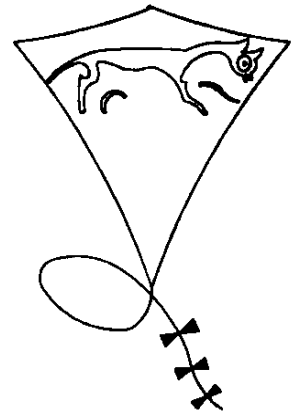


Cowpat Hill



WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS
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APRIL - JULY

7/8th MAY SWINDON KITE FESTIVAL Needs you!!

This year is the first free event make it a great weekend and your bit for the club. on site to help set up then over the weekend displays in the hangers bits that happen over Sunday night to take it lot of hard work but Lets make this the festival for all. Please over and join in any over the three days



at Wroughton. We need to to do this we need **you** to do Starting on Friday morning, tents, arenas, p.a etc and with the workshop, or arenas and all the other the festival and then on all down again .I know it's a many hands make light work. best and most enjoyable don't wait to be asked come help will be much appreciated

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Diary Dates 2005

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

April

10th Barbury Castle

10th Steatham Common Kite Day

24th Belvvoir Castle {W} if you can help please contact neil

May

1/2nd Weymouth Kite Festival

6TH Festival Setup Day {we need your help please contact Arthur}

7/8th SWINDON KITE FESTIVAL {W,D,T}

14/15th Cleethorpes Kite Festival {W,D}

14/15TH Rougham Kite Festival

15th Poole kite Picnic

21st Wilton Windmill {W,D}

28/30th Middle Wallop Kite Festival {W,D,T}

28/30th Tewkesbury kite weekend

June

4/5 Basingstoke Kite Festival

11th Shipton Bellinger {W,D,T}

12th Buster Hill {W}

12th Barbury Castle

18/19th Southampton Kite Festival

25/26 Bedford Kite Festival {W}

July

9/10th Brighton Kite Festival

10th Barbury Castle

16th Stroud Show {W,D}

16/17 The Chilterns show {W,D}

16/17 Hereford Kite Festival

23/24th Tewkesbury Kite Festival

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

ROBINSON'S RAMBLE

Here I am trying to think of something to write! I've just spent the Easter holiday decorating a bedroom, It's not finished, so I won't bother you with the detail except to say Janet & myself were absolutely knackered after spending a day and half stripping old wallpaper. It should be finished within the next month. (I'm a slow worker!)

Janet & me spent our main holiday this year, visiting Ron & Marla's and going back for our eleventh visit to Fort Worden, we get a lot of enjoyment in visiting Ron & Marla and seeing old friends at the Fort. It was another great year! We helped with raffle again which we enjoy immensely; Marla did a sterling job again, raising over \$8000 in three days. She was gobsmacked on the Thursday morning, this is the day when people start arriving for the weekend, (we go up to Fort Worden on Wednesday so that we can get an early start on Thursday morning,) we are merrily arranging tables and placing out some of the raffle prizes that get sent to Marla throughout the year, when Don & Di Baggett walk into the room it was their 25th wedding anniversary and Don had booked the trip as a surprise for Di, however they achieved something that hasn't been achieved by many, when they surprised Marla, a definite case of Gotcha! Well-done Don!

This year there was an invasion of Brits, with Roy & Hayley and Helene & Paul Morgan who were teaching, plus Doug Jones who won last year's raffle to go to Fort Worden, he could only use half of the prize so he raffled the other half at our AGM and Joyce Davies was the lucky winner, and what with me and Janet, you can see what I mean about an invasion of Brits.

Don't forget it's our Festival on the 7/8th May and for the first time; at Wroughton there are no admission charges, this is thanks to the British Buggy Club, who have sponsored the event. Please don't forget that there is a load to do on the Friday to get the site ready, plus on Sunday evening to strip the site down, all help is greatly appreciated. Camping and caravans are allowed on site, however there is a fee for this.

Apologies for this short ramble, I have had a very busy Easter, plus I changed my Job 5 weeks ago, so life has been a bit hectic; to say the least.

