

HASSRA South East Regional Newsletter November 2024

★ **Advent Calendar!** - The competition to get on the 2024 HASSRA South East Advent Calendar is now on! Prizes for this competition start when the first window is opened on the 1st of December revealing the winner of a £10 Love2Shop voucher. The prize increases by £10 every day as each window is opened up until the 24th, where the winner wins a brilliant £240 Love2Shop voucher! To join in, go to HASSRA LIVE / Competitions / 'Advent Calendar' and tick 'yes' to the question 'Do you want to be included in the South East Advent Calendar 2024 draw?' The competition closes Saturday 26th November. Good luck!

★ **NATIONAL HASSRA NEWS -**

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 15 May, again at Warwick University.

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

BINGO good news that On-Line Bingo can now go ahead as long as it is free to enter - no special licence required. Details coming out soon.

FESTIVALS proposal that a Best Region Trophy should be introduced (as was the case at Special Events) will not go ahead as it would probably affect inclusion policies and lead to "cherry picking" of teams when the aim is to include newcomers and members of all ability.

NEW STAFF JOINERS we will now receive data from the Departments to enable us to identify possible new HASSRA recruits!

Paul W. (*South East Chair*)

★ **Taster Days** – We look forward to members joining into these great, free mini events but please keep in mind - if you've put your name down for any of them and subsequently can't make it **please** let the organiser know so we can offer the place to someone else! The club still has to pay for 'no shows' and it's **your** HASSRA money that's being wasted!

★ **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 Area Sector rep - [Sector Contacts](#) and we may be able to arrange a communication session for you.

★ **Cribbage and Dominoes Taster Day** – Would this be something you could be interested in? We hope to organise a taster day next year but we first need to know how many members are likely to attend. If you think this is something you think you would sign up for please let Dave Philp know soon by emailing him [HERE](#).

★ **HASSRA South East Photography Competition** - The panel recently completed its judging for the recent competition and the entry we had was the best we can remember for a long time, both in terms of quantity and quality - as our organiser Maggie put it " we have some very talented people out there" - amen to that. It made our task extremely difficult but we got there in the end so warmest congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the losers - your time will come! We hope you will look out for the next competition in a few months time and put in your worthy entries again

The Photography Judging Panel.

★ **Mascot Competition – Only three days left!** –There will be a prize of a **£90** Love2Shop voucher for the winning suggestion of a new HASSRA South East mascot! (in the event of two people coming up with the same suggestion the first received by us will be the winner). **Email Maggie** with your suggestions by Sunday November 3rd.

★ **Christmas Race 2024** – *Last few days* - register on [HASSRA Live 'Events'](#) by midnight 12th November. Prizes include one * **£100** Love2Shop voucher, 2 * **£50** Love2Shop vouchers and 4 * **£25** Love2Shop vouchers.

★ **Running Championships – REMINDER** - if you have entered the Running Championships then your result must be sent to Andy by clicking [HERE](#) by 5th November – email Andy on the link for further details.

★ **Curling** – Free Taster Day! Click [HERE](#) for further details. And please keep in mind, if you've put your name down for this event and can't make it let Dave know so we can offer the place to someone else! The club still has to pay for 'no shows'!

★ **Potters** – HASSRA South East have negotiated another deal for **Potters All Inclusive**



(Adult only) Resort at Five Lakes Essex for a three Night Weekend Break on Friday 4th April, 2025. The price is £429.00 for HASSRA South East members and £469 for all non-members. A deposit of £50 per person

is due by ??

Contact Julie for further details by [clicking HERE](#)

All Breaks are All Inclusive and will include:

- ★ Evening meal on arrival day through to breakfast on departure
- ★ Drinks throughout your stay
- ★ Sport and leisure activities
- ★ First class entertainment

★ **Online SEView** – See what we're doing in our Region by clicking [HERE!](#)

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

Useful Links

★ [Useful South East HASSRA links](#)

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★ **Disclaimer** Please note: It is normal practice for us to take photographs and members names at HASSRA events for the benefit of others, so unless an individual specifically requests that their photograph or surname is not used by HASSRA South East it will be assumed that there is no objection. This also applies to winners of South East competitions and events.