

Welcome to the latest issue of the NESLC Newsletter. In this issue we have a variety of excellent special offers for members including details of the Children's Xmas Party. Also included is the date and location for our AGM.

I hope you enjoy the Newsletter and I would be interested to hear your thoughts on it which should be sent by e-mail to <u>George.Green9@blueyonder.co.uk</u>.

George Green

Editor

If you wish to join NESLC please ring Steve Harris, NESLC Gym Manager on 07790 085104. If you are unsure about whether you are a member:-

Who is a member of NESLC:

- An RCSL/HASSRA member working on BPV, WVP, TVP or Durham House paying their affiliated club
- NAMS (National Associate Members)
- Retired Members
- Associates

BPV - you are in HASSRA or RCSL unless you are a HASSRA member in the local office club CMG (Room BP5302 only)

TVP - you are in HASSRA unless you are a HASSRA member in the local office clubs (E.g. Newcastle Pensions Centre, FEPS, TVP & JCP)

DH - you are a member in HASSRA unless you are a HASSRA member in the local office clubs

WVP - you are an RCSL North member who has historically opted to retain your NESLC membership

If you are a HASSRA member in a local club at any of the above locations you can choose to join NESLC as a Type C Associate

If you are an RCSL North Member at WVP and have not historically opted to retain your NESLC membership you can also join NESLC as a Type C Associate

How do I access the NESLC Website?

<u>RCSL Members</u> Those who work in HMRC can access the NESLC website via the Internal Intranet site. Valuation Office staff should follow the instructions below for HASSRA members.

HASSRA Members (those who work in DWP) via the HASSRA North East Region NESLC Website which can be accessed as follows: Open HASSRA main page on the internet; Go to the regional North East Page; Scroll down and in the right hand column click on the **clubs** link to open page for NESLC.

https://www.hassrashop.org.uk/north-east-clubs

Keep checking regularly for frequent updates

Due to a change within the HASSRA platform our NESLC pages are now available to view on the internet. You do not have to be a HASSRA member to view the pages and you can view them from anywhere. All our offers and trips are here.

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Proposed amendment to NESLC Constitution Rule 4

An amendment to Rule 4 (Membership) of the NELSC Constitution is being proposed for the 2020 AGM. The proposal is to replace the current Rule 4 with a generic membership rule and for the detail of how membership will operate in practice to be included in the NESLC policy document.

The officers consider this to be an important amendment which allows changes to occupancy of Newcastle Estate and changes to the operation of sponsoring departmental sports clubs to be quickly and accurately reflected into NESLC policy without the need to wait for the AGM to ratify the necessary changes

Full details of the proposal to be notified prior to the AGM

Lynsey Wilkinson NESLC Vice Chair

NESLC AGM

This will be held on Friday March 6th 2020 commencing at 4pm at the Innisfree Social Club, Chesters Avenue, Longbenton . Watch the internet for further information (see page 1 for access advice)

NESLC Membership Cards

From 2017 in order to take part in NESLC offers and trips you will be required to have a membership card. The cards are free to members of HASSRA and RCSL at Benton Park View, Tyne View Park and Durham House with some exceptions. See page 1 for advice on NESLC membership.

In order to receive your membership card please send an email to: Alan.Borrowdale@dwp.gov.uk with your name, email address and location. You will then be notified of where and when to pick up your card.

NESLC MEMBERS - WE NEED YOU TO JOIN US

Volunteer with us, any help you can give, large or small. For further information contact alan.borrowdale@dwp.gov.uk

Feel you're missing out?

Do you want NESLC updates to your inbox?

Email Alan.Borrowdale@dwp.gov.uk with subject 'Updates' to receive offers as they are released

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECIAL OFFERS AND EVENTS ORGANISED BY NESLC

All attendees must adhere to the Civil Service/Organisational Code of Conduct (see reverse of booking form). Bookings made at members price cannot be sold on to non-members. Any member found doing so may be suspended from membership and the balance will be due to bring the amount payable up to the guest price.

Everybody's Talking About Jamie

Newcastle Theatre Royal

Thursday 2 April 2020 7.30pm

Featuring West End star Layton Williams and EastEnders' much-loved Shane Richie as Hugo/Loco Chanelle.

