

THE KITE

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2010



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SILLOTH KITE FESTIVAL 2010



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A Note from your Chairman

ello again, Did I blink while the summer came and went, so now we are back to layers, hats scarves and frozen fingers!

Sadly this summer short as it was, will be remembered for the loss of our dear friend Enid Knowles, who until twelve months ago was chairman of the Northern Kite Group. As most of you will know Enid had suffered for many years with a chronic debilitating lung condition. She put on a very brave face even when times were difficult.

Many NKG members and friends attended the crematorium at Southport to say their fond farewells, Roger and Enid's family were touched by the support.

The kite festival year started at Driffild which will be remembered for the cold and gale like winds. This



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was followed by Harewood House and then our own (NKG) scaled down event at Beacon Country Park which this year unfortunately clashed with Morcambe Kite Day, however we put on a decent display and enjoyed ourselves... Many of us attended the Wirral International Festival, the first day of which was marvellous but typically the second day was somewhat spoilt by the weather. Many of our members attended the annual Silloth Kite Festival, followed by the ever popular Woodvale Rally, visitors attending this event will have been impressed by the vast display of kites. The Chester Kite Festival was well attended and thankfully we had some wind on both days. NKG members are invited to attend the second Wakefield Kite Festival and this will be followed by a series of events during October starting with the Ranger led kite day at Taylor Park, St Helens. Followed by 'One Sky One World' at both Otterspool and Pontefract and then the NKG's special charity event - 'Light up the Sky' for 'Children in Need'. The Kite Calendar offers kite festivals or events most weekends throughout the summer but of course kite flying is an all year round hobby so most Sundays you will find a small gathering of enthusiasts showing off their kites and kiting skills. Come and join us.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in January.

Gwen

WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS

Martin Illsey, Rosalind Illsley, Bradley Illsley, Kieron Illsley, Charmaine Illsley, Peter Heayns, Josh Mitcheson, David E Higgins, Alan Bethune, Bob Joyner, Robert Joyner, Thor Joyner, Edward Forester Pugh, Mark Anthony Jones, Julia Holtom, Charlotte Jones, Andy Jackson, Martin Nuggent, Molly Nuggent, Daniel Nuggent, Phil Dyson

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

EDITORS CORNER

Hi everyone, once again my apologies for the late newsletter, thanks go to John for the tribute to Enid and Gwen and Sal for their respective contributions.

I should also like to thank all those who have made the effort in the past to make the newsletter fun and entertaining, however after 6 years of putting the newsletter together I have decided to stand down as editor, its been fun and sometimes its been hard work but lately its been less fun, and I think we need a fresh perspective. I dont think the current format is sustainable as it relies too heavily on a lot of contributions for each issue, so maybe a new editor can come up with a new format that is sustainable while keeping members informed.

So if you know of someone who has said I could do a better job of the newsletter, feel free to point a finger at them and say "Do it then" :-)

I will still be active in the club, i'm hoping to organise a kite building workshop in the early part of next year, i'm happy to keep sorting out the fly-ins etc and I have a few other plans which will be keeping me busy as well.

Dazzz

A small tribute to Ron Moulton who died today(0810/10). Ron is known in the kitemorld as the originator of the BKFA and author of several excellent kite books. But he was more than that. He was a Total Aviation Person whose profession was in publications - notably as Editor of Aeromodeller. He used this and the Model Aeroplane Press to promote free thinking in flying machines, whether flappers, man-powered aircraft or just really good small scale engineering. It was through Aeromodeller that I became a full size designer of flying machines....so thank you Ron. I last saw him at a meeting of the Royal Aeronautical Society...networking; fixing up opportunities, having fun. One of the good guys.

Paul Chapman

Update:

I believe we already have a few contenders jostling for position in the Kite building competition at the AGM, and i'm hoping to get something a little different built myself, but as time is short, if you cant get your kite flown at the November or December fly-ins we will accept a test fly on the day of the AGM if you can find space to do so...

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At the AGM in January Gwen proposed a new kitemaking competition and I furnished a few rules hopefully keeping it simple and fun.

