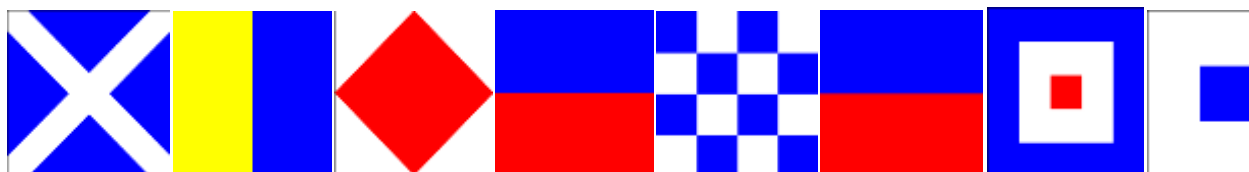


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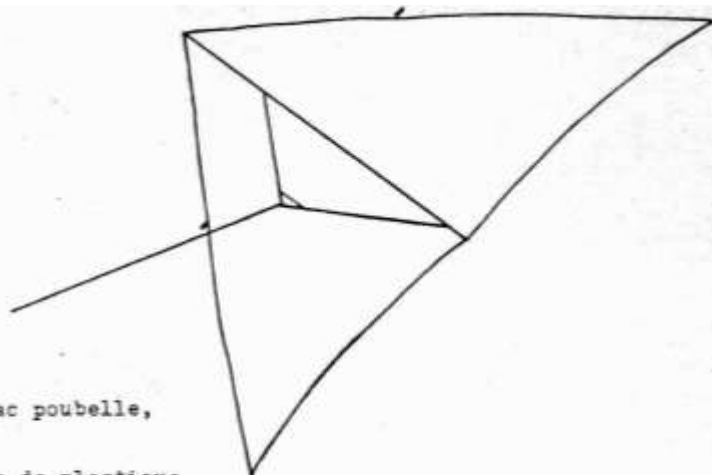
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AND
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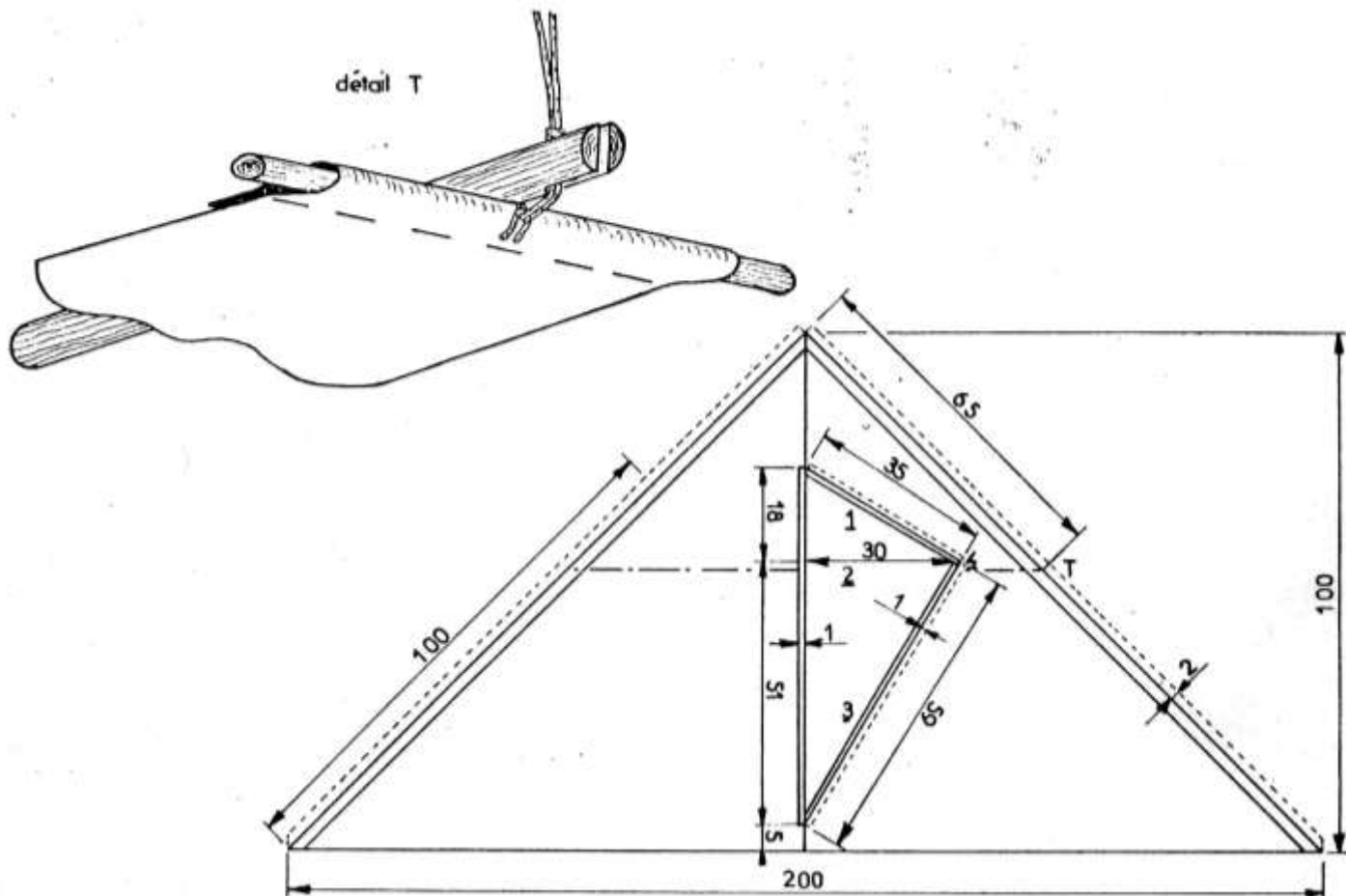
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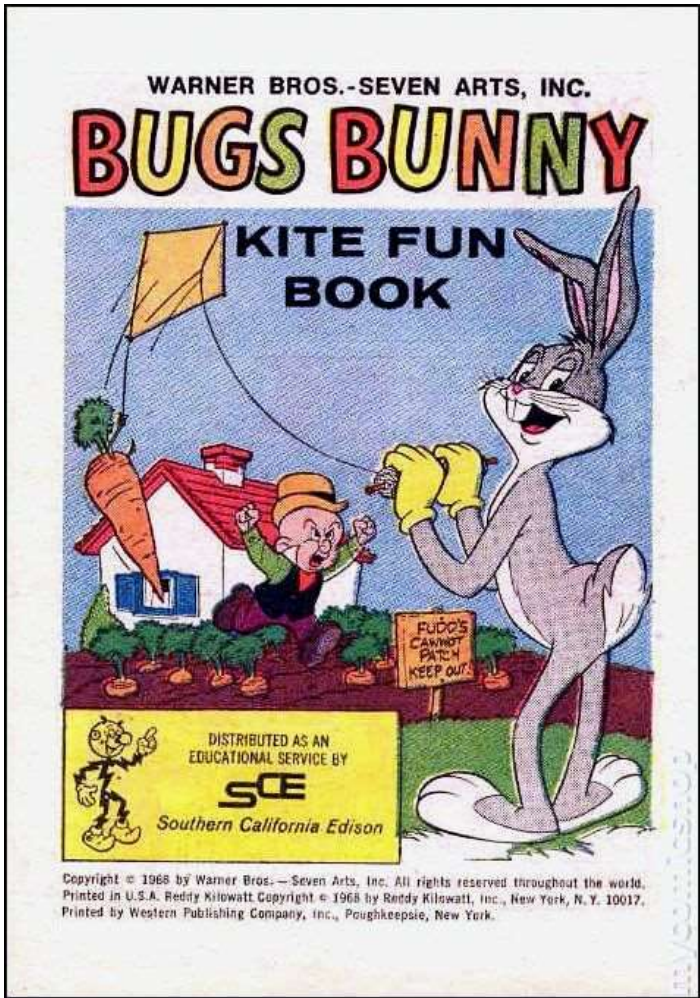
L'on peut prendre ces baguettes dans du bambou refendu (plus résistant, mais plus lourd).

