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A Note from your Chairman

Hi everyone.

This is my second attempt to write "A Note From Your Chairman", The first one was hijacked by Dazzz (our Beloved Editor) and now it appears in this Magazine as a write up on The Beacon Festival. Come on N.K.G'ers, i'm sure more of you could do write up's on Fly Ins and Festivals, it doesn't matter if you only joined yesterday, or if you've been a member for years, we would love to hear from you. Just contact Dazzz.

I would like to thank Harry Douglas and Rita Owen, N.K.G members from Poole in Dorset, who have sent us some Brooches to put into our next Auction, they have made them for us, and each one is in the shape of a kite (NICE). I must now say just one word " SAFETY" please think about it at all times.

See You All Soon
ENID

Your Little Rocker.

p.s. We have a size ' L ' 44inch chest Waterproof Reversible N.K.G jacket on stock price £28--00. please let me know if you want it. (TA)

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WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS

Kathryn Clarke, Kevin Hodgson, Patrice Baxter, Jon Ward, Joe Ward, Adam Pollitt, Bryan Beasley, Andrea Beasley, Lora May Beasley, Melvin Lyons, Emile Lyons, Lesley Dodds, Richard Dodds, Clare Lawless, Paul Jennings, Susan Ryder, Dale Anyon, Liam Anyon, Luke Anyon, Norma Blower, Ray Blower, Eric Caligari, Nigel Beard, Michele Beard, Darren Beard, Danielle Beard, Kevin Parkin, Pat Coventry, Mark Bellis, Julie Bellis, Roger Woolley, Pauline Woolley, Malcolm Vickers, Gareth Parks, Mary Vickers, Jan Green, Allan Green, Kelvin Woods

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

EDITORS CORNER

Hi everyone, my apologies for a slightly delayed newsletter but things have been rather hectic in the last few months, I hope your managing to keep dry during this lovely summer weather we are having, I'm blaming my Karen for using up all the sunshine in the first 3 months of the year when she was out bugging at Fleetwood!

Anyway, theres lots of events still to come so hopefully we can still get some sunny flying days in. Those of you with the third party insurance from Zurich will hopefully have sent off your renewals to John Welborn, to any of our new members if your likely to be doing a lot of kite flying at non NKG events i'd recommend getting the extra insurance offered through the club, see page 9 for details.

I'm also looking for ideas for a kite workshop in the spring, so if anyone has any ideas on a particular type of kite they would be interested in making, or even a particular kite maker they would like to do a workshop with, then please let me know. It would be nice to start getting it organised before the last minute which I invariably seem to do.

I just received an email from Tony Kidd before the newsletter went to print, which i've added below:

"I am now pleased to report that a former Member has provided me with what were his originals for February, May and November 2002 so I'm now only looking for a copy of August 2002 as I have every other issue form No.1 to date, except that. I would like to repeat my request of Members to ask if anyone can LEND me the Issue of August 2002 so I can photocopy it and return their original to the sender. Obviously one copy is required from a relatively tidy and organised Member so if anyone could call me first on 0161 794 8506 or email megaarchitect@btopenworld.com I will co-ordinate any responses and it would be much appreciated."

Tony Kidd

You will also notice in this issue pictures from the Wirral Kite Festival which this year included a wedding on the flying field, which was an experience to say the least. So congratulations to Andrew and Kathleen Beattie from all of the NKG. I'd also like to say thank you to all the NKG members who came out in pretty poor conditions and helped to make it a great event despite a horrendous forecast for the whole weekend, I must admit that taking part in the butterfly ballet on saturday morning to the music of the Zutons in the pouring rain did make for pretty surreal kiting moment!

Dazzz

BEVERLEY SPRING KITE FESTIVAL 2007

Its a fair drive with a caravan and a 50mph limit from Lancashire over the Pennines and up in to Humberside. The views of the Humber Bridge as you hit the outskirts of Beverley are worth a piccy.

Beverley itself is a lovely market town nestled in the east ridings of Yorkshire. As you make your way through the town to the race course where the Kite Festival is held, the Minster dominates the skyline. St Marys is another point worth a visit along with some quaint shops and a superb old worldly feel of a market held at the weekend. With a poulation around 17,500 its just big enough to have a TESCO's, thank god.

Some of the pubs are dated back to the 12th century and one is still lit with gas lights. It boasts as being one of the richest towns in England [12th ritchest] most of which came from fines imposed in the early days on traders selling short weights and measures. Jim Potts relatives I bet must have been involved. ENOUGH ABOUT THAT ON TO THE MAIN COURSE



Photo courtesy of Peter Bindon



Photo courtesy of Peter Bindon

We, thats all the Revalations and their partners and familys had been bursting at the kite bag seams for Beverley to come around. Its my second visit and I think points the start of the kite season proper. We arrived on Friday mid afternoon and there was already a good few caravans and tents pitched and ready for the weekends flying.

