

Welcome to a short bulletin version of the NKG newsletter. Unfortunately I have been unable to attend many events this year and this has also affected the production of a full summer newsletter, I've tried to fit in all the important news here and will be looking to put out a newsletter towards the end of October with any other news and write-ups that get sent in including those kindly already done by Big Bri which really need some photos to do them justice.

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## Chairmans Report

Most of you will know already that Enid resigned at the Beacon Park Festival .

She is still having health problems and was unable to continue. I am happy to help out until the AGM so that Enid can take a rest from the committee but still engage in the social aspects of our Group .

The Group's development over the last five years has been down to her and nobody knows more than me how hard she has worked, especially on the Beacon Park and Chester Festivals. However many members do not see the work going on in the background to keep the Group successful. She has been particularly good at this and I wish to thank her on your behalf for all her hard work .

The future of the Group depends not only on its members but also on having a committee that works well together.

I decided to resign as Secretary in January and therefore I will not be standing for election as Chairman at the AGM . We will need to have a new person to take over by then and soundings are being made now.

Our own little rocker will still be with us attending events , engaging in social chit chat and enjoying herself , whizzing around on her oxygen powered buggy. ( If Roger will get off it and let her have a go now and again.) We all wish her a well deserved and relaxing retirement.

What a tremendous show everyone put on at Beacon Park despite the rain and the gusty winds. Gene and Margaret dropped teddies , Sky Artists worked hard to put up a great show and the Revs team demonstrated tremendous skill doing their display in very gusty winds. Some of us engaged in Marquee catching, the least said of that the better. I have never seen a marquee fully erected but upside down before.

The auction and altitude sprint competitions were postponed until Chester, please pray for good weather for that week end.

Mark, Marie, Zoe and I attended Silloth for the first time this year and what an exciting time we had. Zoe spent the weekend in the paddling pool , Marie went in all the Charity shops whilst Mark and I managed to get our big biplane to fly properly. We were rewarded by a fabulous photograph of it in the Cumberland News.

Sky Artists put on a great display . Gene and Margaret not only dropped teddies but managed to run a kite workshop all weekend as well. Teamfouration gave an excellent display of Revolution flying , they get better every time I see them.

The organisers were generous to us and we attended shows and had subsidised meals in the Golf Hotel. Our Thanks go to Peter Gilmour

Happy Flying and may the wind be more than not enough and a bit less than too much.

John Welborn  
Acting Chairman

## Welcome to New Members

David Thompson, Susan Thompson, Leonard Kerridge, Fiona McDonald Rushton, Paul Rushton, Douglas Waites, Janet Waites, John Luke, David Blewitt, Sonia Stockdale, Keith Blewitt, David Hardy, Ann Hardy, Natalie Hard, Ian Robertson, Keith Paterson

## NKG Fly-ins 2009 - 2010

### 2009

19/20	Sep	Chester
11	Oct	Otterspool/Pontefract OSOW
17	Oct	Otterspool LUTS (Date corrected)
15	Nov	Beacon/Roundhay
13	Dec	Otterspool/Stainland Xmas Fly-in

### 2010

17	Jan	AGM Oldham
21	Feb	New Brighton/Pontefract
21	Mar	Roundhay

Directions and maps can be found at  
<http://www.nkg.org.uk/sites.htm>

## Other Kite Events

12/13	Sep	Bristol International Kite Festival
27	Sep	Wakefield
3/4	Oct	Bolton Abbey

More details at <http://www.kitecalendar.co.uk/>

## Taylor Park Kite Festival 4th October 2009

A small regular event that the NKG are asked to attend is taking place once again.

The club does receive a fee for this one so it would be nice if folks can turn up for it.

The entrance is Grosvenor Rd which is off Prescot Rd [A58] St Helens WA10 3HX

Gates are open at 10:30am by the rangers and they've asked for no car movements after 12 o'clock please.

## Thank You

Can you put in the next magazine a big "Thank You" from me. It was my 50th this year and some of the kite group put towards a surprise birthday cake.