La quille est cousue à grands points, et renforcée par du ruban adhésif.

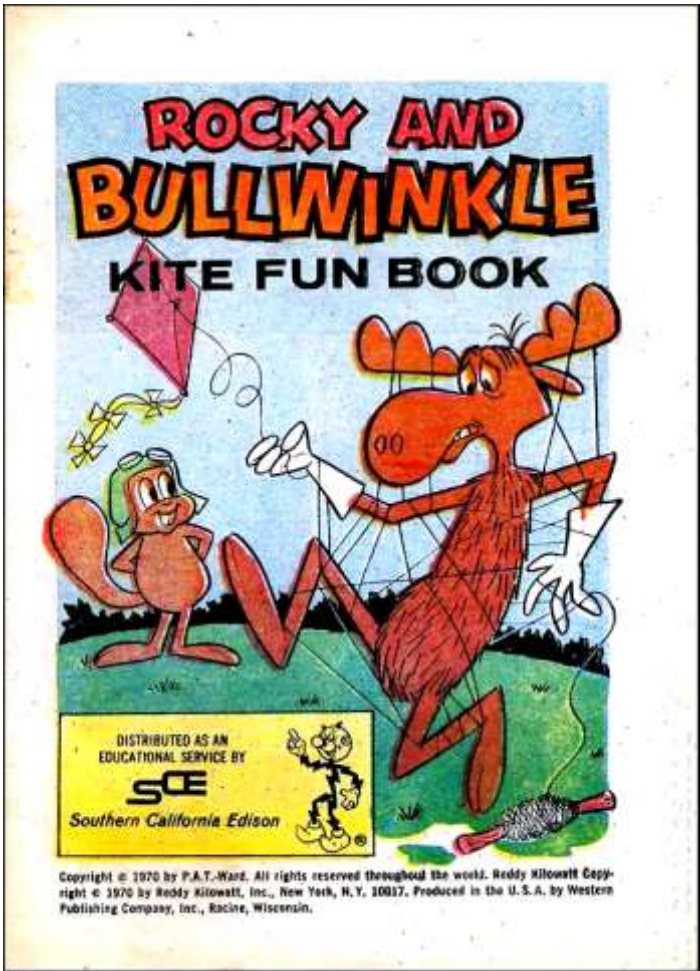
Avant le positionnement de la quille, passer une ficelle dans -1-2-3-. Ces trois ficelles seront fixées et nouées sur la vergue centrale, et en -4- fixées à l'anneau.

La vergue transversale qui tend la voilure est maintenue par deux ficelles à chaque extrémités passées dans des petites fentes (voir croquis).





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15 hilarious jokes about kites



Here's a collection of short and funny jokes about kites and their use as an entertainment and sports object.

Kites were invented 2,500 years ago by the Chinese. They serve multiple purposes and, without them, the world would be less colorful. And can they make us laugh? For sure. Take a look at a few clever riddles, hilarious one-liners, silly parodies, smart double entendres and spicy puns involving kites and kiteboarders:

A kid lets go of a kite, and his father tells him: "Son, not everything is better wireless."

