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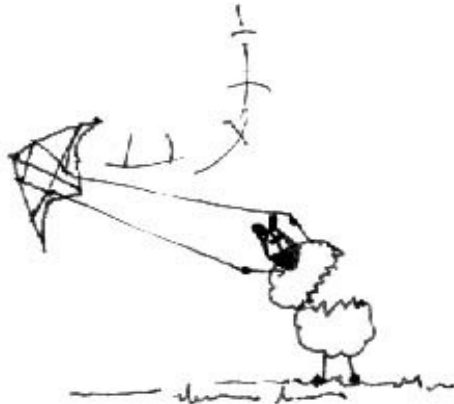




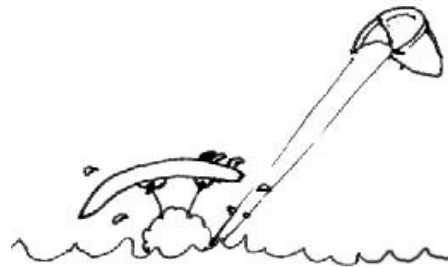
Spin Landing!



"Trick"



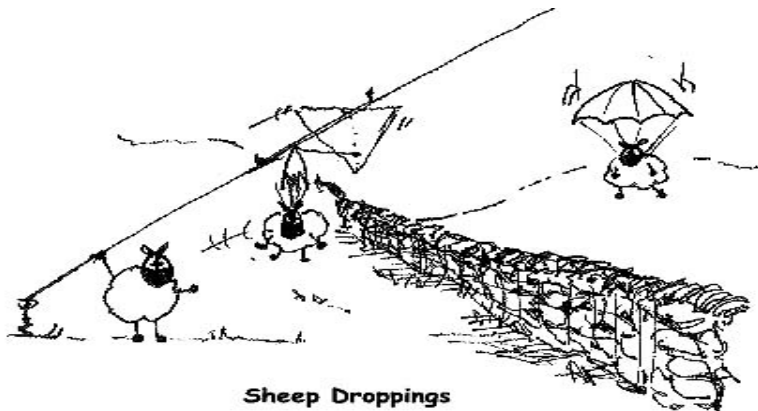
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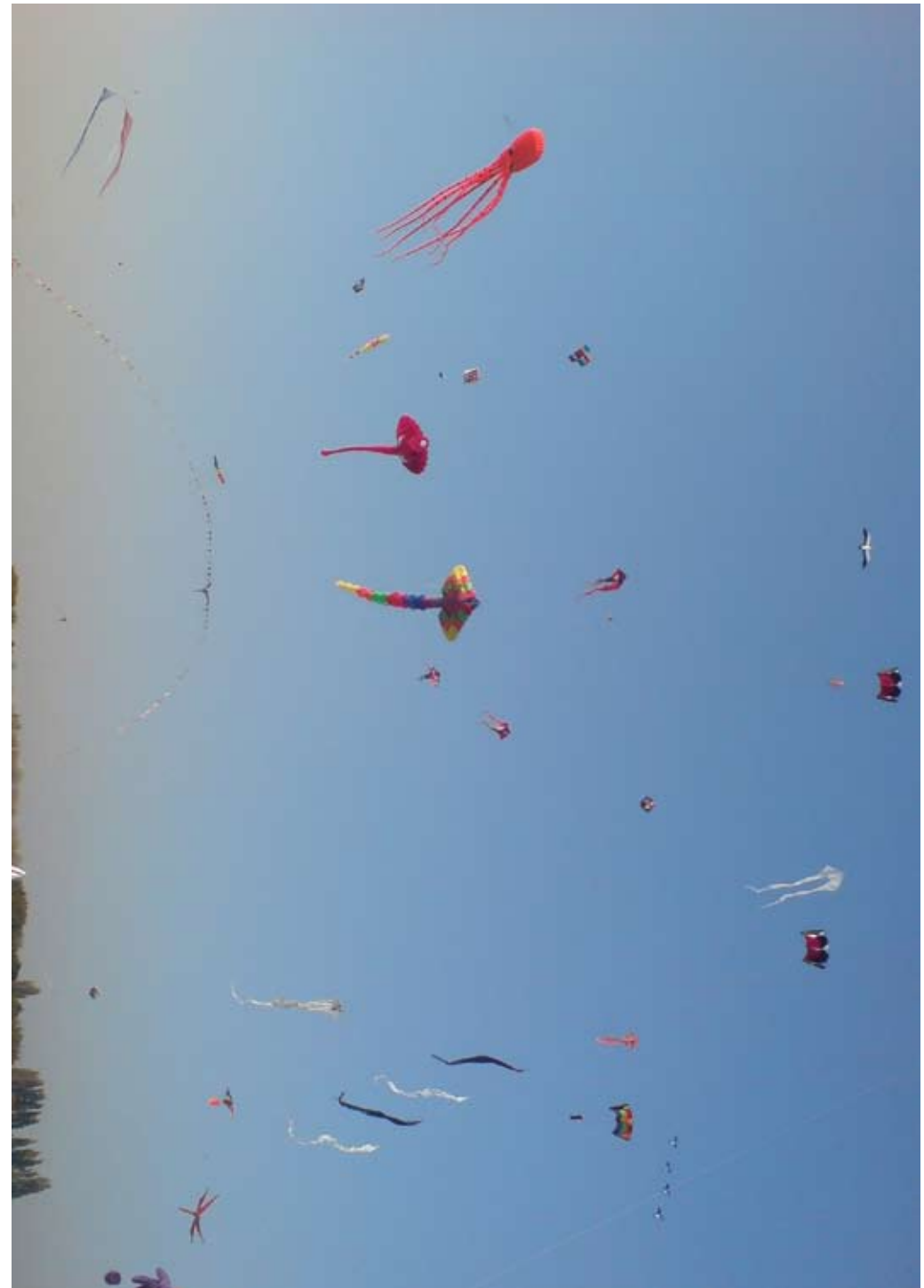
Sheep Dip!

