

# THE KITE

Spring 2008





Last Drop Hotel Bolton 2008, Pictures courtesy of peter Bindon

## A Note from your Chairman

Hi All, its me again, just crawling out of my winter sleep, so lets try to forget about the cold spell and look forward to warmer days, with blue skies and puffy white clouds.

Up to now this year we have had a very good AGM, when I asked for help at the beacon I did get a couple of offers but we do need some more help. In February Karl Longbottom did a workshop at Hodllesden, the group made swans which looked beautiful and fly well. There was also the fly-in at Roundhay park in leeds which was a bit lacking in wind. In March there was the night fly at Harewood house but again the wind deserted us, so the flyers put on a ground display of kites with lights on, then on the sunday we held the fly-in there.

The Easter weather was worse than mid-winter with gale force winds, snow and hail and very cold. we still had a good turn out of NKG members who joined Dave Holt and Kite Collective for the day.

We have lots to look forward to this year, Harewood house is on May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> if you want to camp there should be more information from Jim in this issue. Also in May is Moss Bank Park in Bolton, a visit to the butterfly house is a must if only for half an hour.

Our own Beacon Park festival is on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June and we do need a bit of help from the members to make it the brilliant weekend it is. Also in June is the Fleetwood fly-in on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

July brings Sunderland on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> also an NKG fly-in at Morecambe on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Silloth on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

In August we have our Bolton-le-sands weekend on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and prices are 4 pounds for adults and 1.50 for children per night.

September brings Wakefield on the 14<sup>th</sup> then Chester on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> In October there is Taylor Park St Helens on the 5<sup>th</sup> , OSOW at Otterspool and Pontefract on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Light Up The Sky (LUTS) for Children In Need on the 18<sup>th</sup>

In November we have a fly-in at New Brighton on the 16<sup>th</sup> . Then in December we have the Christmas fly-ins on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We are going to be busy again this year, but I hope never too busy to forget about SAFETY RULES, Please let us remember them at all times.

ENID

Your own little rocker.

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## **Welcome To All New Members**

Jock Walker, Peter Walker, Vince Wilson, Cheryl Wilson, Jason Wilson, Denis Riley, Janet Riley, Alan Bethane, Becky Bethune-Twigg, Katie Deane, Richard Hewitt, Kathleen Hewitt, Niazi Ahmad, Adele Gordon, Russell Hirst, Glenys Edwards, Stephen Edwards, Jade Edwards, Ben Lee, Jade Lee, Ebony Lee.

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

## **Editors Corner**

Hello again everyone, my apologies for the late magazine but i'm still struggling computer wise, hopefully sorted by next issue. My thanks to Peter Bindon for the cover photo in this issue of our new Peter Lynn Gecko.

I hope everyone is looking forward to the new season, theres lots of events to come, starting with Harewood house which should be almost upon us when you get this newsletter, it hasnt been confirmed yet where we are camping but details should appear on the NG forum if you have access.

There hasnt been much response so far to the discounts available to members, so this has been extended and we hope to be able to offer further discounts of 15 pounds per full member throughout the season.

I have news regarding a couple of events coming up this season, from Dave Holt:

Hi all, Steve from Moss bank park in Bolton has asked if we could put on another kite display. The date is Sunday 25th May start time is 11am till 4pm. Again a sizable donation will be made to club funds. The post code is BL1 6NQ

Dave Holt

And from Jim Potts:

Hi All

Just had confirmation from Chalkie (Keith White-Kiteworks UK) that this event is on and will run on the same lines as previous years. NKG members are invited to attend and camp if you wish providing you are adding to the kite Display.

Passes will be issued later in the year when I will post details here in the summer issue.

A reminder from Chalkie, please do not contact Woodvale direct as this causes problems.

# NKG AGM 2008

**Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Northern Kite Group**  
held on 20<sup>th</sup>. January 2008 at The All Saints Community Hall, Newton Heath

## **Trophy Winners**

Best Kite Large	Stuart Baldwin	Presented by Enid
Best Kite Small	Paul Catchpole	Presented by Enid
Open Altitude Sprint (Beacon)	Simon Tebbutt	Presented by Aled
Ladies altitude Sprint (Beacon)	Gwen Williams	Presented by Enid

## **Present**

Ron Ogden ( Honorary President ), Enid Knowles ( Chairman )  
John Welborn ( Secretary ), Mary Jones ( Treasurer ), Dazzz Daryl Smith ( Editor )  
Karen George ( Honorary Auditor ),

Gillian & Phil Ashton, Stuart Baldwin, Joe and Flo Barnes, John Braidwood,  
Gina & John Bellis, Josie Bretherton, Rodney Burrows, Paul Catchpole,  
Dennis Chappell, Bernard Crick, Rodger Dawson, Alan and Carol Doncaster, Neil Edwards, Frank &  
Jennifer Hardman, Dave Holt, Phil and Lynn Howden, Sally Humpage, Fiona & Aled Lewis, Mike  
Lewis, Peter & June Lightfoot , Elsie Ogden, Ian Parkes, Jim & Vanessa Potts, Peter Fisher,  
Stephen and Dorothy Ransom, Colin Savage, Dave Stead, Jim & Carol Simpson, Raymond & Sheila  
Smith, Simon & Julia Tebbutt, Marie Welborn,  
Margaret & Gene Watson, Gwen Williams,  
(This is the list of members who signed in. The 54 present met the quorum required to conduct business.  
Members who are under 18 are not counted in the determination of the quorum)

## **Apologies**

Chrissy and Nigel Bailey, Alan Bole, Dave Bleasdale, Paul and Jacqueline Batstone, Nigel Beard and  
Michelle Darren, Danielle, Louise and Lauren,  
John & Barbara Baker, Jack & Mary Cunningham, Selwyn and Joan Forster,  
Dave Green, Tony Kidd, Di Mottram, Steve Palmer and Lynne Robinson,  
Sue Ryder and Dale, Liam and Luke, Tony Slater, Steve Robinson, Mark Welborn and Zoe Lee, Gwil &  
Lena Williams , Bri Williamson,

## **Report of the Committee**

Enid outlined the years' activities and how successful the Festivals had been, especially the small but  
excellent one at Silloth.

