

Cowpat Hill

White Horse
Kite Flyers
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Anoraks

Considering that the poor benighted souls have had to bear the Appellation "PO FACED" for some time, a name which has stuck like you know what to you know where, perhaps it was a fair bet that eventually the Michael 'YOOF' Smith persuasion of Kilers would arrive at a snappy name with which to Tag those of us of a more Single Line point of view. What took them so long?

Twas at the Salisbury Kite and Soot Juggling Hooley that they unleashed their Masterpiece of snappy satirical word play when, in answer to the sensible half of the commentating Team's statement that there were some good Single Line Kites at the other end of the Field, the Michael 'YOOF' Smith other half of the commentating Team replied that the sensible half had better "BUTTON UP HIS ANORAK"

So there you have it, we are now Anoraks. What a hoot, perhaps we ought to really have a go at being what the Po Faced consider we are? It surely wouldn't take too much to really wind them up if we all went out and obtained Anoraks, Woolly Hats and Spotting Jotters. Then we could congregate around Po Faced Displays etc. uttering such inanities as "I've just spotted a SHURPIPER with 0-6-0 twin standoffs, must have been designed by Sir Nigel Gresley" or maybe something along the lines of "Did you know that all PHANSANDS were finished in Gt. Western livery and only made on alternate Tuesdays and fly best upside down?"

There must be vast scope for having a good laugh with antics like the above, which would make pleasant diversion whilst our ANORAK Kites flew themselves as usual in their Non Sky Hog Mode. Who knows, maybe some Wag could make an extremely large Kite literally in the shape of an Anorak, and really give them some grief? Really would make a change from being the second class citizen part of Kiting.

John the B.O.F. Barker

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Where are we going?

Is W.H.K.F. stuck in a rut and going stale? Following a remark made to me by our President, I have been thinking about our club and where it is going. Ron said that he attended one of our regular meetings at Barbury Castle and found that there was virtually no-one flying. As some foreign visitors had come to see the Club, they went away disappointed. When the Club was young these meetings were the highlights of the calendar. They were so good that we got a reputation for good displays and are now invited to so many events that we don't seem to have time for the grass roots of the Club.

There appears to be three possible ways to go:-

- 1) Stop doing other displays etc.
- 2) Cancel Barbury as our official meetings.
- 3) Make sure that, even if we are doing a display that is on a second Sunday, we still have a good turn out at Barbury.

I hope that everyone will agree that no. 3) is the right answer. We have hundreds of members, let's try and get more of them flying before we lose what we have got!

We are invited to these other events because of our display of large kites but these are made and flown by relatively few members. The chairman hasn't had time over the past couple of years to make himself a new kite as he spends all his time building and repairing giant windsocks and flow forms. Surely there is someone out there who would like to make a wind bow or play sail, neither of which the Club has? There would surely be some help with the costs of materials.

During the winter months there are no festivals but is this a reason to hang up your kites and hibernate? How about some get-togethers to do some night flying rounded off with a few jars at a local?

Neil puts on a great Christmas bash for us. Can't any of the rest of us come up with similar events for Bonfire Night, Halloween or maybe Children in Need. If nothing else, how about a purely social gathering?

I am more guilty than most in my exalted sincerity as Vice-Chairman, quite happy to let the others do the work then go along and complain about what was wrong instead of saying thanks for what went right.

If anyone else out there thinks any of this sort of thing would be a good idea, give me a call and we'll see what we can do. Suggestions for good venues would be a great help, e.g. pub with flying field (I note the Calley Arms was proposed at the

94 A.G.M.) or flying site where we could have a bar B.Q. (don't forget the toos). I would be very happy to attend, co-ordinate, organise, cook or whatever else is required. Just get in touch with your schemes.

I now come to the magazine and the perpetual cry of "What about an article?" I've done one or two, what about the rest of you?

If you have a good subject, but don't like writing, let me know and I will find someone to write that article even if it's only me.

Perhaps you would like to write one but can't think of a subject, try the following list and see if one would suit you:-

- 1) Buying your first stunter.
- 2) Stunt flying for the complete novice.
- 3) Stunt flying for anyone else.
- 4) Starting team flying.
- 5) Basics of kite making.
- 6) Parafana for the po-faced (come on B.O.F.)
- 7) Circuits for flying lights.
- 8) Kite reviews (How many good or bad ones lately?)
- 9) Book reviews (read any good or bad ones lately?)
- 10) Corrections for Jim Rowlands' plans. (His kites are great but his dimensions are often suspect).
- 11) Tips on bridling parafoils.
- 12) Puzzles.
- 13) Recipes for cold days at Barbury.
- 14) Personal profiles (why do you fly kites, where, what and how long?)
- 15) Been anywhere, seen anything, done something new? share it!
- 16) Best pubs at flying venues and what's the recommended beer.

