

THE NEWS LETTER FOR THE BRIGHTON KITE FLYERS

## TALES OF THE LONELY KITEFLYER

Was it something I said, perhaps? Had I inadvertently flown the wrong kite making some kiting faux pas? There must have been something or I would not have spent two kiting events with just one BKF member – a John in both cases – as my sole BKF companion (and in the case of the Haywards Heath Rugby Club event, my sole kite flying companion). If this is a sign of the future, and will I be on my own all year.

OK, I knew that Weymouth was to be badly attended having spoken to most BKF members this year, and the weather was not the best for the Haywards Heath Rugby Club event, but only two of us? After an excellent start to the Bank Holiday weekend, it was only to be expected that Bank Holiday Monday was to see some pretty torrential rain and strong winds, but hey ho, kite flyers are made of stern stuff, so with the car packed, I was off to the Rugby Club. I was directed to the kite flying field, but was warned not to enter as the gateway was impassable, so parked up by the entrance waiting for the obligatory tractor to lay boards down so we could get into the field. Soon after, John Elvin arrived followed by our intrepid Chairman. Simon went off to check that the fairground people were all on for our Festival, at which point Hilary decided that enough was enough, and demanded to be taken home immediately. By the time I got back, the kite field entrance was

sorted, but the main entrance was decidedly iffy.

We decided to have a quick look around and see how many people were likely to stay – the mammoth car boot sale certainly looked desolate with no more than half a dozen forlorn cars sitting in the middle of what was rapidly becoming a lake with a significant absence of buyers. The Clubhouse was excellent, though, and a bacon roll and coffee put a much better light on the morning. The inner man satisfied, we strolled out to a less damp morning. The Chairman had specifically brought his young daughter out so that he could claim that she was bored / wet / needed the toilet so he really had to go home, although he really wanted to fly a kite. John and I had no such excuse, so I tried a small Rok with some success, and we progressed to a Spirit, Ostend Bird, Delta, Skydancer and for about one minute thirty seconds a NASA Wing (I really ought to have got out the Flexifoil I went to the car for and not have been tempted, but there you are).

John and I continued with our two man display for a good 4 hours, by which time the general weather had improved, but the wind had dropped and the occasional visitor to the kite field had completely dried up (metaphorically speaking, that is) as all the visitors were around the main arena. Incidentally, they all had an excellent view, and could choose



Following on from his success at Summers Pond, Teston was the place for Collin to add to his collection of Boxes containing rare air. (see the BKF the forum for more details details on this)

where to stand at will, so this was a considerable bonus for those who decided to come along. With this, we



decided to call it a day. BKF had met their contractual obligations, had put up a damn good show, and managed to get out of the gate before the main exodus of traders churned up the entrance so that no one could get off the site. So remember, wimps, kite flying is for men (albeit with full waterproofs, Wellingtons, silly rain hats .....

Peter Jackson



# IS IT A DUCK?

Over the past eighteen months if I had a pound for each time I had been asked that question or a mother had been overheard saying to their child

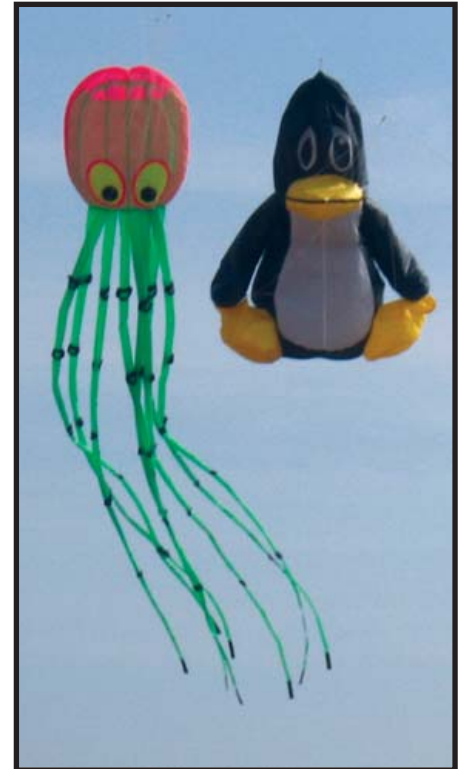


'Ooh look ....., a duck.' I would have made a 5m MK2 version rather than be planning on making a 3m version of this inflatable. At least children get the species right when they call him 'Pingu', but his name is 'Tux', he is the mascot of the Linux open source computer operating system and he is most definitely a penguin.