The Scout Group local to Beacon park had loaned us a large tent , erected it and took it away afterwards.  
They have asked us to help with a kite activity . Enid agreed and asked for some members to assist on  
23<sup>rd</sup>. February 2008 . Scout Leaders will be taught how to make a simple sled and then how to run a  
workshop for their own scouts .

Due to the clash of dates for the Wirral and Beacon Festivals and the fact that a number of our members are committed to the Wirral Festival the commentary at Beacon will have to be done by a rota of members this time. Please volunteer for this nearer the time . Neil Edwards and Phil Howden offered to act as auctioneers.

Enid asked **Jim Potts** to report on the Harewood Events for 2008

The Festival is on for 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008 with camping on the North Lawn from Friday. The NKG will receive £200 for attending this event.

The Club has been asked also to fly on 14<sup>th</sup>. March on Friday night at 6-0pm with lights on kites as part of the house opening . An invitation to drinks in the house is extended to members afterwards. Camping is allowed on the North lawn Friday night Saturday night and Sunday.

The house is having a Chinese theme and some Chinese kites should be flown.

The club may also be asked to attend an event on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2nd November to mark the closure of the season at Harewood.

Enid asked **Dave Holt** to report on his Festivals.

The Last Drop Village event, near Bolton is on Monday March 24th. (Easter Monday)

Morecambe is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. July

Bolton in August

Moss Bank Park is still being arranged, it could be May Day , Spring Bank or August Bank and camping will be available Halewood and Blackpool will not be on this year. Halewood has no external funding and Blackpool are having an air race this time.

Dave explained the organisational problems over foreign flyers for Bedford and Wirral causing the clash with Beacon Park . Bedford were the lead Council and were unable to move their dates. Dave assured us that everything possible is done to avoid clashes and that he always budgets for a donation to the NKG for supporting his events. Members were reminded by Enid that the donation depends upon sufficient members being present .

Ian Parkes – the NW Stack Representative – gave an update on Stack events that had taken place during 2007 and proposed events for 2008.

Proposals for 2008 include ‘Better Flying Days’ focusing on tricks, precision flying etc. Suggested they take place and link into NKG Fly-in’s at Leeds and Pontefract.

### **Editor’s Report**

Dazz gave a short report and apologised for the lack of advertising in the last magazine, he had damaged his computer in a flood losing many of his files.

He thanked all those who contributed articles and photos over the year.

## Annual Accounts

Mary reviewed the accounts. The healthy state of the finances was due to the donations received by the Club . She explained that the short version in the magazine had formatting problems with an extra figure (£ 825 ) appearing in the expenditure column, this was a sub total of the donations and should have been hidden. Reserves are very healthy and are needed to keep the club sustained. The full audited accounts version was available for inspection at the meeting. The accounts had been audited by Karen George

**Proposed:-**            **Frank Hardman**

**Seconded:-**            Dave Stead

The Accounts for 2007 be adopted.

**Passed** unanimously

### **Any Other Business**

The committee have made a calculation of the amount of reserves it thinks the Club needs to be able to continue for two years with falling numbers and a lack of donations. This will allow the members some time to decide what action would be needed to manage the Club in such an eventuality.

<b>Calculation</b>	<b>per year</b>
Magazine costs	£900
Insurance Premium	£556
Policy Excess	£100
Officers Expenses	£300
Costs of AGM	£180
Totals	£2036
probable income	£ 938 ( 134 @£7 )
shortfall of	£1098
	say £1100
and for two years	£2200 <b>this is the reserve needed</b>

Enid pointed out that “Awards for All” did not make awards if a Club had more than £3000 in its reserves

. Any funds in excess of the reserves can be used for various **one off** extra services to members.

Proposer Rodney Burrows

Seconder

Karen George

The reserves figure be accepted

**Passed** overwhelming majority

### **Use of Excess Funds**

The committee proposed that some of the excess money be used to fund discounts on certain items previously listed in the Winter 2008 magazine .

## **Club funded Discounts for NKG members**

### **The Proposal**

This is a once only offer for full members who are in membership at the 2008 AGM and have renewed their membership for the coming year.

Orders for the items listed in the Winter 2008 magazine have to be in by 10<sup>th</sup>. February 2008 and the NKG Logo kite is subject to at least 10 kites being ordered.

Members may also use the offer towards the cost of the NKG Karl Longbottom workshop in February 2008.

The actual amount of the fixed value discount not less than £10 will be determined by the committee when the take up of the offer is known.

