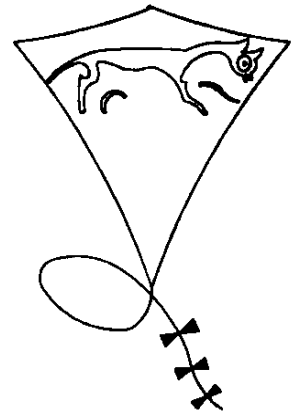


# Cowpat Hill



WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS  
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## Happy New Year!!

Well happy new year to one and all, lets hope it a very good one for the club. As we go into 2005 with lots of dates all ready in for the year a head, with workshops and displays and of course our own festival at wroughton again this year now not that far away. So lets make this year one a festival to remember!!

Let's not forget 2004 not a bad year for the club and flying some great events took place even if the weather could have been a little better and kinder to us at some of them. But it came good for our last flying of the year with regret not at Bibury this year but up at Barbury, a little cold and slippery at first off to get up the hill but a nice wind and gorgeous blue sky awaited, with the new kite arch flying and the two new wind socks lifted by martin new kite behind. This was a great picture to be had. Not to mention the other large wind socks and many other kites that took to the air that day, I think one of the best Barbury displays last year.

As a few members of the public commented you could see it from the main road and it was nice to come up and see them as they took their walk along the Ridgeway.

Well here to a great 2005  
See you all somewhere soon  
Pete, tracy, and girls

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## Diary Dates 2005

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

### January

9th Barbury Castle

15th Working Party for storage

16th Cutting out workshop for new club kite

{Please contact us if you wish to help out with the above}

### February

12/13th Ralf Maserski workshop {Headlands School}

13 Barbury

### March

13 Barbury

### April

3rd Wellington Country Park, Reading {W, D, T}

10th Barbury Castle

24th Belvoir Castle {W}

### May

1/2nd Weymouth

**7/8th SWINDON {W, D, T}**

14th Hanslope Church {T}

14/15th Cleethorpes {W, D}

21st Wilton Windmill {W, D}

Please note all events are liable to alteration or cancellation for up to date information please check our web site [www.whkf.co.uk](http://www.whkf.co.uk)

Minutes of the A.G.M  
21/11/04

The meeting started 10 minutes late.

Apologies: Angela Manners, Dave & Jane Jones, Bet Gunter, John & Brenda Purnell.

The meeting was opened by the President who thanked Dave for organizing the venue. The greenbridge has been taken over by Weatherspoons who have closed the pub for refurbishment.

Minutes of 2003 AGM accurate record proposed Dave Thompson Seconded by Don Baggett & Pete Willis Duly approved.

Matters arising: there were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report: apologies were given for the late change of venue, I count myself very fortunate with the support I have behind me from the rest of the committee and that I have Neil as President so that he can carry out the formal introductions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the other members of the committee who have given me such great support during the year. I said that one main aim would be to improve communication within the club. I have tried through the magazine, the web site and the forum, email and talking to people at events, I have had little response. I accept that many people are not as heavily into the use of computers as I am and would prefer me to use snail mail and the phone. I would love to have the time to do this, but with email I can contact so many people at one time and get a copy of what I have said for future reference. Anyway lets see if a few more of you can join the forum and the chat room. There have been a few problems due to changes in our web site hosting but hopefully that is now behind us & once you have registered in this forum you will not have to do so again.

This year seems to have had a predominance of poor weather and cancellations. We started the trend with the cancellation of Stowe and the wettest Swindon I can remember. Sadly other cancellations included Kennet, Middle Wallop and Chale. Let's hope for a better 2005. Two club projects have been completed in the year, firstly the play sail back in the spring and only last month the kite arch. The sail has been flown and has received good acclaim. The arch completed has 67 elements that were sewn together by a group of us one Sunday and has been successfully flown. There are several ideas on the books for next year and if you have read the magazine you will know that Neil is having some thoughts of about others.

In February Sam Huston ran a tri-d-box workshop this went well as usual with Sam's very professional presentation. Another workshop is planned for next year & details will be published in the magazine and on the website as soon as details are confirmed. Various new club merchandise has become available during the year including a new patch at a very reasonable price also jackets & shirts.

