

Win a Kite

The "Win a Kite" competition attracted about 130 entries this year. The page on our web-site got anything up to 90 visits per week and still people are going back there at a rate of around 40 per week.

Oddly though, not that many are clicking on the link to see all of the entries.

We would like to say thank you to everyone who has taken an interest and even more to those who made the effort to enter. We really appreciated every entry and hope that we managed to say thank you to all participants individually.

We have also had thanks in return for actually running the competition. It seems to be quite a popular thing; so much so that next season we will be doing it all again. This time the prize will be a single line kite. In fact there will probably be more than just the one prize – giving more people a chance to win. It also means that we will try to publish the entries as we go along. We were a little reticent about this before as we thought that one good photo early on might have put others off.

The winner is...



So, who won this year? Well fellahs what happened there? The girls did it yet again! We had such a tough time deciding. It wasn't a case of trying to choose between the odd few; there were thirty or so that could have won but eventually we decided that Josie Wilden's entry was not only a good photo but it made you feel as though were actually there and, therefore, was definitely – "One for the album!"

It was taken, Josie told us, whilst on an eight day walking holiday in the Mont Blanc region and our

competition was kept in mind as they waited for a crystal clear day to capture something.

It took some time to track her down but eventually we did and a very pleased Josie filled in the colourizer on Tim Benson's web-site (We loved her theme of yellow and black – our team colours) and, three weeks later it was delivered.



Where is she?

We don't quite know what it is, but the same as last year's winner, there were lots of promises of pictures of winner with kite and then the prize recipient suddenly disappears without trace. We will have to think of a different way of doing this next year or people will start to think that Allan is making this whole thing up! If anyone is in the Reigate area and they see a kite like the one in the picture being flown can they ask if it is Josie, and then would they like to step forward as a witness please!?

Next One

The only way to enter the competition will be through our web site which you will find at www.closeenconterskites.co.uk You can also use the "Contacts" page to email us if you have any specific requests or just want to say hello. Go there to see all of the 2009 entries or to find some of the past 'Potheary Corner' articles and take a look at some of the videos whilst you are there. Visit our site or look in the next edition of this magazine for details about the next photo competition. It will be easy to enter and we will have more than just the one prize this time.

Thanks again to Tim of Bensonkites.com for giving what is still one of the best kites in the world both in performance and in manufacture as our prize for this the 2009 season (better flyers than us will vouch for that!