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A Note from your Chairman

In the last issue of "The Kite" I said that the Festival Season was over !!! I hadn't counted a couple of events some of us went to. For those of you who were unable to attend "Grahams Bus Pass Do", you missed a Great Weekend, the N.K.G attended in force, and partied in grand style. We presented Graham with a personalized Banner, showing him flying his three kites, you will all be able to see it on flying fields next season. The proposed fly in for the after the DO was hit by very high winds, so a few of us adjourned to Marina and Grahams to enjoy the soup Marina had made for the fly in, and to have a natter also to watch a video of Kites (what else would a group of N.K.G members watch ??)

The Light Up The Sky For Children in Need Day at Otterspool was good fun for all who took part, there was a Teddy Bear Drop, an Auction, lots of Hot Soup, sandwiches and other goodies. The flying in the day time was good, then in the evening the "Kites with Lights" took to the sky " WONDERFUL".

Gwen Williams will be letting us all know how much we raised, believe me it's a goodly amount, maybe next year more of the membership could get involved as it is the N.K.G's only charity, and it would help if the work load could be spread out a bit more. By the time you read this, we will be well on the way to holding the A.G.M on the 21st January 2007. This year we will be having a raffle, so if you could bring a contribution that would be nice.

WEY HEY !!!! Then here comes the new FLYING SEASON, with lot's of good times and fun for all, week-ends away and days spent with special friends both old and new. The date for this year's Bolton-le-Sands week-end fly in will be announced as soon as we know the tide times. Also this year I will need a Booking and payment from those who will be coming to camp on the Farmers field that we where on last year, it's just to keep the Farmer HAPPY, and to make sure we

can be on the field with the beautiful views.

You all know what my final words will be about !!! that's right "SAFETY", please, please, at all times be aware of what is happening around you when you are flying, PLEASE remember to appoint a SAFETY OFFICER even if there are only a small number of you flying, and please always keep an eye on the General Public, because before you know it they will be trampling all over your kites or falling over the lines, or wrapped up in your lines. So please fly safely.

It would be nice to see as many of you as possible at the A.G.M.

See You Soon

Enid (your own little rocker)



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WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS

John Nicolson, Julia Nicolson

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

EDITORS CORNER

Hello everyone, and a Happy New Year to all our members, Hopefully everyone has recovered from the holiday season and is looking forward to Spring once we get all this wet, cold and far too windy weather out of the way!

I hope to catch up with some of you at the AGM this year on the 21st January, as usual I'm looking forward to the kite building competition, as well as meeting up with everyone else. The address is:

The Community Hall All Saints Church, Culceth Lane, Old Church Street, Newton Heath, Manchester.
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 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 accessible from Droylsden Road.

Tony Kidd recently wrote to me saying he was missing some issues of the Kite newsletter from 2002 (Spring, Summer, Autumn) and asking if I had any copies, well unfortunately I do'nt, but if any of our members out there do have those issues that they no longer want or they can lend them to Tony so he can make a copy for his archive, then please contact me and let me know.

Last year at the AGM we voted to sort out a new NKG display to replace the old wooden boards. This is now in progress and as a result I am now looking for photographs to use with the new display, these will be printed out (If digital) and laminated so they can be attached to the new display with velcro, which will allow us to display many different types of images if we so wish.

The images do'nt necessarily need to be of kites. The purpose of the display is to show the whole range of activities of the NKG, including the social aspects of it, so have a look through those old photographs and get in touch with me if you think you have something that evokes the spirit of the group.

Dazzz

THANK YOU

I just want to say thank you for all the cards and email messages I received from you all.

My daughters said they didn't know how many friends their Dad had and they want you to know how they appreciate all your good wishes. Eddie would have been amazed at the affection shown to him, and I will never forget.

Our best wishes and thanks got to you all
Hope to see you soon

Ann Megrath

TREASURERS REPORT

To all Northern Kite Group Members

We are coming to the end of another year. The year 2006 has been another good year for the group. We finished the year with 147 Full Members and 135 Family Members making the total membership 282. This is slightly down on the previous year.

The balance sheet shows the funds are healthy, this is due to the success of the auction at The Beacon Festival and the kind donations from Kite Collective, Faceless and Wigsley Wings for the group supporting their events.

A Renewal Form is enclosed with this magazine for 2007 Membership. If you would like to remain a member please complete it and either bring it to the AGM (please put the correct payment with renewal form in an envelope) or post it to me with your payment. If sending please do not post it till end of February.

Wishing all members Happy Kite Flying in 2007, and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the year.

From Mary Jones (Treasurer)

Removed from on-line newsletter

MALCOLM GOODMAN

Message from Malcolm & Jeanette Goodman (November 2006)

Many of you will have heard on the grapevine that Sunderland City Council is planning to change their policy for the management of their International Kite Festival.

They are hoping to attract tenders from suitably experienced persons to be a KITE FLYING CO-ORDINATOR for 2007/08/09.

Adverts have already been placed in The Kiteflier.

It is with regret that I am informing you that I will not be tendering for this contract, this is not a route that I wish to take and therefore I will not be associated with next year's festival although of course I will continue with other festivals.