Regards
David

WHKF's Workshop shock

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

"Hello" Marla wishing me A Happy Christmas. "Hello Marla Happy Christmas". Niceties out of the way Marla asks why I'm not coming to the WHKF's Ralf Maserski workshop in February. Alan and I had talked about the workshop, but decided that our sewing skills (that's a laugh) would not be up to an intense workshop. (sticking is OK but sewing in a workshop!!!! HEEELLP)I explained this to Marla to which she replied "Alan's coming, I've just spoken to him "(what happened to solidarity) now I'm on my own against Marla, what do I do? "I'll have to think about it". Marla replies "I'll ring you tomorrow"Resigned myself to the fact that I'm going to the workshop, thinking New Year, new challenge, be brave.

On speaking to Alan we both decided that we needed some training ahead of workshop, it's been about 5 Years since I used a sewing machine and I would probably require a whole week to make a Ralf Maserski BoxTower 3, not 2 days. It was decided that we ask Helen Howes of Raindrop Kites for some training in basic sewing machine, and what a great day we had at her workshop. Alan and I had to work hard, but with Helen's expert tutelage we both went home with kites to be proud of. Thanks Helen, for all your help that day, I know we all had to work very hard. It's amazing how quickly February 12th came around. 6 am we're off to Swindon, we joked as to whether we would get lost in Swindon again, we did. (3 times over the weekend) Arriving early at Penhill Primary school, we said our hello's to WHKF's and the other workshop participants, picked our tables and set up our machines.(as if we knew what we were doing) Ralf Maserski was setting up some sewing machines, time to have a look at Ralf's kites especially the BoxTower 3. Looking at the black edging on this kite I was terrified, (thanks Marla another fine mess you've got me into) I can't put an edge like that on a kite that takes a lot of experience, which I sadly lack. Eventually Dave Introduces everyone to Ralf and the workshop was under way, we chose our kite colours and picked up our workshop manuals, this was going to prove to be very useful, well planned with pictures and very simple instructions. Mine was well thumbed by the end of the workshop. Having sorted out our materials the first job was to put the black edging on one of the kite panels. The next step was a revelation, Ralf pointed us to the machines he had been setting up when we arrived and we where introduced to Suisiei, an incredible attachment for double folding 25mm wide rip stop tape. Simply feed your sail panel into the fold of rip stop tape on the Suisiei and sew. Professional edges in minutes. Needless to say everyone was very excited and I realised even I could make this kite. (I could make it; whether it looked professional we would see) Ralf said that all kite shops in Germany sell the 25mm wide ripstop tape, it comes in colours too.

As I suspected this workshop was a lot of hard work, but with guidance from Ralf, the help from everyone else at the workshop and of course the excellent WHKF lunch, I managed to get my kite to the point where I could finish on Sunday. Maybe if I had referred to my manual and treble checked what I was doing, I would not have made so many mistakes, which required unpicking. But I think everyone agreed, that after the Suisei, the most important tool was the unpicking tool. We all met up later at the Blunsdon House Hotel for a drink, a superb carver dinner WELL DONE WHKF's. This was an opportunity to relax and to talk to Ralf. He told us of a German web site that stocks 25mm wide ripstop in all sorts of colours.

http://www.metropolis_drachen.de

Alan and I managed to get lost again on our way back to our guest house, it's Swindon what do you expect. Sunday morning after a good breakfast back to School and nearly everyone managed to finish their kites by lunchtime, I even managed to fly mine in the playground. Another excellent WHKF's lunch and the raffle as usual with the WHKF's raffle everyone's a winner. Many hands made light work of the clearing up and after saying our farewells to everyone Alan and I started our journey home. We both agreed that as usual (even though we were both a little apprehensive about this workshop) WHKF's had put on another excellent workshop. (I'm still going to sort Marla out when I see her). We are both looking forward to the Robert Brassington workshop in the autumn. We made such good time on our journey home that Alan suggested we fly our new kites on Epsom Downs, I didn't require much encouragement. We paid for our enthusiasm though, the wind cut right through us, but we saw our brand spanking new BoxTower 3's flying and if you go to the WHKF's web site you can see them flying. What a wonderful time Thanks to Ralf Maserski for a well planned workshop, WHKF's for the superb organisation and to friends old and new who made this a very memorable weekend, and of course a big Thank You to Marla for stirring me out of my winter slumber.

