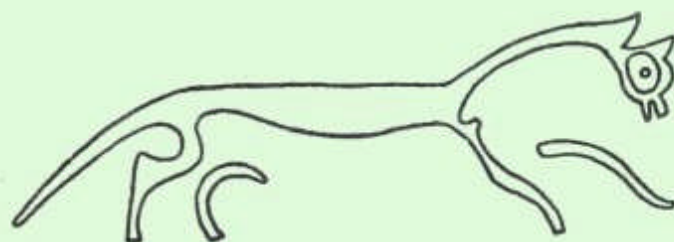


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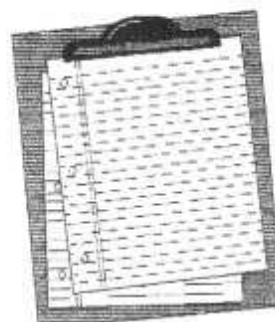
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Dates for your Diary

April 4th	Barbury (New date)
April 10th-12th	Blackheath Easter Festival
April 12th	Littlecote Balloon Festival
April 18th	Old Warden
April 25th	Charlton (NBS - F/WS)
May 2nd-3rd	Weymouth
May 8th-9th	Swindon - don't forget this one folks!!!
May 15th-16th	Brighton
May 15th	Grange Infants School, Swindon (WS)
May 22nd	Pewsey Vale Fete
May 23rd	Burghclere Church Fete (NBS)
May 30th-31st	Lydiard Nostalgia, Lydiard Park, Swindon
June 6th	Basingstoke
June 12th-13th	Margam Park, Wales
June 12th-13th	Great Yarmouth
June 12th	St Bartholemews School, Newbury (NBS-WS)
June 18th	Ruskin Junior School, Swindon (WS) - Fri evening
June 19th-20th	Stratford on Avon
June 26th	Grange Junior School, Swindon (WS)
June 26th	NSPCC - Coleview Community Centre, Swindon (WS)
June 27th	Blackheath Summer Rally
July 3rd-4th	Washington, Tyne & Wear
July 3rd-4th	Shrewsbury
July 4th	Park House School, Newbury (NBS)
July 10th-11th	Monmouth
July 17th-18th	Alton Show
August 1st	Middle Wallop
August 7th-8th	Wilts Balloon Festival, Littlecote House
August 15th	Hengistbury Head
August 28th	Wilts Festival, Lydiard Park
August 29th-30th	Portsmouth
Sept 3rd	Kite Society Convention, Bristol
Sept 4th-5th	Bristol
Sept 25th-26th	Clere School, Burghclere (NBS)
Oct 10th	Old Warden



NBS - Newbury Building Society Event, WS - Workshop, F/WS - Flying & workshop.

Don't forget our monthly fly-ins at Barbury on the second Sunday of the month. All these events must be subject to local weather/flying conditions.


Editorial

Festival time again!

My how time flies! It only seems like yesterday that we were getting ready for last year's festival. So dig out the wellies and waterproofs ready for this year. Let's hope that the weather god is kinder to us this year. The '93 festival promises to be bigger and better than ever. It will be wonderful to see Don & Jeanne Mock again. This year I will make sure not to hold his kite line for him! I'm really looking forward to seeing some excellent slides during the Saturday evening festivities. We are hoping to have a pizza party instead of the usual barbeque. Lots of helpers are needed so don't forget to let us know how you can help. Why not give up some time to do a stint in the workshop, no previous experience is needed and who knows, you may even enjoy yourself. If that seems too daunting I'm sure that Dave or Neil can find you a job so don't be shy, we need all of the help we can get. We have gained a reputation for running an excellent event but to keep up the good work we need your help.

My sincere apologies to Josie. In the rush to re-elect the committee she was forgotten. So to put the records straight, Josie has been re-elected to serve on the committee and she tells me that she is ready and willing, for what I'm not sure!

Following on from Tom Biggs excellent article in the last issue (thanks again Tom) it is nice to see another new contributor. I hope you will try Doreen's excellent recipes. I'm looking forward to trying them, thanks again Doreen.