The kite to be made is a Pearson Roller which has a top and a bottom sail, a keel on the lower sail and a two point bridle, you can find plans in several places including the NKG web site.

<http://www.nkg.org.uk/plans.htm> <http://www.kiteplans.org/>

The kite must be made and fly during the year at any NKG fly-in or other event attended by the NKG and you need an NKG commitee member to verify this (If you can also provide a photo of the kite for the Magazine that would be good too) and then final judging will take place at the AGM next January based on build quality and presentation and scored on how well it flew by the commitee member who verified it.

Applique on the sail is allowed so feel free to add any designs you wish, if you prefer to go for a plain sail however you wont lose any points for this. Any materials can be used to make the kite and any size is acceptable (As long as it fits in the hall) All kites will be voted on anonymously by members who want to vote at the AGM on a simple choice of which kites they like most and then the flight scores will be added to these to get a final result.

I hope the new style of competition will bring us some great Rollers to look at over the course of the year, and I look forward to seeing them all at the AGM in January.

DIEPPE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL - WITH AND WITHOUT KITES

Ferries booked, car and caravan packed to bursting point, and off we go, the Kiteflyer and I. Our annual sojourn in France began this year at the start of September with a week's stay near Granville at the foot of the Cotentin peninsula. Beautiful old towns, pretty villages and miles of white sandy beaches. Perfect for relaxing with a good book whilst the Kiteflyer flew kites. 50 miles away was Mont St Michel with the 1500 year old abbey clinging to the summit, an excellent day out.

Then eastwards to the Dieppe International Kite Festival in its 30th year.

Our base La Source is a campsite ten minutes from Dieppe set on the bank of a fast flowing river. It offers, as they say, every mod con including a heated swimming pool.

Saturday dawned bright and clear and a difficult choice had to be made: the opening ceremony or Dieppe market? The Kiteflyer earned a few brownie points by suggesting that Monsieur the Mayor of Dieppe would not notice our absence and we spent a couple of hours fascinated by the wonderful market selling the freshest fruit and veg imaginable as well as meat and fish – very good on the BBQ, and a vast array of clothes and bric a brac. By the time we got to the sea front where the kite arenas had been laid out things were, both in the literal and figurative senses hotting up. There were sun, wind and kites galore waiting for us.

Peter Lynn's giant inflatables filled the beach, single line kites of all shapes and sizes filled one arena and a succession of two line displays was taking place in another. A 'wind-art' area showed whirligigs, bottle art and 'wind music' with a kite making marquee for the children. Thousands of people strolled in the sunshine agog at the spectacle laid out before them. Fifteen white dragon kites were launched to represent each of the festivals already held. Think Sunderland, think Silloth, think Woodvale and then multiply by twenty or even fifty.

This 9 day festival is held in France every other year and a guest country is invited to send a larger delegation including entertainers. This year, the 30th year of the festival, the honour went to Thailand who provided music and dancers to entertain the crowds with traditional Thai dance and beautiful costumes.

Over the next four days until we left for Chester the wind rose and fell as did the kites, but the band of brothers and sisters from some 40 countries represented continued to work hard, providing as fine a display as possible for the public who included many parties of school children and disabled, all spellbound by the variety of shape and colour flying above them. Each country had a marquee in which to display their kites and kite making skills.

The Kiteflyer spent time in the Oriental kite sales tents and I enjoyed a stroll along the harbour and through the town, calling at the magnificent old church in the town centre and then returning to watch the brilliant flying of the multinational group of kites, my favourites as always Ray Bethel flying three two liners at once and Lam Hok who shows such skill and beauty in flying both two and four line kites.

The organisation was spot on with each act standing by to perform as soon as the previous one had finished – no empty arenas. All the kites moved both kites and lines as soon as they had finished – no messy tangles in the arena.

A huge festival, well organised with the public in mind in a beautiful seaside setting. What more could The Kiteflyer and I ask for?

