



THE

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A Note from Your Chairman

Hello and welcome to the Spring 2014 NKG Newsletter.

Following the very wet weather of last year we do at least appear to be having a half decent Spring!

Our AGM took place on the 16th February and the group business was conducted as usual. There were some issues that will affect the membership and these were the change in the membership renewal deadline, which is now the 31st March and so has already passed and the non-renewal by our Insurer of the individual members Public Liability Insurance. So if you still haven't renewed then get your membership renewal in ASAP. Dave our Secretary will no doubt have something to say with regard to the Insurance issue.

The most important change for me at the AGM was that Gwen has stepped down from the Chairman's role and I have been elected to serve instead. I have nowhere near Gwen's experience either with the NKG or kite flying in general but I hope that I will be able to step up into her shoes and serve the NKG as well as she has. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gwen for all the help she has shown to me individually and I am sure everyone would like to join me in thanking her for her sterling work for the group.

For those who are perhaps wondering who or what I am then I would encourage you to say hello and have a chat whenever you should see me at the fly-ins or festivals in the year ahead.

Speaking of the year ahead, it is amazing how the ground has already firmed up and the wet and mud at Otterspool over the Winter is just a passing memory. So make the most of it and blow the cobwebs out of your kites.

The recent Crosby fly-in in March was very well attended but the wind was excessive at times. We have the St Annes, Roundhay and Otterspool fly-ins following along in April followed by the Western Lake District, Millom Kite Festival in early May. It would be good to meet up with as many of you as possible at these events!

Finally I am glad that Simon has stepped forward into the editor's role and I wish him every encouragement with his endeavours. He will of course need some assistance with this and we can all help by furnishing him with articles for inclusion in the magazine.

Len Royles. Chairman



Ted Iredale.
By Graham Lockwood

My first visit to a kite festival occurred in 1996 when along with John Spencer, an early member of the Northern Kite Group, we attended the Oldham Kite Festival. It was here that I first became acquainted with Ted Iredale and his friends Ray and Sheila Smith. If my memory serves me correctly I was in need of some help to repair one of my kites and Ted stepped in and rescued the day. This was the start of a great friendship. Ted and Ray lived in Elland only twenty minutes away from my home and they regularly practiced their flying techniques at the Stainland playing fields. This is where I learned to fly multiple kites. At this time Ted was experimenting with small two line kites constructed to resemble wasps with black and yellow striped bodies and sharp black sting for a tail. They flew around the sky at great speed with an annoyingly loud buzz .. great fun, and Ted and Ray were great fliers.

At that time I was just flying two kites simultaneously, when on one of our Stainland gatherings he said "If you try a bit harder you can fly three" and lent me his belt to tie the third kite lines to the rest is history!

In those days Ted was friends with the up and coming kite designer Tim Benson and one day arrived at Stainland with a new two lined kite "look at this" he said, " Tim has just thrown it in the bin ... he said I could have it" quickly producing a bright orange kite with black tiger stripes. "I'm going to call it 'Tiger Tim' " and Tiger Tim became a regular favourite at Stainland.

In those days technology was rather low key, spars and fittings were all home made, but Ted was a great innovator and some of the fittings that Ted used were quite remarkable. Many of his kites were in the style of flexifoils two lined power kites, and to facilitate the flexible rods that they used, Ted studied how to make split cane fishing rods, a very skilful and time-consuming process. Their construction involves six triangular tapering pieces of cane, all glued together to form a tapering hexagon rod about two metres long. Each of the six triangular pieces had a large section at one end approx' 5mm tapering down to approx' 2mm. Now when you think about that, that's a tricky bit of craftsmanship.

One day Ted, while flying high into the sun, complained that he had been affected by the sun's rays and had a problem with a dark spot in one of his eyes. Over a period of time this spot gradually increased until his vision became impaired in both eyes and eventually Ted totally lost his sight, but this did not stop him flying his kites, he still loved to feel the wind pulling at the kite line and went out regularly to fly. Ted even tried to fly his two sports kites, but as he told me, "When you can't see the ground, it's not going to work!"

We visited Ted and his wife Jean many times and I was full of admiration for his determination to lead a full life. He would take himself off into the village for a meal at his favourite café and they would give him his pensioners' special explaining to him the layout, potatoes and veg on the left, meat on the right. One day his plate was too close to the edge of the table and Ted ended up with his meal in his lap. Ever since then they supplied him with a non-slip rubber tablemat.

