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A Note from your Chairman

Hi Everyone, Is it just me, or IS time going faster !!?? The Festival Season we all looked forward to is on it's way out, but not to worry we have all acquired at least something new, wellies, umbrellas or maybe a mac, and lots of good memories of a most unusual kite festival season.

The New Brighton Dips this year will forever be remembered for THE Wedding, the Rain and the Auction which included what appeared to be the total stock of Tesco's Toasters. I would have loved to have seen the faces on some of the other wedding parties at the Registry Office when Kathleen and Andrew Beattie turned up to get married resplendent in their White Shorts, Big White 'T' Shirts with Kite Designs on them, Ankle Socks and Boots, Kathleen's hair had been twisted around lengths of ribbon by one of the top celebrity hairdressers, rumour has it that the ribbon used was a new set of tails for one of Andrews kites, and were to signify the binding together of one man, his kites and his now wife/ground crew (no change there then!!).

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Back at the Dips the two of them came through a tunnel of white kite arches to give their vows to each other. BEAUTIFUL. They were presented with a gift of a Cow Bell by a world famous kite maker, the significance of which is unrepeatabe in this publication, they also received lots of pressies, ALL toasters from Tesco's, which were put in the evening Auction, and somehow Andrew ended up buying them all back whether he wanted to or not. As for the rain at the Dips, short sharp showers would best describe it, but there was never a time during the week end when the sky was kiteless !! (is there such a word??)

Silloth on Solway was like going back in time, if it hadn't been for the modern vehicles and peoples dress you could have been back in Victorian Britain, the Main Street still has cobble stones/sets and the only modern building I saw was the Life Boat Station. The Festival was held on the Green, a lovely setting overlooked by the Church on one side and on the other side just behind a couple of trees The Solway Firth.

Gene and Margaret Watson(Beardrops) are part of the organising team for Silloth, well done to both of you, and thanks to the team for all of their hard work. (The main man at Silloth joined the N.K.G during the Festival week end) Silloth even has it's own N.K.G Banner for putting over the Arena Barrier. Nice One.

Can I come again next year PLEASE ?????

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WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS

Mrs F Willis, Derek Willis, Michael Willis, Gordon Thomas, Gerald Critchell, Jennifer Wilson, Marjorie Walker, Peter Gilmour, Lorna Gilmour, Paul Gilmour, Hannah Gilmour, Chrissy Bailey, Nigel Bailey, Lindsey Bradshaw, Ivylin Bradshaw, Stephen Bradshaw, Sarah Bradshaw.

A warm kiting welcome to you all, it's lovely to have you in our group.

A Note From Your Chairman (Cont)

Walk the Plank at Otterspool was held on the 17th of August 2007, to promote the work done by Liverpool Council to regenerate Otterspool, as well as Flying Colours (N.K.G) and other N.K.G. members, there were groups of performers dotted round Otterspool , a Punch and Judy Man, a Man on a Desert Island walking a Tight Rope, a Jazz Band etc., but the ones the children (that includes me) seemed to like the best were two totally expressionless Kings of the deep sea, mounted on what appeared to be mobility scooters disguised as Dolphins which blew bubbles and squirted water while making Dolphin sounds, all done without warning, this caused much giggling amongst the children. At the end of the day the eleven N.K.G members who took part were treated to a meal at the Otterspool Inn by the Walk the Plank Company. Very enjoyable.

Harewood House was a fantastic week end, organised by Jim Potts and John Welborn, a very large gathering of kite folk from The Northern Kite Group, North East Kite Fliers, and Midland Kite Fliers, there where about 58 camping units, made up of Tents, Caravans, Motor Homes, and Folding Campers. The N.K.G's very own Gwen Williams and Dave Green did a brilliant job on the P.A. over the week end, and Colin Savage had a Birthday he will never forget. I do hope someone does an indepth write up on this Festival.

Now I must just say one word "SAFETY" please remember it at all times.

See You All Soon

ENID
Your Little Rocker

EDITORS CORNER

Just a quick word from me to say thank you to all our contributors this issue, especially Sarah Bindon for the fantastic photos of the bird of prey attacking the bird kite at Harewood house.