Sally Humpage



Dieppe photos courtesy of Gwen Williams



BEACON KITE FESTIVAL 2010



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ENID KNOWLES

I first met Enid when she stood up at the AGM and offered to be Chairman, she had never been on a committee before but got on with the job as if born to it.

The first job was to get more funds for the club, She organized the Beacon kite festival like a professional, getting money from the council and persuading display groups to attend. Enid bought a trailer tent and spent her first night under canvas at the festival when over 60, that was typical of her.

She always made a point of meeting new members and chatting to them, wanting to make the NKG a friendly club. I never saw her fly a kite but she was a fantastic kite club chairman, always there, always greeting people, always being supportive. Her famous smiley face signature summer her up.



Photo courtesy of Mary Jones

She had a full life being a Bookmaker and a publican amongst her jobs and shared Rodgers hobbies and interests including photography, there was nothing more inspiring than to see buzzing around on her scooter complete with a pole and kite flying monkey attached, meeting people and chatting to everyone despite her obvious health problems.

At this years Beacon festival Gwen presented her with the Gavel she wanted in time for her to appreciate the superb craftsmanship that Graham Lockwood put into its design and manufacture. It is a lasting memorial of the affection the club members had for her, she will be sadly missed by us all and our condolences and prayers go to Rodger and her family.

Rest in peace Enid your troubles are over

John Welborn

EUROCUP 2010 DIEPPE 1ST&2ND OCTOBER

Overview:

The World Sport Kite Championship is the most representative competition in the sport-kiting world. The competition is held in 2-line and 4-line kite classes for individual, pairs and teams. Participants are selected by the national sport kiting organizations represent STACK in UK, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, Russia.

Organizers: S.T.A.C.K.

Format:

The Competition is running using the International Sport Kite Rule Book. The Championship consists of two days of full competition - precision and ballet disciplines. Historically the primary competition days are Friday and Saturday. Sunday is the reserve competition day.

History of Competition:

- 1993 / Vienna
- 1995 / Hamm
- 1996 / Le Touquet, France
- 1997 / Cervia, Italy
- 1998 / Weston Super Mare, UK
- 1999 / Fort Mahon, France
- 2000 / Joensuu, Finland
- 2001 / Stokes Bay, UK
- 2003 / Frejus, France
- 2004 / Scheveningen, Holland
- 2005 / Cervia, Italy
- 2006 / Fort Mahon, France
- 2008 / Scheveningen, Holland
- 2009 / Weston Super Mare, UK
- 2010 / Calais, France



2010 Results

2-line Individual

1. Richard Debray (France)
2. Steff Ferme (France)
3. Stephen Versteegh (The Netherlands)

2-line Pair

1. Courant d'Air (France)
2. In&Out (France)
3. Axel'R (Italy)

2-Line Team

1. Start'Air (France)
2. Kisicol (France)
3. Cream Team (France)

4-line Individual

1. Steff Ferme (France)
2. Guido Maiocchi (Italy)
3. Richard Debray (France)

NKG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 16TH JANUARY 2011

Annual General Meeting to be held 16th January 2011 at:

12-4pm

St Thomas's Church Hall

Moorside

Glebe Lane

OL1 4SJ

Directions

From M62 take exit onto A 627(M) turn off onto A627 and onto the A62 round Oldham going North East then onto A672 Ripponden road

Glebe Lane is off Northgate Lane

Northgate Lane is about one and a quarter miles from A627 / A62 junction

Car parking is in the streets round the church hall

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 adjoining the Church accessible from Droylsden Road.

There will be a free buffet meal with sweet provided .

The usual activities will include

Best Kite Competition (Roller)

A Straightforward competition. The kite is to be made by the entrant and the one voted best by the members present is the winner.

Displays of Photographs, Kites, videos etc.

Private sales of kites and associated bits and pieces.

Please note there will not be a raffle or auction this time

Presentation of Cups

AGM Agenda

Report by the committee .

Receive and adopt the annual statement of accounts

Any other business (see below)

Election of officers Editor, Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman

Appointment of one member to act as auditor

AOB

Future Direction of the Club Festivals etc

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

Safeguarding Children update on the New Act and its implications for all Club members.

