



Somewhere down here there must be something Matt can use for a ground anchor. so he can nip off and make a nice cup of tea for me.

THE NEWS LETTER FOR THE BRIGHTON KITE FLYERS

OSOW 2007 ENDED AS ANOTHER FUN DAY OUT

One Sky One World, although with a very serious aim behind a worldwide event, Brighton Kite Flyers always have fun at the event and we put on a good show for the public and try to get more people to understand not only the reasoning behind OSOW but kite flying in general as well.

The wind as so often was on the extreme, only this year it was light and gusty the opposite to last year's howling gales.

There was a good turn out from the club with 20 or so members and well over 150 kites were flown. With a large amount of the general public

looking on and in some cases joining in, fun was had by all. The light winds, as so often happens, brings out someone within the club with other types of toys to play with and this event was to be no exception as someone who will remain anonymous just happened to have a very large gas bottle full of helium and some very large balloons. Also flown using the helium was a balloon kite which is basically a no wind single line kite consisting of a helium filled balloon with a delta kite attached to it, (sorry no photos) all too soon either the line snapped or the knot came undone and the kite drifted off. Danny Rice managed to catch it twice with his Indian fighter and almost pulled it in but the combined pull of, not only the balloon, but the delta as well meant that it was just too much for the string to be held with line wrap alone and all we could do was watch as it drifted off into the distance.

The wind was up and down all day from nothing to a few miles and hour, as were the kites. With almost every type of kite being flown by one member of the club or another, single line, duel and four line sport kites and four line power kites a good display was put on. A lot of the public came over and chatted about kites, the OSOW event and a great festival they had seen and enjoyed in Stanmer Park earlier in the year not knowing it was

our festival, which makes the hard work put in by the the club and it's members all that more worthwhile. To hear them talking about the event and enthusing about the sight. We finished of the day with a mass flight of the club Spirits with well over 10 being flown including the two club "spirit of Pat" and the rest being those built in the club workshop held in 2007. So thank you OSOW for organising the world wide event, Alan and Keith who kept the count just for the record, Marion supplied the cakes and to all those members who turned up and flew without each and one of you it would not have been such an enjoyable event for the club.

Same time next year and with any luck better winds so we can put on a better spectral and show the public even more that can be achieved with all types of kites.

Simon Hennessey



CAMPING AT KITE FESTIVALS

The government do not collect income tax from prostitutes but they do accept that they exist and when prostitutes are caught in the act they are fined for plying their trade. If the government did accept income tax from prostitutes would they be guilty of receiving an income from immoral earnings? On the other hand and according to the previous argument, prostitutes do exist and do earn an income, why then do they not pay income tax on their earnings?

What's this got to do with camping at kite festivals?

I believe that the BKF committee are in a similar situation in respect to the law regarding their recent attempts to manage camping at our annual festival. Which as most of us appreciate, is held on a site that according to the site managers does not permit camping and that a bylaw is in place to this effect. This in my opinion means that as a committee they are in fact aiding and abetting the act of breaking the law by introducing any form of management for on site camping, something to do with "Ipso- facto" which is a Latin phrase, directly translated as "by the fact itself" which means that a certain effect is a direct consequence of the action in question

Regardless of the reasons why BKF request that campers do not arrive before a certain date the actual request itself opens up the question of legal responsibility and it could be argued that BKF are in fact breaking the bylaw themselves in respect to allowing camping on Stanmer Park, even if it were for only one day. The KSGB have resolved this issue by stating, quite clearly on all their

literature that camping on Southsea common is NOT permitted, my view is that BKF should also take on a similar stance and by doing so the club itself will not be affected by any individuals action in respect to camping at Stanmer Park

I personally do not believe that this action would preclude me (or others) from camping on common ground for short periods, which I believe can extend to up to 27 days but I must be prepared to accept that the authorities, perhaps with a police escort may at some time during the 27 days ask me to move on, if I refuse to move then a summons would be issued and the lengthy legal process would take effect. Obviously, the managing authority will consider the cost of such action against the benefit before taking any steps to remove any offenders and it is that consideration that I for one will continue to take as my guideline in this respect

