



• **HASSRA Day 2025** – 11th June 2025 – There is still time to register so please do this on HASSRA Live before the deadline of the **3rd June 2025**. A brilliant day out. Click [HERE](#) for further details. Remember: **you cannot sign up for more than one event in the morning** unless it is the craft, photography and cookery. For example: no signing up for the quiz [and](#) the petanque!

• **Disney's Hercules the Musical** - at The Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, London
Friday 19th September at 19.30. Seats in the stalls :
£40 HASSRA members
£48 non HASSRA

Payment by 1st August. Contact Julie by clicking [HERE](#).

• **Angling:** Harold Weston Summer Shield competition will be fished on Friday 27th June at [Orchard Place Farm Fishing Lakes](#), Parsons Green Road, Paddock Wood, Kent, TN12 6NY. We will be fishing Match Lake no.6. The Fishery has its own web site and a well-stocked tackle shop which sells all baits including maggots. Sign on to for the event on [HASSRA Live](#) or contact David Handley for details by clicking [HERE](#).

• **April Challenge 2025** – Well, a very good turnout, with some 200 people taking part (approximately 87 members with another 113 family and friends) from 10 clubs within South East Region.

A total of some 47,967.8 kilometres saw us Walk, Run, Bike and Swim all the way around the world and then some! – which is a great effort and well done to everyone who took part.

There were some huge distances covered over the month of April but I am not going to mention individuals as everyone was a winner – just getting out there, exercising and taking part and thereby raising money for local charities is a real credit to all those involved.

47,967.8 is the **actual distance** travelled – in the results below we have adjusted for comparison purposes (divided bike distance by 5 and multiplied swim by 5) but as there are no prizes that is fairly immaterial.

The important thing is that £5000 will be distributed amongst the 10 clubs that took part. This money is to go to the chosen local charities of those clubs.

Club	(Adjusted) Kms	No. Participants
Southampton	16344.5	66
Fareham	9829.6	45
Worthing	7332.2	34
Margate	4514.3	24
Hastings and Bexhill	2811.7	15
Brighton	1459.1	6
Ramsgate	935	6
Chatham	264.7	2
Tonbridge	209.8	1
Canterbury	160.3	1

• **Treasurers** – When you receive the money for your chosen charity remember to record it on HASSRA Live please!

• **NATIONAL AWARDS EVENT** - AT WARWICK UNIVERSITY 15 May 2025

We are delighted to report the following South East successes:

National Arts and Crafts Winner : Liam Willis (Hastings). Liam was the clear winner this year, reflecting his outstanding achievements in photography both within and outside HASSRA.

National Merit ; awarded posthumously to our dear and much missed friend Tracy Champion for her outstanding contribution to HASSRA at both regional (Board Member) and Club level (Isle of Wight, Newport and Ryde Clubs). On Monday 26 May our Chairman was able to hand over Tracy's award to her husband David at his home on the Isle of Wight where Paul was holidaying with his family. David was of course immensely proud of Tracy and the award was a final tribute to her exceptional service for HASSRA.

Last but not least, our very own Dave Philp was elected to the national Programme and Development Committee where his extensive experience and knowledge will surely be a real asset.

Paul W (SE Chair)

• **July Festival** – We are still looking for the following to take part in this year's festival. Please remember that travel is paid for this event and your food and accommodation is provided on the University Campus for free!!

1 person for Pickleball (Activity Alliance)

2 Females for Tennis

1 Male for Indoor Triathlon

If you can make the dates (4th to 6th July) then email dave.philp@dwp.gov.uk

• **1935 Tour** – Begins today! Go to the HASSRA South East Facebook page or the [HASSRA South East webpage](#) to follow your progress. Contact [Maggie](#) if you have forgotten the name of your butterfly!

• **Lawn Bowls Pairs** - Thursday 26th June at Main Bowls Pavilion, White Rock Gardens, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1LD. Sign on at HASSRA Live, 'events'. Closing date for entries 20th June.

• **September Festival** – Please also look at the following events for the September Festival (5th to 7th) and let me know if you would like to take part:

Bhangra Workshop x 2, Boccia (Activity Alliance)

Chess x 2

Table Tennis 2 x Female

Walking Football 4 x Male and 4 x Female

Squash 1 x Male & 1 x Female.

There are also qualifiers happening for Flat Green Bowls, Golf, Snooker, and I am collating scores from the May Free Ten Pin Bowling events to find our representatives so please send your scores in now if you haven't already.

If you are interested in taking part in the Netball, please contact Tracy Poling by email tracy.poling@dwp.gov.uk

• **Last chance** - to register for the South East's latest Free Taster Day – Croquet 11th July 2025 – register on HASSRA Live now.

• **Message Boards** – Check them out on HASSRA Live!

• **Disclaimer** - Please note that it is normal practice for us to take photographs at HASSRA events for the benefit of others, so unless an individual specifically requests that their photograph does not appear anywhere it will be assumed that there is no objection.

• **Useful Links**

[Useful South East HASSRA links](#)

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