You might be a kiteboarder if you carried a trainer kite into SeaWorld, you name your son "Bow" and your daughter "Cee."
Why did he lose his kite? He let it go.

Four kite strings stop in front of a suspicious looking bar. The first kite string says: "I'm going in for a beer." He goes in, and the bartender says: "We don't serve kite strings in here." So he walks out. The second and third kite strings go in with the same results. "Get out! We don't serve kite strings in here!" The fourth kite string takes off his hat, places his hand on top his head, and rubs his hair around tangling it. Then, he puts his hat back onto his head and enters the bar confidently. The bartender looks at him suspiciously and asks: "Aren't you a kite string?" The kite string takes his hat off, bows, and says: "No sir, I'm a frayed knot."

What material makes the best kites? Flypaper. My father and I were flying a kite, and we couldn't decide whether or not to let it go or bring it down. After discussing it for nearly an

hour, we still couldn't decide, so the issue remained up in the air.

Getting my kite stuck in a tree is not my favorite thing in the world. But it's up there.

Life is like a kitesurfing kite. Occasionally, you get zapped by lightning.

A man is in his backyard trying to launch a kite. He throws the kite up in the sky, the wind catches it for a couple of seconds, but it soon comes crashing back down. After a few tries, he is about to give. Meanwhile, his wife is watching from the window, muttering how men need to be told how to do everything. A few seconds later, she yells to her husband: "You need more tail." Confused, the man turns around and replies: "Make up your mind, dear. Last night, you told me to go fly a kite."

I visited my doctor and asked him to prescribe for something for wind. He told me to buy a kite.

A kite has its ups and downs.

Do you know what they call two pieces of tin foil rubbed together? A parafoil.

I love kitesurfing because it allows me to spend more time at the bar.

A man says to a wind turbine: "I'll hold up a huge kite, and then you blow air at me until I lift off. What do you think of that?" The wind turbine replies: "I'm not a huge fan."

What is the difference between rigging a kite and a windsurfer? Sixty minutes.

Absolute Van Gogh by Von Tjong



6 kite installed in the ceiling at Flux Factory, during the almost something show



Shakib Gunn (right) with Von Tjong on her hand painted Van Gogh's 12 sunflower on a tyvek rokkaku.

It is the passion for nature's bright ray of sunshine, warmth and optimism that led Von Tjong to her love for the legendary Vincent van Gogh and his masterpiece - Sunflowers (1888).

This exhibition marks the first of Singapore artist, Von Tjong who has painted on a giant 5ft x 4ft Japanese Rokaku kites with Vincent van Gogh inspired creations. The Sunflowers piece was showcased during the Singapore Kite Festival and represented Singapore in February 2009. In this exhibition, Von will create her unique convergence of style between east and west, aesthetics of Chinese brushwork and Van Gogh's colorful poetry. Step into world of Fine Arts in flight and experience art in the new millennium, with a new perspective.

Von graduated from Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts in 1996, majoring in Visual Communication and is currently the Creative Director of The Arts House. Her passion extends to include music, dance and teddy bear design. Her latest creation are the Peranakan Nonya and Baba Teddy Bears.

In conjunction with the exhibition, Von will be conducting art workshops. To sign up, please email your name and contact details to absolutevangogh@yahoo.com. The details and upcoming schedules of the art workshops will be emailed to you.





HOW MANY KITES??



K *for* kite

Kite Flying for Health and Happiness

5 healthy reasons to go fly a kite.

Linda Wasmer Andrews

Flying a kite may be the ultimate carefree pastime. That makes it the perfect metaphor - and a fine activity - for health promotion. Some people approach getting healthier as an exercise in self-discipline, a triumph of the will over the sometimes recalcitrant body. Personally, I prefer to see it as an exercise in self-nurturing, a triumph of optimism over the wear and tear of daily life. Of course, adopting a healthier lifestyle takes some real effort and commitment, and it can't always feel easy or fun. But when the enterprise as a whole isn't imbued with playfulness and joy, I suspect that it may be missing the point. What good are a sound mind and strong body without a spirit of enjoyment? Kite flying is the very definition of sheer fun. For those who need more justification than that, here are five good reasons to do it.

Mindfulness

Mindfulness is a method of paying attention that fosters more acute awareness of the here and now. That awareness, in turn, has a number of proven health benefits, including improved pain management and decreased anxiety and depression. Research has also shown that it's associated with anatomic changes in areas of the brain involved in memory, learning, and emotion. Watching a kite drift across the sky, it's easy to become enthralled by the present moment, temporarily letting go of yesterday's headaches and tomorrow's deadlines.

Nature

Kite flying is an outdoor activity framed by the great expanse of sky and attuned to the nuances of wind. A large body of research now attests to the mind/body benefits of spending time in nature. While much study has focused on green space, researchers have also begun to look at the restorative power of blue space

in the form of water. From there, it's only a small intuitive leap to the idea that soaking up blue space above the horizon might be beneficial as well. When a kite isn't handy, watching clouds sail across the sky may have a similar effect.

Exercise

Experienced kite flyers say it's a myth that you need to run to launch a kite. The idea is to let the wind do that work for you. But kite flying puts you in an environment that's conducive to outdoor play. Once you've packed away the kite, you might be tempted take a walk, run, or otherwise enjoy the outdoor setting. If you want to raise your heart rate while the kite is still up in the air, try kite boarding. Preliminary research has shown its value as a cardio workout.