Dazzz

STOP PRESS

Light Up The Sky was unable to be moved to Ainsdale so is now taking place at the original site at Otterspool, however the date has changed to SATURDAY 20th October. Please make a note in your diaries.

AGM 2008

Annual General Meeting to be held 20th. January 2008 at The Community Hall, All Saints Church, Culceth Lane, Old Church Street, Newton Heath, Manchester.

Time: 12pm till approximately 4pm

Directions: From M60 junction 22 follow A62 Oldham road towards Manchester. Old Church Street is half a mile past the junction with A663. Old Church Street is off Oldham Road (A62) near to Carpet World which is at the junction of Oldham Road and Droylsden Road. Old Church Street changes to Culceth Lane near All Saints church.

The Community Hall is just past the junction with Briscoe Lane and is behind some terrace houses and is approached by a short unmade road. Please do not park on the short unmade road. There is parking available in the School playground adjoining the Church accessible from Droylsden Road.

You can access a map online by going to <http://www.nkg.org.uk/FlyingSites.htm>

There will be a £3 charge towards the cost of the meal provided
(Meat and potato pie and Vegetarian option)

The usual activities will include:

Best Kite Competition 2 classes large and small

(**note** a small kite will be one whose width plus spine length is not more than two metres)

Displays of Photographs, Kites, videos etc.

Private sales of kites and associated bits and pieces.

Please note there will not be a raffle or auction this time

Presentation of Cups

AGM Agenda

- 1 Report by the committee .
2. Receive and adopt the annual statement of accounts.
3. Any other business (see below)
4. Election of officers Editor, Treasurer, Secretary & Chairman
Appointment of one member to act as auditor

AOB

Future Direction of the Club

Festivals

Flying sites for Fly ins, review . Monthly programme of events/ fly ins, including OSOW and LUTS

Club Financial Reserves

Overseas membership

Safeguarding Children the New Act and its implications for **all** Club members.

Please note Although any other business can be raised at the meeting it would be preferred if items could be notified to the Secretary beforehand.

John Welborn

NEW NKG SECRETARY

Seventy years, a new knee and a beautiful granddaughter, all acquired during my term as Secretary. But now it is time to step down for someone else to carry on. The Club has lasted for over twenty five years and I want to see it last at least another twenty five, that would make me ninety five, much too old for a secretary.

The Club has changed over the years, it started out with a volunteer Secretary , no committee or formal organisation just a group of friends flying kites . It has evolved into a large Club (around 300 members) with a formal committee structure ready to cope with the demands of modern society.

Society is more litigious and owners of flying sites now insist on public liability insurance. Safety is a primary issue and Child Protection has become more complex just this year , it concerns all Clubs whether they have youth sections or not. Simply running a kite workshop involves the leaders in child protection issues. Get it wrong and the Club could be committing a criminal offence.

The Club has progressed over the last few years, we have a very professional web site courtesy of Peter Bindon and Malcolm Pincher; an excellent magazine produced and edited by Dazzz with all of you helping with photos and articles. The Club is highly visible at Festivals with both large and mini club banners, club members dressed in club clothing and often flying the newly acquired club logo kites.

Our brilliant Chairman has taken the lead in making sure the Club is financially sound by developing contacts with local authorities who pay us to fly kites for them. Mary Jones works in the background making sure all the money is properly accounted for.

The Club is about flying kites and enjoying yourself, and members have created many activities outside the formal structure. Flying Colours are all NKG members, there is indoor flying arranged, the regular weekly fly ins at Otterspool, kite workshops have been run and the Christmas lunch Fly ins at Otterspool and Stainland arranged by members.

The Club belongs to all its members whether you spend every waking hour flying or only attend events occasionally, but to keep the Club running successfully you need another Secretary.

I have told the committee that I should be replaced within two years. Whoever takes over can have a hand over period as long or as short as they wish. I have no doubt that existing committee members will be asking various individuals if they know who might be willing to do it. I would thank every one for their friendliness and co operation and hope I have provided the service you wanted.

