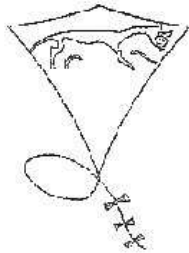


**Cowpat  
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*White Horse  
Kite Flyers*

*Christmas*

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## **Mince Pie Fly-in '96**

Just another reminder that this year's Mince pie Fly-in is to be held on Saturday 28th of December at The Pike, Bibury. As usual, casual flying for all with mince pies, soup and hot drinks available PLUS a brazier for the more tender kite flyers (stoker required, no wages but able to keep warm all day). There will be a Raffle and any donations will be gratefully received. There are also 2 Kite Competitions on the day. 1 for any Kite made and flown by a child and 2 A kite innovations competition. This can be a kite or anything to do with kiting e.g. a new type of reel or an adaptation of a kite design or gear. The world is your oyster. After the event, we will be retiring to Bibury Football Club where hot bar meals will be available at very reasonable prices.

So, come along and blow the Christmas cobwebs away and have some fun. Any profits from this event are going to "Village Life", the printers of The Cowpat. This is a voluntary body in the village which produces a monthly newsletter free to three villages and relies on donations to run. As I do the printing of it, I thought it would be a nice gesture to collect for them.

Neil

**White Horse Kite Flyers**  
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# Minutes of W.H.K.F. A.G.M.

November 10th 1996

1. In the absence of the President, due to ill health, the Chairman opened the meeting, thanking everyone for attending. He passed on the President's good wishes to everyone.
2. A cheque for £200 was presented to Dorothy Woodhouse on behalf of the MacMillan nurses at Princess Margaret Hospital. The money was raised through raffles at "One Sky One World" and at the A.G.M.
3. **Apologies**  
Ron Gunter, Martin Dibble, Alex Elliott, Gerry and Caroline Swift, Rick and Jean Turner, Fay and Bob Hill, Carol Cooper, Angela Manners, Ian Lidford, Dave Johnson, Anne and Mike Heanes, Jim Pike.
4. **Minutes of the 1995 A.G.M.**  
Acceptance of the minutes, as printed in Cowpat.  
Proposed by Janet Poulter, seconded by Doug Manners and carried.
5. **Chairman's Report**  
The Chairman was very pleased with the past year, he covered the highlights and some of the low points. A copy of the full report is printed in the magazine.
6. **Treasurer's Report**  
Balance sheet was distributed, our accountant is concerned, once again, that we have made too much money. There is £3,000 to use up. Suggestions included capital equipment, P.A. system, generator, tables (for workshops) etc. Thanks were given to Janet Robinson. A £50 honorarium was proposed by Arthur Dibble and seconded by John Barker.
7. **Editor**  
Dave thanked everyone who contributed to Cowpat. Please keep up the good work. Dave Robinson thanked Dave and Jane for all their hard work and suggested a £50 honorarium. Proposed by Doug Manners and seconded by John Barker.
8. **Election of Officers**  
Mike Heanes resigned from the Committee, due to ill health. The Chairman thanked Mike for all the help he had given to the Club. The Committee was asked to stand and be recognised.

**Chairman** - Neil Harvey  
**Secretary** David Robinson

**Vice-Chairman** - Arthur Dibble  
**Treasurer** Janet Robinson

## **Committee Members**

Dave Jones (Editor)  
Dave Tomlinson  
Caroline Bruce  
Pete Dawson

Jane Jones  
Doug Jones  
Martin Croxton  
Brenda Purnell

Janet Poulter was proposed by Doug Manners and seconded by Arthur Dibble

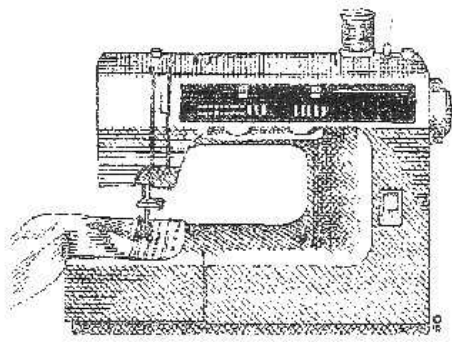
All were proposed, seconded and carried without opposition.

It was suggested that a Committee Meeting be held in the near future, hopefully to relieve Dave and Neil of some of the pressures of the Festival. This was agreed.

9. **Festival**  
Site is booked, normal second weekend in May '97. 3,500 - 4,000 people attended last year's, but all payments went to Science Museum. A discussion followed regarding Fritz, as he was out of pocket last year after attending our Festival. It was agreed to offer him an additional £100 from the funds. Sponsorship is required - please put forward any suggestion. It is hoped that the grass will be cut.