I know there are books on a lot of these things but first hand knowledge is better and there is always something new you can add. The list is endless and we all spend hours talking about it, so why not put some of it on paper? I don't remember any articles from junior members recently and my own son no longer qualifies for that bracket.

OK, enough from me, perhaps it's because you don't want to be associated with this sort of hog-wash that many of you don't contribute. As soon as Dave gets a big load of articles he can stop publishing mine and then perhaps the standard will rise! Until then let's all pull together and see if we can breathe some more life into the BEST KITE CLUB in the country (or should that be the world)?

Arthur

Truth, or a Rattling Good Yarn?.....

If Jean Roberts is correct in her assertion that S.F. Cody was not born in Birdville, Texas, but Davenport, Iowa, some six years after the date most commonly given, where does this leave the story of his early life as told in the Broomfield book "Pioneer of the Air" and the Gould Lee book "The Flying Cathedral"?

Is Cody's early life now to be regarded as Apocryphal Tales or What? Similarly, if Cody is now known to be some six years younger than we always thought, why was he referred to as Papa or Daddy Cody by his Aviation contemporaries as stated by Tommy Sopwith?

Even stranger, if Jean's assertion is correct, was the relationship and subsequent marriage of Cody to Leyla. According to Jean, Cody arrived in the U.K. in 1890, which means he was 23 and Leyla was 38, quite an age difference!

In this Day and Age, nobody bats an Eyelid at a Toyboy relationship, but back then, it must have raised quite a few Eyebrows unless, that is, there were a few Porkies being told. Even more remarkable is the manner in which Leyla took to doing the things credited to her in the above Books, on seemingly equal terms to her Hubby. Leyla was obviously very much one of a kind.

Also prominent in the Life story of our Hero were the children of the Marriage. Ranging in account from the above Books to being Cody's, yet in the B.B.C. Video it was stated that they were from an earlier marriage of Leyla's. So what is the truth? Do we have descendants of Cody by blood or just by marriage?

Why, you may ask, do I need answers to

these questions? Is it strange to want to know the truth about Cody's early years? I think not, for everything he and his family did post 1890 was so well documented, it would surely be a great pity if accounts of his early years were proved to be false. Besides if, as Jean says, he wasn't a Texan but an Iowan, then surely the Town or City of Davenport would want to claim him as their own.

I myself have a tiny vested interest in knowing the actual date of Cody's birth. Was it the 6th or 7th of March? Does anyone know for certain?

John the B.O.F. Barker

Sky Chat

Just a short note to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you to all of you who sent Sue and I Christmas cards. I'm afraid that our card list is over 200 now and there is a limit to the budget. Many thanks to all those that braved the elements on Sunday 10th December at an unearthly hour to no avail. I must thank Lynne and Brian for their hospitality and NOSH, and hope that their health etc. is better in 1996.

Neil.

Robinson's Ramblings

Best explanation of an anorak that I have ever heard was from Paul Jones, ex Manfred Mann, on his Radio 2 Rhythm and Blues programme:-

"An anorak is a person who is an expert in a subject that you are not interested in".

Doesn't sound so bad when it's explained like that!

Dave Robinson

Dates for your Diary

(kindly provided by Kiteability)

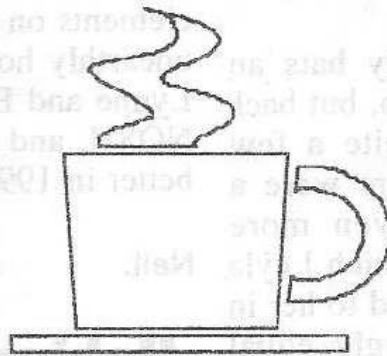
April 7th	Blackheath
May 5/6th	Weymouth
May 11/12th	Swindon
May 18/19th	Southampton
June 8/9th	Isle of Wight
June 8/9th	Margam Park, Wales
July 6/7th	Shrewsbury
July 6/7th	Washington
July 7th	Petworth
July 13/14th	Brighton
Aug 24/25/26th	Portsmouth
Aug 31st/Sept 1st	Canterbury
Sept 7/8th	Bristol
Oct 13th	One Sky one world, Barbury

Details are correct as far as we know, but they may be subject to change.

