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Hi Peeps

You may have noticed the change of festival flyer from the last mag, this was because we were not allowed to use the aardman image of a Chicken (even when I had redrawn it) so I had to forgo that and just use the other kites Mike Webb had put on his original design.

Input from club members is always welcome.

If you want to add to the Loddon Valley Flyer please email me at
alan@basingstokekitefestival.org.uk

I thank you

Loddon Valley Flyer AGM 10

The AGM was held on the 21st April 2010 at the Jolly Farmer Cliddesden

Apologies:

Hayley Gillingham

Alison Elkin

Chris Parfitt

Tony & Linda Nichols

Jason Winter

Lynne Cosgrove

Ken & Rosemary Edwards

Nick & Meg

Colin & Sharon Jacobs

Minutes of 09 AGM:

All agreed.

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Chairman's Report:

Mark started by saying he would welcome suggestions on how to increase club membership. He felt we had years of flying to look forward to and would welcome suggestions on how to involve club member. He said the club were financially ok for future workshops. Thanks to all for their involvement at he festival.

Membership Report:

Marilyn said membership had gone up from 32 members to 43. Some members didn't rejoin. Income from membership brought in £295 in total.

Treasurers Report:

David said the main activity was the festival and that last years made a loss of £2500. The kite workshop at the festival made only 150 kites. Car parking donations were down also. The guests cost £1500 more than the 2008 festival. This year we are having less guests and Alan had ordered only 300 kit kites to keep costs down and that we hope to break even this year.

Mark commented that the loss of the income was not a problem as we had excess money in the bank to use up.

Alan said that 2 kite workshops at schools had generated a lot of income in 08 and that we hadn't had any in 09.

David reported that the insurance for this year is £417.50p

It was agreed that Membership fees would stay the same at single £10, Joint £15, Family £20.

Events Report:

Alan said he had done one small workshop with Damon. It had been suggested that to save money the club forego the use of the buggy field but it was voted against.

It was suggested that more reminders are sent out.

Mark said perhaps we should advertise in the club section in the library and the local council. David volunteered Alison to check the council website.

The club workshop for next year will be run by Roy making the Totem pole. Roy said he had to book the hall already.

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Festival 10:

Alan started by saying big thanks to all involved in last years festival.

This year we had lost one sponsor being Wessex Housing but had picked up Sentinel Housing instead, they told Alan that after this year they may like to get involved at a higher level next year.

Sponsors this year are Kites Up, Sentinel Housing, Early Years Nursery, Gazette and the local council.

The guests this year are Flying Squad, Chris Goff, Janneke Groen, Les ailes du desir, Close Encounters, Team Spectrum, Nick James and Kelvin Woods. Stephen Hoath & Simon Dann will be on the PA.

Alan added that to keep costs down that club members could contribute £5 each towards the Sunday night buffet. Agreed.

Alan mentioned that the council contract this year had a stipulation that if the weather was hot then we had to advise the public what to do!!!

Alan felt the cost of 1st aid was high and we should not provide the helpers with vouchers for food. Marilyn said that she had spoken to other St John's people and they had to provide their own lunch.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Mark

Membership Secretary: Marilyn.

Treasurer: David.

Events: Alan

Festival Co-ordinator: Alan

AOB:

Mark mentioned about having the accounts audited as they had not been done for a few years.

Meeting closed.

Moth workshop

The workshop was organised and run by Roy and Hayley. Roy originally made the moth (designed by John Freeman) on a trip to the good old US of A a few years ago.

Well the day started with everyone setting up their equipment, there were some of the old faces and some new ones. Roy Martin was busy running extension leads here there and everywhere for us all to use.

We were then given our material and bits and pieces, we even had a feather with our names on it printed by Roy. All the material was pre cut (took Roy many hours of fun on a few Saturdays to do it, I think he said it was fun?)



Mike Webb enjoying his first kite workshop

Lunch time came and we had rolls and such brought in by Hayley (many thanks) there was tea and coffee, squash (you know that stuff you have to put water with Colin). There was even some cakes made by Angela, very nice too.

By the end of the first day everyone had or nearly had finished sewing the hem on. (Big thank you to Lynne for speed sewing mine!).



Proud owners with Moths pinned to the wall

Day two saw the completion of most of the kites, (didn't finish mine, I was putting the spars in when Nick Webb held up two sides of the keel and said shouldn't these be joined together? "Oh bum" I said, so there I was trying sew it up with the spars in!!

Most people then went to the Buggy field to give the Moths their maiden flight and didn't they fly well!!! Bring on the next one!!

Jolly Up 6 24th & 25th April 2010

Most unusually we had two Jolly Up write ups so I thought who am I to keep one out. First one by Colin the second by Hayley, thanks to both.