I believe the bylaws are in place to provide the authorities with the means to remove itinerates, by force if necessary and in my opinion, providing the authorities see that any short term camping is not going to turn into a residential situation, they will (hopefully) continue to turn a blind eye but if they did not and decided to uphold the law then each individual would be responsible for his or her action. However, providing the club (BKF) had made the public statement that camping was not permitted at the site then the club itself would not be in breach of the law

In reply to Big John the committee would like to point out a few things before you all opt to head down mid week and camp ready for the festival. We as a club have no legal rights on site as stated by Big John as it is Brighton and Hove City council open land and to this end (as things stand) cannot stop anyone entering the site at any time even when the festival is taking place. It is important to remember the clubs "request" for people not camping before Friday is not done for the legal side, but a matter of respect and the wishes of the site owner and a club benefactor. We as a club receive support from Brighton and Hove City council to run the kite festival with the supply a grant, the amenities' and site free of charge. At their request we have been asked not to camp on site until the Friday. We also have in place a verbal agreement with the council to allow site security over the weekend of the kite festival to stay on site. This allows us to have limited camping space made available for those that require it. If we were to start to camp from Thursday or earlier and upset them the outcome could be that they would not look favourably on supporting the event in future years. Which would mean the end of a Kite Festival in Stanmer Park at the very least. To this end the club would ask that no camping take place in the park by kite flyers until Friday where if you are willing to be added to the site security list then limited places will be made available and are allowed by the council.

Cheers
Big John

On behalf of
Brighton Kite Flyers Committee

BRIGHTON KITE FESTIVAL 2008

JULY 12TH & 13TH 2008

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THE BEST EVER

All week I had been checking the weather, it looked as if we were going to have a wet and windy Kingsfold. All the equipment both tools & supplies were tested during the week for a cracking weekend. I hope we have the weather to enjoy them. My work week had been good, so I was able to meet Alan at the Crawley Sainsbury's for the provisions required, well you can't start a festival day without one of Alan's Full English. Arriving at Kingsfold in glorious sunshine we meet Glenys, Glenn, Janet & Big John, who had arranged to put us in the far corner of the field. (What were they trying to tell us?)

The Kingsfold organisers had done us proud, not a single land mine (cow pat) could be seen. The sacrifices to the weather gods & goddess looked like they were working. After levelling Alan's camper it was on with the kettle. Thanks Glenn for your help, we could have been in real trouble if we hadn't had the use of your pieces of wood. As we arrived, we notice Big John's Mega balloon, so we had to have a look, do you know the Mega Balloon can be blown up to 24ft - Yes 24ft. If fully inflated with Helium this balloon would lift a man. Luckily for me John didn't have enough Helium Cylinders to fill it up. John also showed us his Fantastic Helikite, a kite with a helium balloon attached, so even when my no wind kite will not fly, John will be able to grace the sky with this breath taking kite! All for the bargain price of £98.00 + Delivery and VAT, excellent value. Time to fly a kite, I thought it would be a good idea to put up my John Browning beating No Wind Kite, thanks to the modifications that Danny Rice made to her at Testons, she went up a treat. Now, Glenn's kite had been flying all afternoon, but as is always true at kite festivals my kite line found his kite line. Let's move on to the rocket launching. Ever since Margaret & Malcolm had introduced us to Burst Disc rockets, at Roy & Hayley's Jolly up, earlier this year, we had been looking to push the boundaries. We moved forward a little at Teston with The Little Beauty, a small compressor and working on the theory that more pressure means more height, in turn means more excitement. We wanted to go

further, to do that we needed a pressure cylinder that could contain considerably more pressure. After a little research and digging about at work I found the appropriate wall thickness tube and some large lumps of stainless steel. We now have a launch cylinder capable of 2000psi - that should be enough for the time being. The engineering and science theory was very simple, but would it work? Air from Little Beauty powered by Big Johns 3Kw Generator would fill the launch cylinder with air up to 150psi, giving us the volume of air to launch rockets. This air pressure would be maintained via a non return valve. Then with the use of a 750psi pressure test hand pump the air pressure would be increased in theory up to 750psi. Tests at work had proved that a burst disc made from a beer can, could be burst. An email was sent to everyone involved to start looking for suitable material for burst discs, we needed to find the optimum material.

