

# HASSRA W.M. NEWS



December 2019



## National Lottery Winners:

Congratulations to the latest West Midlands HASSRA national lottery winners in the **November 2019** draw:

**£2,500:** Kay Hadlington (Dudley Pedmore House)

**£1,000:** Anonymous Winner (Walsall Hatherton Road)

**£500:** Antony Wilkes (Dudley Pedmore House)

**£500:** Carolyn Atkinson (Tipton JCP)

**£500:** Melanie Case (West Bromwich JCP)

**£250:** Smitha Sekher (Nuneaton JCP)



## Festive Fun at Shrewsbury

HASSRA Shrewsbury kicked off their Christmas festivities with a decorate the gingerbread house competition at the start of December. This was followed by a pigs in blankets breakfast, a 12 days of Christmas free member draw, mince pies for all, a Christmas raffle and a Christmas breakfast. Here's a selection of pictures of the gingerbreads houses under construction!



HASSRA's target is to achieve membership take up of **70%** by 2023

Current membership take up is **66.81%**



## Christmas in Coventry

HASSRA Coventry held their annual Christmas party for members, their children and grandchildren recently, whilst raising £68 for the Myton Hospice charity. Even Santa made an appearance, delivering presents for the children.



## Regional Sports Quiz

The HASSRA West Midlands Regional Sports Quiz was held last month. Congratulations to our winners from Hanley Jobcentre.



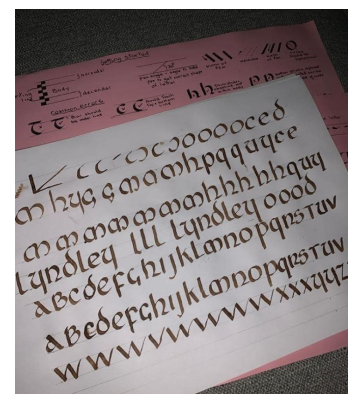
## Christmas Jumper Day

The staff of Redditch HASSRA donned their Christmas jumpers and socks recently raising £38.15 for the Charity for Civil Servants.



## Regional Calligraphy

The HASSRA West Midlands regional Calligraphy Event took place this month at the Pen Museum in Birmingham. Below are a selection of photos from the day.



## Changes to Membership Subscriptions

At the National Board of Management meeting on 13/11/2019 it was agreed that monthly membership subscriptions would increase by 6p per month from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020. This small increase will mean membership will cost **£2.30** per month. The increase will enable HASSRA to continue to deliver a balanced programme of events at a very reasonable cost.

## HASSRA West Midlands 2019 Annual Awards

### Nominations for the HASSRA West Midlands 2019 Regional Awards are now open!

Full details of each award criteria has been circulated to club officials. Entries are sought for the following awards:

- **Best HASSRA West Midlands Club** - Awarded to the club that has grown membership, delivered a range of activities for local members and supported the wellbeing agenda.
- **Best Sportsperson** - The award covers both male and female participants who have made significant achievements in their chosen sport(s) and who have made a significant contribution to HASSRA sport.
- **Best Arts & Crafts Contributor** - The award encourages and recognises greater participation in HASSRA and its activities, especially members who readily participate in non-sporting activities e.g. crafts, quizzes, drama, music, photography, baking, etc. The award recognises significant achievements by an individual in their chosen activity and a significant contribution to HASSRA.
- **Best Communication** - The award acknowledges the best method of communication used by a local club to keep its members informed of HASSRA business. The communication could be digital or hard copy and must reach out to all members.
- **Volunteer of the Year** - The award is for the HASSRA West Midlands member who is deemed to have contributed most to the Association in a voluntary capacity. The Volunteer of the Year Award is intended to recognise volunteers who make a high impact within their club, region and/or nationally.
- **Business Sponsor of the Year** - The award is in recognition of a Leaders significant contribution to supporting staff and members in achieving HASSRA's goals.
- **Lynda Gadsden Memorial Trophy** - The award is presented to a local club or individual member who has made an outstanding contribution to charity via one single event/activity.
- **Wellbeing Trophy** - Awarded to the club that has made a significant contribution to the wellbeing agenda.
- **Best Single Activity Club** - The trophy is awarded to the best single activity HASSRA club providing services to members limited to a single interest or activity.

The closing date for award entries is **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**. Winners will be announced during the West Midlands Annual Conference & Awards Dinner on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 at Aston Villa Football Club.

HASSRA West Midlands membership stands at

**4,604**

*Data to 30/09/2019*

**62.21%**

of DWP staff in West Midlands are HASSRA members

National HASSRA membership stands at

**59,636**

*Data to 30/09/2019*

## HASSRA Festivals 2020

The HASSRA Festivals 2020 will take place at the University of Warwick on 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September. HASSRA West Midlands is pleased to confirm that Lorraine Morris will be the West Midlands Team Manager for the July Festival, whilst Paul Hextall will take on the Team Manager role for the September Festival.