Big thanks also to Roy and Colin who put in the work before hand.

As per previous events, the usual suspects turned up for the setting up of the event and even if I do say so myself, we do seem to be getting a little quicker in getting things in place. So by about 1700hrs we had most of the stuff done. It just left Linda and Tony to finalise the details around the bar.

As it was decided that there would be no barbecue on Friday evening we ordered Fish and Chips from Festival Plaice in town – they were really good and worth a visit to eat on the premises.

The CAA had again granted Air Clearance for Saturday and Sunday, but we were only able to get permission to fly up to 1000ft while Odiham was still carrying out operations, once they had finished flying we could fly to 2000ft.

Saturday was a good day, the wind was continuous (if a little light) and the sun shone – all day. The limitation in flying height didn't seem to disappoint anyone and there were a lot of kites in the sky all day.



Is that Blooming Hestontal?

No it's Kevin

Early evening saw good attendance for the Barbecue and once that was finished we started the auction. There were choice and speciality items alike, including a Runner Bean plant that went to Roy for a premium price (shame the frost got this one as well!) and a bottle of orange squash purchased by myself. There were also items from 'The Prisoner' and a few participants took things further and even dressed as the Prisoner (Number 6 for those not in the know).

The auction had to be stopped for the Grumpy Old Gits to carry out a performance of the 1812 Overture and



The Larks Head

Jolly Up 6 24th & 25th April 2010

then there was a brilliant display of Night Flying by people who are never really thanked for the time and effort they put in to do this. So, Thank You for your time and effort.

This event also had a Jolly Virgin by the name of Tim, who's day job involves something to do with Lighting and Lighting Effects. So, we had Roy's cone inflated with two laser modules inside, each with a green and red laser, putting on a good display. We also then saw the sky lit by a 4kW 'Sky Scanner' – Impressive!!



Marquee, Cone and Skytracker

Sunday morning started with a heavy downpour of rain at about 0600, but by the time most people were stirring, it had brightened up a bit and continued to do so until it came time to take the marquee down, when we had a light shower (but then it would, wouldn't it). Bacon Rolls seemed to be a popular breakfast, Kevin was cooking all morning, well, and early afternoon. Oh, the kite flying, yes, the wind was good and there were a lot of colours and kites in the sky. Flying continued all day and when we left the field, there were still some enthusiastic flyers flying their kites!



Come in number 6, your time is up!!

So, our special thanks to all who helped in any way or donated items to the auction. To Kevin and his helpers for staunch service in the cookhouse, Linda and Tony for keeping us refreshed, Joyce, Marilyn, Hayley and Sharon for the salad stuff, and of course to all who bothered to turn up and take part in our festivities.

Roy and Colin

Jolly Up 7 - 31st July & 1st August 2010

<http://www.thejollyup.org.uk>

Jolly Up 6 24th & 25th April 2010

Friday 23rd dawned, and Roy was in Jolly Up mode!! Up to the field to set up the Marquee, Bar and BBQ tents-a task made much easier by all the helpers that appeared out of nowhere. I guess it means the Beer tent is up and running sooner rather than later!?

By now there were quite a few campers pitched up, and a few kites were appearing in the sky. Fish and chips were then the order of the day (or early evening rather) Well received by all who joined us.

Saturday morning was a sedate start for us, so nice to relax, catch up with people without spending hours setting up a stall! We had Chalkie do the honours for us, as on previous Jolly Ups.

We were blessed with wonderful weather for the entire day, which continued into the evening. The BBQ was booked to capacity-Kevin catered for 60 hungry kite fliers! It all seemed to go according to plan and everyone got fed fairly quickly.



Hello Police! I wish to report those bl**dy kite flyers are at it again!

We followed that with the Auction, courtesy of the “Dream Team”, otherwise known as Roy and Colin! Thanks to Alan who also helped, and Linda of course for keeping track of who had what, etc. It was the usual organised chaos, with some wonderful items being donated.

A Big Thank you to all who donate and purchase, this helps a long way to keeping the field, and therefore keeping the event!

We had a short break to watch the Old Gits performance of the 1812 Overture. Lots of bangs and flashes! We had locals from the pub come up especially to watch and enjoy the spectacle! Well done again to the Old Gits!

Back into the marquee for the end of the Auction, and then it was a case of chatting, drinking and some very impressive Night flying.

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We also had Roy's Big Cone inflated, and an amazing laser display going on inside it-thanks to Tim for that, it looked cool! As did the Skytracker, good stuff!

As usual, we were almost the last to leave the bar, well some-one has to lock up! Thanks to Tony for doing the honours and being the last to leave.

