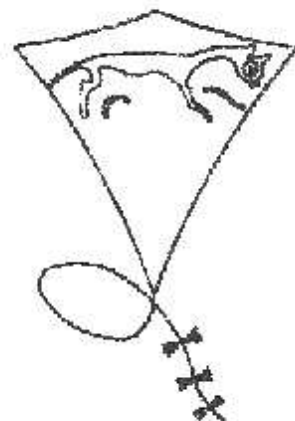


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WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS
AUTUMN ISSUE 2005
OCTOBER - JANUARY

THE A.G.M

WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
20th NOV 2005

At

The Holiday Inn Express(Swindon West)
12.00PM for 12.30pm Start

Like we say every year this is your time to have your say and put your input into the club so lets see you there supporting your club

White horse kite flyers
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Diary Dates 2005

W = Workshop, D = Display, T = Teddy bears

October

9th One Sky One World
Barbury

8/9th Workshop

November

13th Barbury Castle

20th The A.G.M see front page

December

11th Barbury Castle

January 06

8th Barbury Castle

Please note all events are liable to alteration or cancellation For up to date information please check our web site www.whkf.co.uk

Early next year there will be some workshop repair days to repair

Some of the clubs bigger kites that have had damage over this years

Season so please keep a few weekend clear after the new year so we can get the club ready for a great 2006 season

THE AGM

Yes we are already getting to that time of year. Christmas will be here before you know it. We will be back to those bright frosty meetings at Barbury when half our members spend most of the day down the pub.

You have had to put up with me, and the rest of the committee for another 12 months and this is YOUR chance to change things, so please come along. This year it will be held at The Holiday Inn Express, Swindon West starting at 12.30. Please note this is the one at M4 junction 16 that we use during our festival: not the one we were at last year. Let us hope that we don't have a last minute change of venue as we did then. A multimap link can be found on our web site.

The format will be the same as usual with a break for lunch at a suitable point and the raffle at the end. Please remember to support the raffle as it does pay for the lunch. Seating this year will be theatre style i.e. with no tables. Lunch and the raffle will be in a separate area.

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1. Welcome to Members from the President.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of 2004 AGM.
4. Matters arising from Minutes.
5. Chairman's Report.
6. Hon. Sec's Report.
7. Hon. Treasurer's Report.
8. "Cowpat Hill" editor's Report.
9. WHKF USA representative's Report.
10. Election of Officers.
11. WHKF Festival 2006.
12. Other Events.
13. National Body.
14. Equipment for 2006.
15. Projects for 2006.
16. Workshops for 2006
17. Club Constitution.
18. Fees from November 2006

19. Any other Business. Now is your chance to have "a say", or have we forgotten something.

20. Close of the Meeting by the President.

Lunch will be served following the election of officers.

THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT THE END OF THE MEETING.

Please support it well as it pays for the FOOD.

CONSTITUTION

During the term of this committee several occasions have arisen when a quick decision would have been beneficial. Under the current constitution this has proved difficult, as all members of the committee have to be contacted and a quorate majority obtained. To alleviate this problem it is proposed to add the following clause to the constitution.

1, In the absence of a full committee meeting within the time scale required decisions can be made on behalf of the club by a simple majority of the elected officers

As required by the constitution this has been presented to the Hon. Sec. within the appropriate time scale. This will be presented at The AGM for approval by the membership present.

INSURANCE

Twelve months ago we advised all members, via the magazine and the web site that our insurers required accurate details of the members who are to be covered by our policy. Membership renewal forms have been made available in both locations to submit these details.

To date very few of these have included any one else. Please note that if you have not added any other names, only the member who has made the application is covered by the club's insurance. This insurance is a requirement at most events and is always worth having for your own peace of mind.

We hope none of our members will ever need to use this cover, but please make sure you have added all the names to your application/renewal this year.

IT'S FOR YOUR SAFETY

ROBINSON'S RAMBLE

After the great success of the Gibson Girl and Arno Haft historic kite collection exhibition that was staged at our festival in May, George Webster, kite historian and festival commentator, suggested that we do something similar, for a great British kite innovator, Alick Pearson, of "Roller" fame. Alick was one of a group of kite flyers, which became known as the "Round Pond Flyers", after their meeting place in Kensington Gardens, London. Alick died in 1984, but left behind a great legacy in the kite that we all know as the Roller, he was also well known for making bird kites. The plan is to bring together as many Roller kites or his style of bird kites that we can get, we have invited two kite flyers, who knew Alick personally; to the event, they haven't confirmed that they can come yet, so I won't name them until they do. They are both experts in Alick's kites, so if you think you may have a genuine one in your collection we would like you to bring it to the festival, where hopefully we will be able to get it authenticated by these two experts. We also want you to bring along Rollers & replica bird kites of Alick's, that you have made yourself. We want to gather as many as we can, however we need to know if you are bringing your kites, please inform me first, by email or phone.

