

HASSRA South East Regional Newsletter December 2024

★ **Advent Calendar and Carol Singer Race** – Both are now on the [HASSRA South East webpage](#)

★ **NATIONAL HASSRA NEWS -**

LOTTERY - Next budget year the Lottery prize money will be raised to £1 million and will feature a £20,000 first prize, a £10,000 second prize and a total of 150 prizes each month. Additionally, there will be a special 90th Anniversary draw - details to be announced soon. You need to be in it to win it - the number of new members continues to rise significantly.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS - there will be no increase in the cost of subs in 2025. **DEVELOPMENT FUND** decisions - will move from the Awards Committee to the National HASSRA team (see below for further details).

CASH BACK SCHEMES - the regional Board will be exploring possibilities where cash back incentives may be available.

90th CELEBRATIONS - the national Board has approved a number of ideas for celebrating this significant milestone in HASSRA's history and the Central Team is now working up details before releasing the information to the regions.

SEPTEMBER FESTIVAL Well received and enjoyed by attendees - 553 in all, up slightly on the July event.

NEXT YEAR'S FESTIVALS booked for 4-6 July and 5-7 September at Warwick Uni; activities being finalised and details will be out soon. Excellent to hear that this time there were only 7 no-shows in total - a vast improvement on July.

NATIONAL AGM / AWARDS DINNER 2025 has been booked for 15th May, again at Warwick University.

90TH CELEBRATIONS several plans now underway and will be discussed at the November Chairs/Board Of Management meeting.

Paul W. (**South East Chair**)

★ **Development fund** - See what the HASSRA Development Fund can help with! Click the following link: <https://www.hassra.org.uk/development-fund>

★ **Call out for new clubs** – Have you thought of starting your own local office HASSRA club but don't know where to start? We can help support you through the stages. The HASSRA website gives you some good advice on where to start - Set up a HASSRA Club but you can also contact your Regional lead – [Colin Meadows](#) and we will try to arrange a communication session for you.

★ **South East Running 2024 Results and Report** – For the results on this event **Click HERE**.

★ **The HASSRA Lottery : ever wondered how it works?** - You may have heard already that next year the Lottery prize fund is getting bigger again, with each month a £20,000 first prize, 2 x £10,000 second prizes and 150 prizes in all. But how does it work?

Each month a random number machine on the lines of ERNIE (the Premium Bond machine) is operated by two independent adjudicators. Every Lottery subscriber who has paid up by the end of the previous month is entered into that month's draw. The draw takes place on the last day of the month or one or two days either side depending on all payroll details having been received. And don't worry -all winners are notified direct so if you've won, you'll know!

The number of members buying Lottery tickets is forever increasing so if you're not in already, do something about it!

★ **TASTER DAY – Curling at the Bayswater Ice Rink** - What a great experience! A maximum turn-out of 36 would-be Curlers had a great FREE day out courtesy of HASSRA SE, enjoying a game of Curling on the ice rink after a bit of tuition from the friendly and helpful attendants. You've probably seen it on the telly and thought "easy, I could do that". Well think again – trust me, easy, it ain't. Apart from having to keep your balance on the ice, the curling stones are pretty heavy and it takes a lot of welly to get them down the ice. The session was full of howls of laughter, cheers and groans as the five teams did battle; it was over all too quickly. We then adjourned to the Rink bar for a very good lunch, all included in the price.

Everyone had a great time and it was very good value for money. We have plans for several more Taster Days in the New Year so watch out for announcements!

★ **Online SEView** – See what we're doing in our Region by clicking **HERE!**

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