

# Kite Wings

Painting the skies of Essex  
with colour since 1976

Spring 2016



EKG 40th  
Anniversary  
1976 - 2016



*The Magazine* of the *Essex Kite Group*

## From the Editor

Welcome to this edition the the Kitewings magazine. This year we are including some old pictures and stuff from previous years to celebrate our 40th birthday. So, sprinkled around this edition are some antiquities (I mean the pictures, not those individuals who may be featured in them). If you have anything you think could go into the Autumn edition of Kitewings to remind us of the “good old days” contact me and we will try and include it.

Being the spring edition, there is the EKG AGM minutes and the Treasurers report to read.

There is also a letter from the Chair of the BKFA.

Vernon as well as telling us about membership matters, regales us with kite related stuff gleaned from the “Red Top” newspapers.

Unfortunately, we have a number of obituaries in this magazine, both of members, honorary members, and other luminaries in the kiting world. Once again if you want to share your own reminiscences about them, contact me and I will include them in future editions.

Finally, after just two editions of Kitewings I am announcing that I will be stepping down as the magazine editor (yes, I was that bad apparently - no, not really I hope - but I am doing too many jobs within the EKG and something had to give). However, it is with great pleasure that I can announce that Harry and Isabel Saunders will be taking over for the Autumn edition. I wish them well and will assist them in the change over.

**Frank - Editor**

## From the Chair

Well, that was quite a mild winter wasn't it!

This year we celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Essex Kite Group. There are not many of the groups original members about now, and even fewer that are active - if any. However, we should congratulate ourselves for still being around as a group, especially as so many similar kite groups have long since been consigned to the history books.

So, well done us!

The weather was kind to us last year, and over the winter months the only element we seemed to have to contend with was the cold (and maybe a little too much wind at times - we are never satisfied are we).

At our meetings, although attendance was patchy at times, some good flying was undertaken and a lot of talking accomplished.

We have a full programme of meetings and events this year, so dust off those kites and let's get out there and fly!

**Daphne - Chair**

*From KON (Kitefliers Occasional Newsletter) 1979.  
Referring to some horse problems on Upminster Common.*



## Secretary Report

As has been mentioned, this year is the 40th anniversary of the EKG. This is both something to celebrate and is also a warning to the group. The average age of our members has risen almost as much as the number of years that the EKG has been running! We need new, and younger members if the group is to last another forty years. I think however, that we must realise that kiting in the form that the group supports is not currently popular with the younger generation and that youngsters are not “joiners” nowadays, something I have noticed personally in every other club, group or association I am a member of. This is a sad fact of life I think and unfortunately there is no “magic bullet” that can reverse this trend.

Jerry Swift the secretary of the British Kite Flying Association (BKFA) has ask that a letter by John Dobson the BKFA Chair, written on this very subject be published and circulated, and I have asked the editor to include it in the magazine. I think it is fair to say that we as a club already undertake the suggestions he mentions in the letter.

On another note, the EKG AGM held on the 13th of March was well attended and the meeting minutes and the Treasurer’s report are printed in this magazine for you to peruse.

Wearing my “event coordinators” hat, I am happy to announce that we have two new meeting venues this year. The first is at Hornchurch Country Park ( a bit controversial - see the AGM minutes) and the other is at Cressing Temple Barns. It has become a sad fact of life that a lot of the venues that we fly now charge for parking and this trend will not improve I think. We should treasure the locations that are still free to us, but be prepared to be asked to pay at some, or all, of them in the future.

A list of the meetings and festivals for this year is listed as usual at the back of this magazine as well as on the website and on Facebook.

Have a good year flying everyone and borrowing an apt fly fishing greeting which could also apply to us kites: Tight Lines!

**Frank - Secretary**

*From the Spring 2004  
edition of Kitewings.  
Colin and Maurice at a  
kite workshop in Writtle.*



## From your Membership Secretary

As all our Committee members will say at this time of year ... “It must be time to put pen to paper” and I guess that I am no exception.

As most of you will know, the past year has been a difficult one for Margaret and myself and therefore I haven’t managed to get to every meeting. Nevertheless I was on hand at Hylands Park where I was able to welcome Stuart Gallifant into our small circle of dedicated kite flyers. Later, probably late October/early November I had a website membership enquiry which resulted in Jenny Harvey travelling by train from North London to Wick Park to join in our Christmas dinner (party) at the end of November. A warm welcome to you both from all in EKG. And so, in conclusion, may I say that the current total of paid up members is 39 and the card colour this year is blue so if you still have the pastel green one, sorry that was LAST year!!

**Vernon - Membership Secretary**

## **Essex Kite Group Annual General Meeting**

Annual General Meeting held at 2.00pm on Sunday March 13th 2016, at The Wick Country Park, SS12 9GP.

