

HASSRA South East Regional Newsletter February 2024

- ★ **Photography Competition** Five new categories – ‘Gold or Silver’, ‘Food or Feast’, ‘Favourite Toy’, ‘The Digital Age’, ‘Insects or Spiders’. Prizes: £50 Love2shop voucher for the first in each category, £25 Love2shop voucher for the runner-up in each category and £50 Love2shop voucher for the overall winner. Up to three entries for each category will be accepted and it **must be your own work**. Give your name, office and HASSRA Live membership number. State which category you wish to enter each photo in and give each photo a title e.g. ‘Gold or Silver – My bracelets charm’. Entries will only be accepted from HASSRA South East members. Winners will be notified by email. Send your photographs to me, Maggie, by clicking [HERE](#). The competition closes midnight, 17th March.
- ★ **Colour Quiz** To stop you feeling blue here's a chance to win Love2shop vouchers! One x £100, One x £75, two x £50 and three x £25 are up for grabs in this easy quiz! Go to HASSRA Live ‘Colour Quiz’ to enter. So, if you're in a purple patch try to win the pot of gold! Quiz closes midnight, 29th February.
- ★ **Winners** To see all the 2023 Competition and event winners [click here](#).
- ★ **Footgolf!** - FREE EVENT – FREE EVENT – FREE EVENT – FREE EVENT -
HASSRA South East Presents the First Taster Day of 2024 at Antlands Lane, Copthorne, Horley RH6 9TF on Friday 15th March 2024. This is a Qualifier for the Festival in July 2024 at Warwick University and also a South East Taster Day and **ALL** are welcome. The day will commence at 11am to give everyone the chance, from across the Region, to arrive in time. The Event itself is FREE. To register for this event [Click here](#)
Travel costs will be met by the Association. A £5 subsidy will also be given towards cost of lunch (meal costs to be claimed via HASSRA Live to meet national guidance, this should be receipted costs up to £5 so if you buy a meal deal for £3.50 then that's what you get back). New Members welcome
If you would like to attend or would like more information on this FREE Event please email dave.philp@dwp.gov.uk. Closing date for entries Friday 8th March 2024. Please visit <https://www.gatwickfootgolf.com/> for information regarding the venue and course.
- ★ **Coming soon!** The 2024 April Challenge! Further details in the March Newsletter!
- ★ **Meeting in London – Regional AGM** Wednesday, March 20th – a chance to meet your fellow HASSRA colleagues and let us know what you'd like to see in 2024! You will be able to register to attend via [HASSRA Live ‘events’](#).
- ★ **Sector Contacts Andy and Matt**

Hi. As a South East HASSRA Board of Management member, I am available to help with various aspects of running a HASSRA club. I am a sector lead for Ashford, Canterbury, Dover (Both), Eastbourne, Folkestone, Hastings Hub, Hastings and Bexhill.

Over my 50+ years as a HASSRA member, I have been Treasurer, Secretary, Chair, Auditor and Business Sponsor of local clubs and also been an Organiser at Regional level – so hopefully I have a reasonable amount of knowledge and experience behind me.

Despite having been retired from the Department for nearly 20 years I am still up-to-date with HASSRA business and happy to help you if I can You can contact me on: andybashford71@gmail.com.

Andy

Hello, my name is Matt Sewell and I am a Sector lead for Chatham, Sittingbourne, Gravesend, Dartford, Maidstone, Margate, Ramsgate, Sheerness and Tonbridge alongside Julie Stirling. I have worked for the DWP for 30 years this October, currently I am a Fraud Investigator based in Chatham. I have been a HASSRA member for most of that time and, on the Board Of Management for about 7 years. At Chatham the HASSRA team is one of the most active in Kent, largely due to our recently retired Chair, who also organises trips to Theatres and Shows.

I have attended many Festivals (and previously Special Events) as a helper and competitor, always have been happy to participate in rounders, quizzes, computer gaming. HASSRA through the years has given me the opportunity to meet people from all over the Country and, gain some of the good friends I have now.

I can be contact for any club assistance on 03000898821, or on teams or by email (matt.sewell@dwp.gov.uk)

Matt
- ★ **July Festival at Warwick University** Friday 12th – Sunday 14th July 2024. Archery, Badminton, Coarse Angling, Footgolf, GK Quiz, Give Us a Clue, Gym Based Triathlon, Mens 5 a side Football, Mixed Rounders, Music, Squash, Tennis, Walking (TBC), Wild Swimming (TBC).

We will have qualifiers for: Coarse Angling (run by angling society), Footgolf (at taster day) and GK Quiz. Other events will require expression of interest.

N.B If we are oversubscribed for any event we may have to hold a qualifier.

Expressions of interest to: dave.philp@dwp.gov.uk
- ★ **HASSRA Day** Wednesday, 5th June 2024 – get the day booked off early!
- ★ **Winners!** Click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) to see the Shields showing the winners of the Claude Evens Shield and Heron Shield over the years. For more on South East HASSRA Angling go [HERE!](#)
- ★ **Local HASSRA Clubs** Don't forget to let us know what you've been doing! Email your photos and write-ups by clicking [HERE](#).
- ★ **How do you organise your local AGM?** How do you audit local accounts? How do you open a club bank account? For the answers to these and other questions go to HASSRA Live, click on Volunteers, then click on [How to...](#)
- ★ **HASSRA's now on WhatsApp!** You would have received an email from HASSRA on Tuesday 23rd offering you the chance to join HASSRA WhatsApp channel – dig it out and sign on to get National HASSRA's amazing offers straight away or click [HERE](#) to sign on
- ★ **Charity Champion:** Send charity details to Tracy by [clicking here!](#)
- ★ **Regional Facebook site:** [Click here](#) **Your Office name and HASSRA Live membership number** will be required.
- ★ **National Offers:** [click here](#) **One cinema ticket could recoup a months membership cost!!**
- ★ **The 2024 Calendar of HASSRA South East events:** [Click here](#).
- ★ **HASSRA presentations at Well Being sessions:** Presentation PowerPoint [Click here](#).
- ★ **To view earlier Newsletters:** [Click Here](#)
- ★ **To view the winners of the SE competitions and Events:** [Click here](#)
- ★ **Sector Contacts:** [click here](#).
- ★ **CPR help:** For mini – Annie CPR pack information [click here](#)
- ★ **[Maggie Smith \(Editor\)](#)**

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