My good mate Neil and wife of the year Lyndsey had snaffled us and the Dark Lord Bleasedale a spot as we had asked Neil to save us a pew. It makes sense to be close together because as some of you will know myself and Neil do like an early start when we can fly. We flew and talked till late Friday, Jim and Vanessa had arrived, Alan the man on the public address microphone was flying one of Dougs first birds he made. What a fantastic job Alan did all weekend on the microphone, keeping everyone well informed. Fred and Helen had arrived, all in all around twenty five or so units all milling and chatting around the grassy meadow within the centre of the race tracks fencing.

Saturday is a practice day for flyers, a chance to chat and catch up. Meet new people, and swap stories, ideas and whats going on in the kiteland. A good day to relax and just FLY a kite.

SUNDAY

The weather stayed dry for Sunday and what a spectacle came to unfold. I had first kite up around 5.30am the world famous Chester sprint gold cup winning Ostend Bird. As I prepped an F-Tail, Neil sent a sly one high into the early morning breeze. The wind kept dropping at first but soon there was a blow, when the big guns reared their heads and came out to play it got the rolling meadow and common land which is cordoned off for us to fly, full quite quickly. Avoiding the tarmac that was left lurking in the rye grass (COW PATS AND SHEEP S***)). Its a good spot to fly but wellies or boots are essential. Dont know what the cows had been eating, but you could drown in some larger sized droppings.



Photo courtesy of Peter Bindon

The wind blew toward the town, it was a little up and down like the temprature, but we had the ingredients for a fine flying day. Wigsley Wings pitched up at the top of the field flying some huge penguin type bird, amongst some other stuff. Potts had his DaGlow octopus flying, along with a few others I spotted later that day. Lucky Dave Holt put up his marvelous Dragon, what a piece of work that



Photo courtesy of Josie Bretherton

along with loads of Stalls, rides, Fancy goods, and a large number of traders.

Kite traders where aplenty aswell, Go Kites, Highwayman, Dave Salmon, Cloud Nine, and Sky Bums. All seemed to do OK, but fives got to be one or two too many from their point of view I bet. Theirs a fair ground as well, Quad bikes, bouncy stuff, allsorts of attractions or distractions depending on your fancy. The revelations did their first public fling. And I am pleased to say, all the hard work paid off. We did OK and felt like four kings for the next TEN DAYS.

Monday went well and very similar to Sunday only more of a good blow. Theirs a boot sale thats on early and then the kites take up the challenge again.

Brian Williamson (BigBri)

SPRING KITE WORKSHOP 29 APRIL 2007

Sunday 29 April turned out to be a beautiful sunny morning perfect for a kite making day in the village of Hoddlesden. Having read that the place is hard to find, I loaded the Bongo with direction finding equipment, maps and emergency supplies in case of snow drifts. I use a flock of sheep to guide me over the moors but this day they had moved to another field so a 'U' turn was necessary to take me down the steep narrow road into Hoddlesden. Asking a local 'do you know where the EYCRA hall is?' 'Never heard of that, try Darwen'. Well I was at least one hundred yards away.



Photo courtesy of Dazzz

The group arrived and quickly began unloading their sewing machines and wasted no time in setting up for the days work. The famed kite maker Karl Longbottom was already laying out the material that we would need to make a small Edo kite.



Photo courtesy of Dazzz

edge binding began to be applied. Then we were tempted away by Karen's marvellous sandwiches and pieces of home made cake made by Ann Othick.

We all enjoyed a good chat with Karl, and had a look at some of his latest kites. At this point it was our first chance to get our hands on the pilot version of the new NKG Kite, although we would have to wait until the Beacon Festival to get our own kite.

As the sewing progressed Karl's reassuring leadership helped us along and of course Enid with a plentiful supply of tea and coffee for everyone. The afternoon passed quickly but everyone was well advanced with final edge binding being applied and tails being made.

All in all it was a long day, yet we all produced a nice kite and Karen came to our rescue and sorted out a number of problems we had with our machines. Karl concluded the day by guiding us through the tricky bridling process, the only thing left for another day is to make the kite bag. After loading our machines it was time to bid farewell to the rest of the group.

Bernard Crick

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- 'KITES and kite flying' - Ambrose Lloyd & Nicolette Thomas
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- John Barressi DVD Advanced Revaluation flying
- Genesis stunt kite
- Elliot Sport Kite with, bag, lines and straps.
- Tumbleing Star, box kite

Neil Edwards

KITE RECORD ATTEMPT



(From the Dorset Echo)

HUNDREDS of kites filled the skies above Bournemouth seafront as the Rotary club claimed a new world record on Saturday.

As part of the organisation's annual conference, held at the BIC



at the weekend, Rotaract, the youth branch of the charity, organised the attempt to break the kite-flying record.

Rotaract said an official count registered 920 kites flown in accordance with the rules, which meant the previous mark of 704 had been smashed. The event took place between Bournemouth Pier and Boscombe Pier, with scout groups, schoolchildren and members of the public all joining the attempt.

(Our on the spot photographer Harry Douglas did say you might want to take that figure with a pinch of salt folks, anyway, thanks to Harry for the photos of the event) Dazzz

NKG AUGUST FLY-IN AT FLEETWOOD BEACH

A new venue for many members, this months fly-in is at Fleetwood Beach in Lancashire.