Socializing

While most kites can be flown by one person, kite flying is often done in a group, whether it's simply a fun family outing or an organized festival or competition. As outdoor activities go, it's unusually inclusive, open to individuals of every age, size, and physical ability. A beautiful kite is also a natural conversation starter - an excuse to create happy memories with loved ones or strike up an acquaintance with a fellow kite flyer at the park. Considerable evidence shows that these kinds of social connections are crucial for individual health and well-being.

Beauty

A colourful kite soaring gracefully overhead is a lovely sight. Making your own kite can be an act of artistry. But even the selection of a store-bought kite is a mode of personal expression and a celebration of what's beautiful to you. Think of it as having happiness on a string.

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K was a kite
Which flew out of sight,
Above houses so high,
Quite into the sky.

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Fly away, kite!

Edward Lear

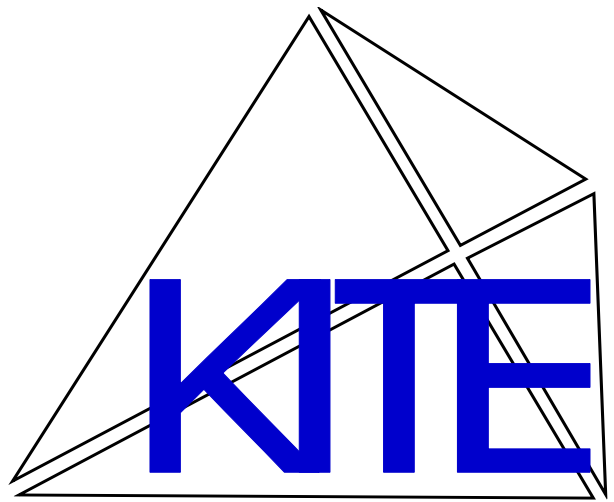
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Fly away, kite!

kite days
by Mark Sawyer

A kite, a sky, and a good firm breeze,
And acres of ground away from trees,
And one hundred yards of clean, strong
string—
Oh, boy, oh, boy! I call that spring!



When I look at the kite in the air
I see
lightness, joy, playfulness
stillness and waiting
unexpected moments
courage
speed and freedom
life itself
and it changes me

Author unknown.....



Rob Temple on the small anxieties
of daily life

AT A PICNIC



1 Realising that the “perfect spot” doesn’t exist after seven hours of walking, then eating in a lay-by.

2 Trying to fit six adults, four bottles of prosecco and the supermarket’s entire snack section on to a blanket the size of a flannel.

3 Only calling it a picnic because “drinking on the floor” doesn’t sound like much of an occasion.

4 Managing to urgently carry out a backward roll away from a curious wasp without spilling a single drop of wine.

5 Noticing a dog torpedoing towards you at 60mph and wondering which tub of hummus to sacrifice to it.

6 Wondering if nine scotch eggs is more than the recommended daily intake.

7 Resisting the persistent urge to interrupt the conversation and ask “Why are we doing this?”

8 Wishing you’d remembered cutlery as you paw coleslaw into your face like some weird version of Winnie the Pooh.

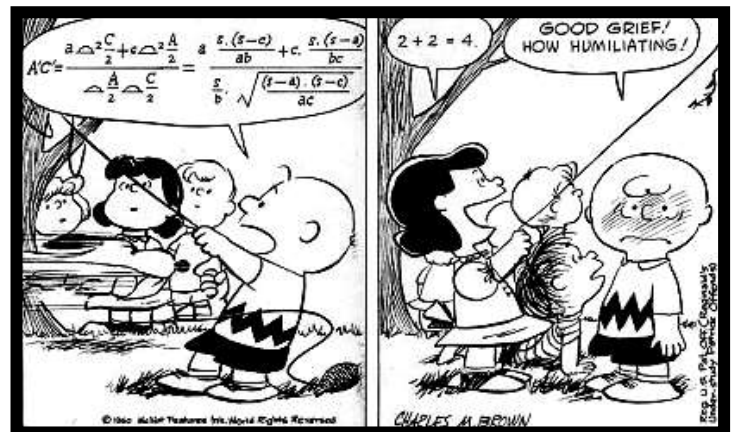
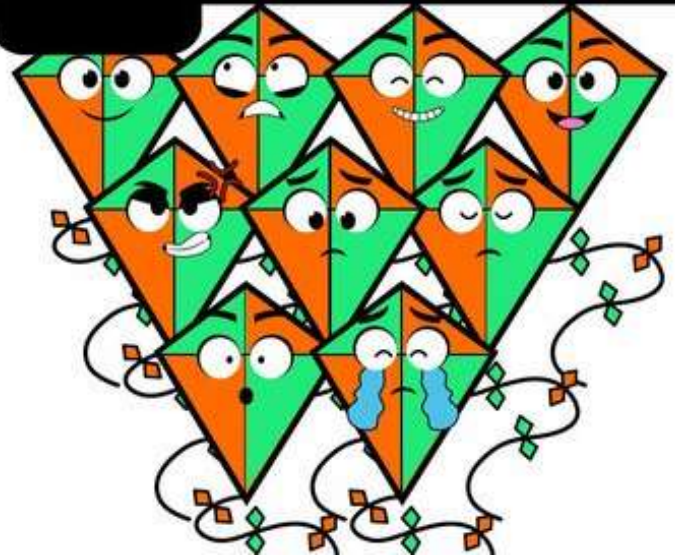
9 Sitting for hours in a position that the SAS would think twice about using for interrogation purposes.