Proposed Gwen Williams

Seconded

Frank Hardman

**Passed**                   overwhelming majority

**Contacts** Banners, Falcons, Workshop

Dazzz

NKG Clothing

Enid

NKG Logo Kite

John

John Welborn to co ordinate full list of names

## **Future Direction of the Club**

### **Association with Dave Holt Festivals & Kite Collective**

It was pointed out that the Club receives a donation if sufficient members attend the events. The proposed events for this year is as follows

Events at Moss Bank Bolton

April

Morecombe

July

## **Festivals 2008**

**Beacon Park Festival –7/8 June**

**Chester Festival -- 22/23 September**

We have been asked to be involved with both these Festivals again this year. They are organised by Local Councils with our guidance.

Enid reported that the committee had agreed that Russell Kirk prepare an “Awards for All” submission for funding for both the Beacon Park and the Chester Festivals - £10,000 over 2 years. It is hoped that this will ensure the future of the Festivals for another two years. The Councils will still provide the necessary infrastructure for the Festivals .

## **Festivals NKG Have been asked to attend**

**Wakefield Festival** 2008 ( organised by Faceless )

**Taylor Park 2008** the date to be fitted in with Wakefield and Chester Festivals

**Harewood House 2008      March and May    Jim Potts**

## Flying sites for Fly ins

### **A discussion took place about fly ins and other commitments**

The Club pays Wakefield Council a fee of £30 for a licence to fly at Pontefract Racecourse. Enid has informed the Rangers of all the Otterspool Fly In dates.

**Camping at Bolton le Sands Fly in** will be co-ordinated by Enid , please book and pay in advance to Enid who will then pass on the bookings to the Farmer

An evening drinks and nibbles in the new farm café can be arranged.

The tides are unsuitable for the usual dates in July so it is proposed to change to August

## Club Fly In List 2008 - 2009

### **2008**

20<sup>th</sup>. Jan AGM

17th Feb Roundhay ParkLeeds

14<sup>th</sup>/ 15<sup>th</sup>. /16th Mar Harewood House asked for Friday night fly with lights on kites camping is available over the weekend. The house is having a Chinese theme this year.

20th April Pontefract Race course STACK to include a better flying day

17<sup>th</sup>. / 18th May Harewood House Festival week end

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> June Beacon Park Festival

15th June Fleetwood

13th July Morecambe Festival to be the Fly in

9<sup>th</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup>.August Bolton le Sands two day fly in ( tides not suitable in July )

14<sup>th</sup>. Sept Wakefield Kite Festival (To be confirmed)

20<sup>th</sup>. / 21<sup>st</sup>. Sept Chester Festival to be confirmed

5<sup>th</sup> October Taylor Park, St Helens

12<sup>th</sup>.Oct OSOW Otterspool and Pontefract

Light Up The Sky ( date to be Confirmed) possibly 18<sup>th</sup>. October

16th Nov New Brighton

14<sup>th</sup>. Dec Xmas Fly-in          Stainland                  & Otterspool - change in dates from 21st Dec.  
Proposed by Mary Jones, Seconded by Marie Welborn

**2009**

18th Jan AGM Newton Heath

15th Feb New Brighton

15 / 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mar                          Pontefract Racecourse or Harewood if requested

The acceptance of the list was

**Proposed by:-** Roger Dawson      **Seconded by:-** Flo Barnes

**Passed** with an overwhelming majority

### **Public Liability Insurance**

The Zurich Public Liability insurance Policy for a member to fly anywhere in the UK on their own has been set up with around 81 members taking part.

It was stressed that it is important that members respond quickly to the Secretary when asked to renew the insurance otherwise the insurance policy could be lost.

Zurich have been asked if cover can be extended for small R/C helicopters

John will follow up on this

### **The Secretary made the following Statement on Safeguarding Children**

#### **Secretary's Statement on Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006**

*The Club will be affected by this Act and Children are defined in the Act as persons under 18.*

*The Act requires anyone carrying out activities with children such as teaching, training, instruction or caring, paid or unpaid to register for continuous monitoring. Proof of identity will be required and Criminal Records Bureau checks may also have to be carried out.*

*Application will be through the existing CRB umbrella bodies. Registration will be free for volunteers but the umbrella body can charge an administration fee as now.*

*Applicants will be given an Independent Safeguarding Authority registration number.*

*The Act defines Regulated activity and also a Regulated activity provider and it creates a new body called The Independent Safeguarding Authority .*

*There will be a long transitional phase for implementation beginning in Autumn 2008 but people wanting to carry out activities with children must register then unless they are already employed or active with a volunteer group carrying out on those duties. New applicants or those changing groups or employer must register in Autumn 2008 .*

*The Act creates several new **criminal offences** with a £5000 fine and / or prison.*

*The most relevant are*

- 1 Carrying out a activities with children , when not subject to monitoring.*
- 2 Providing someone to carry out activities with children i.e. acting as a Regulated Activity Provider but not checking the individual's status. .*
- 3 A Provider failing to refer relevant information to the Safeguarding Authority.*
- 4 Carrying out activities with children **or** applying to do so when barred .*

*These rules still apply even if parents are accompanying the child*

*The committee members are jointly and severally liable for the offence in **2 & 3** above. Individuals are personally liable for offences **1.& 4***

*The committee will have to change some of the Club rules when more is known about the implementation of the Act next year.*

*The committee is asking for enabling powers from the AGM to make rules .*

*Such rules to be ratified or otherwise at the next AGM or a Special GM .*

*Any breach of the new rules could result in the member being expelled from the Club and reported to the Independent Safeguarding Authority .*

**Proposed Dave Stead Seconded Josie Bretherton that**

The committee be given special powers to change the Club rules as they believe necessary to comply with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 .

The changes made under these powers will only continue until the next AGM, or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, where the rules will be ratified, amended or withdrawn. If necessary legal advice will be sought.

**Passed** overwhelming majority

### **Amendment to the Constitution**

John explained the reasons for the amendments and it was proposed that they be agreed en bloc

*restriction on foreign members*

#### **Paragraph 2.0 Membership**

2.1 Membership is open to all who are permanently resident in Great Britain and not in breach of the British immigration laws.

#### **Paragraph 2.7 when membership starts**

2.7 Club membership begins when a prospective member has signed the application form, paid the appropriate fee and handed the form and the fee either to a committee member or to a person authorised by the committee to receive it . For applications by post, membership starts when the Treasurer receives the application form and the fee. A dishonoured cheque renders membership void from the date the form was signed.

## **Paragraph 11**

## **Leaving the Club**

### **Add to Paragraph 11.1**

When a full member relinquishes membership then all associated joint members must also relinquishes membership, unless one of them who is 18 or over becomes the full member and has the other joint members associated with them.

**Add 11.4** A person who was a full or joint member but now resides outside the UK and wishes to maintain contact with the club may request to be sent a copy of the Club magazine. The appropriate fee to cover the costs of doing so will be determined on a case by case basis by the committee and reviewed annually.

## **Paragraph 6 Special General Meetings**

**6.1** Twenty Club members aged 18 or over can instruct one of the officers to call a Special General Meeting or any two of the officers can call a Special General Meeting. The meeting to be held at a suitable location at a specified time, giving at least four weeks notice. ( The notice can be issued via the magazine )

**6.2** The main business to be transacted will be that notified in writing to the committee , by the members or officers requiring the meeting.

## **Paragraph 8.1 Expulsion**

**Add to 8.1** A member expelled from membership by the committee loses all rights and responsibilities of membership from the date of the committee's decision. The member is no longer covered by the Club policy . The personal liability cover administered by the Club is also withdrawn. An associated Joint member over 18 can take over the Full membership to allow associated joint members to retain membership. If there is no such member all associated joint members must relinquish membership.

If an appeal to the Annual General Meeting is successful then all rights and responsibilities are restored from the date of the Annual General Meeting decision.

## **Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 definition of child as under 18**

Paragraph 2.2 amend to over 18

**Paragraph 10** Replace existing heading with **Safeguarding Children** and replace existing wording with the following

**10.1** Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who is a Club member at all Club activities including Club attended events.

**or** Close family members who are Club members can have close family children under their care and supervision.

**10.2** Children under 18 can only be joint members and can be associated with a parent or legal guardian who is a Club member **or** a Close family member who is a Club member.

The child under 18 must be under the care and supervision as above **at all times** during their attendance at Club activities . Teaching , training or taking care of Club members' children under 18 by other Club members is forbidden at Club activities, unless it is done as a friend of the parents as defined by the **Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006** .

**10.3** For the avoidance of doubt the Club does not accept a duty of care to any children accompanying or associated with Club members at Club activities.

The above amendments be agreed en bloc

**Proposed by** Rodney burrows  
**passed** by an overwhelming majority

**Seconded by** Dave Holt

### **British Kite Flying Association**

It has not made appropriate changes to its organisation and the committee recommend that the Club does not join.

Proposed That the Club do not join BKFA until such time that the possible financial risk and detriment to the Club has been removed and after consultation with all club members.

**Proposed by** Rodney Burrows **Seconded by** John Welborn  
**Passed** with an overwhelming majority

### **Safety statement by Enid**

Enid reminded members to be diligent about safety even when attending an event run by another organisation. Members were reminded of the need to have a Flying Safety Officer of the day at fly ins to satisfy the insurers. Enid asked members to make sure they mark stakes and lines when tethering Kites especially at fly ins. Enid also asked that tethered kites are kept under observation at all times.

A safety statement by Enid will be included in the next Kite magazine.

### **Any Other Business from members**

#### **Library**

**Neil Edwards** thanked members for donations and asked for any members with kites or books they no longer use to consider donating them to the library.

He also thanked Di Mottram for the generous donation of the kite arch made by Helen Howes of Raindrops kites to be known as the DonandDi arch.

It was agreed that the committee would consider requests for the purchase of items for the library.

**Neil Edwards** raised the matter of weekly flying at New Brighton. It was considered that it would be more appropriate for those flying there to have personal insurance (through Zurich or otherwise ) than to add it to the official flying list. Request also made that Fano be

nominated as a foreign site for insurance.

## **NKG 30<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary**

**Ron Ogden ( Honorary President )** told the meeting that the Club is 30 years old on 25<sup>th</sup>. November 2008

The Committee will decide what to do to celebrate this birthday . It could be an embroidered badge or a special edition of the magazine or even a birthday cake .

### **Special Altitude Sprint**

John Welborn said that a trophy had been found and could be used for a special altitude sprint competition.

A few members had talked about a special altitude sprint where all competitors used the same type of kite e.g. all box kites or all fighter kites or even first to reach the height of an existing kite .

A competition will be organised for the trophy at a Festival this year to see if members wish to take it up the idea . The kite type will be announced on the day to suit wind conditions.