John Welborn

BOLTON-LE-SANDS 2007

Asking for brilliant weather on two weekends with a year in-between is too much to ask for Britain. Well this was the case as I drove North up the M6 on 20 July for the Bolton Le Sands Fly In. Passing the flying area on the shore of Morecambe Bay a few members already had kites flying and on the hills above Red Bank Farm could be seen.

Greetings were exchanged with the farmer then "up the hill you know your way" he said; only this year there was mud every where and no sign of blue skies.

I soon found a spot to park and made my way up hill to the stockade.

This turned out to be a row of tents and a lot of wind breaks. Dazz appeared and was quite happy to "chill out at least it's not raining".



All Picture courtesy of Bernard Crick



Then up the hill came Dale and Liam who looked like extras from Flash Gordon and The Mud Monsters.

Karen appeared shortly after with a fresh layer of mud. But undaunted she got another board and set off for the mud fields of Morecambe Bay.

The recent heavy rains had washed soil down river and deposited it on the shore line. That evening changed into drizzle the steady rain.

The following morning was glorious at first light with light cloud and patches of blue sky.

Then drizzle and very overcast. Drizzle is annoying at the best of times and it stopped and started all day. On getting back to the field I had one of those annoying flies buzzing round, this turned out to be big Bri's Revs ok ok I had my hood up. At least Revs don't bite Sunday morning was great with clearing skies a nice wind and a bite in the air.



On the sea shore happy faces were putting the revolutions through there paces. The day progressed well until it was as good as last year. Once again the NKG brought along a great selection of kites.

There was Ostend Birds flapping away. A ghost delta, another with a face, close by was a genki with a face. Up in the sky were birds and high above rollers looked down on us.

Jim Potts appeared with the giant snake to delight the children (and grown ups) who were sitting all the way along the sea defence wall. Close by there was already a queue for the ice cream van. I was given the line of a very well behaved Costco dragon it's not surprising they sold out so quickly. Looking South towards Morecambe storm clouds were gathering and some members began to pack up. At this point a shout of mass fly of NKG kites was heard.

Great activity followed and NKG kites began to take to the air. Five, seven ,nine, up they went, what a sight one type of kite flying together with a clear blue sky as a background.

Then an unknown person, no not me, shouted "get closer together so we can get all the kites into the photograph". What followed was the first official NKG kite fight.

Every one had the same kite, the only trouble was who had which kite. Diamond kites can be erratic and they were. One down two tangled, "let some line out, no not that one, which one then"? "The blue, one don't bring any line in".

Alas too late was the cry and feverish activity continued until all the kites fluttered to the ground. There was however on clear cut winner to this first event of it's kind. A great deal of time was spent untying lines and calls of we need a set of rules in future.

Afternoon turned into evening and every one went there separate ways. Once again the NKG had put on a great display and we all had a great weekend.

Our thanks go to Enid for organising things and all the members who came along to make it a great fly in.

See you there next year .

Bernard Crick.

HAREWOOD HOUSE 2007

This August bank holiday saw the 1st Kite Festival to take place at Harewood House, a magnificent Country Estate half way between Harrogate and Leeds. The event was co-ordinated by our old friend Jim Potts - and things put in place for a goodly number of people to arrive - lots of Northern Kite Group fliers and plenty of friends from our other favourite kite groups, the NEKF and the MKF.

We thought we'd sneak up there nice and early to snag a 'hot' pitch only to find that about 30 of you had already landed. At 5am that morning when I awoke like a giddy child at Christmas, I distinctly remember saying to Lindsey "can we leave yet" - her reply is not suitable for publication but in summary amounted to 'not on your nelly, no-one else would be daft enough to leave this early' - she was wrong.



Picture courtesy of Sarah Bindon

More and more folk arrived throughout the Friday to take advantage of generous offer of free camping and a peep round the grounds and the House - by the time the full moon was rising over the flying site about 100 units were settled in for a great weekend. Sammy from the NEKF popped up one of his 'Ostend Birds' on the Friday evening in - and it didn't come down again until the moon completed another full one and a half laps of the planet. A small blackcurrant juice or two helped pass a lovely evening in preparation for the next days flying.