### **Present**

Frank Wright, Daphne May, Ernie Williamson, Sandra Williamson, Courtney Beckles, Lynn Beckles, Mark Taylor, Harry Saunders, Isabel Saunders, Tony Gilbey, Marc Bridge, Colin Kill, Maurice Tooke, Vernon Read, Margaret Read, Graham Leggett, Keith Marshall.

### **Apologies for absence**

Norman Cotterell, John White.

### **Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**

Accepted.

### **Matters arising**

None.

### **Officers reports:**

#### **i) Chair**

Daphne reported a good years flying over the last twelve months with excellent weather on a lot of the groups flying days.

#### **ii) Treasurer – presentation of annual accounts.**

Maurice reported a diminished income for the last year. The club was £20 down on membership fees. Kite workshop and kite festival income also dropped. Maurice was able to report that the Easy Fund Raising Scheme returned £143 last year and there was also a useful income from the sale of ready made kites at a number of the displays the group attended. Print and postage increased by £30, but a change in our Public Liability Insurance provider has saved the group £30. The insurance is due for renewal in May.

Maurice also, reported that the group made a donation to The Friends of Wick Park of £50 last year and that the club paid £50 for British Kite Flyers Association (BKFA) affiliation.

At the end of the year there was £3560 in the groups account. A copy of the accounts is attached.

#### **iii) Secretary**

Frank touched on the way that he had been elected Secretary, in the middle of a field in Hylands Park by a quorum of committee members. He gave a brief summary of the events held in 2015 and wearing his “Events Coordinator’s” hat presented a provisional list of meetings and displays to be held in 2016 (see “2016 Events” below).

#### **iv) Membership Secretary**

Vernon reported that the number of members was 39 an increase of 5 from last year.

It was suggested that the members ensure that Vernon have correct and current email addresses.

#### **v) Webmaster and Magazine Editor**

Mark reported that the website was working well and was receiving 35 hits a day on average. There had been a complaint that the website forum was not being used enough. The general consensus at the meeting was that you cannot force the members to use the forum and that it was better that the forums be “on topic”, about the club and kiting matters, rather than it contain a lot of personal chit chat.

Frank asked if there were any comments or criticisms regarding the Kitewings magazine that was published in the Autumn of 2015, there were none. Frank voiced his intention to stand down as the editor. Harry and Isabel kindly agreed to jointly take over the role from the Autumn of 2016. Frank offered as much help as was needed to facilitate the change. It was suggested that those members that are happy to download the colour version Kitewings magazine from the website inform Vernon to save unnecessary postage costs.

#### **Election of Officers and Representatives to committee:**

With the exception of a new Magazine Editor, the officers of the group remained unchanged and were elected uncontested, proposed by Colin and seconded by Keith.

**Chair** - Daphne May

**Secretary** - Frank Wright

**Events Coordinator** (new post) - Frank Wright

**Membership Secretary** - Vernon Read

**Treasurer** - Maurice Tooke

**Magazine Editor** - Frank Wright (Harry and Isabel Saunders from Autumn 2016)

**Webmaster** - Mark Taylor

**President** - Tony Gilbey

#### **2016 events**

Frank presented a provisional list of meetings and events to be held in 2016. A full list of the meetings and events will be published on the EKG website, on Facebook and will appear in the spring addition of the “Kitewings” magazine when finalised.

Frank took on board the comments regarding the use of Thorndon Park with respect to car parking fees and it being crowded in the summer months. As Hornchurch Country Park had been offered and agreed after a lot of paperwork being done, Frank has transferred the Thorndon meetings to this venue for 2016. Colin expressed his concern about the suitability of the new venue. We will try it, and if it is unsuitable we will return to Thorndon. It was suggested that Thorndon be used only in the winter months if it is used.

A new meeting location at Cressing Temple Barns has been added to the calendar. Another possible meeting location at Althorne was mooted, but no site inspection has been made to date.

The group also received a request to provide a kite workshop and a kite flying day at Loughton. Vernon very kindly agreed to liaise with the council organisers with regard to the suitability of the location, the facilities, and the costs. Vernon reported that the location looks excellent, and that the council has agreed that the workshop can charge £2 for each kite with 10% going to the council.

EKG has also been invited to Hunstanton, Teston Bridge, Royston and Walmer this year. Along with our own events at Loughton, Layer Marney and The Wick Country Park this appears to the event coordinator to be as much as our active membership can accommodate.

## **Fund-raising activities**

EKG has four events planned so far this year that may raise funds for the group; in kite workshop profits, attendance fees, and the sale of kites purchased by the group. These are; Loughton, Layer Marney, Wick Kite Festival and the Royston Kite Festival. It is important that to be successful these events are well attended by the members of the group.

It was stressed by Ernie how important the Easy Fund Raising Scheme was to the club funds and urged everyone shopping online to register and purchase via the easyfundraising website (Easyfundraising.org.uk). It is only a couple of extra steps in the purchase procedure, costs the customer nothing and puts much needed money into the coffers.

Daphne has a number of the popular “mini kites” that proved so successful at the shows last year. These have been paid for by the EKG and sales of these this year will be pure profit. Daphne also intends to purchase another batch some time later this year if we run short.