This must be a record, I noticed two kite related stories in *The Western Daily Press*, on Thursday 8/9/05. The first one was about the guy from the West Country, Dom Mee, who is trying for the first attempt at crossing the Atlantic in a boat pulled along by a kite. The 34 year old ex Royal Marine was horrified when he came face to face with a 12ft Shark on day 15 of his attempt, he was 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland on his way home to Exmouth in Devon, in his purpose built boat Little Murka, which is only 14 ft long. Dom had a flare ready to frighten off the Shark but after about 10 minutes following him it sank below the waves never to be seen again.

The other story is about the woman, Andrea Wharry who kite surfed from Cornwall to County Waterford to set a new World record for the longest continuous kite surf of 132 miles, one of her sponsors is Flexifoil. Wharry is a top ten; rated kite surfer. Light winds delayed her start by 3 hours, the wind speed being so low prevented her from launching off of the beach, so she started her attempt nearly 20 miles out to sea, where she was soon being blown along by south westerly winds between 10 to 20 knots, she broke the record after 6hrs 50 minutes at sea. Her equipment for the attempt included a special kite surf-board with a pointed nose. The previous record was set in December 2001: by 3 Americans, crossing from Florida to Cuba. In July a Dutchman set an unofficial record of 115 miles by crossing from Suffolk to Holland.

I hope you have all noted the date for next years festival at Wroughton, it's the 7/8th May, if you are thinking this is the first weekend in May and not the second which is the weekend we would normally hold our festival, you are dead right, we

had to change to fall in line with an open weekend at the Science Museum, it's a good thing we did change because if we hadn't and followed our normal pattern we would be clashing with Cleethorpes.

Regards

Dave Robinson

ARTICLES

What is the matter out there? All the articles for this magazine seem to have dried up! We used to have all sorts. Where are the puzzles, plans, recipes for winter warmers etc. etc. etc. Did any one go to a kite event this year? Was it good or bad? Can we learn anything to improve our event? Where's our knotty discussion gone? Read any good kite books lately?

In the early years we had articles about why we do what we do and how we started. I may dig some of these out and embarrass some one. It is always good for newcomers to realise that even the best flyers started from the bottom and gained knowledge through our club. How about a series of articles for beginners? The topics are endless.

At a recent committee meeting the possibilities were discussed of reducing the current format and producing a single sheet newsletter only or only having two issues a year. This would certainly make it much easier for our hard working editor and printer, but is this what you really want?

If not the answer is in your hands! Or it would be if you picked up a pen. So come on and get writing, as you can see from the garbage I keep producing it don't have to be a master piece and nowadays we can take it in most formats.

Arthur

Robinson's Ramble Extra

I was dragged to the shops on a recent Saturday afternoon. Janet if you don't already know could win *Gold Medals* for shopping. She needed to put in some training! I'm not moaning because she chose to do her training in Cirencester, which is a very pleasant Market Town in the Cotswolds, that has an excellent art gallery. I always visit this gallery that's full of contemporary art, if you want to go there it's called the Brewery Arts Centre. What a great surprise when I went into the gallery, they have an exhibition of "Crazy Coffins". There hanging from the ceiling was a large yellow box kite; looking like an overgrown Gibson Girl, however this was no ordinary kite, through the centre is a coffin! If you want to have a look at it go to this site-<http://www.crazycoffins.co.uk> where not only will you see the kite coffin, you'll see others including a builders skip, narrow boat and a sports bag plus loads of others. The exhibition is on until November 2nd.

This year the AGM will be held at the "Express by Holiday Inn" at junction 16 M4, you will be reading about it in other parts of this magazine, however I am writing about it here to remind you of the raffle and the importance of it! It pays for the AGM which: this year will cost the club in excess of £300. Please don't forget we except all donations, please buy as many tickets as you can, remember the more tickets you buy equals the more chances you get of winning prizes!

I'm on a diet at the moment, but I must say I'm partial to a nice fruit cake, so I thought if I was cheeky enough to put a recipe here for a boiled fruit, I could taste your versions of it at our monthly meetings throughout the winter!

BOILED FRUIT CAKE

Ingredients

300g (12oz) Mixed Fruit
100g (4oz) Sugar
100g (4oz) Butter/Margarine
125ml (¼pt) Water
1 Egg
200g (8oz) Self-Raising Flour

Method

- 1) Place fruit, sugar, margarine and water in pan; simmer slowly with lid on for 20 minutes.
- 2) Allow to cool, then add beaten egg and stir in flour.
- 3) Turn into a greased 15-18cm (6-7in) cake tin.
- 4) Bake for 1½ hours at 150c, 300f, Gas mark 2.