10 Being delighted when it rains, forcing you to relocate to a chair indoors at the nearest pub.

Rob Temple’s latest book, *More Very British Problems* (Sphere, £7.99) is out now. Follow him on Twitter at @SoVeryBritish

FUN

KITE EMOJI



The neighbour's dog.

It barks.

A lot.

All the time.

Day.

And night.

It barks when you walk into your house.

When you leave your house.

When you're in your garden.

It barks at the wind.

It barks at the rain.

It never stops.

Bark. Bark. Bark.

24/7.

The solution?

Become a dog whisperer.

Learn to speak dog.

Let him know how you feel.

Make him see things your way.

That's the only option.

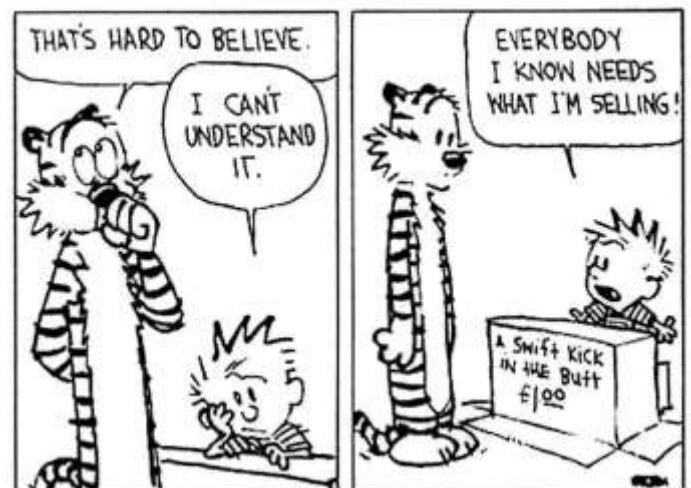
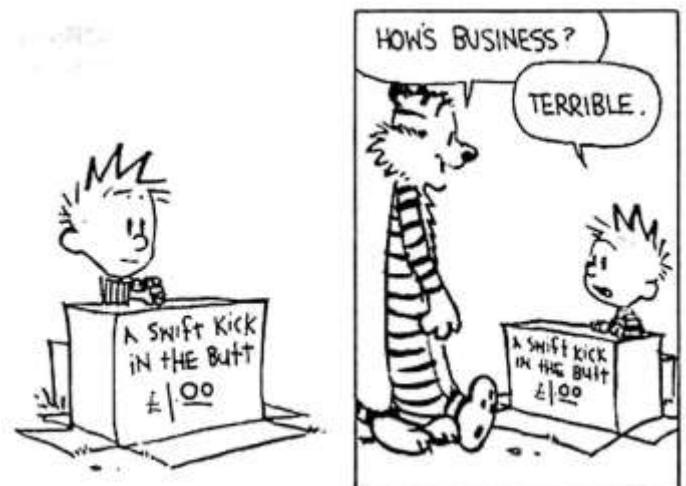
Isn't it?

Or you could go Kite Flying instead?!*!

DENNIS the MENACE

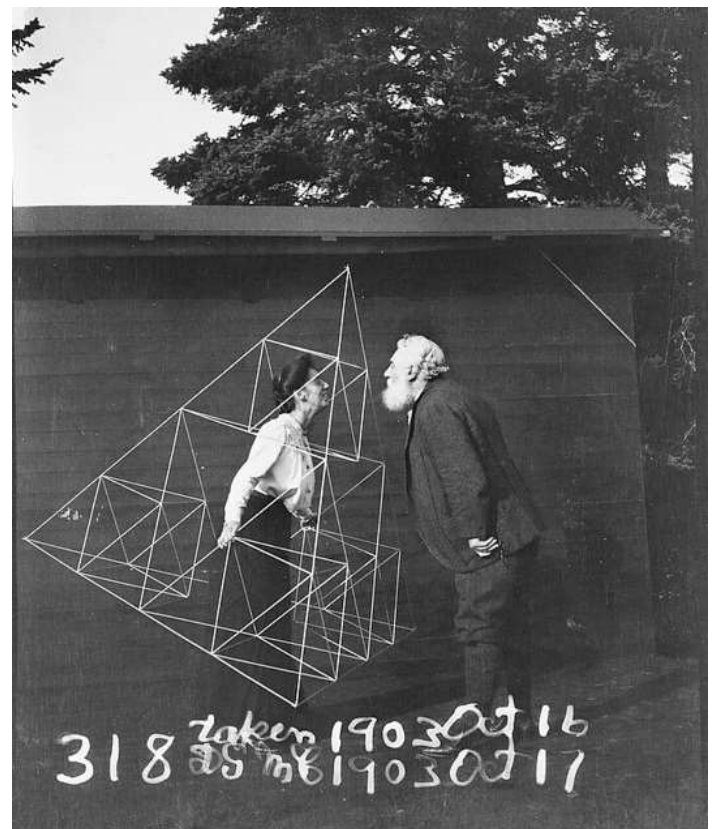
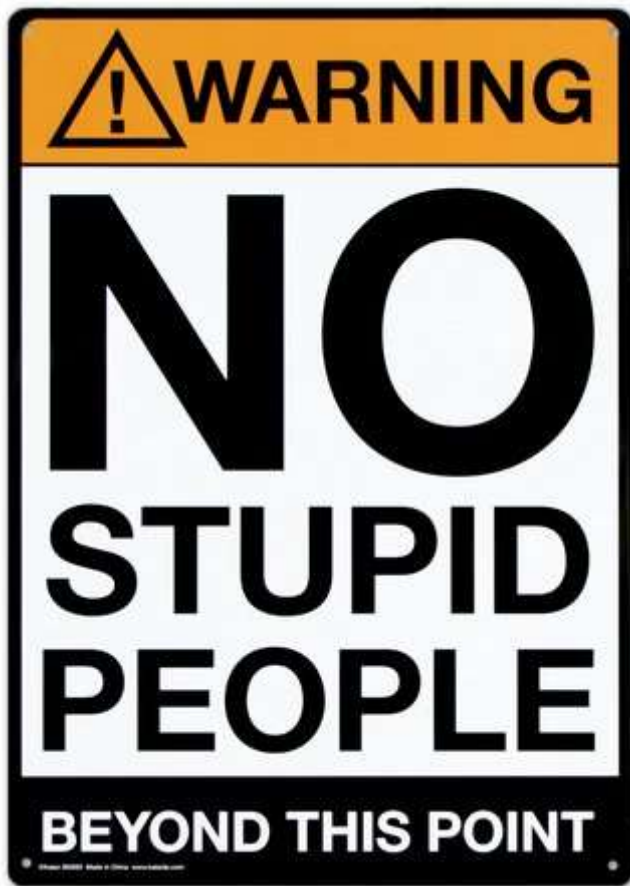