If you are interested in any of these events ring Neil Harvey or David Robinson for more details.

Hostility at its best

We know what he was up to. Clocking the Flying Site from half a mile away through Binoculars, watching Neil and some half-baked Idiot struggling to erect the amazing Zip-up Hostility Suite Mk II, ready for the most apposite time to arrive in a seeming Lather, gasping out the well worn phrase "We couldn't find the site". Yes, we know what you were up to, GER'CHA!



Never mind, 'cos soon it's time for the Green Blizzard to start, the heart of most Starving Horse Persuasion Thrashes. A cook, a cook, we need a cook, schh, we've found a Mug, who soon is moaning loud, you ain't got this and you ain't got that. Holy cow, it's time for the Jan Poulter Procurement Division of the Starving Horse to swing into action, as it's a right §*?§o+*§ trying to pick Sausages out of Boiling Fat with your fingers, trust J.P. Logistics to find cooking utensils on a Sunday.

Right, this is it, we Butter up the Mug by telling him what a great cook he is 'cos we

don't know that the silly sod has just chucked a Pound of Lard into the Frying Pan, 'cos he's well into healthy cooking. Oi! someone says, we have cooking oil. Oh yeah, Castrol or Valvoline, look Mush, I ain't one of yer politically correct cooks shouts the Mug, you'll have a Greaseburger or lump it. besides I ain't done me famous Teas with an Oil Slick floating on the top yet, so you've got bugger all to moan about.

All I want to know is what's wrong with a Cuppa Char that looks as if the Exxon Valdez has just done a whoopsie in the Teapot, a perfect complement to watching the ever expanding Green Blizzard gobble up the Flying Site. No Mrs Lady, they don't need Batteries and they're only a Nicker each and never mind what that Po-Faced geezer just said, the Fun is included in the Price.

Some wag shouts, "Gordon Bennett, let's stand upwind of the Mug 'cos he don't arf Pen and Ink a bit". Oi! shouts the Mug, conscious that the Pong of Greaseburger and Burnt Lard is overwhelming his B.O. and it's all going critical, let alone Pearshaped, Joo want Grease with your Greaseburger, or are you gonna give me a load of flannel about coming to a Kite Fest to Fly Kites. Ha! you'll get yourself talked about.

Well, burnt Grease or not they ate every bit, some were even mopping the Communal plate (note that) with bits of Bread. Everyone said it was a good day. Even the Mug was quite content as he wended and wafted? no stank his way home that evening, even more confused as to how he had joined a Kite Club and become a Short Order Cook.

Legend has it that at a Kite Fest later in the season, Neil and the Cook? - scrub that - Mug, had to eat their Healthy Lifestyle Greaseburgers out of the Frying Pan as the W.H.K.F. communal plate had been taken to America, along with lots of other emergency supplies, as someone didn't want to eat real SANDwiches at Long Beach, but that's another story!

John the B.O.F. Barker

Chairman's Report

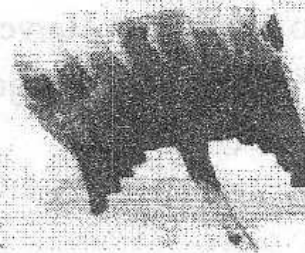
themselves.

Well, here we go again, another year - another report. 1995 has had its high points and its low points for me as well as for the Club. We (the Gloster we) will get the lows out of the way first. To start with, my health has not been as good as I would have wished for and this limited me in what I could do, something that is somewhat alien to me. Many thanks for your enquiries to my state and, as long as I keep taking the pills, I should be OK. Alright then, I never was or likely to be OK. Then Sue and I missed Weymouth, but still you do not have a daughter's wedding every day. If Weymouth had not brought forward their date because of V.E. day, it would have been alright. Our (the Club's) Festival was a big, big headache this year due to some agricultural person, or persons, and at one stage on the Tuesday before the event I did wonder if we could go ahead at all. But we did and tried to do the best with what was available and, as things turned out, it was not too bad. The weather was on our side for a change. Here's hoping the '96 Festival will be better.