A new governing body for kite flying, the BKFA has been formed this year & the committee has decided that we should be affiliated to this and representatives of the club have attended the inaugural meetings. You should have seen the new membership application published in the magazine & the web site to include details of family members who have to be included for insurance purposes. The very sad thing that happened this year was the death of Madge Peters, Janet's mum. She has been an integral part of WHKF from its inception even helping to finance us in the early days. She was like a mum to all of us and she will be sadly missed.

Hon Secretary Report: it's difficult to do a report as the chairman covers the year in his. The festival made a loss this year of £342.00. The weather was against us but there were things going on in the hangers. The historic Kite society would like to attend the event again next year to show a bigger collection of their kites. Gibson girls, rockets and of course Mikio who went to a local school and dressed in traditional costume all contributed towards the event. Mikio couldn't fly a kite outside so went into the hanger and made origami for the children. Thanks to the buggy club for making the evening a fun social evening. Looking at events over the year, Cleethorpes saw some of the best winds seen at a festival. Bedford for the social in the evening & the Isle of Wight for flying right on your doorstep. The club insurance is with Perkins Slade & we cannot buy £10,000 worth of cover. There is a mistake on the new membership form this needs to read £5,000. Insurance is now based on members needed to be covered; hence we need to list all family members who need insuring. Thankyou for everyone support over the year. We need as much support as we can at the festival for erecting arenas & breaking down on the Sunday & thank you to all those who helped this year.

Hon Treasurers Report: we have £8.881 in the bank at present this will be greatly reduced at the time of the festival. Everyone was happy with the report Brian Smith proposed the accounts Don Baggett seconded them.

Cowpat Editors report: than you to everyone who has supported the magazine over the last year. If there any suggestions or changes you would like to see in the magazine then please let Tracy know it's your magazine and your chance to have your say.

U.S.A. Report: Ron looks after our American members. Our thanks go to Ron for doing such a great job. Our liability insurance doesn't cover our American members. So all they receive is a magazine. We have a total of 8 American members.

Election Of Officers: election of chair Arthur was nominated, seconded by Jon Barker, Pete Dawson & Ken Hay vote was unanimous Arthur duly elected. Election of vice chair Dave Thompson nominated by Dave Robinson, Pete Willis nominated

by Pete Dawson. A vote was taken by a show of hands there was a vote of 17 to 16 in favour of Dave Thompson. Dave Thompson duly elected as vice chair. Secretary Di Baggett nominated Dave Robinson a vote taken Dave Duly elected. Treasurer Dave Thompson nominated Janet Robinson Janet duly elected. Cowpat editor Arthur nominated Tracy Willis Tracy duly elected, Election of the committee Pete Willis, Pete Dawson, Doug Jones, Di Baggett, Phil Baggett, Martin Croxton, Jon Caton, Phil Scarfe. Proposed by John Barker seconded by Pat McCarthy everyone was in favour of keeping the committee as it is leaving two vacancies.

WHKF Festival 2005 festival to be held at Wroughton 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> of May details are on the website. The event is taking place mainly due to the buggy club with thanks to their financial assistance. Wroughton wanted a fee of £3000 A meeting has been held with Joanna Simpson, this will be a free event but we need to publicise it. We will run our own bar this needs to go before the committee. Dave has been offered a refrigeration unit to enable us to sell chilled beer and alcopops. We have been offered assistance to run the bar on the Saturday and the licence will be applied for to include Friday night. The buggy club wishes to run the speed trial and will have a circuit. We need volunteers to erect the site on the Friday. We are going to hire a marquee, Dave is getting quotes. The buggy boys don't want to step on Marla's toes but would like to hold to auction 10 items after Marla's raffle. Roy Broadly offered his cooling equipment if we want to buy barreled lager.

The rocket and paper plane people have been invited. With guests coming over for the event if anybody could offer guests accommodation please contact the committee. It was suggested we need some form of entertainment on the Saturday night.

Other Events: Ralf Masserski workshop voted the best teacher with the best instruction at Fort Warden. There are 20-25 places. In October we will have a Robert Brassington workshop. This year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> year of one sky one world. People who don't want to participate in the Ralf Masserski workshop with help Francesca would make a one sky one world kite with a tail that could be signed marking different events. If people are organizing events under the WHKF banner please can they let the club know the name of the event and the organizer to go into the diary for H&S and insurance details.