"YOU'D BE TIRED, TOO, IF YOU SPENT ALL DAY TRYING TO TEACH A DUMB KITE HOW TO FLY."





Great craftsmanship from Mary Poppins!
A thought for the New Year!



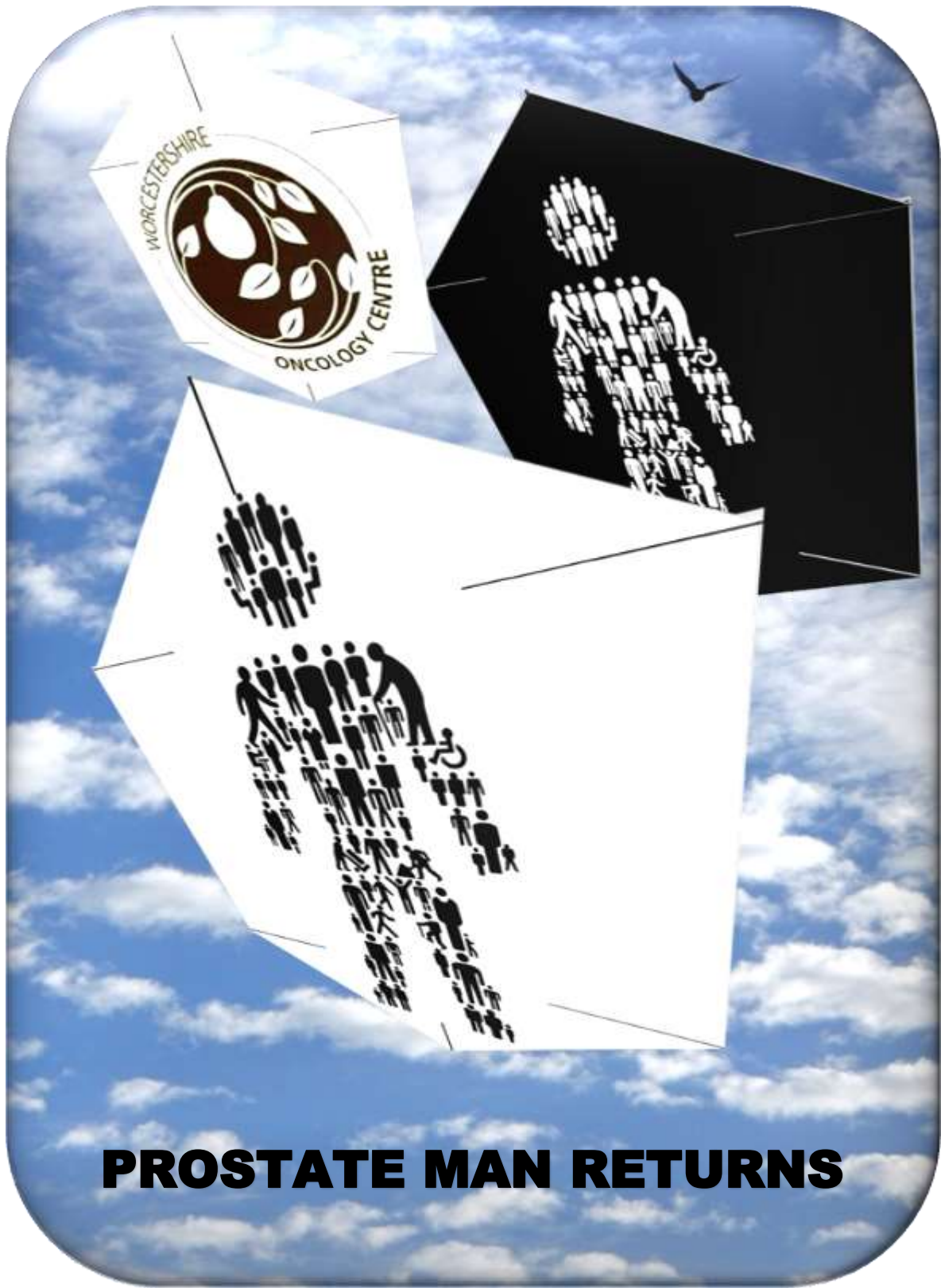
God has strewn our path with wonders, and we certainly should not go through life with our eyes shut!

Alexander Graham Bell

Check out the attached articles about the man himself.



The Romance of Kite Flying



PROSTATE MAN RETURNS

With heartfelt thanks to everyone linked to the Midlands Kite Fliers for their good wishes and kind words over the past few months.