That's enough gloom for now, so let's have some of the good news. Well, I built the "Beast" with help from various members and it was great to win "The Best Kite" at Weymouth. Many thanks to the Gang for lugging it along the beach to get it in the air. It must have been a strain on the one with the short, fat, hairy legs. Then came a very big low, when trying to fly it at our Festival the wind decided to blow it up. I know what I said after it happened (these things happen) is going to haunt me for a long time. But the show must go on and it did. After many hours of sweating this summer, it's back in order, if not flying quite right yet. We had a great turn out of International guests this year, good to see them here and judging from the the thanks they gave us, they all enjoyed

Another highlight of the year (which I missed, bed was so much warmer) was the Tree Planting, at Shaw Ridge, which coincided with the Chinese New Year. The Workshop went so well that they ran out of kits! Two other good days out were at Aldershot and at Woodborough Hill when the skies were green with W.H.K.F. sleds. Most of the other Workshops and Festivals the Club was invited to went well and many thanks to all the members who attended these and other festivals here and abroad showing "The Green".

Now to the future and '96. In a few minutes you have the option to elect your officers for the year and voice your opinions about the Club. It is your participation that makes this Club great. Without it, it will flounder so please speak up. As you see from the agenda, there are many things happening next year so I will not steal the thunder by saying anything now, also if I missed anything out you will not know. My heartfelt thanks to one and all for your help throughout the year for the Club, especially David and Janet, Lynne and Brian and the editor and spouse of "Cowpat" Dave and Jane. The only thing now is to hope you all have a good and lively A.G.M.



The Beast at Bristol, after all Neil's hard repair work. It does fly, just. Thanks to Toody for the photo. Ed

Kite Workshop Questionnaire

It has been suggested that the Club runs a kite workshop for members in the art of kite making. A venue has been found to run such an event on a Saturday, with facilities for a midday meal and bar, at reasonable prices. What we want to know from you is what you want from a workshop?

If you are interested, please fill out the form below, bearing in mind numbers will be limited and places will have to be booked on a first come, first served basis. When we have this information, we can then set Dates and Skill levels.

Kite Workshop Questionnaire

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Tel. No.:

Skill Level:- Novice Intermediate Advanced

Type of kite you would like to build (in order of preference).

1)

2)

3)

Any comments or requests:-

Please return to either Neil Harvey or David Robinson. Whilst we will try to cater for all members' wishes, the majority will be dealt with first as part of an ongoing programme of the Club.

Thank you

Neil

Help Wanted

Please return to:-

Andrew Farrell, Old Tree House, Shaerds Lane, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Nr.
Faringdon, Oxon., SN7 8LW

Questionnaire - Kite Buggies

To all buggy enthusiasts in the club - Please could you take a few moments of your time to complete this short questionnaire? It is part of my research for my G.C.S.E. design project. When complete, please send to the above address. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

- 1) Which of the following main points do you feel are the most important for a good all-round buggy (tick 2)
 - performance?
 - comfort?
 - light weight?
 - shape?
 - easily transported?
 - low cost?
 - any other?
- 2) Please state what type of buggy you own/use.....
- 3) What good/bad points does your buggy have?.....
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- 4) What type of wheel do you prefer and why?
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- 5) Finally, what is the one feature that you feel all buggies need to be successful?
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Thanks

Andrew Farrell

Minutes of WHKF AGM

November 12th 1995

1. The President opened the meeting and welcomed everyone who was able to attend. He thanked everyone involved in the organisation of the club, festival and workshops over the past year. He also thanked the committee for all their hard work.

2. Apologies

Sean & Sheryll
Paul & Joy Methuen

Susan Heanes
Bob & Fay Hill

Rick & Jean Turner
Peter Loop

3. Minutes of the 1994 AGM

Acceptance of the minutes as printed in Cowpat proposed by Arthur Dibble, seconded by John Barker and carried.

4. Chairman's report

The Chairman covered the highlights, and low points, of 1995. The 1996 plans were also briefly touched on. A copy of the full report is printed in the magazine.

5. Treasurer's report

Club made a £16 profit for the year, which is more in keeping with its non-profit making status. A new, easier to tow, trailer was purchased for £900. The accounts have been audited, their acceptance was proposed by Josie Walklate, seconded by Dave Jones and carried.

Annual subscriptions will increase to £6 from November 1996. This was proposed by Phil Scarfe, seconded by Barry Poulter and carried. It was also agreed that U.S. subscriptions will increase to \$12. There will be a 50p charge for any additional membership cards.

A £50 honorarium was agreed for Janet in recognition of her work, also £50 for Dave Jones for his work as editor of Cowpat Hill.