Jamie New is sixteen and lives on a council estate in Sheffield. Jamie doesn't quite fit in. Jamie is terrified about the future. Jamie is going to be a sensation

Seats are in the middle of the stalls **Cost** NESLC Members £20 Guests £36

Please complete 2 COPIES of the booking form on the NESLC website (see page 1 for access advice) and forward them with your cheque to Theresa Parvin , CAS11, Room BP1201,Benton Park View.

Any questions, by email only, do not contact the organiser by phone. PLEASE EMAIL THE OR-GANISER AT THE TIME OF SENDING YOUR BOOKING FORM. The organiser will email you to confirm receipt of your booking form. Please email her if you do not hear from her within 2 weeks of sending your application.

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BOOKING FORM – 30 JANUARY 2020 OR SOONER IF SOLD OUT

SIX!

NEWCASTLE THEATRE ROYAL

THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2020

Nominated for 5 Olivier Awards including Best New Musical, the sell-out West End

smash hit SIX is the phenomenon everyone is losing their head over!

From Tudor queens to pop princesses, the six wives of Henry VIII finally take to the mic to tell their tales, remixing five hundred years of historical heartbreak into a celebration of 21st century girl power.

Recommended age 10+, contains flashing lights

Seats are in the middle of the stalls, rows H & J

Cost NESLC Members £25.00

Guests £38.00

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CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BOOKING FORM –Monday 30 March 2020 or sooner if sold out

On Your Feet!

Newcastle Theatre Royal

Wednesday 15 April 2020 7.30pm

The inspiring true love story of Emilio and Gloria Estefan. This exhilarating musical features some of the most iconic pop songs of the era, including Rhythm Is Gonna Get You, Conga, Get On Your Feet, Don't Want To Lose You Now and 1-2-3.

Seats are in the middle of the stalls, rows J & H

Cost	NESLC Members	£25.00
	Guests	£48.00

Please complete <u>2 COPIES OF</u> the booking form on the NESLC website (see page 1 for access advice) and return them with your cheque to Theresa Parvin, CAS 11, BP1201. Any questions, by email only, do not contact the organiser by phone. PLEASE EMAIL THE ORGANISER AT THE TIME OF SENDING YOUR BOOKING FORM. The organiser will email you to confirm receipt of your booking form. Please email her if you do not hear from her within 2 weeks of sending your application.

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BOOKING FORM – Monday 3 February 2020 or sooner if sold out

NESLC'ing you through the New Year

In order to get you through those January blues, NESLC will be carrying out a spectacular daily draw all the way through January! You never know it could be you!!! So watch out for that important Congratulations email!!! Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!





NESLC and CSSC are joining forces again this year to throw the ultimate children's party!!!!!

NESLC and CSSC have limited allocations per organisation, if you are a member of both you can apply via NESLC or CSSC.

This event is open to member's children, nieces, nephews or grandchildren, aged 4 – 11 only. There is limited availability to 80 children, so book early to avoid disappointment.

The party will include all the favourite party games with spot prizes, a disco and buffet for all children.

Each child will also receive a selection box from Santa himself.

A reserve list will be held if more applications are received.

Closing date for bookings is **Wednesday 11th December.**

The venue has changed and is smaller than Four Lane Ends and there is a health and safety maximum number of 240 in the room, the bar is open to adults.

Please be advised that the buffet is due to open at 2.30-3pm, or when the last child has received their selection box. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure that children do not attend to buffet until it is declared open. Failure to comply with this request may result in being asked to leave.

Please email your <u>booking form</u> to the email address below. In the subject bar of your email please provide the following information: NESLC NOTT Surname & NESLC Number

Melanie Harper Tel: 07753 963027(m)

e-mail: mhcssc@yahoo.co.uk



NESLC 2020 CASHBACK Offers



Buy any ticket for an Event taking place from 1st Jan 2020 to 30 June 2020 at any of the following venues:

Kielder Observatory Kynren 2020 Beamish (Subsidy £5.00 if ticket costs £10.00) Sunderland Empire The Sage Customs House Ghetto Golf (Subsidy £5.00 if ticket costs £10.00) City Hall Utilita Arena DFDS National Holidays Plate Day/Ladies Day (Newcastle Racecourse) 23/24 May Dacia Magic Weekend (Subsidy £5.00 if ticket costs £10.00)

Each MEMBER can make 1 claim per venue as a cashback:

Ticket must Cost £15 + - to get subsidy of £10.00

For the first 30 applications only!