## **Any other business**

Colin stated that the people who regularly support the children’s kite making workshops are all now getting old. He also said that the materials used in the workshop are becoming harder to obtain, in particular the polythene skins. After a short discussion it was ascertained that the group would have enough materials to service the demands for this year. It will require a rethink on how, or if, we can answer such requests for workshops in future years.

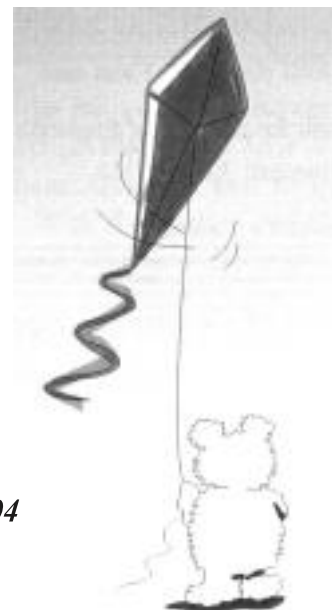
Frank asked if the club could fund two new EKG banners as the old one was now threadbare and faded. This was agreed and Daphne was actioned to organise the purchase using the company “Kites Up”.

There was a question regarding individual kite insurance. At this point this is coordinated by Ernie who keeps a list of those members who require it. Ernie has offered to send Frank the list and other information.

Frank proposed that the group fund a series of club members Kite Workshops over the next twelve months. This was an initiative started by Mark T. It was agreed unanimously that the club pay £200 for the funding of a suitable hall for four workshops.

## **Date of next AGM**

Actual date to be decided (but March 2017).



*From the Spring 2004 edition of Kitewings.*

**ESSEX KITE GROUP**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**

BALANCE AT BANK B/FWD	3594.58	PRINTING POSTAGE AND ADMIN EXPENSES	333.14
RECEIPTS FROM SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS	188.00	PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE	133.00
PROFITS FROM KITE WORKSHOPS AND DISPLAYS	118.19	COMPETITION PRIZES	40.00
PROFITS FROM SALE OF GOODS	99.10	DONATION TO FRIENDS OF WICK PARK	50.00
EASY FUND RAISING	34.58	B.K.F.A AFFILIATION FEE	50.00
LOAN OF SHELTER	31.00	BALANCE AT BANK C/FWD	3560.31
	<u>£ 4055.45</u>		<u>£ 4055.45</u>

M. TOOKE – HON. TREASURER

## William Sontag - We lose an International Honorary member

As we hear of the loss of another of our members, Bill Mortimer, I have to report that on 29th October 2015 I had an E-mail message from the son of William Sontag who lived in Evansville, Indiana, USA. Now I am not sure how William and EKG were linked, suffice to say that I have been sending complimentary copies ever since I took charge of magazine distribution.

I wanted to share the E-mail (below) with you and in particular the final paragraph ... "Dad rediscovered" ... etc. for surely there cannot be another kite flyer anywhere in the world to be able to have made such a claim ... unless of course, you know different?

Thank you ... Vernon (Membership Secretary)

*"The autumn edition of the EKG newsletter arrived this week. Dad enjoyed getting the newsletter and supporting the EKG. He passed away on September 9th.*

*Mom noticed several pounds of postage on the envelope and asked me to send you a note asking that you to save the printing and postage of his future copies of Kite Wings.*

*Dad rediscovered kite flying in Kensington Gardens while on a family trip to England in the early 1970s. He went on to fly kites in 87 countries and on the seven continents.*

*Bob Sonntag"*



## Bill Mortimer

The Secretary received this sad news:

*"It is with sadness that I let the Essex Kite group know that Mr Bill Mortimer of Radwinter, who used to be a member of the club, passed away on the 31st October.*

*I know that he had some great times with the kite club and met many lovely people. I too was with him a few times and flew kites in some wild places...*

*...Thank you again for all the fun and fun remembered.*

*Best regards.*

*Sue Shepherd"*

Sue very kindly allowed the group to auction Bill's kite effects after the EKG Annual General Meeting and we are pleased to report that over £130 was raised towards club funds. The secretary took it upon himself to offer that Bill's name appear on the lower edge of the new club banners that are being purchased.