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<http://www.spec.u-net.com/kite-ons.htm>



Sheep Droppings



Picture courtesy of Dazzz from Light up the Sky 2007

FEBRUARY 2008

3 Apedalers fly-in, Apedale Country Park, Alsagers Bank, Apedale, Staffordshire
3 KCOS Fly-in, the Seafront, Ayr, West Coast of Scotland
10 MKF fly-in, Sutton Park, Boldmere Gate, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, West Midlands
10 MKF STACK Winter League competition flying, Sutton Park, Boldmere Gate, West Midlands
10 GOKF fly-in, Priory Park, Bedford, Bedfordshire
17 KCOS Fly-in, North Beach, St, Andrews, East Coast of Scotland
17 NKG fly-in, Roundhay Park, Leeds, West Yorkshire
24 GOKF fly-in, Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire

MARCH 2008

2 KCOS Fly-in, the park opposite Falkirk Golf Club, Stirling Road, Camelon, Falkirk, Scotland
2 Apedalers fly-in, Apedale Country Park, Alsagers Bank, Apedale, Staffordshire
9 GOKF fly-in, Priory Park, Bedford, Bedfordshire
9 MKF fly-in, Sutton Park, Boldmere Gate, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, West Midlands
16 KCOS Fly-in, the Seafront, Ayr, West Coast of Scotland
16 NKG fly-in, New Brighton Dips, Wirral, Merseyside
23 GOKF fly-in, Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire
30 KCOS Fly-in, North Beach, St, Andrews, East Coast of Scotland

APRIL 2008

5 - 13 22nd International Berck sur mer Kite Festival, Berck sur Mer, Normandy, France
6 14th Calke Abbey Kite Day, Calke Abbey, Ticknall, near Melbourne, Derbyshire
6 Apedalers fly-in, Apedale Country Park, Alsagers Bank, Apedale, Staffordshire
11 - 13 Curacao International Kite Festival, Watamula Park, Curacao, Caribbean
13 GOKF fly-in, Priory Park, Bedford, Bedfordshire
13 11th Streatham Common Kite Day, Streatham Common, London SW16
13 MKF fly-in, Sutton Park, Boldmere Gate, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, West Midlands
13 KCOS Fly-in, the park opposite Falkirk Golf Club Stirling Road, Camelon, Falkirk, Scotland
25 - 27 Vulandra International Kites Festival, Ferraro Parco, Bassini, Italy
27 GOKF fly-in, Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire
27 KCOS Fly-in, large field to the rear of the Magnum Centre, Irvine, Scotland