Tux is based on an open source soft toy pattern from the 'www.free-penguin.org' website and is scaled up to just less than 1.5m tall. The only problem I found in doing this is that an error of a few millimetres that can be lost when assembling a 30cm tall soft toy becomes greatly magnified on a 1.5m tall inflatable, and as a result Tux had to have a tummy tuck and a groin insert in order to be sewn closed.

Initially he was made as an inflatable windsock, but that idea worked like a hole in the head, and even with up to three drogues strategically clipped to his backside he could not be stopped from spinning, in fact he would spin better than my Rosette Drogue which is meant to spin.

Thus after three months of testing and attempts to stop his propensity to spin the top of Tux's head was replaced (all be it with an opening across the top and the addition of a peak shaped scoop to catch the wind) and the MK1 version became the MK1a version. In addition to sporting a lobotomy scar, Tux was given various bridle attachment loops at points around his body so that he could be tethered to the flying line in an almost upright position. At present he just requires one more attachment



point, right between the eyes to stop the wind pushing his face in, but other than that and the odd occasion when the wind flips him over the flying line he inflates well and no longer spins. So what of MK2? Having achieved proof of principle with MK1a, the plan is to build a 3-5m MK2 version using a brand new error free scratch drawn pattern and to dispense with the air intake scoop and go for mesh intakes in either the whites or the pupils of his eyes. Other innovations will include some internal stays to stop his feet ballooning, and a Velcro opening in his lower back for rapid deflation.

Batchoy

# AUTUMN WORKSHOP

At the AGM there were mutterings heard around the room about running a workshop making kites following on from the success of the Martin Lester "Spirit" workshop held last year.

If any members have ideas for kites that they would like to make please contact the chairman or secretary. Although the final choice of workshop is open to all kite flyers to attend, not just club members, members will have a say in the choice of kite and will get 1st option of places on the workshop.

One of the options that has been put forward is to invite Karl Longbottom (one of the UK's well know kite makers) down to primarily make his "Swan", but for those who have already made this at the White Horse workshop we will run a second workshop making another of his kite designs alongside the swan (which design is to be confirmed). Another idea that has been put forward is to ask Guy Renolds to run a workshop making a "Tux" penguin or even a kite designed just for the club to make

say a dolphin (the emblem of Brighton)

Other ideas that have been mentioned include a workshop to make a club arch and/or windbow this would be a free workshop where you would just learn and practice your skills for the benefit of the club.

So go on put your thinking caps on and let us know what you would like to do and we will do our best to get something together over the winter months ready for you to fly next season at festivals.

# THIS YEAR STILLDON

Last year we had Swindon Kite Festival, well the weather saw to it this year, that there was no way it would be Swindon, it was hot and dry all weekend, although it did try it's hardest to make it Stilldom. We headed up early on Saturday morning leaving home at just after 5.30am to pick Dave H up 6.00am. Well 6.02am we turned the corner and there standing ready was Dave (good job no police were about as I think picking up from street corners is frowned upon) We were soon on our way and headed off up the Motorway, a good clear run the whole way only stopping to pick up supplies for breakfast just off the M3. We arrived at about 8.15am to find Alan and Keith already on the field wondering

what to do with no wind. A few "Hello's", the cadac out 1st and then the chairs and table and breakfast was soon being cooked, eaten and cleared away, what a way to start a day but with a full English with most of the trimmings. It was time to settle down and work out the plans for the day. With no wind at all and a blazing sun running around did not really seem a sensible option so no Charlie Browning big kites. Time was spent catching up with fellow kite flyers avoiding seeing Marla too often (not that we don't like Marla but our pockets kept on getting emptied for the raffle). A fun relaxing day not flying much at all finished off with a trip into Swindon for F & C and the legendary WHKF raffle. Not much

brought back to Brighton although Keith did get a fantastic book, which I must ask to borrow some time. Headed back to the camp site for a good nights sleep ready for what we hoped would be a better day's fling on the Sunday. Sunday soon came and there was a little more wind than on Saturday so after cooking up pancakes for what seemed about 20 people along with Bacon, Eggs etc. we headed off to the field for a fly. The site is not as spacious as Wroughton but there is still room to fly, so we put up some of the club big kites and had fun with fellow kite flyers throughout the day. All in all a good weekend and look forward to next year, even better if back a Wroughton.