6. Election of Officers

Chairman - Neil Harvey
Secretary - David Robinson
Committee Members
Dave Jones (Editor)
Dave Tomlinson
Mike Heanes
Caroline Bruce

Vice Chairman - Arthur Dibble
Treasurer - Janet Robinson
Jane Jones
Doug Jones
Martin Croxton
Pete Dawson

All were proposed, seconded and carried without opposition. The Secretary proposed that Brenda Purnell should be voted onto the Committee. This was seconded by Arthur Dibble and carried. The Secretary also proposed that Ron Miller should be appointed to represent the U.S. members. This was seconded by Doug Manners and carried.

7. Festival 1996

The 1996 festival will take place on 11th & 12th May at Wroughton. The site will be

the one that should have been used in 1995 - in front of hanger D4, where there will be 4 separate arenas. We are also trying to get an additional area for public flying which should give a total site of 72 acres. The site will be able to cater for buggies and camping will be behind D4, closer to the flying site than in 1995.

The Science Museum are looking for a sponsor for the event, a suggestion was also made that funds should be sought from the National Lottery.

The plans for the airfield to be reactivated at Wroughton will not affect the festival since they are seeking a light commercial licence which will permit flying Monday to Friday only.

The Committee are looking at the guests for 1996, liaising with Gill and Jon Bloom to tie in with those invited to Weymouth, hoping for Art Ross or Andre Cassagnes.

There was a suggestion that we need to invite a four man stunt team. This will be looked into, although there are cost implications with getting someone like the Decorators.

It was agreed that some sort of social event was required for the Saturday night. David Robinson will look into getting pizzas.

It was agreed that maps would be provided to show the general public where they can fly.

It was suggested that marshalls should be used to ensure that flying takes place in the correct areas. A rota will be produced.

A change in the way workshop is run was agreed to prevent people being stuck in the marquee all day.

The event will be signposted for 1996, at half the cost of AA signs.

Feedback was sought, and given, on the 1995 festival.

Problems with the cost of getting in - need to clarify that the club does not benefit.

£500 received from National Power for having logo on windsock.

£200 received from Burmah for paper for posters and paper kite.

General feeling that it was an excellent flying site.

3500 paying attendees over the two days.

Events and Plans.

1996 calendar already filling up. Dates will continue to be published in Cowpat Hill.

Members asked to let a Committee member know which events they can attend.

The club is looking at making a centipede. This could involve all club members. Phil Scarfe will provide plans and instructions for making 10" discs. Kits will be provided at the Mince Pie Flyin. Please see David Robinson, Neil or Phil. Sections will need to be ready by Easter to give Phil time to put it together. Members are asked to sign the bits they make.

Kite workshop - questionnaire distributed at the AGM, it will also be printed in Cowpat Hill. The workshops will cater for the majority need in the beginning. Planning to run 1 or 2 in Feb/Mar at Bibury Football Club hall. Members are asked to complete the questionnaire and return it if interested.

Materclasses - have identified a potential venue (South Cerney) for the Masterclasses

next winter (Oct/Nov '96). They will not be free, attendees will have to pay for bed and board and the lectures. They will be run over a weekend, and be open to members of The Kite Society. The Blooms have indicated that they will contribute the funds which they would have allocated to the Convention. The venue is able to provide a variety of accommodation types and to cater for the likely number. They will have to be pre-booked and a deposit paid.

9. **Big Japanese Edo Kite**

The Japanese Edo previously stored at Wroughton is now in Neil's barn. He proposed that sponsorship be sought from Japanese firms in the area. It is unlikely to fly again (it hasn't been unrolled for about 10 years) but it is hoped that a firm will be able to display it. The kite is made of washee paper and bamboo. It is hoped that it doesn't require recovering, although some paper will have come unstuck.

It is hoped that it will be unrolled at the Mince Pie Flyin, when a decision as to its future can be made. Any ideas should be passed to Neil, but it is not a priority project.

10. **New Trailer**

The new trailer was available for inspection. Martin Blythman is prepared to do the art work again. It is planned that the design on the sides and back will be similar to the old trailer, and that the WHKF flyer and Rok should be painted on the front. The trailer is being taken to Weymouth, where it is hoped that it will be parked on the front to be used as a store.

11. **AOB**

Pete Dawson asked if there was any interest in friendly competitions at Barbury through the winter, as one offs for each meeting. Pete will put together some suggestions for the next meeting at Barbury.