MAY 2008

4 & 5 Beverley Spring Kite Festival, Beverley Racecourse, Beverley, East Yorkshire
4 & 5 Weymouth International Kite Festival, Weymouth Beach, Dorset.
4 Apedalers fly-in, Apedale Country Park, Alsagers Bank, Apedale, Staffordshire
10 & 11 Swindon International Kite Festival, Science Museum, Wroughton, near Swindon, Wiltshire
11 KCOS Fly-in, North Beach, St, Andrews, East Coast of Scotland
11 MKF fly-in, Sutton Park, Boldmere Gate, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, West Midlands
11 GOKF fly-in, Priory Park, Bedford, Bedfordshire
17 & 18 11th Suffolk International Kite Festival, Rougham Airfield, near Bury st Edmunds, Suffolk
25 GOKF fly-in, Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire
25 KCOS Fly-in, the park opposite Falkirk Golf Club Stirling Road, Camelon, Falkirk, Scotland
31 & 1/6 2nd Exmouth Rotary Kite Festival,

A Note from your Chairman

Hi All,

Where has the last three months gone !!!?????. It doesn't seem two minutes since we were at Chester does it?. Then some of us had a very pleasant day at Taylor Park, St Helens. O.S.O.W. gave a good show again this year at both Pontefract and Otterspool, between the two sites we had 44 Flyers and flew 287 kites. Then on Saturday 20th October 2007 there was (L.U.T.S)LIGHT UP THE SKY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED at Otterspool. W O W !!! The sky over Otterspool Prom was awash with Ripstop. I do hope a full report has been written up ??

Because I couldn't manage on my own, Mary Jones (our Treasurer) came to do the writing for the Auction and collected the Cash. The Total collected this year is £1,800.00. BRILLIANT. We'll see you all next year, as will the two 6ft/ 2m PUDSEYS Selwyn and Joan Forster made.

On 29th October 2007, there was a good gathering of N.K.G. and other kite group friends on the Front Lawn of Harewood House, we did of course have a special invite arranged by Jim Potts (TA Jim)

The Rev Flyers had a training weekend at Ainsdale on 17th November. Diz and I called in for half of an hour, they were given some extra guidance from Stephen and Susan Hoath who also brought their two small children for the week end, Stephen is part of the Flying Squad Team. 10 Flyers reported for duty . Yet another string to the N.K.G Kite (Bow) their 2nd leg at Dunstable is unfortunately on the same Sunday as the A.G.M.

The Tricks Flyers had an N.K.G/STACK Tricks Party at the New Brighton "DIPS" on 25th November. 18 Flyers took part. Keith and Vee (STACK) from Cardiff, and Bryan (STACK) from Leicester came up for the Day, as did Mark Clements (Kite Maker) from the Midlands Area. There will be more N.K.G/Stack Days in 2008, Ian Parkes, the STACK Northern Area Organiser and an N.K.G Member, will where possible, be arranging a STACK event at some of the Group Fly In's over the Pennines, Just so that no one feels left out.

Reach for the Sky was a small event the Flying Colours, and other N.K.G flyers attended at Liverpool Cricket Club for the Liverpool Forum. It involved local school children painting their ambitions on sled kites, then flying them, all this was done to raise money for a new Pediment for St Georges Hall in Liverpool.

Last Sunday 16th December was the last official HAPPENING in the 2007 N.K.G. Calendar THE PARTIES. There were 32 of us at Otterspool and 20 of us at Stainland, now for sure we have to have write ups on those ????? In March 2008 we have been invited to do a night fly on his Lordships front Lawn to officially open the Harewood House 2008 Season. I'll see you all at the A.G.M on January 20th at Newton Heath, Until then I hope you all have a good Christmas and a Happy New Year, Eat. Drink and be Merry, then you can walk it all off on the kite fields in 2008.

OH NO, I NEARLY FORGOT MY ONE LITTLE WORD SAFETY
See You All Soon

ENID
Your own little rocker.

Editors Corner

Well as you can see the Newsletter is a little different this time around, unfortunately a slight domestic flooding incident caused the failure of my Apple Mac and all the files to do with the newsletter. However the purchase of a small replacement has allowed me to get back on-line so I can get email and get a smaller but perfectly formed newsletter out to everyone before the AGM.

Thanks to those who contributed articles and photos.

