

Newsletter

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Hickling Windsurfing Club

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

What's been happening:

Club AGM 26th November



In addition to having a beer and a chat with friends old and new, the reports from the Chairman, Treasurer (deputised by the Vice Chairman), Membership Secretary and News Editor were presented. Essentially the club held some great events in 2015 and is in good shape financially. While membership numbers dipped by a few in 2015, it has been approved to keep membership fees at the same level.

Mike Hudspeth was elected to the committee, and it was agreed to bestow honorary free membership in recognition of Services to Windsurfing to the following club legends:



John Tuddenham
Tony West
John Christie

Subsequently, the committee also approved honorary memberships for Dave Black and Nick Sampson in recognition of their hard work behind the scenes as well as on the water.

Work Party 19th March

Many thanks to happy helpers Martin, John, Dick, Mike and Jeff who restored the premises to tip-top condition following the usual wear and tear. As well as sweeping up leaves, twigs and hedge cuttings, the green slime has been removed from the north side of the changing rooms and the floors and toilets scrubbed. Members are duly reminded they are free to use the brush/mop supplied should they find the facilities not as they would like.

Membership renewals

Most members have renewed their membership for 2016. For those who have not yet done so, please be reminded that the lock codes will change any day now, so please contact our Membership Secretary if you wish to continue to enjoy the facilities at HWC. New members- welcome to the club.

Winter sailing

- Many members have been enjoying another mild and windy winter's sailing at Hickling.
- The winter sailing exclusion zone in the far corners of the broad expired at the end of March, so we are free to sail as far as wind or weed will allow.
- The dredging of the channel and area in front of the sailing club has been completed.
- Whilst windsurfing, especially at Hickling, has a relatively low risk of injury, please consider the safety advice on our website.
- For those who also sail at Wells, please ensure you have a current Harbour License.

Events for 2016

➤ **7th May: Powerboat user refresher**

This is for members who currently hold the RYA Level 2 Powerboat Certificate that enables them to drive the club boat. This is an opportunity to polish their boat driving skills and recovery of windsurfers and their kit.

➤ **22nd 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.



Doors open at 10.30, and we would very much like members to invite friends, family and work/ school colleagues. A flyer will be issued very shortly to aid the advertising.

We also require helpers on the day to set up the kit, the land simulator, the refreshment tent and changing tent as well as instructing out on the water. The club has some qualified instructors but it would help ease the load, especially if we are really busy. If you are able to assist for all or part of the day please contact a committee member.

➤ **9th July: Barbecue at the Pleasureboat**

Last year's event at our local pub was a great success and by popular demand we hope to see you all there for food, drink and merriment again. It has been brought forward a month from last year to make the most of the evening light. Further details to follow via email, website or our Facebook page.

➤ **20th August: Club Fun Day**

All members of all abilities welcome for a fun day of light-hearted competition and splendid catering. Previous events have included a themed element such as Wimbledon or the Olympic Games. Last year was brilliant- warm, sunny and a nice breeze.



And finally...

If you have any articles or ideas for the newsletter, please let me know.

See you out on the water.

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