Hopefully the coming year will be more positive....

Thanks....

Bill and Julia Souten.

**"Let's go fly a kite" –
save the date**

**Sunday 1st September, 12 noon to
4pm, Kite Field,
Rushcliffe Country Park**

This is the afternoon you can amble over to Rushcliffe Country Park for the revival of the Kite Festival.

As a long standing resident of Ruddington, I fondly remember in the 1990s and early 2000s marvelling at the professionals from the Midlands Kite Fliers as they demonstrated their kite-flying skills on the first weekend in September.

This fondness was echoed by other residents, prompting me to approach the Parish Council Events Team – and with their support, the event will make a welcome return this year. The Midlands Kite Fliers are equally delighted to be invited back!

You're welcome to come along just to spectate or you can bring your own kite. If you don't have one, you'll be able to make one for free at the event, courtesy of resources from Rushcliffe Play Forum. We can all then endeavour to make our kites fly!

Weather permitting, it will hopefully be an afternoon of good, old fashioned fun.

Barbara Breakwell, ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com

Kite Festival



Sunday, September 1st, 12-4pm
Kite Field, Rushcliffe Country Park
A fun afternoon watching and flying kites
Bring your kite or make one at the FREE kite making workshop
Organised by Ruddington Parish Council Events Team and Midlands Kite Fliers of Great Britain

Kev SkyPirate Williams shared
A Huge Thanks & Double Thumbs Up to All
Involved in organising this thoroughly epic
event...?

I, personally having never been to a kite
festival before, found the experience to be

- * very welcoming
- * well organised,
- * well advertised
- * Very well attended

from North, East, South & West...

* Very much enjoyed by All...

I can't, recall seeing one single face, without a
smile on it or grinning from laughter, not parent
or child...

It was brilliant to see so many kites in the same
place, in Nottingham for a decade!!!

David Wadson is at Rushcliffe Country Park.
Nottingham, United Kingdom

A good turnout at Rushcliffe Country Park
yesterday. Loads of public, but not ideal winds
over the trees. I managed to fly a small trilobite
for a while with a Robert Van Weers fish and
some other random junk.

Barbara Breakwell It was great to meet you and
fellow members and Thank You once again for
attending and enthusing so many people to
"try" kite flying.

BACK AGAIN IN 2020?

Let me know what you think... Ed.

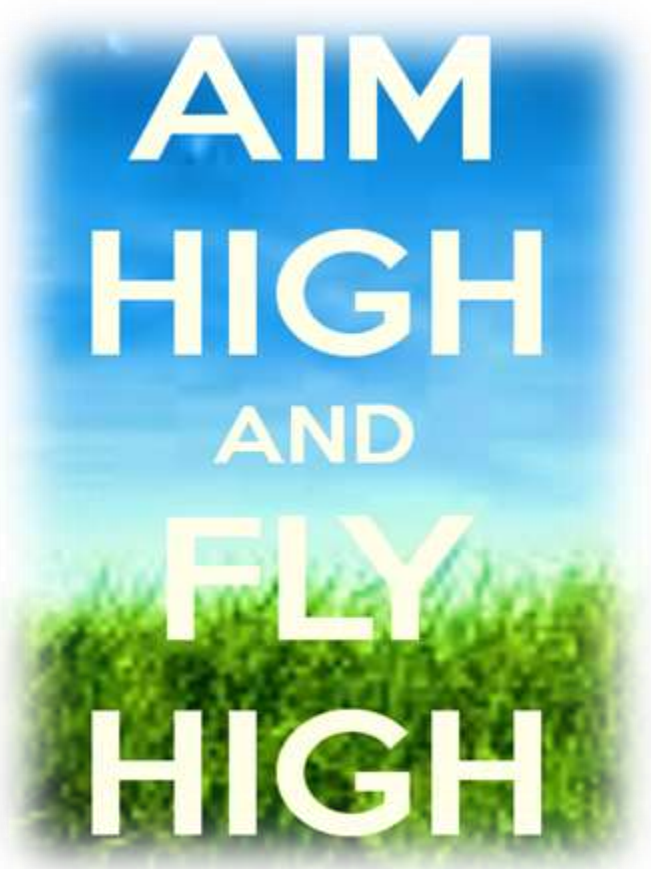
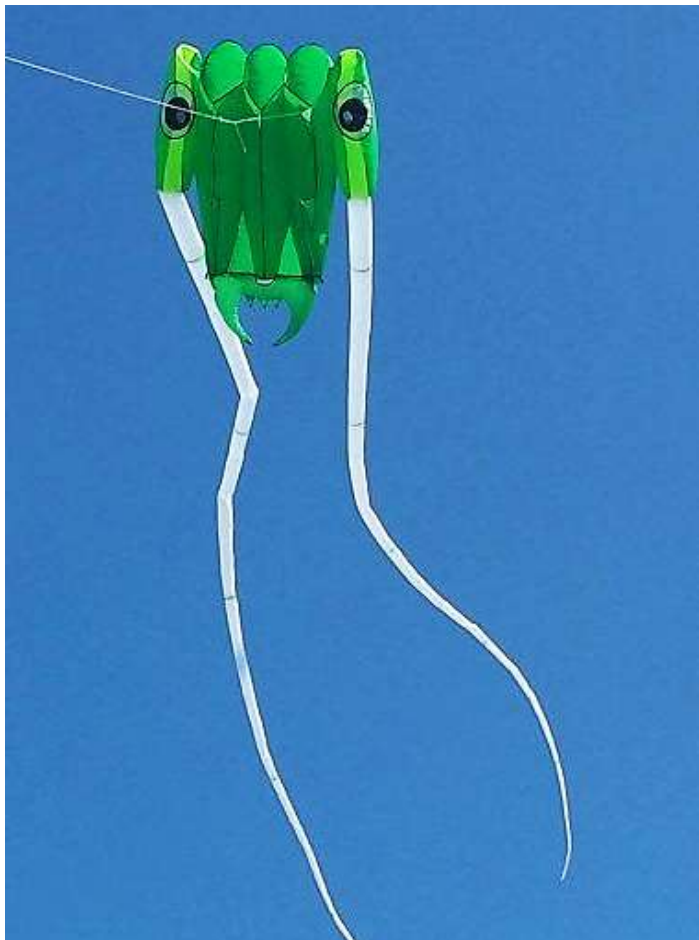
BEFORE