One item which I must mention is that there is a Night Fly at Harewood House on the 14th March 2008 to help celebrate the opening of the house for the new season, Jim Potts is trying to arrange for camping for the weekend for those who attend and we are looking to change the March Fly-in to Harewood to make it a full weekend for those who are interested in attending. More details will be posted on the NKG forum when we have them.

Dazzz

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Welcome To All New Members

Jonathon Lees, Shaun Mudge, Maureen Mudge, Tiffany Mudge, Natasha Mudge,
John Rowland, Steve Anglesey, James Bretheton, Tracey Wright

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

Workshops

NKG Kite Workshop

Once again we are going to be holding a kite workshop on 10th February 2008 at the usual location in Hoddlesden near Darwen in Lancs. The workshop will be to make the new Swan kite by Karl Longbottom (Picture on page 9), lots of straight line sewing in this one according to Karl so it shouldn't be too difficult if you don't have much experience, as usual there will be plenty of experienced kite makers there to help those who may need it. Sandwiches will be provided. Cost is £45 for 10 people, if there is less than 10 it may cost a little more.

To book the workshop please contact Dazzz

Bol Workshop

To be held at:
Dorstone Village Hall,
Herefordshire,
HR3 6AN.
15th/16th March 2008

The cost will be about £70 per person based on 6 people making a 2m bol and using the village hall here in Dorstone.

As usual I will provide pre-cut panels and so participants will need to bring a sewing machine, thread and patience.

I will be supplying 3/4 oz fabric, Dacron tape for leading edge and trailing edge, bridling lines, and swivel.

Start time 9:30, usual pot luck lunch, and finish about 6:00pm each day assuming every body can sew.



The prices for larger bols are

3m £100
4m £140
5m £250

Accommodation is available in the local area or we can provide some floor space at School House.

Interested parties should contact Karl on 01981 550326 or Karl@longbottom.org.uk



Stainland Xmas Fly-in 2007

Quite a few hardy stalwarts braved the freezing weather for the Xmas fly-in at Stainland. Sheila & Ray had arrived first and managed to get a couple of kites into the sky in the very light winds.

They were soon joined by Dazzz & Karen's aerial contribution and Graham decided to try and fly the two terns for the first time in months, only to lose them in the trees, which resulted in a bit of modest tree climbing. Fortunately he recovered both and himself in time to enjoy Sheila's brother's timely arrival with the hot mulled wine!



We were quickly joined by Aled & Fiona, Julie & Simon, John & Marie and Geoff & Ann Othick arrived just as we were packing up to go to the eatery - well timed! Our usual eating establishment could not accommodate us this year due to personal family reasons, but Sheila managed to get us booked in at the Wagon & Horses at Outlane, where we were joined by John & Barbara Baker and Frank & Jennifer Hardman.



Christmas crackers were pulled, silly hats worn and even sillier jokes read out and some very revealing photographs shown of Barbara & John's and Ray & Sheila's holiday in Forta Ventura!!

The meal proved to be good wholesome cooking, plenty of it and at a reasonable price and I think enjoyed by all.



A very big "Thank You" must be given to Sheila for her organisational skills - much appreciated by all of us, well done! (And thanks to Ray for the photos - Dazzz)

We now look forward to another year ahead and meeting up with old friends and lets hope we all get favourable weather in 2008.

Marina

NKG AGM 2008

AGM at The Community Hall, All Saints Church, Culcheth 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 Culcheth 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.

There will be a £3 charge (last AGM decision) towards the cost of the meal provided World Cuisine to provide.

The usual activities will include

Best Kite Competition 2 classes large and small
note: a small kite will be one whose width plus spine length is not more than two metres
Displays of Photographs, Kites, videos etc.
Private sales of kites and associated bits and pieces.
No Raffle or Auction to be held this year

The following timetable was agreed for the meeting:
Entries for the kite competition to be in by 12-30 pm
Voting for the competition to be over by 1- 30 pm
Lunch to be served at 1 pm
The AGM to start at 2pm

Room to be laid out lengthways for the meeting for better acoustics

AGM Agenda

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

AOB

Future Direction of the Club
NKG Festivals

Monthly programme of events/ fly ins, including OSOW and Light Up the Sky
Flying sites for Fly ins, suggestions and review. (See Below)

