decided to take the easy way by donkey.

Our hotel for the night was very good, and a very good meal was laid on for us on our return from Petra.

DAY 3 – Thursday

Onwards in the coach to Aqaba, lots to see on route. We arrived in Aqaba mid morning and the 5* hotel, Movenpick Aqaba, was excellent! Quick wash and brush up, then on to a restaurant for lunch – then afterwards to the flying site, where we met up again with our kites. The site was neither sand or grass but crushed rocks, and very dusty.

Managed to get a good fly, but all too soon it was time to pack up and make our way back to our hotel. The evening meal this time consisted on Dana's (the organiser) cousin making us all very welcome in her home and courtyard (especially as there were about 20+ of us and her friends/family also there). The Jordanians are extremely hospitable, they are so friendly and want to invite you to their homes.

DAY 4 – Friday

Back on the coach to the flying site, again met up with our kites. This time we had a good fly. The Flying Squad managed to fly their revs and also their North Shore Radicals along with a load of single line kites, for the start of the festival (10 am to 3 pm).

Lunch arrived in boxes with 3 different filled rolls, cold drink and fresh fruit.

By the way I should mention that the temperature in Aqaba was 70 degrees plus, and a good breeze was blowing down the beach, we had the sun facing us so had to use lots of sun factor 25! and drink lots of water (bottled).

In the afternoon, the wind sort of died, which was a shame as lots of kites then started floating out of the sky, Peter Lynn's large cat and fish were suffering with the rest of us. However, this was the time when we were asked to quickly get our kites back in the sky and the King had arrived – we all looked but could see anything – then we were informed he had come by boat and was off shore watching. As you can imagine, not much wind means not many kites in the sky apart from a few demented flyers running around trying to get the kites to fly! very hard work. After about 20 minutes the yacht then moved off and we could relax again.

Later in the afternoon (about 4.30 ish) we were back at the hotel, with time on our hands before being taken out in the evening, so Lisa and Matt and Tony and myself (plus a few buggy guys) decided to go swimming. It was excellent to swim in the pool, very restful. Tony decided to go swimming/snorkelling in the Red Sea (but unfortunately the fish had gone to bed by then! - never mind) the swim did us all good.

In the evening we were taken to the Royal Jordanian Yacht Club for dinner, which was excellent. They also had a large firework display going on, think this was because the day before (Thursday) it was the King's birthday and today (Friday) was a holiday. We then had a presentation for all the flyers by the organisers, which was a small plaque. The music they were playing during the evening was Arabic – then the music changed to 'Congratulations' to which we then laughed until I realised they were looking at Tony and myself – it was our 29th wedding anniversary – and they had slices of delicious chocolate cake plus candles (luckily only 1 per plate) – it was lovely – such a beautiful setting – can thoroughly recommend celebrating your anniversary there. We then shared our cake with the other fliers.

DAY 5 – Saturday

Today was going to be a long day, (this time we were flying for the officials and Royal Court, after the festival we were travelling back to Amman in the late afternoon).

Again arrived at the site, this time the wind was blowing quite strong – well compared to yesterday it was!

Set up our kites and took shelter in the tents that were set up for us. All around the perimeter of the flying site chairs had been placed and also just in front of where we were due to fly, lots of extremely soft and

Kites Over Jordan

comfy chairs had been placed for 'Court' officials.

We had a brilliant day of flying, however, I managed to break 2 kites (a Facet and a Kiteability Hexagon which just completely folded in half by the strength of the wind). I then rummaged in my kite bag and took out a Gill Bloom Della Porta flowered kite which took to the skies and flew brilliantly, especially with the sun shining through the back lighting up the flower design. Tony flew the 'BLAST' rokkaku to the delight of the crowd. We now also now know that Peter Lynn's large 'Cat' does not swim and had to be rescued at sea!!

Tony and the rest of the Flying Squad did their display, then Matt and Andy flew their stack of rev's with tails - lovely to watch - and the team then flew their kites to music - appreciated by all.

Late afternoon, again we were told that the King would be coming (again by boat) so this time we were ready. Alex was kite surfing, and then the King's boat arrived, to which Alex was doing great jumps and speed along the water with the kite. He then circled the yacht and got a good look at the people on board!!

The royal yacht was there for about ½ hour (or slightly longer) and we all flew. We know he enjoyed the fes-

tival the day before, the reason for knowing this is that I spoke with one of his aides (who I met on the plane) who said that the King enjoyed the display yesterday and 'it was a shame the wind had died but he fully appreciated that you could not fly in such little wind - but what he saw he liked'.

At about 6 pm, we were more or less all packed up and ready to go, we then had a long journey by coach to Amman. The stars at night in Jordan were really spectacular - such clear skies. We then stopped for a meal in a marvellous restaurant in Amman. As I said before - you could not fault the food at all - it was excellent the whole time during the trip.

We arrived at our hotel at about 11ish (or could have been midnight) (Days Inn) to which we retrieved our luggage and fell into bed.

DAY 6 - Sunday

Up early for breakfast before the coach to the Airport, then on the plane bound for home, tired but had an excellent time.

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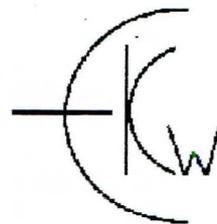
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Swindon Kite Festival—10th & 11th May

Lydiard Park, Swindon. Here we go again, it never seems to amaze me how quickly May comes around and it's time for our festival, plans are well underway for this year's event.

We have invited Bary Crites, from the west coast of the USA, Bary is Chairman of the Westport Windriders, (he is also a WHKF member) a kite club we have had a long association with; since 1991 when Janet, Doug Jones, Martin Croxton and myself; made our first trip to the USA, we were warmly welcomed by several members of the Windriders, and have remained friends with them ever since. Bary's speciality is spinning boxkites. This will be his first visit to the UK and he is very excited about it. We have also extended an invitation to Phil Broder; Phil is a board member of the American Kite Association. He was invited to Weymouth and contacted me when he found out our festival was the following weekend, I am looking forward to meeting him.

Lydiard is a large park to the west of Swindon, it's about 1 mile from junction 16 of the M4. Camping and caravanning is allowed on site, the fees are: £10 for caravans; £5 large tents; £3 small tents, these fees are for the weekend, access will be available from Friday PM (9/5/03) this will be a **FREE** festival, so you will **not** need a pass. The excellent fish & chip wagon will be there as well as the "Famous" George Pancake wagon. We will also have a licensed bar, supplied by Big Top Bars.

We will have two large arenas, one for large single line kites the other for demonstrations, if you are a team and want to "Show Your Stuff" bring along a cassette or CD of your music, and you will be more than welcome to demonstrate your skills. Unfortunately we can't allow buggying in the park, for safety reasons, however if you want to demonstrate your buggying skills in the arena, bring it along and contact Neil or myself.

The Saturday evening "social" will include the now famous; raffle, organised by Marla Miller from Tacoma, USA. Those of you who have met Marla will know she is the best "Ticket Chick" in the world; she recently rose, in excess of \$8000 in 3 days from, about; 150 people, at the Fort Worden Kite Makers retreat. *She is serious about raising money!* The raffle will be vital to the success of the festival. We have to pay a fee for the use of Lydiard, but want to put on a free festival. If you want to help us, please bring a raffle prize and buy lots of tickets over the weekend. If you are musical please bring an instrument, we are trying to organise a "Jam Session" as entertainment after the raffle. I am completely tone deaf so don't expect me to join in, if you know me, you will know I don't possess a comb, so I can't even join in on that!
.....**Oh yes bring lots of kites, to fly, as well!!!!**

If you have any questions my email address is darjer2@aol.com or tel: 01793 824208
Dave Robinson

Cleethorpes Kite Festival—17th & 18th May

If anyone is still considering attending this event and have not yet requested their car and/or camping pass they should contact Ann Megrath, 60 Bridges Road, Scuthorpe, North Lincs DN17 1NP.

Suffolk International Kite Festival – 17th & 18th May

10am to 5pm, at Rougham Airfield - 2 Miles East of Bury St Edmunds

All shapes and sizes of kites will be on display at this year's festival. This is the biggest kiting event ever held in East Anglia. This is 6th Suffolk Kite Festival and is staged jointly by the Suffolk Kite Flyers Club and the Friends of Rougham Airfield at the beautiful flying site of Rougham Airfield and is 'West Suffolk's Open Air Venue' 2 miles east of Bury St Edmunds.

For the first time the festival is going International and will be hosting the International 'Manja' Indian Fighter Kite Competition. Flyers from France, Germany, Holland and Belgium have already confirmed that they will be taking part.

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

This is a festival for all kiter's and also a great family day out and includes a full range of children's entertainment, fairground, kite workshops, sweet drops and competitions.

Adults will enjoy a visit to the Rougham Tower Museum where they will be able to witness the history of this famous USAAF air base with Blenheim Bombers, B-26 and B-17s aircraft.

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

A full main arena program is planned where you will be able to watch the professionals show their best kiting skills. This year's Teams include the well known Skydivers, Dark Star, Team Spectrum and the best of the UK Stack teams and individuals, Team Adrenalize will be giving a display of power Kiting and buggies - not for the faint hearted! And if the conditions are right a 'Man Lift' Not to be missed! Eastern Rocket Association will be also there with their fantastic model rocket display on Sunday

The British 'Manja' Indian Fighter Club will also be holding various UK competitions as well as the International competition described above throughout the weekend. These fantastic small kites are unbelievable to watch, see them dance in the sky and perform to your command. Competitors from Germany and Holland have already confirmed they are com-

Suffolk International Kite Festival (contd...)

ing and possibly flyers from France, Belgium and anyone else we can persuade to come! The competition is open to everyone. What ever your age, sex or experience this will be your chance to mix, talk and learn from some of the best flyers in Europe, including some of Britain's finest gladiators.

There will be Traders on site selling all types of Fighter Kites and accessories, so it is also a good chance to stock up.

So all you pilots (or would be pilots) come along on the days. It would be helpful, but not essential if you could let me know if you were coming along in advance. All facilities will be available on the festival site including free camping etc.

For further information on the Competition contact: Graham Jackson g.jackson4@ntlworld.com 01279 302816 (before 9 pm)

Finally, we are pleased to see the return of 'The Beccles Bunch' with their large inflatable kites. These kites are over 100 feet long and the team put on fantastic displays throughout Europe. This alone is a sight not to be missed and creates a wonderful backdrop to the festival.

Many kite clubs from the UK will also be attending with their members, many of which are kite professionals, showing of their kiting skills They are always willing to pass on their vast knowledge and give help to the general public in flying that

never flown kite you purchased a few year's ago.

Don't miss this fantastic FUN FAMILY DAY OUT in Suffolk. Event will be fully sign posted off the A14 - Ipswich to Cambridge road.

This will be an action packed event with one or two surprises; a sky full of color and the best flyers in the UK and Europe will be there to entertain you with their fantastic skills. A private firework display will be staged Saturday night for kite clubs, campers and participating and guess kite flyers.

For up to date information including camping arrangements, site layout, map location etc. please visit our web site www.skfc.co.uk or e-mail us at events@skfc.co.uk. Details of all events to held at Rougham are also available on www.roughamairfield.org. For all trade enquiries contact The Estate Office 01359 - 270238 or e-mail info@rouhamairfield.org

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Martin Corrie Chairman of the Suffolk Kite Flyers

Middle Wallop Kite Festival 24th—26th May

On the A343 Andover to Salisbury Road (Hampshire). 10 am to 5 pm both days.

It's all full steam ahead for the Middle Wallop Festival. The entrance fee is £2 per person (children under 16 get in for free, and the money goes to the upkeep of the Flying Museum-the same as in previous years). Camping is available on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings for a small fee, in the designated area, for those who want to stay on site. This year, we have booked toilets with hot water (!!) and lights for in the evening, luxury!

There will be a licensed Bar, with reasonable prices (including soft drinks and nibbles), as well as food traders, with George the pancake man (and his good lady wife, Jean) staying open later into the evening.

There are 800 acres of flying space, of which some will be allocated for buggying (this MUST be adhered to!). Please make sure that you have relevant B.B.C./ P.K.A Insurance if you are going to buggy/board. This year will see a registration area to ensure everyone adheres to the rules.

We will have a Kite Workshop for the kids, parachuting teddy bears, tandem buggy rides, and a general fly for all, no arenas, just lots of space. For all you single line fliers, bring your kites-large or small-and lets fill the sky with colours! Please come along and give us your support again, and look forward to seeing you there!!!

Contact Roy Broadley (Kites Up) 01256 812487 or Mike Shaw (BBC) 07768 765887 for any further details.

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Basingstoke Kite Festival - 7th & 8th June

At Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane, Basingstoke. 10 am to 5 pm both days.

Come along to our 11th Festival, (We must be doing something right!). The Theme for the weekend is the "Circus", and a prize will be awarded for the best themed kite, so let your imagination get carried away!.

Guests will be from home and abroad and apart from the display arena there will be the usual Children's Kite Workshop, parachuting teddy bears and lots of various Kite & Food trad-

ers. There will also be a raffle over the weekend with lots of donated kite related prizes - kite traders please take note! On Saturday evening, we will be having a get together in the marquee and everyone is welcome.

Camping is available on the Friday and Saturday evenings @ £5 for the weekend, showers included.

So come along and have a laugh and we look forward to seeing you there!!! Contact Alan Cosgrove 01256 421800 or Roy Broadley (Kites Up) 01256 812487.

Peterborough Kite Festival - 8th June

The 2003 festival will be the seventh. It will, as in previous years, be held on the Ferry Meadows Country Park, which is part of the Nene Park complex situated to the west of Peterborough. Great Ouse Kite Fliers have once again, been asked to organise the event.

There will be a full programme of arena events between 10am and around 5pm on Sunday 8th June. GOKF members intend to set out the arenas on the previous day and will have an informal fly-in if the weather is reasonable, but there will be no traders operating on that day.

As in previous festivals, there will be a select group of traders and refreshments are available from a café on the site. We intend to have displays by invited kitefliers and home grown talent. There will be plenty of chances for everyone to take

part in mass displays, particularly kites on a "Nature" theme. In addition to familiar events we want to "Paint the Sky Red" with a mass fly of red kites and there will be our own unique brand of fun fighting with pocket sleds. There is plenty of space for flying: there will be arenas for stunt kites, single line fliers and children, as well as the main display arena. That still leaves a lot of space for free flying. Every one will be sure of a warm welcome.

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 park charge (around £2.30) will apply.

For further details contact Peter West, GOKF Secretary, 27 Milton Way, Peterborough PE3 9AP. Tel: 01733 269687, email: gokf@btinternet.com. Or John Slater, GOKF Chairman, Tel: 01780 752503.

Bedford International Kite Festival - 28th & 29th June

The first Bedford International Kite Festival will take place in Russell Park on the above dates. Malcolm Goodman has already booked an impressive list of international guests for the event with other guests to yet be confirmed. Confirmed guests include:

Mikio Toki - Japan, the best Japanese kite master and artist. **Iqbal Husain** - Switzerland - renowned for his Centipede Kites, a Crocodile head with handbag as it's body, his Chicken complete with frying pans body which lays & drops eggs. A cows head with 70 beef burgers for the body, etc. **Robert and Heleen Valkenburgh** - Holland - famous for their Wind Gallery - Musical instruments powered by the wind. **Kirstin and Anke Sauer** - Germany - 2 Sisters who are very talented artists who make unique and original single and multiline kites. **Asghar Belim** - India - One of India's most famous Kite makers of traditional and modern kites. His family produce over 3 million kites a year. **Sim Sarak & Mrs. Cheang Yarin** - Cambodia - He is the Minister of Culture for Cambodia his wife Mrs. Cheang Yarin also works for the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts. They will be demonstrating the beautiful & cultural history of Cambodian kites which are fitted with wind harps that produce a wonderful musical tones when flown.

Alongside the various demonstrations in the arena will be a whole host of other attractions, food and drink, entertainment, music and kite stalls specialising in kite equipment, clothes and other accessories, hot air balloon nightglow and night kite flying. There will be a licensed bar open over the weekend.

Camping will be on Everard Meadow and will be free. The camp site is open on Friday morning 27th June and will be looked after by Mr J Larson. If you wish to camp please send you details to the address below and indicate how much space is required. Everard Meadow is approximately a 10 minute walk from the flying site. Arrangements will be in place for dropping off kites and equipment at Russell Park if it is too bulky to carry. A secure building will also be on Russell Park for anyone wishing to leave equipment and kites overnight. Overnight security will be in place.

The bar will be open on the evening of Friday 27th for kite fliers to come to Russell Park, see the site and collect their welcome pack. There will also be an auction on Saturday evening.

Contact Andy Pidgen, Events & Marketing Section, Bedford Corn Exchange, St Paul's Square, Bedford MK40 1SL. Tel: 01234 344813. Email: river.festival@bedford.btinternet.com

Sunderland International Kite Festival - 5th & 6th July

NORTHERN AREA PLAYING FIELDS, DISTRICT 12, WASHINGTON, TYNE & WEAR NE 37 3HR

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

We will host some of the Worlds best kite makers from Japan, China, Cambodia, India, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Holland, France, Belgium, USA and others who have yet to confirm - plus of course the best of British!

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

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

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

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

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

From the very first Festival of the Air it has been my aim to help kitefliers with their costs (I know how expensive it is attending kite festivals). This year the cost of accommodation has risen again and unfortunately we will have to make a small charge towards the cost of rooms at the **Washington Campanile** - £20 per twin room per night (we are charged £35 per night). We only have 30 rooms available this year - book early! We will not be using the Forge or the George Washington.

Free on site camping/parking places are limited and will be issued on 'first come first served basis'. Public car parking is £3 per car. For those camping - please arrive no earlier than Thursday afternoon on the 3rd.

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

Malcolm Goodman, Bluebell House, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Co Durham DL12 0QG. Tel: 01833 640584 (not after 8:00pm please).

Email: malcolm.goodman@virgin.net.. Web site www.kiteman.co.uk, Festival web site - www.sunderland.gov.uk/kitefestival

Malcolm Goodman

High Force Kite Festival - 16th & 17th August

The High Force Kite Festival will be the highest kite festival in England, located at High Force - Englands largest waterfall - which is 4 miles west of Middleton-In-Teesdale on the B6277 to Alston. The site is moorland situated by a car park and pub and will be held by kind permission of Lord Barnard and the Raby Estate.