Regards,
David Robinson

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Signed on behalf of the Company

Date: 15/07/2005





Arthur's worst nightmare

A thank you letter sent to the club

Hi Peter,

Sorry it has taken me a while to email you since camp, but things have been fairly hectic, tying up the final loose ends.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you and your team for the kite workshop sessions you laid on for us. The feedback I had from everyone that participated was that they all thoroughly enjoyed it. We were really lucky with the weather, and the whole camp seemed to be a huge success.

Once again, thanks ever so much for helping to make the camp such a success.

Jenny
Wiltshire North Guides

Sky Chat

Well it is that time of year again; most of the Kite Festivals gone, night drawing in and it is getting cooler. Must be coming up to A G M time, a time for reflection on the past year and a time to plan and look forward to the next year. It is time to think up new ideas, new (dare I say it) gimmicks to push The Club to the forefront in kiting again. I think The Club has stood still for the last couple of years and the time is now ripe to leap forward again. This can only happen with your ideas and your participation. So come on thinking caps on, wanted new Club kite projects, I will not say bigger the better but spectacular is a must, also as I asked in the last "Cowpat" ideas for the updating the choice in the Children's Workshop area. I do not wish to see the end of the green tadpoles but something else as well to offer the children. Must be a good flyer and fairly easy to make. Not too much to ask is it?

This is also the time of year to start planning and making your own kites for next season and by the time you get this issue of "Cowpat" we shall have had the Robert Brasington workshop. We are extremely lucky to be able to put on workshops of this calibre and very grateful that Robert has spared us his time to do this workshop. Our workshops are the envy of kite groups in this country and long may this be so. We may not match Fort Worden in quantity of classes but we do on quality, so long may this be so. We all must thank Dave R for his hard work in organising this class and to Pete W and the Head-mistress for arranging the school.

The season has flown by (excuse the pun) this year, starting off at Wellington Park at the beginning of April and looks like ending at Chale, Isle of Wight. I have enjoyed the ones that I have been able to attend, including the smaller workshop shows where we meet a different public, as from the bigger Kite Festivals. At these smaller shows we as a Club have a chance to enlighten the public into the joys of kite flying. There are a lot of people out there have no idea that there is such a wide range of shapes and sizes of kites. This is the fresh blood to tap into to join us kite flying, we can always tell them of some of the snags latter.

I know that it seems ages away but this is the last issue before Christmas and The New Year, so may I, Sue and the Family wish you all the very best for 2006 and I hope to see many of you at The A G M.

Neil

And finally

Well I can't believe another kite season is nearly over, they seem to go quicker every year. This year hasn't appeared to be so busy but most weekends the club could be found around the country and even abroad promoting kiting. This magazine isn't as full as some previous issues its becoming an elected officer mag I know a lot of you have visited places or have ideas for the magazine so please share them. It doesn't matter what it is from plans, word searches, recipes or anything you think would interest other members. I would hate to see this magazine become a 1-page item containing just diary dates. This is your club and you need to have your say. Well enough waffling I'm not writing another rambling. I look forward to seeing you all at the A.G.M on the 20th of November. It seems strange to say it but to those I wont see after this event I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May we all have good health and clean winds. See you all on a flying field next year.

Tracy.

Merry Christmas

Well its that time of the year again
And on the Sunday you get this your be glad to know
Its only 11 weeks to Christmas day !!!

So on that note merry Christmas and a happy new year
To you all here's to a great 2006

From all

The committee

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Kite Flying Safety Tips

The NEVERS of Kite Flying

- Fly a kite in wet or stormy weather, try to keep your kite line dry.
 - Fly a kite near power lines, transmission towers or aerials.
 - Fly a kite with wire or anything metallic in the line.
 - Fly a strong pulling kite without wearing GLOVES.
 - Leave odd bits of flying line etc on the flying site.
 - Fly a kite at over 200 feet*.
- *Kite festivals may have C.A.A. clearance to fly higher.....ASK!

The Things to AVOID

- Motorways, roads, car parks railway lines or buildings.
 - Airfields and low flying air traffic patterns
 - Members of the public.....stunt flyers please take care!
 - Those kite eating trees.
 - Animals, they can be frightened by kites.
- Remember, your kites can get really quite lonely up high in the sky just occasionally, look up and give them a little SMILE.*

AND PLEASE, MIND THOSE POWER LINES!

Where the WHKF go to fly their kites

WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS fly at Barbury Castle Country Park, Wroughton, Swindon, Wilts on the SECOND Sunday of each month
WILL YOU be there?

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