Suggested Fly-ins 2008/2009

20th. Jan AGM
17th Feb Roundhay park
16th Mar New Brighton or Beacon Park (Harewood possible)
20th April Pontefract
18th May Otterspool or Harewood
15th June Fleetwood
20th July Bolton le-Sands two day fly in (Tide dependant)
17th. August Beacon Park
Sept Chester Festival to be confirmed
Sept Wakefield Kite Festival (To be confirmed)
Oct OSOW (To be confirmed) Otterspool and Pontefract
Light Up The Sky (To be Confirmed) possibly 18th. October
16th Nov Roundhay Park or New Brighton
21st. Dec Xmas Fly-in Stainland & Otterspool

2009

18th Jan AGM Newton Heath
15th Feb Roundhay Park
15 / 22nd. Mar New Brighton or Beacon park

Financing the Club, where we stand now and size of reserves needed
Insurance updates Club and Personal Insurance
Proposed Amendments to Constitution for AGM 2008 (See Below)

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.

Fly through the pains of hunger
Fly through the threat of thunder
Though it's a race finding your kite a space
You fly till the day has ended
The midges all descended
Tomorrow brings more wind and sky
And you must fly.

Dave also gave us a description of his underwear and the benefit's of his "Man Nightie" although I am sure his parcel delivery man is still in shock!!

I suppose my family would be considered as junior members of the Northern Kite Group as we are new to the sport this year. However, how quickly you become seasoned to the demands of the ripstop, spars and line.



With Several events under our belts already, Chester, Beacon, New Brighton Dips, Harewood, LUTS, Walk the Plank and One Sky One World, we have seen that the strength of this great club is in its solidarity and all members working for the good of the group with their enjoyment of flying, be it Display, Stunt, Single Line, Fighters or just attending a fly in or event to just be sociable.

The Christmas Event topped of a great introduction to the World of Kites and Northern Kite Group with a nice meal and fine company. I would like to mention my personal highlight of the year, and that was my brother Mally (Jester) who introduced me to the club and recovering from his bypass operation enough to have confidence to fly a stunt kite for the first time.

We would like to wish everyone the very best of health and successful 2008 in whatever you pursue
May the air around you, provide the lift you need to succeed.

Nigel, Michele, Darren. Danielle, Louise, Lauren.

Otterspool Xmas Fly-in 2007

Well, the 16th of December will go down as the “Night of the Glowing Mic” but more of that later.

A real winter’s day at Otterspool, with a good wind to add to the chill. A few brave souls took to the sky with Dave Green being more wrapped up than Nanook of the Arctic. Several members turned out to put up a fair display against a bleak grey sky nice work Neil, Nigel, Gwen and Ken. We missed a few regulars on the field with Ray not well, and a few others keeping safe out of the cold. As the darkness fell, the last man on the field (Neil) finally gave in to the elements and left for a far far warmer place.

Arriving at the Otters Pool, it was good to meet new friends, made since joining the group in June and putting faces to Forum names of members not met before. The flurry of the exchange of Christmas Cards putting the local Postman to shame!!

I met PaulB for the first time, although I had corresponded via PM when I first joined the group. To go around the group that was present, would include many club personalities from our illustrious chairperson, committee, Flying Colours through to some of this years new younger members. The meal was excellent, the company superb and a great atmosphere. The event was well organised and a great success with over 30 members attending.



Dave Green took on the role of Master of Ceremonies with the aid of his “Magic Spinning Microphone”. One outstanding point of the speech was the thanks to everyone involved in the success of “Light up the Sky” earlier in October where the final total was £1800.00 raised from the NKG Fly in. So many members took part and contributed in different ways from flying to providing soup (thanks Ken) Auctioneer (Neil), Bucket Collection (Joyce, Gwen), Organisation (Enid, Mary, Flo), Displays (Selwyn, Dave and many others), nice video of the event (Micheal). Well, in fact, everyone who took part.

There was also a musical rendition from Gwen and Sally sung to the tune of 'Fly' heres the lyrics courtesy of Gwen:

Fly though your arms are aching
Fly though your spars keep breaking
Fly through the gales but hold on to your tails
If you fly frozen to your handles
Stand in mud to your ankles
You'll get a good wind by and by
If you just fly.