Since 1986 this festival has grown into a major event in the international kiting calendar. It has become renowned for the spectacular kites and displays from top quality kite makers from across the world.

Records have been made, many kites appearing for the first time there and the camaraderie between people from different countries and cultures has proved to be a huge hit for kitefliers and the general public.

Sunderland's reputation for being "The Friendship Festival" is well deserved.

Jeanette and I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to you all, for your friendship, support and loyalty over the past 20 years. We are looking forward to seeing you again at other events that I will be organising in 2007 – keep an eye on the kite calendar.

As most of you know, my dream of opening a Kite Museum has had a setback, mainly due to Health & Safety issues. Whilst I can't see at the moment how to open to the public I am still continuing with the project. Although the Museum is not completely finished, if any of you would like to have a look around then please get in touch.

Our thanks and best wishes

Malcolm & Jeanette

Next year the Wirral Kite Festival (June 30 - 1 July 2007) will be going International and we will be helping Dave Holt to organise that side of the Festival.

All enquires about the Wirral to Dave Holt.

AINSDALE 14/15TH OCTOBER 2006

Ainsdale has become my home ground for flying in the last few years. The thought of flying with all my friends over a long hot weekend made my head spin, delicious. I arrived on the Friday, very early as usual. Neil arrived around lunchtime with wife of the year Lyndsey. We chatted and flew for a while and then Yorkshires finest turned up, Jim Potts and his better half, with mini jim in his Scoobie doo van. The weather was A1 for flying. We offered our help to Jim and the Wardens in any way we could.

Jim soon had us all hard at it marking out the NKG flying area. We smashed those steel stakes in and tied the rope and tapes. A good sized area was all sorted for the two day festival.

SATURDAY

6.30 I arrived to find a good number had made the trip and were caravanning. The weather was as good as it could have been. Its a stunning view up and down the coast at Ainsdale. Looking out to sea, nothing but sand and small pools left by the retreating tide, the lights from the Rig sat out at sea were glowing,



Photo courtesy of Mike Lewis

further out, just visible AMERICA (Isle of Man). On the right, all the Fylde coast and the Lake District beyond, with Barrow just visible in the morning mist. On your left the Mersey estuary and ships as big as a YORKSHIRE council estate, further on, Welsh Wales and the rolling hills. The wildlife is up and about as well in the form of bird flocks, and Selwyn, who had stayed with a few others at the five Star french hotel THE PONTINENTAL.

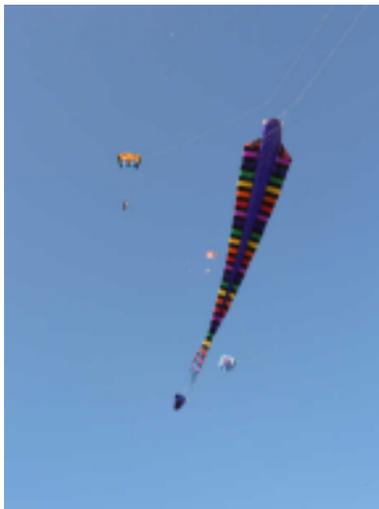


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Everyone's up and about soon enough, My Ostend bird is high up and first up, I am soon joined by Playboy Edwards, who sends a few kites up. People arrive thick and fast. Jim's camp is first out and flying with Phil and his better half close behind. A full sky beckons as huge lifters with giant fish and lobsters begin to fill the wonderful blue skys, Lorna and Keith flew a humoungus EEL it looked the buisness. Fred was flying and showing off his new reel. Big Jim from Bolton and his wife, fresh and flying a lime coloured Delta and many more, they had spent the night in what could be described as the tardis. John (Wooden reels) Bellis and the fighter kite queen of the NKG, Gina, mesmerised the Gods with their Bacon and Eggs. It soon became a kite FRENZY as all manner of kites were



Photo courtesy of Mike Lewis

sent aloft, reds, greens, blues, all the colours of the spectrum filling and swelling the hot summer sky. Rev kites, Deltas, lifters, codys, box kites, Trick kites, Banners flap and sing in the warm 15mph winds. Colins out with his monkey on a pole, Dot sends up a huge white F-tail, one of what must be twenty now up and displaying. Enid's

around spreading the safety word while Diz put up his flock of birds, bobbing and weaving on the gusts

of salty air. Bernard sent up a few, including his Canard, a bright red one which nailed itself to the sky. Dave and his section flew like Gods in the heavy wind. A full show stopper and the team event of the weekend for me. The RED, WHITE AND BLUE Trilbys are my favourites and they drew the curious crowds nearer and nearer. A Bow kite, Eight foot high, red, orange and yellow swayed in the mass of colours, flew by NKG SPRINT CUP KING Big Bri. Dave Bleasdale and the Trick crew tried their hand at Trilby flying. With Big Bri and Dave at the controls they looped and dove with skill and grace. Pudders and Lisa along with the kids helped and flew, they also stayed at the 5star Pontinental.



