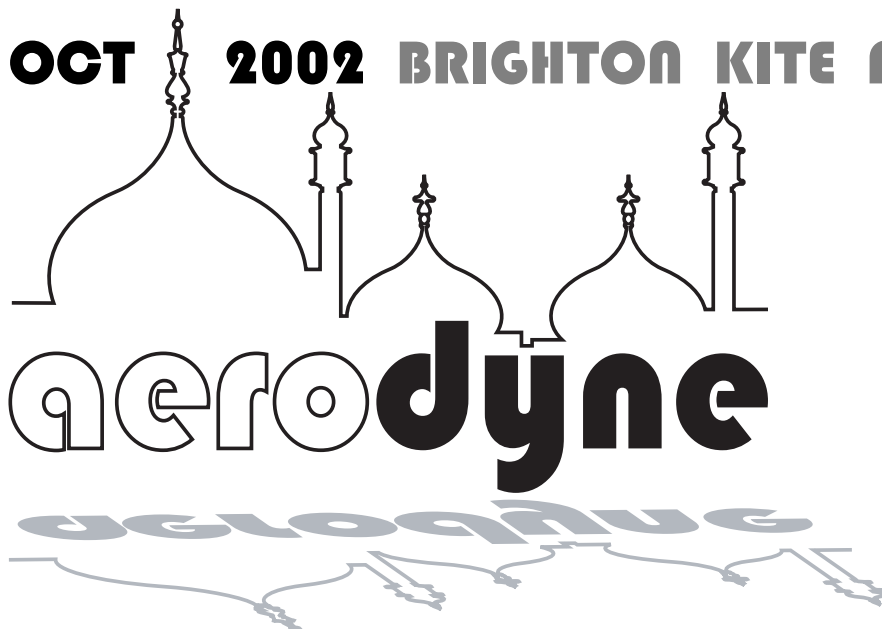


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Dave (you want how much) McArthur

THE NEWS LETTER FOR THE BRIGHTON KITE FLYERS

## MISSION IMPOSSIBLE & FLYING

It always happens 2 events one day, but for once this was possible. Both were only for a couple of hours each, and a few miles from each other in the same direction. The 1st was for West Sussex County Council putting on a display of Kite flying to help launch a seminar following the council getting the Kite Mark for Childcare in the area. I phoned and checked out the site and was told that there was an area of 2 football pitches where we could fly, sounded fine. I made a few phone calls and yes the normal crew could do it, so it was on. Letters / e-mails were sent out to all members letting them know the time and place of the event and we were hoping for a good turn out, but I heard from no-one extra about coming along, could that be because England got through to the second round of the world cup or just apathy. On the day, I met up in a lay-by with Peter Linnel, Paul Hill and his clan and headed off towards Binsbury College, Pulborough. On arrival we found Dave McArthur already there and Alan Outram and Danny Steer soon followed. Sure enough there were 2 football pitches at the college where we could have flown, but these were the other side of a golf course and no where near where the council wanted us to fly. We were asked to fly in a small gravel car park about 100' x 100' with trees to 2 sides and a building on one other, The golf course was down wind with barbed wire fencing stopping you getting on to it

on the last side. Not a problem we can fly anywhere after all. 1st up was my serpent delta with line junk including my small Teddy Bear (Ray Oakhill would have been proud, he says I never have enough line junk on my lines). Peter put up his roller next followed by Dave's serpent delta, Alan's Jimmy Pentagon, Corinne's Magician and Paul's Diamond kite, even Charlotte flew a small swift bird kite. The Magician kite landed on the roof but was soon retrieved from the other side of the building where it finally fell. The council were very pleased and may well ask us to do other events, but at least they have more of an idea to the area we need now. The second event, I knew the site well, this was a small playing field with trees all around, but as I knew the organisers and one of the sponsors (a local mushroom farm), who we have had some sponsorship from in the past. So I said yes. We arrived at about 1.30pm and found ourselves an area where we could fly again, very small. Up went the teddy and a loud cheer came from the beer tent, however it was not for the teddy it was for England who had just scored it's 1st goal against Denmark. As we waited more and more stalls turned up and as normal the wind was up and down. We eventually had to take the Teddy bear down after a few hours as it kept coming down on a man doing wood sculptures with a chain saw, not good for safety really. Other kites were put up, we even tried

an arena display, with no wind and not enough room to fly, it was next to impossible. Well we were there to put on a display, so not only did we fly kites Brighton Kite Flyers now include a Tug-of-war team. We did not win so more practice with kite lines and the teady bear is needed. At the end of the day off we went mushrooms in hand. All in all a good day was had by everyone who turned up. If we can fly at these two venues there must be no where we can't fly.