Picture courtesy of Sarah Bindon

smaller single liners and team displays. Thanks to Jim, that still left an enormous area for us all



Picture courtesy of Sarah Bindon

on the other side of the field. Anyone that happened to see Wigsley Wings' full display of Trilobites that day would hopefully been as 'gob smacked' as I was - it was the first time they had shown their full set of these incredible kites flying together like that and it will live in my memory for a long time. The skies continued to be decorated during daylight hours and we were also treated to some fabulous night flying as well.

One thing everyone commented on was the professionalism which the staff from Harewood House showed in assisting everyone that needed help - no job too big or small, and just putting little touches to things to help turn a good event into a great one, Our thanks to them all.

In closing, the memories I will cherish will be the amazing views of the lake - the beautiful 'red kites' patrolling the skies - the really 'chilled-out' nature of the event and meeting of old friends and new.

A special weekend indeed.

Neil & Lindsey

HAREWOOD HOUSE 28TH OCTOBER 2007

Harewood House were very impressed by the display you all put on over the August Bank Holiday ,well done and thank you.In the next few weeks there will be a debrief meeting to discuss the viability of another event there next year,I will let you know the outcome of that in due course.

In the meantime Harewood have invited kite Flyers from the NKG and NEKF to fly some kites on Sunday 28th October on the North Lawn which is directly in front of the house.An arena will be roped off and admission will be on production of a valid club membership card.They are holding a series of attractions called Autumn Glory details can be viewed on their web <http://www.harewood.org> Skyartists kite display team will be displaying Saturday and Sunday subject to the weather conditions.

Jim Potts

STACK/NKG EVENTS

Two upcoming dates from STACK/NKG

Better Flying Day - New Brighton Dips Sunday 28th October 2007

We've had quite a few people requesting a bit of help/coaching over the summer but what with festivals and fly-in's it's been a bit hectic. Here's a chance then for a relaxed days flying in an excellent location. I'll be asking for help from some of the STACK members as coaches but can't guarantee anything. Otherwise there will be myself for dual line and Neil for quad line (if shifts allow). We can cover the basics for newcomers, tricks for people who want it and even some precision (this will be useful for the Winter League coming up at the same location on November 25th!)

The basic format is turn up, fly what you like, ask for help if you need it or maybe offer some if you can. Hopefully everyone can learn something and have a bit of fun at the same time. All for free!

Winter League - New Brighton Dips - Sunday 25th November 2007

We will be running a Winter League event on Sunday 25th November at the Dips, New Brighton promenade. All Welcome. It will consist of Dual line, Quad line, Individual, Pairs and Team if required and then we'll throw in a Trick Thang to round things off. Figures will be as follows :-

Dual Line

DLI

DI08 – Pyramid

DI11 – Split Figure 8

DI17 – Wedge

DLP

DP06 – Inverted Eight with Landing

DP08 – Twist

DP17 – Pair Jump with Rolls

DLT

DT03 – Follow, Flank Up and Square

DT04 – Team Hairpin

DT11 – Cascade

Multi Line

MLI

MI02 – Ladder Up

MI04 – Two Down

MI20 – Lift

MLP

MP01 – Qisses

MP08 – Double Diamonds

MP10 – Parallel Boxes

MLT

MT01 – Cascade

MT03 – Vertical Thread and Rotate

MT06 – Steps and Turns

The above figures are available in the IRB rulebook and can be found on the internet at <http://www.worldsportkite.com/irbc.htm>

The day will start officially at around 11a.m. but there's nothing to stop people turning up earlier and having a practice (in fact I would thoroughly recommend it).

There's no fee and you don't need to be a member of STACK or NKG to take part.

Further ahead:

I will also be looking into doing similar events on the other side of the pennines for people who can't make it to the Dips (and for anyone from the West who would like to know how the other half live!). I am hoping to combine these with the Yorkshire fly-ins so I will announce these when the new dates/venues are available so watch this space.