Mike Rourke 19 August at 02:31
Latest project completed. Frog kite bought from ebay for £12.50. A bit of surgery, plus about 1 metre of spare white ripstop, results in a 2 square metre "Trilobite".

I've named it "Froglobite"

AFTER



Berrington Butterfly Kite Challenge

The kite challenge at Berrington Hall has become a tradition. There have been many previous events including 'A kite made from recycled materials', 'A kite made from an umbrella' and 'A kite in the form of a letter' (from the alphabet, not a piece of correspondence, you know who you are!)

This year we had to build a butterfly kite. There were a good number of entries and each was built in a different style making it difficult for the judges, Bill Souten and Fred Broadhead.

The judges inspected each kite on the ground and then made sure that each flier could get their kite airborne.



Karl, the reigning champion, brought a rather good Cabbage White which was somewhat more realistic than Paul's 'Tobacco White' (aka Brown) kite built the night before in his tent. Mike's very special Edo-style creation in silk and bamboo certainly seemed to have the most work put into its construction. Roy and Helen seemed to be entering two competitions at the same time with their butterflies seeming to be an ingenious use of recycled parts. Finally Mick brought certainly the smallest kite, only a couple of inches high.

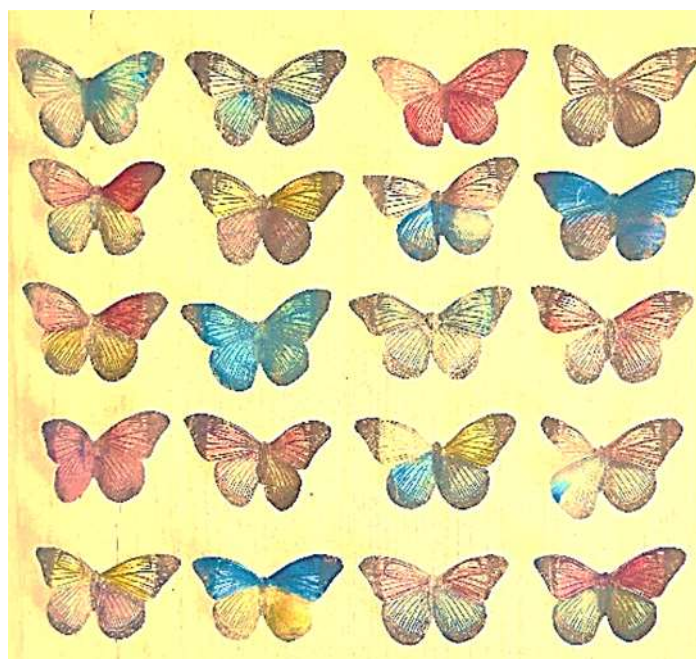
The final decision was made and, for the first time, I was declared the winner with my orange tip butterfly. Although I'm not sure the comment from one of the judges that 'it flew when it looked like it shouldn't' was a compliment.

Thanks very much to Bill for organising both this competition and the festival and to Fred for his fine judging skills. Next year's competition is to build a Pear Top kite, so get your designs ready.

Dave Shakspeare



Cushion found in our holiday home after the event at Berrington.



Call to Artists: Official Festival Poster Contest



Print the [WSIKF poster competition guidelines and artist information](#) form. These will need to be signed and returned with your entry.

Artwork must be submitted by January 6, 2020. Artwork will be on public display at the World Kite Museum. The winning poster will be selected by the Kite Festival Committee in **March**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Holli at the World Kite Museum, 360-642-4020 or by email: director@worldkitemuseum.com

If you would like to view the past poster winners, they are on display at the World Kite Museum and on our [WSIKF Poster Contest](#) page.

Thank you!

HERE'S THE FINE PRINT:

- Limited edition printing will consist of 300 posters to be signed and numbered by the artist. Printing and proofing will be the responsibility of the kite festival poster committee.
- Entries must be delivered to the World Kite Museum, 303 Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, WA by 5pm **Monday, January 6, 2020**.
- Please include this signed and dated document with your entry.
- Please do not mat or frame your entries.
- It is the artist's responsibility to sign and number the prints as soon as they are received from the printer.
- The Artist will receive 15 non-numbered posters which are not to be available for sale until after the Kite Festival.
- The artist will receive a payment of \$750 payable within 30 days of completion of all signing and numbering of posters. An additional commission of \$2.00 per poster sold through 8-31-18 will be paid by September 15th. The final payment will be made by January 20th. There is no commission due on any poster sold after January 1st.
- The artist may elect to buy any unsold posters after January 1st. The price would be cost plus 10% (cost of poster printing & the tube & caps).
- WSIKF retains the rights to print/publication.
- The artwork shall be: 18 inches high by 24 inches wide or 24 inches high by 18 inches wide.
- The title block will be added by the Kite Festival.