National Body Report: Neil Harvey, Phil Scarfe, attended the inaugural meeting of the BKFA & Pete Dawson felt that people were sitting on the fence. They would give it their sanction for 3 years. This meant the meeting could go ahead. A committee and council were formed. Phil & Neil were put forward to represent the club. Neil invited Jerry Swift to take the floor 8 clubs are committed with 4 clubs in principal subject to their AGM say they would like to join. And 5 who definitely don't want to join. Jerry gave members the background on reasons for starting the BKFA up again. Neil proposed we join as a club for the minimum of 3 years this was carried forward.

Approval of BKFA Representatives Neil Harvey & Phil Scarfe were proposed by Dave Thompson, seconded by Doug Manners & Pete Willis.

Equipment for 2005 negotiations are underway with the Rummings for storage of the trailers to give Neil & Sue their space back Thanks goes to Neil & Sue for holding the equipment for so long.

Projects for 2005 Phil Scarfe has come up with some ideas, an Alien under the instruction of Phil and a kite arch with road signs on.

Club Constitution: we needed to get a constitution in line with the sports council with any changes needed to be in writing 42 days prior to the meeting. Proposed Dave Thompson and Pete Willis. Some typographical errors were brought up by Jon Caton these errors were noted; with the second line altered to general committee will not be 5.1,2,3 list this was carried forward.

Fees from 2005: there will be an increase in insurance liability so we are looking to increase the membership from Nov 2005 one proposal was to increase the fee to £12 plus £2 for extra family members. This is where we have to declare everybody we wish to insure. Overseas members are not covered on our insurance they need to be covered by their own insurance. Dave Thompson asked could we have an Individual membership & a family membership with all family members being named. A proposal was to increase membership to £12 with other proposals to be taken to committee.

Any Other Business: thank you for everyone's participation in the raffle for prizes & the sale of tickets this raised £376.20.

Honorariums proposed by Arthur, Seconded by Jon Barker for Neil Harvey, Janet & Tracy. Matrix Management would like to put on another winter league at Barbury in March. The memorial seat for Ron Gunter will be left for the committee.

Close of the meeting by the President. Thank you for all who attended. And many thanks for the trip to the aircraft museum in America.

## The AGM and the Miller's

That would be the AGM and the Miller's for at least half the meeting.

Once again Marla and I discussed how to fool the club members on whether or not we would be at the meeting. Well, it's worked many times before, why not again. After exhausting much brainpower on this subject we gave up. That would have been about 45 seconds. No great revelation came forth to assist us in yet another fabrication of false information. (That would be a "lie" to some.) So we pushed the idea out of our heads, besides we had a musical concert to attend in Seattle on the Friday night before AGM weekend and it's silly to even think about leaving on Saturday "before the AGM" to arrive at Heathrow at noon on the day of the AGM and leave Tuesday after. Because in the past we have always left on a Friday "before the AGM", arrive on Saturday and then leave for home on Tuesday. Suddenly a light bulb came on. Who would ever believe we would leave on the Saturday prior, to arrive almost late for the meeting and go back home on the second day? Hm-mmmmm, would that be the David & Janet, Neil, Arthur, Doug Jones and Phil? YES!

So in the end, as you found out at the meal break of the meeting, the Miller's came in, (with the help of Phil & Libby), just in time to eat, go through the remainder of the agenda and then "Raffle". Thank you so much for letting us in the door late and letting us spend our money on the raffle. We also thank Don for doing a bang up job on his work with raffle.

The following day Marla and I took a taxi to town for shopping, looking around and eat whilst the Robinson's went to work. Tuesday morning it was back to Heathrow and home.

Marla and I talked on the way home about all the club members and friends we have in England and agreed that in all of our time together there has never been a group of people that we would fly 10,000+ just to greet, hug, smile at, get a handshake or put them on our Christmas card. Thank you all for being special in our lives.

Ron & Marla

## Isle of Wight 15/16/17<sup>th</sup> October 2004

What a great weekend this was.

For Don and I it started from rushing out of work at 5.30pm, going home to have some tea, change and pack the last minute things us ladies need, eventually leaving the house at about 6.20 to get on the road to Portsmouth to get the 8.00 ferry. Traffic was awful and Don needed petrol so I thought no way are we going to do it. But after getting petrol from a station on the outskirts of Portsmouth we left there at 7.40!