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Welcome back to Arthur Dibble. The last issue didn't contain anything from him so he decided to try his luck further afield. You may have read his kiter's profile in the latest copy of the Westport Windriders magazine. International fame at last! If you haven't seen the article, Arthur will let you have an autographed copy. How about one of the Windriders sending us their kiter's profile so that we can start a new column?

You may have realized that the April meeting at Barbury clashes with Blackheath and Easter Sunday. Therefore we will be meeting a week early, see you all at Barbury on April 4th and don't forget to bring along the Banoffie Pie.

I'm told that the new club pin has been ordered. I've no idea what the new design is like but it'll be a winner I'm sure.

Happy Easter to all our readers and let's all look forward to a successful season.

Puzzle Page - Rachel Jones aged 9³/₄

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Using the pictures as a guide fill in the names of the eight kites.
 Re-arrange the letters in the shaded squares to form the name of a well known kite.

Sky Chat - Neil Harvey

Well, another mag. again. Dave J. is doing a grand job. Many thanks Dave. By the time you read this the Club should have started its 1993 display season. So here's wishing you all the best of luck and if you have not yet become involved in the displays or workshops - come along and see what we get up to. You'll be surprised how easy and fun they can be.

Our festival plans are progressing well, no doubt Dave R. has a fuller report and a plea for help during the event.

At the A.G.M. we talked about making a large baseball hat for the Club Display this year, but since then our Vice-Chairman has displayed two Thai Serpent Type kites in the form of the dwarfs from "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs". It was felt that this was a great idea but rather much to put on "Poor Old Arthur's" resources; so the Club is setting about getting the whole cast ready for Weymouth on the first week-end in May. Good luck to all involved. It should be some sight with all eight kites in the air and with Snow White some 200 feet long. That, I think, will have them talking about W.H.K.F. again! We also have a new parachute kite to lift the big windsocks. This is to replace the one which Doug. Hagaman loaned the Club after Bristol last year. That has to go back to the U.S.A. soon. Many thanks to Doug. for the use of it.

To you all - go for it and tight lines.

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Remember, send a stamped addressed envelope.

Our Club - Arthur Dibble

The club that you've joined is White Horse
We fly from a field full of gorse
We have lots of fun
On each second Sun
That's our reason for being, of course.

Ron Gunter established this club
With him at its central hub
It works very well
With pride he does swell
When he opens our meetings downt' pub.

The Pratt with the Hat is young Neil
And for Sue it's sorry we feel
For many a day
He laboured away
On a sock without any heel.

The Hon Sec is a man called Dave
If lots of cash you want to save
Buy ripstop from him
And line thick and thin
But check all your change he's a knave.
(Well not really, but I couldn't find a better rhyme)

From up 'arrow comes good old Doug
And he'll give his kite line a tug
If this tires him out
He'll look round about
Then go for a 'zuz' on a rug.

From London also comes Martin
Who has a beer before startin'
To fly in the sky
Kites ever so high
Then walks round all day and keeps (help with a suitable rhyme please)

On keyboard I slaves o'er this rhyme
With your names just one at a time
So give it a try
With luck bye and bye
We'll see what you make out of mine.

With apologies to Gerrald Hoffnun.

Dear Members of the White Horse Kite Flyers,

It is with regret that I have to report that I have not been able to carry out my duties to my usual standard during the last few weeks. This has been due to an accident occurring whilst doing work for the Club. I will relate the sequence of events leading to my indisposition.

I was test flying the New Club Parachute/Kite after changing the rigging from chute to kite. I started by hammering in a two foot iron stake into the ground and attaching about 150 feet of line to the kite. I also added a small windsock drogue to the rear of the kite. I then inflated the kite which rose majestically into the dull sky. I was very pleased to see the way it flew so well and high straight away.

As I was studying if the rigging wanted changing in any way, I noticed the kite suddenly lurch. Looking behind, I noticed the stake pulling out of the ground. With this I rushed back and, while standing on the line, I tried to hammer the stake back into the ground. This failed due to the stones being lifted during the first prisal. This left me with a choice of options:- I could just let it go with the loss of or damage to the Club's New unshown Kite (and it would head straight for power lines, houses, trees and public highway) or do the only honourable thing a Club Member could do and uphold the Club's reputation. So, I hung onto the now free of the ground stake with great gusto.