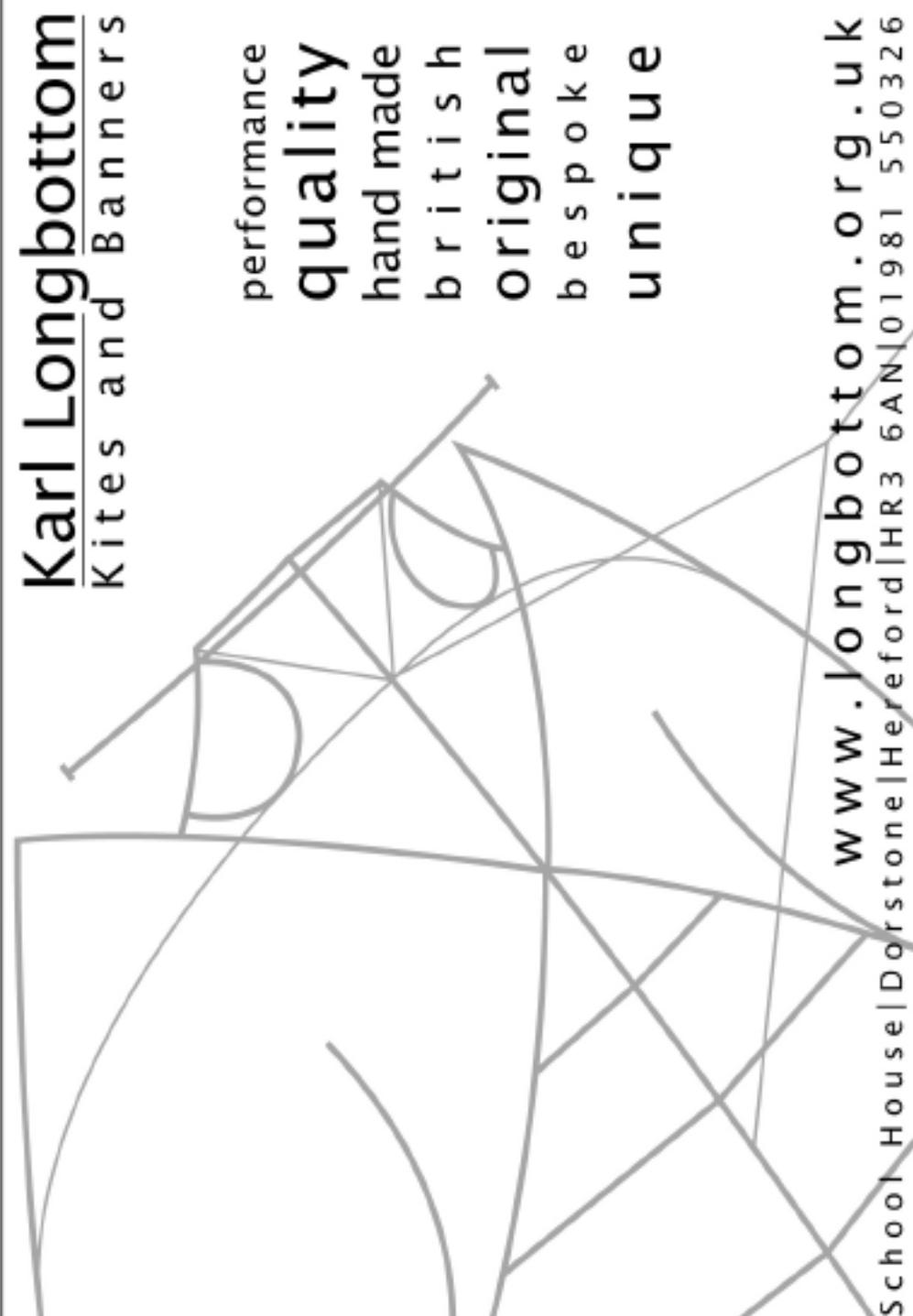
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What a weekend we all had, After Bolton le sands I did'nt think it could get any better, we did ourselves proud, no complaints, just great people, good friends and fine ENGLISH weather. Makes the hair on your head stand up thinking about it (not you Phil). Few things these days are cherished and enjoyed as much by so many people without spending a fortune, but days like these my friends, are something that mere money cant buy, and the memories are priceless pictures for us all to remember forever. Until Next Year...

Brian Williamson (Big Bri)



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DON NORMAN

Death of a Gentleman.

On a cold and sad day back in November. I, my wife Joan, and other kite flyers payed our last respects at the funeral of a true gentleman, Don Norman. He left behind his lovely Lady Di, and a daughter and family in Norfolk.

He was a man that travelled to many kite festivals, including Shrewsbury and Tewksbury, and could often be seen flying at Otterpool and at Prestatyn with his friend Harold, who lost his battle for life only a couple of weeks before Don lost his.

At the festivals he could always be counted on to help anyone with a problem kite, bringing his box of tricks out of the boot of the Bentley, to repair a broken spar , or give his advice on how to set the kite up. We had many good laughs about our mis-behaving flamingo's.

Don led a full and long life and only weeks before he passed away, was flying on the beach at Fuerteventura, as he had each year for many years. He will be sadly missed by everyone that knew him. Goodbye Don.

John Dearden

RULES OF THE AIR

There has been questions and discussion on the Forum and among Club members about the rules for kite flying. These are contained in the Air Navigation Order 2000 which is about 400 pages long. It should be noted that many rules quoted in publications or books are out of date. If you require up to date detailed information you need to study the ANO 2000 and its amendments by visiting the CAA website.