Normally I say to Don to slow down but on this occasion I was saying come on put your foot down. We were very near to the town centre when Janet rings on the mobile- 'where are you'-'just approaching the town centre' says I. From then on we have a running commentary on the mobiles till we get to the ferry terminal at 7.59 and drove straight on to the ferry!!!! Well done Janet and Dave for sweet-talking the ferrymen to wait for us. Did I think we would make the ferry? Of course, we have friends in the right places.

On getting to the island we make our way to Atherfield Bay camp otherwise known as our Hi De Hi camp and go to our respective chalets but not for long as everyone comes into our chalet for a night-cap-or two-or three or in my case 2 glasses of wine which sent me onto another planet!

Saturday, and we wake up to glorious sunshine and apart from my head feeling like it was coming off my shoulders (no more drink for me) the day started great. Breakfast is really good -fruit, cereals, full English (served by Oliver, I'll say no more) and toast, which we can do ourselves and in vast quantities. Where did we put all this food I ask myself. Onto our 'flying field' and you couldn't ask for a lovelier site. A vast green right above the cliff edge and the views are fantastic. The kites soon went up and it really was a sight to behold, the sky was full of kites of all colours, shapes and sizes and we had people coming to see us for miles to see what was going on only to discover it was the 7 of us having a mini festival and thoroughly enjoying ourselves, relaxing by the sea, in good company and flying kites! The evening was spent having a very enjoyable meal at one of the local restaurants.

Sunday, not as sunny but breakfast was just as good and of course Oliver was in attendance. We were joined on the kite field by Peter Atkinson, who runs the Chale Kite club, and his daughter. He stayed with us for a cook-in at lunchtime when Don, Dave and Arthur did us proud with the remainder of the food we took. After lunch we spent a little while flying before making our way to the late afternoon ferry.

All in all it was a really good weekend. We had a lot of laughs and I hope that we can look forward to doing it all again next year.

Di Baggett.



## ROBINSON'S RAMBLE

Apologies to any of you who turned up for the AGM at the original venue, we had to change it due to new owners doing lots of work on the place, I did send a letter to everyone about the new venue. I hope those of you who did make it there; enjoyed it, I appreciate it could have been bigger, however I think the Holiday Inn did us proud, when you consider that it was booked at very short notice. A fantastic job done by Don Baggett ably assisted by Dave Thompson. On the raffle, the amount of money raised covered our expenses for the day! I don't suppose we should have been surprised to see Ron & Marla at the AGM, however they caught Janet and me out completely, due to the fact that they spoke to us on the phone from home the evening before, at 10pm! Normally they would be at the airport at that time when they come over here; apparently they can now check-in online 24 hours prior to travel and print off their boarding pass. So they only need to be at the airport 1 hour prior to travel, rather than the four hours that it took previously.

The 2005 Festival will be at Wroughton, on the weekend 7/8<sup>th</sup> May, thanks to some financial assistance from the British Buggy Club. As usual, if you can help set the site up on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May and help to close the site down on Sunday, it would be greatly appreciated. The event will be free entry to all! However there are lots of costs involved; so the Raffle takes on even more importance, please donate generously and arrive with extremely deep pockets. We will be running our own bar, its not for me to go against the Government's edict on binge drinking, however the more you drink on site; over the weekend the more you will be helping the finances of the event. If you have a social conscience I hope that helps to ease it, for the first time at the Swindon Kite Festival the bar will be open on Friday night, (subject to licensing approval)

It was great to see Martin Croxton at Barbury Castle, on the second Sunday in December, with a smile like a Cheshire cat, the reason for this big smile: he had bought a 300 Sq. Ft. Hagaman from Jody Hagaman, Ron & Marla had brought it over on their surprise visit to the AGM! He tells me that it is in pristine condition and had obviously not had many flying hours, that won't be the case in the future! Martin, myself, and Doug Jones have a great love of Hagaman Parafoils this goes back to the late eighties and early nineties when we went over to the States, kite flying for the first time, we met Doug, who lived at Westport, on the Pacific North West coast of America. Doug was rated as the best Parafoil maker in the World, he was obsessive about the quality of his workmanship, so much so, that if he had to repair one for somebody, when he stitched it back up, he would set up his machine so that the thread went back into the holes that were made by the original thread! Sadly Doug died of a viral infection, 11 years ago, he was only 39 years old!

I spotted this in a recent copy of the Western Daily Press, dated 20/12/04:

**KITES TO MAKE CLEAN ENERGY:** High altitude kites could generate clean energy at a cost comparable with that of polluting power stations, researchers claimed yesterday.

