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- **A Sad Announcement:** Over the Christmas period HASSRA lost one of its real stalwarts. Dave Poulton, although based in the London Region, will be known to many in the South East as, for many years before London and the SE split, he was a prominent member of the Regional Board. Ever since then, he has served on the London Board and made key inputs into a number of activities, notably our annual Sports Day. My lasting memory of Dave, with whom I have enjoyed many a pint over more than 20 years, will be watching him at the Sports Day Silent Disco, earphones on, oblivious to everything and everyone, dancing away like a demented bear and loving every moment of it. A formidable member of the all-conquering regional Quiz Team at Special Events, he had a fantastic range of knowledge spanning a lot of things that nobody else could give a toss about! His motto seemed to be 'Why use just half a dozen words when 200 are better?!' Dave - you were a one-off, loved and respected by so many and never to be forgotten. The great HASSRA Club in the Sky is getting a real asset. R.I.P our good friend. ~ **Paul Wyatt (SE Chair)**

[For photos of Dave from the archives please click here](#)

- **2022 South East Horse Race:** First prize - £100 Love2shop vouchers + prizes for runners-up. And this time they won't just pull up and throw their riders! No, this time we've found a different obstacle every day for your Gee-Gee's to negotiate. The race is easy to enter, just [click here to go to 'Events'](#) on HASSRA Live and you'll find 'The South East Horse race'. [Click here for rules and further details.](#)
- **Fancy a Splash? - CSSC ASA Swimming, Diving, Water Polo and Lifesaving Championships 5th and 6th May 2022:** Every year HASSRA sends a DWP Team to represent the Department at the [Civil Service Swimming Championships \(link is external\)](#). This year the event is in Ponds Forge, Sheffield on Thursday 5 & 6 May.

We are in need of new recruits if we are to beat our arch enemies from MOD and HMRC to the trophies! If you are a club swimmer (or former club swimmer) and a HASSRA and CSSC member that wants an incentive to get back into training please contact Colin Meadows cmeadowsmbe@gmail.com for more information. There will also be Diving, Water polo and Lifesaving Championships.

If selected for the team HASSRA will pay your travel and accommodation expenses and, as the team's swimmers are representing the Department, Special Leave with pay may be applied for.

- **Last call for:**

Free rucksacks and shoulder bags for South East members: This offer closes Sunday, 6th February . [Click here](#) to enter.

Poetry/Slogan: Closing date Sunday, 6th February. Send your entries [HERE](#). Closing date Sunday, 6th February.

Photography Competition: Cut-off date 13th February [Click here](#) for rules and further details.

- **Treasurers:** REMEMBER! - Get your accounts submitted by the end of February for an extra 50% on your clubs annual rebate!
- **For your diaries:** The South East HASSRA AGM is on Wednesday 16th March, 2022 at the Civil Service Club, Great Scotland Yard, London.

[For details on upcoming HASSRA South East dates go to the calendar Click here](#)