Now at Kingsfold we had the room to test fire a rocket. All the equipment was collected. The Stainless Steel Rocket Launcher, Little Beauty, Big John's Generator. The pressure test hand pump, the cables and hoses necessary to connect everything and of course the BIG SPANNER. Many hands make light work and very soon all was ready go.

Thank you to everyone who helped, it doesn't take long for the launch team to multiply.

Alan had cut several beer can burst discs, so we decided to start there. One of these discs was placed in the launch cylinder adaptor, cover replaced and launch tube screwed in and tightened with the BIG SPANNER. Are we ready? Turn on generator, remember to turn to run once started, Little beauty starts to pump air into Launch cylinder 70psi-80psi-90psi-100psi-110psi that's the limit for Little Beauty, now it's the hand pump's turn, pressure soon starts to increase 150psi-200psi-250psi and at about 300psi BANG everyone looks skyward can anyone see it, WOOWWW where did it go? Then we realised the rocket, a cheap Stomp Rocket had not left the launch pad, how come? The sudden pres-

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sure release had split the plastic tube never mind we'll patch it up with Duck Tape. Tape repair done, lets try again, this time someone kept an eye on the rocket, this time we blew it to smithereens, we never did find the nose cone.

This Experiment proved that Stomp Rockets are not strong enough; we will have to wait for Margaret & Malcolm and Malcolm's proper Rockets. It was only later as we went over experiment details, that we concluded that the slug from the centre of the burst disc, remember this was from a beer can, tore through the rocket like shrapnel. OOPS!! Time for a beer and a kite fly. Alan & I joined Janet & Big John at Glenys & Glenn's camper for a buffet supper.

Saturday dawned in mist; sunshine through the mist over the lake looked absolutely fabulous. I flew my John Browning beating No Wind Kite in almost no wind, I'm sure John will be impressed. She carried on flying during breakfast. We were suppose to wait for John Browning for breakfast, but Alan and I were too hungry, not only that, Alan couldn't wait to try his new Cadac, so on went the Bacon, sausage, mushrooms,



tomatoes, eggs and the left over boiled potatoes from Glenys & Glenn's buffet, that should just about see us through till lunch. As we were washing up John phoned, to say he's ten minutes away, he was very disappointed to hear he had missed breakfast. We couldn't do that to John and by the time he had arrived his breakfast was on the table complete with toast, orange juice and coffee. He seemed to enjoy. I could not convince John to fly his No Wind Kite so that the two No Wind Kites could fly along side each other, do you think he's worried about my kite? We had hardly finished clearing up and Margaret & Malcolm arrived with rockets. The excitement was too

much, we had to start with rockets. All the gear was assembled on the floor, then excitement gave way to disappointment, Janet and Big John had not surfaced, how were we going



to pump air into rocket launcher. Malcolm saved the day he produced a cracking twin cylinder foot pump. It was decided to use plastic burst discs, no shrapnel, John B had bought some acetate which proved to be excellent bursting disc material. In went the air, then boost pressure with hand pump, we were amazed we managed to get to just under 300psi - BANG Yes rocket had left launch pad where is it - can anyone see it ? there it is WWOOWWW!!!!!! That was FANTASTIC. I don't know how many we launched, but it was a lot and our enthusiasm for more did not subside We must have sounded like 6 year olds at a birthday party. After Malcolm's foot pump colpased John Elvin came to the rescue with his pump. For about 1 ½ Hours of experiments maintained the excitement, I must apologise to our neighbours, We must have been rather noisy. What do you expect with kids? Many of us were wondering how high we managed to launch the rockets, so are we. lots of the rockets launched went out of sight, the only criteria we had to base the height achieved, was by time the rocket took to return. We must work on a method for recording the rockets height, any ideas? There must be someone out there that knows the formula. I think we can disregard wind as we only do this when there is not enough wind to fly kites.