Keith Boxall

PS Once home I did a search on the Web and found a company in this country that can supply the Suisei. http://www.college_sewing.co.uk

Thanks again to all at WHKF's for a wonderful weekend

Looking forward to Festival

Best regards

Keith

White Horse Kite Flyers Workshop

I happened to bump into Ron dell at a computer course I was on in welwyn and he asked if I would be interested in going on a kite workshop with the WHKF, I said I have not done one before but I would think about it.

The kite to be made was a flat kite with a 3D effect designed by **Ralf Maserski**.

A little while later I decided to give one of the members a ring Dave Robinson he told me more about it, all sounded very good so I went a head and booked a place and sent my deposit in.

Firstly before going away Barbara and I had to sort out an evening with Tony Rook as our guild speaker for the evening. He has done many talks on Archaeology and written several books, last year he was on television doing one of his digs in Turkey with Tony Robinson (he seems to pop up everywhere) and the lovely Kim Wilde. He gave a slide show showing many slides of the work he's covered; Roman baths, Various digs with articles found such as Roman vases, tools, and figurines some of which are now in the London History and science museum, one slide showed the front page (**local boy finds...**) of Tony in his local Kent newspaper when he was only 16.

GOKF may remember in 2004 doing a kite workshop at fine Georgian building which is now sherrards wood girls school, Tony was digging up their football pitch at weekends in the early 60's and finding roman articles. This is also a stones throw from the Welwyn roman bath-house that he discovered built 1,700 years ago, ingeniously preserved in a vault under the A1 {M} The head master could see that he had tremendous knowledge on Archaeology that he offered Tony a job to teach at the school, which he did for 8 years.

After the talk and slides he had a display of his books on the table .I bought a book called 'roads' one section in the book mentions the volume of the traffic on one of the local roads in 1808 it goes to say '*waggon with five horse or more*6, 158'

'*Carts with two horses or less* 10,784' At the end of the evening all members thanked Tony for coming along and giving a splendid talk and slide show.

Tony autographed some books before he went home and he signed a piece of paper for me, he said 'that's ok as long as you don't stick this to a letter saying I Tony rook owe Stephen Hodges the sum of forty thousand pounds.

Another good book he has written is called 'the Labrador trust' I gave his wife Merie a small gift of chocolates for bringing him a long.

Friday February 11th I was on the M25 heading for Swindon, I couldn't have picked a worse time to go, Barbara had broken a bone in her foot earlier this week, I was late home from work, strong wind, rain, traffic moving at 20 mph I arrived at 10pm and defiantly ready for bed.

After a good breakfast and a chat to two other kite flyers that were staying in the same guesthouse, I was off to Penhill where the workshop was to be held. There I met up with David Robinson and Arthur the chairman of the WHKF, who I have seen at many festivals with parachuting teddy bears. Many other people with their sewing machines were getting set-up on the tables. Ralf Maserski first showed us what we was going to make this weekend, A Box tower 3 and explained how we were going to tackle it. We had a book each to follow from and then chose which colours to work from, we all started ok. Later in the day I found I had made a mistake others did as well, there was some unpicking to be done. A brilliant attachment Ralf had brought over from Germany was a fitting to screw to the sewing machine footplate, 25mm ripstop was fed in and turned over as you sewed wrapping itself around the edge of the kite material, everyone was fascinated by how it worked, we got the best results with it fitted on a Pfaff machine that had a built in walking foot.

A very impressive kite Ralf has made in the past is a flatbox seven, 8 light blue/purple squares with 4 red/orange squares poking in the middle, in the sky its got brilliant 3d effect but the whole kite is flat!

