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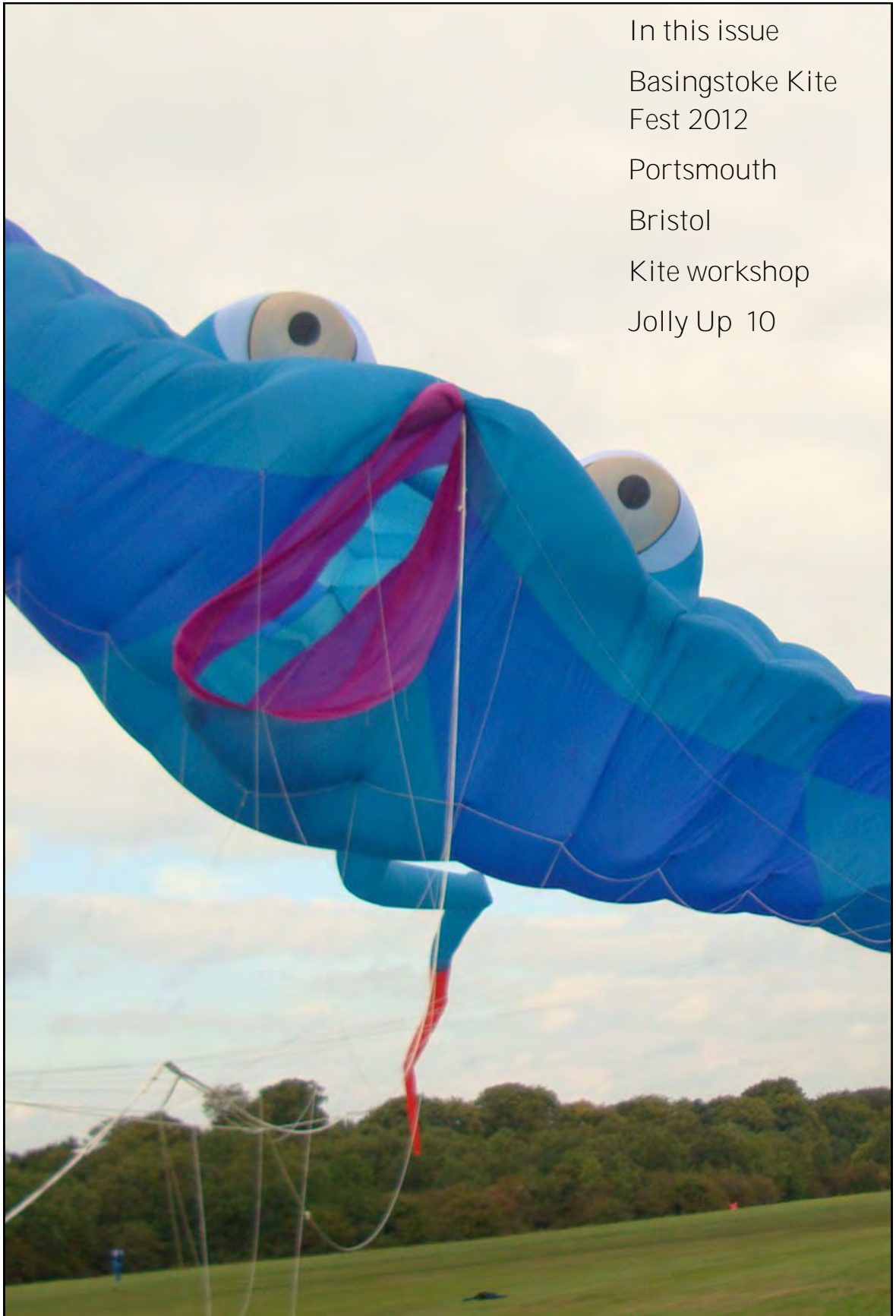
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Worlds largest kite at Bristol

Hi Peeps

Just a brief newsletter before Christmas. There are two reports, one from Portsmouth and the other from Bristol kite festival, both the reports are from a virgin news reporter Pete Remnant!!

So many thanks to him.