We needed to calm down for awhile, the wind had started to pickup, if only a little, as we were here to fly kites, I thought John was cheating though flying his Helikite . A kite that need Helium to keep it up can not be called a No Wind Kite, it's a helium balloon stuck to a kite. Quiet returned to Kingsfold, as we all flew some kites. Later we visited to engine exhibits

you never know what you might see or find at Kingsfold, As usual the Grumpy Old Gits took great pleasure in perusing the tool stalls. We had a lazy afternoon just flying kites, Glenn and myself were sitting on the grass watching the kites, I remarked " what more could anyone want, Fantastic weather, steady wind, great friends, kites gently fluttering in the breeze, the world at peace. Just one thing missing", "What's that" replied Glenn. "A beer". Later we were joined by Margaret, she too wanted to chill. Alan took a call from Anne, the exhaust on her car was blowing badly, not a real problem, until we realise Anne has tonight's dinner. Luckily a very nice man in Redhill managed to patch it up. A great Shepherds Pie followed for with Apple & Blackberry Crumble made by Frances, it's amazing how things taste so much better alfresco. Shame Alan forgot the Gravy. During dinner we were entertained by the lights on kites, especially Les Reed's kite which had lots of sequenced LED's, it looked like Close Encounters. Something else to research over the winter month. While everyone else was deep in conversation John Browning and I decided to checkout the saloon over at Deadwood, we nearly got lost in the dark. John was surprised by the new buildings; The Trapper now has a cabin. The Lamp shop was open and the log fire looked very inviting, so we had a wander round, not that there is a lot to wander round, but he does have great collection of oil lamps, if you ever need spares for your old oil lamps he's the man to see.

Further down Main Street we found the Saloon, it's a great feeling to swing those doors, and strolled up to the bar. Once there we enquired about a drink, strictly speaking you're supposed to take your own, but after a donation was made we had a drink. We were thoroughly entertained by the cowboys in the bar; it's a serious business being a cowboy, almost as serious as being a Grumpy Old Git. We watch with incredulity as the lady behind the bar mixed drinks, ready for when her guests (can't call them customers) arrive, after the Hoe Down. After mixing cactus Juice, she started to work on the Mississippi mud slides, ½" of Kahlua, 1" bailey's or similar topped off with vodka, as I was thinking you must be mad to

drink that, she slides two of them over to John and I, Oh dear, I think that means we have to drink them! John explained, (he's obviously been here before) you have to down it in one, what the hell am I doing here? Why can't we just slide out the door - too many people. Well as they say, there are things you must do before you die, I think this is one of them. What the heck Gulp OK not the finest drink if ever had , but definitely not the worst. Maybe if I end up in the saloon at Deadwood next year I'll try another. John and I returned to Alan's camper to find quite a crowd had gathered around Big John's heater, slowly everyone left for bed and John, Alan and myself retired to Alan's camper for coffee and Southern Comfort. The only way to round of a perfect day. Needless to say I had a superb night sleep. Slept in late, can't think why! Alan suggested it was time I tried the Cadac, I'm sure that was so he didn't have to cook breakfast, OK where do we start. "Alan what are we going to do with all these sausages and bacon" very simple reply "Cook em" well we ran out of room on the cadac can you believe it? Seeing Les Reed up the hill we decided to invite him to breakfast and if anyone else had wandered by, they too would have been invited. Les bought his mini Cadac so we had some where to cook the eggs. Can you imagine it four Grumpy Old Gits slaving over Cadacs? Glenn eventually surface so was forced to have breakfast with us, not that it took much persuading. During breakfast we were lamenting the fact that we had not had any pancakes this weekend. Les soon remedied the situation, he had pancake mix enough for all, so not only did we have a cracking breakfast we also had desert, can't be bad.