The following are the relevant extracts from The Air Navigation Order 2000 and a Kite is classed as an Aircraft. (Schedule 2 Part A)

Endangering safety of any person or property

64 A person shall not recklessly or negligently cause or permit an aircraft to endanger any person or property.

Balloons, kites, airships, gliders and parascending parachutes

86 (1) The provisions of this article shall apply only to or in relation to aircraft within the United Kingdom.

86 (1) (b) (iv) a kite shall not be flown at a height of more than thirty metres above ground level within the aerodrome traffic zone of a notified aerodrome during the notified operating hours of that aerodrome;

Note: A rough rule of thumb is a 5 Km radius from the runway centre, the actual rules are rather longwinded. If a several kites are to be flown, courtesy requires you to inform the Air Traffic Control for the airfield.

86 (1) (b) (v) a kite shall not be flown at a height of more than sixty metres above ground level

Note: It is understood that above ground level means just that, the distance perpendicular to the ground. If you are flying on a hill side into a valley it means the height from the valley bottom perpendicular to the kite. However we understand that the CAA will give special permission for flying in this manner if the regular site being used is on a hill side and they will issue appropriate NOTAMS.

(Notice to Airmen)

*132 The provisions of this Order other than articles
58,64,85(1),86 (height limits) ,87,118(1)(b),129(1),(2) and (5)*

shall not apply to or in relation to:

(a) any small balloon;

(b) any kite weighing not more than 2 kg;

(c) any small aircraft; or

(d) any parachute including a parascending parachute.

Note This section has been a cause of confusion. Kites weighing not more than 2 kg are NOT exempt from the height limit. Fighter kite flyers please note (including me).

Rules of Air (These apply only if “height clearance” has been granted)

Kites at night flying above 60 metres require lights on the line as specified in the rules and Kites flying above 60metres during the day require streamers on the line as specified in the rules.

Note The CAA have waived some of these Rules of Air in the past.

Written Permission from the CAA is required to fly above 60 metres (or 30 metres near an airfield). and the CAA permission makes several conditions as follows.

The said kites shall not be flown in a visibility of less than 5 kilometres nor within 1000 feet vertically or 1800 metres horizontally of cloud. These match the Visual Flight Rules for powered aircraft.

Note the mixture of metric and imperial units, 1800 metres is about a mile!

The conditions do not allow Kites flying into or near cloud but they do this at Festivals , I was in an Altitude sprint at Washington where several kites were in cloud at the end.

Flying over 60 metres with CAA clearance in daylight

I have never seen anyone fly with streamers of the approved kind attached to their kites. Has anyone? The CAA waived this rule for our world duration record attempt.

Flying over 60 metres with CAA clearance at night

Kites are supposed to have lights on them giving 5 candela of light. The problem with this that you cannot buy lights that are certified to give a minimum of 5 candela .

I have not seen for sale any lights that quote a candela figure for illumination.

The closest information I have found is that Department for Transport says that legally flashing bicycle lights must be not less than 4 candela.

Further the ground end of the flying line must be inside a triangle with sides 25 metres long consisting of

three flashing lights fixed to the ground, two red and one green.

Once again these rules were waived for our world duration record attempt. All we had to do was provide a triangle of three red lights where the kites were tethered when flying in the dark.

Perhaps the answer to these problems is to ask for the rules to be waived when we ask for height clearance for an event. (see below)

Exemption from the Air Navigation Order 2000

Article 127

The CAA may exempt from any of the provisions of this order (other than Articles 75, 77, 82, 113, 114, 115, 116 178 thereof) or any Regulations made thereunder any aircraft or persons or classes of aircraft or persons either absolutely or subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.

This is the Article which gives the CAA authority to grant “height clearance” for kites and to impose the restrictions relating to visibility and cloud base.

Rather than accepting the conditions and then ignoring them, Kite Groups should try obtain more realistic conditions relating to clouds and ask for exemptions from the use of streamers and lights. Flying at 600 metres (1800 feet) would only require two streamers at most

Penalties for infringements of Air Navigation Order 2000

A fine or up to five years in prison or both, depending on the article breached.

Overflying by Aircraft

All pilots are required to take a pre flight briefing which includes reading NOTAMS (Notices to Airmen) and therefore should know about temporary height clearance permissions for kite flying.

The main problem has been at Beacon Park . I have noted the incidents, time, date and aircraft type and complained to the CAA about it. I also wrote to the Police about the Paramotor incident a few years ago. The problem is that without registration numbers an official follow up is not possible, I asked them to issue reminders to private pilots about the need to read NOTAMS before flying. Getting aircraft registration numbers of overflying aircraft is extremely difficult as several of our members will tell you.

Aircraft are allowed to overfly the site but with good separation above our height limit. This can lead to problems judging their height against our limit. The quadrantal rules specify 500 feet separation.

At Chester we are in contact with Air Traffic Control all week end and report directly to them about overflights.

Kite flyers are not the only ones with this problem because several air displays have reported overflying and some have even had to cancel programme items because of it. The Red Arrows have had several programmes disrupted because of it.