It should have been given to me at Silloth where Jimmy Potts had arranged Luther van Dross to sing "Happy Birthday". Unfortunately the car blew up! Neil said it was due to age and pulling the van but I think it was the weight of all the kites.

At Woodvale I was blindfolded by Jim and brought to a gathering of all the kiterers(I thought the NKG had started arranging some adult games after a fly in!)  
The cake was presented and everyone sang Happy Birthday.

Many Thanks again it was much appreciated and after a fabulous weekend that was the "icing on the cake"!

Lindsey (Neils other half)

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## Woodvale 2009 news

Hi All

Just got back from Woodvale, this am, the organisers asked me to pass on to all those who attended their thanks for a fantastic display. This year records were broken by the attending public and much good feedback was received.

Quote: " Please will you all return next year and put the dates in your diary which is 7th/8th August 2010."

From my point of view and following complaints in previous years about lack of room to fly and noise from the fair, car boot etc, I asked for a larger space. At first I was a bit concerned that our flying area was quite a distance from the main attractions. However from the feedback I received I hope you enjoyed the extra space and quieter location. I found the free bus service great.

Unless there are any strong objections I propose we do the same next year.

Finally many thanks to those who arrived early on Friday to assist with erecting the arena and those who dismantled it on Sunday.

Well done all.

Regards  
Jim & Vanessa

## NKG Photo Competition

This has now been cancelled due to lack of entries

## Chester Kite Festival 2009

Here we are again getting towards the end of the season. All is arranged for this event. Usual format for those who have been before. For those who have not this is a beautiful location, camped on the edge of the river Dee on the flying site at the Roodee racecourse within walking distance of the historic Chester city centre.

Free camping Friday 10am to Monday 12 noon. Water and toilet. Full program with commentary by Dave Holt.

This is a NKG event for which the club receives a generous contribution to club funds and therefore your club needs your attendance and support once again please. We will also be holding the Altitude Sprints for the club cups and the auction that didnt happen at beacon, so anyone who can bring a gazebo or other cover for this, it would be a great help.

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## Wakefield Kite Festival 27th September 2009

The event is due to start at 12 until 4pm.

We advise you get there by 11am at the latest if you want to park up near the arena as the road will be closed to traffic after that. Theres usually an ice cream van at the very least, the pub does good food as well and there is an outside toilet at the pub which is available. Just remember it is September and it can get a bit chilly.

This is a paid event for the club, so the more that can make it the merrier it shall be I hope  
Near Wakefield. W.Yorks. Junc. 40 on M1 then A638 through Wakefield Site near junction with A655

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## One Sky One World (OSOW) [www.osow.org.uk](http://www.osow.org.uk)

Sunday 11th October 2007 at Pontefract and Otterspool

From the OSOW website:-

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

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

Don't forget to count how many you fly and let us know at the end of the day so we can add them all up and send the results to the OSOW website.

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## Driffield Kite Festival 2009

Before I start my Driffield write up. Can I first remind people to try and make some efforts to fill your mag, try and interact in words here or on the forum, enter the comps or quiz. The facts are that if the same few people stop bothering. Then we will lose a part of our club we all enjoy. Even if its just a little joke, a picture, a reminder, anything that involves you, helps others and joins us all in our sport and Hobby.

Just got my mag and realised Im also guilty. Rant Over... lol.

Have to say I so much enjoyed reading about Tony Slater in the mag. Only met him briefly once, but Dave Greens piece was very nice to read. Glad you made the effort Dave.

### DRIFFIELD

Well, it seemed to be a long winter this year to me on Ainsdale beach practicing with the other Chaps and I was certainly looking forward to a good festival. Driffield was the first one I had my sights on in the UK and had been preping the Caravan for weeks. Checking the kites for longer. Eventually the day arrived.

We set off on a sunny Friday morning around 10.30am heading for the M61 at Bolton Reebok stadium from our home in Wigan, which then links the M62.