### **Vote of Thanks**

It was explained to members that the Club's website existed because of the work of Peter Bindon Webmaster and because of Malcolm Pitcher's generosity in hosting it free on his own server.

Formal Votes of Thanks were given  
to Peter Bindon Webmaster,  
to Malcolm Pitcher Website hosting,  
and also to Karen George Honorary Auditor .  
The members voted unanimously in favour.

## **7. Election of Officers**

The existing officers offered to stand for re election

**Proposed** – Simon Tebbett                      **Secunder** – Frank Hardman

That the existing officers be re elected en bloc

### **Passed by an overwhelming majority**

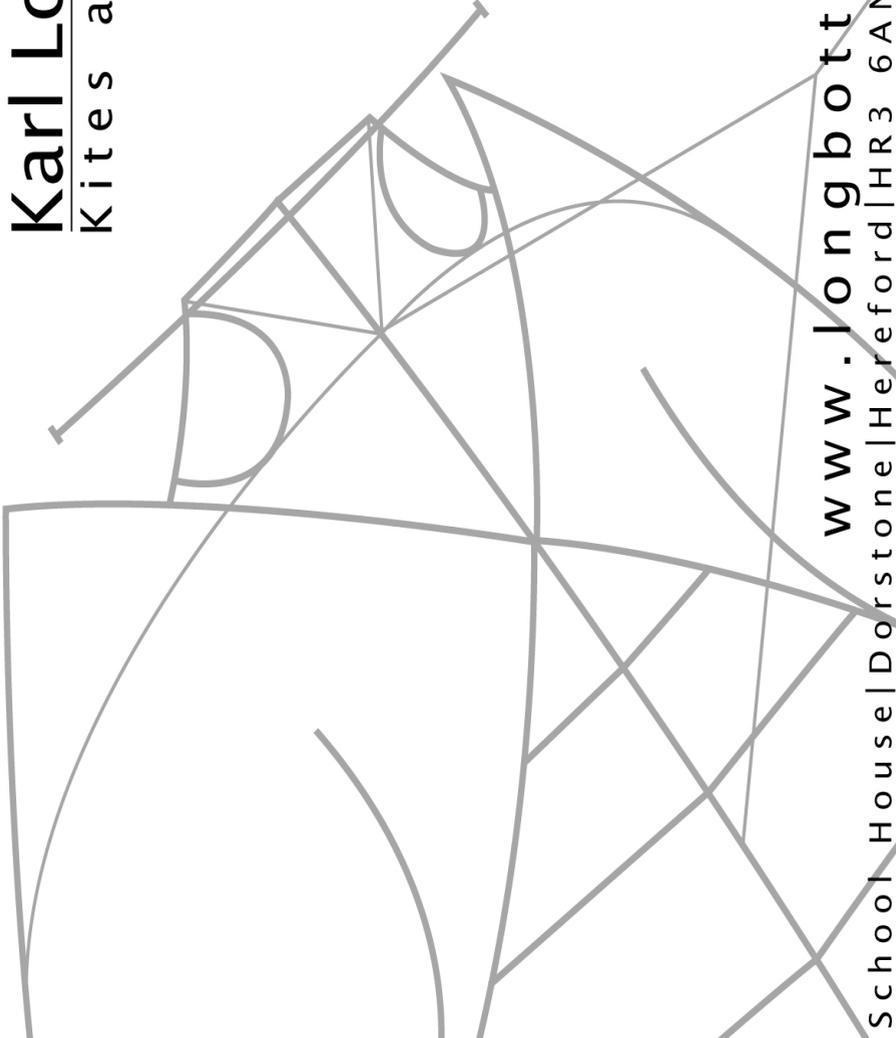
The officers are as follows

<b>Chairman</b>	Enid Knowles
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mary Jones
<b>Secretary</b>	John Welborn
<b>Editor</b>	Daryl Smith (Dazzz)

<b>Honorary Auditor</b>	Karen George
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**Passed** by overwhelming majority

**The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman**



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### Kites and accessories

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Dacron line 200lb-300ft x2, 250lb-250ft, 100lbs-250ft £6 each.

Large halo winder with line £10

Ripstop repair tape £5

Tails/windsocks £10

Canvas kite bag 6ft with two side pockets £20

Kites: Green's bat £2, ladybird £3, swallow £3, UFO Sam £10, Wild Thang £3, Peter Powell Stunter (plastic) later model £15, Lge Malayx2 £10 each, Lge 7ftx6ft Rok (home made) £40

Everything for £200 ono.

Flexifoil 'Erazor' plus two sets of lines/handles, (light and strong), in bag plus wing tip lights £100.

Tel: Tim 01845 574599 or 07811290052 for details. (Thirsk).

## NKG Subscription Renewals

### To All Members

Congratulations to all who have paid their membership for this year. If you have paid you will find sticker/s to attach to the back of your membership card/s. If for some reason you do not have a membership card please contact John Welborn and he will issue a replacement.

To all those members who have not paid there is a "Renewal Reminder" enclosed, with the hope that you still wish to be a member. If you do not pay your subscription you will not receive any further magazines or other benefits of being a member.