Camping and car parking arrangements will be known by the time this is published so please contact Malcolm Goodman Tel: 01833 640584, email: malcolm.goodman@virgin.net.

Portsmouth Kite Festival - 23rd to 24th August

Wanted: Anyone with a plane type kite, Wright Flier, any Squadron Kite, Windy Kites B2 etc. To take part in a 100 years of powered flight, in kites. The display will take place during the Portsmouth Kite Festival. If you want to take part please send details of the kite you intend to fly to: Stephen Billings, 10 Howard Road, Wollaston, Wellingborough, Northants NN29 7QZ. Please put 'Sky Phantom' on the back of the envelope. Alternatively email skybear3@hotmail.com with 'Sky Phantom' as the subject.

New Control System

Floored By Internet Hacker

As some of you may be aware Carl works for a company at the leading edge of technology in the fibre optic and laser industry and builds various prototype units. Armed with his technical knowledge this winter's project was to build the first remote control kite using a laser beam guidance system. Normally winter months are spent making items for our displays and practicing new routines but this year we decided to enter kiting into the electronic age.

Reading an article on the launch of a new trick kite with a sliding weight system in the centre spar and sitting waiting at the vet's whilst one of our dogs was getting some treatment we were speaking to a gent who was having his pet micro chipped. This gave us the idea and with Carl's technical skills we decided to develop an electronic method of controlling the kites thus allowing our displays to be perfect every time. Also there was a benefit of the spin off for other teams and the added bonus of the system being directly connected to the PA music by a fibre optic link. The system was designed to work by means of a small micro chip placed in the hollow core of the centre spar and internal electronics being used in the frame to move small weights in the leading edge spars thus taking over control of the kite from the flyer by the use of a sophisticated computer programme.

At the end of last season we put the kites up for the winter break and we set about designing and developing the system as we were certain that it would take a few months to develop and build the prototype let alone the actual item. Little did we know at this stage that all our efforts were to be floored by an unknown internet hacker and through this article it may serve as a warning to others to keep their inventions a closely guarded secret before actually publishing them or openly speaking about them?

Working on the principle that the front section of the car roof box would be used to house the guidance system with the computer wiring concealed through the roof rack supports back to a laptop in the glove compartment we first started to develop and build the operating system. It soon became apparent that one problem here would be to ensure that the car was always facing the arena thus allowing the laser beams to be picked up by the micro chips in the kites. Following a couple of month's hard work the prototype system was ready for testing on the flying field.

During testing we did have some difficulties in lining up the two laser beams which was quickly solved

with Carl lying in the roof box whilst I drove around the field allowing him to line up the beams in the direction of the wind window and the kites. With the guidance system now fully tested and working we set about building the micro chips, electronics and weights in the kites which actually took some time to get right. Throughout this period Carl was building a website and programming the computer software. Some of the early advances in the actual flying routine software can be seen on our homepage (www.teamspectrum.org.uk) but this was where our problem started when an internet hacker got to work. Unfortunately, like nearly every other team we made the classic mistake of assuming that what was on paper (or in this case electronically in the computer) would actually work on the flying field.

All the routines were entered into the computer and the software was downloaded into the guidance system ready for the new season with a launch date set for the system of before noon on 1/4/2003. With this in mind we dusted off the kites following the winter break fitted the micro chips and electronics to a pair of display kites ready for our first practice session. Arriving on the flying field it soon became apparent that something was seriously wrong. The **Advance Programmed Remote Intelligent Lasers and Full Operating Overview Logic** programme set up on the computer had suffered a complete failure as a result of interference from an unknown internet hacker.

This was the only explanation that I could come up with because during this year's first practice session using the new routines designed on the computer and new guidance system we were seen by some onlookers who reported our display as **Completely Ridiculous And Positively** in need of some serious re-programming before the new season commenced. At this point we realised that we should abandon the new laser guidance system and fly the kites in the normal way in the hope that by the start of the new season we would actually be ready to carry out some sort of reasonable display.

I still think that the problem was caused by the internet hacker who got into the programming system, but Carl insists it is caused by my age and lack of memory from last year.

Bryan & Carl – Team Spectrum

P.S. At least the first line is 100% correct Carl's job is designing and building prototypes in the optics industry.

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From Dan Leigh

Thanks for yet another very interesting issue. You know how, when something appears in print it somehow becomes set in stone, as it were.

Referring to the two Conyne drawings on p18 of issue 94, there are a couple of things I would like to clarify, just for the record.

The right hand drawing originated from Harold Alexander (USA) and was meant to illustrate how he would modify the original 1908 Conyne, at the left, using the proportions John Loy worked out over a period of years. They didn't often use non-porous ripstop, but the newer version with bigger central opening would likely be better for such cloths. The kite was never built, and so the dimensions shown mustn't be taken as gospel.

John Loy found that on kites he built, confirmed by Harold Alexander, he preferred to set the front edge of the front cells back from the front edge of the top panel of the cell by a certain percentage. Thy thought in terms of efficiency, judged by flying angle comparisons of otherwise identical kites both with and without the cutback; flown on identical line. I never noticed any particular difference myself on the few Conynes I flew, except that on my rip-stop versions there would be less cell flutter when the top panels overhung the cell sides. This could apply to both front and rear cells, and gave an overall cleaner appearance. Whether it's convenient or not to do depends on the construction techniques; whether it is necessary at all depends more on personal taste than anything else.

I want to eradicate forever the idea that Conyne bridles should be tied to the front edges of each cell. Tying the bridle to each cell front edge has the advantage of tensioning those edges so that they are less likely to flutter. But for any standard Conyne configuration, having the front leg tied on at the very front of the front cell leads to a practical problem; in a strong gust the pull can be so hard the towing ring slips forward to where the kite is no longer stable. This has happened to me twice. One time the kite (an Alick Pearson 4 foot pilot) dove onto the roof of the big hotel bordering Kensington Gardens SW of the Round Pond. The solution was to move the front leg back away from the front edge, so when the kite pulls hard, the pull is more directly vertical on the front leg and the ring won't tend to slip. It may look odd with the front leg tied a couple of inches from the rear of the front cell, but it works.

When the kite turns and the flier pull on the line, the further that the front leg is out to the front the better the kite responds to said tugs, but if the towing ring slips along the bridle the kite becomes uncontrollable. So, the word is test, and test again. As for the rear leg – you see them tied to the cell front, the rear of the cell, the middle or anywhere in between. Forward tends to give more stability, other positions may give better cell tension, depending on the stiffness of the spine stick, the stretch of the fabric and so forth. Again, test fly.

Paul Chapman says:

I really enjoyed George's article "Kites for a Purpose". His article raises lots of topics for discussion (George - you must drop in for a serious session one day). Perhaps I can add a little.

To answer the question about American Manlifting systems. Lieutenant Wise is the man. He used trains of Marvin type box kites. There is a good description in James Wagenvoord 'Flying Kites' (1968). He used a rather strange system that involved two trains of two kites each in tandem; one train was trained to fly to the left and the other to the right. A ring formed the junction of the train lines. A pulley also ran from the ring and the brave kiteonaut was duly hoisted into the aether. Apparently Wise used his system to raise a camera to photograph the Spanish fleet in the Spanish-American War of 1898. As far as I know his manlifting system was not adopted. Another American man lifter was Israel Ludlow. He sat inside his huge kite as it was towed aloft on Ormond Beach, Florida sometime around 1906. His description of the structural collapse and aftermath is instructive - he wrote from his hospital bed!

The relationship between Eddy, Woglom, Conyne etc is fascinating but really difficult to access. They all knew each other and from what I can gather Eddy was not altogether the person that I would like to spend an afternoon with on the flying field. There is a very interesting set of bound letters in the Library of Congress in Washington DC where the arguments rage. Unfortunately the document is one of the very few that cannot be photocopied. Conyne went on to promote his concept of flying machines but his real legacy is his wonderful soft cell system for kites. It enabled naval kite operations because of the ease with which the kites could be struck down onto the ship's deck. Gillman's patented kite (the one that became the famous Brookite) was used by Marconi to loft the wireless aerial during his trials from the Princesse Mafalda in 1910. The Brookites raised the aerial to 800 metres and enabled the ship to communicate from Argentina to Clifden in Ireland and also to Glace Bay in Canada.

One of the earliest experimenters with wireless communications was the Royal Navy and, naturally, S F Cody became involved. He designed a special kite for lifting aerals. This is what we call the Cody Compound or Lozenge-Cruciform kite. Much later Brookite supplied the Royal Navy with special Conyne variants that could be erected in the confines of a submarine conning tower and flown for wireless communications.

George asks a couple of questions at the end of the article. The question about box kite inventors is an interesting one because it asks what is meant by a box kite. Hargrave came up with a double celled arrangement that Marvin and his Blue Hill co-workers turned into a 'properly trussed' structure. I am sure Clayton's Blue Hill kite had a greater influence on the Wright Brothers although both were described in James Means Aeronautical Annuals of the late 1890s. But what about single celled boxes? Moebebeck (1907) refers to the Hamburg Slat kites of 1901;

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are Lecornu's wine rack kites earlier? Incidentally Lecornu spelt his name this way rather than LeCornu. I have an original letter signed by him! And then there is the box kite trussing system. Who first came up with the exoskeletal system? The cruciform part of the Cody Compound is externally braced as were the kites of Lucien Icx. This concept leads ultimately to the very different Facet/Snowflake genre.

The question about ancestry is a good one too. Madiot, Grund and Nejdansky (he worked under Kuznetsov at Kutchino) all made unique contributions for a variety of reasons; the Grund is especially interesting because it articulates the rear cell to counter the effects of gusts. Babjuk (in Russian, 1930s) is a good source on information

on these kites, and others too.

Perhaps there is another question to add to George's list. Does anyone know what happened to the records of the original Kite and Model Aeroplane Association? Thanks George for another excellent contribution that has had me wallowing in my archives for hours.

Now to something else. Before I get accused of being spineless please can I correct the drawing of the Pipa fighter kite in the Aerodyne section. The original drawing showed a 5mm bamboo spine down the centreline of the kite. The kites were being flown at Dieppe and I managed to bring a few back. They look a bit strange but dance in the sky beautifully.

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The Press

From The Times newspaper – Friday March 14th 2003.

Kenneth Sams – Historian who tried to influence the course of the Vietnam War but had more success with kite design. A familiar figure to Londoners and tourists alike, flying the shimmering holographic UFO SAM kite from Westminster Bridge or over the Round Pond in Kennington, Ken Sams was the man who invented and patented the rotating kite. Often directing a steady stream of would-be purchasers to Hamleys or The Kite Store, he was a tourist attraction in his own right. When his kite flew close to the Millennium Wheel, the cameras would quickly home in. A supposed UFO sighting in 1992 resulted from his flights from Primrose Hill and received television and press coverage. Usually, though, when UFO sightings were reported to the local police they would respond that it was just "the phantom UFO pilot of old London town".

The Times goes on to describe his life from his birth in Pennsylvania, Feb 9th 1922, working for the BBC World Service, his role in Vietnam and his interest in Organic and wholefood.

It concludes "He also redesigned the Rolloplane, using modern materials and the patented result, the UFO SAM kite, was a genuine advance in the world of kites". He died on January 30 2003 aged 80.

From The Telegraph - 17th of January 2003

Kite Duels are spark for rioting in Gujarat.

At least 15 people were injured in clashes between Hindus and Muslims after an annual kite flying contest in the Gujarat state, western India. Police opened fire and used teargas to disperse mobs that attacked each other in several places throughout Gujarat, a day after the Uttarayan kite festival. "Most of the clashes followed arguments and altercations related to flying kites," a senior policeman

said – adding that the situation was now under control.

In Ahmedabad, multi-coloured kites flown from roof tops of homes in the walled city area blot out the sky for weeks in the run up to the final day of the annual festival. Police said that at least 35 people flying kites were injured after falling from roof tops and 30, including some on bikes and motor bikes, were cut on their hands, neck and face by the lethal kite thread. "Isolated incidents of clashes between Hindus and Muslims are common during the kite flying festival but last years riots have exacerbated the situation," police said.

The Definite Article: Chanel Kite. From the Sunday Telegraph magazine – 26th January 2003. Dedicated followers of fashion's follies would be forgiven for assuming that this latest creation by Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel is some sort of hat, or a skimpy dress. But, in fact, the kite shaped object is – astonishingly – a kite. According to Chanel, it has been designed so that we can "run on the beach and play in the wind" just as Coco did. While it is not much good to those who prefer sitting in the sun with a book never fear the Chanel deckchair cannot be far away. To Order from £80, from Chanel London.

Humpty Dumpty - New Inflatable Kite by Jim Rowlands

As promised in last year's October edition of Kiteflier, the first of two new inflatable kites by Jim Rowlands planned for this year is now available. Humpty Dumpty started out as most designs do, as a rough sketch on a scrap of paper, which then gets lost and almost forgotten. Developed into a production kite during the past four months, totally soft, Humpty is 3.2 metres long (10ft) and 120 cms (4ft) at its widest. We have had fun flying the prototypes and to much to our surprise, people recognise the character shape without needing to be told, with an obvious egg shaped body, waistcoat and dangling legs.

For pictures see our website www.inflightkites.co.uk/kites or www.wigsleywings.fsnet.co.uk

Enjoys steady winds from about 8 mph and is capable of

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flying at a high angle of elevation. Comes with egg shaped drogue and good sized storage bag. Fly on 200 lb lines. Limited customisation and colour schemes, to produce an individual design,. Order direct Price £175.00 inc postage.

Our next design, an abstract shape rather than a character is almost ready, but likely to offered as a freebie - ie non copyright . Announcements will be made on in our website newsletter later in the year.

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Night Flying: What to use? Well as a follow up to Team Spectrums excellent piece on safety with night flying.

We are pleased to announce that Dunstable Kites are now stocking reflective tape as used in safety jackets it can be sewn into any creation you can think of and comes in two different sizes:

1" wide is	90p per metre
2" wide is	£1.30 per metre

And is also available on rolls of 100 metres on request. Also we are still carrying the Nite-Fly electroluminescent kits, which you may have seen in use at Portsmouth on our Odyssey 3001 and various other festivals over the past two years. Basically it is an electronic control box with four lengths of flexible neon wire one metre long protruding from the end it can be attached in many different ways even sewn in if you so wish to do so. They currently retail at £50 but mention this article to get a set for £40. We still can't find glow in the dark ground stakes yet but we will keep looking. ;->

Well here's to another excellent years flying and I hope to see you all at the festivals (Mine's a Beer).

Joe Brown (Dunstable Kites)



LOTTERY AWARD BOOST FOR SUFFOLK KITE FLYERS

At the AGM of the Suffolk Kite Flyers held on the 24th Jan 2003, Martin Corrie the reinstated club Chairman was pleased to announce to the members that the club had received the fantastic news that we had received a Lottery Grant of £2,234. We are thrilled to get this award and for a group/club like ours this is a large sum of money.

'Awards For All' is a joint scheme providing lottery grants to local organisations and community groups. It is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Arts Council of England, Community Fund, New Opportunities Fund and Sports England.

The grant will enable the club to purchase a new club/workshop tent, club banners, car trailer and various kites for displays and for use by the general public.

The Suffolk Kite Flyers will also be able to promote kite flying as a safe and healthy hobby where the fuel is free

and can be enjoyed by all age groups, races, and disabilities. We will also continue to support local events and hold kite workshops at local schools and groups etc. For full details of the 'Awards For All' scheme, visit www.awardsforall.org.uk .

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Princes and paupers, all pull strings

From Rajtourism.com: While the Indian subcontinent was burning in the flames of Partition, history has it that Hindus and Muslims of Jaipur were fighting it out for the dominance in the sky. At 85, Nizam Bhai does not have too many memories of that 'dangal of tukkal' (fight of the kites) that kept the city busy, and miles away from the Partition madness, during 1947. But he still remembers that his team had won.

"I was representing the Hindus, who had promised me a tin of badam ka halwa as prize", remembers Bhai. "My kite remained unbeaten in the air for 48 days, and when the Muslims finally gave up, there was celebration all around. The Muslims were the first to hug me." That September 1947 day in the Bhattion Ki Basti of the walled city, was one of the milestones in the history of kites. A history that is almost as old as Jaipur. Legend has it that Maharaja Sawai Ram Singh once decided to entertain the wind god like no one else had. He would play with him, the Maharaja decided. Bright, colourful kites were instantly designed and flown in the sky.

During those days, kites were called tukkals. The Maharaj used to invite designers and kite-fliers from all over the world and then organise competitions in the jungles surrounding Amer. An entire cavalry from his army used to be deployed for bringing back the kites that crossed the jungle.

Kite-flying competitions used to be organised till the third quarter of the 20th century. Kite-fliers used to come from every part of the country for the championships in Jaipur. The kites were used as gladiators who used to enter the Sah ki kushti(battle of the thread). The participants used to give dheel (thread) to their kites till they disappeared from site, and then place bets on the kites.

Master kite-fliers used to be treated as heroes then. "People used to watch Dilip Kumar Sahab's films and my skills, that was all they cared for during those days." All that has changed now. Nizam Bhai, along with his long time foe, Munni Bhai, are the only living members of that tribe of kite-fliers. Sah ki kushti has become a mere memory as people now believe more in keeping their kites flying short. "Earlier people used to fly kites for three months before Sakranti. Kite flying as a hobby has died. What has remained of it is just a festival," says Madho Lal, who has a kite shop at the Ajmeri gate.

"TV killed the kite. It's no longer fun to sell and fly them. It's mere business," he said.