John Welborn

ONE SKY ONE WORLD 2006 (PONTEFRACT)

There were 43 flyers and 155 kites were flown in total. It seems to go from strength to strength each year I hope it stays that way.

It was lovely to see new club members turn out for this special event too. We were lucky with the weather for the time of year, not a great deal of wind but enough to have fun with. The power kites and footballers showed up, as they always do on a Sunday all adding to the atmosphere.



Photo courtesy of Peter Bindon

We had various kites flying from Deltas to Rokkakus, and plenty of inflatables including dogs, teddies, a heart and a purple owl. Doug and Linda put up their pilot which had 8 tropical fish attached I must say it was very catching! I hope to see those again next year. An impromptu altitude

sprint between a few select club members saw Deltas and Dunton Deltas coming out of kite bags at the lower end of the field.

Meanwhile others enjoyed a chance to catch up with friends and have a good natter. As the day drew to a close members said cheerio and went on their journeys home.



Photo courtesy of Peter Bindon



Photo courtesy of Peter Bindon

Julie Tebbutt

ONE SKY ONE WORLD 2006 (OTTERSPPOOL)

For those newer members who aren't familiar with One Sky – One World, it is in fact a day where all those who love to fly kites do so in memory of all those who are at war on our planet. The idea came about when at the end of the 'Cold war' between the West and the East, one of the nations presented the other with a kite as a symbol of peace.

Events take place all over the Earth and some kind person keeps a log of the number of kites flown at each venue, it is then all collated together and the results posted on the World Wide Web for all to see.

The day was blessed with good weather and plenty of breezes. People got there nice and early only to find Brian Williamson had hoisted 5 kites into the heavens before most folks had got out of bed! – Following swiftly behind with a PA system that had to be seen to be believed was Dave Green who provided a wonderful commentary all day long to a grateful public.

It wasn't long before more and more fliers couldn't resist the pull of a blue sky, a great location and a wind that could blow your socks off. Jack and Mary, Enid and Roger, Mike Lewis, Gwen and Sally, Peggy (gosh it was wonderful to see Peggy - she seems to grow younger every time I see her), Gina and John, Steve Pudslis, Bernard was there (with a pass for turning up a bit late) Bakardi Mike just flew his trick kites all day long, Jo and Flo, Colin and family, with Uncle Tom Cobbly and all. Apologies to those whose names I have forgotten to include – your contribution helped make this a really special day.

The public came out in good numbers and a few extra members were press-ganged to join our happy bunch. Kite of the day for me was a 'split malay' which flew really well in the challenging conditions. Its owner? – My favourite kite man Mr Jack Cunningham. Each kite I see that he's made it inspires me more and more – to the point where I now have my own kite workshop – if Lindsey expects the use of the caravan again come the spring, she can go whistle 'didley'.

Enid's watchful eye and her keen mathematical skills meant the log was accurate and complete – at the end of a great day our little bunch of somewhat windswept and chilly souls had hoisted a total of 206 kites into the heavens.

The number is immaterial really as it is the thoughts behind the day that count. So, once again a big thanks to all who helped put up such a fine display. I think it makes a difference when you're in trouble to know that people are thinking of you. The Northern Kite Group did not let them down.

Neil & Lindsey

ONE SKY ONE WORLD 2006 (OTTERSPOOL)

Let me set the scene

Neil and I have been giddier than a couple of kids waiting for a birthday since Thursday and before, txts, calls and long chats about the wind and weather, Saturdays like xmas eve almost, Sunday arrives at 5:30am, up and ready by 6am. While doing flasks and buttys and my first mincepie of the year I log on and check with the wind GURU for the 10000th time this week,,,, Perfect wind weather, no rain ,winds up a bit but it will do for us. 7am and a text arrives with the first light of day, its Neil saying hello and what time will I be there.

We arrange 9:45 at the latest and full of anticipation we carry on getting suited and booted. (save me a space) 9:20 wind 10mph. I arrive at Otty, Its hard to think of LIVERPOOL as a wonderful beauty spot, but with this area as an advert it most certainly is a contender. It never fails to bring a smile to my face. Winds spot on, no rain, suns putting its hat on and we were off to play. 9:45 Neil lands and I've already got an F-tail and my Ostend bird up (less said the better).We shake hands and have a quick chat then hurriedly set another half dozen up. Neil's been busy building his own kites and mighty fine they look as well, four up in an arch, darting around like horse flies.

We cordon off a good area with kites, so some football team doesn't turn up and spoil the day (who are LFC anyway) 10.00ish, wind 12mph, Dave Green arrives with his pro PA system that he used as a young 29yr old to announce the end of world war two. Diz is now beavering away wind jammer and mallet at the ready. They build a nice compound for Gwen's dog to rest its Balls (tennis Balls). Enid sits in comfort in the car, organising herself and shuffling info leaflets, using one of those waveing hands the QUEEN has, then she's off, what a LADY, if only I was five or so yrs younger, Diz would need eyes in the back of his head. Diz and Dave start a flow of all sorts of kites (does Diz own any long trousers?). 11am, wind 14mph and gusting. Loads of NKG on site now Big Jim from bowtn (thats what he said) and his wife flying fighters and many others, John arrives with his good lady also flying fighters. Joe sends up a facet, what a mix off colour and class, a real eye full of colour that kite (won't sell me it)