Happy Kite Flying for the 2008 season

Mary Jones (Treasurer)

### Kite safety

- Never fly near overhead power lines
  - Never fly near roads
  - Never fly near buildings
  - Never fly near animals
  - Never fly within 5KM of an airport (2 miles)
  - Never fly using lines longer than 60m (200 feet)
  - Always check the wind before you launch your kite, beginners should start in light wind, and progress with experience.
  - Beginners should avoid gusty wind conditions.
  - Always fly within your ability, never underestimate the power of the wind.
  - Always be aware of people around you, spectators can become curious, if they move to close, land your kite and wait until they have moved on.
  - Always wear appropriate safety equipment for the activity you are doing.
  - Always pay attention to any local rules or by-laws
  - Check your equipment regularly for signs of wear, replace any worn parts.
- Safe operation of your kite is your responsibility; please observe these safety guidelines each time you fly.

# NKG Kite Library

The NKG kite library is available from the website <http://www.nkg.org.uk/forum/index.php> and at the bottom of the list is the NKG kite library.

Here you can request any of the books, magazines, kites and other items held in the library.

If you want an item from the library you post a request on the forum and it is then posted out to you or handed over at a fly-in or festival if possible.

You are then responsible for that item, if someone else requests the item you are responsible for posting it on to them.

If you leave the club you would need to send back any club library items in your possession.

If you do not have access to the NKG website then please contact Dazzz by phone or letter using the details in the front of the newsletter and he will post your request on the website to get the item sent out to you, and will contact you if the item is requested by anyone

## Books and DVD's

Colonel Cody – book

John Barressi Advanced Rev Flying DVD

Flying Techniques dvd - The Robertsaw Brothers

Flight School dual line tuition dvds

'The Kiteflier' magazine - issue numbers 86~99

Trick or Treat DVD from Tim Benson

Soft Kites and Windsocks - by Jim Rowlands

'The Book of Kites' - by Paul & Helene Morgan

Making & flying fighter kites - by Phillipe Gallot

'The Kiteflier' magazine - issue numbers 100~110.

'KITES' to make & fly - by Jim Rowlands

'KITES and kite flying' - Ambrose Lloyd &  
Nicolette Thomas

'Kites' by Izac C Rust

'The Creative Book of Kites' - Sarah Kent

Sir George Caley's Aeronautics 1796 – 1855

David Pelham - The Penguin book of kites

## Kites and equipment

Kitecraft 'K2' Sport Kite

Didakites 'Vertical' Sports kite

Kitecraft 'K1' Sport Kite

Medium Sized Kite Arch (#1)

Medium size Kite Arch (#2)

Large Kite Arch

Tumbling Star box kite

Genesis stunt kite

Elliot Sport kite inc line + straps

Rev handles + line set + ground stake

## Harewood House season opening March 2008



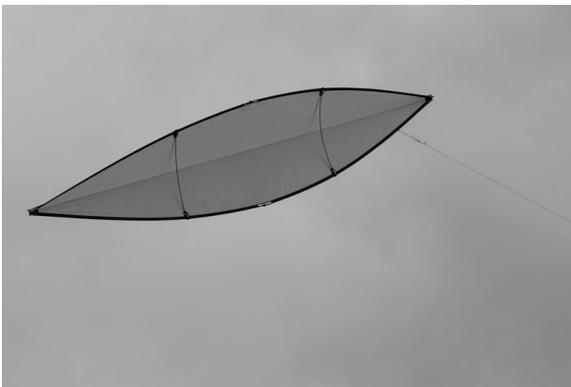
Early March is not the most popular time for camping and caravanning , nevertheless twelve hardy families braved the cold weather to stay at Harewood over the weekend .

The Friday evening was a night fly with lights to celebrate the opening of the house this season. Not surprisingly the wind dropped just as it got dark.

Jim Potts decided we should put on a display of lights on the drive in front of the house using our cars and some static kites. This turned out to be a very creditable sight with a floodlit dragon, several mega deltas with programmed flashing leds and the usual bunch of kite flyers wandering around with garlands of Christmas lights wrapped about their clothes or carrying coloured lanterns .

Several members came out on Friday just to help with the evening display including Peter Bindon and his Family, Simon Tebbutt and Geoff Othick.

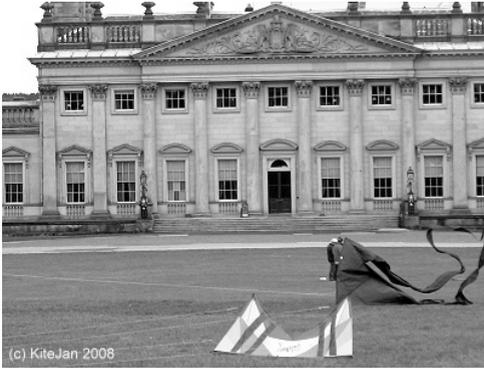
I would like to thank Jim Potts for organising the weekend , the members of NEKF for joining in with us and contributing some wonderful kites to the display and of course the hardy souls who stayed over the week end.



Sunday was our official fly in day and many members arrived for the day including Ian Parkes running his better flying day , there was a STACK banner blowing in the wind and several of our Rev enthusiasts showing their skills . Unfortunately the wind was pretty unstable and cold . Nevertheless there was a brilliant display of two and four line flying with the occasional single line kite adding colour to the field .

Lets hope for better wind and weather for our next event here.

## Harewood House Better flying day (STACK)



wind - after a fashion.

As well as a general fly in there was also a dual line "better flying" day organized, which obviously attracted a fair number of the dual line trick fliers. I had intended joining in with this but in the end I just did my own thing and had fun.