Events List

April		
20	Streatham Kite Day, Streatham Common, London	www.reeddesign.co.uk/streatham.htm
19-21	Alcester & Worcester Kitefliers Easter Kite Festival, Worcester Country-side Park.	ag.lg@virgin.net
26-27	Buckingham Kite Festival, Stowe Gardens,	White Horse Kite Fliers
27	Calke Abbey kite Day, Calke Abbey, Ticknall, Melbourne, Derbyshire	M.K.F.
May		
4-5	Weymouth International Beach Kite Festival, Weymouth Beach, Dorset	The Kite Society
4-5	East Yorkshire Garden & Kite Festival, Beverley Racecourse.	M.K.F.
10-11	Swindon Kite Festival, Lydiard Park, Swindon.	White Horse Kite Fliers
11	Poole Kite Picnic, Baiter Park, Poole, Dorset.	Richard Nourse.
17-18	Suffolk International Kite Festival and STACK UK Championships, Rougham Airfield, Bury St Edmunds	Martin Corrie
17-18	Cleethorpes Kite Festival, Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire.	Barbara Allen 01472 323004
24-26	Middle Wallop Kite Festival, nr Andover, Hants.	Kites Up
24-26	Tewkesbury Kite Fun Weekend	Paul Collins 01684 297242
June		
7-8	Margam Park, Kite Festival, South Wales. (Provisional)	Scruffs
7-8	Basingstoke Kite Festival, Down Grange Sports Complex, Basingstoke.	Alan Cosgrove -01256 421800
8	Peterborough Kite Festival, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough.	Great Ouse Kite Fliers
14-15	Teston Bridge Picnic Site, Maidstone, Kent.	Kiteability
21-22	Southampton Kite Festival, Lordshill, Southampton.	Michael Lowe
21-22	Fylde International Kite Festival, Lytham St Anne's, Lancs.	Phil Womack
28-29	Bedford International Kite Festival, Russell Park, Bedford.	01234 343992
28-29	Shrewsbury Kite & Boomerang Festival, Sundorne Playing Fields, Shrewsbury.	jj@kites-in-shrewsbury.co.uk
July		
5-6	Chale Kite Festival, Isle of Wight. (Provisional)	chalekites@btopenworld.com
5-6	Sunderland International Kite Festival, Washington, Tyne & Wear.	Malcolm Goodman
6	Rockingham Kite Fun Day	White Horse Kite Fliers
12-13	Brighton Kite Festival, Stanmer Park, Brighton.	Simon Hennessey
12-13	Barmouth Kite Festival, Barmouth Beach, Wales.	felt@jon2c.freemove.co.uk
19-20	7th Kennet Valley Kite Festival, Henwick Worthy Sports Ground, Thatcham, Berks.	kreativekites@btclick.com 01635 528 400
19-20	Hereford Kite Festival, Kingstone High School, Kingstone, Hereford	Karl Longbottom 01981 550326
27	Petworth Kite Festival, Petworth Park, Sussex	Joanna Mersey
26-27	Tewkesbury International Kite Festival.	Paul Collins 01684 297242
27	Dunstable Kite Festival, Dunstable Downs.	Dunstable Kites
August		
8	Royston Kite Festival, Therfield Heath, Royston, Herts.	01223 207213
9-10	Teston Bridge Picnic Site, Maidstone, Kent.	Kiteability
9-10	Middle Wallop Kite Festival, nr Andover, Hants.	Kites Up
10	Stockton On Tees Kite Festival	Malcolm Goodman
17	Kites over Capstone, Capstone Country Park, Gillingham, Kent	secretary@seks.org.uk
16-17	High Force Kite Festival, Middleton-in-Teesdale	Malcolm Goodman
16-17	Coventry Kite Festival, Memorial Park, Coventry.	M.K.F.
23-25	Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Southsea Common, Hampshire	The Kite Society
30-31	Bristol International Kite Festival, Ashton Court, Bristol.	Avril Baker
31	Hunstanton Kite Festival.	Bryan Cattle
September		
7	Whitley Bay Kite Festival	Malcolm Goodman
13-14	Hartlepool Kite Festival	Malcolm Goodman

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Force Nine Kites	40/42 High Street, Clacton, Essex CO15 1UQ	01255 221059	Sales@fnk.co.uk
Michael Lowe	44 Bellemoor Road, Shirley, Southampton, Hants SO15 7QU	023 8077 0788	
Bryan Cantle	21 Shepherds Close, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge CB1 4HP.		
Kiteability	45 Windsor Road, Welwyn, Herts, AL6 9JY		
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Dunstable Kites		01582 662779	sales@dunstable-kites.co.uk
White Horse Kite Fliers	P O Box 585, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 4YR	01793 824208	Cowpat.ed@whkf.org.uk
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Phil Womack		07957 308734	Fylde@fly.to
Andrew Pidgen		024 7232 3004	
Kreative Kites		01635 528400	creativ.kites@argonet.co.uk
Avril Baker	5 Lilymead Avenue, Wells Road, Totterdown, Bristol BS4 2BY	0117 977 2002	nfo@abc-pr.co.uk
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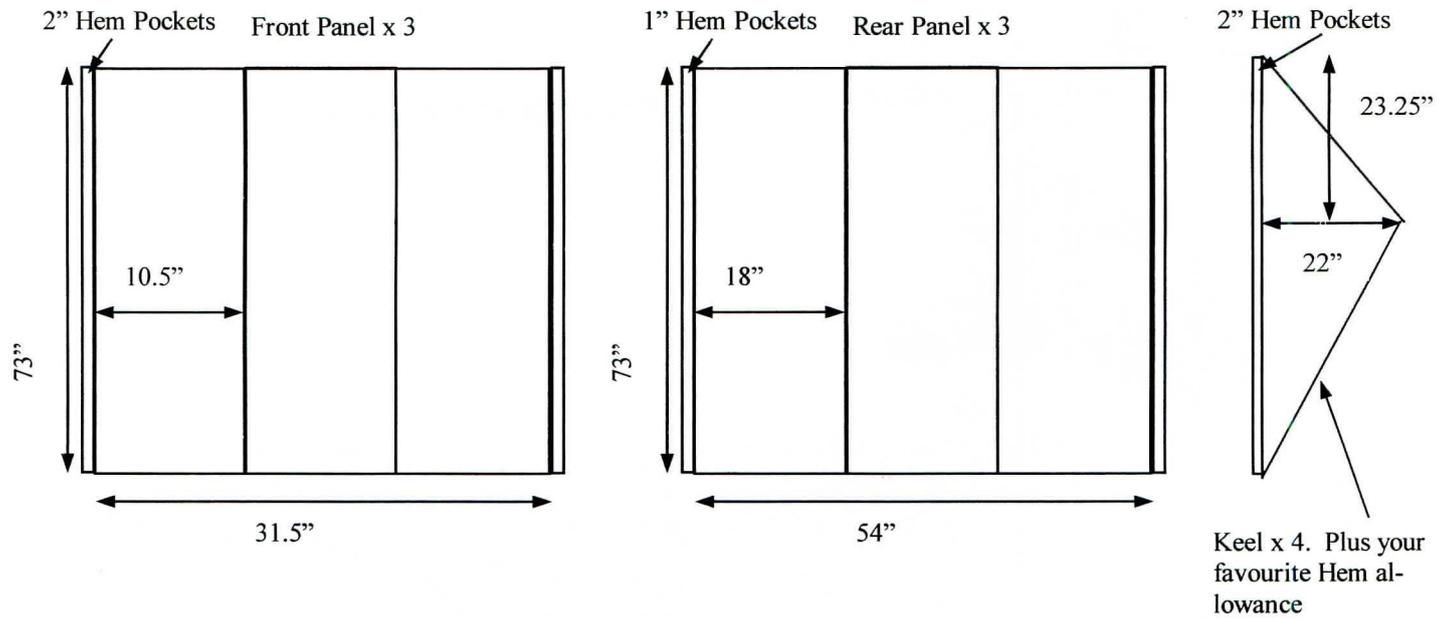
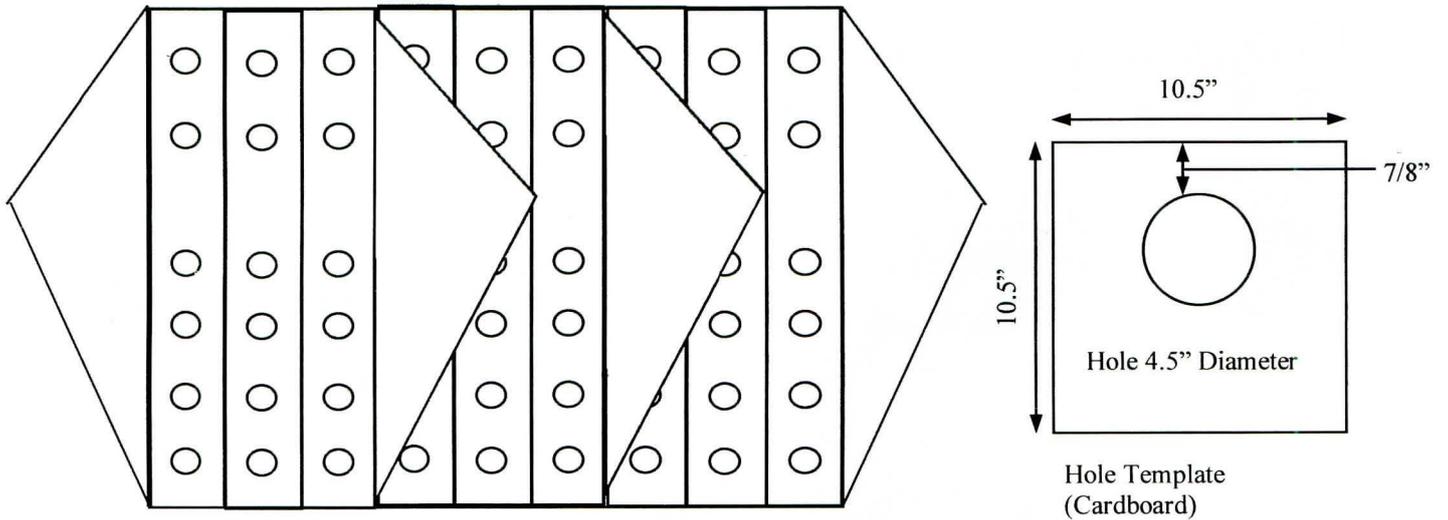
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I was first put onto this Helen Bushell Sled by Vi Weeks who told me that the plan was in Margaret Gre- gers book "More Kites For Everyone". Margaret, by the way, turned the original kite into a double sled. Vi said that in the size given by Margaret 40" tall, the flute was quite a good Fauna lifter, and could probably be scaled up. By writing to Capt Dick Wightman of Rainbear fame I discovered that he had done just that, in a variety of ways, I.e. very narrow or wide flutes and the ability to add or subtract panels quite easily.



The dimensions given are basically Capt Dicks, but I increased the width of the rear flutes to 18". The 2" hems on the front panels were used to create the longeron sleeves, the longerons themselves are via 1/2" or 12mm dowel tensioned with string. The outer bridles are a 30ft loop and the inners are 28.5ft approx. My bridle is 500lb line, but as my kite construction is of the 4lb hammer and brick bolster school this is OTT. This kite seems to like a fair George Raft as at Pompey '94, and it pulls like a train. Those of you who are eagle eyed will see that I've drawn the hole template upside down (Wally) the dimen- sions are correct though. My mod? When I did a 40" version, I noticed strain on the holes in line with the keel points, so on the biggy I deleted one row of holes so it now has only 54.

John Barker

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

The details have been updated based upon a questionnaire sent out in February 2003. Entries based upon the return of the questionnaire are marked (03).

Discount, where shown, is available only to Kite Society members. If you find that a Kite retailer is not listed, or the details are incorrect, please let us know.

Classification			
S	Shop	SL	Single Line
W	Wholesaler	MK	Sport and Multi Line
R	Retailer	BK	Books and Magazines
F	Festival Trader	KM	Kite Making Materials and accessories
M	Manufacturer	BG	Buggies and Equipment
O	Mail Order	SK	Surf Kites and Equipment
C	Printed Catalogue	PK	Power Kites and equipment
L	Online Catalogue	ST	Kite School and Training
		JG	Juggling Equipment
		ALL	All of the Above

Bedfordshire

Dunstable Kites (03) [S/W/R/F/O/C/L]

23 Great Northern Road, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU4 0YN
01582 662779

Fax: 01582 666374

kites@dunstable-kites.co.uk

www.dunstable-kites.co.uk

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www.kreativekites.co.uk

Tradewind Kites (03)

[S/R/O/L]

23 Harris Arcade, Reading, Berkshire RG1 1DN

0118 956 8848

Fax: 0118 959 8755

sales@tradewind-kites.demon.co.uk

www.tradewindkites.com

9:30 - 5:30 Mon - Sat

[ALL]

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Bristol

Bristol Kitestore (03)

[S/R/F/O/C/L]

39a Cotham Hill, Bristol BS6 6JY

0117 974 5010

Fax: 0117 973 7202

info@kitestore.co.uk

www.kitestore.co.uk

10:00 - 6:00 Mon - Fri.

9:30 - 5:30 Sat

[ALL]

Cash - 10% CC - 7%

Nick James Kitemaker (03)

[W/R/M/O/C]

58 Springfield Avenue, Horfield, Bristol BS7 9QU

0117 951 1247

nickjames@blueyonder.co.uk

10 - 6

[SL]

Kite workshops in schools.

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T.K.C. Sales Ltd

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0870 870 0150

Fax: 0870 870 0151

sales@tkcsales.co.uk

www.tkcsales.co.uk

Buckinghamshire

Mullin Kites (03)

[S/W/R/M/O/L]

21c The Maltings, School Lane, Amersham, Bucks HP7 0ES
01494 431726

Fax: 01494 431726

info@mullinkites.co.uk

www.mullinkites.co.uk

Mon - Fri 10.30am - 5:30pm

Saturday 10.00am - 5.30pm.

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Discount available.

Cambridgeshire

Flexifoil International Ltd (03)

[M/C]

27 Regal Drive, Soham, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 5BE

01353 723131

Fax: 01353 722311

Info@flexifoil.com

www.flexifoil.com

9:00am - 3:00pm Mon to Fri

[MK/BG/PK]

Kiteshop (03)

[S/R/O/L]

1c/d Arbury Road, Cambridge, Cambs CB4 2JB

Kiteshop@email.com

www.kiteshop.uk.com

10am to 6pm

[ALL]

Mountainboards

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Wind Designs (03)

[W/O/C]

Unit 5, Century Park, Lynn Road, Chettisham, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB6 1SA
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Fax: 0870 870 6665
sales@wind-designs.com
www.wind-designs.com
8:00 - 5:30
[ALL]
Selection of toys.

Co Durham

The Kiteman (03)

[R/O/L]

Bluebell House, Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, Co Durham DL12 0QG
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Cornishkites@mulliononline.com
www.mulliononline.com
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justkites@aol.com
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X-treem Air

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01736 360530
Andy@x-treem-air.com

Devon

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[S/R/O]

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www.atlantic-action.com
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[M/O/C/L]

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01837 53315
Fax: 01837 53223
Mon - Thu 8:30am - 4:45pm.
Friday 8:30am - 1:45pm
chris@brookite.com
www.brookite.com
[MK/SL/KM/PK]
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Kite Buggy School

Cymorth, Silver Street, Braunton, Devon EX33 2EN
01271 812465
alistair@kitebuggyschool.
freeserve.co.uk
www.kitebuggyschool.freeserve.co.uk

Mission Adventuresport (03)

[S/R/O/L]

Bank Lane, Brixham, Devon TQ5 8EX
01803 855796
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sales@kitebiz.com
www.kitebiz.com
Mon - Sat 9:30 - 5
[ALL]
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Dorset

Hengistkites (03)

[S/R/M]

Hengistbury Post Office, 106 Broadway, Southbourne, Dorset BH6 4BH
01202 424889
Fax: 01202 424889
hengistkites@hengistkites.com
www.hengistkites.com
6:30am - 5:30 Mon-Sat. Sunday 6:30 - 12:00 (winter)
6:30 - 1:00 (summer)
[SL/MK/BM/KM/BG/PK]
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[W/R/F/M/O]

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Paracademy@aol.com
www.paracademy.co.uk

Essex

FNK Limited (03)

[W/C]

42 High Street, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO15 1UQ
01255 434116
Fax: 01255 434116
sales@fnk.co.uk
10am to 4pm Mon - Fri
[MK/SL/PK]
Catalogue - trade only

Kiteworld Limited (03)

[S/R/F/O/L]

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Fax: 01481 715405
carl@trick-of-the-eye-kites.co.uk
www.trick-of-the-eye-kites.co.uk
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Hampshire

Kites Up (03)

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[W/O/C]

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www.airdynamics.co.uk

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Ireland**Mobilekiteshop.com**

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info@mobilekiteshop.com
www.mobilekiteshop.com

Jersey**Conjuring Kites Ltd (03)**

Also known as Seakites.

[S/R/O]

17 Cheapside, St Helier, Jersey JE2 3PG
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[S/W/R/F/O/L]

3 Oxford Street, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1DB
01227 264722
Fax: 01227 264722
andy@kitesandthings.com
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Mon-Sat:9am-5pm
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Fax: 01253 870000
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10am to 6pm
[ALL]
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[W/R/F/M/O/C/L]

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9am - 5:30pm Mon - Sat
[MK/SL/BK/KM/BG/PK]
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The Kite Store Ltd (03)

[S/R/O/C]

48 Neal Street, London WC2H 9PA
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. 11:00 - 5:00 Sunday (December only)
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[M/L]

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01895 823315
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john_dot@lineone.net
www.dotkites.co.uk
Anytime
[MK/SL]

Inter Active Kites (03)

[M/O/C]

36 Lawrence Drive, Ickenham, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB10 8RW
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[S/R/F/O]

Unit 8A, Coquetdale Enterprise
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ble, Northumberland NE65 OPE
01665 714777

Fax: 01665 714777

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[MK/SL/KM/BG/SK/PK/ST]

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Kiteonland (R Marks & Co Ltd.) (03)

[F/O/L]

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www.intowind.com

Bike and Buggy (03)

[S/R/O]

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10 - 5 Closed Wed and Sun.

[MK/SL/BG/PK]

Cash - 10% CC - 10%

PKD UK Distribution (03)

[W/M/L]

30 Murrayfield Gardens, Edin-
burgh EH12 6DF

0131 313 4353

Fax: 0131 313 1353

roger@pkdkites.co.uk

www.pkdkites.co.uk

[MK/PK]

Wholesale only.