Sunday morning was cold and drizzly, but it soon bucked up, and again we were lucky to have a dry day, with sufficient wind to have kites flying for the day. Manic packing away ensued when the rain threatened again, but we were fortunate to pack it away dry. Thanks to All who helped us!



Skytracker and Cone making an amazing sight!



Roy and Hayley relaxing in the marquee!

We'd like to say a MASSIVE thank you to all who turned up, help, contribute and so forth. Too many to mention, but you know who you are! Without this, the event would not be possible. We are always humbled by what is done to help make this event the success that it is, and we are really looking forward to seeing you all again on July 31 / Aug 1st! We've booked the good weather, but don't quote us on that!!

Hayley

Jason Down under

So what's our Jason been up to down under lately? Read on!

I'm still being lucky.

I got pissed on by a massive bat the other night! I saw a pair of eyes staring down at me from a tree so I was staring up trying to figure out if it was a possum or not. Turned out to be a big flying-fox. It sprayed me and then took off which involves letting go of the tree, falling towards me and then spreading out it's wings. Their piss will take the paint off your car overnight so it stung a fair bit.

(He also said he'd stuck a kite to his ironing board with the iron. Below is the latest email)

Things going ok here thanks. Still flying and attended the local festival last weekend but didn't get involved. Lots of politics here it seems. Met up with Kevin and Linda Sanders of OZ Feathers fame (think a few of you may know him as an Ozzie Weymouth attendee) which was good. In the process of trying to cobble a bit of a kite video together so will keep you posted on that.

New job is going well. Not much stress, large animals in the office, learning lots and churning out a few drawings so all good there. Nice to not be getting on aeroplanes every other day too.

Weather is lovely and cold now. Even colder than the UK according to the weather forecasts. A frosty 15 degrees tonight. Everyone is saying how nice the weather is, which is what they were saying all summer but this time they seem to mean it.

Not had a lot in the way of disasters lately. However, recently I tried to make a video tripod. This involved gluing the end off a mobile phone car charger to the top of a standard tripod. In a car park. With quick setting Araldite. Suffice to say it didn't go to plan.

Not had any run ins with biting insects for a long time until last night when I fell asleep in front of the TV, woke up to find a huge huntsman spider on my thigh. He's no longer with us. And neither is the TV remote control that I used to smash him to bits on the floor with.

Hope you are all well, and know that you are all missed much by myself. I hope the weather is good for the festival and I look forward to seeing the pictures.

Best wishes,

Jason

NORTH HANTS KITER'S JOLLY UP 7

July 31st / Aug 1st 2010

It's almost that time again! Same format as always, so come and join us for the 7th Jolly Up, and another FUN Weekend of Kite Flying for Kite Fliers!

The site is located in the village of Cliddesden, just south of Basingstoke (not far from J6 of the M3).

On site camping is available from Friday evening onwards (£7 per tent/camper for the weekend).

The Saturday evening BBQ works well, so we will doing the same format. (£6.50 and bring your plate and cutlery as normal please!)

There will once again be an impromptu BBQ for those interested on the Friday evening, and Bacon rolls are available on both mornings.

The Auction will be held on the Saturday evening, and any donations gratefully received before or on the week-end.

We will also run the Competition for Garden Produce, which can cover fruit, veg, plants, anything really. Show us what you've been growing, it may win a prize. Rules are minimal and made up on the day!

******* Another addition to the Festivities is the introduction of the Beer Lift. The rules are:

One person per one kite and it Must be hand held-no tethering!

The Beer needs to be aloft for a least one minute, and the winner gets the beer!

Roy's Refreshment Tent will be open for Business, normal rules apply..

For further info, please either contact:

Roy on 07778 352825

Colin on 07770 338419

Or e-mail roy@kitesup.co.uk

Please Note: this is NOT a Buggy/Boarding weekend, thank-you.

Festival 2010

Well doesn't time fly, this is now the 18th Kite festival we have run. Things are going quite smoothly as pre usual, we have lost and gained a sponsor. Sentinel Housing have stepped in this year and very welcome they are as well. Other sponsors are Kites Up, Early years nursery, Basingstoke & Deane council and the Gazette.

Guests this year are Nick James, Kelvin Woods makes a reappearance , Flying squad, Janneke Groen, Chris Goff, Team Spectrum, Close Encounters and Michel-Marie Bogart and Paul Cahurel. Simon Dann & Stephen Hoath are once again on the PA.

As per usual there will be a meeting at the Jolly Farmer on Wednesday 2nd June at 8pm. Help will be needed to set up on the Saturday morning please. Also if you would like to help out but can't make it on the Wednesday let me know. We may need help in the Children's kite workshop, (if we get enough volunteers you would only have to do a short stint.)

As always to get a free ticket for the Saturday evening bash you have to help out!!!

REMEMBER YOUR FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU

