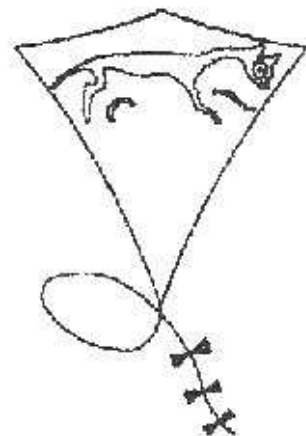


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WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS  
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## SWINDON KITE FESTIVAL 10/11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2003 LYDIARD PARK, SWINDON

10am until 5pm each day

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's 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. Our club has two dedicated sport kite teams, (Gemini & Matrix Management) who will be demonstrating their routines. 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](mailto:darjer2@aol.com)

Regards

Dave Robinson

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# Diary Dates 2003

## April

5/13<sup>th</sup> Berck Sur Mer kite festival

13<sup>th</sup> second Sunday at Barbury

19/20/21 Kiteflyers Easter Festival Worcester Countryside Park

20<sup>th</sup> Streatham kite day

26/27 Stowe Kite Festival

## May

4/5<sup>th</sup> Weymouth Kite Festival

10/11<sup>th</sup> **SWINDON KITE FESTIVAL**

11<sup>th</sup> Poole Kite Day

17/18<sup>th</sup> Suffolk Kite Festival

17/18<sup>th</sup> Cleethorpes Kite Festival

24/25/26<sup>th</sup> Middle Wallop

24/25/26<sup>th</sup> Tewkesbury Fun Weekend

## June

8<sup>th</sup> second Sunday at Barbury

7/8<sup>th</sup> Basingstoke Kite Festival

21/22 Southampton Kite Festival

28,29 Shrewsbury Kite Festival

28/29 Bedford Kite Festival

## July

6<sup>th</sup> Rockingham Kite Fun Day

13<sup>th</sup> Club meet at Barbury

12/13 Brighton Kite Festival

19/20<sup>th</sup> Kennet Kite Festival

Please note all events are liable to alteration or cancellation

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[www.whkf.org.uk](http://www.whkf.org.uk)

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# DICTIONARY OF BUNGING

Computer freaks have a jargon all of their own mainly to impress the uninitiated and confuse you into believing they know what they are talking about. Don't be fooled. Be that as it may Francesca had the brilliant idea that kities could develop the same system, as could Fauna Bungers. I suppose that is a for instance, so we have agreed to start a dictionary for each. These will include some of the ones we all take for granted but which new comers have to have explained along with many words we have made up just to confuse the sane people in this world.

Bunger	One who carries out the act of fauna dropping.
BMISS	Bearly Made It Skydiving Squad. The governing body for the sport.
Para fauna	If it walks like a bear and talks like a bear
Parafloa	If it walks like a daisy and talks like a pansy
Roman Candle	A failure of the parachute to deploy. Originated during the war for the full size scenario. Or a well known magazine section.
LARA	Half a doughnut
Arena Display	A malfunction of the release gear which fails to drop Para fauna/flora
Fringed	The up and down lines have become tangled so nothing can go more than half way.
Filloxing	The action required to untangle the above.
Kite festival	The wind is too light to lift the fauna
Oomnie	The fauna is too heavy for the parachute.
A fizzer	The parachute is too small for the load.
A drifter	The fauna is too small
Tronks	Queue of people waiting to have soft cuddly dropped
Grindle	Mother asserting (falsely) that it is her child's toy which she is having dropped for their entertainment.
Brat	Off spring of the above.
Prackle	The noise of manic laughter from behind you from some one who has never seen parachuting teddies before.
Soggy	Fauna/Flora likely to over shoot DZ and end up in briny
Climber	Fauna/Flora that has found a thermal.
Hanger	Fauna/Flora heading for the only tree in the field
Rescue kit	Bit of stick with a long string tied on to it or one of Chalkies 9m poles.
Telly Tubby	Special Fauna for dropping without 'chute

Arthur

# Food Glorious Food

When I first heard about the Thank you Charlie workshop I was sorry that I felt my eyesight was not up to it and I would miss out on one of the club workshops. I was very glad when hearing discussions about difficulties of arranging food across two one day workshops to be able to volunteer to take on the catering. Cooking has always been a bit of a hobby of mine and if it had not been for a careers adviser years ago I would have been doing that instead of electronics as a job. I enjoyed the weekend and found it very rewarding that so many people said they had enjoyed the food. So it's your own faults if I do it again in the future.