Everything was going fairly well, with me in about 90-95% in control across the field at a slow walk cum sliding pace towards all the hazards. After about 100 yards, I was coming up to a barbed wire fence. With quick thinking I thought that if I aim for a fencing post that would just about give me the 5-10% extra grip needed to control the kite. Sadly nature had other ideas. The kite, already flying high and very well, caught a gust of wind as I hit the fencing post with my boots sending the post clean out of the ground leaving a two foot rut. This then presented me with a further problem - do I let go of the kite and let it wreak havoc on Bibury etc., or hang on? Still being a good Club member (or one that has now lost his marbles) I decided that I had come this far and that I was not going to let the kite and the now getting stronger wind beat me. By this time I was impaled on the barbed wire. This did give me a few moments breather but it was far from comfortable.

Then other fencing posts started to come out of the ground so, mindful of the ponies in the field, I decided to fall over the fence. In doing so I cracked my ribs on the fencing post that I had pushed out in the first place. Not daunted but winded I still grimly held fast to the kite with my toes hooked over the barbed wire. This gave me time to regain a little wind and to survey the situation. With me being in a prone position and both arms increasing in length every second and fingers going numb; I decided to unhook my toes from the wire and be pulled over the ground head first. It was then that the barbed wire came into its own ripping my trousers and, sadly I report, my thighs.

With Apologies to Gerrald Hoffnun - cont'd

Well the worst must be over by now so no point in giving in I thought but I was travelling faster over the ground. Next plan had to be thought of very quickly so, using my shoulder as a rudder, I steered myself towards a combine harvester and its header trailer with the objective of securing the line to something that was heavier than me and did not yield as quickly as I was about to do. My luck held and so did the wind, blowing as we all wish on those still days, my steering was good as I tacked across the ground at a steady pace towards a lot of heavy metal. On reaching it I managed to wrap the line around the drawbar of the trailer, relax and listen to the singing of the very taut line in the wind. I'm sorry to say that it was not music to my now numb and dirt filled ears as the next fear was the parting of that line and again the havoc that kite could cause as all the hazards were still in its flightpath.

So, I stood up rather gingerly and flexed my now aching body to see if it responded to my brain (I must be mad) - it did - so now I put on my gloves and started to walk the line down. This proved a little difficult as the wind was in a playful mood and started to lift me off the ground and swing me very close to the large and unforgiving combine harvester. I have to report here that I did let go of the line, praying that it would hold. The line did hold but I did swear at the B---- wind.

After a couple of deep, deep breaths I started again, but again the wind played with me and I was forced to let it win. Then I thought that if the wind wants to play with me I'll use a bit of cunning against it. With super human strength I pulled down a few feet of line and then tucked it under another piece of machinery and had a rest. Then, when the wind had a little rest itself, I ran down more line before it realized what I was doing and, by repeating this a few more times, the wind admitted defeat and the kite came down gracefully onto my lawn without any damage to it or the line.

Sadly, that cannot be said about me. Covered from head to toe in mud, trousers ripped to ribbons and my thighs left in shreds as well. The good news was that, besides the kite being intact, so were the Crown Jewels.

After this report of my duty to The Club's interests; you will understand why I have not been able to carry out my duties to the Club with my usual vigour.

Your obedient servant

Neil.

By the way - the Kite has the logo "Supersavers"!

(Any other stories of how members spend their free time will be more than welcome -Ed)

Letters to the Editor

Dear Dave

I would like to congratulate you on the latest issue of our illustrious journal (*blush blush - Ed*). It was very enjoyable throughout even if for once I had made no contribution. However, as you will see I am trying to rectify this in the next issue. I was particularly pleased to see the delightful article from Tom Biggs. Let's see similar ones from other members who may only recently have joined us (*hear! hear! - Ed*.)

