

# Newsletter

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Hickling  
Windsurfing Club



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## EGM/social

**Thursday 12 January**

7:30 for 8:00pm Castle Street, Norwich

The club constitution is being brought up to date so that we can introduce a way of changing club trustees. We therefore need an extraordinary general meeting to approve this change. The venue is more upmarket this time, and also more central for members being just a stones throw away from Norwich market.

In November Virgin Money opened a customer lounge in the centre of Norwich as a way of giving something back to it's customers and the community. It also wants to encourage local groups to use it as a meeting place. We hope you can come along to say hello and checkout the lounge first hand. Coffee and soft drinks are provided, and you are free to bring along your own beer if you wish for something stronger. It will be more of a social meeting.

Please pop in and say hello, we would love to see you there.

10 Castle Street, Norwich NR2 1PD, (near the body shop)



All of the main city car parks are close by.

See over for the 2011 C&T day report



**All the very best for Xmas, and windsurfing in 2012!**



Wendy a year ago on the broad with the club robin!

## 2011 – The highlights.

It's been a busy year at the club with some great windsurfing and events. We hope you enjoyed it too.

On Monday 28 Nov we had the AGM in Wymondham, which made a pleasant change for those who live locally, but perhaps not so convenient for the majority of members. The Virgin Money lounge for the EGM on 12 January should be more central for most members.

### 2011 Highlights included:

- Windsurfing for cancer research – the car park was overflowing with the best turnout for a decade or two. Supported by Dave White and Quayside.
- Training day with Big G and Philip giving advice.
- A new quay built on the eastern edge of the beach
- Upgraded the club boat, *again*.
- Return of the Come and Try day after it was cancelled last year due to bad weather. Please see belated write-up on the next page.
- Another increase in membership to 169, the highest number for many years.
- Tom Bennet-Lloyd winning the Youth Wave title.
- New colour newsletters.
- Many new members enjoying the Buddy support system.
- Fun day supported by Quayside windsurfers, and a record numbers of members.
- Evening at the Pleasure Boat pub with world professional Ant Baker – an evening to remember.

# Come and try day report

The C&T Day held on 18 June was a big success, despite the wind forecast! Wind was supposed to be strong, but in fact it varied during the day and at times fell away to almost nothing, so it suited just about everyone, especially those trying windsurfing for the first time. We put 24 people on the water in four groups of six, with estimated ages from about 9 years, to well, probably 60!

*Beginners windsurfing after 30 mins instruction*



The team organising the event worked tirelessly as usual and no one should underestimate the work the volunteers put in to make this a great event in the club calendar.

*Tonto and friends*



Committee members, their better halves and other members who volunteered to help all turned up early, organised catering, changing facilities, wet suits, pontoons in place on the Broad, and rigged the kit (some kindly lent by UEA).

*Darren on SOS duty*



The new boat was put to good effect ferrying people to and from the pontoon, and several members gave advice both next to and in the water, keeping an eye on all those taking part. Buddies and others provided help and guidance and the atmosphere was very positive. So much so, we took almost £400 on the day, including five new membership signings (plus another four who joined shortly after).



Probably the best bits were the home made cakes (brilliant – I want those every time I go sailing) and the fact the wind and weather were good, and it only rained when we had almost finished clearing up late afternoon.

A big big thank you for all those involved in making this a great day.



Come and Try day write up and pictures by Philip Peaston.

## e-mail ?

We hope you received our e-mails this year to raise awareness of the fun day and training days. Keeping you informed by e-mail is much easier, quicker and more cost effective than printing and posting. However, we appreciate that e-mails don't always get through because of spam filters, firewalls doing their own thing, and members changing e-mail addresses.

To make sure we are sending your mails to the right place please advise us of your current e-mail address when you renew your membership.

We will continue to send important communications by post to make sure you receive them.

Please remember to check out the pics and news at [www.Hicklingbroad.co.uk](http://www.Hicklingbroad.co.uk)

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