The Wind Wizard (03)

[S/R/O]

261 Mary Hill Road, Glasgow
G20 7YB

0141 332 8407

Fax: 0141 332 8407

thewindwizard@hotmail.com

www.thewindwizard.co.uk

Mon - Sat: 9:30 - 18:00.

[ALL]

Mountainboards.

Cash - 10%

Wind and Water

Burghers Close, 141 South
Street, St Andrews, Fife KY16
9UN

01334 460600

Fax: 01334 460616

Sales@wind-and-water.co.uk

www.wind-and-water.co.uk

Shropshire

SkyBums Kite Design and Manufacture

7 Sunnyfields, Bell Lane,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2
5EW

01743 244677

Kites@skybums.freeserve.co.uk

www.skybumskites.co.uk

10am-6pm Closed Mon

Somerset

Kite-n-Buggy Co (03)

[S/R/O]

Dimmer, Castle Cary, Somer-
set BA7 7NR

01963 351482

ken@kennyskites.fsnet.co.uk

There most days - call first.

[MK/SL/KM/BG/SK/PK/ST]

Kite workshops for large and
small groups.

Small Wonders (03)

[S/R/O]

19 Lower Middle Street, Taun-
ton, Somerset TA1 1SF

01823 254368

Mon - Sat 10:00 - 5:00

[MK/SL]

Cash - 10% CC - 10%

Surrey

Naseem

58 High Street, Walton-On-
Thames, Surrey KT12 1BY
01932 252560

Fax: 01932 252560

naseemweb@aol.com

With Flying Colours Ltd

(03)

[S/R/O]

9 Wharf Road, Frimley Green,
Camberley, Surrey GU16 6LE
01252 836241

Fax: 01252 838361

www.withflyingcolours.co.uk

9am - 2pm & 3pm - 5:30pm

Mon - Fri. 10am - 5pm Sat.

[MK/SL/BK/KM/BG/SK/PK/JG]

Paragliding Equipment and
some clothing.

Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Sussex (East & West)

Air Born Kites

42 Gardner Street, Brighton,
East Sussex BN1 1UN

01273 676740

Fax: 01273 676752

sales@airbornkites.co.uk

www.airbornkites.co.uk

Carousel Kites

23/24 New Broadway, Tarring
Road, Worthing BN11 4HP

01903 212002

Fax: 01903 821678

alex@aol.com

www.carouselkites.co.uk

Coastguard Kites (03)

[R/O/M/L]

East Grinstead, West Sussex
08702 401018

info@coastguard-kites.com

www.coastguard-kites.com

[ALL]

Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Hooked on Kites

17 King Edward Avenue, Hast-
ings TN34 2NG

01424 721872

Fax: 0870 7065530

sales@hooked-on-kites.co.uk

www.hooked-on-kites.co.uk

Kites on Board (03)

[S/R/O/L]

54 Cinque Port Street, Rye,
East Sussex TN31 7AN

01797 229453

Fax: 01797 229454

Shop@kitesonboard.com

www.kitesonboard.com

Summer 11 - 5 every day.

Winter closed Tues and Wed

[ALL]

Kitesurf School (B.K.S.A. Ap-
proved). Clothes and toys.

Cash - 5% CC - 5%

Mac Fighter Kites (03)

[W/R/F/M/C]

3 The Avenue, Hambrook,
Chichester, PO18 8TZ

01243 576425

Mac@mcleodm.fsnet.co.uk

www.macfighterkites.co.uk

8am to 9pm

[SL/KM/ST]

Megakites (03)

[R/F/O/L]

1a New Broadway, Tarring
Road, Worthing BN11 4HP
01903 524208

sales@megakites.co.uk

www.megakites.co.uk

Online retailer - open 24 hours
a day.

[MK/SL/BK/KM/BG/SK/PK/ST]

Cash - 5% CC - 5%

Oddballs

12 Broadwalk, Crawley RH10
1HO

Info.oddballs@ic24.net

www.oddballs.co.uk

Sky Systems Ltd.

66 Woodbourne Avenue,
Brighton BN1 8EJ

01273 556695

Office@skysystems.co.uk

www.skysystems.co.uk

Tyne & Wear

Airotherapy (03)

[S/O/L]

7 East Street, Whitburn, Tyne
& Wear SR6 7BY

0191 529 5690

Airotherapy@aol.com

www.airotherapy.com

Mon - Sat 9 - 12 and 2 - 5.

Closed Wed.

[MK/BK/BG/PK/ST]

Expressions (incorporating Gokites)

92a Front Street, Monkseaton,
Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear

NE25 8DL

0191 251 7080

Fax: 0191 267 2095

Gallery of Cards

(incorporating Gokites)

13 Percy Park Road, Tyne-
mouth, Tyne & wear NE30 4LZ

0191 258 5200

Fax: 0191 267 2095

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GoKites (03)**[S/R/F/O/C/L]**

10 Denton Park Shopping Centre, West Denton Way, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 2QZ

0191 267 2075

Fax: 0191 267 2095

Sales@gokites.co.uk

www.gokites.co.uk

9 - 5 Mon - Sat

[MK/SL/KM/BG/SK/PK/ST]

Boomerangs

Cash - 10% CC - 10%

Wales**Dan Leigh Delta Kite Designs**

54 Osborne Road, Pontypool,

Gwent NP4 6LX

01495 750875

www.deltakites.com

Scruffs (03)**[S/R/F/O/C/L]**

The Full Kiting Experience, Llest House, Pant-Y-Col, Pontylymer, Bridgend CF32 8DU

01656 871871

Fax: 01656 870000

info@kiteshops.com

www.kiteshops.com

www.thekitingexperience.com

10:00 - 5:30 Tue-Sat, Sun

11:00 - 4:00

[MK/SL/BM/KM/BG/PK/ST/JG]

Exhibition and educational

centre. Coffee lounge.

Spirit of Air Ltd

The Warehouse, Portland,

Newport, Gwent NP20 2DP

01633 246788

Fax: 01633 246794

sales@spiritofair.co.uk

www.spiritofair.co.uk

Summit Cycles (03)**[S/R/O/L]**

65 North Parade, Aberystwyth,

Ceredigion, Wales SY23 2JN

01970 626061

Fax: 01970 626061

mail@summitcycles.co.uk

www.summitcycles.co.uk

Mon - Sat 10 - 6

[MK/SL/BG/SK/PK/JG]

Cash - 10% CC - 10%

Turbulence (03)**[S/R/O/L]**

148 Conwy Road, Llandudno

Junction LL31 9DU

01492 593653

Fax: 01492 593653

Turbulence@ukkiting.com

www.ukkiting.com

Mon - Wed, Fri. 10 - 6. Thu

11 - 7. Sat 9 - 6.

[ALL]

Kite buggy school. National Instructor training centre for

kite bugging, Kite surf School. Mountain boards and clothing.

Cash - 5% CC - 5%

www.thekiteman.com (03)**[S/W/R/F/M/O/C/L]**

The Kite Shop, Whitmore Bay,

Friars Road, Barry Island,

South Wales CF62 5TJ

01446 742153

Fax: 01446 742153

sales@thekiteman.com

www.thekiteman.com

May - Sep 9am - 9pm

Oct - Apr 10am - 5pm

[ALL]

Promotional work and advice.

Kite poles and wind garden

stuff. Based on South Wales

beach excellent for kite flying.

Flies every second Sat and

Sun of the month.

Cash - 40% CC - 40%

Walk on Water (03)**[S/W/R/F/O/C]**

1 The Strand, Saundersfoot,

Pembrokeshire SA69 9ET

01834 812845

info@walkonwater-uk.com

www.walkonwater-uk.com

7 days. Winter 10am - 5pm,

Summer 9am - 9pm

[MK/SL/BK/BG/SK/PK/ST]

Discount given

West Midlands**Free Spirit Kites**

Postal and Mail Order - West

Midlands House, Gypsy Lane,

Willenhall WV13 2HA

Retail (please phone first) - 1

New Oxley House, Lymer

Road, Willenhall, Wolverhampton

WV10 6AL

01902 782490

Fax: 0121 609 7001

fsk@enta.net

www.freespiritkites.com

www.fsk.enta.net

Kite Works UK (03)**[S/W/R/F/M/O/C/L]**

22 Cranfield Place, Delves,

Walsall WS5 4PL

Tel:01922 624739

Mobile: 0777 564 3746

Fax:01922 624739

keith@kiteworks.co.uk

www.kiteworks.co.uk

9.00am - 6.00pm Mon - Sat

[MK/SL/BK/KM/BG/PK/JG]

"CHALKIES" kite and buggy

clothing. also clothing by

"KEELA OUTDOORS" and bags

by "KANGOL". Vast range of

spares and accessories. During

April to October we trade at

festivals every weekend, so if

no answer at the shop ring the

mobile for service.

Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Powerkiteshop (03)**[S/R/F/O/C]**

Studio 4, Euro Business Park,

Summerton Road, Oldbury,

West Midlands B69 2EL

0870 240 5677

Info@powerkiteshop.com

www.powerkiteshop.com

Shop open 10:00am until late

5 days a week (we fly on the

other two) but contact any-

time for service help or ad-

vice!

[BK/BG/SK/PK]

In Stock and Discount given

Wiltshire**Demon Kite Co.**

Unit 12, Enterprise House,

Cheney Manor, Swindon, Wilt-

shire SN2 2YZ

01793 514151

Fax: 01793 514151

demonkite@uk2.net

www.demonkite.co.uk

Worcestershire**eXtrekiteshop (03)****[S/R/F/O/C/L]**

Hydro Extreme Action Sports

Centre, Worcester Road, Holt,

Worcester WR6 6NH

01905 620044

Fax: 01905 620022

Info@extremekiteshop.com

www.extremekiteshop.com

10:00am - 5:30pm Shop

open 7 days, centre open

Tues - Sunday.

[MK/SL/BK/BG/PK]

Training in power kiting, kite

atb, kite buggy and kite surf-

ing.

[MK/BK/BG/SK/PK/ST]

Printed catalogue for training

only.

Cash - 5% CC - 5%

Kaos (03)**[S/R/F/O]**

Unit 7, Reindeer Court, New

Street, Worcester WR1 2DS

01905 611820

Fax: 01905 611820

Fax: 01905 611955

stevekaos@juggler.net

www.kaosuk.com

10am - 5:30pm Mon - Sat

[MK/SL/BK/KM/BG/PK/JG]

Circus Entertainer/teacher.

Air toys, puppets, table foot-

ball, magic and more.

Cash - 5% CC - 5%

Yorkshire**Action Pact (03)****[S/R/O]**

6 Montpellier Street, Harro-

gate, North Yorkshire HG1

2TQ

01423 530101

info@action-pact.co.uk

www.action-pact.co.uk

Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm.

[MK/BG/PK]

Mountainboards

Cash - 10% CC - 10%

Anti-Gravity (03)

15a Gillygate, York YO31 7EA

The Corn Exchange, Leeds LS1

7BR

01904 631696

info@antigravity.uk.com

www.antigravity.uk.com

Anti-Gravity (03)

Corn Exchange Shops, Call

Lane, Leeds LS1 7BR

info@antigravity.uk.com

www.antigravity.uk.com

Mon - Sat 10:00 - 5:30. Sun

11:00 - 4:30

Five-Forty

659 - 661 Ecclesall Road,

Hunters Bar, Sheffield S11 8PT

0114 266 0321

Fax: 0114 266 0321

kites@five-forty.co.uk

www.five-forty.co.uk

Kite Shack (03)**[S/R/O/L]**

Units 3, 4 & 5, The Bridlington

Experience, Wilsthorpe, Brid-

lington, East Yorkshire YO15

3QN

01262 403444

Office: 01759 304404

Fax: 07092 305173

Info@kiteshack.co.uk

www.kiteshack.co.uk

Summer, 7 days 10am - 6pm,

Winter - varies please ring.

[MK/SL/BK/BG/SK/PK/ST]

Skimboards, Body boards,

Paragliding gear.

Cash - 10% CC - 5%

Kinell Kites (03)**[W/M/L]**

The Old Chapel, Burtersett,

Hawes, Wensleydale, North

Yorks DL8 3PB

0845 123 2555

Fax: 07092 305173

info@kinellkites.com

www.kinellkites.com

Office hours: 10-5 everyday

(summer) 10-5 Mon-Fri

(winter)

[MK/BK]

Wholesale in UK through TKC

sales Ltd. (Though we do sup-

ply other outlets like surf

shops, ski shops and Paraglid-

ing outfits etc).

Kite Group Directory 2003

Welcome to the 2003 Kite Group Directory. The directory has been compiled by sending a questionnaire to all the kite groups that we know of and those that responded this year are marked (03). 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 or travelling to events. All groups would appreciate a stamped self addressed envelope when you write. Italics are used to show the geographical area covered by the group. If you know of a group which is not listed then please inform us of the details.

National organisations also exist for Sports Kites, Power, Traction and Surf Kiting and these can be found at the end.

Alcester and Worcs Kitefliers (03)

Allan Gilbert
26 Evesham Road
Leicester
LE3 2BD
Tel: 0116 224 3983
ag.lg@virgin.net

Membership Single or Family £13 extra for The Kiteflier, Occasional newsletter Insurance for group activities Regular Fly-ins 3rd Sunday in the month at Worcester Country Park from 12.30.

Midlands

Small club Members have many interests 2 & 4 line kites large single line kites Fighters Flying Trains of kites. Large car boot sale before fly-in good cafe and toilets

Avon Kite Flyers (03)

David Johnson (Secretary)
21 Somerton Road
Clevedon
Somerset
BS21 6JR
Tel: 01275 875342
akf@argonet.co.uk

www.argonet.co.uk/users/parsons/
Membership £10.00 (individual or family group). Bi-monthly Newsletter. Public Liability Insurance. Club clothing and goodies available. Discount at nominated Kite Stores

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

AKF are a large and friendly club open to people of all ages and abilities. Monthly fly-ins at Ashton Court (Bristol Festival site) on the first Sunday of each month. Club social evenings every month all year round and evening fly-ins during the summer. Involved in the Bristol Kite Festival including the children's kite workshop.

Brighton Kite Flyers (03)

Simon Hennessey
11 The Sheepfold
Peacehaven
East Sussex
BN10 8EG
01273 582309
info@bkf.org.uk

www.brightonkiteflyers.co.uk

Single BKF Membership: £12.00 (Includes Insurance). Family BKF Membership: £12.00 (+£5.00 Insurance per

additional person/£2.50 under 12). Single BKF & Kite Society Membership: £20.00 (Includes Insurance). Family BKF & Kite Society Membership: £20.00 (+£5.00 Insurance per additional person/£2.50 under 12). Club 3rd party insurance to £5m, a quarterly magazine, and free admission to local events when we are demonstrating.

Mainly Southeast of England.

A friendly group of kite flyers who meet through out the year at fly-ins and festivals. Interests cover the whole range of kite flying. We have large display kites which we often show at non kiting events to promote interest in the sport.

Chale Kite Flyers

Peter Atkinson
11 Spanners Close
Chale Green
Isle of Wight
PO38 2HY
01983 551319

Essex Kite Group (03)

Mrs Marion Brewer
Secretary
Brook Fields
Craigs Lane
Mount Bures
Suffolk, CO8 5AW.
Membership £5 p.a., Children (under 16) £2 p.a. Magazine twice a year. Public Liability insurance

Essex

Great Ouse Kite Flyers (03)

Peter West (Secretary)
27 Milton Way
Peterborough
Cambridgeshire
PE3 9AP
01733 269687
Gokf@btinternet.com
www.gokf.org

£10.00/annum to include quarterly newsletter, free insurance at club events, flying up to 1500 ft and a friendly/family atmosphere. GOKF organise the Annual Peterborough Kite Festival (2nd Sunday June).

East Anglia

We hold demonstrations/talks/childrens

kite making workshops/teddy bear parachuting. We meet for fly-ins in Peterborough and Bedford.

Golden Valley Kite Fliers (03)

Peter Whitaker
12 Littlefield
Quedgeley
Gloucester
GL2 6GZ
Tel: 01452 728521 (after 6pm)
peter.whitaker@arjo.co.uk

www.gvkf.org.uk

Individual £5.00 Family £7.50 runs from March to next February. Fee includes a regular club newsletter and insurance. The club meets every 4th Sunday in the month at the Tewkesbury School from about 10:30am onwards.

Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury area.

The club also holds Kite workshops during the year. We hold our own Kite Festival in July and assist at another festival over the May bank holiday, both held at Tewkesbury. The club is twinned with a French Kite Club, just south of Paris and meet up with them once a year.

Kennet Kite Fliers

Dave Tomlinson
Kreative Kites
4-5 Saddlers Court
The Broadway
Newbury
Berks RG14 1AZ
01635 528400
Fax: 01635 528400

The Kite Club of Scotland

May Swanson
36 Albert Street
Dunblane
FK15 9DB
01786 824389

Mobius Flix (03)

Alan Nightingale
P O Box 62
Southend on Sea
Essex
SS1 1TE
Tel: 07970 233145
alan@mobiustflix.co.uk
www.mobiustflix.co.uk

Membership is free & regular fly-ins

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around the South East. We have a regular fly-in at Blackheath Common, SE London alongside the A2 every 3rd Sunday from 11am onwards. Single, sports and traction fliers all welcome.

National

Mobius Flix Trick & Freestyle Kite Club, created to help inform, instruct and promote friendship between all flyers, clubs etc. throughout the world, catering for trick and freestyle flyers wanting to learn, teach, give and get advice! The web site will list festivals, personal, commercial pages, clubs and a whole load more. Everyone is welcome to exchange links or even pages into the web site for the benefit of others.

North East Kite Fliers (03)

Pete Sturrs

7 Tiverton Place

Parkside Grange

Cramlington

Northumberland

NE23 1PT

Tel: 01670 732705

pete@sturrs.freereserve.co.uk

www.nekf.fsnet.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 years festivals included Sunderland, Fylde, Cleethorpes, Stockton, Darlington and Ormesby Hall

Generally Northumberland to North Yorkshire but we have members in Norfolk, Canada and Scotland.