The puzzle was also a nice variation; I must admit having inside information helped. The recent articles on knots have got me interested in the subject so much so that I was given a book on them for Christmas. It is extremely informative and well illustrated so I commend it to your readers. The title is "The Knot Book" written by Geoffrey Budworth. It is published by Paperfounts.

One complaint only, the free gift! All the events listed will not fit in the space provided and still be readable. (*I agree - I'll try harder next time - Ed*). Why not have events typed in on the original before photo-reducing? Please keep up the splendid work.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thanks to Neil for the excellent Mince-pie fly, it was greatly enjoyed by many. It surely says something about our club that two of the country's top traders attended just to fly kites, each of them travelling considerable distances to do so.

May you always have fresh wind behind you,

Regards,

Arthur.

Recipe - Doreen Mann

Microwave Meringues. Ideal for busy mums and kiteflyers.

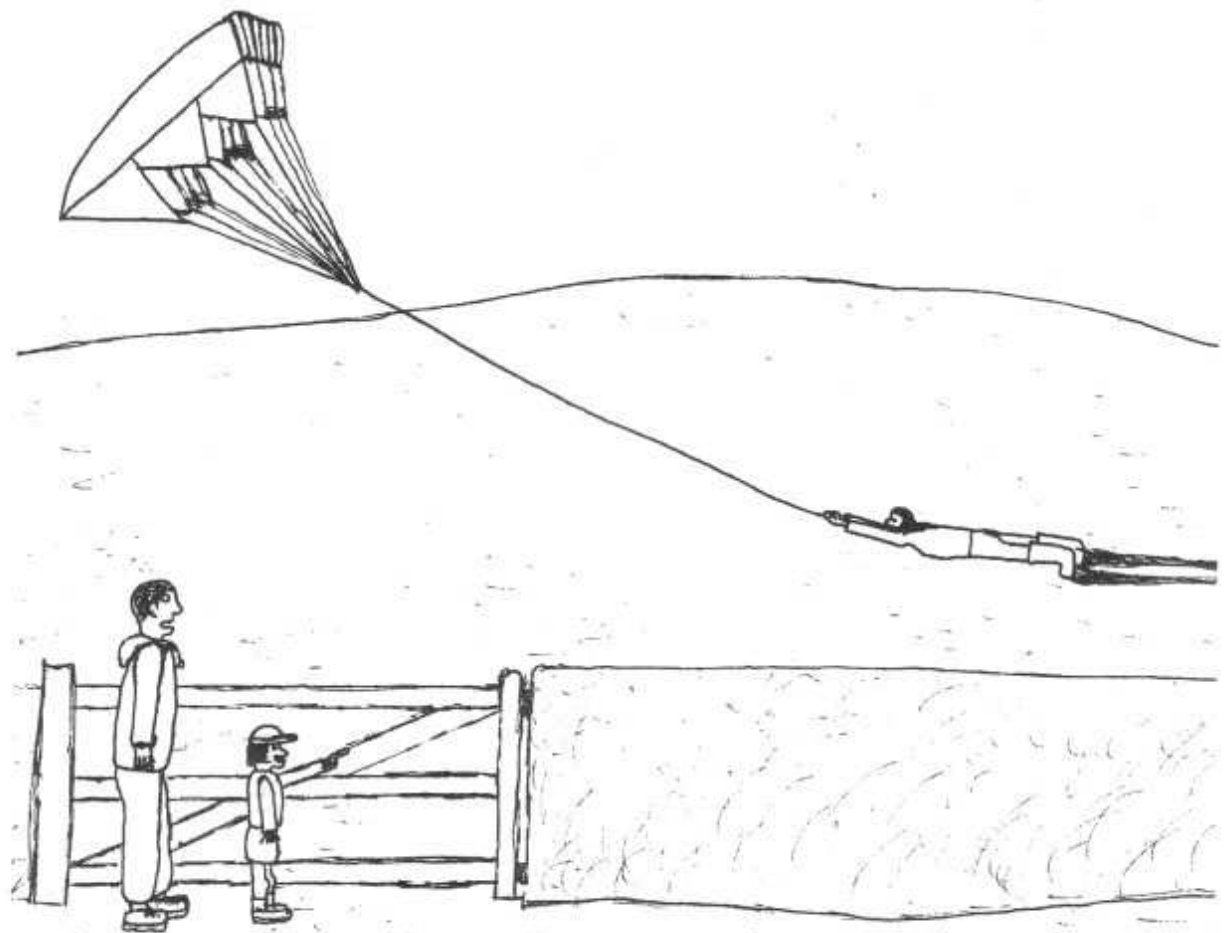
1 small Egg white
9oz Icing Sugar
Whipped cream

