

What a great T-shirt and how true "Life is Really starting to interfere with my kite time"

THE NEWS LETTER FOR THE BRIGHTON KITE FLYERS

## A GOOD CHOICE TO HAVE. WHAT IS YOURS?

Now, I know that a lot of us meet up at kite festivals and enjoy flying kites together, putting on wonderful displays for the public, but most of us also do a lot of other flying. There is of course the club fly-in where we meet up as a club. Looking for a site for this sort of event is totally different to looking for somewhere to stop of on the way home from work. Recently Brighton Kite Flyers have been looking again at the sites we use for club fly-ins. For a long time



we have been using Telscombe Tye. For those of you unfamiliar with the site, it is a piece of land owned by Telscombe Town council, on the main coast road (A259) between Brighton and Newhaven, close to the Badgers Watch pub. There is parking on a residential road next to the Tye,

but no public toilets, but I am sure the pub would let you use theirs if you asked. It is close to the Cliff top so the wind is clean and fresh. This may sound like the ideal flying site but it does have some drawbacks. When we first started using it for our club fly-ins it was unfenced and mown regularly, and only occasionally grazed by cattle. A few years ago it was decided to fence the Tye, due to fly tipping amongst other reasons, and allow grazing more often. Although it still is a nice place to fly, the grass is now kept a lot longer and grazing would appear to be almost continuous, which of course leads to the inevitable cowpats. With the longer grass it is now much more difficult to fly a multi-line kites, so less people turned up at the monthly club meets. So we have recently flown at a few sites locally in order to see what is out there. You may have read in previous articles about the club flying at a local fun day for teenagers in Saltdean Park. This seems to be a site that we are using more and more lately as it has many advantages. The park itself is just set back from the sea with a good wind. The area where we fly was used to be a practice mini golf area. It has a few bumps

and is on a slight slope. For this reason we are not bothered by footballers or many other park users, there is a football pitch, tennis court and playground further on. Car parking is easy and free with a car park adjacent to the area we fly so it is not too far to go to change kites. Toilets are available within the park or opposite at a pub. One of the good things about this site is that the grass is regularly cut by the council so it is much easier to fly multi-line kites. So two flying sites not too far apart, the main difference being the fact that the grass is shorter at one than the other. Some would say that we are lucky to have the choice. Which would you choose?

Corinne Hennessey



## MOTHS AND KITE SOMETIMES MIX

Andrew and I were fortunate to get a place on Roy Broadley's excellent moth workshop. It had been full for some months and we thought we would not get the opportunity to build this impressive kite with its eight foot wingspan. So when, at the last minute, a place became available, we jumped at the chance.



As only one place had become free, it meant we would have to do one kite between two. However, this turned out to be an advantage for several reasons. Firstly, we only have one (rather temperamental) sewing machine, which we usually share. However, the moth kite involved a huge amount of sewing, and we'd never have been able to complete two without a machine each.

Second, it meant an extra pair of hands. Most of day one was spent edging the kite. This involved cutting thin strips of kite material and folding them in half to make long ribbons which had to be sewn around the edges of the ten large shapes making up the kite. This was a tricky operation because some of the kite parts were sharply curved and, even with the aid of supaclips, we found it a tricky operation controlling the large amounts of fabric of some of the shapes. This is where I was handy to have another pair of, er, hands.

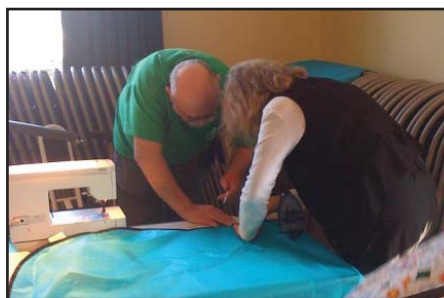
Third, it meant that while one

person sewed (Andrew), the other was able to gather further instructions and any tools and materials needed.

So it was that, by the end of day one, we had edged our kite and begun to sew the wing sections together. Roy asked those reaching this stage to stop working for the day so that we did not get too far ahead. And then it was off to the Jolly Farmer for a few beers and a delicious and filling evening meal.

Day two began for Andrew and I with a full English breakfast. A few brave souls had camped in the buggy field where conditions were so freezing that both water and camping gas froze. Making a cup of tea was, we understand, a challenge. But we had opted for the comforts of the Holiday Inn a few minutes drive away.

Back to the workshop and a kite of two halves, for we had to sew the top and bottom sections and then join them together. Key here, was not to worry about matching the outside edges but to align the channels which would



take the long spars running up the length of the kite. We should have tested this before completing all the sewing but missed that instruction. So, it was a nail-biting moment when it finally came to finding out whether the spars and their ferrules would pass the bulk of the multi-layered hemming at the centre of the kite. They did, and we found ourselves on the home stretch.

The rest of the sparring was fairly straightforward and seemed easy following the marathon of

the sewing. We also learned a tip about cutting carbon fibre which was to turn the rods while cutting thus avoiding splintering on the back edge of the cut.

Looking up, we were surprised to find that we were among the first to finish. This was very different to other workshops where we have found ourselves struggling to complete in an atmosphere of growing panic as others tidied up around us. Here, we could sit back, admire our handiwork, chat to others about how they were getting on and offer help where we could.

Eager to get our kite in the sky, we packed up a little too soon and missed the group photo. We headed off to the nearby buggy field where we found Greenman already trying out his kite. Our new moths flew beautifully and the two together looked impressive. It was unfortunate that we had to leave before other workshop participants made it to the field. We will have to wait for the next kiting event to see a group of moths flying together.