Disaster Struck, Big Johns Helikite at been tied to the underside of his awning, but as the wind picked up the Silver helium filled balloon parted



company with the kite and floated gracefully up over the Kingsfold site, No doubt later on today there will be people convinced they've seen a UFO. Not being able to fly my Purple Kelvin Cody yesterday, not enough wind, so I was determined to fly it today and boy does it fly beautifully, I still can't believe it's mine, I'm such a lucky boy. Glenn already had his Mega Sled Delta flying, don't they look great flying together. With no rockets, Malcolm took his rockets home yesterday, we will have to find something else to amuse us. Well you know us it has to go with a BANG. John had been desperate to find a Bucket or barrel to fill with water, so we could carry out another vital science experiment. The Water trough at the top end of the field had been rejected, I'm sure Dave McArthur would not have minded his Trailer tent being soaked. After much pestering from John, I relented and let him have my bucket, the one I planned to mix bubble juice in. John went up to the Trough to fill bucket with water, you should have seen the wild life in it, I'll rephrase that, the dead wild life. John already had the 1Lt Coke bottle required, so armed with his flask of CO2 we walked to the middle of the adjacent field, the coke bottle was half filled with water then topped up with CO2, the lid screwed down tight, then the bottle was dropped in the bucket, we



moved away swiftly to await the outcome lots of creaking of plastic more creaking taking it's time," do you think we should have a look - "not yet" finally BANG water everywhere and a great cheer from all the onlookers. Well that went well we need a bigger bottle,

Bigger bottle acquired, experiment repeated again lots of creaking the anticipation is unbelievable everyone is watching bucket intently more creaking she's going to blow .even more creaking. BOOOOOM-MMMM!!!!!! Not only had the CO2

blown the bottle up, it had shattered the bucket. I think that concludes our noisy experiments for today. What follow was brilliant, hearing the noise, the Sheriff of Deadwood and his deputies appeared in the field ready to arrest John, who was posing with the destroyed bucket. They had thought they were under attack, they believed the sound to be a musket.



After explaining the science John was allowed to go free. Have they got a Jail in Deadwood?

Less noisy experiments from now on. We tried a CO2 Jet boat with mixed results, we will have to come back to this one at a later date. The most spectacular quiet experiment was Liquid Nitrogen thrown over the pond, very eerie and atmospheric, mist hovering over the surface just like a horror movie. During the morning International Kite Rescue performed a spectacular rescue of C2llin's Delta, very daring with power lines inches from the kite. Les having spent nearly half an hour putting his Cody together, just to have it blown from the sky as a spar popped, floating down very close to the power lines. Now comes the time to pack up and clear up, this is the worst part of a wonderful weekend, folding up kites, winding up lines, pulling out stakes, trying to work out how to put



everything back into the Pick Up, why does it always seem as if there's not enough room to put it all back, people are already saying good bye and leaving, I don't want to go it's been far to good. Just remember we can do it all again soon. Finally (Yes I know it went on a bit, but what do you leave out ?) A HUGE ENORMOUS THANK YOU to all the people, little and large that organised a Terrific weekend, I hope you let us back next year

Keith Boxall GOG

Many thanks to Anne, Alan & My sister Jan for proof reading.



HORTON FARM

We have been asked if we would like to camp and to fly our kites at the Horton Vintage Weekend. This is a similar show to the Kingsfold Vintage show but is run and managed by a completely different organisation.

The dates are the 3rd 4th and 5th of May 2008 and before you remind me, yes, I know this is the same weekend as Weymouth International but as camping at Weymouth is both difficult and expensive you might consider Horton to be another choice. So far as I am concerned the weekend will be cost free, except your travel expenses, very relaxed, with no "organised" arena events unless you want to and the entire weekend will be run pretty much on a par with the Kingsfold steam rally.

If you want to look the site up on your map the address is:

Merton Farm
Merton Lane
Canterbury
Kent
CT4

Big John

Please email Big John if you are interested in attending.

A LOOK AT 2007

The winter days are getting shorter and colder but let me add some colour, sunshine and warmth by way of a review of the past kite months of 2007.