Ted was taken up with Braille and borrowed a Braille typewriter but could only keep it a certain length of time before it had to be returned, so I made him a Braille keyboard so that he could practice his finger work. He also went along to play bingo at the local community meeting, having his own personal board so that he could remember the layout of the numbers and cover them over with bottle tops. Unfortunately he would get excited at a winning line and the board would go flying, sending the bottle tops all over the room. This was soon remedied when I made him his own pegboard with numbers raised up in Braille and a row of pegs in holes ready to fill in the appropriate numbers.

Ted loved to sit and listen to his music and on each visit I would introduce him to a new musical artist in the form of a CD that I would put together for him, alas even this pleasure was taken from him as eventually his hearing, like his sight slipped away from him.

Ted was a great advocate for Kite Flying and many of the older club members will have fond memories of him, as do myself, Marina and daughter Nichola who spent many happy hours flying with Ted, Ray and Sheila at Stainland.

Graham Lockwood.



Mark Jones's Adventures in sewing.

This Winter has seen Mark pickup a sewing machine for the first time.

He has managed to produce two very large bolls and the bag to store them in.





Dot Mansley
Hi All

Out flying my kites on Sunday 23/3/14 down at Otterspool. I was flying my Wallace and Gromit kite. It created a lot of interest to the public passing by. It was a cold, blustery day, I had wrapped up warm against the elements which we are all so used to. We are a hardy bunch us Otterspool crowd!

Later on in the day, wait for it. We all do an oooops! at sometime in our kiting lives. There's nobody out there getting away with

it... especially if folks have their cameras with them!

Well I did a BIG OOOOOPS! on the field. I decided to fly my Orange Octopus kite.

Not thinking too much about what I was doing and wasn't aware of how much line I had let out...Apparently flying it over the cars in the car park and then "pus" suddenly decided to land in a tree! I couldn't help but laugh. The whole field was totally empty. A friend pointed out to me. Maybe he's not such a good friend after all!



Anyway, the kite was saved after about an hour, I dare say I will not hear the last of this for some considerable time to



come in the future. AAAAAHHHHHHH that's kiting for you!

It's all about meeting up with friends and having a happy time together. It doesn't matter if you make a fool of yourself....I do that on a weekly basis! Everyone knows that! We have a great laugh!

Best wishes to you all. See you all on the kite field somewhere!



A letter from the Editor

How can I explain to everyone why this edition is so late?

The reason is because of all the problems this year that I have had to work through. From a major leak in the caravan, to a problem with the cars MOT. Along with preparing for a full rewire at home, and adding large dollops of poorly cats and a house infested with Mason Bees.

These are just a few of the things I have had to contend with and it is only May.

I have also been job hunting with little success, and working thirteen out of fourteen days per fortnight. Basically I have just taken too much on.

It is to escape these sorts of problems that I enjoy flying kites of all shapes and sizes, I don't manage to get out as often as I would like because the real world keeps dragging me back kicking and screaming all the way.

I hope everyone has a great year this year and I look forward to meeting up with you all when and where I can.

Best Regards

Simon Cooper

A Letter from Peter Hartt

I'm a new member but not new to kites. I first flew a kite for the very first time when in my thirties at a festival in Heaton Park Manchester. A small one – I was hooked! So relaxing. That was in the early 1990s.

Since then on and off I have bought and flown a variety of kites, on holiday mainly, only occasionally during the year. We went to a few festivals: Bristol for several years, Shrewsbury and a particularly windless day in Scunthorpe.

My kites have always been simple, single line. I have a delta, lots of small kites in the car boot and my new Cody, which I have not quite mastered.

Joining NKG followed on from seeing the Facebook group page.

I have had a warm welcome, support and advice from club members (thanks especially to Jim Potts).

Everybody else's skills seems to be in the Premiership while I am in the Championship . Plus they are really splendid kites you all have!

My simple everyday kite (Eddy) gives so much pleasure which is what it's all about.

Looking forward to the events in 2014 and building up confidence.

I like it that kite flying is international, across many cultures and throughout history and that is recognised in our Club today.





To commemorate the centenary of the Great War, Jock Walker has dedicated his latest creation to armed forces personnel.

Made from 8.5ft of ripstop nylon, and taking around six weeks to make.

It is emblazoned with pictures of three medals awarded to his father, John Walker, and uncle, Bob Cruickshanks, for their service during the conflict.

