

# Newsletter

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Hickling  
Windsurfing Club



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



## It's much warmer this year!

It looks as though we skipped winter this year. As you can see from the above picture taken early in February, members are taking full advantage of the mild weather, sunshine, and good winds. *Those lads were really going for it!* Even I have been out a few times!

## Keep clear of the fishermen



Please remember that our fishermen friends do have lines up and down wind, and following a recent incident we agreed to remind members to keep well clear. There is plenty of space to go round so keep well out of their way (50m minimum, but sail elsewhere) and....don't spoil their day or yours.

## Beware ! The Car Park will be closed..

...for a few days soon for re-surfacing. Details will go on the website as soon as this is confirmed.

## Free 2014 membership

Return your membership renewal by the end of March together with the membership survey form for a chance to win your membership fees back.

Your feedback is really important as it helps the club develop in line with member's wishes. The results of the survey will be included in the next newsletter.

It's also important to remember to get your renewal in quick as last year's gate codes will be changing very soon.

## Paul Perry



We have received some very sad news; Paul passed away 22 February. Please click this [link](#) for a post from Neil Greentree at Quayside. I understand Paul was a regular at Wells and Hunstanton, and if you have sailed there then the chances are you will have met Paul and Michelle. Ben and I had met Paul a few times, a thoroughly nice man. Paul will be greatly missed.

*Pic: Paul (Left) with Neil Greentree of Quayside*

For more high quality action pictures go to the HWC facebook page. There is an easy to follow link from our website home page. Anyone can browse the club facebook pages as you don't need to be a facebook user just to look. A couple of nice videos too ..but then I'm biased.

Of course we want to encourage members to socialise so it would be great if you could give facebook a try and contribute. I'll do a 'Dummies guide to facebook' in the next few months for those that want it. Facebook is a handy tool to have, even my 85yr mother has just mastered it, helping her to keep in contact with her family and grandchildren.

## Dec 2013 AGM

This was as much a social as an AGM. The meeting purpose was to formalise the end of the club year and agree committee members for 2014. Quite a few changes in the committee this year so it's worth just clarifying the changes.

### New:

We are pleased to welcome four new committee members; Neil, Ros, Jeff, and Wendy. Great to see two of our most competent lady windsurfers now on the committee. I sensed everyone was on their best behaviour at the first committee meeting of the year, so they have had an immediate effect.



### Moving up:

Two key promotions with Gareth as Vice Chairman, and Simon bravely taking on the Membership Secretary role.



### Moving down:

Special thanks go to Pat for being Vice Chairman for longer than anyone can remember, and Philip for providing an exceptional membership secretary service for the last few years.



### Out:



Lisa and Kathy. Many thanks for all your help over the past few years.



Graham has decided to retire from committee life after many years of loyal service. A key 'helper', previous news letter editor, and major contributor to committee meeting AOBs! Graham, thanks and look forward to sailing with you soon.

### AGM Dec 2013 summary:

Finances, membership numbers, and website traffic continue to be strong. Some challenging weather in 2013 resulting in the Club Fun day being cancelled, but the Come and Try day was successful despite some extreme conditions. A membership survey will be carried out in 2014 to check for member satisfaction and seek new ideas. A Hickling Windsurfing Club facebook page will be trialled through 2014 to help the club engage with it's members on-line.

A good turn out but the out of town location was not quite as popular as previous City centre venues. It was good to see that the function room at St. Andrews Football Club had been updated.

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Do let me know if you have any news to share.