Simon Hennessey

## NEVILLE & HIS PIES

I would like to say a big thank you to all those who took part in the Mince Pie event at Brighton Kite Festival. We are proud to send a cheque off for £52.70 in aid of Cancer research.



# Ocklynge School,

On 8th of May 2002, I received this email :-

Dear Pete,

*We are considering running a design technology 'kite making' workshop for our Yr 4 (9 year old) children at school (Eastbourne). Would somebody who knows about kites be able to come and talk to the children about simple kite making (or kite flying, anything to get them really motivated)? We will be running the activity during the week 27-31 May; so early that week would be terrific*

*I look forward to hearing from you. Laurie Overnell.*

I immediately responded and on the morning of Friday 24th of May duly set off for the school, I could not help wondering just what I had let myself in for, talking to over two hundred 9 year old children.

I eventually arrived at the school and was given a warm reception by Laurie Overnell, who had instigated the visit, and the head of year Barbara Robertson. I was led into a large hall, and promptly set about the task of assembling a variety of kites all around the perimeter of the hall, a task I was still performing when I heard the first Oo's and Ah's as the children filed into the hall, and observed the kites.

Once the children were all in, and quietly sitting on the floor, I was duly introduced to them. I must say any fears or doubts I had were totally unfounded, the children behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school and the staff.

After giving a brief history of the kite and its origins, there followed a brisk discussion with the children, I was quite surprised by the children's knowledge of kites, as I'm sure, were some of the teachers.

I was quite sorry to leave, it was all over so quickly and the children were so enthusiastic.

I said my farewell and returned to Brighton, with a great sense of satisfaction that it had all gone so well.

During the week I thought it would be nice to return to the school and see the results of the children's efforts at kite making, I made a few calls and arranged to return with a surprise for the children.

On Friday morning 31st May, I met up with Simon Hennessey, Ray Oakhill and my friend Elsie Barnard and off we went to Ocklynge School, we arrived at approximately 10.45 am and duly signed in. We were directed to the playing field at the rear of the school where several activities were in full swing. We made our way around the edge of the field, and having established wind direction took up position at the far end.

Having secured a line to the rear of Simon's Espace, we duly launched the club's 40ft. Teddy, and Simon's large doughnut, I think at that point all other school activities came to a halt! Within a short time the edge of the field was filled with children all eager to fly their creations, so Teddy and doughnut were put away, and the children were soon all running up and down, it was an impressive sight and I'm sure with a little further guidance they will all be up and flying high in no time at all.

Well Done to all who participated in making it a week to remember, and thanks again for inviting the B.K.F. to get involved Pete.

Peter J. Linnell

# MINE IS A P I N T

Just to say a huge 'thank you' to the BKF for the superb pewter tankard, that was presented to me at this year's Brighton Kite Fest. It was a complete, and very touching, surprise and no more perfect a gift could have been chosen - so a special thanks must go to whoever came up with the idea. It's beautifully engraved with the BKF logo and the words 'For Keeping Aerodyne Flying', and I can assure you that it will be very well used - in fact it's brimming with Fuller's 'Organic Honey Dew Ale' at this very moment, but not for long... cheers!

Toody Oakhill

\*OK, so it's really half a litre - but that doesn't have quite the same ring to it!

# No Article too small

Brighton Kite Festival  
"Great"

Andrew Beatie

## WORD SEARCH

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# F A N O O O O O A N D B A C K

This was my first trip to the Danish island of Fano (pronounced Fanoo). It was a visit that I had promised myself for several years, having heard of it's reputation a long time ago as the place that every kiteflyer should visit before they die - not that I have any intention of leaving this world just yet you understand! I must say that it lived up to it's well deserved reputation.

It is organised by the German Kitefliers and they certainly predominate on the beach with their kites. The beach - well that is something else - the single line area alone is 2.5 miles long and the buggy area is almost 2 miles long and it is about 1/3 mile wide from the dunes to the sea at high tide. The sand is almost like concrete, so vehicles are able to drive on it, in fact the local bus service uses it as a road! You could take sandbags for kite anchors, but angle iron stakes seem to be the norm.