It also includes the message 'honouring those who served', as a tribute to all soldiers who fought in the war.



A letter from Patrick May

We are back again for the 3rd year after last year's brilliant event. All fliers are welcome to attend the St. Annes Kite Festival on the 26th and 27th July from 11am-5pm on the beach next to the pier. 2013 was a tremendous success and a big thank you goes out to all who attended. We made a big impression so we hope as many fliers as possible will attend again this year.

The beach is a great place to fly and the locals and tourists really do appreciate us. Kite buggying is also now allowed on the beach.

Thanks to the numbers from last year we have secured extra funding from the council for the next two years. So this year we have a bigger area, toilets for kite fliers on the beach and a designated display arena for those wanting to show off their 2 and 4 line skills.

All fliers who attend will have a contribution made to travelling costs based on their distance travelled. There is a free evening meal, live band and kite auction at St. Annes Cricket Club with money raised being shared with a local charity providing disabled children with swimming lessons. The cricket club (1.5 miles away) are also providing caravan and camper van space for free, but numbers are filling quickly.

Please email me to reserve a place. Regatta clothing company have sponsored us this year with 50 waterproof jackets and these will be handed out at the fliers briefing at 10:30. Last year we were blessed with lovely weather so I have sold my soul again this year. Hope to see as many of you all soon on a beach or in a field. Here's to miles of smiles and a great summer ahead.

If you are thinking of attending please let me know or for any more info contact Craig Harby, Dave Holt or me Pat May on 07752310840 or email at patmay8@hotmail.com

NKG Photo Competition

I always felt that it was a shame the NKG stopped running the photo competition which is why I plan to re-launch the event. One of my other hobbies used to be photography, in the good old days of 35mm film cameras. In those days genuine skill and patience were needed to get competition worthy results. In the modern digital age your more likely to need advanced computer drawing skills than a keen eye and this has upset many purists. I have always felt that a good image should stand up on its own and kites can be difficult to photograph well.



All images must be submitted before the Autumn Edition is released.

Rules

- 1) Please only submit your own work. Proof of ownership needs to be established (ideal proof would be the camera settings used from the original photo shutter speed and aperture)
- 2) Digitally re-mastering an image is allowed whether that's just cropping an image or adding filters all the way to redrawing the image, anything goes.
- 3) Please submit both the original image and the finished piece including a title. You can enter as many times as you like within reason.

4) Judging

The judges will be everyone who enters the competition.

Those who enter will be asked for their top three favourite images, not in any order just top three favourites. Your own work will automatically be given a point so you are voting on other peoples work. The scores will be compiled and the winners will be the ones with the most votes.

5) Prizes

Suitable prizes will be given out at the NKG AGM

- 6) By entering you agree that your image will appear in the NKG magazine in any format that the magazine should be archived in, and re printed in future magazines at the editors discretion but must always give credit to the artist.



Sue Storey The Making of my Yorkshire Flowform 16

After seeing some Flowform 16s flying at KAPiFrance125, I thought I'd make one.

I decided to have a Yorkshire rose on and found that the one on the flag I'd bought was just the right size. I tested a number of permanent markers with water and then washed them with washing up liquid and found that one with no name on was the best!

I used this one to draw the rose on to both sides of white ripstop using the flag as a guide. The sepals are green marker but the black and yellow centre is applique. I extended the centre up the keel in the marker so it looks complete in flight and the rose shows up well. I had enough Royal blue ripstop for the lower sail and sides and sent for some more white from GoKites in UK.
Tel 00441670364789

The kite was cut out from a H Prinzler FF03 pattern kindly lent to me by Dave Mitchell. At 42" wide it seems to be 6" wider than the FF16 so I think it's possibly a FF18/19 ish.

I also decided to applique "Fly High" on to the sides, testing out the size on various different size papers. The letters were spaced out and glued together then a long piece of white ripstop was drawn on in dressmakers washable blue ink and sewn on 'back to front' from the inside. I used the sewing machine foot at the edge of the letters so that they were fatter and then when it came to trim them from the outside, they were a bit fatter than the original. After cutting out the white top it looked blank so I decided to applique "Fly High" & "Sue" on it, to be seen by other KAPers and not many others. I used the Royal blue for the letters and made them a bit bigger than the ones on the side.

I was a bit worried about sewing it together but some of the following web sites were helpful in which order to do things and how to have all the seams on the inside. The bottom went OK but, reading about adding the top, the problem seemed to be that most of the kite would have to go through the small space on the sewing machine. However, because I started at the front left hand side - as viewed from the front - only the top had to go through the hole and this became smaller with each panel. The last cell encloses the kite rolled up inside it, you sew along the last seam and then pull it all out and you've got the kite finished! This is called a "Burrito roll".



I was very relieved that it went together a lot easier than I thought it was going to.

I started laying it out and cut the lower sail to shape on 2 February and finished sewing on 24th, bridled it late last night, 25th.

Today 26 February 2014 it had its first flight of about an hour. In all that time it never even tried to fly badly. About 1/4 hour later, after taking lots of photos on my phone, I decided it was reliable enough for KAP. I walked it down, attached the picavet rig and Pentax W90 and sent it up. The wind wasn't that steady in direction or strength so the rig bounced about quite a bit. I moved it further down the line which steadied it a bit but I couldn't go really high into cleaner wind as the flying site was upwind of Skidby windmill and the safety box / playing field was only paddock size.

There was a fair pull on the kite but I didn't have a scale or my wind meter with me. It was probably a greater pull than the Power Sled 24 - difficult to wind in but easy to walk down. The wind seemed to be about F 3-4. Of course, after I'd packed away, the wind seemed less!

I'm really pleased with the way it looks and the way it flies. I'm glad that it flies well (and knows which way is up) without a tail as I don't really like KAPing with one. It's one more thing to keep a look out for and there's enough to do without that.

Anyway. There's a great big smile on my face still. :-))

Fly High

Sue



The link to my ipernity webpage with all the photos of making it is here. <http://www.ipernity.com/doc/suestorey/album/616005>

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Meet Oscar the new addition to Smile Factor 10



since the years of Daley Thompson I have dreamt of being a world record holder and today we made giant steps in that direction... you may think I spend all my time on Facebook but let me tell you different... and introduce to you the toils of my winter gone...

Oscar, at 61ft 6" he's the tallest teddy bear in the world!





Dieppe International Kite Festival 2014
By Gwen Williams

Thinking of a late Summer holiday?
Consider putting Dieppe, France at the top of your list.

Combine your favourite hobby of kite flying, with sightseeing some of Normandy's charming coastline.

This section of the northern coast of France is easily accessed by ferry to Calais, le Havre or Dieppe itself, alternatively take your car, caravan/motor home via the Eurotunnel.

Dieppe is situated approximately 175 kilometres from Calais or 110 from

Le Havre, travelling on good roads, which are well signposted and never crowded. If you are not so keen on the drive, then consider joining the Alcester and Worcester Kite Fliers, who arrange a four day trip to the festival, hotel included.



Dieppe is a bustling and vibrant port and is host to a bi-annual International Kite Festival, which is in its 30th year.

Not only will you see some of the most inspiring and imaginative collections of kites with displays from over thirty countries from Canada to Cambodia but also entertainment which makes it a truly international festival.

The festival lasts nine days and is situated along the town's seafront, which stretches approximately half a mile.

The festival site is divided into a number of sections with

displays to suite all kite tastes as well as a unique section of wind art. A number of marquees with kite displays, entertainment, kite traders and restaurants are all part of this massive well-organised festival.

There is a good choice of accommodation to suite every need, from sea front hotels, a selection of hotel chains as well as an excellent campsite some three miles outside Dieppe. Motorhomes are allowed to park on a section of the promenade close to the festival, by arrangement with the festival organisers.





You may not want to spend every day at the festival so take this opportunity to enjoy Dieppe itself, including the exciting harbour area and town centre, both only a short walk from the seafront.

Take time out on Saturday and be blown away by the brilliant market, which sells everything under the sun from shellfish to shoes.

If you are fond of seafood Dieppe is the place to be with fresh daily catches and a large selection of restaurants with seafood as their speciality.

Why not visit the local museum and learn of Dieppe's wartime history, its evidence is still to be seen along the coast. No visit to Dieppe is complete without paying a visit to the Canadian Cemetery.

Along the Normandy coast and within easy reach of Dieppe is the picturesque port of Honfleur with its colourful harbour area. Nearer still is the seaside town of Fecamp with its Benedictine Abbey, known world wide for its liqueur.

A day out not to be missed is a visit to Rouen, don't bother taking your car, hop on the train at Dieppe and get off in Rouen centre.



While in Rouen don't forget to visit the Cathedral, the medieval streets, and of course the memorial to St Joan of Arc. Last but not least take time to sit and enjoy the river Seine which flows through the town.