The “Laddermill” is a chain of controllable wing-like kites attached to a looped cable stretching up more than five miles.

Strong winds acting on the “kitewings” produce an upward force on one side of the loop and a downward force on the other, causing it to rotate and drive a generator. Delft Technical University in the Netherlands hopes to have a working model within four years.

Happy New Year to you all  
Dave Robinson

## **DIEPPE 2004**

- More than a Kite Festival

As the heading suggests, in crossing the channel for this bi-annual festival there is so much more to do than ‘just’ kiting.

The 2004 *Festival de Cerf-Volant* took place between 11<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September and we, like many others, visited for the second weekend. This was our fourth Dieppe – for us, a ‘must’ Festival and a mini holiday.

We opt for the Dover-Calais ferry (rather than the Newhaven-departing *Fastcat*) and drive through the French countryside. Using superbly efficient *peage* motorways, this takes around two hours, with nominal charges. Using *non-peage* roads is more enjoyable but of course takes somewhat longer. Either way, the roads are quiet and road users, in this part of France anyway, generally polite.

Dieppe, in the region of Normandy, was once a fashionable seaside resort, being the nearest beach to Paris. Today, it is industrialised and a busy fishing port. Dieppe is English-friendly and most welcoming, Union Flags fly (not a common site in France!) and kites are displayed in shops and restaurants. The festival takes place on the *Seafront Lawn*, adjacent to a pebble beach and the English Channel and is overlooked by a 15<sup>th</sup> century Chateau, beautifully flood lit at night. The Channel can be surprisingly colourful, presenting a nice photographic background.

Having checked into the Windsor, one of the lower cost but quite adequate Hotels overlooking the flying site, it was time for our customary lunch – fresh baguette (isn’t everything fresh in France!!), Camembert and bottle of light red. The taste is so different, maybe they keep the best and export the rest to those they consider less discerning! Our first afternoon was spent looking around, talking to friends, old and new, and hearing tales of yesterdays ‘perfect wind’ - never heard that before.

Despite seemingly fewer kites this year, quality was not wanting. Top of my list had to be the Birdmen, Skybirds, and Bugs etc of George Peters, a personal hero of mine - there wasn't a moment without at least one of his glorious kites flying. There was also Robert Brassington, the inimitably skilful Robertshaws, a Sky Dance reunion, Ray Bethell - without doubt everyone's friend, Didier Fermont – superbly constructed kites using simple materials, Robert Trepanier, Peter Lynn, Michel Gressier *et al*. Some wonderful kites were flown.

Invited guests representing countries from all Continents displayed kites and artefacts in small marquees, whilst a large marquee was dedicated to artistic kite making. Materials such as rose petals and honesty pods were used - impressive. There were also lessons in making small kites by the gentleman we shout '*thankyou Charlie*' to at every WHKF Auction!

So, what makes Dieppe more than a Kite Festival?

There is the Chateau museum, WWII historical sites, local shops and fish market and close by Rouen, the region's capital. For those wanting to 'rest', there is the *Alternative British Tent*, which at times appears to compete with local Vintners! But one necessary, and non-kiting activity is, of course, dining out. Thursday dinner for us comprised *Moules et Frites* and *Tart de Pomme* in a harbour-side restaurant for a mere euro7 each!

Friday night is Party night, with the coming together of Invited Guests and kite flyers from all over the World. Entertainment starts on the *Bendy-Bus* that transfers everyone to the local recreation hall and continues with both organised entertainment, this year Malaysian Dancers, and various impromptu 'activities', including an American Lady (not selling raffle tickets so maybe it wasn't 'her'!) wearing what initially appeared to be a quite indecent costume - until one got closer, relatively speaking. Overall though, it's a great atmosphere, even though this year's food wasn't so good.

On Saturday morning one really must visit the outdoor street market. This fills the length of the *Grande-Rue* and minor streets off it. The stalls range from the professional to ones selling small quantities of homegrown produce. One can buy fresh fish, fruit, flowers and vegetables, numerous varieties of local cheese and sausage, cooked meats, olives, breads and local Normandy Cider (this pleased our Chairman), besides leather goods, clothes, furniture, arts and crafts etc. And the food produce is all so beautifully and caringly presented. It also looks 'real' – things aren't all the same size and same shape and same colour as is seemingly dictated by UK Supermarkets. The Dieppoise, as most French citizens, seem to enjoy a good life style - when will we be able to readily enjoy such fresh and reasonably priced offerings in

the UK? We always buy the local smoked garlic and Neufchatel cheese. This is the oldest of the Normandy cheeses, sold in a distinctive heart shape.