I met up with Jackie and George Penney (one half of The Beccles Bunch) on the dock at Harwich and we travelled together to Esbjerg on the overnight ferry. From there it is a short drive around the corner to the

Fano ferry, which takes 12 mins to Nordby. Another 10 mins took me to Feldberg Strand Camping, where I was welcomed by Dennis and settled on a pitch only 500m from the beach. Impressive is not really the right word for what I saw on the beach that afternoon, kites as far as the eye could see in either direction - and it was not even the festival proper yet! In fact, it is not a festival at all, but an International Kitefliers Meeting. The sun shone and the wind was onshore - every "lawnmowing" kite I had flew perfectly. There were two days of weather like that before it started to change. Wednesday was unsettled and it rained all day Thursday and I felt that "cabin fever" was imminent, but the sun shone again on Friday, although the wind was F5 and quite cold, with loose sand blowing into everything possible. Weather at the weekend was very similar and beach screens were the order of the day.

An auction was set up for Saturday night in a large barn nearby. There were a lot of impressive kites up for bidding and traders set up a boot fair in the yard outside - anything from pins to large expensive kites and

those angle iron stainless steel stakes mentioned earlier, of which I bought two. I also purchased some very well engineered sealed ball race swivels. We did not stay for the auction, which was all conducted in German, but understand that it finished about 2am. There was a 50 sq ft appliqué parafoil which was sold for 8,000€ - £5,000??? As someone pointed out later, we could have bought two Teddy Bears for that money!

I was fortunate to be travelling home with Doug, Linda, Mark and Brian of Wigsley Wings, so I had very pleasant company for the meal on the ferry. Was it all worth while? Of course it was, although the weather could have been kinder, but that is chancy wherever you go in the northern hemisphere. I would certainly go again and a week seems about right because there is not a great deal to see on an island only 10 by 3 miles. As a foot passenger, a visit to Esbjerg might be worthwhile next time or even take longer and venture into the Danish hinterland for a bit of additional camping.

Ray Oakhill

## ANOTHER SEASON COMES TO AN END



So the season is coming to a close, only One Sky One World to go now until the nights draw in. Even that will be over by the time you receive this. It was a good year for Brighton Kite Flyers. We had lots of fun playing with our big Peter Lynn Teddy Bear. It was flown at many a festival and various other events which we were invited to. A very big thank you to all of you

who did your bit (It would be nice to see a few more of you next year!) The club also now has five very striking new banners which had their first outing at this years Festival. If you have not seen them, shame on you, they can be seen on our updated web page [www.brightonkiteflyers.co.uk](http://www.brightonkiteflyers.co.uk) The next big organized club event is the New Years Day Fly. Details are on

the last page. So during the months ahead try to make the monthly fly-ins at Telscombe Tye, and, if you can, please write an article for Aerodyne. It's your magazine, if you want it to continue, keep those articles coming. Whatever it is, all contributions are welcome!

Corinne Hennessey

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# 24TH BRIGHTON KITE FESTIVAL

After months of ups and downs, excesses of alcohol, late evenings, sleepless nights and frayed nerves associated with planning; the day of the 24th Brighton Kite Flyers Festival finally arrived. The day began with a gentle breeze, bright skies and not a sign of a cumulus cloud in the sky. Stanmer Park excelled itself with its green rolling hills and large grassed areas. Traders began arriving and setting up their multi coloured stalls displaying their wares to tempt even the most determined of us! Yellow tape fluttered in the breeze dividing the areas to allow us safe flying and those areas allocated for vehicles and safe parking.

Having been recently voted onto the committee of the Brighton Kite Flyers it fell onto my shoulders to be the arena Manager this year. My stomach had huge Rokkaku and Genkies rather than the usual butterflies!!! I began to wonder if the job became mine by default rather than as a positive move.

In the blink of an eye 11:00 am arrived and the sounds of the "Rokkaku Disco" broke the silence of the morning, closely followed by the dulcet tones of Simon Dann who provided the outstanding commentary for the whole weekend.

Before long it became obvious, even to a novice kite flyer that the one vital piece of necessary nature was missing! The wind had dropped to almost nothing.

Under these very difficult conditions Carl and Bryan, or Team Spectrum as they are more commonly known, gave an outstanding display in the arena. After that Carl Robinshaw and the Avon Kite Flyers gave displays with their Windbow and Play Sail kites and Simon Dann won the two rounds of the Rokkaku fighting, (Obviously a man of hidden talents!) Soon the conditions began to improve and the rest of the weekend looked more promising. A monster stack of Flexi foils were flown by Paul

Thody and the crowds that had begun to arrive in droves showed their appreciation to all the efforts of these very professional kite flyers.