Incorporate the icing sugar into the egg white until like fondant. Make $\frac{1}{2}$ inch balls and place 3 x 4 on greaseproof paper or for a Pavlova 1 x 5 inch circle. For meringues cook on high for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mins and for pavlova cook for 2mins.

Cartoon Time - Dave Tomlinson

As our intrepid chairman is recovering well from his recent adventure involving one very large parachute and the elements, I thought a little sketch might be appropriate.

The only thing I ask is if any other members of WHKF have any similar feats planned make sure there is a video on hand to capture the event. Oh... and a first aid kit.



Dad, Dad, what's the man doing?
Looks like he's invented an ecologically sound plough, son!

Festival Update - Dave Robinson

Yet again we are pleased to welcome International kite fliers at our festival. Don Mock, from the U.S.A., will be with us again this year with his lovely wife Jeanne. Ray Bethall, from Canada, is also hoping to make it. Closer to home; Martin Lester and Malcolm Goodman will also be attending.

The Saturday evening's entertainment will be slightly different this year. Feeling sorry for poor Arthur; it was decided to have a pizza party. The accompanying entertainment will include a slide show from Don Mock and a talk from Cody expert, Paul Chapman.

There will be both single and team Rokkaku competitions on each of the days and also a kite workshop for the children. I hope that members will offer to help in the workshop when they can. Don't leave it all to Ron!

Recipe 2 - The sequel

Yet another mouth watering recipe from Doreen Mann.

Banoffie Pie - Ideal for the sweeter tooth!

A cooked and prepared pastry case of either shortcrust or biscuit crumb.

2 large tins of Nestle's condensed milk

2 or 3 bananas

Whipped cream for decoration



Put the tins of milk unopened in a saucepan of water and boil gently for 2 hours, topping up with water as required. Cut bananas into pieces and place in pastry case. When cool, pour condensed milk over them (it will be like fudge). Decorate with cream and enjoy!

Thanks Doreen for 2 fantastic recipes, I'm more than willing to try them out at the next club meeting-Ed.

Odds & Ends

Competition

What was our beloved chairman saying? Look back to Dave Tomlinson's cartoon and decide what Neil may have been saying. A new club pin will be given to the sender of the most original clean! quote. Entries to the editor, results in the next issue of Cowpat.

Puzzle Answer

The answer to the last puzzle was:

Arthur Dibble's favourite is the Speedwing (clue 1) and Dave Tomlinson prefers A (clue 2). Kite B, the Flexifoil, is not Martin Dibble's favourite (clue 3) so it must be Martin Croxton's. We now know that the Speedwing is either kite C or D so the red kite must be A or B (clue 1). We also know that the blue kite, the Phantom, (clue 4) is not kite B and clue 4 rules out D so it is either A or C. If it were A, the pink kite would be B (clue 4) but in that case the red kite would be neither A nor B, which we have seen is impossible. Therefore, the blue kite, the Phantom, must be C and from clue 4, kite D must be pink. We know either the type or flier to match 3 letters, so kite D must be the Speedwing, the choice of Arthur Dibble. Thus from clue 1 the red kite must be B, the Flexifoil. By elimination, kite A must be yellow and it is a Revolution. Finally, the Phantom must be Martin Dibble's favourite kite.

In Summary:

A	Revolution	Yellow	Dave Tomlinson
B	Flexifoil	Red	Martin Croxton
C	Phantom	Blue	Martin Dibble
D	Speedwing	Pink	Arthur Dibble

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 - 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 kite 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

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