After coffee I used a singer machine that had this attachment on and no walking foot, but with many problems. Over the day many people took photographs at different stages. A break for lunch with large helpings of tomato pasta and French bread that was made up by the female members of the WHKF, they did a marvelous job. Raffle tickets were being sold for tomorrow. In the afternoon Phillipa Todd had completely finished her box tower!

At 5pm we switched off all machines for the day. We were all then to meet at 7pm for dinner at The Blunsdon House Hotel. All kite makers met at the bar for a drink and then drifted off into the carvery, after the starter Ralf assembled a large box tower kite, which he displayed against a pillar. The main dinner and pudding were very good: Dave Robinson sat at a chair that had a happy birthday balloon on it," Many happy returns Dave" We left there at 10.45 and got back for some sleep and looked forward to the next morning.

Sunday morning 9.15am we sorted ourselves out and switched our machines on and got off to a good start with everyone looking forward to finishing their kite today. Many people came up against small problems, angle of ripstop, sewing, knots, but everyone helped each other to sort things out. Tea, coffee and biscuits were in the kitchen all day for people to help themselves, after some sewing with my Bernina I noticed Ron Dell had popped in to see us all and have a chat to many WHKF members. By Midday quite a few people were putting the bridle on their finished kite. Lunch time shepherds pie followed by bread and butter pudding, then Dave Robinson gave a speech, thanking several members for helping to put the workshop on (not forgetting the caretaker) and especially Ralf for coming over from Germany and spoke about details of forthcoming events, maybe another workshop in October with Robert Brassington. The raffle was drawn with 30 prizes; Alan Outram had a winning ticket and won a pink jumper, a WHKF member said' come on Alan try it on' he posed and photos were quickly taken, Ron won several prizes, the best prize was a

large Box Tower Kite very neatly made by Ralf Maserski which Alan also won. The raffle made £175. Back in the workshop more kites were completed, each kitemaker was given a pin from Ralf in matching colours: some flew their kites outside immediately with good results.

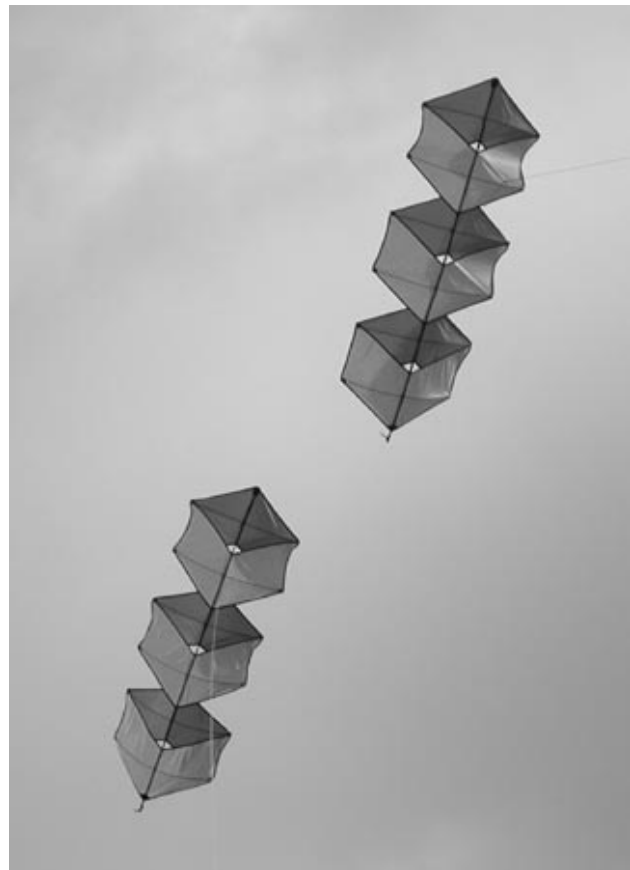
All 14 people doing the workshop had completed their kite by 2.15pm.

Ralf had 3 more kite kits that were sold. Several kite makers and WHKF helped to put away the tables and chairs, and that was it, a very interesting weekend.