There is also a Bands on the beach event taking place on the same day outside the kite shop so the car park behind the shop may get busy, there is another free car park south of the shop which is very close to the southern end of the beach we are flying on, so if you dont like loud music i'd recommend it :-)

All kite flying is taking place south of the shop as the beach to the north is used extensively by other beach users and we want to keep out of their way as much as possible. Toilet facilities are available at the kite shop and there is a small cafe next door as well.

Directions:

Exit the M6 at the M55 Jnct (signposted Blackpool). Take the first exit from the M55 (signposted Fleetwood). Follow road until you get to traffic lights and follow signs for Fleetwood. Continue into Fleetwood town centre and follow signs for the promenade & Marine Hall. The kite shop is right by the beach, and usually has a number of flags and banners flying to make it easy to spot from the road.

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Zurich Public Liability Insurance for Individual Members Update

Many members have now taken up or renewed the Individual Liability Insurance for kite flying.

Anyone who wants to take it up or renew can still do so. The policy renewal date was 12th. July 2007

The cover is for £5 million for the British Isles with temporary extensions for abroad.

The Insurance will be administered by the Club and we will have to inform Zurich of the names of individuals and amendments to the list.

The current premium is £8-60 for each person and members can join mid term but the full premium must still be paid even if it is for a shorter period.

Those members wishing to participate in the policy should send their full names and addresses to the Secretary together with a cheque made payable to Northern Kite Group for the appropriate amount.

The Secretary will inform you when the policy has been set up.

This Insurance is separate from the Club Policy which covers Fly ins and Club attended events

John Welborn

CAPTION COMPETITION

Ok I admit I made a slight boo boo on the last competition, I should have been giving away one of Karl Longbottoms small Angel kites but instead gave away an NKG Mini Banner to the winner, Luckily Karl reminded me at the workshop about it and gave me the prize itself. So we now have one last Caption Competition!

So fresh from this years wet but excellent Wirral International Kite Festival I give you a picture of Stuart Baldwin drying off in Caldry Rugby club on the saturday evening. Entries to me via Post, email or the forum as usual and the winner will be announced in the next issue and will receive their prize in plenty of time to add to the top of their christmas tree...



Dazzz

WOW !!!!

What can I say about the N.K.G Beacon Festival, for those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a fantastic weekend. This year there were more members at the Beacon, our numbers seem to grow every year, I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. Rodger spent some time on Friday and Saturday assembling and distributing N.K.G. kites to the members who had ordered them, it was wonderful to see them flying together, thanks to Bernard Crick for the idea of the N.K.G. kites, and to everyone who put the hard work in to get the idea off the Drawing Board, Dazzz, Karen and Fred Kaz are names that spring to mind, also Karl Longbottom who made them for us, if i've forgotten anyone i'm sorry.

On Saturday the main ingredients for a good festival were all present and correct, The flyers, good wind, sunshine, Dave Holt on the P.A, and the general public, what a great team, and a good time was had by all. At the flyers meeting on the Saturday morning we had surprised Peggy and Lady Lever with the gift of an N.K.G. kite, she hadn't a clue she was getting one, her face was a picture of delight when she realised what was going on.

To me the day seemed to have an electric atmosphere, with everyone doing their bit to put on a good show and to enjoy themselves, they did both. In the evening we adjourned to our new venue, The Marquee, which was loaned to us by the local scouts in return for a donation to their funds, it made a smashing gathering place for a natter, or a few beers and the Auction, which Dave Holt conducted for us, and raised £494 for N.K.G. funds, thanks to all of you who attended.

One half of the comedy duo that is V and J Potts was missing, Vanessa couldn't be with us at this years festival, due to having a prior engagement on the South Coast, NO !! she is NOT in training to swim the English Channel. She did however leave Jim with some pocket money, 10 pence !!!! at the Auction he wasn't allowed to have telephone bids or I.O.U's, poor lad.

The conditions on Sunday weren't as good as on Saturday, but everyone did their best. Karen George was acting as guardian for two of our under 16's members, Liam and Dale Anyon who's mum had literally signed them over to Karen for the week-end, they gave us an exhibition in the Arena of Buggies and Boards and made it look so so easy !!!!, The Tricks Party lads (Stack) entertained us all with their competition flying and with Ian Parkes on the P.A explaining to the onlookers what was happening it quickly became a spectator sport, then there was Graham Lockwood with his three kites, Dave Green and the Team Flying Colours with their special guest Liam Waring, also the Revelations, provided the entertainment.

Gwen Williams took over the reins of the P.A. for a while, and she was brilliant. The Teddy Bear drops were as popular as ever, the Children love them, thanks to Gene and Margaret with their team of helpers for what is a BIG crowd puller to the festival. Sky Artists kept their Big Kites aloft, and the N.K.G. members made sure the sky was full of kites of all shapes and sizes.

Talk about talent, the N.K.G's got the LOT. Thanks once again to everyone for a WOW FESTIVAL.