Alan's soon on the field, left his better half at home tied to a wallpaper stripper (his names Mick). 12pm, winds up and over 15mph now, I sit on my boot and look over the field and beyond, a cup of tea in one hand, mince pie in the other, its full of kites, all sorts of them , some I know some I don't, great people for company, all spending a real ENGLISH pastime, it fills you with a sort of warmth knowing that all over the world people are doing the same, all in the interest of peace (did'nt know they had mince pies in China) 12.30, winds howling 20mph, Kens not deterred and puts a kite up (Ken looked a bit peaky to me) did'nt look well, still did his bit though. Colin fills a spot with his lifters and laundry (dryers broke at home). Gwen and co fly the tails off their Trilbys for hours. Dot's Huge F tail fills a good spot. Bakardi Mike learns the rev off Neil.

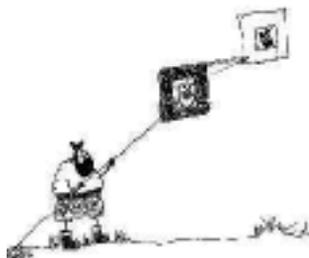
No Pottsy or Dazzz so loads of room for everyone. Public join in swelling the numbers of every kite you can name, a grand sight indeed. The day rushes by, 4:30 and were all but done. Enid and Dave have done a brilliant job of keeping people informed and safe. We're just under two hundred kites flown .We hatch a plan and all rush around flying anything we can put together, Neils Hootermans facet along with his brill home made stuff, a lifter, and a few others and its over. What a lovely day we all had,

The stars of the day, us all , Thrill of the day, Mr and Mrs GREEN, stunning the crowds (shouldnt be allowed in public).THE REAL WINNER, OF COURSE WAS...PEACE

Brian Williamson



Double Axel



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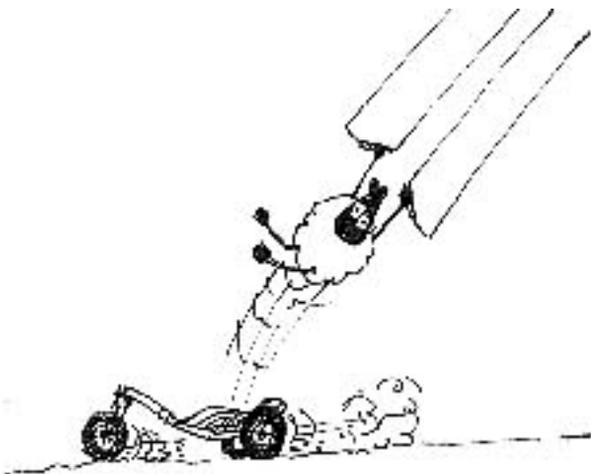


The Decorators

Dodd Gross



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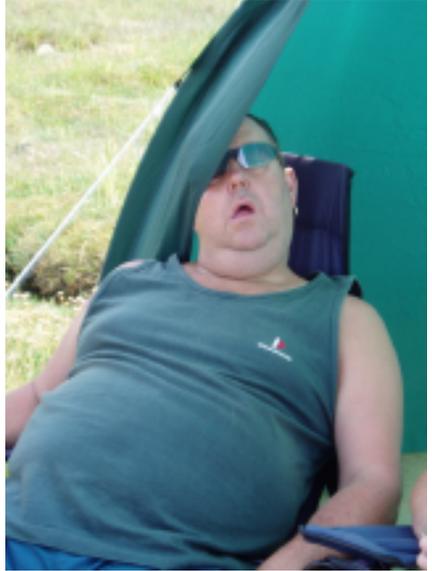
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CAPTION COMPETITION

Okay, I admit it, I made a slight mistake in the last issue due to rushing, the picture of Brian Williamson was actually a picture of Keith Proctor from the Bolton Le Sands fly-in last year. So apologies to Brian and Keith whoever feels most offended...

Anyway some entries were automatically excluded from this competition as they poked fun at my mistake (You know who you are Mr Potts!) and the winning entry was by Edward Hearn: "will SOMEONE give me mouth to mouth resuscitation please!!!"

Congratulations Ted, your prize will be winging its way to you courtesy of Shirley from the Highwaymen who kindly agreed to sponsor last issues competition.



For our final caption competition I have two photos for you to choose from as they both deserve to be shown...

With Vanessa's inflatable boob job and Gwens fascination with 'Art' to choose from I'm expecting some quality entries... This issues prize is donated courtesy of Karl Longbottom. I would also like to thank Neil Edwards, Peter Bindon and Colin Savage for supplying the photos.

Dazzz

XMAS FLY-IN STAINLANDS



Photo courtesy of Dazzz

Well we started off with a nice sunny day with a very brisk but smooth wind. When we arrived there were a few kites in the sky, there were Dazzz & Karen's three seals with a brand new inflatable fish which was very colourful, also a father Christmas kite belonging to Simon & Julie Tebbutt.

We were met by Ray & Sheila Smith with a nice hot drink of mulled wine, and Julie had also brought along a tray of homemade shortbread with xmas icing decorations on them.