*"That's really wonderful news! I would be delighted to have Bills name on the banners as I feel certain he would love to be remembered by the club!*

*...I wish you all well and thank you for being so kind.*

*Best regards.*

*Sue Shepherd."*



## Peter Powell

Ernie posted this sad news on the EKG forum:

*"Sadly Peter Powell an honorary member of EKG from the 1980's passed away in hospital on the 3rd January.*

*Many present and past kilters were probably introduced to kiting by the legendary Peter Powell Stunt kite. I remember it being featured on Blue Peter although I never owned one and hadn't re-discovered the pleasures of kiting then.*

*Peter was one of the nicest person you could ever meet, always had a smile and a good word for everyone. Courtney, Lynn, John and June had the pleasure of meeting him at Portsmouth kite festival last year.*

*His famous kite design which brought him fame all over the world was resurrected and remarketed last year, a marvellous achievement and he will be remembered for many a decade."*

This was taken from the BBC News report on Peter's passing:

*"Kite-maker Peter Powell, who developed a steerable kite with dual lines in 1972, has died, his family has said.*

*Mr Powell, 83, from Cheltenham, won the silver and gold diploma for his kite at the Exhibition of New Inventions and Techniques in Geneva in 1975.*

*In 1976, the Peter Powell kite was elected toy of the year by the British Association of Toy Retailers.*

*In a statement, his family said he died on 3rd January "after a stroke and a short stay in hospital".*

*In the 1970s millions of Peter Powell kites were sold and flying steerable kites became a worldwide craze.*



*Mr Powell's son Mark said he was very happy producing about 300 kites a week until he appeared on the BBC television programme Nationwide.*

*"It went from 300 a week to 25,000, and we opened two factories but that wasn't enough so we opened three more making 75,000 kites a week - it was massive," said Mark Powell.*

*Film stars including James Stuart and Henry Fonda owned one of the kites."*



1 February 2016

## **Kiteflying is changing**

Kiteflying is changing. More and more we see large display kites at kite festivals taking up a significant amount of space in the sky and on the ground, changing kite flying from a participant sport to a spectator sport. Another change has been teams of sports kite fliers whose undoubted skills change kiteflying from an amateur sport to a quasi-professional one. Of course there is a place for these things at big international events such as Portsmouth. People come to see such displays and understandably so. But it does have the effect of changing public expectations as to what a kite festival looks like.

It is not only amateur participation that is falling; traditional kite club membership is also in decline. I note the very sad demise of GOKF and it is perhaps an indicator of things to come that the Midlands Kite Fliers, for a long time the biggest kite club in the country, was unable to get a quorum for its AGM this year. Shortage of money amongst traditional supporters such as local authorities is generally leading to the end for several of the larger festivals we have known: Sunderland, Swindon, Weymouth and Margate (amongst others) and even Bristol has wobbled in recent years.

There is still a demand for small local kite festivals such as the one I organise at Prudhoe and the one that NEKF runs at the Scottish Museum of Flight each year. The main participants these days are children of course; and a suitable resource we own at NEKF are a couple of dozen Chinese Deltas which all spectators are invited to borrow and fly. We have childrens' kitemaking workshops and provide programme slots for the children to fly their decorated kites with a modest prize available.

So maybe we need more but smaller festivals? This requires more festival organisers and a nucleus of fliers who would be prepared to come with some display kites that spectators could identify with and that could be brought down when it is time to assist with the management of children — showing them how to launch and fly, discouraging them from running around too much (lines get tangled!) and so on. In this way we might find a local group's 'fly-in' starts to develop into a small festival, focussed on kite flying and less concerned with all the add-ons such as fairgrounds and burger stalls.

So my request is to ask all clubs if they could arrange such events in their own patch and we will offer all such assistance as we can. Please email me at [john.dobson@bkfa.org.uk](mailto:john.dobson@bkfa.org.uk).

**John Dobson - Chairman, BKFA**

## Kite surfing - a cautionary tale of good and not-so-good

Readers, by now will know that I buy the Nation's favourite tabloid (and I do really buy it for the puzzle pages). However from time to time, I do find interesting little snippets of information and so, here are a couple:

### Go, granny, go. (published 14th December 2015)

*A very active lady of 74, Judy Tonkinson, is believed to be the oldest and one of the first to take up the extreme sport of kite surfing in the country. Apparently, she discovered it on a windsurfing holiday in the Caribbean when she was celebrating her 60th birthday.*

*When interviewed, she said that kitesurfers can leap anything up to 20 metres in the air and a gust of wind could easily cause them to crash into the shore. She then went on to say that her activity so far has been responsible for a broken fifth metatarsal, an injured knee and bruises in so many places, it was difficult to remember.*

*In conclusion, Judy from Billingshurst, West Sussex says that she has no plans to give up her "exhilarating" sport.*

(If we were in Australia, I guess we would all say "Good on yer Granny").