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THE LINE FOIL PLAN

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Background

The Line Foil is identical to a regular parafoil except internal lines are used in place of material ribs. The internal lines are evenly spaced throughout the kite. The kite is bridled to fly totally flat. There has been no attempt to introduce any curvature in the form of anhedral or dihedral in either transverse or longitudinal directions by means of differential internal line spacing to the top and bottom skins, or by the introduction of non-parallel diagonal internal lines or additional internal lines between the evenly spaced internal lines. The Line Foil's air intake has an even depth across its entire width. The kite flies well, at a relatively high angle of attack, but relies upon a tail to generate drag and prevent typical instabilities associated with parafoils.



Construction

This section of the plans details all the dimensions needed to construct the kite. The plan is fairly straightforward, especially if you have previously made parafoils. If you have never made a parafoil before you could try one of the many plans available on the internet first.

Skins

Figure 1 shows the layout of the grid pattern on the skins of the kite. As you can see it is really simple! The kite consists of rectangular front and back skins 320 cm x 240 cm. Both skins then have an identical grid of line sewn onto them. This grid is used to reinforce the material, and allow you to sew the internal supporting and external bridle lines. A light weight line can be used for the internal supporting. I used some dyneema as this is what I had available, however, I guess any braided line of approximately 50 Kg breaking strain would suffice.

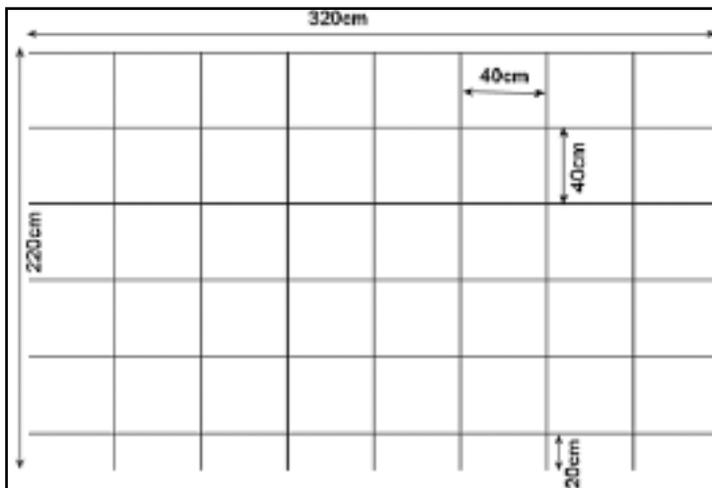
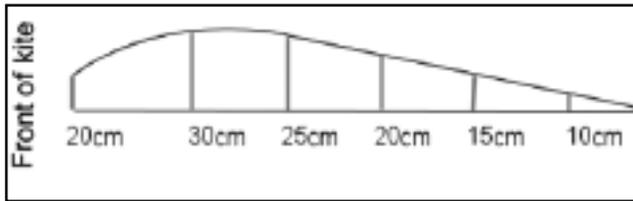


Figure 1. Top and bottom skin grid arrangement (not to scale).

Internal Support lines
Figure 2 shows the lengths of the internal support lines. As the diagram shows they are set at these lengths to give a rough aerofoil shape to kite.

Figure 2. Lengths of the internal support lines (not to scale).



I didn't bother reinforcing the points where lines will pass through the material, and have not had any rips yet (even on quite windy days!) – but, in hindsight I think that it is a good idea to reinforce these points with small Dacron squares.

Primary Bridle

The primary bridles have been calculated so that the kite is bridled flat. Figure 3 gives the lengths of the primary bridles, which are sewn onto the kite around the skin reinforcement line cross over points. I recommend using a line of approximately 50 Kg breaking strain for the primary bridle lines. There are 6 rows of primary bridles to maintain the kite's flat shape. These rows begin at the very front of the kite.

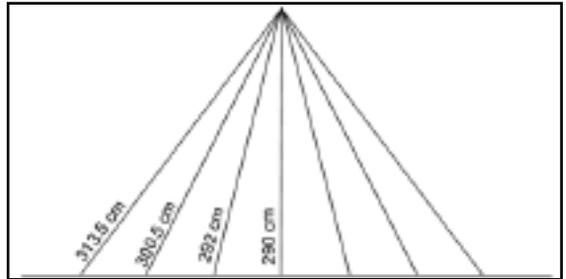
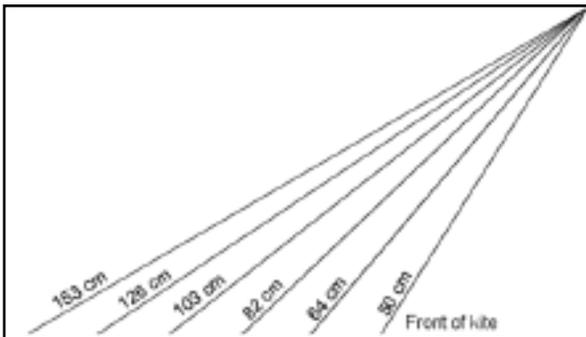


Figure 3. Primary bridle line lengths (not to scale).



Secondary Bridle

Figure 4 shows the lengths of the secondary bridle lines. I recommend using a line of approximately 200 lb breaking strain for the secondary bridle lines.

Figure 4. Secondary bridle line lengths (not to scale).

Order of Construction

The following steps show how to put the kite together.