Ian Parkes

CAPTION COMPETITION



We had a number of entries for the last caption competition, including 40 from one person (Bri!) and since his did contain some of the best offers I thought I would declare Bri the winner and print some of his entries here.

Dazzz

Pants for sale, used to be in GOOD NICK.

I thought you said give us a thong. Not give us a song.

Brought my pop up tent in to dry and found a crack in it.

Does my head look big in this Darling

I'm a little hot under the collar.

Y put up a front. When you can put up yr Y Fronts

I will name that tune in one Dazzz, is it brief encounter or is it...

Ive Got to the BOTTOM of um.

I hung these on my line and the GYPSYS moved in

I know i said mines a large one,but really

The flies the limit

This songs by the SKIDS.

CAMPING you said, Theyve dried that stiff i cant get my pole[s]out now.

One Size fits all.

Somebody said it would be a brief auction we are having tonight

I USE DAZZ[pun] on my smalls,i did say smalls.

These are the vented ones,just open the flies and give a quick jerk

What chest size are these pants.

You can wear them with pleasure Jim, no strings attached

This isnt exactly what i meant when i said line laundry

I bet you never felt them come off Fred, I used to do the Table Cloth Trick, but its pants this year.

I got them from Karl, he said their great for all types of wind

Its Pants in here.

I said i would come for a night out,but I had nothing to wear

They fit, but use less starch next time Love.

My wife went to the werral festival and all she got me was this T SHIRT

XMAS FLY-INS

STAINLAND CHRISTMAS FLY-IN (16th December)

Unfortunately the Stainland Christmas Fly-in Meal this year will not be held at the Duke of York, as the restaurant will be closed on that particular Sunday. So after searching the local area I have found The Waggon and Horses at Outlane to be the nearest price wise if not quite as cosy, (HD3 3YP post code for those with Sat-nav or multimap access). I will book the meal for 3.30pm. See below the ordinary Sunday Lunch menu plus the Christmas Fayre Menu, either of these menu's can be chosen. Anyone wishing to attend please let me, Sheila Smith know as soon as possible, as they require a £5 deposit per person at the time of booking.

Either by: E-mail rayandsheilasmith@tiscali.co.uk By phone 01422 376208
By writing: 35, Alexandra Crescent, Elland, West Yorkshire, HX5 9EH

They would like to know your choice of Main Course. (This is because the restaurant part will be staying open just for us, (they would normally close at 3.00pm). But I can advise them of our choices a little nearer the time.

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ALL MAIN COURSES £5.30

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Otterspool Xmas Fly-in Will take place at the Otterspool Pub on 16th Dec 2007 at 5.30 pm, Flo Barnes is once again organising the booking. Anyone wishing to book should make it known to Flo with a £5 deposit and balance on the night of £10, yes that's £15 a head folks. Alternately contact David Green who will pass on your booking to Flo. Look forward to seeing you at the party.
Cheers

Dave Green.

PROPOSED FLY-IN LIST FOR 2008/2009

2008

20th Jan	AGM Newton Heath Manchester
17th Feb	Roundhay Park Leeds
16th Mar	New Brighton
20th Apr	Pontefract
18th May	Otterspool
22nd Jun	No fly-in due to local festival events
20th Jul	Bolton-Le-Sands (Tide dependant)
17th Aug	Fleetwood
21st Sep	No Fly-in due to local events (Chester, Wakefield)
19th Oct	Pontefract
16th Nov	Roundhay Park Leeds
21st Dec Xmas	Fly-in Stainland & Otterspool

2009

18th Jan	AGM Newton Heath Manchester
15th Feb	Roundhay Park Leeds
22nd Mar	New Brighton, Wirral

Other Events to be taken into consideration:

OSOW

LUTS

Beacon Kite Festival

Cleethorpes

Sunderland

Wirral

Chester

Wakefield

Ainsdale?