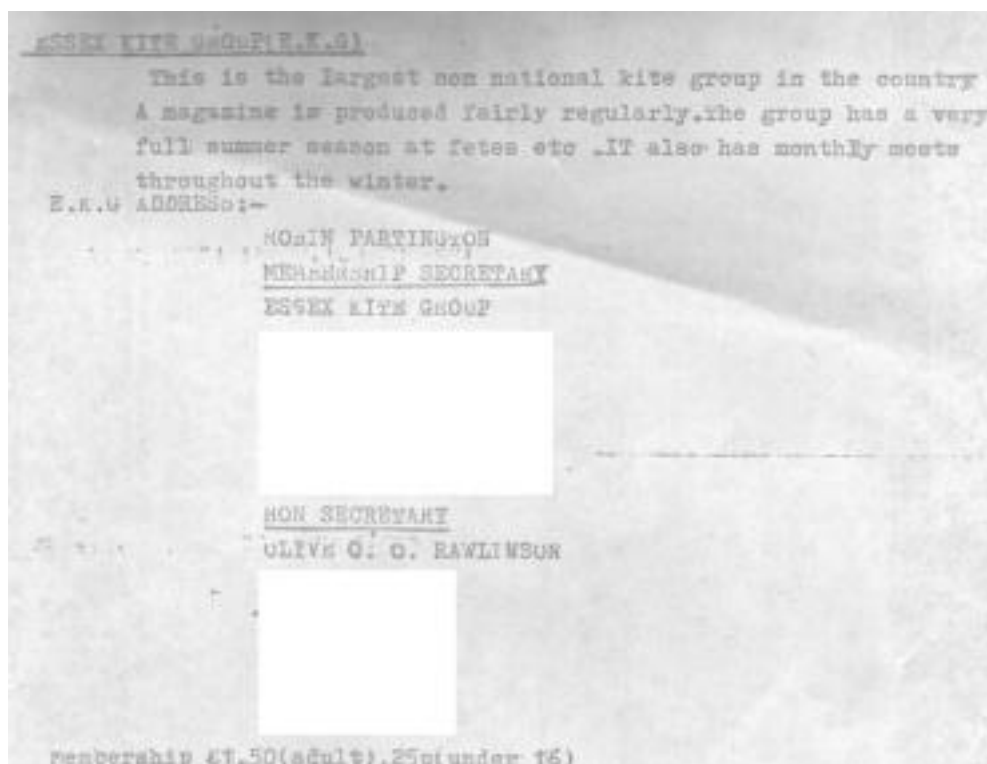
### When "Extreme" sports really are "extreme" (22nd February 2016)

The location is Point Clear on the Essex coast, just across the water from Cudmore Grove on Mersea Island.

*A kitesurfer suffered fatal injuries after reportedly crashing into a sea wall. The report went on to say that the man suffered severe head injuries causing him to go into cardiac arrest. Two RNLI boats were diverted from a training exercise after a 999 call from Point Clear. They joined units from the Coastguard, along with paramedics and an air ambulance crew. But later, an RNLI spokesman said that despite the hour-long battle by all agencies to save the man, he succumbed to his injuries.*

A sobering thought ...

### Vernon



*From KON (Kitefliers Occasional Newsletter) 1979.*

*Addresses have been redacted. Note the membership fee has NOT risen a lot over the years!*

## Notice to Members

**1. Please make sure that Vernon the membership secretary has your current email address and contact details.**

**2. Please let Vernon know if you are happy to download this magazine from the EKG website rather than it being posted to you.**

**Thank you.**

**Frank - Secretary**

### Cressing Temple Barns

I thought our members may be interested in more information regarding one of our new kite flying venues:

#### *From Wikipedia*

*"Cressing Temple is an ancient monument situated between Witham and Braintree in Essex, close to the villages of Cressing and White Notley. It was amongst the very earliest and largest of the possessions of the Knights Templar in England, and is currently open to the public as a visitor site. It is the location of three Grade I listed Medieval barns, one of which is the oldest standing timber-framed barn in the world.*

*The Tudor gardens and farm buildings are also open to the public."*

Our flying venue is the field to the south east of these ancient monuments which is used as an overflow car park when the venue holds events.

From inspection, the site is not sheltered by buildings or high trees and the land appears to be well drained (hence its allowed use as an overflow car park I am assuming).

It would appear that we can park on the field and fly from the back of our cars. However, although the car park is normally free at this venue, as we will be using the field space as a club we will be charged the normal Essex Country Parks fee of £5 per car for the day.

There are toilets and an extremely good tea room on the site.

**Frank**

*From the Spring 2004 edition of Kitewings.*



## One Sky One World - Hylands Park 11th October

Daphne and I arrived to find a good selection of kites of various types already painting the clear skies above the meadow the club uses in Hylands Park. I had looked at the weather forecast on the internet and it said that there would be a good wind, but the sunshine was a very welcome bonus! I picked up my latest kite purchase, a flowtail delta, and walked over to the biggest group of kites and made my greetings while Daphne rummaged about in the rear of her car sorting out what she was going to fly at this meeting.

It was good to see Ernie and also Colin, who Ernie had driven to the venue. A potential new member was chatting to them and asking what the club protocols were: Did we have competitions? How formal were the meetings? Where do you buy your kites? I hope that we all came across to him as a fairly laid back group and did not put him off.

As we talked member X wandered over to say hello, I had an inkling that it would be a little while before I would get away to launch my flowtail delta kite, so I gave it to him and asked him if he wouldn't mind putting it in the sky, a chore I hope he relished.

We soon had Daphne's kite in the air and she added one of her fish as laundry for it which complimented Ernie's award winning koi which he was flying.