Keith Boxall and Alan Outram couldn't wait to fly theirs, so they stopped off on the way home at Epsom Downs and flew both together, taking some great photos, well done.

I look forward to flying my box towerv3 at Ferry Meadows and Weymouth.... I hope it fly's well.

Gentle winds for the spring Stephen Hodges.



Three Festivals and Swindon?

It has only been over the last couple of years that I have been going to overseas kite festivals. I have been to Three:- Lunen, Fano and Dieppe. Don't worry I am not going to give you a blow-by-blow account of them. When I think back over them their diversity gives me great pleasure in our hobby.

Lunen is a huge grass site where you see incredible hi-tec kites and equipment and can spend hours buying beautifully engineered swivels etc. Even ground anchors are superbly made and all we do is hit them with hammers and try to bend them by hanging ever-larger kites on them.

Fano is a beach festival and you go there to fly kites or marvel at other people's displays and wonder at the huge area filled with an unbelievable numbers of kites. There are no trade stands and there's plenty of room for the biggest kites and buggies have their own space (about 5km of it).

Dieppe is staged on a grass sea front and extends onto a stony beach as the space fills up. This festival is all about people, with individual tents provided for any country that wants to display. Again no trade stands except one down a street the far side of the event, but he does sell very well priced lines. Kites tend not to be as big as the other events but as they are less spread out and it is easier for the public to get close from all sides, you get a fantastic display of a multitude of different kite forms and patterns.

Getting to each festival is also very different; to Lunen it's through the chunnel and a very long drive, Fano it's a long ferry from the east coast (not much fun if you are a poor sailor) and Dieppe is south coast and shortish ferry trip.

Food in Lunen is supplied and excellent, Fano you self cater and in Dieppe it's just got to be excellent French restaurants. Accommodation in Lunen is on the floor of a gymnasium with a mat if you get there early, Fano self-catering apartments and Dieppe is hotels along the sea front.

Even the weather varies Lunen in October was very cold with frost but bright, Fano in June was overcast with 20mph winds that made it feel cold and Dieppe in September, mild and occasionally wet.

Then of course there is Swindon: brilliant grassy site, good selection of trade stands, food has to be chips with and accommodation in campsite or hotel a few miles away. Travel is easy and I will not comment on the weather. Plus we have the Science Museum exhibits open.

So how do we rate? I am proud to be able to compare our festival with these others and think we do very well. It says a great deal about the early work put in by the clubs founder members and the hard work put in by current members. This year it's a free event so please come along and help us make the 2005 festival a memorable one.

Arthur

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On the 1st of March this year it was Di's ***th birthday and also our 25th Wedding anniversary, so back in about September last year I thought to myself what can I do that will be enjoyable and memorable for both of us??????. So I started searching the internet and looking at different things, airfares, hotels travel insurance different countries, some where nice that Di might enjoy after getting the all clear from her scare over the past couple of years. I wanted to keep it all a surprise for Di, and I thought what's on at the start of March?????? I know Fort Worden Kite Makers Convention is on, should I chance it? Well yes I did, I made all the arrangements I got Di to put in some leave for the time I had organised flights etc and didn't tell her what was going on. In fact the only person I did tell was Phil to make sure he was happy to look after himself for about 10 days. I thought I had everything covered registration at Fort Worden was being kept secret, many thanks to Bob Alford, I had arranged travel insurance for the both of us even getting Di medically screened due to her illness, then on Christmas eve Di said to me are you taking me somewhere, I said no, why? I said. Di said to me well I have received this letter from this company about travel insurance, so I stayed stum for a couple of hours and then she kept on about it, so I had to tell her what I had planned, and I got the complete opposite effect of what I was expecting, she was very excited and very much looking forward to going. I thought she would say no I don't want to go. Any way I carried on with the arrangements. I had booked a flight for the day after Di's birthday, booked a hire car and a hotel in Tacoma for the night that we arrived, we eventually found the hotel that we were staying in, it was just a few miles from the home of some very very nice people that we know over there but their names escape me for the minute !!!!!!!!!, could it be Marla and Ron ??????. Yes it is them but we knew that Marla would already be at Fort Worden and Ron would be arriving there on the Thursday.

