

# Newsletter

July 2014

**Hickling  
Windsurfing Club**  
(1984-2014)



<http://www.hicklingbroad.co.uk>

## Remaining 2014 calendar:

25 August	Fun Day
30 August	Club 30 <sup>th</sup> year BBQ, Pleasure Boat Inn
20/21 September	Training day two.
TBC November	AGM

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ

30 years old, and according to the recent membership survey the Club is going from strength to strength.

We are very pleased to announce we will be celebrating with a free BBQ at the Pleasure Boat on Saturday 30 August for single memberships and partners, family memberships, partners & under 18's. 6pm start.



To obtain your tickets please reply to the email invitation due out soon, stating how many tickets you need. Additional tickets are available at just £5 per person.

*In 1984 striped sails were 'in'.*



The club has achieved a lot in 30 years:

- An estimated 300,000 miles of windsurfing
- Probably as many failed carve gybes ☺
- Over 1,000 members
- Excellent modern facilities
- Built a strong member support framework
- Produced 2 national windsurfing champions
- Consumed 3,500 pints of beer at meetings

Two founder members are retiring from the committee this year after 30 years, we are of course referring to Tony Myhill and the Pat Fenn (*Aka the Stig, but don't tell anyone*).

Tony, Pat, and most of the committee will be there. We do hope you and your partner can join us.

## Membership survey results

The scores were very favourable and a step improvement even when compared to the good score in 2009. Major improvements were with the new loan equipment and website with over 90% satisfaction, as were friendliness, safety, committee performance, changing facilities, news letter, sailing conditions, and value for money. We are also much cleaner, with 75% using showers as a result of scrapping the token scheme.

There were some concerns with the locks and muddy car park, but no major issues. The recent car park resurfacing, and newer locks should help there.

We do have a larger proportion of beginners than 5 years ago, but age profiles and sailing habits are similar. 80% of members asked for training.

There was a range of suggestions; a few requests to keep the showers on over the winter period when they are most needed, but no other common themes other than "don't change anything, it's fine the way it is." The committee are considering all suggestions, so watch this space.

Overall 88% of members were very satisfied with their membership, up from 77% in 2009. An awesome result and great recognition for all those who help out at the Club.

Thank you for such a good response, the winner received a year's free membership.

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## HWC trial

The club facebook page is already proving to be a great benefit by promoting the club, and providing an easy to use forum for members. It's also attracting new members and raising awareness. Click our facebook link from the Club web site to see what's been going on.

Existing facebook users – to receive automatic updates direct to your page then just 'like' the Club page.

Non-facebook users - a beginners guide is attached to this newsletter to help those who also wish to benefit from this service.

## Please help Bryony

Bryony, one of our youth members, is aiming to sail in the Tokyo Olympics in 2020 sailing the awesome 49er. Refer to Bryony's post on our facebook page for more details. Bryony needs 1000 'likes' to impress sponsors. Click [here](#) and 'like' Bryony's page. It's that easy\*.



\* You need be a facebook user to do this.

## 19 July Training Day

Windier, sunnier, and warmer than forecast. It was a pleasure to spend the day with other instructors and our lovely guests to advance their windsurfing skills.

Very satisfying to see everyone pushing themselves and moving their ability up a level or two.

*Simon learning the moves.*



*Great stance, and looking where you want to go ☺*



Checkout the high res pics on our [Facebook page](#).

Many thanks and well done to Darren, Gareth, Martin, Phil and Richard for giving up their time for free, and supporting the Club's training programme. 80% of members asked for training so we are wondering why only 8% turned up. The next session is in September.

It was great to receive the following fabulous feedback....well done guys.

*"Really useful and enjoyable day thanks. Looking forward to the next one".*

*".. thanks to you and the team who put this on. Iain and I got a lot out of it and we of course had plenty of fun at the same time, couldn't be better:-)"*

## 21 June Come and Try day

Visitors were treated to a first class introduction to windsurfing and our Club. A very confident, calm, professional, and friendly (our trade mark) operation. Go to our facebook page for pictures and comments -click [here](#).

Well done and a special thanks to the support team— JT, Patricia, Phil, Graham, Jeff, Geoffrey, Julie, John, Ros, Kathy, Dick, Darren, Paul, Martin, Philip, Gareth, Simon, Anita, Richard, Robbie, Tone, and Noah.



Very professional, I bet Simon Bornhoff doesn't serve up goodies like this.

## Loads of good 2<sup>nd</sup> hand kit 4 sale

Refer to our website for more details.

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