Cut out the front and back skins, (320 cm x 240 cm). These can either be single pieces or a patch work arrangement. The grain of the material should be parallel with edges of the kite.

Add any appliqué if you are feeling adventurous, Ensure that this does not affect the dimensions of the skins

Mark on the skins where to sew the grid arrangement of reinforcement lines.

Sew Dacron reinforcement squares at the points where lines will be stitched through the skins (reinforcement line intersection points and at the leading edge bridle points).

Sew the grid lines onto the skins (sew the front line into the hem).

Sew the skins together inside out (not at the front!), then turn the right way out.

Sew tabs for the tail to the trailing edge of the kite. These should be located at a central position and at the first and last vertical reinforcement line position (20 cm in from each edge)

Stitch and tie in the internal supporting lines.

Tie on the external primary bridles. See Figure 5 for more information about the bridle line configuration.

Attach the rows of primary bridles to the corresponding secondary bridles.

Attach flying line and find some wind.

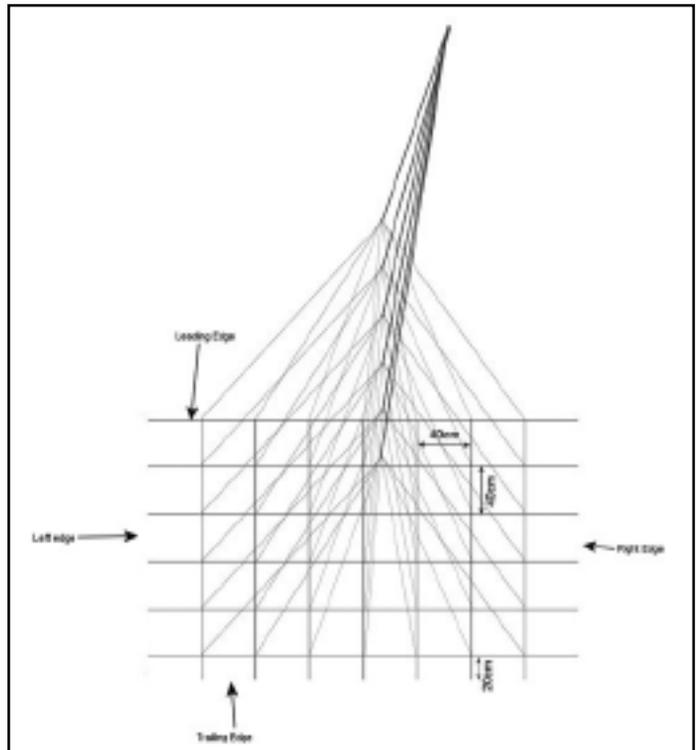


Figure 5. Schematic diagram of the bridle line layout.

Flying and Other Stuff

Be aware that in a good wind this kite will develop a considerable amount of pull. If you have never flown large kites before please take a look at the following site for some very useful tips: <http://www.gombergkites.com/faq.html> In particular please pay attention to the ground anchoring tips to avoid dangerous situations!!

The kite needs some sort of tail or drogue to give it stability in flight. I have been using a 20 m tube tail that was made from a 40cm wide piece of ripstop, that can be attached as a 'skipping rope' or as a long streamer tail. In light winds I use the tail as a streamer to produce a low amount of drag, and in stronger winds I use the skipping rope method to produce more drag. With this tail I have found that the kite is extremely stable. I was amazed at just how stable and static it was in the sky. In the past a number of my other homemade parafoils have flown terribly (even with a massive drogue)! On a number of occasions I have used it in place of my trusty PL Pilot kite! (I can confirm this kite needs lots of drag, so give it a big hefty tail folks. Dazzz)

To see more photos of the kite visit my web site at: <http://beam.to/kites> If you make a kite from these plans please email some photos to me via the address given on the web site.

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Dave Wadson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 17th August 2007 Walk The Plank. Otterspool

The walk the plank event to celebrate the regeneration of Otterspool is now taking place on Friday 17th August 2007, details should soon be up on www.walktheplank.co.uk. The NKG and Flying Colors are invited to put on a display. Exact times to be disclosed later, we shall be on site from 10.30 am. There are other acts and events going on in the park at the same time, bands, music, dancers, street artists etc etc. We do have our field to ourselves though. The idea is to put a show on for children in the afternoon then a show early evening for adults. There is a donation to NKG club funds so please come along and support the show if you can.

8th & 9th September 2007 Beverley Summer Kite Festival

The NKG has been invited to fly at this event, with a donation to club funds being offered. The event is held in the centre of Beverley racecourse. Also taking place are carboot sale, craft stalls, trade stalls, fairground and dog show.

Camping is usually available at the cost of £22.50 booked before the event, the booking form can be downloaded off the web site www.kite-festival.co.uk. The kite fliers camping area is within the flying area for insured kite fliers.

Day visitors will need to prove membership of a kite club (membership card) otherwise entry fee will have to be paid £2.50 adult, £1 child. Only persons named on the card will get fee entry.

Sunday 16th September 2007 Wakefield Kite Festival

Location: Near Wakefield. W.Yorks. Junc. 40 on M1 then A638 through Wakefield Site near junction with A655. The NKG receives a donation for attending, so please make the effort to attend if you can.