We got up on the Thursday morning, had a nice continental breakfast looked out of the window to see thick fog, we loaded up the car and started our journey to Port Townsend, after about 1/2 an hour the fog cleared and it was the start of a fantastic hot sunny day. We arrived in Port Townsend at about 11am and went for a walk around the town and did the tourist bit, we then went for a drive out to Point Wilson, part of the setting for the film An Officer And a Gentleman. Much to Di's disappointment Richard Gere was not there so she had to settle for me.

At about 2pm we decided to spring our surprise and went to the Fort Worden Kite Convention RAFFLE room to surprise a certain person. We sneaked in by the door and Di stood in the doorway and Marla looked at her, looked away and looked at her again SCREAMED ran over to Di gave her a great big hug and burst into tears and said "how the hell did you get here".

You'rE not the only ones who can arrive unannounced are you Marla & Ron !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Janet & Dave knew that we were coming as we had told them 2 weeks before, so they weren't surprised when we walked in. So after the shock and

Marla had calmed down a bit we were put straight to work in helping to set up the RAFFLE room.

We then had to wait for Ron to appear with the rest of the Brits. When Ron turned up we went and hid in the corner of the room and Marla called him into the room and said you should see what's in the corner, he looked over and saw Di and I standing there and his chin just hit the floor, so we helped him pick it back up and then after the greetings and hugs with Ron we then went and greeted the rest of the Brits, who were all surprised to see us.

After helping set up the raffle room for a bit longer we had to go and check into our B&B, which was back in Port Townsend, beside the beach right on Puget Sound. We spent the 3 nights of the Kite Convention at this B&B, because as it was our 25th Anniversary we wanted to stay somewhere a bit different and special, and boy was this place special and different. It was out of this world, the service was fantastic the setting was out of this world. We would wake up in the mornings and see the sun coming up over the snow-covered mountains, YES the SUN, it was sunny every day we were there. And the breakfasts were fantastic, like crab and shrimp omelette with great big home made scones YUMMY YUMMY. (Any one want the details of the B&B just contact me). During the weekend of the Kite Convention we helped with the raffle met a lot of old friends and made some new ones. After Fort Worden our plan was to get to a motel some were in the Seattle / Tacoma area but Marla was having none of that, she arranged for us to stay with Kay and Mike Woodring on Sunday night. Many many thanks to you both for making us so welcome. Then on Monday and Tuesday we stopped with Marla and Ron. On the Monday it was Doug Jones 65th birthday, so of course there was a bit of a party, one on Sunday where we took over a complete restaurant with a lot more friends that weren't at Fort Worden, Pat, Guy And Crystal Skeer along with BIG BEAR Barry Crites and his wife. Then on the Monday it was time for another birthday for Doug HAPPY BIRTHDAY Doug.

During our 3 days staying with Marla and Ron we went shopping at Tacoma Mall, went up the Space Needle in Seattle and went to Pike Place Market. Come Wednesday it was the day to come home BOOOOOOO, so Di and I said our goodbyes to Marla and Ron, Janet and Dave and Doug, then we drove over to Boeing field to have a look around The Museum Of Flight before returning the hire car and checking in for the flight home, back to reality!!!!. I was really worried about hiring a car before we went, not having driven in America before but I found it so easy and having the use of a car out there made everything so simple and the roads and directions were fantastic. If we go again I will defiantly hire a car again.

All in all both Di And I had a fantastic time and we would very much like to say a very very big thank you to Marla and Ron, for putting you out at one of your most busy times, and everybody else who made us so so welcome and a special thank you to Bob Alford who helped with the big surprise and keeping our secret, thanks Bob. AND ONCE AGAIN MARLA AND RON A BIG BIG THANK YOU HUG HUG HUG

Don Baggett

Big Red 2

I'd like to thank Ron & Marla for bringing over the new big red Hagerman para-foil, when they unexpectedly turned up for the clubs AGM. I think we half expected them to turn up really. It was great to see them.