See individual venues websites for details of forthcoming shows/events.

See NESLC website (see page 1 for access information) for application form and instructions or email <u>pauline.wood1@hmrc.gov.uk</u>

Please note a Cashback **CANNOT** be claimed on a ticket purchased from NESLC that has already been subsidised by NESLC and a Bottoms Up cannot be claimed.

Fabulous Fundraisers

Celebrating the fabulous ways our member raise funds for charity. Please send details of any events you have had this year to <u>Alan.Borrowdale@dwp.gov.uk</u> and we'll feature you on the webpage - <u>https://www.hassra.org.uk/fabulous-fundraisers-3</u>

Winner takes it all

Here is the list of winners:-

The Full Monty	18/4/19	Emma Miller
Lumley	24/5/19	Kevin McQuillin
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River Cruise	14/6/19	Sarah Hayton
Les Mis	4/9/19	Helen Whiteley
Lumley afternoon tea	20/9/19	Gillian Scott
Cocktail making and meal	9/10/19	Terri Nicholson
We will rock you	16/10/19	Bruce Parvin
Chester/Cheshire Oaks	9,10,11/11/19	Emma Wakenshaw

Result of picture quiz in Newsletter No 3 of 2019:-.

The answers to this picture quiz are:

Kate Winslet, Boris Johnson, Emma Watson and Cliff Richard.

The answer we were looking for as the odd one out is Kate - the only one born in the UK.

The winner, randomly selected by Terri Nicholson, NESLC Chair, is Richard Harrison from HMRC. Richard won a £25 gift voucher and he is pictured below receiving it from Jill Gardner, NESLC Treasurer.



XMAS TREAT

Would you like to win a £25 gift voucher? All you have to do is tell me what message you have for Santa on the placard below. Entries (1 per person) should be sent to myself – george.green9@blueyonder.co.uk

Please put XMAS TREAT in the subject field and state your full name, room number, ext and the organisation you are a member of (HASSRA or RCSL) and your HASSRA Membership number or HMRC PI number.

The closing date for entries is Friday 20 December and the best message in the view of the Editorial Team will be declared the winner.

All entrants must be a member of HASSRA or RCSL. If you are not a member of either please see page 1 for details of how to join.



NESLC TABLE TENNIS SECTION

Unfortunately following the lack of League activity during the summer season, it was eventually decided that not enough players could also commit to match play on a regular basis for the new Northumbria Winter League season for various reasons. While it is good that the team chose to retire as last winter's Premier Division champions, it is also sad that this is the first time since 1948 that we haven't had at least one League team representing the Section. We hope that in due course some of our newer members will feel able to commit to League play in the future. It is possible that Andrew Wilkinson may take some more coaching sessions if this is required by sufficient Section members. Please let me know if this is the case.

Section members Terry Duff and Trevor Linsley retained their runners-up title in the RCSL team event held at Warwick University earlier this year. The HASSRA singles and doubles events were held at the same venue in September, but only Aidan Williamson and Alison Mckim from Stockton Job Centre emerged as winners for the North East Region in the mixed doubles. Section members Pauline Long, who was eliminated in the singles quarter finals, and Ian Hudson were our other HASSRA representatives. There were no plate events this year.

The club practice nights have continued each Monday from 6pm in the Amble Inn during the winter season, except for Bank Holidays. Three tables are generally available if required, depending on attendance, but the hall must be cleared, equipment put away tidily, and all players signed out by 10pm prompt.

A small supply of bats for beginners can be provided, although it is advised that potential players should bring their own whenever possible. Match standard table tennis balls are supplied, and the annual subscription is only £10 to cover both summer and winter seasons. We are always actively looking for new members, both from the main site and outstations, and any prospective players can come along on three occasions before being asked to consider joining the Section and pay the annual subscription.

There are back catalogues from various table tennis companies in the equipment room box for those who wish to order any items of equipment or clothing themselves. May I wish all current and hopefully prospective members a Merry Christmas and best wishes to you all for the New Year 2020.

Further details can be obtained from the Secretary/Treasurer, Pauline Long. Tel: 0191 2854827 (home), 07939 438320 (mobile), or e-mail <u>pandglong1@gmail.com</u>