During these incredible displays I was approached by a group of flyers that called themselves Team Energise. I had no previous experience of the team but these energetic and talented people gave us a display with their Blade II - those with some knowledge will recognise the difficulties involved with this and discourage others from trying it at home!

The Rev. Helen Howes of Raindrop Kites provided more innovative and entertaining kite flying. She thrilled the crowds with a most unusual and family orientated play using her appliqué flukes kites as puppets. Both adults and children were enthralled by the performance.

During this display I had a frantic call over the radio to say that the BKF Teddy was down!! I turned to see the BKF Peter Lynn teddy prostrated, engulfing several panicking picnickers!!! I think that she was hungry and wanted to try the honey sandwiches they were eating. As we looked around there was no sign of the flying mattress (lifter kite). I set off toward the University (down wind) to try to retrieve this vital piece of equipment. Eventually it was located over a mile away on top of the student union building. History had repeated itself (see Kiteflyer 92) and it turned out we had forgotten that Kevlar line can, and will, cut itself if not sleeved!! Meanwhile back in the festival arena the children took over and flew the kites that they had made earlier in the FREE workshop run by Mick and Norma House and a host of volunteers. During the mass 'fly-in' the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Brighton and Hove City Council, Councillor David Watkins arrived to give out prizes to the children that had been donated by Worlds Apart. After a long and enjoyable afternoon of flying Carl and Bryan, Team

Spectrum, gave another display to bring the days festivities to a close. However the day was not finished and during the evening more drink flowed, flyers were reunited, new friendships forged. Anne and Alan Outram provided us with a superb barbeque as they have done in the past. We were also treated to impromptu entertainment when a local marching band turned up at the park. They practiced their fascinating routine of formation marching and playing. How they march backwards at such speed without falling over is beyond me. As darkness engulfed the flying field we were treated to a firework display choreographed by Martin & Mike of Force Nine Kites with the addition of a huge Chinese firecracker donated by Paul from the Rokkaku Disco. When Sunday morning arrived it heralded some serious leg pulling directed at Mike & Martin. Apparently during the firework display one of them opened the rear door of Mikes brand new 4x4 just as

## Harry & Mable

Harry and Mable are on the loose  
Since to Brighton they made the  
move,

Clubbing, pubbing, on the beach,  
Everything within their reach.

Up the Tye....Stanmore Park,  
Everything has become a lark,  
Going out on very dark nights  
Flying kites covered in lights.

This is the couple's latest craze,  
Busy nights and lazy days,  
Local newspaper headline goes,  
"Sighting of amorous U.F.O's"

Residents of Brighton look to the sky  
Everynight....towards the Tye,  
Written in lights up above,  
"Harry to Mable....with lots of love".



**Brighton Kite festival Continued**

a firework tipped over and damaged the back seat!!!

The Sunday Arena programme was nominally a repeat of the Saturday, although with the arrival of Andrew Beatie during the Avon Kite Flyers display this changed. It led to the spectacle of their green PL Octopus fighting with his Anuj (PL Gecko) whilst Veronica (Pink PL Octopus) and Ben (PL Multicoloured Manta Ray) flew loftily above the mêlée below.

The weekend's activities culminated in raffle prize awarding and awards being presented at a ceremony that began at five o'clock. The awards were presented as follows:-

BKF Shield - Simon Hennessey

Sid Horton Memorial Trophy -

Mike Stuart

Neville Wing Memorial Trophy -

Pete Linnell

Best Kite - Jointly to the BKF Teddy Bear and Manta Ray

(Peter Lynn)

Best of the Fest - Team Energise

During the many committee meetings we had before the festival it was decided to make and sell mince pies in memory of Neville Wing, inviting all those who had known or met him to make and or buy. As those who knew him well will know Neville always had a ready supply of his wonderful mince pies and at the last count we had made £52.07. All the money raised from the donations will go to the charity chosen by Neville's family. On behalf of the Club members and all who attended the festival I would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation for all the hard work put in by the festival committee and especially to Simon Hennessey and Alan Outram as the joint festival Organisers.

Paul Hill 23 July 2002

P.S. I have written this on the Tuesday following the festival and Simon has already rung twice with suggestions and ideas for next year. Our 25th anniversary festival... Oh well here we go again.....