22nd & 23rd September 2007 Chester Kite Festival

The last N.K.G Festival for the season is at Chester. This is one long social gathering, set on the Roodee Racecourse, which is in the middle of Chester. Please bring your Membership Card to gain entry to the site, also to fly in the Arena, Oh yes and bring some WIND, and just to be on the safe side anything that does not require wind !!!! ie. remote controlled anything, no wind kites, and Fred and Helen can you put Barney in training please?. Camping is free to N.K.G, Members, we can arrive on Friday (21st) afternoon, but we must hand the site back to the Racehorses on Monday (24th) morning. As soon as you arrive can we try to get some kites up to advertise the Festival please, the Council won't allow advertising notices in their City !! that includes direction signs so we have to follow the signs to the Roodee Racecourse, or a kite if there is one flying. I nearly forgot to mention the Pub just outside the racecourse gates, you don't have to drink alcohol, the Landlord makes us all welcome, we have a gathering, a natter and a laugh.

Enid

Sunday 30th September 2007 Taylor Park Kite Day

Grosvenor Rd St Helens, Merseyside WA10

The NKG receives a donation for attending, so please make the effort to attend if you can.

LIGHT UP THE SKY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED (L.U.T.S) This event is held each year at OTTERSPOOL in aid of the only Charity the N.K.G officially supports. We have brought the date forward this year so hopefully it will be a bit warmer! In the afternoon we have a Fly In, then an Auction, remember all proceeds go to CHILDREN IN NEED, so please bring something for us to sell, as well as your wallet/purse to pay for what you buy (fingers crossed). As the Daylight fades we get the kites ready to (L.U.T.S) Light up the Sky, now that to me is MAGIC all of the lights on the kites twinkling in the sky, yes it's all good fun N.K.G style. Now here comes the BEGGING bowl/ bucket/ or skip, last year we raised £2,106-00 wouldn't it be great if we could come up with another goodly amount for Children in Need ??? We have included a sponsorship form with this issue of the magazine and all we ask is that you raise whatever you can, some members take the form to work, I take mine to the Camera Club and collect the money as they sign the form, Peggy Lever takes her's to Church, some of the members ask their Family and friends, we know not everyone likes to ask people to sponsor them, but give it a go you may like it (so no pressure there then !!!). Other help we need for Children in Need are Sturdy Gazebos, we had three last year, but could have used more, Do we still have the support of our "Dinner Ladies" ?? and would anyone else like to help out as well ?? Are our Home Made Soup makers still willing to stir the Pot for us??. If you have any Calor Gas left after the Festival Season can we use it to boil kettles, warm up the soup etc ?? Gwen Williams (N.K.G.) is our contact for the Children in Need Charity please let myself or Gwen know if you can offer any help whatsoever. we usually start at about 12noon until about 8pm, if you can keep going for that long. The Otterspool Pub which is across the road from the Flying Site let's us use their toilets.

So please get those sponsorship forms filled in and lets see what we can raise this year. Last years total from all the kite clubs was £2,902, most of that was raised by the NKG, which is one of the reasons the NKG is seen as one of the top clubs in the country.

Enid

One Sky One World (OSOW) www.osow.org.uk

Sunday 14th October 2007 Pontefract and Otterspool

From the OSOW website:-

"The purpose of One Sky One World, is simply to promote the concept of global harmony and understanding between all peoples of the world through an expression of the universality of kites and the wind. Through sharing the wind, our world wide connection with other flyers and all of nature is symbolically realized. The great air ocean favors no dividing boundaries, ideologies, and human conflict. It is much more the prerequisite for our existence, a catalyst in the chemistry of life, supplying our every breath. The International Kite Fly is an attempt to let the wind lift our kites and our awareness so as to more fully understand the necessity for peace."

Over the past few years this event has given us some very pleasant days out, once again we will be gathering at both locations to get together and fly lots of different kites. I like to use this event to dig through my kite bags and fly kites that I havent flown for a while, give the smaller less used kites some airtime and in the process help to build up the total number of kites flown.

Dont forget to count how many you fly and let us know at the end of the day so we can add them all up and send the results to the OSOW website.

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OTHER EVENTS

Penallta Kite Festival 30th September

The festival is to take place at Penallta Park, near Ystrad Mynach. The Park land has been reclaimed from the spoil tips of the old Penallta mine, and features many wildlife walks, an SSI and view points over the surrounding countryside. Also in the park is the UK's largest earth sculpture, which forms an ideal viewing point for the activities in the events arena.

At the moment we are still in the planning stages, but the one day festival will have a full program of displays, a range of invited guests and teams, Kite traders and food vendors. The event will end with a night flight starting at sundown. We also hope to provide on site overnight camping on the Saturday evening.

I will publish more details as they are confirmed. Please come and support this new event and help to make it a regular feature on the UK kite Calendar.

Any enquires should at this stage be made to Karl Longbottom, preferably by email.

