

# Newsletter

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## Hickling Windsurfing Club (1984-2015)



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

**March 2015**

### New Committee Members

At the AGM on 6 November we finally bid farewell to founder members Pat Fenn and Tony Myhill who have been the cornerstones of the club for 30 years, after celebrating their contribution at the August social event. Additionally, Martin Harwood took over from Dave Black as Chairman and Jeff Davison took over from Martin as News Editor. New members voted in were: Philip Bennett-Lloyd and Glen Moore- see their photos on the clubhouse noticeboard and the website.

In our typical fashion, Dave Black was presented at the February 2015 committee meeting (in the pub) with a memento of HWC life:



Dave has provided sterling service including terms as Chairman and Membership Secretary, as well as being instrumental in gaining funding bids from Sport England. He has also been a Start Windsurfing Instructor at Whitlingham Watersports Centre where he coached many novices and encouraged them to continue along the path of enlightenment, including me.

### Work party 14<sup>th</sup> March

A group of happy helpers turned up to clean the inside and outside of the changing rooms, sweep up leaves and twigs from the car park, path and rigging area, repair the rescue boat jetty in order to get the premises ready for the season.

The locks were also changed.

### W4CR



In 2014 we raised £741.25 through our events and the sale of generously donated kit for this great charity. Let's see if we can exceed that in 2015!

### What next?

Our planned events for this year are:

➤ **9<sup>th</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup> May: Training Day**

This is weather dependent and will be confirmed nearer the time- keep an eye on the website and your emails. Our club instructors will be on hand to help you develop your skills, anything from getting to grips with the basics; harness and footstrap technique; or more advanced stuff such as carve gybes.



- **30<sup>th</sup> May: Come & Try It Day**  
Members of the public are invited to experience our sport with land-based basics and an hour on the water. The launch area could be very busy so no members sailing before 3pm please.
- **22<sup>nd</sup> August: Fun Day**  
All members of all abilities welcome for a fun day of light-hearted competition and nice food. Previous events have included a themed element such as Wimbledon or the Olympic Games.
- **29<sup>th</sup> August: Barbecue at the Pleasureboat**  
Last year's event was a great success and by popular demand we hope to see you all there for food, drink and merriment again. Further details to follow.

## Club Rules

We try to keep the rules to a minimum, and those rules we have are there to protect the Club, for safety reasons, or to comply with the terms of our leases. Members are reminded conforming to the 'Code of Conduct' is not optional and is a condition of membership.

1. The beach is for launching and retrieval of windsurfing boards only.
2. No vehicular access to the beach.
3. No overnight camping on the car park or beach.
4. No barbecues or fires on the beach.
5. All padlocks to be kept locked at all times other than for access.
6. Members' cars to display club year sticker.
7. No swimming from the beach.
8. No dogs.
9. No mooring on the beach.
10. No freestyle in the vicinity of the launch area.

Additionally, rule 11 applies to winter sailing:



Wrap up warm: this is Roger getting a face full of chop in a 45 knot NW gust in January. Water temp 2 degrees; air temp 5 degrees.

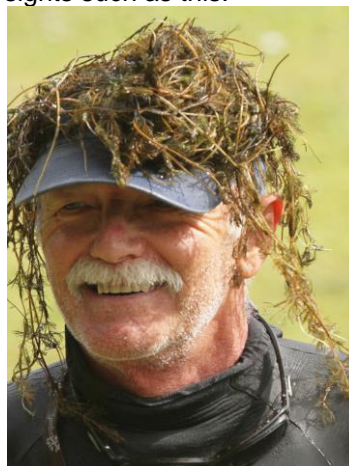
## Update on Tom Bennett-Lloyd

Tom, our former British Youth Wavesailing Champion has also been enjoying his winter sailing. Representing Bangor University in the Student Windsurfing Association competition in north Wales in January, he won his heats. This achievement was all the more remarkable considering he was using a £30 bargain board from ebay, complete with detachable footstrap screw plugs! Sounds worse than some of the kit we see on the broad- mainly mine!



## And finally...

After a couple of (relatively) mild winters, the weed has been a bit of a problem, and using weed fins just isn't as much fun. I am pleased to report it has disappeared in the last two months so we don't have to witness sights such as this:



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