Pictures supplied by Peter and Hayley

There's news of the next Kite workshop run by Roy B and Hayley, (details on page 8) but places are going fast so contact Hayley to book your space.

Also news about next years Jolly Up 10 and the Basingstoke Kite Festival, our 20th, What a landmark!

Other news: Jason Winter (an old member who emigrated to Aus, When I **say old I don't mean old in age!!**) is on a **whistle stop tour of England in December** and will be down the Jolly Farmer on Wednesday the 28th if you want to come down and say hello

Jo's reel competition

The lucky winner of Jo's handmade reel was Paul Willis.

LVKF flyin

The next club flyin at the Buggy field is on Sunday 20th Nov.

To view the latest kite calendar please click on the link below

[Kite Calendar](#)

BASINGSTOKE KITE FESTIVAL

2ND & 3RD JUNE 2012

At Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane, Basingstoke.

From 10am to 5 pm (both days)

Come along and help us to celebrate our 20th Festival and join in the fun!

Guests will be from Home and abroad and as well as things going on in the display arena, there will be the usual array of activities, along with various Kite & Food traders.

The theme for the weekend is to be decided soon. As in previous years, a prize will be awarded for the best themed kite, so you can now get carried away with your imagination!

A raffle is held over the weekend with lots of donated kite related prizes, donations gratefully received!

On Saturday evening we will have our usual Social Get Together in the marquee, and all are welcome. (There is a small fee if you would like to join in with the Buffet, well worth it!)

Camping is available on the Friday and Saturday evenings @ £5 for the weekend (payable on the weekend) and there are showers and toilet facilities on site.

Come along and join in, and we look forward to seeing you there!!!

Contact: Alan Cosgrove (Main festival Organiser) 01256 421800

Roy Broadley (Kites Up)

01256 812487

PORTSMOUTH KITE FESTIVAL

by 'Billy Red Cart'

As I write this report it is nearly 2 months since 'Portsmouth' and I have a 7 day memory at best, so apologies for any and all inconsistencies.



On the Friday we circled the wagons and took over the pitches designated to Roy & Haley for the 'Green room' and the Toucans. All erections completed in a slick operation, those of us with cats to feed went home and left the others to the horrors of fast food and beer.

Saturday started very well with lots of sunshine but those who did not keep their eyes on the horizon were soaked by a couple of almost instant downpours. The sun returned as quickly as it disappeared to dry out kites and fliers alike.



Old friends were tracked down and new friends made, as is the norm' at most kite festivals. The 'Green room' acted as an excellent meeting place and served as the ideal place to sit out the rainy bits with a cup of tea or coffee. Apart from the times when they briefly hung their heads whilst soaked, the 101 toucans fluttered in the wind above.

PORTSMOUTH KITE FESTIVAL

At night, Roy pointed some laser lights at the toucans which added yet another **dimension to the 'Durante'**. What will he think of next? **(That's not a challenge, Roy!)**.



The Saturday evening auction was a great success with some people getting some real bargains whilst others were happy to pay over the odds on a light hearted mission to stop others making off with something they had set their hearts on. After the auction we and several others accepted the hospitality of Roy & Hayley (funny how their names keep cropping up) and enjoyed more alcohol and the remains of our take-away foodstuffs, before retiring to the hotel, opposite.



Liz and Joyce in the Green room

Sunday and Monday were much the same really. Several people had travelled vast distances to fly their kites to an appreciative audience and I did watch (and enjoy) when I could but their names have gone from the old grey **matter, apart from the usual regulars who we all know. I won't list them as it would be unfair to miss people out as I surely would.**

25TH BRISTOL KITE FESTIVAL

by 'Billy Red Cart'

Seven weeks has passed since this years Bristol Kite Festival so not much **chance of an in depth report here either but let's have a go.**

Drove to Bristol like thousands of others blah, blah, blah..... but hang on a minute, this seems a bit different. On arriving at the hotel we were greeted **by the sight of people in Thai' national costume. The flying team from Thailand** were all decked out in blue and white and were definitely not what we, as Bristol virgins, were expecting. Thus the string of surprises started to unfold throughout the weekend.