Karl@Longbottom.org.uk

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Kitemaker
www.longbottom.org.uk
01981 550326

Harewood House Kite Festival and Steam Rally 26th & 27th August

This is a family fun weekend organised by Harewood in conjunction with the NKG. The NKG will receive a donation to club funds providing enough members turn up to support it. As will be seen from the attractions listed on the enclosed flyer there are attractions for the whole family not just Kite Fliers.

FREE Camping adjacent to the flying arena is available from 3pm Friday 24th August until 12noon Tuesday 28th August on production of your valid kite club membership card.

No booking is required but any questions contact me 07860 822211.

Flying displays will be on Sunday and Monday when the public will be admitted with commentary from Gwen Williams and Dave Green.

Kite Traders confirmed are: Go Kites, Flying Empress and Cloudnine.

If this event is a success it is hoped to be repeated in future years.

Free entry on production of a valid kite club membership card.

Invited Flyers are:

Wigsley Wings
Skyartists 1 + Too
Kite Collective
Graham Lockwood
Bear Drops
Flying Colours
Northern Kite Group
North East Kite Fliers
Midland Kite Fliers
All club fliers with up to date membership and insurance.

Jim Potts

TRICKS PARTY EVENT AT CHESTER KITE FESTIVAL

After the success of the Tricks Party competition at the Beacon festival in June we have been invited to put on a similar event at Chester in September. From feedback received it seems that the public enjoyed the arena show so I'm suggesting that we go for the same approach again with just the Ballet competition in the main arena. We have also been offered a section of the flying area for the imposed tricks section and for warm-ups prior to the ballet, which is a big bonus.

The Imposed Tricks section will again take place whenever it's convenient and will be split into Novice and Masters groups and the Ballet section will take place in the main arena with a designated slot and use of the PA. As many people are familiar with the format now and we have some very good fliers in the group I've swapped the tricks around a bit to try and make it more of a challenge for everybody. Imposed Tricks for the two groups will be :-

Novice :

Grp 1 : Half Axel, Insane, Coin Toss

Grp 2 : Stall, 2pt Landing, Cascade, Rolling Susan

Grp 3 : Backspin

Masters :

Grp 3 : Slot Machine, Yo-Yo, Kombo

Grp 4 : Jacob's Ladder, Lewis, Wap-Doo-Wap

Grp 5 : Crazy Copter, Multi-slot

In order to get everything done and prepared on time, please can everyone pre-submit their ballet routine at least one week prior to the festival (so by Friday 7th September)! That way I can get all the paperwork done in advance. Also, please bring your chosen piece of music to the fliers meeting on the first day so that we can get everything prepared in good time.

Okay, but I still don't know what a "Tricks Party" is!

Tricks Party is a rapidly growing competition format for dual line kites, devised in 1999 by Roger and Sylvie Tessa-Gambassi of R-Sky kites. The main aim was to produce an international format that everyone can use and therefore go on to eventually produce National, European and World Championships for freestyle kite flying. The first Freestyle World Cup was held in Cap d'Adge, France in 2005 where approximately 100 individuals, pairs and teams from 15 countries were invited to compete.

But as far as we are concerned, if you fly dual line kites and can do some basic tricks you can probably put together a ballet routine. Basic rules for Ballet are that the routine must be between two and three minutes long, is performed to music and should consist of between 6 and 12 tricks from the recognised Tricks Party list. Tricks have a maximum value of between 6 and 18 points and can be repeated no more than twice. An overall score is awarded for technical execution and artistic impression. Imposed Tricks are slightly different. There are four tricks chosen on the day from the eight in each group and they are performed one after the other with a score out of ten awarded for technical execution. If you like dual-line trick/freestyle flying and fancy a challenge it's a great format and a good introduction to competition, so don't be shy.

How do I register?

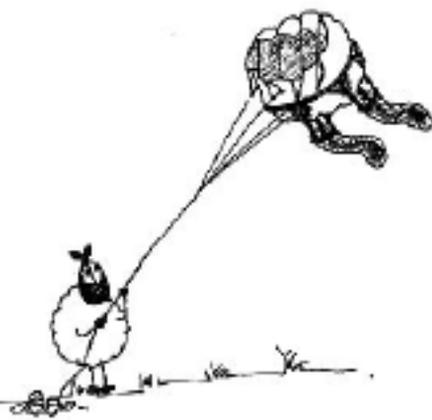
All you need to do to register is PM (via the forum) or e-mail your Ballet routine to me by the 7th September. If you don't have internet access you can either pass me a piece of paper at another event or get in touch with Enid who has kindly offered to act as a contact for any group members who may be technically challenged!

If you have internet access and want more Tricks Party information there is a fantastic resource at www.trickspartyusa.com with a full set of documents explaining the rules and points system.

