

# Hickling Windsurfing Club Newsletter

November 2018

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## Two newsletters in two weeks!!

I began the last newsletter just a few days ago by apologising for not producing one for a couple of months, and now you get two in two weeks! That wasn't ever the plan, but I have an invitation to share with you that won't wait, plus I'll take the opportunity to share a few other important updates. I hope you enjoy the read!

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## Battle's Over Commemoration and Celebration: 11 November, 6.00pm for 6.45.

Hickling Parish Council and Hickling Barn have organised a beacon lighting and fireworks event on 11 November to mark 100 years since the end of World War 1. We are supporting the event by making our car park available to supplement other parking at the Chapel Pit and Pleasure Boat.

The organisers have passed on an invitation to all the windsurfing club members, saying that we are very welcome to attend.

The gates will be open at the laying fields from 6pm. There is no entry fee and food and drink will be available. The evening will end with a pyromusical fireworks display by [illusion fireworks Ltd](#) at 7.30. The full evening timetable is...

18.45 Reading of "Tribute to the Millions" by Norman Lamb MP.

18.50 Roll call of those who gave their lives from Hickling.

18.55 "The Last Post" performed by a lone bugler.

19.00 WW1 Beacons of Light - Lighting of the Hickling Beacon joining over 1000 Beacons of Light symbolising an end to the darkness of war and a return to the light of peace.

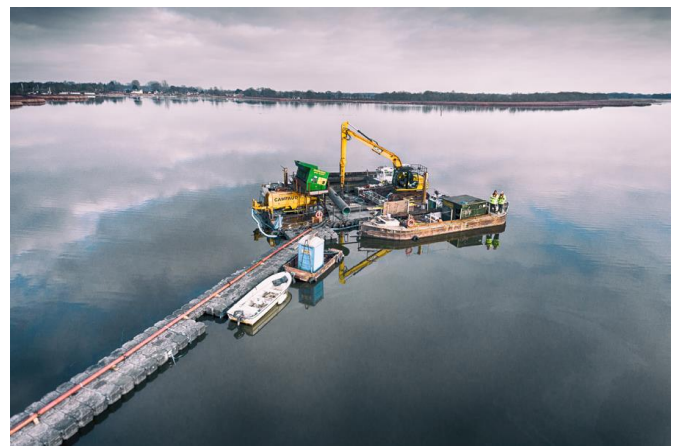
19.05 Ringing Out for Peace, St Marys Church will join with 1000 cathedrals and churches who will ring out their bells across the nation, and beyond, in celebration of Peace.

19.30 "Flanders Fields / Tribute to the Fallen" Firework Display by Illusion Fireworks.

20.00 Village Gathering around the Beacon to share memories and reflect.

## Dredging: Phase 2

Anybody who has sailed in the last couple of weeks will have seen that the latest phase of dredging by the Broads Authority has begun on the west side of the water. The dredging will move about, so please be careful of the machines and the floating curtains around the dredging area, and give them a wide berth. The dredged material is being transported by barge so there will not be a pipe across the water this year. The Broads Authority has not issued a notice to mariners, which indicates that they do not expect the work to significantly hamper navigation. Further details are on the Broads Authority website.



## Winter sailing restrictions reminder

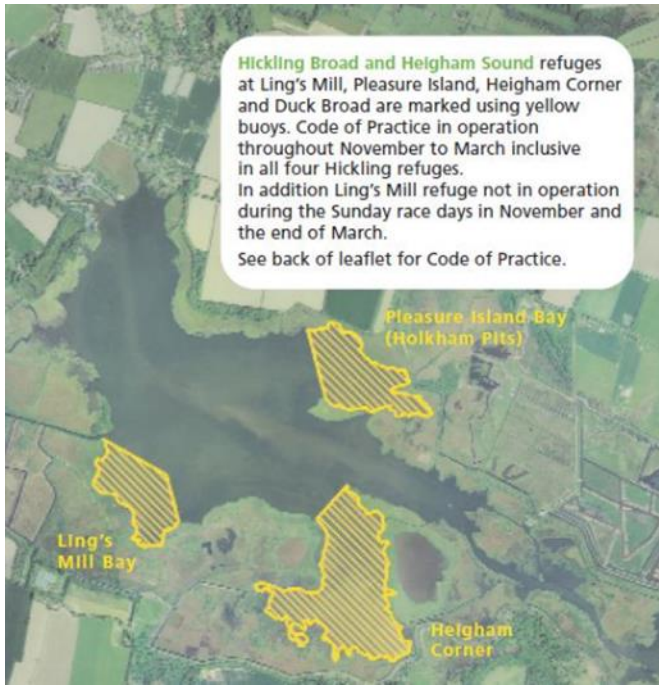
The annual reminder that if enjoying a winter blast, please don't forget to respect the winter exclusion zones on the Broad. They are designed to provide undisturbed refuges for wintering birds. The areas are demarcated by yellow buoys. A condition of us being allowed access to the Broad is that we comply with this requirement.

The map on the next page shows the restricted areas.

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Paul and Darren provided over recent years. Thank you!

## Honorary Membership

We were pleased to award lifetime honorary membership to Graham Ives, a long standing member of the club and stalwart of the Committee until recent years.

Despite retiring from windsurfing a few years ago, and taking up paddleboarding instead, Graham has remained a member of the club and has continued to help out at lots of events, such as the Come and Try Day. He remains very much a key part of the Hickling Windsurfing Club community. And over and above all that, he's just a thoroughly nice bloke, who's always upbeat and cheerful.

Well done and thanks for everything Graham: a well-deserved award.

## A big thank you!

The AGM on Thursday was an opportunity to say thank you to a wide range of members who have supported the club this year, and indeed in many preceding years. You'll recall from previous newsletters that we've achieved an enormous range of different things in 2018, not least becoming an RYA accredited training centre, training 8 new instructors and 22 beginners, running numerous training courses and growing our membership by about 10%.

None of this could have been achieved without the hard work by the volunteers who form the Committee and support the club in so many different ways. This year's AGM enabled us to pay tribute to a few key individuals'

## Retiring Committee Members

Special thanks to Neil Welford, Paul Bradnock and Darren Rigg, who all stepped down from the Committee this year. No club such as ours can function effectively without a committee that is prepared to roll up its sleeves and do the practical work of managing the finances, maintaining our relationships with our neighbours, looking after our equipment, organising events and so on. We're extremely grateful for the help and support that Neil,



## That's all for a while!

With winter comes generally less news, so this will probably be the last newsletter for a while. However, you never know, so please keep an eye on our Facebook pages and your inbox. My challenge for 2019 is to set up and run a club Instagram account, so look out for that as well.

With best wishes

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