10. **Events/Plans**  
 Arthur stated that a record attempt for teddy bear dropping is to be made during the Festival. Details in Cowpat.  
 Doug Irvine and Pete Dawson are also aiming for a new record of Rok fighting involving scouts from all over the country.  
 Enquiries for club involvement in events are already arriving, some events are being refused because of dates clashing.
11. **Japanese Edo**  
 Kite unrolled at "Martin's Bash". Found to be past its sell by date. Anyone wishing to purchase bamboo, see Neil. Thanks from Neil to everyone who did the unrolling.
12. **Projects**  
 Arthur thanked everyone who helped with the Centipede. It has flown very successfully. More sections are to be made and a second centipede made. See Arthur. Arthur's suggestion for winter "homework" is a stack of Yakkos. Sets will be distributed at the Mince Pie Fly-In. Huge legs! Dave Robinson has offered to do the stitching but help is needed with the cutting. The green sleds need a rerun. As these have proved to be such a success, the vote was unanimous to carry on, regardless of cost.
- Workshops**  
 Sam's workshop was very well received, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, but most importantly, all kites were completed and most have been seen flying. A letter from Sam was read out. Further workshops were discussed.  
 Don Mock would like to do a weekend workshop, in February, for his new Flowform. The cost will be £150 - with a maximum of 10 people. Venue suggested - Cirencester - Holborn Centre. Enquiries to Dave Robinson.  
 Thanks were passed to Dave Jones and everyone who made Sam's workshop such a success.
13. **A.O.B.**  
 Arthur proposed a competition to design a certificate for the record attempt at the Festival. Details from Arthur. Dave Tomlinson - Kreative Kites - has offered to sponsor the certificates. Thanks to Dave.  
 A "Black Tie" dinner is to be held by Southampton Kite Club. March 15th. Guest speaker - Arthur?  
 Ron Dell announce that Petworth Festival next year is to be held over two days (5th-6th July). Camping may be possible.  
 Pete Dawson asked if the Club wanted to become part of the Internet. Cost about £100 - £120. Ray Oakhill to make enquiries about cost via another route. A vote was taken with 1 against and 1 abstention.  
 Ron Dell gave of vote of thanks to the Committee.  
 Thanks were given to Lynn and Brian for all their hard work and good food.  
 Dawn and Ross were thanked for their hospitality at the White Hart, with the presentation of a sweatshirt.  
 The raffle made £136 thanks to everyone.  
 This year's Mince Pie Fly will be Saturday December 28th. Children are asked to make a kite and bring it along.  
 Kite Innovation is this year's competition.  
 Funds raised will be given to the village magazine who kindly print our Cowpat.  
 Evening venue is Bibury Football Club.
- Neil thanked everyone for attending the A.G.M., on behalf of the President, who receive a message of best wishes from the Club.
- There being no other business; the meeting closed at 17.00 hours.

Brenda Purnell



# Don Mock Workshop

February 1997

If you were unable to attend the recent A.G.M., one of the items discussed was Sam Huston's workshop. This proved to be such a great success that we want to make it an annual event, catering for all members of the club. Barry Poulter has agreed to do a workshop on appliqué and basic sewing techniques. Running alongside this would be a workshop for sport kite enthusiasts. There is a very

good workshop run by Scobie Poulcher of Prism kites in Seattle USA. His class is very well organised, just like Sam's. The kite is an indoor sport kite made of Mylar and carbon fibre.

At the time of writing I have not done any costings, and I don't expect to do any until early in the New Year. More details will appear in the Spring issue of "Cowpat". One thing that I would like some feedback on is whether you would like the workshop to take place over a weekend with Bed & Breakfast included. In my opinion this is the best way to hold workshops because it makes it a much more relaxed affair with the evening set aside for a social or if you want to continue into the evening to finish your project you are free to do so. Incidentally if there was any problem with Sam Huston's workshop it was that it all got a little bit frantic at the end of the day when Sam was of the opinion that hardly anybody was going to finish. He obviously hadn't bargained with the British spirit of DO or DIE and by 6.50pm all but 5 of the 28 who had started had finished. Since the workshop, we have discovered that these kites are now finished so, according to Sam, this is a record, he has never had 100% finish rate in any of his workshops in the USA!

At the A.G.M., I also announced the plans for a possible Don Mock workshop to take place in Swindon. The workshop would be organised by the club but without any financial burden, because Don would be taking the risk but of course reimbursing the club for any administration expenses. It is intended to hold this workshop in mid February 1997 at The Headlands School (same venue as last time). The kite you would be making is one of Don's Flowforms, which measures just under 60 sq. feet. Obviously to make this kite you will require your own sewing machine (some are available at the school) and some basic sewing skill. (ability to sew in a straight line). The kite will come completely cut out with Don taking you through all of the sewing procedures and finally the bridling. With a kite of this complexity the workshop will take place over two days so if you are coming from far away you will obviously need to arrange bed & breakfast (we can do this for you).

The price for the workshop is £150. Don normally charges a minimum of £300 for this kite. Plus a great sense of achievement, the workshop is limited to 20 people (we already have five very interested after the A.G.M announcement). If you would like to participate, please return the booking form by the 20th December.

David Robinson.

## Don Mock Workshop - Booking Form

Deposit £75, Please make cheques payable to W.H.K.F. and send to PO Box 585 Swindon, SN3 4YR. Please return by 20th DECEMBER.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Payable  
by JANUARY  
20TH 1997