Simon Hennessey

## PROFILE CORNER PROFILE CORNER PROFILE CORNER

Over the coming issues of Aerodyne we will adding a short profile of all the club kites and hopefully some of the interesting kites or kite related products you have seen, used or flown on your travels.

# THE SPIRIT OF PAT



The Spirit kites are designed and made by Martin Lester. A well known UK kite maker based in Cornwall. The Spirit Kite comes in 3 sizes and these are the smallest of the three called "mini Spirits" at mere 20 foot long from the head to the toe, they still cause quite a stir with their flowing movements and human form

which means, all in all they are a joy to fly and watch. These kites use about 15m of fabric and take Martin about 5 hours each to make although when the club held a workshop making the spirit it took most of us over the two days to complete, and ended up finishing them at home.

The Brighton Kite Flyers two mini Martin Lester Spirit kites were specially commissioned from Martin Lester by the club, after winning one in the auction at Bristol Kite Festival in September 2006.

The auction was for one mini spirit in any colour and with whatever design you wanted on it. We explained to Martin the reasoning behind the design and the feelings we had for the kite, and he agreed to make two for us one in white and one in black with the club logo on the chest in keeping with the club T Shirts. The kites are normally flown as a pair and are jointly known as the "Spirit of Pat". The name "Spirit of Pat" comes from Pat Dell a fond member of the club and the Kiting community who passed away in early 2006. Ron Dell her husband offered some funds to

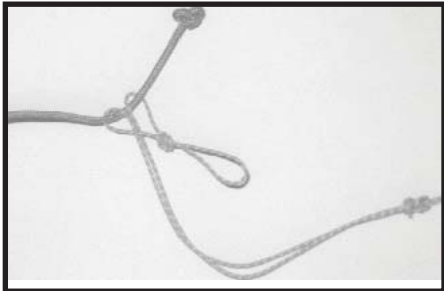
the club for us to put towards running the club festival, but it was felt that at the time that we would prefer to use the monies towards something the club could keep and remember Pat by for years to come. Ron agreed to this and the hunt then started for a kite that was suitable for such a requirement. It took several months but at the end of the season the opportunity of the spirits arrived and it was felt that the spirit fitted the bill perfectly. The kites were finally delivered in early 2007 and had limited showing before the clubs festival in July of that year where they took centre slot in the arena with Ron Dell flying one of them.

Each kite can and has been flown separately, but are often flown by club members as part of a spectacular display the Brighton Kite Flyers put on, where we fly a quantity of Spirit kites both made by club member at a workshop we held in 2007 and brought from Martin. We have at one display, where we were joined by Martin Lester and Avon Kite Flyers, had over 30 Spirit kites of all shapes and sizes flying at one time

# GET KNOTTED WITH

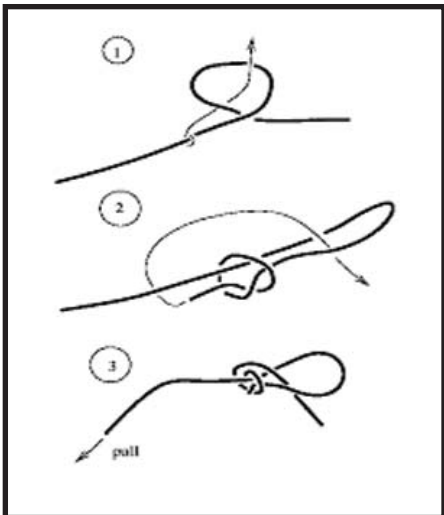
We all need to be able to tie a few knots when flying kites – these are some of my favourites.