Fly though the ground is hard backed
Even the pegs won't stay staked
Although the loos not as close as you choose
You fly though your sunburns burning
Fly though the wind keeps turning
Your friends just shake their heads and sigh
But you just fly

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

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 a child is a person 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.

NKG Discounts

Thanks to a very good year in 2007 the NKG committee has decided that rather than carry a large surplus of cash we would offer the membership a discount on items available from our various suppliers. Below you will find a list of available items together with the normal price. If you order the items you require by the 10th February 2008 we will then add up all the orders to determine how much discount we can give everyone from the available money, and we will then contact you with the final price including discount. *(Based upon No of members ordering, This offer only applies to each full member of the NKG)*

NKG Logo kite

If you missed out on the offer of an NKG diamond kite we have asked Karl Longbottom to do another run, this offer is only available to those who haven't already received a discounted kite. Price before discount is £45.00 subject to us receiving orders for a minimum of 10.

Contact John Welborn for details

NKG Banner

Hayley from Kitesup has kindly offered to print up some NKG banners for us, the sizes and prices are:
3.4m high banner, £130 + VAT & Delivery
(Including Pole and Ground Spike)
1.8m Micro banner, £35 + VAT & Delivery
(Including Pole and Ground Spike)

Contact Dazzz for details



Karl Longbottom Falcon

This is a new kite for 2008 by Karl Longbottom. Karl has mentioned that this kite may be unsuitable for beginners as it requires some skill to fly.

Price before discount £65.00

Contact Dazzz for details



NKG Clothing

On the opposite page is a list of the standard items of clothing available for NKG members, other colours and other items of clothing are also available but you will need to contact Enid for details and prices. *(Please note that these prices may have increased slightly but we will adjust the discount accordingly if that is the case.)*

Contact Enid for details

New items in the NKG Kite Library

New library items

'K2' Sports kite from German manufacturer Kitecraft.

This is a smaller trickier version of the K1 (see other library thread). It does not retain the same precision as the K1 but is more trick orientated. It is in very good condition.

The 'K1' Sports kite from German manufacturer Kitecraft.

A quality trick kite in good condition but some minor repair to the nose webbing. Excellent for learning trick based manoeuvres. Tricking wind range from 4 - 12 mph

Didakites 'Vertical' Sports kite.

Trick / sports kite that's very good for learning some intermediate to advanced moves on.

'The Kiteflier' magazine - issue numbers 86~99.

This is the 'Newsletter' of the Kite Society of Great Britain. An informative collection of articles. Also contains pictures and plans.

2 X Medium sized kite arches.

Condition to be confirmed. Varied colours. Made by the group a number of years ago, this item is currently being dusted off and will be available to borrow from the library in the next few days. Many thanks to all those who have made it available for everyone to use.

Please be aware kite arches can produce a considerable amount of pull - so should be flown by experienced members. If you need help just ask and we will all try to assist.

A large Kite arch

Please read carefully - Known affectionately as the 'Don and Di' kite arch. Approx 150 kites long of many varied colours - this magnificent arch has three or four small repair jobs that need doing, so ideally, the first person to borrow it would be able to fix the few kites in the arch that need fixing (pocket repairs and new small tails). It does not come with any devices to anchor it down.

Please note - an arch of this size can produce a considerable amount of 'pull' and should be flown by experienced fliers only!

Anyone wishing to borrow it who is unsure of how to handle this item please ask for help and advice first and we will all try to help out.

NKG Kite Library Rules

You **must** be a paid member of the NKG to use this facility. Requests from non-members or those whose membership has expired will not be accepted. If you break or lose an item you agree to replace it or have it repaired to its previous condition as when you received it.

The first post in each thread will contain details of the item, and the current borrower and the date they received the item (more or less.)

You should post requests for the item in the appropriate thread. The item will be sent to each person in turn in the order they appear in the thread. Requests will be pruned from the top when they are filled.

Chatter will be removed from the threads to keep them clear. No other posts may be made in this section of the library. Please post reviews, questions etc. in the appropriate section of the forum.

Items may be held for a month and then must be sent to the next person in the 'requests list'. If there are no further requests then you may keep the item until someone does request it. You can hold up to 2 items from the library at any time but please don't request a 3rd item before discussing it with the librarian (currently me) as this reduces availability for other members.

Items can be requested more than once but if multiple requests are made then priority will be given to those requesting the item for the first time.