After a good nights sleep at the hotel, we went to the festival site with Roy, Haley, Phil & Debs. **First we set up Roy's 'Durante of Toucans' which were to be the night time light show at the festival with laser lights projected onto them.** It worked very well but unfortunately they were sited a little too far from the main tent where the Saturday night meal and auction were based.



Why do I think "Blue Meanie"



Later we walked around the festival. The variety of kites and inflatables was astounding. Peter Lynns creations seemed to be everywhere with tigers, bears, cats & dogs, lizards, crabs, horses etc. One of the main attractions was the attempted launch of the worlds largest kite.

25TH BRISTOL KITE FESTIVAL

After lots of hard work and a short delay for minor repairs, the kite (in the shape of a giant Manta Ray) did successfully leave the ground but unfortunately a large tear appeared almost immediately and it soon returned to earth, not to be launched again.



In the display arena a wide variety of performances took place with ‘the ‘Decorators’, ‘Scratch bunnies’, our old friend ‘Janneke’ and many more displaying their skills. I think some of the ROKs which were cut loose in the fights landed in Bristol. Single and multi-line fliers alike treated the crowd to some incredible displays in beautiful weather.



With so much to see and do we decided that we would make every effort in the future to attend this wonderful event. So what happens? They inform us **that there will be no Bristol kite festival next year, Oh Well! We'll look forward to Bristol 2013 instead.**

Roy Broadley Kite Workshop

Cliddesden Village Hall, March 3rd and 4th 2012

Attention all interested parties-Roy Broadley of Kites Up will be doing a workshop on the DOUBLE STAR, (2m, 8 point) at the Cliddesden Village Hall, on the above dates. It will be over two days-stopping for lunch at the Hall, for a small donation

There are 20 places, of which 12 are remaining, so a first come first served basis. A deposit is required in advance to ensure we cover costs. There will be **a kit to work from, you'll just need to bring a sewing machine (plus the usual bits and pieces-scissors, pencil, stitch ripper, etc).**

We're not far from the Kites Up chapel, so anything forgotten could be within reach!

Given time (and weather!) we hope to fly them later in the day on the Sunday, so please bring flying line (100/140lb line)

The cost for the workshop is £65.00 per head, of which £25 will be required as a deposit.

(This kite has a 2m wingspan)

This is an Advanced Class, not suitable for beginners!

This image is my 10 point star, we will be making the 8 point version. It can be all one colour, or a 2 colour choice-one for the front and one for the rear of the kite.



Booking form

Double Star Kite workshop, March 3rd and 4th 2012, at Cliddesden Village Hall.

Total £65.00

Deposit of £25 required to secure place.

NAME:.....

ADDRESS.....

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PHONE.....

Please make cheques payable to Kites Up, and send to The Chapel, Farleigh Road,

Cliddesden, Basingstoke, Hants, RG25 2JL. 07778 352825

(This can also be paid by Card if preferred)

NORTH HANTS KITER'S JOLLY UP 10

APRIL 28TH AND 29TH 2012

It's nearly that time again to come and join us for 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 food will be the BBQ (£6.50 and try to bring a plate and cutlery please!)

We will be doing Jacket Potatoes for those interested at various times over the weekend, and Bacon rolls available both mornings.

The Auction will once again be held on the Saturday evening, and any donations gratefully received before or on the week-end (before 4pm if poss!)

We will run the Beer Lift competition, wind permitting, same rules as before.

Roy Martin's Sled competition will take place (to contact him directly please at mroymartin1@dsl.pipex.com

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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

You can pre-order your tee-shirt / polo shirt, just email if interested in doing so.

(The dates for this same event taking place later this year again are Aug 4th and 5th 2012)

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

FESTIVAL 2012

The 1st meeting for next years Kite festival
was held at the
Jolly Farmer Cliddesden
on the 12th October
Committee
Alan Roy Hayley Mark David

If you would like to add anything or have
any ideas for the festival
please let me know at
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Ta
Alan