To take part in the kite flying or simply to enjoy the facilities offered to fliers, download an application form and get yourself a pass.

The official website is:

www.dieppe-cerf-volant.org.

Gwen Williams.



Minutes of the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Northern Kite Group
Held on 16th February 2014 at The St Thomas's Church Hall, Moorside, Oldham

Present

Gwen Williams (Chairman), Dave Bleasdale (Secretary), Mary Jones (Treasurer),
Keith Proctor (Membership Secretary).

Tony Kidd, Rodney Burrows, Peter Hartt, Len Royles, Peter Leonard, Pam Evans,
Daryl Smith, Sally Humpage, Brenda & Alan Horrobin, Jan & John Whymark, Jock
& Peter Walker, Steve Ransom, Simon Cooper, Vanessa & Jim Potts, Lynn Bleas-
dale, Stuart Baldwin, Jennifer & Frank Hardman, David Holt, Mark Jones, John
Casson, John Welborn, David Stead & Bernard Crick.

(This is the list of members who signed in. The 32 present met the quorum re-
quired to
conduct business. Members who are under 18 are not counted in the determina-
tion of the quorum)

Apologies

Dot Mansley, Peter Heayns, Josh Mitcheson, Dave & Angela Green, Craig Harby,
Sue Kennedy, Pat & Jenny May Dorothy Ransom, Karen George, Carol Royles,
Ray & Beryl Black, Ray Smith & Sue Storey.

Previous Minutes

Minutes from the previous AGM were accepted as a true & accurate record.

Proposed: Daryl Smith Seconded: Frank Hardman

"The minutes were a true & accurate record of the 2013 AGM"

Passed: Unanimously

Chairman's Report

Gwen welcomed the members to the 11th AGM & followed with a report on the
group's activities over the past 12 months.

2013 had been a year of high winds with Millom, Beacon & Morecambe having to
be finish early on the Sunday due to the conditions. The membership had sup-
ported a large number of events including Harewood, Morecambe, Silloth, & St
Anne's, unfortunately the Autumn Glory event at Harewood was cancelled. We
already have a good number of events confirmed for the coming year.

Neil Edwards who took up position of editor this time last year has since stood
down due to poor support from the members, the position of editor is still vacant.
The group are often asked to support small events & Gwen asked if members
could let the committee know if they can support these events when details are
sent out. Gwen informed the members that she would not be standing for re-
election as chairman & thanked the members & committee for their support in the
past 4 years, and that she will continue to support the group at festivals & events.

Treasurers Report / Annual Accounts

Mary reviewed the accounts. The income from the membership fees just about
covered the cost of the groups insurance & that without income from festivals &
events the group would have lost money over the year. Due to a mix-up not
all the money raised at the Beacon auction was donated to Children in
Need. The committee had decided not to put up the membership fee as
agreed at last year's AGM due to the healthy state of the accounts & the
fact that members were not currently receiving a magazine.



Updates from Jim Potts & Dave Holt

Jim confirmed that there will be no Woodvale for the foreseeable future and a new event at Mansfield in July would not be going ahead. There will be no Festival at Harewood this year, there has been a change in staff and the new management currently have no interest in a kite festival. Jim confirmed the Western Lake District Kite Festival is on again this year.

Dave informed the members that Wirral Festival will not be going ahead again this year due to lack of funding. The good news is that the Morecambe event is on and it will be a 2 day event again. Dave also informed the members that St Anne's will be on again after last year's success & that the budget has actually been increased. This year the event is going to be linked with a music festival.

Members were encouraged to support all these events & Dave reminded the membership there is a donation to the group for attending & supporting the Morecambe event.

The secretary reminded the membership that the Western Lake District event is an event organised by the NKG and again urged members to support it.

Club Fly In List for 2014-2015
{see page 19 for details}

The acceptance of the list was
Proposed: Dave Holt Seconded: Mark Jones
Passed: Unanimously

Personal Public Liability Insurance:

The secretary told the members that we have been informed by Zurich Insurance that they will not be offering renewal of the insurance when it becomes due in July of this year. Some enquiries have already been made to find an alternative insurance company. It was agreed by all that the insurance was something that the group should be able to offer its members. The committee will continue to seek a new insurance company, & some good sources were discussed that are to be looked into. The Secretary told the members that the group insurance is unaffected by this change.