You are not allowed to pass the item to anyone else without them requesting it on this library forum - that way we can keep track of things. The only exception to this rule is for those members without internet access who want to request things via the magazine - if they want to request anything they must do so in writing to the Editor of the magazine and their contact details must be included in the mag. The mag is a quarterly publication which means people may be deprived of accessing library items if that person is anonymous - details will then be posted on their behalf onto the relevant thread.

The deal is you agree by the above rules and pay for the packaging & postage to the person who requests the item next (or arrange a suitable handover venue such as a fly-in). Apart from that it's free.

If you use the Library then you are agreeing to abide by these rules - that way we will all get to share in people's kind donations to the club.

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"	
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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"	XXXL 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"	
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Waterproof Reversible Jacket (Result) £28.00

Chest Size	S 38"	M 41"	L 44"	XL 47"	XXL 50"	XXXL 53"	
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Please contact Enid if there are any other colours or other items you wish to order with the NKG Logo

Kite Arch

Thanks to the generosity of one of our members, the NKG is now the proud possessor of a very colourful kite arch, one hundred and fifty kites long. Some of our members will have seen the display the arch has to offer, whilst flying at Otterspool during the Children In Need fly-in, on Saturday 27th October.

The arch was originally made for Mr Don Norman, an NKG member of long standing, by Helen House of 'Raindrops', a kite making organisation which could be found trading at kite festivals, up and down the country.

Sadly Don passed away in November of last year, as reported in the winter edition of 'The Kite'. Diana, the surviving member of the Don and DI kite flying duo has kindly donated the arch to the Group, in his memory. It would therefore, be appropriate to refer to the arch as 'The Don and Di Arch'.

The arch has now become an item available, on loan, from the NKG library. Details on how to take advantage of the many items now available from the library were well publicised on page 18 of the spring edition of 'The Kite', in short ...contact Neil Edwards.



The arch is not something you would wish to fly at your own personal fly-ins, but will act as an additional 'eye catcher' at festivals ... or if any of our members are invited to attend a local fete or other charity fund raising events. It has its own carrying/storage bag but requires the use of At Least two screw/in dog stakes in firm ground. Remember, even though small, 150 vibrating kites can generate quite a pull.

Also available for loan is the NKG play sail, a colourful item made up of 42 square metres of ripstop nylon and emblazoned with the NKG Logo. This is another 'eye catching' item to be used at those 'special events'. It comes in its own carrying bag, (about the size of a kit bag). It requires at least two kite flyers (one on each side of the sail) to launch and to keep it flying. When flying it, remember that most kites require to be held at a certain 'angle of attack' into the wind, to keep them airborne. The sail can be flown by a team of four flyers, providing that there is good 'team work' (requires practice) between the flyers.

Jackcee

Over the past few months Karl Longbottom has been working on a range of new kites for the new year.

Football Shorts/Boxer Shorts

Following on from the international success of the fighting pants and continuing the flying clothing theme, the Football shorts were first unveiled at the Penallta Kite Festival. Boxer shorts with button fly detail are available in more tasteful underwear colours. Although both designs are based on the popular pants they do not have the same fighting characteristics, they are stable single line fliers. Either style is available in your choice of colours.

1000mm span by 600mm high
Price £45.00



Swan

The prototype was seen at OSOW in October, a larger version was designed initially to be made at a WHKF kite workshop; a very attractive white kite with orange/yellow and black detailing, it is a steady flier in low winds. Available in Whooper or Mute varieties.

2080mm span by 1220mm high
Price £85.00



Falcon

Another bird kite whose prototype was first seen at OSOW, made from Icarex & carbon fibre it is a light/medium wind flier. This is in the same vein as the Red Kite but smaller and with stiffer sparing which gives a good performance in stronger winds. Being a high aspect ratio, it flies at a high angle and shouldn't be flown by anybody who suffers with a stiff neck. (See page 6 for picture)

1500mm span by 450mm high
Price £65.00

Karl is still producing all the kites from his website as well as the Angel kites which have yet to make it into electronic format. Also available are large and Jumbo versions of the Delta Sled. These are both stable, high performers with plenty of lift, suitable for lofting aerials, cameras, or just lots of line. Commissions are still being undertaken, recent examples are Genkis with lots of appliqué, a host of Diamond Kites for a well known kite club and a Kranki.

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