### Frank



## EKG Christmas Buffet - Wick Park 29th November

A good time was had by all. Flying was problematic at best, the wind being the fiercest that this kiter has encountered outside of flying off Portland Bill in a gale force 8 wind as a child.

To compensate there was plenty of food and good company to eat it with. A bonus as usual was being regaled by Tony our president with Christmas tunes from his rather large organ.

Our Secret Santa raffle with a difference, the difference being that most of the presents were not a surprise, was appreciated I think.

A big thank you to all those that bought food and presents!

**Frank**



*From the Spring 2004  
edition of Kitewings.  
Tony Gilbey and David  
Owen entertaining at  
the 2003 Christmas do.*



Tony on keyboards with Dave on the 'crutch'

# Hylands Park Traditional New Years Meeting 1st January

As you can see from the pictures, it was a good day to fly. The meeting was well attended and we managed to put a fair number of kites in the air.

**Frank**



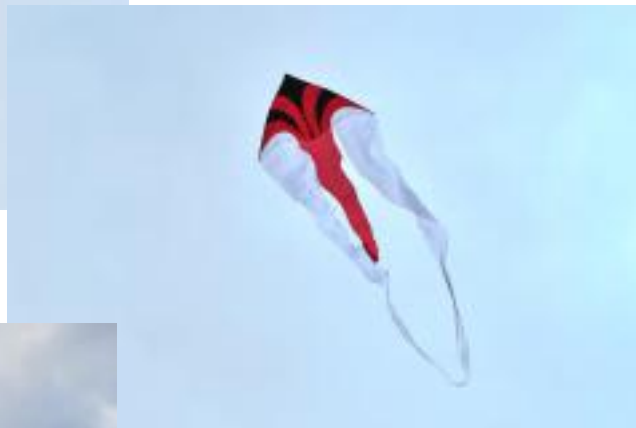
## Hylands Park Valentines Meeting - 14th February

The weather was dry with a good wind, but very cold. Unfortunately, only me and Daphne turned up, so it was a bit of a non event.

Daphne got very angry when a dog urinated over her kite bag and ground stake.

Vernon and Margaret did turn up later in the day, but by then we had all had enough and left about 1PM.

### Frank



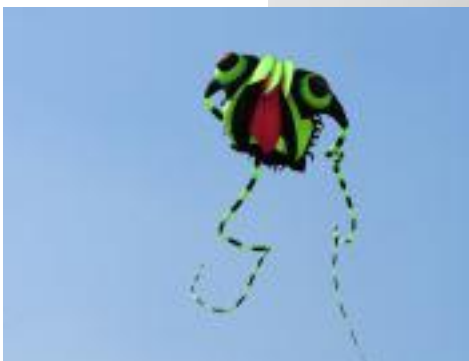


## EKG AGM - Wick Park 13th March

Despite predictions that the AGM would be a blood bath (only joking) it appeared to go quite well (see the AGM minutes). Another big thank you to all those that bought food and presents for the raffle!

The AGM was followed by an auction of the late Bill Mortimer's kites which raised over £130 for EKG funds.

**Frank**



## Puzzle Pages

Only a crossword puzzle this time, a lot of the answers have an aviation theme.

### Across

- 2) Antipodes on a single smells strange. (5)
- 5) In golf, on road. (5)
- 8) A cardinal point hits the dirt for this aircraft manufacturer. (8)
- 10) Cold water. (3)
- 11) An annoying insect from this double barrelled manufacturer. (8)]
- 13) German maritime scout flies for a long time. (6)
- 15) Desperate to be in a comic. (3)
- 16) Writing medium in the back of the foot for this Teutonic manufacturer. (7)
- 18) A dark Scottish stream makes aircraft. (9)
- 19) Airborne Russian ruminant? (3)
- 20) Bishop of bath and...? (5)
- 23) A west country town flying high. (7)
- 25) A containment device pays attention for this aero manufacturer. (8)
- 29) Continental league. (6)
- 30) Flying pup maker. (7)
- 33) My Eliza was this lady. (4)
- 35) Electric company. (3)
- 36) Regarding out of agreed is old. (4)
- 37) Inside a rotor valve reversed for this aviation heavyweight. (4)
- 38) Sprinted in Denmark satisfied a thirst. (5)
- 40) They name this blow in the Caribbean. (9)
- 42) Nay updated. (2)
- 43) A flying boat in Sunderland. (5)
- 44) Hear ....., we hear. (3)
- 45) Earth on a hideaway is wet. (6)
- 46) French flying illusion. (6)
- 47) Armed muddled nightmare. (5)