The M62 Motorway is no stranger these days to me or my family. Weve traveled to a few festivals and events in recent years up the hectic route. It isn't long before anticipation kicks in and the scenery starts widening just after Oldham and Bury turn offs. We pass way points like old friends as we coast along in the sunshine at a steady 55 mph, Bluebirds singing, gods country all around and not a care in the world. All is well, UNTIL,,,, Its there, WELCOME TO YORKSHIRE and that Dam White Rose sign. Its little known that the M62 is the Highest Motorway in England and the best thing from Yorkshire is the road back into Lancashire, Of course I jest. Yorkshire is a lovely place, full of History, Vast open spaces, Natural beauty at its best, and..... Yorkshiremen...lol

We met Wigsleys Wings at a service station near the end of the M62. We must be getting close now. Just a 30 mile stretch and Jobs a goodun. Its a nice run from the Motorway through to Driffield. I chose to avoid York and swing around it. It was good to see Advertising Boards and markers out for the Festival some 20 miles away. Sorta gets ya all tingly when you see them. Even the Mrs was getting excited and Deb had come straight off a night shift with very little sleep or rest. [Usually a grumpy Bird]

We turned the last roundabout and the sat nav said we where almost there. The site looked Huge from 500 yds away and was quite a hive of activity as we drew into the main carpark. The sign posting was superb and thanks Margret and Gene for the Postcode, it was spot on. Not a wrong turn taken and its bang on 13.58pm..

There where already a good ten or so familiar faces with their Caravans steady down. A welcoming warm smile from our pals Neil and Lyndsey, Potts fishing in the Trout River, Vanessa feeding the ducklings, Neil points a nice pitch out and Lyndsey fusses over the Kids, were in like flint. Forty mins later, Im flying with a brew in my hand... KEWL.

The rest of the day is spent chatting and just relaxing among some great people and its hard for a Lancastrian to say. A really nice part of the Universe is Driffield. Yeh the site could be bigger [as always], theres a pole straight in front of Peters Bindons Familys flying spot. The trees could be a problem if the winds that way, but basically. Weve had much worse spots and Im pressed to think of one or two that are truly better. The small, fast flowing River just 4ft from our Caravans has Trout in it, Mallards on it, Swans swimming in it, Potts Fishing for his supper in it. Trees over hang the river and the banks are full of wildlife, water voles and ducklings and the dreaded MIDGE.. The sight fills with a mix of familiar faces and some unfamiliar ones to. I spotted Phil Howdens new Camper [kon tiki Phil] carrying a Ladder of all things around.

Not everyone pitched here are kite flyers. What the heck, its a free country and the caravan next to me are British Hart Foundation Charity Helpers. Nice people to.. They moved up a little without any problem to make room for GOD,,,, The Bleasdale family and our new CLUB GURU DAVE B. Who arrived Saturday a little late, due to a Mr MAGOO MOMENT and a senior moment also. [No m.o.t. on him or his car]

Saturday doesnt quite bring the weather promised by the Best Guessers at the BBC. A great chance to look around at the displays and tents that are in quite a number now. The Farmers Market was good. A little Expensive, but quality is the word for the vast amount of goods on sale. Fish, Cheeses, Eggs from all

manner of Birds, Beer and Ales from all parts of the country. My favourite, PIES N CAKES. The facilities in general are good, Toilets blocks are large and theres three blocks. The showers need a little DISTEMPER [immulsion for the under fiftys]. The tents and Marques contain a wide range of fare, but other than Tony and maries tent [GO KITES], and SKY BUMS [Paul]. Don't these people also work hard doing a great service to everyone [ta very much kind people]. I didnt really get time to investigate the site further. Im sure the Mrs will fill my shoes with the kids on that score. I again Spotted Phil Howden [Kon tiki Phil] with a ladder again at the far side of the field going to and fro. Wondered what he was up to. I Spent from Dinner onwards in very low winds flying anything and everything. I think Neil Edwards was trying for a world record he had so many kites up or pegged out. Went to bed quite giddy about Sunday and what was instore. Several fishing rods in the River QUAW,,,NO SUPPER YET.

Sunday I woke earlier than ever. Still dark at 5am. The sound of rain on the Caravan roof and not Birds made my heart sink. The loud whirling sound around 5.45am of a dualline kite being flown in an obvious high wind must have woke the dead along with the majority of campers. I didnt have my pee shooter with me or I would have shot him a broadside and silenced the morning. He soon got fed up, soaked, or the kite exploded in the now gusting 20 mph winds.