We would like to thank Roy, Hayley and all the team for their patience and for creating such an instructive and enjoyable weekend. We hope we get the opportunity to do another.

Sandra Fletcher



**DIARY DATES  
FOR 2010**

We have a few regular events that are very popular with members each year. I can say that we have had a provisional invite to the Autumn Show at Ardingly for the weekend of 2nd - 3rd October 2010. so if you wish to come please add this date to your diary (note that this is for BKF members only). Non members can turn up for the day and come along but will need to pay entrance.

A new event we had last year was Salteen, the event was designed for young people in Saltdean, venue is the same as our flying site so we know it is good. Provisional dates have been set for 12th September 2010. Although we are there to do a kite workshop, we supply the kits for a childrens workshop and the scouts / leader make them with the children while we fly kites and have fun.

**W I N T E R  
W O R K S H O P**

We are planning a winter kite making workshop in November (I know it seems a long time away) if anyone has any ideas on what they would like to make or have a kite they make that feel would make a good workshop please let the committee know. We will be sending out e-mails and letters nearer the time to remind you about this event.

**F O R                      S A L E**

Due to health issues I am selling off most of my Kites, they have all been flown and are in good working order. If you want more than one kite I am sure we can come to some arrangement over price. Buyer collects can deliver local. Contact Cliff White on 01293 545502

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**Duel line Sports Kites**

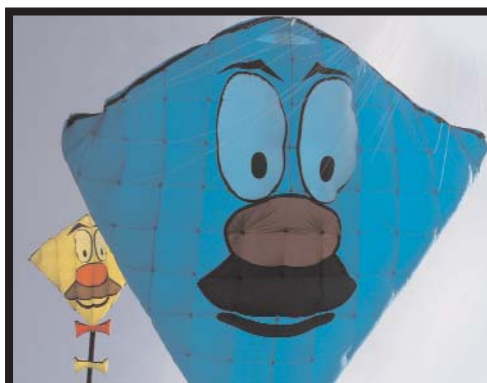
DOT Designs Darkside 2 Blue / Grey	£45
DOT Designs Darkside 3 UL Blue / Grey	£45
DOT Designs Shamon	£45
R - Sky Nirvana Std Blue / Grey / Black	£100
R - Sky Nirvana UL Teal / White / Grey	£100
Newtech Desire Black / White / Grey / Blue tips	£40
Spirit of Air Scimitar Yellow / Orange	£15
HQ Midi Black / White	£45
HQ Session 1.1 Rainbow	£25
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Blue / Yellow / Orange / Red	£100
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Level One Genesis Blue / Grey	£100
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Prism Jazz	£15
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Benson Kites Gemini U / L	£110
Benson Kites Mini Gem	£100
Benson Kites Outer Space	£100
Benson Kites Inner Space	£100
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Rev 1.5 Blue / Black / Pink	£80
Rev 1.5 Lilac / White sail and bridle only	
never flown (Home made)	£45
HQ M Quad	£75

**Single line**

Serpent 67" Wing Span 3D Kite	£20
Macaw 74" Wing Span 3D Kite	£20
HQ Rainbow Papillon (Looks like a Butter fly)	£20



**BRIGHTON KITE FESTIVAL  
STAMMER PARK, BRIGHTON**

10th - 11th July 2010 11.00am - 5.00pm

A fun packed weekend for all the family with plenty of space for all types of kite flying at some point during the weekend (buggying is permissible after the festival ends).

So come along and have a good time

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## Thank you

I would like to say thank you to all those who made this issue of Aerodyne possible Marian Reynolds, Corinne Hennessey, Sandra Fletcher and Cliff White for articles. I know we keep going on, but Aerodyne is only possible with your help, so thank you again to those who help and keep the articles coming in order to keep aerodyne going.

## Next Issue

The new committee after the AGM. Kite festivals you've been to or what ever you would you like to see in the next issue, as long as you write something.

We have a range of sizes in all club t-shirts and hooded tops for sale T-shirts £10 hooded tops £25.00

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January issue - 1 December  
April issue - 1 March  
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October issue - 1 September

## RECIPES FROM MARIAN'S KITCHEN

### Butter Biscuits.

I found this recipe in an Australian cook-book. This is OK as long as you stand on your head to read it!!

**Ingredients:** (to make about 40)  
125grms. butter  
1 tsp. Vanilla extract  
½ cup brown sugar (well packed)  
1 tblsp Golden Syrup  
1¼ cups self-raising flour

### Method:

Beat butter, vanilla extract, sugar and golden syrup with electric mixer till light & fluffy.

Mix in the sifted flour and squidge together. (Auntie Marian says "wash your hands first")

Roll dollops (about a tsp.) into balls.

Place about 5cms. apart on greased baking tray and flatten slightly with a wet fork.

Bake in slow oven (gas mk. 2-3, 150C) for 15 minutes - ish. (remember the tip about colour from last time!)

Turn out onto a rack to cool.

For the luxury touch, melt some chocolate (dark, please if I'm going to eat them) and dip to about one third of biscuit. When cool store in airtight tin until next kite event.

Alan has researched what is meant by "cup", and is disappointed that it does not mean bra cups! An Australian cup turns out to be 250 ml.

I'm still waiting to taste other folks examples from these recipes, as they don't always turn out the same for everyone and yours might be better, so come on!

Marian (aka the cakelady)

## fly - in reminders

Our Monthly fly-in is where we try and get as many of the club members to fly together. These are held on the 1st Sunday at Saltdean Vale, East Sussex, 2nd Thursday at Stanmer Park 6pm. Remember that during the summer members may well be attending kites festivals, but the fly-ins are still on.

See you there



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