I certainly didn't expect to receive it so soon and it is in pristine condition. If only it had been a 300 (sorry Dave) I think the box might of needed to be slightly bigger though. It's actually 130 sq ft. According to Phil Doug Hagerman only ever made two 300 sq ft parafoil, one now belongs to Tal Streeter the other one we don't know about. What I wouldn't do for one of these kites.

As Dave says along with Doug we have a great love for Hagerman parafoils it's just a pity the masters not around any more.

Martin Croxton.

New club kites

A short while back now Phil scarfe a member of our club said he would make the club a new kite a 350ft flow form with an alien face on it. so we had a cut out session to get most of it cut out ready for phil to start putting together . While helping phil cut the panels out I talked to him about making a bigger kite myself as I fancied the challenge trying this. Well a few weeks past and after a couple of long phone calls and advice from phil I started to make a 144ft foil with the club logo on, after a fair few hours on my knees drawing around templates and cutting ripstop I was ready to start sewing .A week later and with all the hems, appliqué and reinforcing done it was time to put all the bits together!! And to see if all the appliqué lined up. After many more hours sat at the sewing machine it all came together. Well it looked good all in a pile in the living room now for the test, over to the school hall to lay it out and see if I had sewed the right bits up with out sewing in to the rest of the kite!!

Well I am glad to say it all was ok and with the great man him self bridling it with me it was off to Barbury for our monthly meeting and to see if it would fly as good as it looked. Well straight from the bag we unwrapped it and hooked on a line with the two new club wind socks advertising our festival and let it soar a few moment later there it was filled with air and flying high and looking good, as for phil well he's been hard at it as well and had finished the alien so a few minutes later that was flying as well making mine look like a pocket kite!! All I can say it a big thanks to phil for all the help he gave me and for the new club kite he has made and just want to add I don't know how he makes them in a little box room as I used the living room twice the size or more with half the size kite and that was enough to get right. If you have not seen them yet check out the web site or make sure you're at Swindon now lets just hope the weather on our side

Pete Willis

Thanks

In November 04 I will have been a member of the White horse kite flyers for two years. Whilst I have not been able to attend every meeting, those I have attended have been good for me.

I would like to thank all of you who have helped me at the workshops, and other members who have given me encouragement to fly my kites and even helped put them together and up into thermals. You are such a friendly club and I look forward to many days with you.

Dorothy Knopp.

Cinnamon Crisps

3oz sugar	2oz cornflour
3oz margarine	2 teaspoons baking powder
4oz plain flour	¼ pint of milk
Pinch of salt	1 teaspoon cinnamon

Method

Cream together margarine and sugar till white

Add all dry ingredients, and mix with the milk to a fairly soft dough

Roll out about ¼ inch thick

Cut into rounds and bake in a moderate oven for 15 to 20 minutes

Try them they are just the thing for putting in your lunchbox!

SKYCHAT. (Note from editor)

Due to Neil being unwell recently there will be no sky chat in this edition of cowpat. We are all aware that Neil needs to take things more easily and the committee has discussed with Neil the need for them to take on more organizing and to take on more of the workload to enable Neil to do this. Hope you are feeling more like your old self soon Neil we look forward to see you sitting in your chair giving out the orders in your own singing farmers way (on your bike). I hope to see the rest of you at our own festival don't forget we need your help let's make it a festival to remember.

Tracy Willis.

Club Merchandise Now Available

New club patch £1.50	The New club jacket £35.00	Cap £7.50
Legionaries cap £8.50	Cap with ear flaps £10.00	
Tee shirts	Polo tee shirts	
s-xl £9.00	xs-xl £14.00	
2xl-3xl £9.50	2xl £14.50	
	3-4xl £15.00	

Sweatshirts	Festival sweat shirt
Xs-xl £16.60	xs-xl £25.00
2xl £17.90	
3-4xl £18.40	

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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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