**Larkhead:** also known as a Cow Hitch, Ring Hitch and Bale Sling Hitch. We all use this for joining kite to flying line, tail to kite and for bridle adjustments, but if you tie an overhand knot in the loop first, it gives you something to catch hold of to release it .



**Oysterman's Stopper Knot:** also called the Ashley Stopper Knot

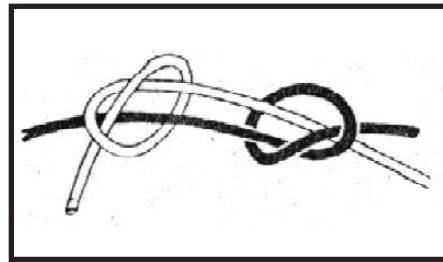
This is larger and more symmetrical than an Overhand Knot, but it's still easy to tie. The only things to note are that the Half Knot must be formed in the standing part, not the end, and when working up, rove the end through the Half Knot , then pull the Half Knot snug, before pulling the end tight.



**Fisherman's Knot:** also known as the Improved Clinch Knot or, in the circus, as a Flyers' Knot (think how trapeze artists hold onto each other) It is really a bend, unlike the Fisherman's Bend, which is really a hitch!

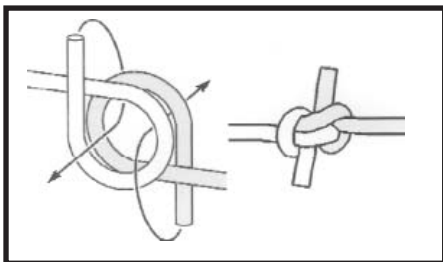
Nevertheless, it's a good way to join two lines, even if they are of different diameters, and consists of a pair of

overhand knots each around the other line.



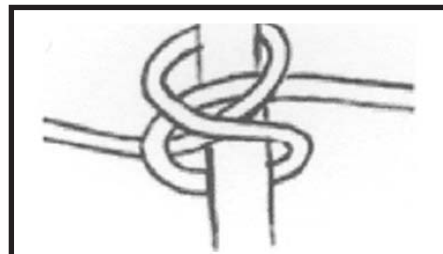
**Zepplin Bend:** also known as a Rosendahl Bend, after the Captain of the American Airship "Los Angeles" who reputedly insisted on its use.

This is reckoned to be the ultimate knot for joining two lines (or repairing a broken one) as it weakens the line the least, and is symmetrical, secure and easy to untie even after having been heavily loaded.



**Constrictor Knot:** This is effectively a clove hitch with an overhand knot under the crossover: it results in an unbelievably secure binding, ideal for whipping or joining two spars: I've even used as a temporary hose clip! It's a pig to undo if tightened hard.

It's also used with the end slipped (i.e. tucked through double, leaving an end to pull to undo) by millers to attach sacks to the grain hoist.



If this has whetted your appetite, I can thoroughly recommend "The Ashley Book of Knots" ( yes, he of the stopper knot, above). It's a mighty tome detailing over 3500 knots, together with their uses and history, but even that doesn't include the Zepplin Bend!

Alan R.

# WHAT IS TO COME

Below are a few dates you can add to your diary of events where we might well be found flying do, come along and say "Hello". For more events as they come about look at the BKF forum or Website.

**6th July 2008**

BKF Fly-in, Telscombe Tye

**12th - 13th July 2008**

Brighton Kite Festival

**19th - 20th July 2008**

Eastbourne Extreme

**19th - 20th July 2008**

Hereford Kite Festival

**20th July 2008**

Dunstable Downs Kite Festival

**3rd August 2008**

BKF Fly-in, Telscombe Tye

**2nd - 3rd August 2008**

Roy's Jolly Up

**9th - 10th August 2008**

Teston Bridge Fun Weekend

**16th - 17th August 2008**

Kites Over Captstone Park

**23rd - 25th August 2008**

Portsmouth Kite Festival

**30th - 31st August 2008**

Bristol Kite Festival

**7th September 2008**

BKF Fly-in, Telscombe Tye

**6th - 14th September 2008**

Dieppe Kite Festival, France

**20th - 21st September 2008**

Big Sky Margate

**20th - 21st September 2008**

Chelmsford Balloon & Kites Festival

**27th - 29th September 2008**

Kingsfold Steam and Kite Festival  
We have also been provisionally invited to fly on the 1st weekend of October at the South of England Showground (Members only event).