The weather settled a little, but the wind was up and the sky's a little grey as Phil Howden voice rang across the field with a warm welcome of,,, hello Bri. Keith and Denis I spotted setting up. Potts was in position. Peter B had kites at the ready with the family all set. Wigsleys had staked a Landrover of Dougies to the deck and produced a MONSTER Inflatable Cat. Jock had a Sailor flying from a line that looked like chains and an Anchor. We soon had a backdrop of Top Notch Flyers and kites filling the sky's as the Crowds started to swell into the public area I then was informed the Lancaster Bomber had been grounded due to the high winds. Shame, I so wanted to see bombers over Yorkshire [lol]

I did visit the boot sale earlier that morning., but could find owt for a penny and worth a pound. The daughter could have spent a years worth of MPs expense claims in the first row on twicers and junk, typical woman. Phil again wandering around with a step ladder in the distance caught my eye.. What is he up to with that ladder

I joined Richard a new NKG Member flying his Quad and Simon another new NKG Member also. Dave B joined us and son Mike. Soon we set about our warm up stuff. We flew for about an hour and Kev, another NKG New Member arrived and he jumped straight in with us. The winds were a little Mad at times and I for one had to re frame my Revolution kite. Someone mentioned the larger stuff and it breaking free. Fair comment as the big stuff was at the rear of us, but I reassured him that these guys are good and know what there doing. It never became a problem at all. In fact, everyone just found there spot and did a real professional job. My son Henry had a ball flying Jims long snake dualiner. The crowds where quite large now and we had quite a few folk in our little corner hypnotised by our shapes and moves with the Revs We did some showboating for a while also. Played chaseing people with the Revs. Mainly younger children. The WAWS N WOOS are great from none kite folk. I had many people thank us for all our efforts and all the displays on the field and some kite flyers. Tent and stall owners to congratulated us all.. The winds did ease a little around 4pm and dropped to a breath before Bed. Even John and Gina had some trouble with the fighter kites, Gina had a dodgy kite I reckon. It wouldnt do what it was told at all.

Phil still had that ladder under his arm,,,, why I wonder  
In summary, a great days flying by all. Met some new people and flew with some old friends. Which is great. I can honestly say. I walked out my Caravan at 7am and didnt return gone 9pm. Personally I had a ball with the Revolution kite as always. I need no encouragement, I luv it. I think the new guys did a sterling job. They maybe new to arena flying but they've put some big efforts in over a cold winter at Ainsdale practicing, in all weathers and it all came good.

We all ended the day quite chuffed and proud to be part of a really good, well organised event. The big kites had certainly done a brilliant job in some really tricky winds at times.

Yeh, a great day and weekend. Highly recommended. We all can pat ourselves on the back, as we did our sport no end of good and ourselves proud. Entertained folk all day long with no problems or issues. Monday, I left at 9am. My good Lady was working later that day. I was sad to leave, but from a Rev flyers point of view. Im very glad I made the trip over. Hopefully we can do a full program next year as Rev flyers if we are invited. Last but not least, Jim only caught a cold from the River and what did Phil [kon tiki] have that ladder for all weekend.... HE Used to be a Fireman...

Brian Williamson

## Light Up The Sky 2009

The annual LUTS ( Light up The Sky for Children In Need ) event takes place at Otterspool Prom on Saturday 17th October from 12 midday until dark..

Soup, sandwiches and hot drinks will be available throughout the day. As this is the NKG's only annual charity event, we would be really grateful for as much support from members as possible, primarily by attending the event itself and by donations/sponsorships and not forgetting items for the auction. As the public are not officially invited on this occasion (too much red tape and at too much a cost) we depend on word of mouth to friends and relatives as well as people who drop by.

Most of the money raised is by auction and sponsorship and the majority of this from a small number of NKG members. We therefore appeal to the wider membership of the NKG to support this charity and either be involved or by sending a small donation to Children in Need, c/o Mary Jones the NKG Treasurer.

