

# HASSRA South East Regional Newsletter January 2024

★ **Treasurers! – Chairs! - Secretaries!** Get your 2023 accounts audited, your Chairs Certificate completed and **both** submitted to HASSRA Live by the end of February 2024 and your rebate will double to a fantastic **£8** per member instead of the standard £4! Please remember – the local club AGM must be held by end of February as the Chair's Certificate is a record of this including details of newly elected officers and the committee. You also need to include details of the Business Sponsor and the auditors for the Chairs Certificate to be complete, it may be rejected if any of these items are missing. If you are unsure of how to submit either the accounts or the Chair Certificate there are various ways you can get help Help: Go to '**How to...**' on HASSRA Live and select the appropriate link (Submit accounts and submit Chairs Cert are at bottom of page) **or** sign up for online training click [here](#) **or** for a text version click [HERE](#).

And if you still need help with anything your Sector guide will be happy to support you. To find out who your sector guide is click [HERE](#).

★ **Local Club Sponsors – Who? Why?** The role of the Sponsor is to ensure the club meets all of its governance obligations within the DWP Running Staff Clubs Framework which says :

***The Office Manager, or in the case of a club covering several locations, the senior manager, should take on the role. However, it may be agreed that, to facilitate communication where a club covers a number of locations, the site manager where the Chair is based is nominated as sponsor. The sponsor will act as the initial point of contact in respect of any difficulties which may arise, and which the Chair and committee are unable to resolve.***

If you have any problems in getting a sponsor please speak to your Sector contact found [HERE](#)

★ **Red Letter Day!** Go to HASSRA Live / 'Win!' / 'Red Letter Day' and tick 'Yes!' for a chance to win a £250 '**Red Letter Day**' voucher. [Click here](#) to view the fantastic things you can do with your voucher if you win! There will be ten winners.



★ **Win a £50 Love2shop Voucher choosing the next online race!** After the success of the Christmas Elf race what would you like to see racing next June? So far we've had horses, reindeers, Zombies, yachts and, of course, Elves. Does anyone have another suggestion on what we could race?

Whatever you come up with, please remember we have to lose some of them every day for at least 21 days - so try and think of something that we can make up various scenarios about! Send your suggestions to Maggie by either emailing [HERE](#) or by putting your ideas on the HASSRA South East Facebook page with the title 'My June Race idea is...' . Whoever comes up with the idea that is subsequently used will win a £50 Love2shop voucher! End date January 31<sup>st</sup>.

★ **And Thank you** to all the people who said such kind things about the Christmas Elf Race, much appreciated! - Maggie

★ **Facebook** We have a very successful Facebook page which brings you all the HASSRA events and benefits both regional and National. We also post the progress of the current online race which brings about a lot of interaction between the entrants racing! Look for HASSRA South East on Facebook – and remember to give your HASSRA Live number and office or put in 'retired' if appropriate.

★ **Winners** To see all the 2023 Competition and event winners [click here](#).

★ **Sector Contact** Hello, I am Maggie Smith. I am one of the HASSRA Southeast region sector representatives and I help to cover the following clubs: Didcot, High Wycombe (HASSRA Bucks), Milton Keynes, Newbury, Oxford, Reading, Slough. I was a treasurer before I retired from the Broadstairs/Ramsgate club and I'm happy to help anyone with their HASSRA accounts. Please contact me if you need help with anything else, if I don't know the answer I'm happy to find someone who does. Email me [HERE](#).

★ **Committee member Dave Philp**

Hi Everyone, I'm Dave Philp and lots of you will already know me, but here goes.

I have been a member of the South East Board of Management for a number of years and away from my day job it keeps me very busy. I am responsible for putting together our Festival Squads during the year, which I must say is very rewarding as you meet new and interesting people who soon become friends for life. As well organising the Festival Squads it is also down to me to supply them with kit to compete in and to offer full support when required.

I am also on the HASSRA / Sports Day committee (I say committee but there aren't many of us!) and plan and organise events to take part in on the day, first aid cover, transport, and everything else associated with this rather successful event.

I also look after the South East Mixed Indoor Cricket Team which is always a great fun event for all concerned so please contact me if you think this will interest you.

I am also the contact for Darts, Pool and Snooker and liaise regularly with London to put on joint qualifiers for our Festival squads.

Other than that, I also run the National 5 a Side Football at the Festivals and have done this for many years now.

Please contact me if you would like to take part in any of the events mentioned and any of the soon to be released South East Taster Days that are in the planning as we speak and please make sure you support all your local events.

Your local committees do an amazing job putting on regular events to keep you entertained so please support these when you can.

Love to you all, Dave ☺

★ **Would you like to be a Regional committee member?**

We always welcome fresh ideas and new input on regional business in South East HASSRA. We have four committee meetings a year, expenses paid, where we plan what we can bring to the club including competitions, events, regional benefits etc. There is also our AGM where we can meet up with other HASSRA members from around the region. This is what is expected from Regional committee members: [Committee Member \(hassra.org.uk\)](#). If you are interested email [HERE](#).

★ **Another successful HASSRA morning at Sittingbourne, with legendary raffle!**

If you want to see more photos from Sittingbourne's brilliant raffle sign up to HASSRA South East's Facebook page!



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★ **Margate** also had a great Christmas raffle!

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★ **Local HASSRA Clubs - Don't forget to let us know what you've been doing!** Email your photos and write-ups by clicking [HERE](#).

★ **HASSRA Live** Win a Veganuary Hamper by clicking [HERE](#) and signing on! Hurry! The competition ends on 16<sup>th</sup> January!

Also, there's a chance to win up to £2,500 in holiday vouchers by clicking [HERE](#). Competition ends on 31<sup>st</sup> January!

★ **Please check your HASSRA Live profile** to ensure that it shows the correct preferred club details as this is important for the end of the year as your club rebate is based on this information. There are a large proportion of our membership who are not attached to any club and could be missing out on local activities too. If you need to change, use the enquiry function in HASSRA Live to get details updated.

★ **Does your HASSRA Live profile use your work email address to send you offers?** If so, please consider changing to a non-work email address. Last minute cinema tickets etc. would be presently sent to your work email and you may not have access to them in evenings/weekends or holiday periods so try to change now. Also, you should make sure you are signed up to Newsletters by ticking the box to say you want to receive mail from HASSRA. Then you'll be able to receive this Newsletter as soon as it's sent out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month rather than having to wait to view it on the website!

★ **Charity Champion:** Send charity details to Tracy by [clicking here!](#)

★ **Regional Facebook site:** [Click here](#) Office name / HASSRA Live membership number are required.

★ **National Offers:** [click here](#) One cinema ticket could recoup a months membership cost!!

★ **The 2023 Calendar of HASSRA South East events:** [Click here](#).

★ **HASSRA presentations at local 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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