There is also plans afoot for another Christmas party, and we are looking at running another kite workshop in November and a rok making session for more details check out the forum and website.

Simon Hennessey

# WEYMOUTH 2008

It's the spring bank holiday, so Hilary and I set off on our usual trip to Weymouth, this time in the new motorhome, so are not too worried about the poor weather forecast, although we do make sure that the farm we are staying on does have hard-standing space just in case the ground is too wet. Neither of us were working on the Friday, so we leave early to beat the usual Friday evening traffic queues and arrive by lunchtime to glorious sunshine. We take a gentle stroll down towards the coast overlooking Chesil Beach and have to slap on the sun cream, the sun is so hot.

I always enjoy Saturday more than any other day over the weekend as the weather is often better, the beach is usually quieter, the traders have lots of bargains and there is the chance to catch up with everyone after a winter of kite hibernation. As far as catching up with BKF members, this took little time this year as there was only John Lancaster apart from us, although I did catch a glimpse of three other members over the weekend. There were many comments over the weekend along the lines of "I didn't think BKF were coming", so we did seem to have the benefit of some novelty value, and managed to grab the same amount of beach as usual, just in case there

was a last minute rush of BKF members to the seaside (there wasn't!). The flying was great, with just the right amount of wind for my Spirit to stay up well all morning, and as the wind picked up a little in the afternoon to fly some different kites, including getting the Roks ready for the Rok fights (which never took place).

As has been the case in recent years, the good flying conditions on the Saturday did not continue for the next couple of days, Sunday in particular being a bit of a washout. The early part of the day saw some torrential showers, and even though the normal open-topped commentary bus was not open-topped this year, I spotted Andy King during the day looking like the proverbial water rat. Despite the damp weather, flying took place in the arena for most of the day, and improved late afternoon for a very bright and warm evening for the Mayor's reception and firework display, back to its usual very spectacular standards. Apart from the very noticeable lack of BKF flyers, there were a few other regulars missing, and the Festival had a very definite feel of being smaller and quieter than in past years. Hopefully this was only a one off and there will be a bustling Weymouth again next year.

Monday was back to being very warm and apart from a short but heavy shower just before lunch, remained dry. The wind was very light though, which meant that arena events were mostly hard-working two and four line displays with not enough wind for much in the way of single line flying. There was enough wind to be able to fly light wind kites such as my Marc-2 and Genki all day, and there was a good display of other light wind kites such as deltas in the sky for most of the day, including some interesting and usually large kites from overseas.

I was fortunate enough to be able to take the Tuesday off as holiday as well, so had a leisurely drive home in time to see how much of Weymouth beach had come home with me this year. Like all Festivals, the success of Weymouth does depend in part on the weather, but with a range of kites in the bag, it is usually possible to get something in the air and have a good time. For me, Weymouth is the first festival of the year and has always been my favourite festival for some reason, so I guess I will be back next year, even if I am the only BKF member there!

Peter Jackson

## WHY I MISSED WEYMOUTH

Having had a few bad years with rain and high winds over the festival weekend and with not only the cost of staying there going up and up, but the cost of getting there as well left us with a very hard choice. Last year as we drove home having been sand blasted for 3 full days we were already discussing if we would do it again, as we had discussed each trip home for the passed few years. The arguments always come around to the fact that Weymouth is a great place to blow away the winter cobwebs and meet up with fellow flyers who we have not seen over the winter. It is the 1st big festival of the year although there are more and more smaller events earlier.

It is also a place where you have lots you can do, unlike most festivals it takes place in the centre of town so you or your family can head off at any time and have a look around. There is a great pasty shop always worth a visit so it has a lot going for it.

The againts are, you have to say, the sand and how for the whole of the following year you are taking it out of every bag and kite you took within 100 yards of the beach and of course the cost of staying over when the cheapest B & B you can get find for a family of 2 +2 for 3 nights is well over £200 and fast approaching the £300. Makes it a very expensive weekend away.