A brief reminder about safety whilst flying kites was given to the members.

Change to Constitution:

Currently membership renewal is due on 1st of March but members have until 31st May to renew until their membership is terminated. The committee felt that this was too long & the secretary suggested that the date be changed to 31st March.

Proposed: Frank Hardman Seconded: Daryl Smith

"Anyone who fails to renew their membership subscription before the 31st March, will be deemed to have terminated their membership"

Passed: Unanimously

Kite Workshop:

Gwen asked if there was any interest in a kite workshop, quite a few members registered an interest & Dave Holt offered to run the workshop. The committee will look into the costing, venue & date, and will come back to the members when we have details.



Beacon Kite Festival:

Gwen reminded the members that once again there is no funding for the event & asked if everyone was happy with last year's format/arrangements. Everyone agreed to leave things as they are.

Buying & Selling Kites:

Members were reminded that any transaction between members was a private matter between the individuals concerned and in no way involved the group, even if the kites have been advertised on the NKG forum.

Any Other Business.

Wakefield Kite Festival - Safety Issues:

Concerns were raised about the safety aspect at the Wakefield event last year. There were concerns about the number of public & public flying their own kites in the kite "display area". The secretary will talk to the organisers about the safety issues prior to this year's event.

Samuel Franklin Cody Memorial

Tony Kidd asked what progress had been made after it was agreed at last year's AGM that the committee would look into buying an engraved brick for the Cody Monument outside Farnborough Airport. The secretary had contacted the organisers on several occasions but had no response. Tony offered to make further investigations on behalf of the group.

Election of Officers

Secretary, Treasurer & Membership Secretary offered to be re-elected

It was proposed that the existing officers be re-elected en block:

Secretary Dave Bleasdale

Treasurer Mary Jones

Membership Secretary Keith Proctor

Proposed: Daryl Smith Seconded: Frank Hardman

Passed: Unanimously

The Chairman stood down.

It was proposed that Len Royles be elected Chairman

Proposed: Dave Holt Seconded: Keith Proctor

Passed: Unanimously

The secretary thanked Gwen personally & on behalf of all the members for all the work she had done for the group in the position of Chairman over the past 4 years.

Kite Building Competition

The Mary & Jack Cunningham Kite Building Cup was presented to Len Royles for his NKG Delta Kite.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman.



N K G Events

Sunday 16th March - Fly-ins Crosby

Sunday 13th April - Fly-ins St Annes beach & Roundhay Park, Leeds

Sunday 20th April - Fly-ins Otterspool

Sat/Sun 10th/11th May – Western Lake District Kite Festival

Sun 18th May – Fly-ins Crosby

Sun 8th June - Fly-ins Houghton Tower

Sat/Sun 14th/15th June – Beacon Kite Festival

Sat/Sun 21st/22nd June - Morecambe Catch The Wind Kite Festival

Sat/Sun 19th/20th July - Silloth Kite Festival

Sat/Sun 26th/27th July – St Annes Kite Festival

Sunday 17th August - Fly-ins Fleetwood Beach

Sunday 14th September - Fly-ins Worden Park, Leyland

Sunday 21st September - Fly-ins Taylor Park, St Helens

Sunday 28th September - Wakefield Kite Festival

Sunday 12th October - O S O W held at Pontefract & Otterspool

Sunday 16th November - Fly-ins Fleetwood Beach

Sunday 14th December - Fly-ins Xmas Otterspool

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Sunday 11th January - Fly-ins Rounhay Park, Leeds

Sunday 18th January - Fly-ins New Brighton Dips

Sunday 15th February - NKG AGM Oldham



Other UK Events (Information Taken From KiteCalendar.co.uk)

MARCH 2014

- 2 AKF The Plateau, Ashton Court, Begger Bush Lane, Bristol, BS8 3TQ
- 9 KCoS West Sands beach, St Andrews, Scotland
- 9 KCoS on the big field in front of the beach, Ayr, Scotland
- 9 WHKF Barbury Castle Country Park, near Swindon, Wiltshire
- 16 NKG near the Coast Guard Station, Burbo Bank Road North, Crosby**
- 23 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Peterborough, PE2 5UU
- 30 Indoor Kite Event, St Josephs Catholic College, Swindon, SN3 3LR
- 30 KCoS West Sands beach, St Andrews, Scotland
- 30 KCoS on the big field in front of the beach, Ayr, Scotland