North West Sports and Power Kite Group

Stephen Aspey

10 Beech Walk

Wunstanley

Wigan

Lancs

WN3 6DH

Tel: 01942 213094

Northampton Kite Flyers (03)

Paul Mellows

7 Scott Road

Wellingborough

Nothants

NN8 3DJ

Tel: 01933 673917

mellows@tesco.net

None - free and informal.

Northamptonshire

All kite flyers are welcome to join us. We meet on the first Sunday of every month at Northampton Racecourse, St. Georges Avenue, Northampton between 10am and 4pm depending on the weather. If foggy or very wet, it may be best to ring first!

Northern Kite Group (03)

John Welborn (Secretary)

27 Cedar Glade

Dunnington

York

YO19 5PL

Tel: 01904 489771

welbornkcc@aol.com

www.nkg.multiservers.com

Subscription £5 p.a. Joint members £1 p.a. Members insured against third party claims for accidental damage sustained at Group organised events. Magazine published quarterly and distributed F.O.C. Group fly in held on third Sunday of each month.

Anywhere North of Watford.

The group is now enjoying it's Silver Anniversary of continuous existence.

Northumberland Powerkite Club (03)

Nigel King

Northern Freestyle, Unit 8A

Amble Ind Estate

Morpeth

Northumberland

NE65 0PE

Tel: 01665 714777

Fax: 01665 714777

info@northernfreestyle.co.uk

www.npkc.co.uk

£10 per family per year. Powerkite insurance compulsory. Discount with local supplier. Check out the highly regarded website and forums.

Northumberland

A new but well organised powerkite club and retail premises dedicated to promoting safety, good practice and good public relations.

Poole Kite Fliers

Richard Nourse

85 Bells Orchard Lane

Wareham

Dorset

BH20 4HP

Tel: 01929 554690

Sheffield Kite Club

Dave Proctor

129 Providence Road, Walkley, Shef-

field, S6 5BG

0114 266 0321

Shropshire Kite Group (03)

Tony Slater

128 Meadow Farm Drive

Harlescott

Shrewsbury

Shropshire

SY1 4JY

Tel: 01743 235068

No fees. A friendly group of enthusiasts who get together to enjoy kites and each other's company.

Shropshire, and Wales

Formed in 1977. Annual Kite and Boomerang festival since 1984. Great flying field! Come and share it with us. We meet every weekend.

Solent Kite Flyers

Michael Lowe

44 Bellemoor Road

Shirley

Southampton

Hampshire

SO15 7QU

Tel: 023 8077 0788

Solway Kite Group

Ian Gilmore

Sycamore House

Garden Lane

Allonby

Maryport

Cumbria, CA15 6PX

Tel: 01900 881371

South Eastern Kite Society (03)

Gareth Williams

25 Palmar Road

Maidstone

Kent

ME16 0DL

Tel: 01622 763059

Fax: 01689 883511

secretary@seks.org.uk

www.seks.org.uk

Membership costs £10 for individuals, or £15 for family groups. We meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Canterbury and the 4th Sunday at Ashford. Details of the locations can be found on our web site. We also organise trips to festivals, both in the UK and near continent, and fly at other sites around Kent. Membership includes quarterly club newsletter and liability insurance to £5,000,000 whilst flying at club events

Kent

Suffolk Kite Fliers (03)

Martin Corrie (Chairman)

Wynot

3 White Horse Road

East Bergholt

Colchester

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Essex CO7 6TU
Tel 01206 299560
martin@skfc.co.uk
www.skfc.co.uk
Family £17.50, Adults £12.50, Junior/
Concessions £7.50. Regular flying
meetings, quarterly newsletter. Direc-
tory of members, public liability insur-
ance. Discount of up to 10% at Force
Nine Kites of Clacton. Participation at
kite displays for local charities, schools,
fetes etc including kite workshops. In-
door meetings and talks on kite related
topics.

Suffolk and surrounding counties

Fantastic annual kite festival in May at
Rougham Airfield near Bury St Ed-
munds. Host to STACK UK Champion-
ships for 3 years. Host to International
Manja Indian Fighter Club for 2003.
Well over 100 members of all ages and
kite interests. One of the best club web
sites in the UK. Established 10 years
and awarded in 2002 'Awards for all'
lottery grant. Club kites, new club tent/
workshop, club trailer and banners.
Club T shirts etc.

Taunton Kite Flyers (03)

Lawrence Rayment
8 Hartley Way
Taunton
Somerset
TA1 2LJ
Tel: 07880 793077
Fax: 01823 334503
Textlawrence@hotmail.com
Membership £10 p.a. includes 3rd party
liability insurance and access to our fly-
ing site.

Taunton & Somerset

We are a small friendly club interested
in all forms of kite activity.

The Midlands Kite Fliers (03)

Jerry Swift (General Secretary)
Howardian View
Great Barugh
Malton
North Yorks
YO17 6UZ
Tel: 01653 668157
Jerry&Carolyn@mkf.org.uk
www.mkf.org.uk
Up to date information with quarterly
issues of The MKF News - the club
newsletter. Public Liability Insurance for
up to £2million wherever and whenever
the member is flying a kite safely for
pleasure. (Not just at club events).
Membership Card - which attracts special
benefits and discounts on purchases
from kite retailers, and magazine and
book publishers. Free admission to all
MKF events. Preferential arrangements

and reduced or free entry to many other
National Festivals and events. Being
kept up to date with last minute news
and events with the E-newsletter (sent
by email straight to you). Members only
section on the MKF website All for just
£10. Membership Plus. All of the above
listed in Club Membership plus:- Mem-
bership of The Kite Society of Great Brit-
ain. Quarterly issues of The Kiteflier
magazine, posted directly from The Kite
Society. Family (up to four members at
the same address) £17, Single Person
£16, Senior Citizen Family £15, Senior
Citizen Single Person £14, Unsalari-
ed or Student Single Person £14, Junior
(under 16) £10

*Midlands area from Lincolnshire to the
Welsh Borders, Derbyshire to Warwick-
shire, with members in other parts of
the country and abroad*

Probably the largest club in the country
with nearly 1000 members, Midlands
Kite Fliers is active throughout our re-
gion with fly-ins, attendance at festivals
and other events throughout the year.
Our website carries details of most UK
events and many international ones as
well, and indicates which are being or-
ganised or supported by the Club

Thorpe Kite Flyers

John Arnott
210 St Faiths Road
Old Catton
Norwich
Norfolk
NR6 7AG
Tel: 01603 429512
Fax: 01603 429512

White Horse Kite Flyers (03)

Dave Robinson
P O Box 585
Swindon
Wiltshire
SN3 4YR
Tel: 01793 824208
Fax: 01793 824208
Darter2@aol.com
www.whkf.org
£8 per year, payable annually in No-
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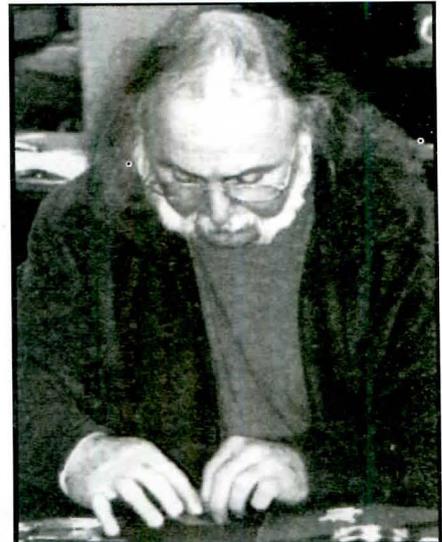
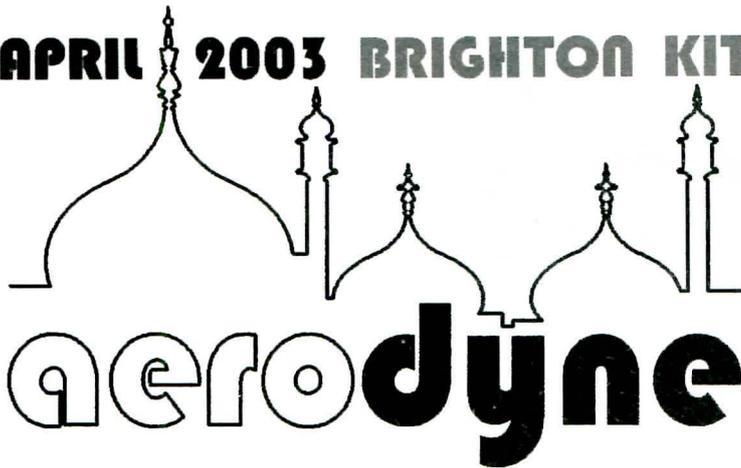
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APRIL 2003 BRIGHTON KITE FLYERS APRIL 2003



Keith Boxall trying to work out if he's making kites or about to play the piano.

THE NEWS LETTER FOR THE BRIGHTON KITE FLYERS

A VIEW FROM FLYING THE BEACHES HIGH

The end of January, Heathrow Airport: '...and what's in the long carry-on bag?' 'Kites, they're very fragile'. 'Hm, OK, but if the cabin staff aren't happy they'll have to be checked'. And that was the nearest we had to any difficulty taking kites into the cabin for a 16 hour flight,



leaving the freezing cold of London for the steamy 30° C+ of Bali in the rainy season. Not the best time to go if your main recreation is kite flying, as before midday there is virtually no wind, and it is very gentle thereafter, but, given the heat, a couple of hours flying daily sees you retiring at 5pm

for 'happy-hour' - it's a constant fight against dehydration! The almost deserted beaches gave me a chance to (attempt to) fly the Rev I bought from those nice people at the Highwayman last November. Inclement weather/lack of wind on the weekends had made it impossible to fly before, so for it's inaugural flight the sands of Sanur Beach provided a soft landing for the inevitable crashes, and the South China sea the site of its first immersion. The best time to visit Bali is July, when the kite festival takes place. Constant wind, and kites absolutely everywhere. If BKF were interested in a 'field-trip' sometime I for one would be interested in going.

For a description of last year's Bali Kite Festival visit:

www.balitravel-insider.com/kites

with some excellent photos of the local 'layang kreasi' by Bruce Briscoe

Terry Golding

A kite enthusiast has been banned from his hobby after forcing aircraft to swerve to avoid hitting his high-flying object.

Paul Wong, 47, was grounded by police after flying kites at over 2,000 metres.

Mr Wong, a Chinese take-away owner in Worksop, Notts, said : "I wanted to break the world record but noticed some aircraft had to swerve to avoid my kite." The police said I had to get permission from the civil aviation authority." Mr Wong still hopes to break the highest kite flight record, set in 1898 in America when a kite flew at over 3,800 metres.

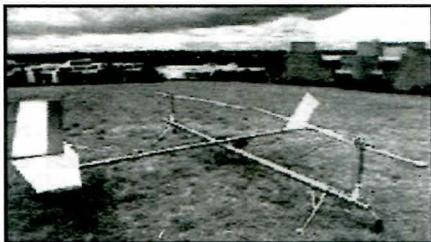
The CAA said : "anything above 60 meters could distract a pilot. But we're happy to advise on where kites can be flown.

Article taken from
The Mirror Feb 7th 2003

**DON'T FORGET
BRIGHTONS KITE FESTIVAL
25TH YEAR
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HIGH TECH - LOW TECH

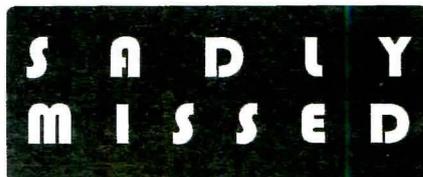


In the last issue of "Aerodyne" I posted a picture with the question "have any of you seen one of these on the flying field" with the comment that a "full story" would be reported in this issue, well here it is, you must make up your own minds as to the feasibility of such a project. It is in fact doubtful that any of you have seen these "flying systems" on a UK flying field (yet) as they are the invention of an Australian academic. These new "hybrid" kites, have been developed by Professor Bryan Roberts from the University of Western Sydney, to me they look a bit like a cross between a helicopter and a kite. Bryan Roberts hopes this odd-looking craft will help to meet future energy needs, particularly in remote areas. The first thing to resolve is what kind of flying machine the pictures relate to, broadly speaking and simply because these devices are tethered I am of the personal opinion that they are predominantly kites but add the precursor that as they also have the ability of powered flight they are partly auto-gyros. On the flying field we have seen the development of the basic tethered "power" kite and at the point that these tethered kites become a flying system in their own right is, so far as I am concerned the point when there is no direct connection to terra firma. Bryan Roberts has called his invention "Gyromills" which are in fact flying wind turbines but as they are tethered, my interpretation must be that they are also true kites. However, if need be and to lift them to the altitude required to make them a

functional unit they may also use the built in rotors to climb into the sky, when they reach the desired altitude they then sit back in the wind as a true kite and those same rotors turn to generate electrical energy. He plans to fly several of these kites in clusters at an altitude of around 4.5 kilometres, which sounds to me, that he must have been taking altitude lessons from Pete Linnell. At this altitude they will be slap bang in the middle of the 120 Mph plus and near constant airflow of the global jet stream. He also believes that by operating the kites in the jet stream the constant air speed will enable his Gyromills to reliably produce significant quantities of electricity, at this height they will also be above the more turbulent winds associated with those found at or near ground level. The project has been under development for just over 20 years and now that the concepts have been established it is now ready to put into practice. The first test site is planned to take place near Woomera in South Australia. One of the major issues yet to be resolved is to convince the aviation authorities that this project is a safe one. Aircraft would need to be kept well clear of the Gyromills and their trailing cables. These cables are essential to the success of the project as they connect to the ground, providing the ground station with energy from the rotors when conditions are right and also to supply electricity from the ground station to spin the rotors in the helicopter mode to give them additional lift until they hit the jet stream. To me I would think that the biggest hurdle would be the weight of the line itself, even if stranded aluminium cable were to be used, 4.5 kilometres of the stuff must weigh more than these kites are able to lift but as I cannot find out how big these Gyromills are and it is only a point for consideration. Some years

ago I was involved with a similar project, not with kites but with a similar objective of producing electricity, this project employed many square miles of reflective material, launched into space by rocket and deployed in a geostationary orbit, which in effect became a huge solar furnace. Cable was out of the question for this project and my contribution and area of responsibility was to come up with a method of getting the energy down to earth. Sadly the only method I could see working at all was to convert the energy collected by the panel into ultra high frequency radio waves and then transmit these waves to a ground station, once there they would then be converted into conventional electricity – again the main issue was other airborne traffic, as anything that crossed the path of such an intensive beam of energy would be instantly fried.

Dr John Dimmock



You always seem to remember your first real kite and what happened to it, well mine got broken while learning to fly it, as most seem to. That was my first visit to Kitability and in turn my first meeting with Pat and Ron Dell. As my interests in kiting grew so did my visits to Kitability at kite festivals, initially for spares, but as time went by for those little things that make kite flying more fun, and bits to build your own kites. I got to know both Pat and Ron much better. As time went by, I started to help with repairs and advice on two line kites, as both Pat and Ron's main expertise was single line kites. One thing led to another and I spent more time at festivals on Kitability's stall than flying kites. The death of Pat Dell earlier this year will leave a large hole in my life and that of my family. If one broken kite started a very rewarding friendship, may all the kites in my kite bag be broken.

Simon Hennessey

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21 YEARS OF CATTLE LONG BEACH AND KITES

Ray Bethell did it again at the famous Long Beach International kite festival flying 13 8ft 2in custom Pizazz 324 Kites, designed and made by Dick Barnes at Pizazz Kite Works Whidbey Island USA, 4 from each hand and 5 off the waist, flying all the required maneuvers, the mandatory



time required is 5 minutes Ray flew 12 minutes 54 seconds before doing a 1-2-3 perfect landing witnessed and enjoyed by the hundreds of spectators that came to watch Ray do his magic, which is no easy task as the power from 13 of these full size sport kites is enormous, I can vouch for that personally as I flew just a stack of 4 with both hands and I was just about pulled of my feet, This was not the number of kites Ray was trying to achieve for this years record but alas as soon as we added more kites to the stacks, some thing would happen to start them to wobble uncontrollably, the designer worked for days trying to work out the problem but was unable to before the end of the festival, but none the less Dick Barnes was very pleased with the results.

Ray flew a total of 21 of Prism 5ft Fanatic sport kites for a world record in 2000 which was another huge success. It has been heard on the Kite grape Vine that Ray has all ready been practicing to do some thing very special and spectacular to achieve a New world record in Aug 2003 at Long Beach International Kite Festival. That has never been done by one person before; His crew Team and I have been sworn to secrecy even under the pain of torture and death. Not to reveal what it is. (Man this will also be a world record for me if I can keep my mouth shut until next August).

Ray was one of the featured flyers at Long Beach this year, and once again

the Long Beach organizers gave Ray his own arena on the beach where he gave all day Multiple Kite demonstrations from 8 am until 6pm, I have heard so many times from spectators that they come to this festival every year just to watch Ray do his kite magic, it is with out any doubt that he is one of the main attractions to this World renowned kite festival, it also gives me great pleasure to mention that Ray won the people choice award again for the 11th year in a row, I would definitely say this alone must speak for its self. I always enjoy this festival especially this year as being part of Rays team was a great experience and indeed pure pleasure for me, some of the days were more foggy than other years as I remember, but no problem with the wind, which was a little light in the mornings but by noon each day the sky over the festival was a mass of color, and kites of every description from flowing giant octopuses, Whales, Cats, Teddy Bears plus any thing else that could that could be put in the air, there were more kite flyers



in the Mass Ascensions then ever this year, it was a wonder that they never ran out of pins that they give away to every participant.

I would like to mention Ray has a great official Team set up crew Fred and Gerri Adler from Davis California who has been good friends of his for many years, a great husband and wife Pairs Team whom this year gave up flying in competitions and now just flies for the pure fun and enjoyment of flying together. Plus giving demonstrations at all the festivals they attend.

I have already made plans to return to Long Beach in Aug 2003 so keep practicing and good luck Ray for what you have in mind, which I am sure will again (sort the men from the boys.):

Tony Cousins
Seattle WA USA.

Well let's start with a bit of background, never a bad place to start, for those that don't know the Tye, it is a large area of common land halfway between Brighton and Newhaven on the A259, often used by kite flyers and others-a-like.