As the sun went down and the cold started to bite we slowly packed up and went to the pub by about 3pm. We all settled down in the pub for a nice warm and a good old chat, then Dazzz pulled out a very unusual kite calendar that he had brought to raffle in aid of Children In Need, everyone bought tickets and then we went in for the meal itself.

The food was was excellent, and everyone was



Photo courtesy of Dazzz

digging in enthusiastically. In between courses all 14 of us were anxious to see who had won the raffle, the winning ticket was picked by one of the waitresses and the lucky winners were Simon & Julie! After more talk and drink we slowly dispersed on our way home after a great day out.



Photo courtesy of Dazzz

Frank Hardman

KITE WORKSHOP OCTOBER 2006



Photo courtesy of Mary Jones

KITE WORKSHOP 2007

I have been asked about running another Kite Workshop for Spring 2007, and there several alternatives under consideration, so I thought I would give you a choice and see if there enough people interested to get one organised.

The first option is a 2 day course with Karl Longbottom making the False Edo, you can see a previous Workshop of Karl's where this kite was made below.



Since the workshop is two days it may be simpler to organise it to take place in Dorstone where Karl lives as arrangements can be made for overnight stops and food.

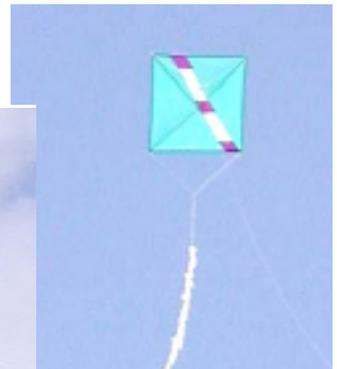
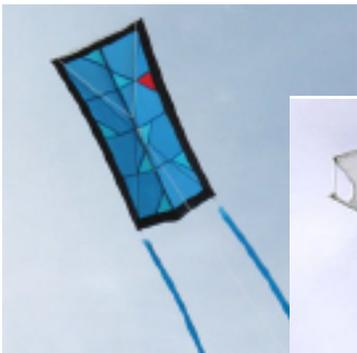
Alternatively we can try to organise it somewhere up in the north if we can find a suitable workshop site and somewhere for people to stay.

Costs would be around £70 per kite depending on numbers.

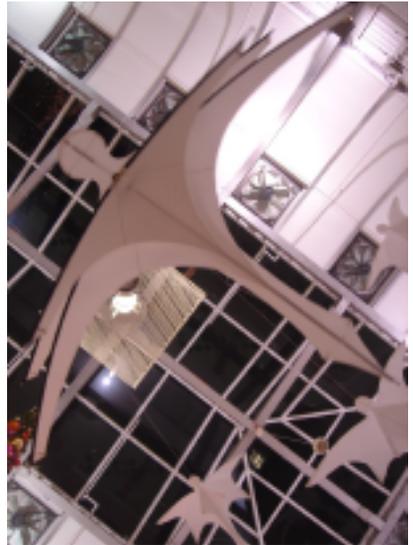
If you are interested in this let please let me know as soon as possible so we can start making arrangements.

The other options are for a one day workshop in Darwen making either the Yakko Bee, the small Edo or the Square with applique... Let me know which option you prefer and I will try to get something organised for March or April.

Dazzz



FLYING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



Carl Robertshaw has recently been involved in a project to provide 4m Angels as a Christmas display in Swindon Town Centre. As a result of the project growing to include angels for Christmas decorations Karl Longbottom was asked by Carl Robertshaw to take this concept and make it into an Angel which would not only sit on top of a tree but fly as a Kite.

These “Angel Micro Kites” are now being produced by Karl Longbottom. With a wing span of 52cms and at 41cms tall it will happily sit on the top of a Christmas tree, and fly in a wide range of wind speeds. Supplied with line, handle and attachment for the tree.



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LIGHT UP THE SKY 2006



Photo courtesy of Dazzz

Hello All, What a great LUTS day and didn't the sun shine on us all day.

Where to begin to say thanks, firstly to all the NKG members who supported the event, out in the cold November wind for up to eight hours, marvellous. Didn't your faces glow when you were in the warmth, mine did or was it the wine?



Photo courtesy of Dazzz



Photo courtesy of Dazzz

Thanks especially to Enid who got us the approval and support of the council and of course for organising the auction amongst other things. To Dave for bringing his PA and for organising the tents/gazebos, auction etc, to Neil for yet another hilarious auction.



Photo courtesy of Dazzz



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Thanks especially to the 'dinner ladies' Gina and Lyndsey who organised the food, Lyndsey's meat & potato hot pot, fantastic, as was Kens wholesome soup. Thanks to Dot, Bernard and Selwyn for providing the all essential tents/gazebos. A great many thanks to Big Bri and family, Diz, Selwyn and Joan and of course to Flo and Sally, Karen and Dazzz. And total amount raised was.....£2,000 Well done everyone!