Taylor Park

Bolton

Once fly-ins have been ratified at the AGM in January we do our best to keep you up to date via this newsletter on what events are happening in the NKG area, some events we only find out about at short notice so we advise all those with Internet access to check the web site at <http://www.nkg.org.uk> and look in the forums for up to date news. We also occasionally send out an email with late breaking news about events we feel the members may be interested in, if you put your email address on your renewal form you should receive these automatically.

Please note that attendance can vary at Fly-ins especially if there other events happening in the area during the summer, if you want to find out who may be turning up the forums are a good way to check.



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Graham found the wind a little bit strong at Blackpool...

FLEETWOOD FLY-IN 2007



N.K.G.Fly-in at Fleetwood. This is what kiting is all about, as we had single line kites flying also the landboarders with their power kites and the beach buggies in full flight up and down the beach. The kite surfers were on the water with everyone enjoying their particular kite sport. A good day was had by all that took part even though it was cold there was a good supply of hot drinks and food from Daves cafe.

A thank you also goes to Alex Fishpool of Hangtime Kite Sports for making everyone welcome.

John Braidwood



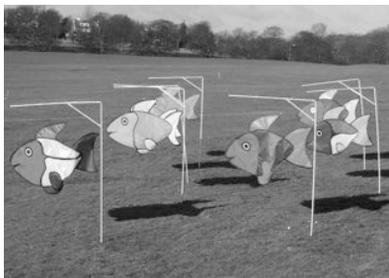
All pictures courtesy of John Braidwood



FOR SALE

A set of 7 fish made by Fred Kaz and featured on the cover of the spring issue of the club newsletter. The sale includes everything shown in the picture and the Templates used to make the fish should you wish to make more for yourself.

Price is £100.00 O.N.O. please contact Fred via email: f.kaz@btopenworld.com or phone 01254 690617



INDOOR FLYING

We are hoping to be able to arrange some more indoor flying sessions this winter, probably based at the same place as last year on the wittal, if you'd like to know more then please keep an eye on the forums at <http://www.nkg.org.uk> as we will post details there once arrangements have been made or contact myself for more information.

Dazzz

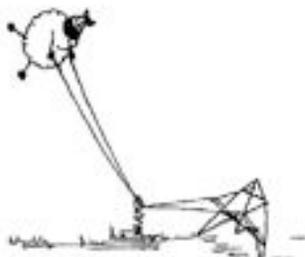
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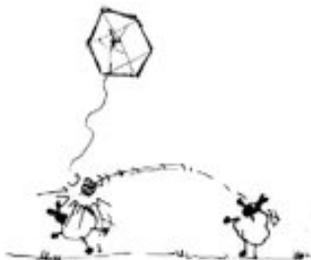
"Precision"



Ray Baaaaaaathe!



Reverse Flying!



"Rock Fight"

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PENALLTA KITE FESTIVAL 2007

Held at Penallta Park, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed which is an old spoil tip that has been regenerated and turned into a country park over 10 years ago this event which was organised by Karl and Sara Longbottom and the local council looked promising from the start.

We arrived Saturday lunchtime at the flying site to find that low cloud had settled in and a steady drizzle was hanging over the site, so after a quick hello to Karl and Andrew and Kathleen Beattie who were busy getting their kites wet we headed off for some lunch at the Pub by the hotel then went into Caerphilly to be surprised by a rather large Castle dominating the centre of the town, so we went and did the touristy bit for a while.

Saturday evening all the invited fliers turned up for a meal and got to know each other, Sunday morning dawned grey but dry, and we headed off to site, we set up the big stuff at the back of the field behind a large earthwork sculpture of a horse, although the winds were light we managed to keep stuff flying all morning, and every so often we popped round the horse to see how things were going in the main display arena, a steady stream of people seemed to be arriving all day and enjoying all the kites from the European fliers and Avon kitefliers, there were dual line displays from Airheads, A rok fight, the running of the Bols courtesy of Bob C, all in all a very impressive display for a first time event.