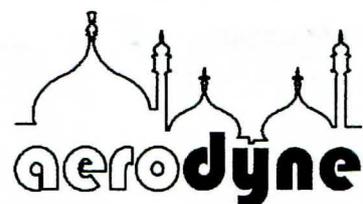
As it was the 1st Sunday of February, which is a BKF fly-in, Paul Hill, Alan & Dorothy Cragg and myself turned up. We got to Telscombe Tye and it was very cold and the wind howling, it was also evident that the farmer had been grazing his cattle up there, so you needed to watch where you stepped. We put up a few small kites as any thing bigger would have been uncontrollable in the strong wind.

We saw another car pull up and out got two lads with what seemed to be a kite. Sure enough it was a flexifoil blade. The lads continued to walk to the middle of the Tye and laid out the kite and lines. One of them then launched the kite in the middle of the wind. Up went the kite and over he went flat on his face and away across the Tye for some 100m. We all watched and wondered what would happen. After his slide, we saw him get up and his mate running over to check he was OK. The kite was then put away in a hurry and the two lads quickly return to their car and drove off.

As they passed we checked that all was OK and had a quiet giggle to ourselves. I will not go in to detail here, but remember what the farmer had been doing in the field, need I say more.

No one was injured in this incident, but it does go to show, care must be taken when flying kites, that you choose the right kite for the wind conditions

Simon Hennessey



S M A L L B U T I T F L I E S

Well another workshop run by the WHKF, this time with Charlie Sotich as the teacher. Those who do not know Charlie's kites these are large power kites able to lift the largest of Pot Bellied Pigs, we at Brighton Kite flyers have done this to prove it can be done. But before any of you put pen to paper to the Flying Pig division of the RSPCA or even the Kiteflyer, I am only joking.

Charlie's kites are in the fact most unique miniature kites I have ever seen. The largest of his kites would not even cover a child's hand. Several years ago, when invited to Fort Warden Kitemakers retreat in the USA, I opted for Charlie's workshop and loved it. So when I heard he was going to do one in the UK I signed up. Along with Paul Hill, Alan Outram, Danny Steer and Keith Boxall.

As always it was an early start to get to Swindon for 9.00am, I left my house to get to Paul's at about 5.30am and then left Paul's at 5.40am to pick up Alan and Danny at Redhill. We tested Alan's heart on arrival and it worked fine, (he had left his door on the latch so when we arrived we would not have to ring the bell. We walked in and Alan was sitting in the kitchen have a bowl of cornflakes with his back to us and did not hear us arrive, when I touched him on the shoulder, did he jump). Next job was to remove Alan from the ceiling and head to Epsom to pick up Keith and the journey down to Swindon. With no problems just the normal bad jokes



etc. all the way. On arrival at Swindon we had to do the normal thing and get lost, it's a rule of going to Swindon workshops, someone has to get lost. As the school is close to a pub called The Moonraker, this is the landmark you look for. Well we asked the 1st Local and were told keep going straight you can't miss it, guess what, we did. So we asked another local, and got the same answer keep going straight (but not the same direction as the 1st local said) you can't miss it,

we did. So a 3rd local was asked, time a lady, again we were told keep going straight you can't miss it, but having counted on her fingers, she added you needed to go over 3 roundabouts. So off we went and we all counted 1-2-3 and guess what it was not there, so on we went the counting 4-5-6-7-8-9-10 and sure enough we did not miss it this time only it was over 10 roundabouts not 3.

We entered the classroom at Headlands school to see Mick and Norma House there already as they had done the Saturday as well. So all in all the BKF had 7 members at the workshop (good show maybe we should look at doing our own mini workshop). The first kite we made was a sparred kite, I picked a shield shape but others picked diamond, squares etc. These all flew very well and having seen these we made some more different sizes and shapes. Then came the star kite which involved origami paper folding and sparring.

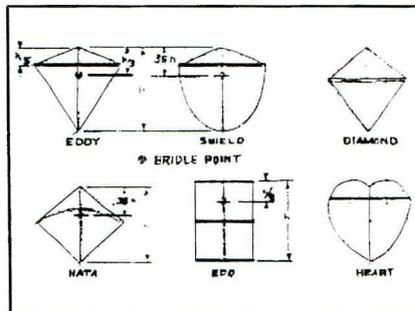
But back to the classroom for the next round of kite making after lunch, this time the postage stamp kite. The plans for this will be in the next issue of Aerodyne. The hardest thing about this kite was rubbing the paper off the back to make it thinner without damaging the stamp it self. No spars on this kite just light paper and folding. The raffle was drawn and the day ended with everyone going away happy.

Another great workshop by the WHKF.

Simon Hennessey

Each year we look for something new on the Kite events calendar. This year has started early for us with a FANTASTIC weekend organised by

WHKF at a "small kite workshop" with Charlie Sotich from Chicago. Day 1



The morning of the 15th February 2003 armed with a craft knife, cutting mat and a pair of tweezers we left Brighton at 6am arriving 2hrs later in Swindon.

We signed in at Headlands

School, Swindon. Awaiting us on desks were pieces of cardboard, cutting mats, two types of cocktail sticks (posh with turned ends and plain ones) thinned PVA glue and two A4 sheets of General Rules for successful small kite making. Spot on 0900hrs the lesson began. Charlie insisted throughout we all worked at the same pace to avoid mistakes, as he had seen mistakes happen even when no one else was around.

Charlie came equipped with everything we needed in a large suitcase. The contents consisted of bargains found in the \$1 shop in Chicago. 5pkts of napkins for a \$1, 250 straight cocktail sticks for a \$1 and 200 fancy sticks for a \$1 etc (Chicago here we come!!).

First we needed to learn how to make the kite reels. Posh ended cocktail sticks were glued onto small pieces of shaped cardboard, known as floss bobbins in America, ready to wind on multi-coloured sewing thread. We had to be sure to use the plain cocktail sticks for applying the glue as you got more for your \$.

Next, splitting of bamboo for the spars. Charlie instructed his sister to hand out bamboo "give out one piece of bamboo per table and let them fight over it!" Fight we did, but to hunt for plasters for those who couldn't master the single edged razor blades for cutting bamboo. When you thought you had got it Charlie would say split it down in 1/2 again. "But I can't see it now!" This is where Mick was at an advantage with his magnifier, as useful tool for anyone having not been to the opticians!! An alternative is to use monofilament fish line.

S M A L L D A Y S W I T H B U T I T D O D D F L I E S

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We were then introduced to an alternative use for napkins. Stripping the napkin left us with several mesh layers and a patterned top layer. This top layer was used to make the Kite. (The mesh layers were saved and used to mop up any mess, glue blood etc.) We then had to choose a shape, Eddy, diamond etc for the design of the Kite. Tails were essential on this type Kite and choices of Christmas tinsel, cotton thread and streamers remnants were to hand "to add sparkle".

By 11:30 the first test flights took place with lines and reels attached to an alligator clip on the end of a telescopic radio antenna. Teacher (Charlie) gave them the once over making minor or major adjustments. Charlie even provided us with temporary safe storage for the kites by using a zip lock (freezer) bag, putting the kite inside and inflating it. The basics had now been covered.

After a fabulous lunch (Mick only went back a few times!), socialising and of course purchasing of raffle tickets, we returned to class.

By 4 pm we had made a Napkin (cocktail) kite, Chinese paper kite and Tissue paper kite.

Day 2

New pupils joined the class including a good turn out from BKF. Charlie had difficulty holding the experts of us back whilst the new pupils learnt the basics.

This day followed similar lines as day 1. We made a Japanese tissue kite, a 5-pointed star and a Postage stamp kite.

We learnt new skills of Origami and how to get adhesive off the back of stamps. Some of the stamps ended up with unplanned vent holes due to the over enthusiasm to get the glue off to reduce the weight.

To sum up our weekend, what can we say, except that we are both looking forward to the next one and "Thank you Charlie" "Thank you WHKF" and "Thank you to All that attended".

Norma & Mick House

I first became hooked on kite flying with a Brookite two line on a Dorset heath. I soon upgraded from that first, excellent value but basic, small kite. Then, at Christmas, my wife gave me my first kite videotape. The tape, Ill "Tricks", is one of the Flight School series and introduced me to the skill of Dodd Gross. That tape was a revelation to me and has given me hours of pleasure as I try to fly the manoeuvres he demonstrated. Since then I have acquired all Dodd's tapes and any other instructional videos I have come across. But, good as they are, I was still unable to master some of the kite aerobatics shown. I wanted to know if there were elements of flying that were not easy to capture on video or if I was just too ham fisted to master them.

So for that reason, I was on the M1 at 6.30 on a Saturday morning last July travelling to Shipley Country Park in Derbyshire to see a Dodd Gross Flight School live. The weather was good, the wind not bad and it was fascinating to see Dodd demonstrating and teaching flyers of all levels of ability. I was impressed not only with his skill but also his friendly and persuasive teaching style. Later on I was able to meet Dodd and he signed the copy of his new video, which I had just bought. As I left the park at the end of an exhilarating day I was determined that I would take instruction from Dodd as soon as possible.

My next encounter with Dodd was at the Portsmouth Festival. He was flying two line ballet in the arena with immaculate timing and crisp control, just brilliant. Now Simon Hennessey, who never misses an opportunity to rib me about my two line obsession, was arena manager that day and he asked Dodd if he could give me a few tips. I was pleased that Dodd came over, had a chat and was prepared to do some flying with me. But it was very crowded and we could not find enough space. He told me he was running a Flight School at the Bristol Festival and that confirmed my intention to go there.

In what was considered to be a bad summer, I think we were lucky that so many of the festivals had good weather and so it was at Bristol. Having arrived on Friday afternoon, my tent pitched at a campsite just south of the airport, I was on the road to the festival in bright sunshine early on Saturday morning. As I reached the airport I could see Andy Beattie's manta ray flying high above the park several miles away. At the festival I found Dodd and signed in for the Flight School, I was in for a very interesting and productive two days.

A Flight School is very practical. Dodd started by talking with the participants to get a feel for the skill levels we had and what we wanted to learn. Then he did some demonstration flying and got each student to fly for him so he could begin to assess his or her ability. He then worked individually with everybody on whatever aspect of flying they wanted to improve. When Dodd was with me he got me to fly while he sat on the grass and watched. Having analysed my style he demonstrated ways of improving my technique and left me to practice. In just a short time I was given a lot of information and much to work on. During the two days I had several sessions of this individual tuition. Another aspect of Flight School is the interaction with the other flyers, talking about their flying experiences and hearing and seeing Dodd work with them I found very beneficial.

For me the two days were a very relaxing, often humorous and useful experience; I did learn vital information that I had not been able to pick up from video. My flying has improved and I am now able to fly manoeuvres I had been trying to master in vain.

So thanks Dodd, I think we are very lucky as kite flyers to be able to see and talk to the world's best exponents. How many golfers, I wonder, could even contemplate individual tuition from Montgomerie or Woods.

Dave McArthur

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Corinne Hennessey

Next Issue

As so much fun was had at Charlie's workshop with his permission we will be publishing his plans for the postage stamp kite. So start saving you postage stamps.

fly-in reminders

Our Monthly fly-in is where we try and get as many of the club members to fly together. This is held on the 1st Sunday of the month on Telscombe Tye, East Sussex from 11.00am. Next to the A259 coast road between Saltdean and Peacehaven.

This is an all year round event and as the winter approaches it is a good time to meet up with club members that you normally only see at festivals.

See you there

**Brighton's
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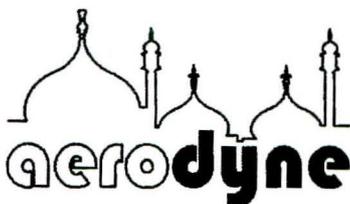
Don't forget that this year is the 25th Brighton Kite Festival to be held on July 12th & 13th. It will be held at Stanmer Park as in previous years with all the usual fun and games for all the family. Simon Hennessey and Alan Outram will be doing the honours again. To keep up to date on what is happening and information about the festival visit the website:

brightonkitefestival.co.uk

Corinne Hennessey

finally

As the kite festival season is about to start we look forward to seeing you all. Members please come up and introduce yourselves if you see us flying. Don't forget to send in your articles throughout the year however small. This is your magazine and it is there to share experiences, pass on advice and keep up to date with all that is going on in the kiting world.



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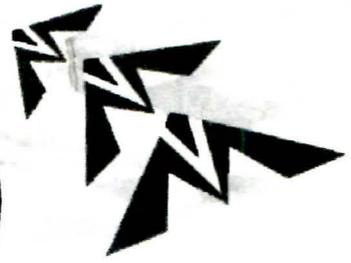
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No I am not bringing politics in to kite flying, it is already there and has been as far back as there has been both constituents.

That bold statement nails my colours firmly to the mast about something !

Well as you will have read already in other parts of MKF News a small party of British kite flyers attended the First Aqaba International Kite Festival as guests of Solutions the organisers. Other participants came from the near continent and PL from the antipodes.

As a token of the organisers appreciation of our attendance they took us all to Petra for an overnight stay after a visit to the ruins. Ann and I were placed in the care of Mr Nyazi Shabaan who is a Bedouin Gentleman who is Petra born and bred, in fact he proudly boasts of having been born and spent his youth living in one of the famous cave dwellings.

In an interval between the French lads removing the grime of Wadi Rum and the arrival of the main party at the hotel in Petra town Nyazi took us on a visit to the Director of the Petra Site.

This gentleman is a life long friend of Nyazi' s who had been the previous post holder before branching out into Eco-tourism.

On the way to the entrance to the historical site we were informed that five major hotels had closed this year, remember this was only late JANUARY 2003. Each hotel employed approx. 300 people so that means in one small town in Jordan, a country that is the friend of every neighbouring county in the Middle East and has close ties with us in the United Kingdom and the United States of America, 1500 innocent workers and their families have been thrown into impending poverty.

The visit to the Director was no less harrowing; two short years ago they had a severe problem, 3000 sets of feet a day walking through the narrow passage to the main attractions were wearing the stone road surfaces away. Not anymore ! On the day of our visit, including all the kite flyers, the numbers were struggling to reach fifty. When we had lunch in the middle of the Roman ruins and overlooked by the wonderful caves there was only one small family party to help us fill the restaurant. You will not be surprised to learn that as we shared our time with the Director and his staff, an official from Head Office with redundancies firmly at the top of his agenda was in close attendance.

These friendly proud and noble people are trapped between borders common with two major conflicts. To the west there is the Israeli / Palestinian debacle which defies both reason and solution, and to the east Iraq and the threat of an all consuming war. Was there ever a more

poignant example of a choice between a rock and a hard place.

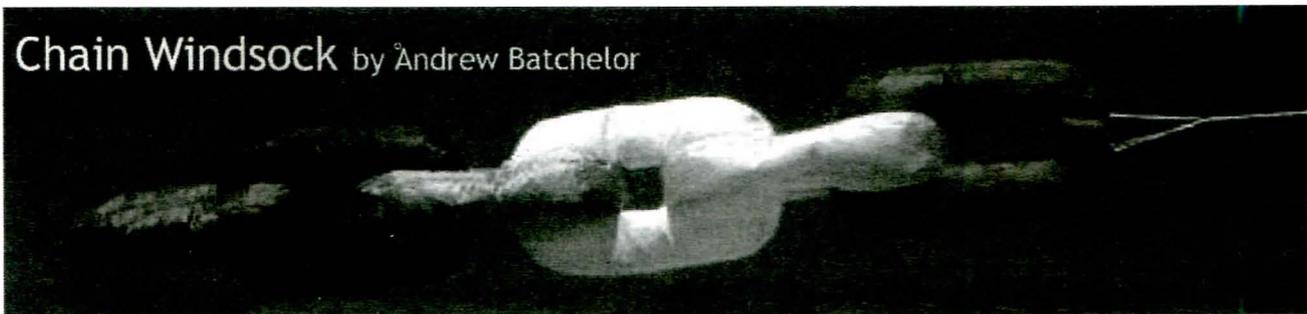
I don't have any answers nor do I know a man who does but my heart bleeds for a people whose only solace is that if they have to die, their religion grants merit in dying in ones own country and to be buried there. The fear is that without a war and this is surprisingly perceived as the only way that the regions economy will ever be rebuilt, the alternatives being starving at home or emigration as a refugee or worse still as an unwelcome economic migrant.

The world fails to see the problem in these simple terms as no one ever seems to listens to those local inhabitants who have to live with or perhaps die because of it.

Big Dave,
MKF Chairman,
14/03/2003.



Chain Windsock by Andrew Batchelor



Hello MKF people,

I wrote these plans for a bit of line laundry over 10 years ago on a 1 pound bet, (with a bit of help from Martin Parsons of AKF, who tidied them up and added the pictures). They should (just about) make sense, but feel free to e-mail me for photos or extra explanation, if needed. (andrew.batchelor@rca.ac.uk) But I recommend you try making a little one with selotape and paper before you start and it will be a lot easier. Now days nearly everybody who is making them, makes the front link a full link with gauze right the way across the front, and optionally a little bit.

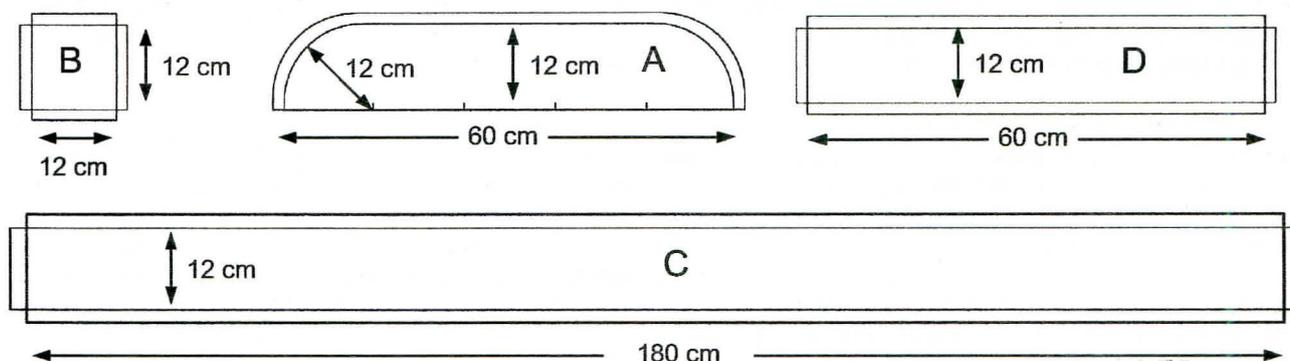
Making adjacent links in different colours makes the visual effect that the work. Out of the blue in July, Gomberg Kites asked me if they could manufacture these, which is nice. They sell them at \$10 a link, if you're not into sewing and I get a little commission, cool. I've temporarily stepped out of the kite scene for a couple of years, but I'll be back.