### Colourful Four-Letter Words Answers Autumn 2015

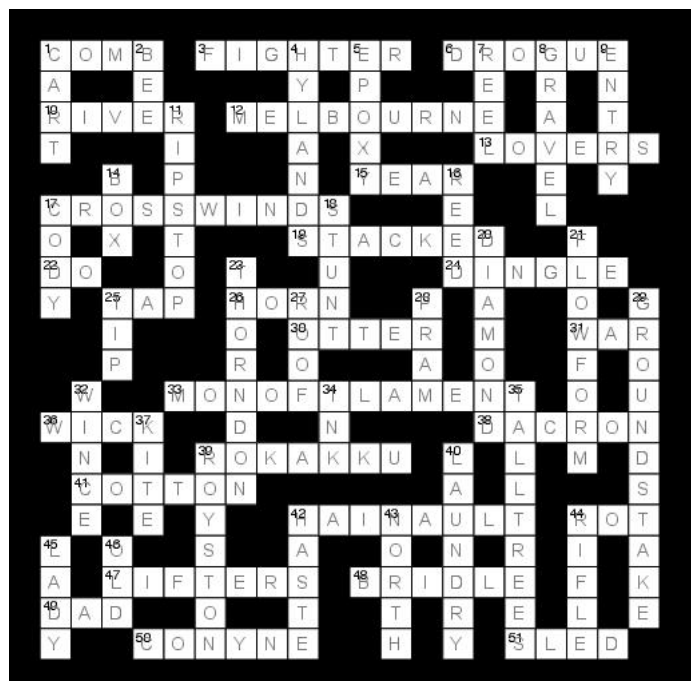
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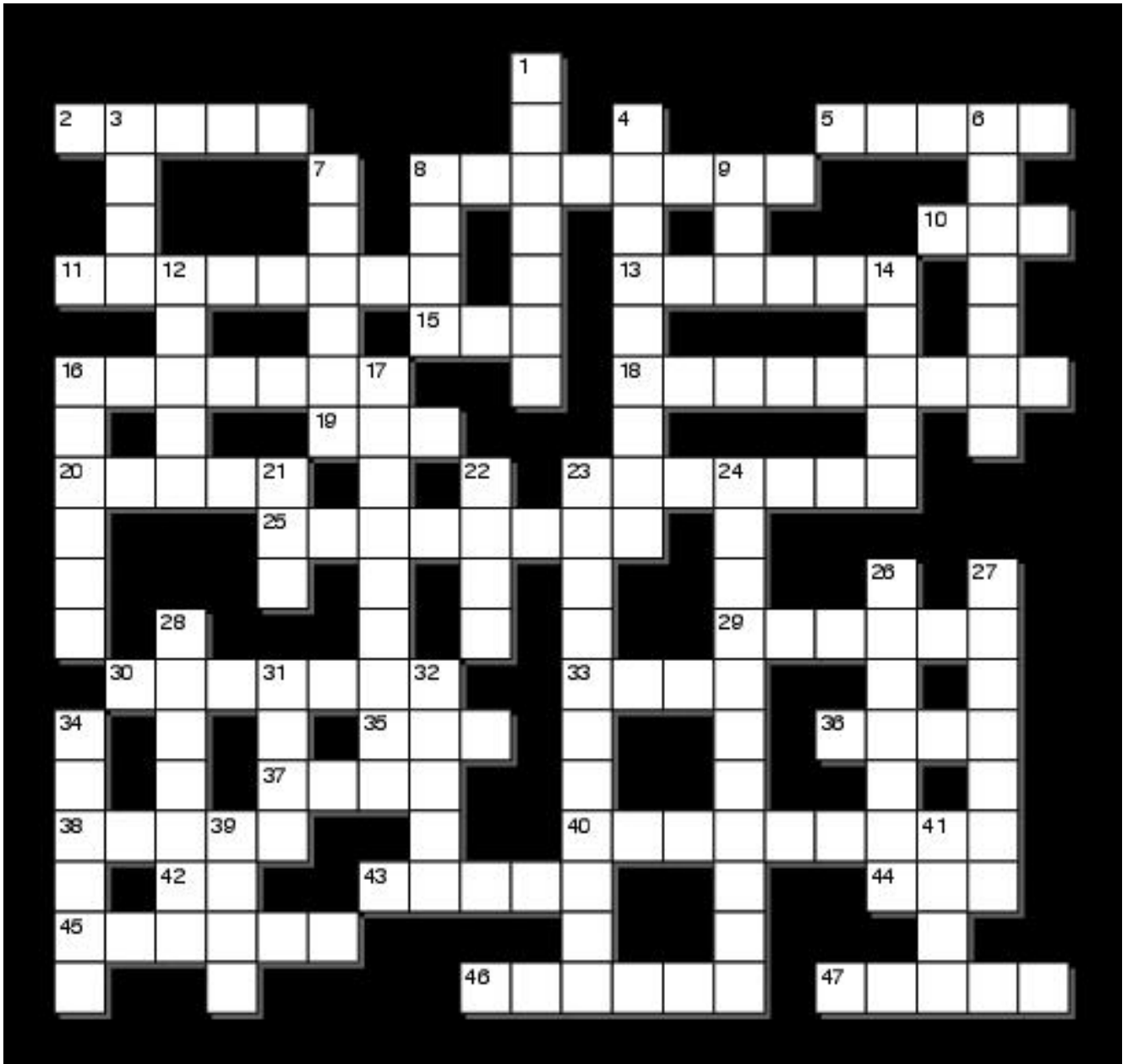
**fawn, pink, gold, grey, blue, navy, plum, buff**