The line ups for each Festival have now been confirmed as follows:

July Festival	September Festival
Archery	Martial Arts Taster
Badminton	Darts
Give Us A Clue	Gaming
Coarse Angling	Golf
Craft Workshop	Mixed Touch Rugby
Drama	Photography
Flat Green Bowls	Pool
General Knowledge Quiz	Pop Quiz
Gym Based Triathlon	Snooker
Men's 5-a-side Football	Table Tennis
Rounders	Ten Pin Bowling
Tennis	Netball
Footgolf	Chess
Fitness / Swim Workshop	Squash
	Pictionary

Look out for further Festival details in the new year.

## Holiday Savings in 2020 with HASSRA

**Get ready for your 2020 holidays with HASSRA!** Our partners at Forest Holidays, Hoseasons and Cottages.com are offering you some great deals and exclusive discounts on their breaks for 2020.

From January getaways to romantic weekends, half term escapes to beautiful Autumn retreats there's plenty to choose from, all year round. You can even take to the water with a boating break!



**Forest Holidays Limited Time Offer!** 20% off 7+ night breaks! Stay 7+ nights and enjoy a 20% discount. Book by 31 January 2020. Holiday between 1 March 2020 – 20 December 2020.

For more details of these and all our holiday partners, and to find your promotional codes go to our Offers and Discounts section within your HASSRA Live account.



Join the HASSRA National Lottery TODAY!

**HASSRA West Midlands members have won a total of £56,250 in the HASSRA Lottery so far in 2019**

**The HASSRA Lottery has a total of £55,000 in cash prizes up for grabs every month**

You can opt to buy anything up to a maximum of 20 numbers at £1.00 each per month.

Each month we give away:

- A top prize of **£12,500**
- 4 prizes of **£2,500**
- 15 prizes of **£1,000**
- 25 prizes of **£500**
- 20 prizes of **£250**



Payment for lottery shares will be made by monthly deductions from pay or pension in the case of members whose payroll or pension provider makes deductions on behalf of HASSRA or by annual payments in advance in the case of ordinary and associate members who cannot pay by deductions from their pay or pension.

**You have to be in it to win it!**

### Diana Ross Competition

HASSRA West Midlands latest '*fun and free*' competition gave away 2 tickets to see Diana Ross live in concert at Arena Birmingham (formerly the NIA) on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

A total of 101 people correctly entered the competition. Diana Ross was born in **1944**.

Our lucky winner was **Faz Morgan** from Wolverhampton Service Centre. Enjoy the show!

### West Midlands 2020 Vision



**20** Winners

Winning **£20**

Every quarter in **2020**

Our first winners will be announced in April 2020.

## Regional Darts

The HASSRA West Midlands Regional Darts tournament is open to male and female HASSRA members, including retired and National Associate Members.

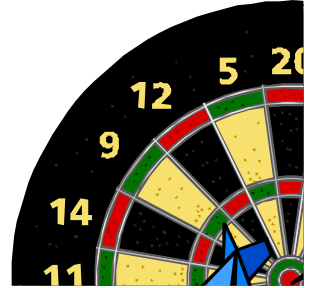
**Where:** Stirchley WMC, 41 Hazlewell Lane, Stirchley, Birmingham, B30 2PR

**Date:** 27/03/2020

**Time:** 10.00am (for 10.30am start)

Entries are invited for:

- Men's singles
- Ladies singles
- Doubles (can be mixed) – (Doubles winners will not necessarily represent West Midlands at the HASSRA Festival)
- Team of 3



The format is 501 straight in, double finish. The number of entrants will decide if we use a group format or a straight knockout. Entrants may be matched with attendees arriving on the day

Lunch will be provided for all, please advise of any dietary requirements on registration.

To register for this event please email [Rod.Snelson@DWP.GOV.UK](mailto:Rod.Snelson@DWP.GOV.UK). Please state your name, HASSRA membership number, any dietary requirements and which event you would like to enter.

Travel expenses to/from this event will be met by HASSRA West Midlands.

## Show Time in 2020

HASSRA West Midlands is pleased to announce that we will be arranging tickets to the following events / shows in 2020:

**Sister Act**

**Book of Mormon**

**Shrewsbury Food Festival**

**Goldie Locks & the 3 Bears (Panto)**

**Red Shoes**

**Priscilla Queen of the Desert**

**RHS Malvern Show**

**9 - 5 The Musical**

Dates and prices will be released in the future.