Sponsorship forms can be obtained by downloading from the BBC 'Children in Need' site, You can of course organise your own Light up the Sky, locally, to raise sponsorship.

Gwen

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## Kites for Sale

Most of these kites are from the late George McGowan's collection and the money raised will go into a trust fund set up by George for his Autistic grandson. George was a skilled 'hobby' kite maker and flier with North East Kite Fliers. I have now added a few of my own kites and accessories into this sale: E-mail pics are available on most of the kites;

- 1- Newcastle United Crest 'full size stunter: (£15) based on the Flexifoil 'Impulse'.
- 2- \_ size Newcastle United Crest \_ sized stunters: (£10 each) Based on the 'Impulse'
- 1- Extended Wing Cody; Pink with 'Peace Dove' logo; fully spared and ready to fly (£25)
- 1- Mega Delta; Red, White & Blue; (£35)
- 2- 8 foot Flexifoil's; (£20 each) (Handles & Lines can be supplied £5 per set)
- 5- Matched stunters suitable for 'Macho' flying in train (£10 each or £40 for the 5)
- 2- Full sized, 'Imp' Stunter. (Based on the original "Impulse Kite". (£10 each)
- 2-Small Waldorf Style star boxes. (£8 each)
- 2- Large White Birds; Seagull type; (£4 each)
- 1- Large Red Bird; (£4)
- 1- Medium Delta; (£5)
- 1- Yellow & Black box; (£8)
- 1- Large flat 'Spitfire' kite; (£15) based on the original 'Target' kite.
- 1-Jewel kite from Charlie Charlton's design; (£10)
- 1= large Purple 'Peace' Rokkaku. Flown by Princess Anne! (£20)
- 2- Commercially made by Flexifoil, 'Scorpion' stunters (£ 15 each)
- 1- 'Blaydon Racer' 2 line Parafoil stunter; (£10) similar to the 'Blade runner'.
- 1-Small 2 line soft 'Parafoil' stunter; (£2)
- 3- Small Parafoils; (£3 each)
- 3- Medium sized Deltas (£2 each)
- 10- Line Junk Toy Soldiers 1 metre long; (£10)
- 50 metres of 500 lbs line, decorated with multi coloured pennants; (£6)
- Aluminium arrow shafts (Ideal for kite spars) 10p each; (50 available)

NB: All items are sold 'As Seen':

For more details: Contact:  
Harry Peart on 01325 284077: or e-mail: peart60@btinternet.com

## Bolton Abbey Kite Festival 2009

This is the official invitation for the Northern Kite Group to come and join us at Bolton Abbey Estate on the weekend of 3rd & 4th October for the second Bolton Abbey Kite Festival.

We are hoping for good weather like last year, and have extended the event to two days, with free camping for official kitefliers from the Friday evening. Make sure everyone has their club cards. Camping is in the same place as last year, but this is not on the flying area, just a short walk away (but not suitable for humping huge kite bags). We hope to have drop off arrangements in place and possible preferential parking for some fliers. We hope to have at least a couple of traders there, and are trying to arrange a small get-together for the Saturday evening.

Bolton Abbey Estate is owned by the Chatsworth Settlement Trustees and is the Yorkshire home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, of Chatsworth, so there is a bit of a connection to Derbyshire, but do bear in mind it's nowhere near Bolton in Lancashire. The site we use to fly is along the River Wharfe, with the Priory ruins in the background; a more picturesque venue I doubt you could find.

There will be a few changes from last year, including increasing the amount of space given over to the fliers, and more to encourage the public to come and fly too.

As we discussed some time ago, we are trying to arrange flying without barriers to draw the public into our wonderful sport, but some things like the teddy dropping will need some kind of enclosure, at least for the rigs. If any of your Members have any particular issues, please let me know and we'll try to address them.

It would help if prospective campers, or fliers intending to bring particularly large or spectacular kites could make contact before the event so that we can gauge numbers and plan where to allocate flying space.

Apart from that, lets hope for a great weekend. See you there.

Regards,  
Alan Poxon.

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