Anyway upon arrival I wrapped up warm, parted company from my family, and went to see what the flying site and wind was like. Well it's a medium sized field, but is tree lined on three sides with the house on the fourth so perhaps not the *best* site in some ways - but a very pleasant location none the less (very nice having the house as a backdrop). The wind was very gusty and blowing from different directions, which of course would have influenced my feelings about the flying site somewhat :-). So I started off by getting the Custom Revolution 1.5 out and after chatting to another chap with a Revolution we tried some basic pair flying - but the wind, the mismatched lines (a 10m difference), and our inexperience meant it wasn't a totally satisfactory experience to say the least! I did try to change to my 40m lines, but by the time I had it sorted it was lunch time. So pair Revolution flying will wait for another day.

After lunch I tried my hand at some dual line flying with the Benson Minigem, however I really found the gusts hard to anticipate so it was an even more dispiriting experience than usual - but I tried! Would have liked to go and get some flying tips from the other dual line fliers but I chickened out in the end. Next time perhaps.... I did however meet a couple of people. Stuart spent a while trying to describe the difference between a "Fade" and a "Turtle" (which I still can't remember which one is which), along with what happens to the kite during a "Half Axel" (which I think I got). Eventually I got out the Freevol LX which does handle strong wind and gusts pretty well (if you are careful at the extremes of the wind window) and had some fun doing the fast spins that it's so good at. Because the Freevol is such an unusual quad line kite I got few people asking me about it - it really is a shame that it's no longer available.

The first "official" trip out of 2008! This was advertised as a weekend fly in at Harewood house organized by the Northern Kite Group as was for the opening of the 2008 Harewood House season. When I mentioned that there would be a fly in at Harewood my family was interested.... not for the "kite" part, but for the "visiting a stately home" part. And so with that in mind we organized ourselves to visit on the Sunday - which turned out to be a good call as Friday night was damp with no wind and Saturday was damp with lot of wind. At least Sunday wasn't too damp and did actually have



Anyway as the day wore on I had my first proper go with a Revolution Shockwave, a kite I have always fancied having. It was excellent fun in those strong gusty winds - but you really have to have good reactions! Sadly Steve wanted his kite back so I had to go and fly something else. It's definitely on my "To buy/to make" list now.

Eventually my family came back after looking around the house itself (which, apparently, is very nice and well worth a visit - "better than Chatsworth" was the verdict) and it was time to pack up. Once everything was packed, which always takes ages, and just about everyone else had gone I noticed that one of the Park's deers had come onto the field and would allow us get quite close. My children were really pleased by this (as the number of photos on daughter no 1s phone camera will show).

All in all a nice day - and good to get out and meet some other fliers, so in this respect its a good venue since it's good for lots of areas. We will certainly be back.



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## **Personal Liability Insurance**

### **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 by contacting me.

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.

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

# Light Up The Sky 2007 (LUTS)

Light up the Sky - Otterspool 2007

What a fantastic day, plenty of sunshine, a good steady wind and a sky full of kites. This was probably one of the best displays at Otterspool and one that attracted a large number of onlookers, who gave generously to Children in Need. This years LUTS was brought forward from November to October in the hope of having slightly better weather conditions and an hour longer daytime flying.

Last minute efforts were made to amalgamate this event with the Ainsdale Kite Weekend, but this proved difficult, so the LUTS event took place at Otterspool on Saturday 20th October, as planned.

Whilst it had been decided at the AGM to keep the LUTS event low key, in other words no advertising, the number of public attracted by the display was very impressive and for motorists approaching Otterspool, the massive 150 kite arch was certainly a big draw

A really good assortment of single line kites including a flock of Pott s bluebirds, large tailed deltas, numerous inflatables, rocks, etc, cheered the blue sky over Otterspool. Also on display, trick flying and fighter kite demonstrations as well as Dave Greens three kite routine.

Selwyns two 4 ft inflatable Pudsey Bears, attracted a lot of attention, particularly when lit up, as did Karens spinning Poi.

When the time came to Light up the Sky the wind had dropped, but as usual in these events, quite a number of the kite lights experts of the NKG were able to raise a good selection of kites, even if for some it meant running the length of Otterspool.

A big thank you to Bernard, Selwyn, Neil and Peter for the loan of Gazebos and tents and to everybody concerned with erecting and dismantling the same.

Everyone was kept warm with coffee, soup and sandwiches organised by Gina and Lindsey. Thanks again to Ken and Lindsey for the fantastic soup, and to everybody who bought cakes, pies etc.

The auction was hosted by auctioneer extraordinaire, Neil Edwards, who once again persuaded members to part with their hard earned cash raising a terrific £545 and of course thanks to all those who gave such an interesting collection of kites and related items for this years auction.

At the end of the day a total of £1200 had been raised and this included a raffle held at Barbara Savages (Colins mum) 60th birthday bash, public donations, sponsorships and the auction. Since then, a further £600 has come in, most of which was sponsorship money, so the grand total raised for Children in Need 2007 is a magnificent £1800.