### Down

- 1) A wild horse over Berlin? (7)
- 3) No score for this Japanese winged beauty. (4)
- 4) A fast and dark American avian. (9)
- 6) Manufacturer sounds like a group of clergymen. (7)
- 7) Sounds like a flying nymph. (6)
- 8) Club of choice on a course. (4)
- 9) Old sheep bleat out of banana. (3)
- 12) Talented Nordic sport with two learners. (8)
- 14) Revolutionary without a cause? (5)
- 16) Not on my doorstep please. (6)
- 17) A county town carrying a tallboy. (9)
- 21) Cunning at the end, obviously. (3)
- 22) Man cave. (4)
- 23) An airborne fighting sweetheart from this west country company. (11)
- 24) An uber navy soldier takes to the air. (11)
- 26) Irish Sea capital for US flier. (7)
- 27) Manufacturer inside out of hand leylandii. (7)
- 28) Flying Officer makes a descent with a learner inside. (7)
- 31) Lacking stamina. (4)
- 32) Prohibition liquor. (5)
- 34) Named artist on a plate for this vegetable. (6)
- 39) Junction. (4)
- 41) Is it the centre of the church? (4)

### Answers to the Autumn 2015 Puzzle





## EKG CONTACT INFORMATION

All personal information, addresses, telephone numbers etc. have been removed from this online version of the magazine. However, should you wish to contact us, there are three ways to do so via this website.

1. Membership Secretary via the JOIN US link.
2. General Secretary via the CONTACT US link.
3. Magazine Editor via the KITE WINGS link.

Thank you on behalf of EKG ... [www.essexkitegroup.co.uk](http://www.essexkitegroup.co.uk)

## ***Meetings Summer/Autumn/Winter 2016***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>1st May</b>	Wick Country Park Wickford SS12 9GP
<b>15th May</b>	Hornchurch Country Park Havering RM12 6TS
<b>28th May</b>	<b>Walmer Kent Kite Festival (On Beach)</b> CT14 7HJ
<b>29th May</b>	Hylands Park Chelmsford CM2 8WQ
<b>12th June</b>	Cressing Temple Barns Braintree CM77 8PD (Parking Fees Apply)
<b>19th June</b>	<b>Layer Marney Car and Kite Festival</b> CO5 9US (EKG Festival)
<b>26th June</b>	Wick Country Park Wickford SS12 9GP
<b>10th July</b>	Hornchurch Country Park Havering RM12 6TS
<b>17th July</b>	<b>Loughton Kite Display and Workshop</b> IG10 2EX (EKG Festival)
<b>24th July</b>	Melbourne Park Chelmsford CM1 2EH
<b>30–31st July</b>	<b>Dunstable Downs Kite Festival</b> LU6 2GY
<b>7th August</b>	<b>Royston Kite Festival</b> SG8 5BG (EKG Attending)
<b>13–14th August</b>	<b>Teston Bridge Kent Kite Festival</b> ME18 5BX
<b>21st August</b>	Hainault Park Redbridge IG7 4QW (Parking Fees Apply)
<b>21st August</b>	<b>Hunstanton Kite Festival</b> PE36 5HY (EKG Attending)
<b>28th August</b>	Felixstowe Kite Festival (Provisional - see website or Facebook for updates)
<b>4th September</b>	Hylands Park Chelmsford CM2 8WQ
<b>11th September</b>	<b>Wick Country Park Kite Festival</b> SS12 9GP (EKG Festival)
<b>18th September</b>	Hainault Park Redbridge IG7 4QW (Parking Fees Apply)
<b>2nd October</b>	Hornchurch Country Park Havering RM12 6TS
<b>9th October</b>	<b>One Sky One World</b> - Hylands Park Chelmsford
<b>16th October</b>	Wick Country Park Wickford SS12 9GP
<b>30th October</b>	Hainault Park Redbridge IG7 4QW (Parking Fees Apply)
<b>13th November</b>	Hylands Park Chelmsford CM2 8WQ
<b>4th December</b>	<b>EKG Christmas Party</b> Wick Country Park Wickford SS12 9GP
<b>18th December</b>	Hainault Park Redbridge IG7 4QW (Parking Fees Apply)
<b>1st January</b>	<b>EKG Traditional New Years Day Fly</b> Hylands Park Chelmsford CM2 8WQ

All EKG kite meetings are informal and start about 11.00AM, but feel free to come and go as you please.

**For more information about our meetings and other events:**

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 ...or visit our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/EssexKiteGroup](http://www.facebook.com/EssexKiteGroup)

Other, non EKG events can be found on: [www.kitecalendar.co.uk](http://www.kitecalendar.co.uk)