So early in 2008 when Big John

offered a weekend flying in Kent the same weekend as Weymouth we had to consider it as a possiblility, we spent many a night weighing up the pros and cons of each. It was a very close call but in the end we decided that for this year, at least, we would put the monies towards a new tent and try out Big John's event. This is not to say we will not do Weymouth again, in fact I am sure we will go there again at some point, but for this year we gave it a miss. Lets see what next year brings. Horton Farm turned out to be the right choice weather wise, I am told, as we had sunshine with no showers all weekend and no sand in the kite bags.

Simon Hennessey

# B K F

Thank you to all those that braved the weather, I think in all the years I have been a member of the club it is the first time I have seen snow on the day of the AGM. The now legendary cakes, supplied by Marian Reynolds, with Coffee and Tea started off the proceedings at 3.00pm followed by the AGM at 3.30pm. Welcomes apologies and reports done, showed the club has had a good year and is well placed for a good 2008 / 09. Festivals, both ours and others we are going to, were discussed and the year seems full already with the season getting longer and longer. Promotional materials for the club, such as t-shirts pin etc. were looked into and a possible new design for a club pin in 2010 could be on the cards. The New website as some of you might have noticed has been uploaded with easier links to other areas, the forum is becoming a useful tool for the club and we encourage all members to use it to pass on information to others. Aerodyne was discussed and the need for articles

# A G M

was made clear, if it is to continue into 2009 and beyond (so please put pen to paper and write up an article). The meeting closed at 5.30pm with thanks being given to all those who had helped the club in past and thanks to those who have offered to help in the future. More cakes and tea followed and the event closed at 6.00pm. (Some had continued throughout the meeting just popping out for a plate or two during it)

As we all headed out a lot of the snow had melted, but someone found enough to throw a snowball at Collin as he drove past and so started the snow ball fight. Collin had his own



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supply of snow, he had brought down from Crawley in the back of his pickup, for such an occasion and the rest of us had to find what we could on parked cars and grass banks. It was a free for all, but being parked in the middle was not a good idea for Collin, he did seem to get extra attention. Some good shots some better dodging followed, one thing was learnt by all do not leave your car door open if you don't want it filled with snow, Charlotte throw a snowball at Collin and missed but it went in his car so he closed the door and head round the other side to clean it out, on opening the other door he bent down to pick up the snow and Sue managed to get one in the other door. Not too much damage luckily. As the snowball fight finished we all headed off happy to have finished the AGM in the normal fun way the club approaches most things it gets involved in with team spirit and fun in mind.

Simon Hennessey

# IN PRAISE OF KARL

In an era of large companies and distributors isn't it refreshing to know that there are talented and dedicated individuals still making kites up and down the country. Such a person is Karl Longbottom from Hereford. I know that most people in the kite world will know of Karl but for those of you who are not familiar with his work I will explain, for those who are, I hope you appreciate and share my sentiments.

First let me give you a little background information. Karl comes from an engineering background, working in this field for various companies in the Stockport area. On a family holiday to beautiful Cornwall, kite flying with his children, Karl was bitten by the kite bug. (As we all are). Karl was so bitten by this bug, that on his return home he went to his library and got as much information on kites as possible. He read various books on the subject, there was no turning back, Karl was well and truly hooked. Some five years later Karl made a brave decision to turn kite making into

a business.(brave man). Karl makes what I call unusual and whimsical kites, such as the Pippa, Yakko Bee, Dunton Delta and of course the Pants. His kites are beautifully sewed and well constructed and fly



effortlessly. His engineering background is evident. I am not Karl's public relation officer I am just a kite enthusiast who

appreciates well made quality kites. I am also fortunate enough to own six possible seven kites (one more on the way) made by Karl.

Karl has won many prestigious awards for his kites both home and abroad with his kites.



Yes, we all buy mass produced kites and enjoy them but the individual kite maker gives the personal touch, don't you agree!

I know there are a lot of talented individual kite makers out there, I am singing the praise of one Karl Longbottom. These individuals give us diversity, beautiful well made kites, so come on join me and sing their praises.

