

HASSRA South East Regional Newsletter August 2024



★ **Potters Five Lakes** – Does anybody fancy a heavily discounted three night weekend break at Potters Five Lakes in February 2025? I have provisionally reserved the weekends of 14th and 21st February depending on interest and numbers. Please email **Julie** if you are interested or require more information.

★ **Olympic Quiz** – £50 Love2shop Vouchers and Four £25 Love2shop Vouchers up for grabs! Go to [HASSRA Live/Competitions/Olympic quiz](https://www.hassra.org.uk/competitions/olympic-quiz). The quiz will close on the 18th August.

★ **Swimming** - Are you Interested in representing HASSRA in Swimming Competitions? If you are - please contact **Colin Meadows** for details. See HASSRA Live <https://www.hassra.org.uk/cssc> for more details.

★ **Christmas Race** - Of the suggestions submitted for who/what we should have in the 2024 Christmas Race five ideas were put forward to the Regional committee – Fairies, penguins, Santa's, carol singers and snowmen. Carol singers won by a narrow margin. So, now we need idea's from you on how we can stop some of them getting to be the winning choir on Christmas eve. £10 Love2shop vouchers will go out to everyone who puts forward a suggestion that is used. In the event of more than one person putting forward the same suggestion the first one received will get the voucher! Put your suggestions on either the HASSRA South East Facebook page or email me by clicking [HERE](#). Closing date for ideas 18th August.

★ **Abba Voyage!** - At 13.00, Sunday 2nd March 2025 at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park London. Plenty of Dance floor tickets left plus a few of the more expensive seats in Block F.

Seated tickets

Block J....£85 HASSRA members, £95 non-members

Dance floor

£45 HASSRA members, £55 non-members

Contact **Julie** for further details

All tickets must be paid for by 30th August 2024

★ **Summer Promotion** – At least 50% off the normal gate price on many attractions throughout the UK. Click on [Summer Promotion hassra.org.uk](https://www.hassra.org.uk/summer-promotion) for further details! Offer ends August 31st 2024.

★ **Update from the Regional Chairs** – The July Festival went really well, including the Wild Swimming which had very positive feedback. There was some dissatisfaction with the catering so National will review it with the University. It was disturbing to hear that there were 44 no-shows which cost HASSRA £7584 - this is being followed up as it is a complete waste of members' money. The new Activity Alliance initiative - aimed at including less able colleagues - attracted 15 members who all enjoyed the event but thought there was scope for more interaction in future. National HASSRA are considering whether to introduce a Best Region award as was the case in Special Events.

The National Board is discussing ideas for the 90th celebrations next year - there have been dozens of suggestions from across the nation - watch this space!

The recent email advertising a Double Jackpot in the October Lottery has resulted in 838 new applications to date!

National are investigating the worth of introducing QR Codes for membership cards - cost will be a major factor.

Paul W (SE Chair)



HASSRA's 90th Birthday is in 2025!

New ideas for the 90th:

★ **Dress up day for local offices**

March 22nd will officially be HASSRA's 90th birthday. Yes, it's a Saturday but perhaps the local office clubs could organise a 'Dress-up' day on the Friday before to collect for their local charity? 'Dress up' as in men wearing smart wear; suits, shirts and ties etc. and the women wearing blouses and skirts etc. just as our colleagues from the past had to wear.

Wanted:

★ **Have you got any memorabilia from the past?**

Either from South East or South – or even National. Prizes, certificates, HASSRA pens, trolley coins or any other HASSRA items that you've treasured over the years? Send me, **Maggie Smith**, a photo to go in the 90th anniversary Newsletter next year.

★ **90 HASSRA South/South East heroes**

Start thinking about who you think is a HASSRA hero, either regional or local, and please let us know why you think they are. Only a line or so needed to explain your choice.

★ **Members fondest memories of HASSRA events**

A line or a full article to say why a particular event was so exciting/moving/enjoyable! Start thinking now!

There will be an ongoing section of the monthly newsletter to keep you up to date with how we are moving forward with ideas etc.

Have you any ideas on how we can celebrate next year?!

If so, Please let us know!

[Maggie Smith \(Editor\)](#)

Useful Links

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