At this point I must say a huge thank you to Tracy and Di without whom I could not have done it and they made the whole thing easy and a good laugh. When David came in and demanded bread pudding it was great to see Tracy take up the challenge and present it the following afternoon and following a chat about TV cookery programs we decided to have a go at microwave meringues with great success. I think we all learnt something. Down to the reason for this article. We had planned to do just the Chilli and Curry fillings and 3 days before the event I thought we perhaps ought to do a vegetarian option for those of that persuasion. I have always liked lentils and thought I might be able to concoct something with them so having the kitchen to myself that night I had a go and some of you liked the results so much that you asked for the recipe. Here it is with the quantities I used for about 20+ servings.

Olive oil for frying  
1 garlic bulb peeled and crushed  
4 large onions peeled and chopped  
1 green pepper diced  
500 gram Black Beluga lentils rinsed  
500 gram green lentils rinsed  
500 gram red lentils rinsed  
1 large tin chopped tomatoes  
salt  
Chilli powder  
Cumin  
Coriander

Using a heavy based large pan with plenty of olive oil fry the garlic, onions and green pepper until soft.

Add tinned tomatoes and black lentils and bring to the boil adding water as required and simmer for 10 mins.

Add green and red lentils, salt and spices to taste and bring back to the boil.

Make sure that you add enough water as the lentils soak it up very quickly and they will stick and burn if you take your eye off them for a slit second.

The recipe should work with smaller quantities but I used the size box that the lentils came in. it seems to freeze very well and is easy to reheat in the microwave. Other types of pulses could be used but I chose these, as they required no overnight soaking.

Try using beer or wine instead of the water or curry powder instead of the spices listed, it could work but don't blame me.

Arthur

## TO THE WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS.

I am delighted to read in the magazine of Neil's promotion to Life president of the club.

It seems a long time ago (1984-85) when Ron and I first met this big burly Gloucestershire man on Malvern Common, and they started talking kites.

It was the start of a great friendship and also the beginnings of the W.H.K.F.

Over the years the club has gone from strength to strength, and is now known Worldwide and is accredit to all who have flown the flag.

I hope 2003 will be another successful year for the club.

Many thanks for the Christmas greeting sent to me.

Betty Gunter.

## THE NEW GIRL

When things go wrong as they  
Sometimes will

When the road you're trudging  
Seems all uphill

When then funds are low and the  
Debts are high

And you want to smile but you  
Have to sigh

When care is pressing you down  
A bit

I thought - "GO FLY A KITE"

So I joined the W.I.L.K.F., and armed with one of my children's old kites I braved my very first attempt to get it up in the sky. Defeat as the kite would just not stay in the air it almost made me go home, but the friendliness and expertise of the club members I found at Barbury Castle eventually got the bedraggled kite sky bound. Encouragingly I was told, "Now you can fly a kite"!

I hadn't picked ideal weather. A damp start turned into cold rain, and getting soaked even inside my wellies, I went home and into a hot bath with a warming reviver!

I have such a lot to learn and much Jargon to understand and remember, but I can't wait.

Dorothy Knopp.

My apologies to Dorothy this should have appeared in the last edition but got mislaid in the filing.

## WANTED This is a serious request!

So that I can have a bit of fun and entertainment whilst parachuting bears I want to compile a music CD of Teddy tunes but can only find them one at a time on CDs and that makes it rather expensive. If any of you have any appropriate ones please could you let me borrow them in any format; cd, mp3, mini disc, wav, wmf or anything else?

I already have Elvis' "I just wanna be your teddy bear" and can think of "Teddy bears picnic", "Teddy bear, teddy bear", "Paddington", "Rupert the bear", "Winnie the Pooh" and the one from Jungle book. That just a start and I am sure there must be loads more. I promise only to play them on the car stereo near the drop rig and not on PA unless they really annoy Chalkie; 'cos that's fun.