Happy Flying
Andrew

The chain was designed by Andrew Batchelor who has allowed us to publish it here within the MKF News. Thank you Andrew. The original chain was made with 8 links, later extended to 12. It can be extended to as many links as you want. I think you need at least 10 to really get the effect. The chain works well with balloon ripstop, which cuts down the cost, and you will be glad to know that the sewing doesn't need to be too accurate. The version here is based on a measurement of 12cm, this is not critical, it fitted nicely with the size of ripstop I had (the stitching could get a bit tricky if the size was reduced too much).

Components

A unit measurement of 12cm is shown here plus the normal seam allowance you normally use. i.e. I used 1cm. (Part A) side of link - {1 units x 5 units} 4 required for each full link. (by marking the base into 5 as shown it will help you know where to fit the other pieces) (Part B) {1 unit x 1 unit} part of side of first link and inside of all other links. (Part C) {1 unit x 10 units} outside strip (includes about 15cm extra length). (Part D) {1 unit x 5 units} inside of first (downwind) link.

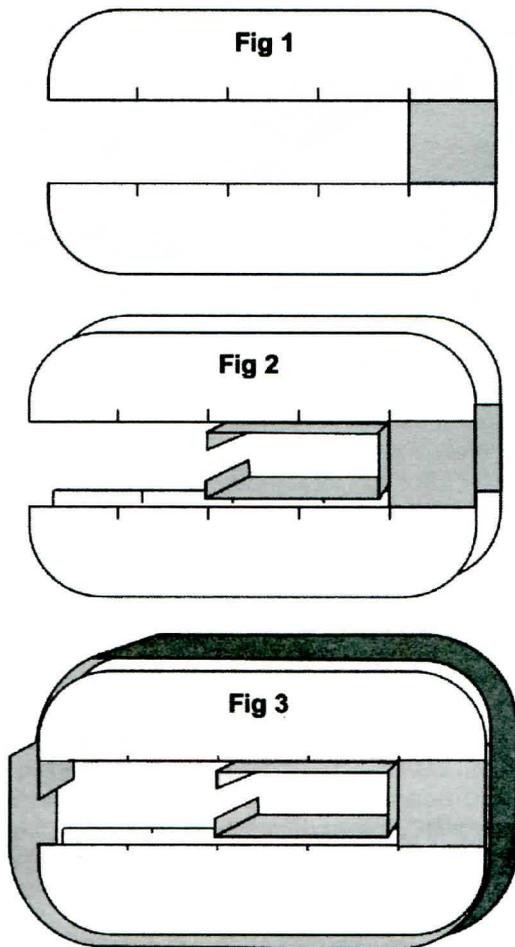


The chain is constructed in reverse order. i.e. the last link is constructed first, followed by the middle links then finally the first link with its bridles to attach it to the flying line.

Last Link

This is the closed (downwind) loop. It is constructed differently from the rest. Its not as complicated as it looks, its just difficult to explain and draw, keeping in mind the end product may help. The link is made with all the seams on the outside (inside out) You will require the following parts Part A x4, Part B x2, Part C x1 and Part D x1.(1) First sew the part A to part B as shown in FIG.1. (2) Now repeat (1), but make a mirror image, as you will require two sides. (3) Sew part D to the inside of the components from (1) and (2) The centre of the long edges of part D correspond to the centre of the edges of the part B. You have just made as shown in FIG.2 (4) Part (C) is now added around the outside. FIG.3 Start at the end opposite the part (B)'s, leave 7cm of part (C) and then sew around the link. You will have about 7cm spare at one end of (C), and about 10 cm at the other end. Mark on each of these ends a line 6cm from the (A)'s, don't sew these together yet. (5) Turn the correct way out - this is a good point to go for a beer.





Middle links

You can have as many of these as you want. You will require the following parts Part A x 4 , Part C x1 & Part B x2 per link. (1) Sew the 4 (A)'s of this link to the (A)'s of the previous link. Overlap them by 24cm (2 units) so the (A)'s start where the (D) of the previous link ends ensures the hems are on the inside. (2) Add the outside strip (C). Its middle corresponds to the middle of the ends of part (D) from the previous link. Start by sewing the top of (C) to one end of the (D) from the previous link. Then sew the top of (C) on to the two corresponding (A)'s. Repeat with the other end of the (D) and the lower (A)'s, onto the bottom of (C). Turning the link inside out helps, ensure that all the seams will end up on the inside. (3) Sew the 2 ends of the (C) of the previous link together. (4) Now add the 2 (B)'s, each connect to the middle of 2(a)'s and the (C) of the previous link, you will need to turn it inside out for parts of this.

First link

You will require the following Part A x4 , Part C x1 , Part B x2 and a piece of gauze. This is made in the same way as normal links, except the outside strip (C) has a piece of gauze, placed to allow the air in the front of the link. You also have to add some loops or eyelets to attach the four leg bridle 4 x 80cm bridle line (anything you've got left over, the tail doesn't have too much drag) attach the four lines to the first link loops. Then use a swivel to connect to the kite or line.

Finally If you have any problems find me at a festival or e-mail me at andrew.batchelor@rca.ac.uk I would especially like to hear of any modifications, improvements or ideas for the tail, plans or construction technique.

Andrew Batchelor (Copyright applied for.)

Hi Lloyd

Just received the MKF News, as an outsider and a member of MKF since 1996 this would be the second time I have sent info to the editor. As you may have guessed I also belong to Northampton Kite Flyers where I have been flying since 1994.

I know from experience how difficult it is to keep a news letter going, so many people like my self welcome their news letter coming through the letter box, but I don't know wither they have the time or the inclination to give the editor a helping hand.

Well some notes about my self as you can see I started kite flying in 1993-4 after moving to Northampton before that I used to make free flight model air craft, and like so many people have memories of my self and my 2 brothers being taken my dad to fly a kite on holiday " don't know if he was aware of the height restrictions" but it seemed a long way up for a boy of 6 or 7!!.

Since my conversion to Kite's as my friends in Northampton know I am hooked on Indian fighters and fly them where ever possible some time in winds that they should not be flown in!! I have made a few from Mylar but my main stock is from Stafford I think like a lot of people that this little kite once mastered is very addictive, and I love to talk to people on a summer evening when I fly at my local site at Pitsford Country Park, Oh by the way we have a very informal fly in there every

year, on or as near as possible to the longest day I have also made a 2 meter rok plans a help from Peacock Kites a Roller, which I must admit is my Favourite a 1.5 rok which has an Indian fighter appliquéed on it a Barn Door which I have just finished and as yet has not taken to the air.

Last year I made a Columbian Flower but at the present I am still un able to stop the tail i.e. stalk from twisting up has any one any suggestion??, as an ex aero modeller I get most of my creations to fly Still working on an unruly delta but I think I will get there eventually, I don't get to many kite festivals go to Peterborough and have been to Coventry once but it clashes with the balloon festival in Northampton, also like a lot of folk have to watch the petrol these days, may try and go to this new one at Bedford next year.

Well Lloyd I hope you can pick something out of my rambling's and it will encourage other people to help you fill the pages. Happy flying from Northampton, and all the best for the new year and perhaps we may meet somewhere, look for a fighter and I will be there, there may be two in the air the other will be my mate Paul Mellows who has helped me a lot thought I would give him plug

Regards
Nick

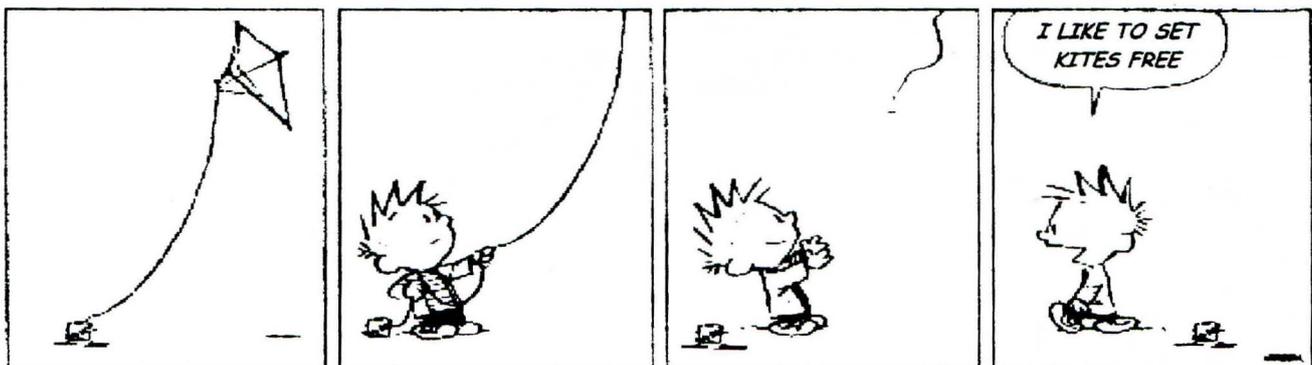


Unattended Kites....

I'll admit that on occasion I've been guilty of leaving a kite unattended for a while – but that doesn't alter the fact that it's a bad habit, and one which needs to be discouraged.

- MKF insurance states that members are covered for third-party damage / injury "When flying a kite in a safe manner" (or words to that effect). So what comments can you expect when it comes to light that you were not at the end of the line, but were in the traders tent buying your next kite / at the other end of the field / in the loo / having 40 winks in your van / cooking your dinner?
- Multi-line kites are frequently left unattended on the ground, their lines pegged down – this is clearly an accident waiting to happen. Having a kite in this position is unavoidable at takeoff and landing, but keep it to a minimum and NEVER walk away and leave it. If a child runs through your lines, you'll have a damaged kite and tangled lines – perhaps even an injured child and irate parents. You could say that people shouldn't be in the arena / should watch where they are walking / should control their kids. The fact remains that the accident would not have happened if you had not left "ankle height trip wires" stretched across the grass!
- An unattended kite (whether in the air or on the ground) is always a "child magnet". On one occasion I arrived just in time to prevent a wandering toddler claiming the "pretty orange ball" ("stake in the grass") that was holding the lines of two twin-liners. In another few seconds the child would have been in possession of a 12" pointed steel stake, I don't want to think about the possible consequences! Then of course there's the problem of two kites, dragging their lines, tumbling down the field....
- At the last Coventry Festival we'd arranged a "Rok fight", which was delayed while people ran around trying to find out who owned the single-liners that were flying in the arena. At the same event one of the "Pairs" teams caught the line of a tethered kite which had been left too close. Organisers of any event appreciate anyone "decorating the sky", but at times the arena needs to be cleared NOW. This can only happen if the owner of every kite is on the end of its line.
- If you happen to cross lines with another flier it's not normally a major problem, you simply walk towards each other and the tangle will sort itself out – if both lines are staked, a cut line is almost inevitable. Having abandoned your single-liner in favour of your lunch, who exactly do you expect to sort out the mess? Upon your return, are you justified in complaining that "Some ?*?*@*!! has cut my line!".
- To decide if a kite is unattended / abandoned I recommend the following test:
 1. Stand near it's ground stake / anchor.
 2. Look around to see if anyone is making any effort to fly, launch or land the beast.
 3. Say in a loud voice "Who Owns This Kite?"
(Please avoid shouting, kite flying is meant to be a peaceful pastime ;-)
 1. Wait 20 seconds.
 2. If no response is forthcoming the kite may reasonably be considered abandoned – it's owner clearly having little interest in its welfare.
- CAA height clearance is generally granted with the proviso that a contact phone number is given to the local air traffic office – this may have to be used in an emergency. Don't expect anyone to be too bothered what damage is sustained to "abandoned kites" in the process of getting them on the deck in a hurry!
- A few years ago, at a festival down south, a passing light aircraft had engine failure and was forced to make an emergency landing in our flying field. There was no "procedure" for such an eventuality – yet every kite and line, in the sky and on the ground, was moved within seconds of the first person noticing the planes predicament and alerting fliers to the danger, the field being left clear for the unfortunate pilot. Every kite there had someone in attendance – nuff said....

"JimC"



Sixteen years later - Eric Fly's again

Everybody said it was monster. But I just had to try it. It belongs to the club so it has to be flown I thought. Nobody has flown it for 16 years but hey, it can't be that bad. Ummm... next time anyone hears me saying "why don't we just...", please whisper 'Eric' in my ear.

So what is Eric. Eric is a serpent kite, not just any serpent kite but a VL serpent kite - VERY LARGE! He was built by a team including Bill Souten (then secretary to MKF), Don Eccleston, Derek Kuhn, Eric Goodyear, Norman King, Ken Wakefield and Graham Wyle. The head, sparred in 8 and 10mm fibreglass tube, is 4.5m tall, 3m wide. The tail started life 500m long and made from dyed red Tyvek, but after a close encounter with a caravan, lost some 50m or so.

It was completed in May 1986 and first flown, I believe, at the Knavesmire in June 1986. I understand its last flight was 1987 since when it has been in storage, latterly with Don Eccleston.

Its proper name was the Jorvik Viking Centre Serpent Kite and it was originally sponsored by the Jorvik Centre in York: it carries their logo and I have agreed with them that we can continue to use it.

Carolyn and I picked up Eric at last year's AGM - and promptly left him with Dave Salmon when we realised it wouldn't go in the car at the same time as Carolyn, Andy Desadleer and I - thanks for coming to the rescue Dave! I picked it up earlier this year and it is currently in storage in a grain barn at the top of the village.

I tried to contact members of the original team to invite them to join us - unfortunately those I was able to get in touch with weren't able to join us.

We decided to set Sunday 2nd March, on the Knavesmire, as Eric's first outing. Carolyn and I got there around 10.00 and out came the windmeter - 6mph gusting 18 mph - b****r - the book says 10-14 mph. Oh well, hope it steadies down. Our helpers arrive - and huge thanks to them - and we struggle to haul the exceedingly heavy tail and all the other bits across the field - wind is such that a) we can't use the longest space and b) its furthest from the cars. And to cap it all, even if the wind had been better, the football pitches are in use.

We get the ground sheet out and unpack the spars - seem to be more than we need. And we finally realise that they do not go together the way the drawings show (Don confirms later the design did change). I will spare you the details but it took two hours to put together, and even then we got it wrong!
Whilst some of us played at putting in moorings for air-

ships, and others tried to fathom the intricacies of the frame, others rolled out the tail. 450m, that's 1/3 mile! That's a lot of tail!

It was assembled. We attached the flying line (thanks to Doug and Mark Bowlas for the loan). We stood it up, we took the strain, I asked myself what we were doing and whether this was potentially suicidal..... and the wind



dropped. And it stayed dropped. Little eddies of wind rolled across the ground and we stood there like lemons. The wind picked up - we pulled - and Eric rose into the air, just, for the first time in 16 years.

We tried several times more and achieved flight of maybe 30 seconds, or a minute tops, and may 150 feet. The tail stayed fairly firmly on the ground, but Eric had 'flown'.

Four broken spars (Don remembers some may have been broken) but no real damage. We now know how to put him together. We know how to fly him, and we know what wind we need as a minimum. And we know how much space he needs - it was a valuable lesson.

His next planned outing is Beverley - so helpers please.

In the meantime, a huge thanks to all those who came to help, to Ray Landers (to whom also thanks for the photo), to Doug & Linda Richardson, Ann, Andy and Richard Desadleer, to Mary, Mark and Brian Bowlas, Bryn & Lesley Baggaley, George Webster and Phil & Gill Ashton. But mostly thanks to the team that built Eric - you can be really proud of him and it will be an honour to help him fly again.

Jerry Swift



Revvng up on the Beach

Saturday, 28th December 2002. The last weekend of the year and a lovely windy day (well, chilly but bright). Having spent Christmas gorging ourselves on everything but turkey (we had duck), and both of us being full of cold, we decided it would be an ideal opportunity to blow a few cobwebs away.

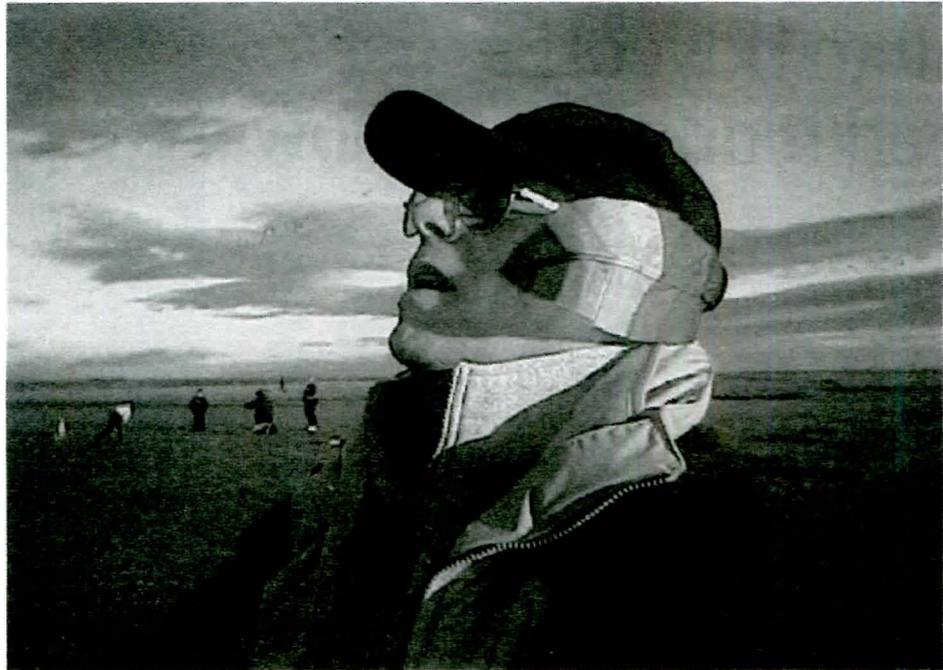
As Richard has not been to Humberston Fitties near Grimsby, we headed down towards the beach to see whether there were any other like-minded people out. The beach was full! There were several buggies with big foils attached, making the most of the wind, lots of people with quad-line foils being dragged down the beach, and lots of space left for us to set up and do the last serious flying of this year.