The raffle raised £154.01. Neil thanked everyone who contributed prizes. David Robinson expressed his thanks to Ross and Dawn for their hospitality. They were presented with a club hat and polo shirt by way of thanks.

12. **The President closed the meeting.**

Thanks to Janet Poulter for providing these minutes - Ed.

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Some questions often asked by newcomers to kiting. What sort of line should I buy? How many strings? What do you do with a single liner once it is up there? The answers to these could take a lifetime but here we go.

Single line

This is a favourite of W.H.K.F. and the first thing that comes to mind is "Sky Garbage". The uninitiated may well ask, "What is that?" Well, it is anything you can hang on your kite line which will blow about in the wind and is a speciality of our group. Amongst the favourites are giant wind socks which usually rotate, streamers (easier to make and very long) or spinning bolts of various designs.

As Gob Smacked winner of the '95 fauna of the year award, it has to be said that my particular penchant is for dragging poor unsuspecting soft cuddlies up the line and dropping them away on parachutes, but everyone to their own.

Many other things can be taken up on a kite and held there or dropped: cameras, model gliders, barometers, thermometers, lights the list is endless. If you can think of anything new come and see us and we will lift it.

Dual line

Most commonly known as stunters and thought by some, to be flown by the po-faced. These come in a vast range to suit your own ability. By pulling on the left line the kite steers to the left and pulling on the right line turns you to the right. (I know this all sounds a bit basic but it is amazing how many times I have been asked this sort of question and we aren't all Simon Dann). Once you have mastered the basic moves the kite can be made to do many unexpected things but you really need the help of an expert to show you how.

The other main use of two line kites is for traction. You build something to stand or sit on or in, launch your kite and as you pull it across the wind Whereeee, across the field, sand or water you go. Really skilled people can do this with single liners (see earlier issues) or at my skill level the sound is more Snapppp and a leg in plaster for six weeks.

Three lines

Rarely seen, these are a variation on dual line with the third line being used to control some other function such as a camera shutter release or a teddy drop. It can also be used to alter the pitch of the kite for extended control but this is more usually done with four lines.

Four lines

Sometimes known as Quads, these add a whole new dimension to kite flying (literally). Having four lines allows you to control the kite in all directions and thus position it at any altitude and point in the sky. It is quite disconcerting to see a kite take off in one direction, then come back down without having to invert, stop before it reaches the ground, turn over and go back upside down. These tricks and many more can be accomplished once you have had a little practice.

The first really successful one commercially available was the Revolution and this has now been followed by many more. They have been popularised by displays given by the Decorators whose accuracy has to be seen to be believed. Four line parafoils are now frequently used for towing buggies as they can be positioned very accurately in the best wind or taken off the wind to stop.

More than four

This takes us into the realms of Edos and asymmetric kites (see Don Mock's specials or, closer to home, the Buzzer display) and is a subject all of its own and certainly not for the novice or faint-hearted. Perhaps someone better qualified than I will do us an article?

By now the beginner should be totally confused, so come and see us, talk to any of us, we all started somewhere and none of us bite. There will be only one problem, stopping us talking about our favourite subject - KITES!!!

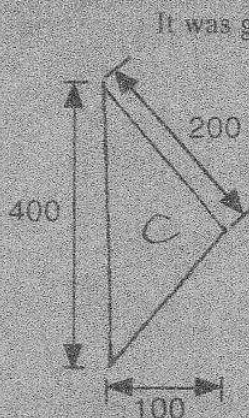
Arthur

And finally a note from the Editor

Sorry Arthur !!

In spite of all Arthur's efforts to keep this magazine afloat I mucked up his Christmas star pattern. Once again, sorry Arthur, the missing length on piece C was 400cm.

Thank you for all your words of encouragement at the AGM. To put the record straight, I never said that I wanted to give up. I asked if you wanted the magazine to continue. It is obvious from all the articles I've received that you want Cowpat to continue. It has made a really pleasant change having to decide what to include and what to leave out. If your article didn't make it this time don't worry everything I receive is usually included eventually. Keep up the good work and keep those articles coming!



It was great to see so many people at the December fly-in. I wonder if it the reason was a chance of being on TV or the taste of Lynne's mince pies? To all budding TV stars (me included) better luck next time, but Lynne & Brian's excellent hospitality certainly made up for any earlier disappointments.

I hope lots of you will get involved with the centipede. If we all get involved it should be a spectacular sight. It will also give poor old Neil a chance to make some kites of his own.

Finally, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that you have a happy and prosperous new year. Thanks once again for all your support.

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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