Arthur

## ROBINSON'S RAMBLE

Another year another Fort Worden, Janet and myself have been travelling to Fort Worden for the past ten year's, and it seems to get better every year, the highlights this year were, Mikio Toki from Japan and Mr Chen from China. Mikio is a great laugh and likes to play around a lot, but when he gets down to painting traditional Japanese

images onto kites, I haven't seen anyone better! And Mr Chen's kites needed to be seen, to be believed! He makes Birds, Crabs, Lobsters etc, but he makes them animated, there is a small turbine in the belly of the kite that drives cogs; that, on the Crane kite turns its head back and forth whilst in flight; the lobster's claws open and close; its eyes pop in and out; and its tail opens and closes, but when I tell you his only tools are a knife for splitting bamboo and a pair of long nose pliers, it seems unbelievable when you see the quality of workmanship, oh how I would like to bring him to the UK, however he doesn't speak a word of English, so if you invite him to an event he needs a Mandarin speaking translator with him, which obviously doubles the costs. It was our trips to Fort Worden that inspired me to introduce workshops to our club, our last one being Charlie Sotich from Chicago, Charlie is a legend in American kiting circles, can you believe it, he was amazed when I asked him if he could come and do a workshop for us, and he and his sister enjoyed the trip so much that they kept saying they couldn't believe that we had invited them just to make Charlie's kites, my answer to that is, just ask those at the workshop just how much they enjoyed it, it was wonderful, all I can say is *THANKYOU CHARLIE!* A big thank you to Marla for squeezing so much money out of you all at the raffle, and those that attended give yourselves a big pat on the back, for providing the raffle prizes and spending so much money, it's the raffle that makes these workshops viable, and who knows, one day we may be able to afford Mr Chen and a translator! *THANKYOU MARLA!* A very big thank you must go to Arthur for this year's food, it's the first time that we have been able to provide lunch with the workshop fee, this was possible because, Arthur didn't want to do Charlie's class but wanted to contribute to the weekend, so he convinced Tracy and Dianne that it would be a good idea if they helped him, I think everyone there would agree with me in saying; *THANKYOU ARTHUR, THANKYOU TRACY, THANKYOU DIANNE!*

At Charlie's workshop I said that our October workshop would see a return of Sam Houston, unfortunately, Sam can't do a workshop in October because he and his wife Anne are going to Australia, however he has agreed to do a workshop for us in February 2004. The kite will be a 'Tri-D Box kite, spaces will be very limited because 22 people at Charlie's workshop wanted to put their name down for Sam's class, and he can only manage thirty in a class, if you gave me or Janet your name you will be in the class, if February is OK with you, those that didn't please watch for the booking form in the autumn Cowpat. With Sam unable to come over in October, I have asked Martin Lester if he can do a class for us, and the good news is that he has said yes! He has said that he would do two different kites over the weekend, so if you can only attend one day you will go away with a kite but if you can stay for both days you get two! Further details and a booking form will be in the next edition of Cowpat.

Karl Longbottom  
Vice Chairman, Hereford Kite Association

Hereford Festival is to be held the Weekend of 19th & 20th July.  
The venue is Kingstone High School, Kingstone, HR2 9HJ, about 5 miles south west of Hereford City.

Camping available from 4pm on Friday night, but not before, as the pupils will still be there and the access gates will be locked.

Saturday night BBQ and Auction.

For further details call 01981 550326 or email [Karl@longbottom.org.uk](mailto:Karl@longbottom.org.uk)

## Matrix Management off again!!

Once again team matrix management are off to France .so as you  
Read this we will be doing our bit for the UK and WHKF hopefully in the sun and nice winds (not 35 mph like last year) we will be back for stowe so see you all there look out for the new kites and also Gemini's as well.

Thanks to Carl Robertshaw well that's it hope to have a story to tell  
Next time round !!!!

Pete willis

And all of the team ..