We put the flexi foil up with two streamers, dancing in the wind, and then a brightly coloured soft foil, which stalled interestingly every time the wind gusted. They both looked very small against some of the huge quad-line foils being employed by the buggy fraternity. I learnt a lot about re-launching a kite from the beach without help...

My favourite kite, the three metre Buster Blood Vessel then had to be put to the test, and it reinforced how careful you have to be not to try flying in too high a wind, as he dragged me down the beach, with every muscle in my arms screaming for release from the enormous pull. We shared the fun of flying him for a

while until we had both made interesting patterns in the sand (reminiscent of a herd of elephants doing the tango), then Richard got out the Revolution.

Now, I have had very little experience with dual-line kites, but a quad-line kite... Richard showed me how to lift it off and make it stop in mid air, turn on its own axis and drop gently back to earth. He is still learning, but it looked easy enough. Wrong! It was easy to get it off the ground and very easy to plough it straight back into the sand without trying too hard; turning frantic circles one

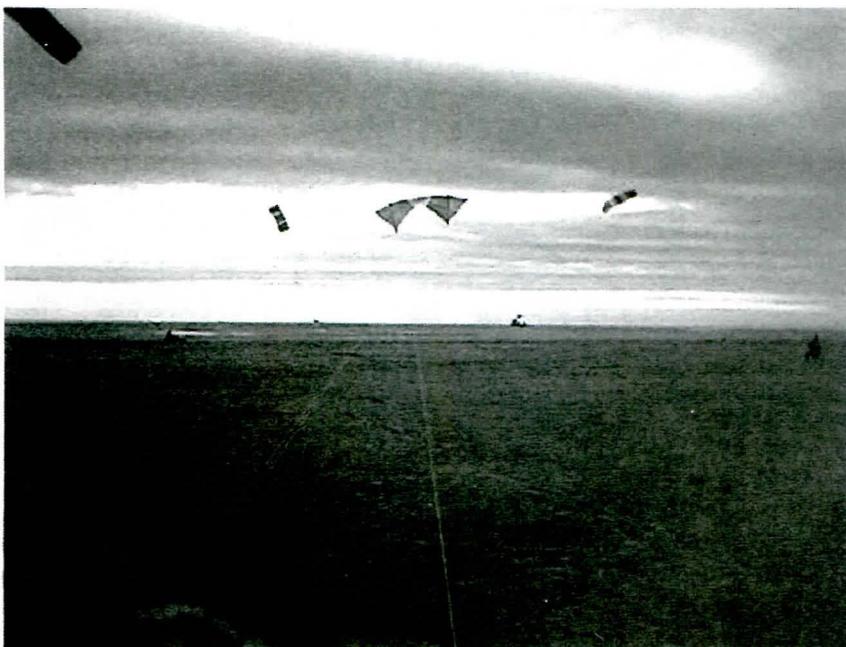


way was also good, but getting the lines unwound was another matter. Keeping my elbows in and 'dabbing' the controls was a great idea, but tell that to the kite! I very quickly mastered getting it off the ground either in reverse, or the right way up, but keeping it there was another matter. I handed it back to the expert, and we had many interested glances as it demonstrated fantastic manoeuvrability compared to all the other kites on the beach.

The afternoon soon went, and it was getting dark as we packed up and headed for the car and a flask of hot coffee. Humberston Fitties has been like a mini kite festival this weekend, and it was good to see all the kite-mad people out enjoying the sport.

I didn't get a kite for Christmas, as the choice has to be mine for my first one, so I am now test flying all the kites Richard has to see what I like the most. The flexi foil and old Buster are on the top of that list, but I am sure a Delta will win my heart soon! Revolutions are great, but I am going to leave them for the big boys...

Alison Gray-Smith



42 ROMAN CANDLE 68.



The journal of the Bearly Made It Skydive Squad, The International Brother and Sisterhood of Parachuting Fauna and the U.K. Ted Devils. Actual Bovine Scatological content, Nil. Mindless Drivel content=100%. Politically Incorrect and very proud of it, but of course you already knew that, so lets cut to the chase.

Call to boycott artist's 'dead teddy bear' show

In the last issue of R.C. we drew attention to a rather jokey mobile phone game, charmingly entitled "TORTURE TEDDY". okay, we realise that it was very much tongue in cheek, maybe even a hoot if thats what turns you on, but of no consequence whatsoever, apart from costing participants an arm and a leg.

It now turns out that in the real world there is at least one serious sicko psycho, who seems to have a real problem with Teddys and other cuddley toys, to such an extent that he has exhibited an artwork, or should that be an artwork at a gallery in Lytham St Annes in Lancs. Picture if you can Teds that have been partially dismembered, charred and scorched with a blowtorch, then pierced with 6" nails and finally daubed with red paint to resemble blood.

The artwork, if you can call it that is entitled "DEADY BEARS" and forms part of a larger work called "A WALK ON THE DARKSIDE" at the Artlounge gallery. The exhibit has caused quite a bit of a stink, and although some people said it was fascinating, a lot more said it was outrageous. Irena Thompson, who runs the nearby Toy and Teddy Museum was not best pleased. "The exhibition is dreadful, what is the artist trying to achieve? Most people look upon Teddys as lifelong freinds and companions and its not nice to see them treated in this way. Teddy Bear lovers both young and old will be horrified to see them treated in this way. Is it art to treat Teds almost like bizarre voodoo dolls"

However, Sam Shearon the 24 year old artist?? responsible for the exhibit, said that it was payback time for the terror his own childhood Ted inflicted upon him when its eyes used to light up, lit by the headlights of passing cars, which, he says, terrified him so much, that his Mum had to turn the Ted around to face the wall. How this inspired him to mutilate, scorch, pierce and daub these Bears he did not say. He added that the exhibition was 'nt pretty, but he was not into making thing that were easy on the eye.

Nicola Thompson, the owner of the gallery said the exhibition had generated lots of feed back from the public. Most people, however think that the artist is definitely strange and in need of some serious psychological help, but then the exhibition was meant to be thought provoking.

No doubt many of our members could think of suitable treatment for this somewhat rather sad sicko, though we're not sure if 6 laceholes up the jacksie would be regarded in these politically correct days as suitable psychiatric help. Mind you, its probably all about money, as this sicko is probably on a Arts Council grant, and laughing all the way to the bank. Dont it make yer wanna puke.



Artist Sam Shearon says his work is revenge



SKYDIVING SKIVE OF AN 'OFF SICK' COPPER....YOO WOT?

A COP WHO WAS SUPPOSEDLY OFF SICK WAS ACTUALLY WORKING AS A PARACHUTE INSTRUCTO A COURT WAS RECENTLY TOLD.

Andrew Hesketh pocketed some £2,560 in sickness benefits plus sick pay after claiming he was injured in a fall at a police station.

In fact he had started a new life as a parachute instructor at an airfield in Lincolnshire.Hesketh first started claiming handouts after he alleged he had slipped on a wet at Bury nick. He told his bosses that the slip had aggravated a previous wok related injury to his back.

He was on six months full pay sick leave, but when this was later halved as per police rules, he started claiming sick benefit whilst actually working as a parachute instructor at Target airsports near Scunthorpe. The scam was only exposed after a client was killed in a parachute accident and Hesketh had to give evidence at an inquest. Someone obviously knew what he was up to and tipped off the old bill, who were somewhat stunned when they learned the full facts of the matter. at court, Hesketh pleaded guilty to eight counts of deception as he had earned £2,000 from Target and claimed£2,500 odd whilst still on sick pay from the Manchester Police. So there you have it, Bad Back? Skydive, you know it cures all.



PARA, PARA, PARACHUTE TRAINING?, HO, HUM, ITS ALL A BIT OF A DRAG.....

FIRST OFF WE HAD ATHLETES HURLING DOWN THE TRAINING TRACKS DRAGGING MINI CHUTES BEHIND THEM, NOW THE PRIMA DONNA FOOTBALLERS ARE GETTING IN ON THE ACT.

Wotsit all about you may ask? Nope we dont think they are gearing up to to try and get into the BMISS as it seems to be about increasing their running speed, as the theory is that after having to drag a minichute behind them, when they discard the chute, say,in actual competition they speed up quite a bit. Crazy or what? Why bother with minichutes the speed up effect could quite easily induced by having those large show cheques at each end of the pitch or track, that would get 'em going. Better still, maybe we could con them into the full size parachute caper, but with empty chute packs, would increase their speed a treat

FURRY HOOLIGAN ATTACKS CHURCH,WHICH IS NOT A NICE THING TO DO.....

An Atheist or possibly nutcas Bear attacked an eighteenth century church for the second time recently in a place thats unpronoucable in southeast Poland. The local priest Fr. Henryk Dobosz is getting a bit browned off with the furry hooligans antics.

It seems that the Bear is after a Bee Nest in the church tower, which of course is full of honey.The damage the bear is doing is a nuisance, claw marks on the wall and planks ripped from the door, however the bear hasnt actually broken in yet, but who knows, he may come back, armed with a chainsaw.



WHILST WE'RE ON ABOUT FURRY HOOLIGANS.....

Gordon Bennett, look what the cats just dragged in, Holy Cow its the one and only Drunken Dave, turning up out of the blue, like the proverbial bad penny. Where the hell yoo been Dave, long time no see. "Gurgle, Fart, Burp Gurgle" Oh, so the caper with the widow of a Beer Baron never panned out after you drunk the brewery dry. 'Bout time you went back to the South Coast slapper and those sodding sprogs. Did hear that Suzy wants to introduce you to that awfully nice Mr Rawlings of ADIRONDACK fame, hes a bit wooden but he longs to meet you.

IS'NT THAT NICE? WE MUST DO ALL WE CAN TO RE UNITE THOSE LONG LOST FRIENDS AND WAYWARD SPOUSES.

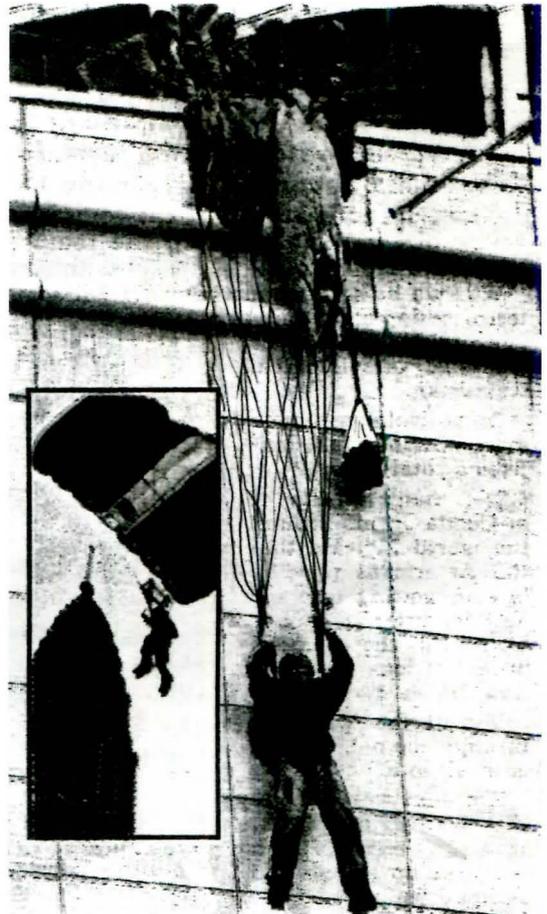
HUNG UP ON SHOP TILL YOU DROP, OR YOU'RE HAVING A LAUGH.

So, heres the deal. you know the worlds tallest building right? Wot, them Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala-Lumpar? Yeah, thats it, why dont we have an extreme Sky Diving competition right orf the top.....

And Yea verily it came to pass that a disperate group of Skydiving loonies did disport themselves atop the 1,483ft, oh, about 450 metre tall towers, prior to chucking themselves off.

As you know, any gathering of the aforementioned loony barstewards, has to include by law, one loony who will outloony all the rest put together. Step forward Mr Matthew Strickland and show us what you can do, What Mr S. could do was quite simple, chuck yerself orf the top, unstuff the jolly old rag, lose the plot as regards finding the drop zone, shucks, we miss that by a country mile and end up dangling by yer chute from a shopping complex at the base of the Twin Towers.

Its a tribute to the chute maker that Mr S. didn't buy the farm after dangling from the store front for some considerable time, before being rescued by a bemused group of Malaysian soldiers, who were heard muttering under their breath, Sod that if thats Parachuting we're off to join the Catering Corps.



COR; STONE THE CROWS, OR POSSIBLY STONE THE TEDDIES....

Alright you rotten lot, own up, 'OO NICKED the Stone Teddy Bear in Dorset..... Police in Dorset are investigating the theft of a 4ft stone Teddy Bear from a garden in the Piddle Valley. Get this, the sodding Bear weighs 15 stone, oh alright, for them as dont use stones or have furrin weights, the Bears goes about 210lbs or a good 'undred kilos. Gordon Bennett, whoever had that away must have done some puffing and blowing.

Rumours that the Stoned(yoo wot?) Bear was going to be kitted out with a granite Parachute for some real fauna bombing were dismissed as nothing more than stirring it up, In the meantime the Boys in Blue who have bearily found a single clue to this dastardly crime are on the lookout for an extremely large Kite, as the whole affair will end up in tears or through somebodys stunt Kite display, but dont quote us on that will ya.

JUTE TO CICUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, THE TEDDY BEAR IS MADE FROM A GUNNY SACK.....

And the funny thing is the rough little sod fetched £9,200 at an auction in Buckingham recently, which goes to show that there must be plenty of dough in the game. So, you may ask, why on earth would anyone make a Teddy Bear out of so rough a stuff as Jute, another name for which is Gunny. Actually the Ted in question dates from the end of the first world war, at which time soft fabric such as nice mohair were in very short supply. We have no details as to wether or not this Bear was simply a one off or it was in commercial production by a recognised toy maker. It must have been the latter case as surely a one off homemade Bear would realise such a sum as this one did.



We realise that the following will not be read by any dropnik type thingy as they are all down the garden, rooting around in the garden shed, desperately searching for old fertiliser sacks, and dreaming of loads of wonga.

Sorry to put a proverbial spanner in the works, old chaps but unless you happen to be in possession of a genuowine circa world war one type gunny sack, all you are likely to do is just increase the number of rather rough looking Teddy Bears, and boy, ain't there some of them about(who, moi?) most of which, lets face it, are worth about 2bob.

Mind you, they cant stop you dreaming yet (proposed EC legislation soon) 'cor Noine farsand knicker.... if only....

JUTE GLORIOUS JUTE, OH, WHAT WE WOULD GIVE FOR.....

YET ANOTHER EMPTY SPACE IN THE SKY.....

BMISS and Kiting as a whole lost a true friend recently when Pat Dell was taken from us after a short illness. to our knowledge 'THE BOSS' never bombed a parafauna, but she was supporter of what we got upto, always there with a smile or a telling comment and a word of advice. Its hard when you realise that we will never see her again, for along with husband Ron, Pat seemed to be a permanent fixture at every Kite Fest. And if you work it out Pat and Ron really did stitch the BMISS together.

As most of you know for a good many years Pat and Ron were the one and only Kiteability, not so much a Kite bits and bobs outlet, more a hospitality suite at most festivals, and when they ceased trading we were all looking forward to many years of Mable and Old Harry being just Kiters, but alas it was not to be and all we are left with now are memories, and they will be forever. Goodbye then dear Pat, you was very much a good'un Girl, and all of us will really miss you.

DONT SAY WE DIDNT WARN YER, WE'VE SEEN THE FUTURE, AND ITS YUK.

They obviously dont like soft cuddly toys of a parachuting persuasion in that bastion of sense and sensebility and joined up thinking known as brussels. We have it on good authority from a friend of a friend of someone who does for the third chief cook and bottlewashers second assistant at the canteen in the building over the road from the parliament house in downtown strasbourg which is quite a way from brussels, that possibly, maybe, in the future. parafauna will be classed as hazardous and wil have to carry warning notices stating that this is so.

Its also rumoured that parafauna could be classed as weapons of mass desruction, which means you could have a Blix battalion swarming all over yer gaff, armed with geiger counters. Mind you they should be a doddle to bamboozle, from what we've heard.

Remember, all the forgoing is sricltly on the QT,catch our drift, and far be it from us to do a bit of stirring, he lied,we are definitely in a deja vu, or perhaps a deja pooh situation. We should all be alert, 'cos the world definitely needs lerts.



BOVINE SCATALOGIA FREE ZONE.....(nope, we dont follow them around with a BROOM!

Did you know that Humes have had a fascination with Bears for many thousands of years, partly due to their mystery,strength and the fact that they can walk on two legs. Ancient man elevated the Bear to the status of a god and gods were depicted as Bears by the ancient Greeks,Romans and Celts. Funny enough, Humes have only been fascinated by Teddy Bears for about a hundred years, and with parachuting Teds for about thirty years, the disparity in time is probably due to the fact that them sodding Romans, Greeks and Celts never had mohair, kapok,parachutes and Kites

Also, apra po of nothing, did you know that on the fateful day that Donald Campbell died in his jetboat, Bluebird in 1967, his mascot, a Bear named Mr Whoppit floated to the surface of Coniston water just minutes after the crash.

The Bear who along with Campbell had broken the water speed record seven times and the land speed record once was the only trace of Campbell which could be found until the discovery of the Bluebird wreck in 2001.

SO AS ALWAYS ITS THE USUAL TO THE TEDDYTORIAL C/O AS EVER The Boring Old Fart.48 Laurel Lane,West Drayton,UB7.7TY. in what will be forever England, though possibly a sadder England, now that another piece of the fun has gone forever.

STOP PRESS.Portos the Bear has been awarded a state pension at the age of 27 years as a reward for being the star performer at the Omsk City Circus in Russia. Gordon Bennett, do you suppose that they class him as an OAP Bear, or possibly a Boring Old Fart Bear?



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