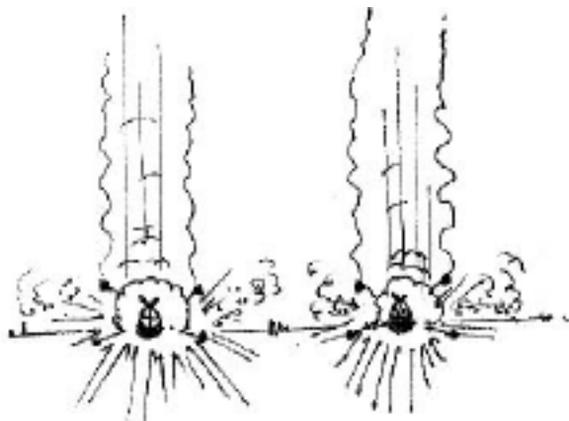
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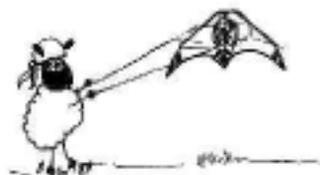
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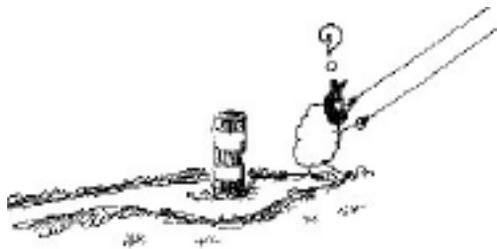
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July 2007

- 20 – 22 Extreme Kite Shop Kite Festival, Kerswell Green, near Malvern, Worcestershire
- 21 – 22 1st Tewkesbury Kite Kamp, Tewkesbury School Playing Fields, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire
- 21 & 22 NKG fly-in, Bolton le-Sands, near Morecambe, Lancashire
- 22 GVKF fly-in, Tewkesbury School Playing Fields, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire
- 22 GOKF fly-in, Nene Park, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire
- 28 & 29 Silloth on Solway Kite Festival, The Green, Silloth on Solway, Cumbria
- 28 & 29 2nd MKF family fun weekend, Carnfield Hall, South Normanton, near Alfreton, Derbyshire
- 29 Dunstable Kite Festival, Dunstable Downs, near Dunstable, Bedfordshire

AUGUST 2007

- 5 16th Royston Kite Festival, Therfield Heath, Royston, Hertfordshire
- 11 & 12 Whitley Bay Kite Festival, The Links, Whitley Bay, Northumberland - PROVISIONAL
- 11 & 12 Teston Bridge family kite weekend at Teston Bridge picnic site, Teston Lane, Teston, Maidstone
- 11 & 12 14th Coventry Kite Festival, Memorial Park, Kenilworth Road, Coventry, Warwickshire
- 12 GOKF fly-in, Priory Park, Bedford, Bedfordshire
- 18 & 19 Kites over Capstone, Capstone Farm Country Park, Capstone Road, Gillingham, Kent
- 19 Hunstanton Kite Festival, Smithdon High School Fields, Hunstanton, Norfolk
- 19 NKG fly-in, Fleetwood Beach, Fleetwood, Lancashire
- 25 – 27 Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Southsea Common, Portsmouth, Hampshire
- 26 GVKF fly-in, Tewkesbury School Playing Fields, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire
- 26 GOKF fly-in, Nene Park, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire
- 26 & 27 Kite Festival and Steam Rally, Harewood House, near Leeds, North Yorkshire
- 27 Charlecote Park Kite Day, Charlecote Park, near Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire
- 27 Berriewood Kite Day, Berriewood Farm, Conover, south of Shrewsbury, Shropshire

SEPTEMBER 2007

- 1 & 2 Bristol International Kite Festival, Ashton Court, Bristol, Somerset
- 8 & 9 Beverley Summer Kite Festival, Beverley Race Course, Beverley, East Yorkshire - NEW DATE
- 9 GOKF fly-in, Nene Park, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire
- 16 11th Rushcliffe Kite Festival, Rushcliffe Country Park, Ruddington, Nottinghamshire
- 16 Wakefield Kite Festival, Heath Common, Wakefield, Yorkshire
- 21 - 23 Extreme Kite Shop Kite Festival, Kempsey, near Worcester, Worcestershire
- 22 & 23 Margate International Kite Festival, Palm Bay, Margate, Kent
- 22 & 23 Chester Kite Festival, in assoc. with NKG, The Roodee Racecourse, Chester
- 23 4th Kedleston Hall Kite Day, Kedleston Hall, Kedleston Road, Derby, Derbyshire
- 23 GVKF fly-in, Tewkesbury School Playing Fields, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire
- 23 GOKF fly-in, Nene Park, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire
- 30 Penallta Kite Festival, Penallta Park, near Ystrad Mynach, Caerphilly, South Wales
- 30 Berriewood Kite Day, Berriewood Farm, Conover, south of Shrewsbury, Shropshire

OCTOBER 2007

- 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 Poole Kitefliers OSOW, Harbourside Park, Baiter, Poole, Dorset
- 21 NKG Light up the Sky for BBC Children In Need Appeal, overlooking the Mersey, Otterspool
- 28 GVKF fly-in, Tewkesbury School Playing Fields, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire
- 28 GOKF fly-in, Nene Park, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire

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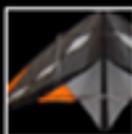
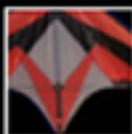
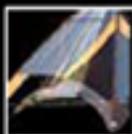
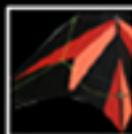
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