

End of The Festival Season

Well we think that's the end to another season but as I write this we are still wondering if our invite to Malaysia will come off.

My guess is that we will probably be too expensive for them. However much we would like to attend all the festivals we can, the cost just gets in the way – especially as for this one I would have to take unpaid leave from work!

We get help with expenses from event organisers and if there is anything left over we can invest in more equipment where our sponsors can't help.

Hands Together



We enjoyed all the events we have attended including the awful wind at Weymouth and the almost total lack of it at Blackheath - that's why I like to do our own commentary; so that we can be completely interactive and let the people there know exactly what is going on as it happens. I am always surprised to hear that sometimes people actually listen to what I say – one guy came up to us and said that he had actually learned to keep his kite airborne from listening to me going on about keeping your hands together and putting them level when the nose of the kite is pointing in the direction you want the kite to travel – and another said that he had learned how to put the kite back on two points from it laying on the leading edge, just from, watching our demos.

Our "Conte Partiro" ballet has encouraged many people to come over and comment or to write in to us at our web-site – something which makes us very grateful and feel quite humble – and a few

have enjoyed putting me right with some of the stuff I have written in these columns – we love it!

New Kites and tails

We introduced some new kites, tails and routines this year and will probably keep some of them over for next year as well.



We have to give thanks to friend Dougie who flies with us on the occasions we are near enough for him to attend. We started to do some scary team flying with some very close encounters toward the end of this season and we will keep that in again next year if we don't break too many kites!

We mainly use flat tails these days as they don't drag the kites too much and that enables us to still perform or at least keep going for longer when the wind is light. The advantages are that it doesn't take Marilyn as long to run them up (I've said before about how much she loves making tails, bless her) but the disadvantages are how long it takes to roll them all back up again, so thanks here to everyone that has lent a hand when we have volunteered them.