We started the year with our first festival, Streattham kite day. What a wonderful day, lovely weather and lots of beautiful kites. The festival included kite displays by Team Spectrum and other UK teams. There were kite traders and lots of food stalls. We met lots of old friends and just by chance I was invited to take part in the Jamaica Independence kite day festival in Gloucestershire in August. The festival was very enjoyable, I flew all my Jamaican kites and there was a lot of interest from many people, adults and children alike. Again, there were various traders and stalls all relating to different aspects of Jamaican culture. I met flyers from the Golden Valley Kite Club. They were very helpful throughout the festival. In fact the whole festival had a very friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

...and onto Weymouth. This is really the first big festival of the season with flyers from France, USA, Germany, and Australia and of course lots of



teams and clubs from the UK. Brighton Kite Flyers, Avon Kite Flyers and the Kent and Northern Kite Flyers were also there.

Flying conditions varied throughout the weekend with some flyers managing to land their kites in the sea! At one point a motor boat helped to rescue a few kites from the waves. Nevertheless, a good weekend was had by all the flyers and public alike. Looking forward to going back next year and have already booked accommodation.

Dunstable...ah yes, what a wonderful location for a kite festival. The flying area overlooks a beautiful valley

where a gliding school is situated. There was a very good turnout as the weather was lovely all day. The Brighton Kite Flyers teddy bear was prominent and Team Spectrum and other various kite flying teams helped to make it a very enjoyable day. Apart from kites the area, which is run by the National Trust, is a setting landscape photographers would enjoy. I believe the Dunstable Festival should be supported as it is a wonderful day out for all the kite flyers and their families. I'll be back next year!



Portsmouth was during August Bank holiday weekend. This is usually one of the biggest UK festival and this year was no different. Because of the bad weather during the earlier part of the year a lot of festivals in the north of England had been cancelled and we were therefore happy to see a lot of welcome friends from the Midlands and the North.

During the festival a sparkling array of kites and flyers graced the arena



throughout the weekend. The Swiss team were particularly good. There were teams and clubs from many areas of Holland, Italy and India, to mention just a few. UK teams included Airheads, Team Spectrum and Close Encounters. All completed brilliant displays while the Avon and Brighton clubs displayed their fabulous collection of kites.

There was so much to do at Portsmouth such as dog shows, craft

tents, funfair, traders and many refreshment venues. If you didn't want to fly you wouldn't get bored there!

The hot air balloon and kite festival in



Chelmsford, Essex was slightly disappointing. The entrance fee was high, which kept a lot of the public away and you had to make your own entertainment as there was not a lot of additional stalls etc. Lucky enough the weather was lovely and the balloon flight in the evening was an



amazing spectacle. We enjoyed the day but hope there is more to do next year.

Fuerteventura International Kite Festival 2007 was the culmination of all the events during the year and as always was out of this world. This festival needs a review all of its own....

Lynn & Courtney



JAVA JIVE - OCCASIONAL POSTINGS FROM INDONESIA

Kites Grounded for Environment Conference

Indonesia's State Power Board (PLN) asked the Balinese to refrain from the popular activity of kite flying for the duration of the UN conference on climate change, which ended on Friday 14 December. PLN officials told the press that they have forwarded their request to village chiefs across the island because they are worried that kites may interfere with the electrical distribution system.

The extremely large kites flown by many village groups are often held

aloft by wires that when they accidentally come in contact with high voltage lines can act as conductors causing short circuits.

The General manager of PLN Bali, Budiman Bachrulhayat said that if the delegates attending the climate conference in Bali suffer even 'a moment's power outage, it could embarrass the entire nation.'

Article originally appeared in 'the beat' Bali and Java's biweekly entertainment gig guide No 196, Dec14-27, 2007



Fuerteventura International Kite Festival

The festival is held on the La Playa del Burro beach in Fuerteventura during the second weekend in November. This is our third visit and it gets better every year.

Fuerteventura is the big one for me.



The setting is spectacular, the weather is brilliant and the kites are a work of art. The hospitality from the local people and authorities that organise the festival was more than welcoming and everyone was, as always, very friendly. It is more like a yearly pilgrimage than a festival! Kite people from all over the world congregate in the dunes of Corralejo.

All the usual nations were there, the Brits, French, Italians, Swiss, Germans and the Dutch and of course the occasional Jamaican (me, Courtney)!