Back to kiting, Saturday evening's two-hour night fly is a must. The organisers go to town with this one. Music and light make it akin to an 80's heavy rock concert (showing my age? – so what!). And the kites are rather good, demonstrating typical Continental ingenuity. It is quite simply brilliant.

To complete the culinary element of the weekend, ten of us dined in The Newhaven Restaurant on Sunday evening. We were met with bottles of local cider on the tables - our Chairman was happy again. The *Marmite Dieppoise*, a fish stew with cream sauce was delicious.

So Monday and going-home day. We sought the route of the old Dieppe Grand Prix Circuit. Dieppe has a significant place in motor racing history - France was, after all, the birthplace of motor racing. It hosted the second and third ever *Grande Epreuves* in 1907 and 1908, using a circuit comprising some 48 miles of public roads. From 1929 until the mid 1930's, Dieppe again hosted races, albeit on a shorter 5-mile road circuit to the south of the town. It saw such names as Raymond Mays and Richard Seaman and France's Wimille, Benoist and Chiron racing in glorious ERAs, Bugattis, Alfas and Delages.

Having completed two laps, with photographic stops to 'replicate' some old pictures, we set off for Calais, paying flying (sorry!) visits to Berck-sur-Mer and Le Touquet – with their respective kiting associations. The weather had by now deteriorated with heavy storms prevailing, so we didn't stop for long. It was then a brief visit into the shops at Calais for liquid essentials of course, wine and diesel (0.62ppl) and on to the ferry port.

Hopefully this article has shown how diverse and interesting a bi-annual visit to Dieppe can be. To use the words of Mr Bethell, may I say *thankyou for listening*.

Chris Mabon

## Here's to 2005

It doesn't seem a year ago I sat here and was putting together the AGM report to put in the winter edition of the magazine. As many people have commented already it has been a strange year for events but a good one all the same. I have enjoyed meeting many of you around at different events and when I think of how many events we cover in the year it amazes me. We could still do with more members writing about events they have attended let everyone know your feelings on the highs and lows of events you have attended. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the magazine this year no matter whether it has been a large or small article. I have kept one article over to the next magazine as it contains recipes and will give us all something to look forward to. This edition always seems full as it contains the AGM Report so lets have some more articles from different members in the next mag. I must finish now this is becoming more like Robinson's Ramble, & I need to leave room for sky chat hope this enough space Neil? Closing date for the next mag is the 28<sup>th</sup> February. May I wish you all a very Happy New Year see you on the flying field soon Tracy.

### Sky chat

Well here we go into another year and may I wish you all a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year. Since the last Cowpat we have had the AGM (some people had difficulty in remembering and finding the place) and we must thank Dave for setting it up, after being let down at the last minute by The Greenbridge. We passed a new constitution and we hope that it will satisfy the powers above. There may-be a little tweaking to be done as it settles down, but can altered at future AGM's.

As things stand it looks like another busy year ahead of us, so we will need plenty of help at all these events so as to make them run smoothly. Now is your chance to help if you have not been involved before. Do not forget we The Club are making a big effort this year's Festival. There are also workshops with-in the Club to get all the kit in ship shape and Bristol fashion, come along and give a hand.

I was reading (yes, I can read as long there are plenty of pictures) The Diaries of a Country Vicar from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. I'm afraid it was a Gloucestershire vicar from off the Cotswold's. In those days the Vicar was a very powerful man, second only to The Lord of The Manor. This one The Reverent Witts was of this sort and was quite will traveled, mainly by horse and carriage or on horse back. Whilst on business trip to Gloucester he met a school master who was flying kites to pull a lightweight buggy along. The school master was just about to leave for Cheltenham and the vicar was also about to do the same journey, but had to harness up his gig and left a few minutes later. He never caught up with kite pulled buggy. Can this be George Pocock who was a school master and the dates tally with known dates of Pocock experiments in pulling carts with kites? Well I have run out of my allotted space, so here's to clean winds and tight lines.

**Neil**

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### 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!

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