Gwen

PROPOSED NKG FLY-INS FOR 2007-2008

2007

21st January	AGM Newton Heath
18th February	Roundhay Park, Leeds
18th March	New Brighton (The Dips)
15th April	Pontefract Racecourse
20th May	Otterspool
26/28 May	Blackpool Kite Festival
2/3 June	Beacon Country Park
30th June/1st July	Wirral Kite Festival
8th July	Morecambe Kite Festival
21/22 July	Bolton-le-Sands (Weekend fly-in)
19th August	York Racecourse?
22/23 September	Chester Kite Festival
September	Wakefield Kite festival (To be confirmed)
September	Taylor Park, St Helens (To be confirmed)
14th October	OSOW (To be confirmed)
17th November	Light Up The Sky (To be Confirmed)
18th November	Roundhay Park
16th December	Xmas Fly-in Stainland & Otterspool

2008

20th January	AGM (Looking for proposals for a new site)
17th February	Roundhay Park
16th March	New Brighton

Above is the proposed list for NKG events for the next 12 months and beyond, quite a few dates have been settled already as you can see, there are also some notable absences, Cleethorpes moved their festival date and it clashes with our own Beacon festival, Sunderland festival is no longer being run by Malcolm Goodman, who is now helping to put on the Wirral Kite Festival.

Items that do need discussing at the AGM include the date/location of the August fly-in as its thought that York racecourse may not be totally suitable for our needs. Whether a fly-in after the Light Up The Sky event is still needed/wanted by the members. And lastly whether we want to move the AGM location to another venue for 2008.

Dazzz

MARCH 2007

18 MKF & HEKF 4th Hatton Country World Kite Day, Hatton Country World, Warwickshire
31 - 9/4 21st International Berck sur mer Kite Festival, Berck sur Mer, Normandy, France

APRIL 2007

1 13th Calke Abbey Kite Day, Calke Abbey, Ticknall, near Melbourne, Derbyshire
21 - 1/5 Cervia International Kite Festival, Cervia, Italy
28 & 29 Rufford Abbey Spring Kite Weekend, Rufford Country Park, Nottinghamshire

MAY 2007

6 & 7 Weymouth International Kite Festival, Weymouth Beach, Dorset.
6 & 7 Spring Kite Festival, Beverley Racecourse, Beverley, East Yorkshire
12 & 13 Swindon International Kite Festival, Science Museum, Wroughton, near Swindon, Wiltshire
19 & 20 10th Suffolk International Kite Festival, Rougham Airfield, Bury st Edmunds, Suffolk
26 – 28 Blackpool Beach Kite Festival, Blackpool, Lancashire
26 – 28 FlexiWallopThree 2007, Middle Wallop Airfield, nr Andover, Hampshire - PROVISIONAL

JUNE 2007

2 & 3 Beacon Park Kite Festival, Beacon Hill County Park, Up Holland, nr Skelmersdale, Lancashire
2 & 3 1st Exmouth Rotary Kite Festival, Imperial Road Recreation Ground, Exmouth, East Devon
2 & 3 Basingstoke Kite Festival, Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane, Basingstoke
2 & 3 10th Cleethorpes International Kite Festival, The Beach, Cleethorpes, LIncolnshire
9 & 10 Margam Park Kite Festival, Margam Park, near Bridgend, South Wales
10 Great Ouse Kite Festival, Nene Park, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire
10 Heart of England Kite Day, Balsall Common Park, Balsall Common, Warwickshire
16 & 17 12th Southampton Kite Festival, Lordshill Recreation Grounds, Southampton, PROVISIONAL
16 & 17 Bedford International Kite Festival, Bedford - PROVISIONAL
30 & 1/7 Sunderland International Kite Festival, Northern Area Playing Fields, Tyne & Wear
30 & 1/7 Kites over the Mersey-Wirral international kite festival, the “Dips”, New Brighton, The Wirral,

JULY 2007

1 Sunderland International Kite Festival, Northern Area Playing Fields, Tyne & Wear
1 Kites over the Mersey-Wirral international kite festival, the “Dips”, New Brighton, The Wirral,
7 & 8 Brighton Kite Festival, Stanmer Park, Brighton, West Sussex
7 & 8 Allendale Kite Festival, Church Lands, Catton, Northumberland
8 Morecambe Kite Festival, Morecambe, Lancashire
14 & 15 Richmond Kite Festival, Old Race Course, Richmond, Yorkshire - PROVISIONAL

AUGUST 2007

11 & 12 Whitley Bay Kite Festival, The Links, Whitley Bay, Northumberland - PROVISIONAL
18 & 19 Kites over Capstone, Capstone Farm Country Park, Capstone Road, Gillingham, Kent
18 & 19 High Force Kite Festival, High Force Waterfall, Near Middleton in Teesdale, Co Durham -
PROVISIONAL
19 Hunstanton Kite Festival, Smithdon High School Fields, Hunstanton, Norfolk
25 – 27 Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Southsea Common, Portsmouth, Hampshire

SEPTEMBER 2007

1 & 2 Bristol International Kite Festival, Ashton Court, Bristol, Somerset
7 – 9 19th Romo International Kitefliers Meeting, Romo, Denmark



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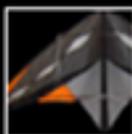
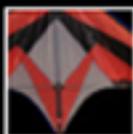
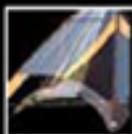
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