### *The Kite Squadron Airs*

*In the last copy of Cowpat I put out a plea for "musicians" and other interested people who would indicate their agreement to joining an impromptu/open band to get everyone together on the Saturday evening of the Swindon Festival. It was felt that this could be a fun way to enjoy the bar and socialise. I have had offers of help from two musicians to whom I am most grateful BUT no others. They will need to know that this is a viable project before we start putting in the effort of organising the whole event. So where are all those who are in favour of a great sing along, acoustic instrument players and rhythm "bushers"? The emphasis is on spontaneity. We have the offer of these two musicians to help us so let's give them some indication of support. All you have to do is just let me know that you go along with the idea and will join in with your voice, an acoustic instrument (we could do with a keyboard player though) or rhythm item (koozoo, tambourine, claves, maracas, etc. etc.) and I will pass the information on. So it's up to you!  
[noel.hardy@zeronet.co.uk](mailto:noel.hardy@zeronet.co.uk)*



## Skychat

Well here we go again. Another season is already with us, first outing to Wellington Park this last Sunday. Not the warmest or sunniest day but a good crowd and we were kept busy at the workshop and with the 'Teddybears' dropping all around. Just the sort of day to make sure most things are up together and to give some of the kites a bit of an airing. But the main aim was to make sure that 'Polly' had not lost the knack of making the hot drinks to keep us all in a good mood. I can make a favourable report that everything was fine and the frying pan was used to good effect.

In February, we were treated to a wonderful workshop by Charlie Sotich with his sister Pat keeping an eye on him. To learn all those little tricks into making very small kites that flew. As always someone or two have to go even farther to making a kite smaller still, but they also flew. Charlie was impressed, he was also impressed with the enthusiasm of all of the participants. He says that they are less attentive in the States. Charlie and Pat were taken around the area in the short time they were with us, but I think they will try and come over again and stay longer to see more of England. If they do they will be very welcome to visit the Club again.

For those that can not read the thanks to Charlie. Here it is in normal print.

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Our own Festival is only a month away and things are progressing well. Lydiard Park has been inspected by most of the committee and we have more or less sorted out the layout of the site in the hope that we can please most of the people most of the time. Best of all, the layout has been approved by the Park's management, so far. Still it needs you all to help in some way or other to make the Festival a roaring success. Do not forget you have already been warned about 'The Ticket Chick' being on the prowl, but please remember this is our biggest money earner at the Festival so enabling us to bring over our foreign guests. All we have to hope for is a lovely sunny weekend with the ideal winds. Also do not forget the evening 'Shindig' or what other name you care to give it on Saturday. How much hidden talent have we in the Club, musically of course. Let's make it a night to remember. Please let Noel know, but try and keep 'Chalkie' and his drums apart.

As this is being published Matrix Management are at Berck Sur Mer in France flying the Club flag at Sports Kite Championships and reports are coming back that they are doing quite well. Not reported whether that it is at kite flying or socialising, but trust it is the former. Well done Boys.

The Club Kite projects seem to have taken second place again this winter, but we must try and do something or I fear that we may begin to look a bit same'ish. Can we possibly get something done before too far into the season. Effort with a big 'E' is required by all.

Talking about 'Effort', it is good to see so many of you doing things that I have been doing for so long and I like being ordered to sit down and direct operations. Mind you it does not take long before someone says where's so and so or have you got this or that. Please, Please do not worry that you might offend me by trying to do job that was my domain. If I can help you and/or give advice on these things, do not be afraid of asking. November is not far away. Again please chat among yourselves about what you want from your chairman. It will a poor decision to throw somebody in at the deep end to take on the job without some forethought. Again I say you will not upset me and I hope to continue to work for the Club to the best of my capabilities for many years yet. Just managed to get it all on the page. Still clean winds & tight lines.

Neil

## Back page spot.

Well April is here the sun is shining and the winds are fair, let's hope this is the start of a glorious year for W.H.K.F. The wall planner is slowly filling up so it looks like being another busy year. I'm sure there will be plenty of laughs and serious bits too but all can be written about so write and tell us all about it its your mag have your say. See you all somewhere soon.

Tracy

## 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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