A big thanks to our Chairman Enid, Treasurer Mary, and Dave Green amongst others who were instrumental in making the day a resounding success

The kite arch was presented to the NKG Club by Di Norman, in memory of her late husband and popular kite flyer Don Norman

Gwen

# NKG Clothing

## Child T Shirt (Jerzees) £5.00

Chest Size	20"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"		
White								
Royal Blue								
Navy								

## Child Polo Shirt £8.00

Chest Size		22-24"	24-26"	26-28"	28-30"	30-32"		
White								
Royal Blue								
Navy								

## Child Waterproof reversible Jacket (Navy fleece/Royal Blue Waterproof) £20.00

Chest Size	20-21"	21-22"	23-24"	25-26"	27-29"	30-31"	32-34"	

## Adult T Shirts (Jerzees) £6.00

Chest Size		S 36"	M 38"	L 40"	XL 42-44"	XXL 46-48"	XXXXL 50-52"	
White								
Royal Blue								
Navy								

## Polo Shirts (Papini) £9.00

Chest Size	S 34"	M 36"	L 38-40"	XL 42-44"	XXL 46-48"	XXXXL 50-52"	XXXXL 54-56"	
White								
Royal Blue								
Navy								

## Long Sleeve (quarter zip) Fleece £15.00

Chest Size	S 36"	M 38-40"	L 42-44"	XL 46-48"	XXL 50"			
Navy (Grey collar)								

## Showerproof Reversible Jacket (Result) £26.00

Chest Size	XS 34"	S 38"	M 41"	L 44"	XL 47"	XXL 50"		

## Waterproof Reversible Jacket (Result) £28.00

Chest Size	S 38"	M 41"	L 44"	XL 47"	XXL 50"	XXXXL 53"		

Please contact Enid if there are any other colours or other items you wish to order with the NKG Logo

## May

- 4 Reach for the Sky, Kite Flying at Stafford Castle, Newport Road, Stafford, Staffordshire  
4 Apedalers fly-in, Apedale Country Park, Alsagers Bank, Apedale, nr Newcastle under Lyme  
4 & 5 Beverley Spring Kite Festival, Longcroft School, Burton Road, Beverley, East Yorkshire  
4 & 5 Weymouth International Kite Festival, Weymouth Beach, Dorset.  
4 & 5 NEKF Display, Seaton Carew, Co.Durham  
10 & 11 Swindon International Kite Festival, Lydiard Park, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon, Wiltshire  
10 & 11 Rufford Abbey Spring Kite Weekend (and MKF fly-in), Rufford Country Park, near Ollerton  
11 NEKF fly-in, Souter Lighthouse, South Shields, Tyne & Wear  
11 MKF fly-in, Sutton Park, Boldmere Gate, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, West Midlands  
17 & 18 11th Suffolk International Kite Festival, Rougham Airfield, near Bury st Edmunds, Suffolk  
17 & 18 Harewood House Kite Festival and NKG fly-in, Harewood House, near Leeds, North Yorkshire  
24 - 26 Tewkesbury Kite Fun Weekend, Tewkesbury School Playing Fields, Tewkesbury  
31 NEKF Display, Cramlington, Tyne & Wear  
31 6th Bedford International Kite Festival, Russell Park, Bedford (provisional)

## June

- 1 6th Bedford International Kite Festival, Russell Park, Bedford (provisional)  
1 NEKF fly-in, Herrington Country Park, Tyne & Wear  
6 - 8 Margam Park Kite Festival, Margam Park, near Bridgend, South Wales  
7 & 8 6th Wirral International kite festival, The Dips, New Brighton, Wirral, Cheshire  
7 & 8 Beacon Park Kite Festival, Beacon Hill County Park, Up Holland, nr Skelmersdale, Lancashire  
7 & 8 Basingstoke Kite Festival, Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane, Basingstoke, Hampshire  
8 Peterborough Kite Festival, Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough  
14 & 15 Blackheath Kite Festival, Blackheath Common, London  
14 & 15 Teston Bridge family kite weekend, Teston Bridge picnic site, Teston Lane, Teston, Maidstone  
15 NKG fly-in, Fleetwood Beach, Fleetwood, Lancashire  
19 - 22 24th International Kitefliers Meeting, Fano, Denmark  
21 & 22 "A Lark In The Park 2008", Market Bosworth Country Park, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire  
21 & 22 25th Shrewsbury Kite Festival, the (new/old venue) Sundorne Sports Village, Sundorne Road  
21 & 22 13th Southampton Kite Festival, Lordshill Recreation Grounds, Southampton, Hampshire  
21 & 22 NEKF Display, Seahouses, Northumberland  
29 NEKF Display, Druridge Bay Country Park, Northumberland  
29 Berriewood Kite Day, Berriewood Farm, Conover, south of Shrewsbury, Shropshire

## July

- 5 & 6 Sunderland International Friendship and Kite Festival, Northern Area Playing Fields, Usworth  
12 & 13 Brighton Kite Festival, Stanmer Park, Brighton, West Sussex  
12 & 13 Barmouth Beach Kite Festival, on the beach opposite the new Lifeboat Station, Barmouth  
13 NEKF fly-in, Souter Lighthouse, South Shields, Tyne & Wear  
13 Morecambe 'Catch the Wind' Kite Festival and NKG fly-in, Morecambe, Lancashire  
19 & 20 Hereford Kite Festival, Berrington Hall (NT), north of Leominster, Herefordshire  
20 Dunstable Downs Kite Festival, Dunstable Downs, near Dunstable, Bedfordshire  
20 NEKF Display, Souter Lighthouse, South Shields, Tyne & Wear  
26 & 27 3rd MKF "Family Fun Weekend" Carnfield Hall, South Normanton, near. Alfreton, Derbyshire  
26 & 27 Silloth on Solway Kite Festival, The Green, Silloth on Solway, Cumbria