Once the main display had finished about 5:30 we got time to pack everything away before the night fly commenced, Karl had arranged for some coloured lights around the arena plus a couple of big spotlights as well to wander round the sky tracking the kites once they were up. As it got dark Airheads started us off with a 2 line team flying display in the dark followed by the invited foreign fliers whose names were called out and they launched their kites into the night, followed by the UK fliers, we flew 3 delta serpents and it was great to see all those kites being lit by the weaving spotlights, truly the best night fly I've seen, well done to all those who took part.

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October

- 6 & 7 Family Kite Weekend, Bewl Water, Lamberhurst, Kent
- 7 ex-KITE-ment, Apedale Country Park, Alsagers Bank, Apedale, Staffordshire
- 14 OSOW = ONE SKY ONE WORLD - Kite flying all over the World:
- 14 MKF OSOW, Rufford Abbey, Rufford Country Park, near Ollerton, Nottinghamshire
- 14 NKG OSOW, overlooking the Mersey, Otterspool, South Liverpool, Merseyside
- 14 NKG OSOW, Pontefract Racecourse, Pontefract, Yorkshire
- 14 GOKF OSOW, Nene Park, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire
- 14 PKF OSOW, Hamworthy Park, Poole, Dorset - NEW VENUE
- 14 KCOS OSOW, North Beach, St, Andrews, East Coast of Scotland
- 14 MKF OSOW, Memorial Park, Kenilworth Road, Coventry, Warwickshire
- 14 MKF/HEKF OSOW fly-in, Sutton Park, Boldmere Gate, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands
- 14 Shrewsbury OSOW, Roden Garden Centre, Roden, near Shrewsbury, Shropshire
- 14 17th Annual MKF kite display at Family Fun Day, Edgbaston, Birmingham
- 14 MKF STACK Winter League, Sutton Park, Boldmere Gate, Sutton Coldfield
- 20 Hamptons Charity Kite Festival for the Princes Trust, Alexandra Palace Park, North London
- 20 North Hants Buggy Club & Loddon Valley Kite Flyers Light up the Sky Basingstoke
- 20 NKG Light up the Sky for BBC Children In Need Appeal, overlooking the Mersey, Otterspool
- 25 - 28 British Kitesurfing Association (BKSA) Wavemasters, Porthcawl, South Wales
- 28 KCOS Fly-in, the park opposite Falkirk Golf Club, Stirling Road, Camelon, Falkirk, Scotland
- 28 GVKF fly-in, Tewkesbury School Playing Fields, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire
- 28 GOKF fly-in, Nene Park, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire

November

- 11 MKF fly-in, Sutton Park, Boldmere Gate, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, West Midlands
- 11 KCOS Fly-in, the Seafront, Ayr, West Coast of Scotland
- 18 NKG fly-in, Roundhay Park, Leeds, West Yorkshire
- 25 KCOS Fly-in, North Beach, St, Andrews, East Coast of Scotland
- 25 GVKF fly-in, Tewkesbury School Playing Fields, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire
- 25 GOKF Light up the Sky, Ferry Meadows Country Park, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire

December

- 9 MKF fly-in, Sutton Park, Boldmere Gate, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, West Midlands
- 9 KCOS Fly-in, the park opposite Falkirk Golf Club, Stirling Road, Camelon, Falkirk, Scotland
- 9 GOKF fly-in, Priory Park, Bedford, Bedfordshire
- 16 NKG Xmas Fly in and Lunch, overlooking the Mersey, Otterspool, South Liverpool
- 16 NKG Xmas Fly in and Lunch, Stainland Recreation Ground, Stainland, Yorkshire
- 23 GOKF fly-in, Nene Park, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire

January

- 20 NKG AGM The Community Hall, All Saints Church, Culceth Lane, Old Church Street, Newton Heath, Manchester.



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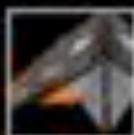
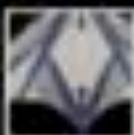
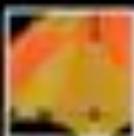
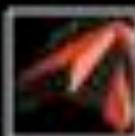
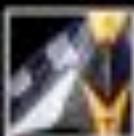
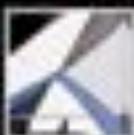
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