Please note Although any other business can be raised at the meeting it would be preferred if items could be notified to the Secretary beforehand

PROPOSED FLY-INS 2011 - 2012

2011

17 Apr	Crosby
15 May	Pontefract
18/19 Jun	Beacon Kite Festival
17 Jul	Ainsdale
21 Aug	Fleetwood
17/18 Sep	Chester Kite Festival
09 Oct	Otterspool/Pontefract OSOW ?
22 Oct	Otterspool LUTS ?
20 Nov	Beacon/Roundhay
11 Dec	Otterspool/Stainland Xmas Fly-in

2012

15 Jan	AGM Oldham
19 Feb	New Brighton/Pontefract
18 Mar	Roundhay/Beacon

These proposed fly-ins will be posted on the forum at <http://www.nkg.org.uk> for discussion as well as being discussed at the AGM

XMAS FLY-INS 2010

Otterspool Xmas fly in and Dinner On Sunday 12th December 2010

Please contact Dave Green soon for further details 0151 260 0976, or watch out on the club forum for further info

Flying is until 4-5pm when everybody will be heading to the pub for the meal, if you want to get your name down please contact Dave Green and let him have a £5 deposit in advance.

Stainland Fly-in Sunday 12th December 2010

No one has come forward to organise a meal for this fly-in so it looks like there is nothing official organised, but theres nothing to stop folks from retiring to a nearby pub afterwards for a warming drink.

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OCTOBER 2010

23 & 24 16th Cape Town International Kite Festival, Zandvlei, Muizenberg, South Africa
23 NKG Light up the Sky for BBC Children In Need Appeal, Otterspool, South Liverpool
24 GOKF fly-in, Ferry Meadows Ham Lane, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, PE2 5UU

NOVEMBER 2010

5 - 7 XXIII Festival Internacional de Cometas, Fuerteventura, Canary Islands
14 GOKF fly-in, Priory Country Park, Barkers Lane, Bedford MK41 9DJ
21 NKG fly-in, Beacon Hill County Park, Up Holland, nr Skelmersdale, Lancashire
21 NKG fly-in, Roundhay Park, Leeds, West Yorkshire
28 GOKF fly-in, Ferry Meadows Ham Lane, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, PE2 5UU

DECEMBER 2010

12 NKG Xmas fly-in, overlooking the Mersey, Otterspool, South Liverpool, Merseyside
12 NKG Xmas fly-in, Stainland Recreation Ground, Stainland, near Huddersfield and Halifax,
12 GOKF fly-in, Priory Country Park, Barkers Lane, Bedford MK41 9DJ
19 GOKF Light up the Sky for BBC Children In Need Appeal, Ferry Meadows Ham Lane, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, PE2 5UU

JANUARY 2011

10 - 15 Gujarat International kite festival, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India
22 - 24 Kerala Kite Festival, city of Kochi, Kerala, India

FEBRUARY 2011

20 NKG fly-in, New Brighton Dips, Wirral, Merseyside
20 NKG fly-in, Pontefract Racecourse, Pontefract, Yorkshire

MARCH 2011

13 Rodborough Common kite fly 2011, near Stroud, Gloucestershire
20 NKG fly-in, Roundhay Park, Leeds, West Yorkshire
20 NKG fly-in, Beacon Hill County Park, Up Holland, nr Skelmersdale, Lancashire

MAY 2011

7 & 8 21st Swindon International Kite Festival, Lydiard Park, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon, Wiltshire

JUNE 2011

16 - 19 27th Fano International Kite Fliers meeting, Fano Beach, Denmark

JULY 2011

9 & 10 Barmouth Kite Festival, on the beach opposite the new Lifeboat Station, Barmouth
16 & 17 Herefordshire Kite Festival, Berrington Hall, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0DW

I came across these on a design blog on the internet recently and I thought I would reprint some of them here for you.

These images come from the University of Illinois "Kite Derby Day" All the entries shown here are from the sophomores in the department of Industrial Design. 1957