# THE TYE - FLYS

I sat, leaning against a mound of earth, lit my pipe, and surveyed the scene before me. The English Channel, as far as the eye could see. The sky was cloudless, one solid mass of blue. The sea was like a mill pond. The blue of the sea and the blue of the sky met somewhere very far away, so far that I could not see the join. Little yachts were gliding back and forth before me, and far off to my left I could see the Newhaven ferry, on its way back from Dieppe. In the distance too, I could see 2 giant tankers, slowly making their way through the Channel. What a glorious day, what a breathtaking scene.

Suddenly, a voice nearby said "hang on to this" and I was handed a reel with a line shooting up into the sky high above me. I looked up, but saw nothing. I looked higher and saw this black cat with an enormous tail. The cat was bobbing gently from side to side as if saying "come on, come and play with me". I did and was immediately hooked on kite flying.

Down before me were a couple of dozen people flying their own kites and further down to the left the Scouts were cooking hot dogs. Down to my right there was a teddy bear, parachuting gently to the ground. This was Brighton Kite Flyer's annual Telscombe Cliffs Festival. A small local do, but all the better for that. My wife and I spoke to some of the members and found nothing but friendly voices everywhere. We

joined the club there and then.

Later, we delved into the history of "The Tye" and discovered that the mound of earth I was leaning against on that first day was actually a burial place from pre history, empty now, of course, having been looted many years ago. There are actually 2 burial places on "The Tye", and also a defensive dyke, also dating from pre history. Plus, from a much later date, there is an almost concealed dew pond. There are no trees on "The Tye" which is a ribbon of land squashed between Saltdean and Telscombe Cliffs, stretching from the cliffs above the sea to Telscombe Village and beyond - 168 acres in all. Most of "The Tye" is common land and is now owned by Telscombe Town Council.

Alas, in recent years there have been a number of problems with the use of "The Tye". Motor bikes, horse racers, and travellers. The result is that the Council now want to fence the whole of "The Tye". Most of the access points are planned as "kiss-gates" which will severely restrict the use of "The Tye". So much so that I fear the use of "The Tye" for kite flying is in jeopardy. That would be a great shame.

So, come on members, make your feelings known to Telscombe Town Council.

Need we say more?

Pat & Chris Bowman

I must say that having been up the Tye the other day to fly kites and come back with shoes covered in dogs muck, but at least more by luck than judgment not the kites. I would put up with motor bikes, cars and even travelers, just to make the dog walkers pick up the bits left behind but thats another story.

For some time the club has been asked to help at a festival on Telscombe Tye and this year is no exception we will be flying on the 29th September 2002. This could be the last year, as in the same breath as asking us to do them a favour and

help, we were told we could no longer have selected cars on the Tye, which was one of the things that was given to the club as a thank you for the help in organizing the fun days and using the Tye to stop it being built on. I have since spoken to the Downsman Trust who are organizing the fencing and hope to get a key and permission to put cars on the Tye, we will have to wait and see.

Please come along on the 29th and show we want to use the Tye. Your suport could keep it open to the club.

Simon Hennessey

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## New Years Day fly-in

The new years day fly-in will be held on the 1st January 2003 at Devils Dyke. One thing to remember about flying at the dyke is that the car park get full by about 11.00am so if you want to park near to the flying area the earlier you turn up the better.

**Please contribute to your club newsletter - even the smallest of items is welcome. Anything sent to the 'Editor' will be considered for print unless marked otherwise.**

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## Child Lifting

Just got back from a fly on the Tye we had both the Teddy and Octopus up on one line tied to the back of the car. Those there have discovered a new sport of child lifting come and see it next time we meet, or even have a go if you are small enough.

## fly-in reminders

Our Monthly fly-in is where we try and get as many of the club members to fly together. This is held on the 1st Sunday of the month on Telscombe Tye, East Sussex from 11.00am. Next to the A259 coast road between Saltdean and Peacehaven.

This is an all year round event and as the winter approaches it is a good time to meet up with club members that you normally only see at festival

See you there

## Brighton Kite Festival 2003

As some of you might be aware next years festival will be the 25th run by the Brighton Kite Flyers. Our aim for next year is to make it one of the best ever. The dates have been set for the 12th and 13th July 2003 again in Stamner Park, Brighton.

If you would like to help leading up to the festival please let me know on simon@BKF.org.uk or 01273 582309 I will then be able to keep you informed of the times we meet and plan the event. If you have any ideas about what you would like to see at the festival or what could be changed for a better festival, please let me know in good time and we will see what we can do.

Simon Hennessey

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