The night before the festival there is a night fly for the local TV cameras and media. This was an event in itself.

The festival normally starts at about 10am and on the first day (Friday), all the school children and teachers from the local schools are brought to the beach by coach and all the children are given a kite to fly. To see 500

bright red kites all flying in the blue sky together was a spectacular sight and the children loved it!

Various camps were set up around the dunes by the flyers taking part and one beautiful flying creation after another took to the skies. There is a tradition where small gifts are exchanged between flyers and new and old friends and there are usually a few birthdays to celebrate as well. The first day is predominately a flying and socialising day with an exhibition of static and acrobatic kites.

During the evening many of the flyers meet in a restaurant on the beach in the town of Corralejo.



The second day gets bigger and more creative with even more kites and inflatables. I was interviewed by the local radio and TV station of the Canary Islands. Famous at last! At midday there was a Rokakus fight and yes the British won. Carolyn Swift was a runner up and Jerry Swift from the Northern Kite club won the title. It was a lovely day and the weather was perfect. During the evening the host laid on a meal at a restaurant on the

beach with music and dancing and at 10pm there was a night flight but there was no wind so in fact there was very little flying! Even so, it was a spectacular evening enjoyed by all.

Sunday, was sadly the final day but just as good as the others. Many kites and flyers exhibiting and lots of wine and spirits being distributed along the dunes. At 3pm there was the raffle and prize giving and a signing of a large Edo kite made especially to commemorate the festivals 20th year. The festival closed with a final evening get together of all the participants at the beach restaurant. There were also fireworks and another attempt at a night fly but again there was very little wind.

I had the good fortune to be given a twenty minute master class by a French flyer in the control of Delta stunt kites. This was brilliant and I now have to practice a lot to get to his standard. What an enjoyable lesson. At this festival many new friendships are formed and old friends reunited. Personally we would like to thank the organisers from the Canary Islands and a big thank you to Pauline and Simon Norris, Carolyn and Jerry Swift, Bob and Carol Cruickshank, Dick from the Great Ouse Kite Club, Vaz and family from Holland, and Ray and Sheila Smith for helping to make this a great festival.

We are already looking forward to next year.....cant wait.....

Courtney & Lynn Beckles

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THANK YOU

"I would like to thank Simon for organising a fantastic party! The cooks for the food. All those who turned up for making the Brighton Kite Flyers 2007 Christmas Party a fantastic evening out". We would also want to thank Alan for taking us to the hospital and back and everyone else who helped Leah, who is doing fantastically - until the Friday when she was at school and guess what banged her head again. So another trip down the Hospital and a little tlc and all is better again.

Hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and an amazing New Year

Bryan, Carole-Anne, Harry & Leah.

The Committee would like to wish all the members and fellow kite flyers a very happy new year and look forward to seeing you all on the flying field in 2008.

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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BRISTOL THICK UP THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY

How nice it is to know that members of Brighton Kite Flyers are so sympathetic and supportive when one falls accidentally out of bed and ends up with a fat lip at Bristol Kite Festival. It really is lucky that I did not break a leg or similar 'cos they would very likely have propped me up in a chair for the rest of the festival and maybe offered to drive me to hospital at the end of the day - accompanied by howls of derisive laughter of course!

For those of you who were not there, let me explain. I sleep in my campervan in the over cab bed, which is five feet above the floor and reached by a ladder. On the night in question, I had one small bottle of beer and two glasses of wine - hardly enough to have any effect on my balance. After an hour in bed it was time to visit the loo and thinking that I was on my boat I reached for the floor with my feet, stretching further and further until I lost balance and fortunately fell on to the seat rather than the floor. However, the table was in the way and came up to attack my face in a rather aggressive manner, causing me to put a tooth through my lip. Trying to get back to sleep clenching paper tissues between your teeth to stem the blood is not an experience I would recommend to fellow kite flyers. Perhaps I will sleep under the van in future!

Ray Oakhill

I suppose all we can say to you to help prevent it in future is take some water with it next time Ray.

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