Courtney (Jamaican)

# A COMMON FLY

Streatham Common was one of the 1st festivals of 2008 where the weather looked as though it could clear up for the Sunday and be OK. Yes a little rain was forecast and light winds, but it was going to be warmish for a change. So an early start to get to the common in time was called for. It was good to see some of the old faces there that we had not seen for a few months over the winter. When we arrived and blow away some of the cobwebs, after a long period of wet cold weather. The common was very wet and driving on it was tricky, a few got stuck heading on, and some even had to get towed off, we won't say who though. Once we had all parked up it was time to set up the anchor and banners and find some kites to fly, as we all wanted to make the most of what set out to be a fun day. OK, the wind was light, and up and down, so it was hard work keeping any kites up for a long period of time but we all

persevered some entered the altitude sprint and did quite well with a good range of different kites being used, and yes it did rain on and off all day but most of us still flew kites and had we all had lots of fun. Friends of Streatham Common were worried about car movement churning up the



only dry now, but had been all day, A plan was hatched to fly "Dick" dry there and then. We were also blessed with a good steady wind. So rather than wait for an evening during the week we flew him dry that night in a playing area just down Dyke Road, could be a good site to fly at as the views over Brighton are Fantastic, and quite a few members of the public stopped to have a quick chat and take the odd photo or two. You can get quite blasé about the big kites and forget what a sight there are to those who have not seen any of them before.

Simon Hennessey



ground, but even with the slightly dodgy weather the foot fall of both wachets and flyers churned up the ground far more than any of the cars. This in turn meant that the ground got very muddy and the strops, line and kites ended up very muddy and in need of a wash. To finish it off the day there was a brief shower just before we packed away which left "Dick" the purple octopus slightly wet as well as lots of peoples own kites. The plan for drying club kites, as always, is to get them out on the first dry day during the following week and fly them dry, it's the only way. So on heading back towards Brighton as soon as we discovering that Brighton was not



## BRIGHTON KITE FESTIVAL 2008 JULY 12TH & 13TH 2008

This year we will be having some arena displays by some of the UK's top display flyers and clubs, we are also planning some themed arena displays giving all kite flyers the opportunity to fly and display their kites in the arena a few ideas for this are, the spectacular Martin Lester Spirit fly, bird kites, lizard / geckoes and finally aeroplane kites.

If you have any other ideas or things you would like to see just let the club know and you never know it might happen

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## SECRET FESTIVAL

On the 1st June this year we headed off to a very windless Tonbridge kite festival. We only heard about it by chance as it was not advertised in any kite publication or website and even friends from the Tonbridge did not know it was on.

A comment on the KKF forum should have warned us what to expect "the only festival with less wind than Teston". Well he was right, and all day there was no wind and just a very occasional breeze. Enough to get you out of your chair and over to the lifter just for it to drop off again. It is a very small event although there is loads of space to fly and could be a good event to go to in future years. Should be around for the first weekend in June again, so we are told.

Simon Hennessey

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## CAMPING AT FESTIVALS

May I first of all correct an error by Big John. Prostitutes, like other criminals and villains, not only pay Taxes, but they also pay National Insurance, and in some cases, VAT! If they don't, and are caught, they could end up behind bars. The most notorious case of this was, of course, good old Al Capone, who died whilst in prison serving a sentence, not for not paying his taxes, but for not declaring his ill gotten gains to the Revenue, so that they could tax him! There are no morals in Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs regulations!

With regard to camping at kite festivals, our committee have worked very hard to obtain these privileges, and it behoves us all not to abuse them, or they will soon disappear. Also, the Club is a democratic organisation and we have elected the committee to make decisions on our behalf and to run the Club in a satisfactory manner. If the committee makes a decision, then we all need to abide by that decision, even if we disagree.

There surely cannot be many better things in life that a weekend camping and flying kites in convivial company. I get very jealous when I see all those luxurious motorhomes, wishing I had one too. My only concern is that sometimes we turn up at a kiting event and find it difficult even to park the car!

Having met Big John on many occasions, I am sure that he did not mean to upset the apple cart. Let us all be grateful to a hard working committee who have obtained these privileges for us.

Good flying to everyone.

Pat & Chris Bowman

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