APRIL 2014

- 6 20th Calke Abbey Kite Day, Ticknall, Derbyshire DE73 7LE
- 6 4th Annual Rodborough Common Kite Day 2014, Gloucestershire
- 6 16th Streatham Common Kite Day, London SW16 3DW
- 6 AKF The Plateau, Ashton Court, Begger Bush Lane, Bristol, BS8 3TQ
- 13 NKG Next to the Pier on St Anne's Beach, Lancashire**
- 13 NKG Roundhay Park, Leeds, West Yorkshire**
- 13 KCoS Howden Park, Livingston, Scotland EH54 6AE
- 13 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Peterborough, PE2 5UU
- 13 WHKF Barbury Castle Country Park, near Swindon, Wiltshire
- 20 NKG overlooking the Mersey, Otterspool, South Liverpool, Merseyside**
- 26 - 27 North Hants Kites Jolly Up 14, Hampshire RG25 2JL**
- 27 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Peterborough, PE2 5UU
- 27 KCoS fly-in, the large field to the rear of the Magnum Centre, Irvine, Scotland

MAY 2014

- 3 - 5 Blyth Kite Festival NEKF Meggies Burn Field, Northumberland NE24 3PH**
- 3 - 5 Weymouth Beach Kite Festival, The Seafront, Weymouth, Dorset**
- 3 - 4 MKF Kite Fliers Retreat, Broad Haven beach, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3JH
- 5 MKF Kite Fliers Retreat, Hilton Court Gardens and Craft Centre, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, Wales SA62 6AE
- 4 AKF Fly-in, The Plateau, Ashton Court, Begger Bush Lane, Bristol, BS8 3TQ
- 10 & 11 4th Western Lake District KiteFest Wilson Park, Haverigg, LA18 4ES**
- 11 WHKF Barbury Castle Country Park, near Swindon, Wiltshire
- 11 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU
- 17 & 18 Redcar Kite Festival, The Beach, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 5BJ**
- 18 NKG near the Coast Guard Station, Burbo Bank Road North, Crosby**
- 24 - 26 Margam Kite Festival, Margam County Park, Port Talbot SA13 2TJ**
- 25 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU
- 31 - 1 Barmouth Kite Festival opposite the Lifeboat Station, Barmouth, Wales**

JUNE 2014

- 1 AKF The Plateau, Ashton Court, Begger Bush Lane, Bristol, BS8 3TQ
- 7 & 8 Basingstoke Kite Festival, Pack Lane, Hampshire RG22 5SN**
- 8 WHKF Barbury Castle Country Park, near Swindon, Wiltshire



JUNE 2014

8 NKG Kites over Hoghton Tower, near Preston, Lancashire PR5 0SH
8 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU
14 & 15 Beacon Park Kite Festival , Skelmersdale, Lancashire. WN8 7RZ
21 & 22 Sumners Ponds Kite and RC Show, Barns Green, Horsham, RH13 0PR
22 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU
29 Herne Bay Kite Day, The Memorial Park, Kings Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5DD

JULY 2014

5 - 6 Kites over Souter Festival, Souter Lighthouse, Sunderland, SR6 7NH
6 AKF The Plateau, Ashton Court, Begger Bush Lane, Bristol, Somerset BS8 3TQ
12 & 13 3rd Prudhoe Kite Festival, Northumberland NE42 6EY - provisional
12 & 13 Barmouth Kite Festival, on the beach opposite the Lifeboat Station
13 WHKF Barbury Castle Country Park, near Swindon, Wiltshire
13 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU
19 & 20 Silloth Kite Festival The Green Silloth, Cumbria CA7 4AB
19 & 20 Kites over Druridge, Druridge Bay Country Park, Widdrington, NE61 5BX
19 & 20 Leominster and Hereford Kite Festival, Berrington Hall, HR6 0DW
26 & 27 Dunstable Downs Kite Festival, Whipsnade Road, Dunstable, LU6 2GY
26 & 27 3rd St. Annes Kite festival, Lytham St Annes, near Blackpool
27 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU

AUGUST 2014

2 - 3 North Hants Kites Jolly Up on the field off Southlea, Farleigh Road, Cliddesden, near Basingstoke, Hampshire RG25 2JL
3 AKF The Plateau, Ashton Court, Begger Bush Lane, Bristol, Somerset BS8 3TQ
9 & 10 Skybums Shropshire Kite Festival, Lacon Childe School, Love Lane, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire DY14 8PE
9 & 10 Teston Big Kite Weekend, Teston Bridge Country Park, ME18 5BX
10 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU
10 WHKF Barbury Castle Country Park, near Swindon, Wiltshire
17 NKG on the beach, near the Leisure Centre, Fleetwood, Lancashire
23 - 25 Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Southsea Common
24 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU

SEPTEMBER 2014

7 AKF The Plateau, Ashton Court, Begger Bush Lane, Bristol, Somerset BS8 3TQ
7 WHKF Barbury Castle Country Park, near Swindon, Wiltshire
14 NKG Worden Park, Car park off Worden Lane, Leyland PR25 3DH
14 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU
28 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU

OCTOBER 2014

12 ONE SKY ONE WORLD - Annual Worldwide event, flying kites for peace:
12 WHKF Barbury Castle Country Park, near Swindon, Wiltshire
12 NKG overlooking the Mersey, Otterspool, Merseyside
12 NKG Pontefract Racecourse, Pontefract, Yorkshire
12 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough



OCTOBER 2014

26 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough

NOVEMBER 2014

9 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU

16 Indoor Kite Event, St Josephs Catholic College, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 3LR

16 NKG on the beach, near the Leisure Centre, Fleetwood, Lancashire

23 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU

DECEMBER 2014

14 NKG Xmas fly-in, overlooking the Mersey, Otterspool, South Liverpool

14 GOKF Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU

JANUARY 2015

11 NKG Roundhay Park, Leeds, West Yorkshire

18 NKG New Brighton Dips, Wirral, Merseyside

February 2015

15 - NKG AGM Oldham

MARCH 2015

8 NKG near the Coast Guard Station, Burbo Bank Road North, Crosby

15 NKG on the beach, near the Leisure Centre, Fleetwood, Lancashire

15 NKG Pontefract Racecourse, Pontefract, Yorkshire



International Events

MARCH 2014

23 Kenya Kite Festival, Nairobi Polo Club, near Jamhuri Showground, Kenya

APRIL 2014

12 - 21 28th International Berck-sur-Mer Kite Festival, 5 Avenue Francis Tattegrain, 62600 Berck-sur-Mer, Nord-Pas-De-Calais, France

MAY 2014

10 & 11 29th Ostende International Kite Festival, Ostend, Belgium

JUNE 2014

31 & 1/6 1st Victoria International Kite Festival, Clover Point, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

JULY 2014

5 & 6 5th Vliegerfeest Twenterand, The Netherlands

AUGUST 2014

16 & 17 6th Annual Rijsbergse Vliegerdagen (Rijsbergen Kite Festival), the meadows of the Family Machielsen, Tiggeltsestraat 13 at 4891ZP Rijsbergen, The Netherlands

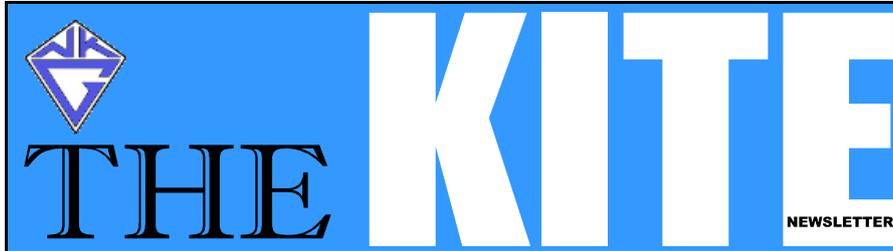
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6 - 14 Dieppe Capitale du Cerf-Volant 2014, The Seafront, Dieppe, Normandy, France

12 - 14 Festival Internacional de barriletes, Parque Scalabrini Ortis. Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina

19 - 28 1st Brazil International Kite Festival, Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil





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Kites & Hardware

Large Kite Arch - "The Don and Di Arch" Caution SIZE of 150 Kites needs 2 or 3 to handle
Medium Sized Kite Arch Caution; this can generate a lot of pull
Kitecraft 'K1' Sport Kite A quality precision trick kite suits 4 - 12 mph best
Kitecraft 'K2' Sport Kite Smaller version of 'K1' suits 4 - 15mph
Didakites 'Vertical' Sports Kite Good intermediate/advanced trick kite
Tumbling Star Box Kite
Level One Genesis Stunt Kite
Elliot Sport Kite with Line & Straps
Rev Handles + Line Set + Ground Stake
"The Jack & Mary Playsail" Caution this is huge and takes some handling