

# HASSRA W.M. NEWS

June 2021



## HASSRA National Lottery Winners:

Congratulations to the latest West Midlands HASSRA national lottery winners in the **May 2021** draw:

- £2,500:** Anonymous winner (Sutton Coldfield JCP)
- £500:** Jody Hingley (Dudley Pedmore House)
- £500:** May Smith (Birmingham Five Ways House)
- £500:** Adrienne Bradley (Dudley JCP)
- £500:** Linda Worrall (Hanley Service Centre)
- £500:** Vicky Sexton (Birmingham Ravenhurst)
- £250:** Joanne Thacker (Solihull JCP)
- £250:** Victoria O'Rourke (Birmingham Ravenhurst)
- £250:** Anonymous winner (Wolverhampton Molineux House)
- £100:** Linda Wood (Birmingham Five Ways House)
- £100:** Wendy Palmer (Coventry Cofa Court)
- £100:** Helen Spencer (Nuneaton Debt Centre)



You can view the latest lottery winners in full at [www.hassra.org.uk/lottery-results](http://www.hassra.org.uk/lottery-results)

## Rounders Returns!

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June marked a significant day in the HASSRA West Midlands calendar as our first event in more than 16 months returned with the regional rounders taking place outside at Tipton Sport Academy. Thanks to our Event Organiser Jo Jones for arranging the sporting activity and to everyone who took part. Hopefully there will be many more outdoor activities to come in the months ahead.



## Annie White - Winner of the National Best Arts & Crafts Contribution 2020

2020 was a challenging year for the Walsall Service Centre Craft Club run by Annie White, but the club managed to adapt to provide much needed support for charities and staff wellbeing and it went from strength to strength.

The year started with weekly Craft Club meetings where Annie demonstrated jewellery making, felting, crochet lessons and card making. Annie then organised a craft session which was held on behalf of the Australian Wildlife Fund, where following demonstration, patterns were shared at the session and via office emails. Many staff took part in knitting and sewing pouches and slings for kangaroos, koala bears, possums and the small animals that had had their homes ruined by the Australian bush fires. These items were then delivered by a member of staff who went to visit relatives in Australia.



Annie then organised a big knit of cannula covers and hats for premature babies. Following her session to demonstrate what was required, an appeal was sent to all staff via email, with the patterns and an office drop off point arranged. Colleagues responded magnificently to Annie's appeal and Annie has made an initial delivery to the local hospital, but due to the lockdown, she still has a large stock to deliver once the situation stabilises.

Lockdown brought its own challenges, as it was not practical to continue with the weekly Craft Club due to social distancing guidelines. After many conversations with the security team so as not to break any rules, they agreed the office could start a WhatsApp group for the office of crafters and those that were tempted to try something new. Always led by Annie, it was a great way of sharing ideas and things for the group to make. Annie has been able to deliver instruction led classes, video demonstrations and slide instructions. It has been a great platform for social chat, whilst having a laugh is great to wind down and lose yourself in the craft world.

The craft group have covered flower arranging, wreath making, felting, diamond art, glass wear décor, baubles, fancy wrapping, framed verses, making pouffes, cushions and wooden spoons with messages on (great for mum and nan gifts from children). Instructions have also been shared on how to make gingerbread men and gingerbread table décor for napkins for Christmas day and ideas on dressing the Christmas table went down well. The group has grown, with many novice and first time crafters joining in the fun.

Other activities throughout the year have been held so that both people in the office and those working from home could join in. Annie has contributed in so many ways, while working from home herself:

- Face Masks - after demonstrating the art, Annie circulated an email with a pattern so people could make home-made face masks, several staff enjoyed having a go at this.
- Potting Shed - Annie made a table top potting shed which was located strategically for staff to bring in seeds, cuttings and magazines for swapping with other staff.
- Christmas craft sale - Annie greatly contributed by making Christmas items to sell for charity. Table decorations, baubles, fairy doors, woolly reindeers, wreaths and much more. The local Acorns Children's Hospice charity benefitted from the sale.
- Gardeners newsletter - each month Annie created a comprehensive newsletter with helpful hints and tips for things to do throughout the year. Annie provides useful and innovative ideas and instructions on what to make, from storing garden tools to what to customise for planting and how to display your green fingered efforts to their best advantage.



The Craft Club has helped to maintain morale and wellbeing in the office and for those at home throughout the year, whilst helping to raise money for various charities along the way. Annie has been the driving force behind these activities and is a thoroughly deserving winner of the National Best Arts & Crafts Contributor Award for 2020.

# Euro 2020 Competition



Win with HASSRA West Midlands in our Euro 2020 competition.

We're giving away a £40 Love2Shop voucher as first prize, with 2 runners up each winning a £10 Love2Shop voucher.

To enter simply answer the following question:

**With Wembley Stadium hosting several of the Euro 2020 fixtures, who was the England Manager when England hosted Euro 96?**

- (a) Sir Bobby Robson
- (b) Terry Venables
- (c) Glenn Hoddle

HASSRA West Midlands members can enter the Euro 2020 Competition via their [HASSRA Live account](#).

**The closing date for entries is midnight on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.**





## Summer Promotion

# Super savings throughout the summer!

This year's offering sees the biggest discounts ever available to HASSRA members. We have included every attraction possible from the outset, with fantastic savings on many more of your favourites throughout the summer as tickets become available.

You can buy the following tickets\* with at least 60% off the normal 'on the gate' admission prices until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

- Adventure Island
- Blackpool Pleasure Beach
- Blair Drummond Safari Park
- Camel Creek
- Deepsea World
- Edinburgh Zoo
- Flambards
- Flamingoland
- Gulliver's
- Lightwater Valley
- Paultons Park
- Pleasurewood Hills
- Royal Museums Greenwich
- Twycross
- Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust
- Woburn Safari Park
- Woodlands
- Yorkshire Wildlife Park



## Start making some major savings now!

\*Please note that stock for certain attractions may be limited due to supplier issues and Covid restrictions.

Log into your [HASSRA Live account](#) today and purchase tickets via the online shop.

## Bringing sunshine and support at Cofa Court

HASSRA members at Coventry's Cofa Court were offered packets of sunflower seeds recently as a little thank you for being a HASSRA member and to bring a little sunshine into their gardens. We look forward to seeing what they've grown into in a future newsletter.



In addition, Coventry HASSRA put out a plea to members to support the Special Care Baby Unit at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire by knitting hats, blankets and shapes.



The shapes help parents with bonding, as the parent has one and the baby has one and then they swap over. HASSRA supplied needles and wool for those who needed it. The blankets and bonnets are pouring in. Lynda Warwick is the champion hat knitter! Thank you to everyone for your support, you are doing an amazing job.

## Join the HASSRA National Lottery TODAY!

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**
- 2 prizes of **£2,500**
- 15 prizes of **£1,000**
- 25 prizes of **£500**
- 20 prizes of **£250**
- 50 prizes of **£100**

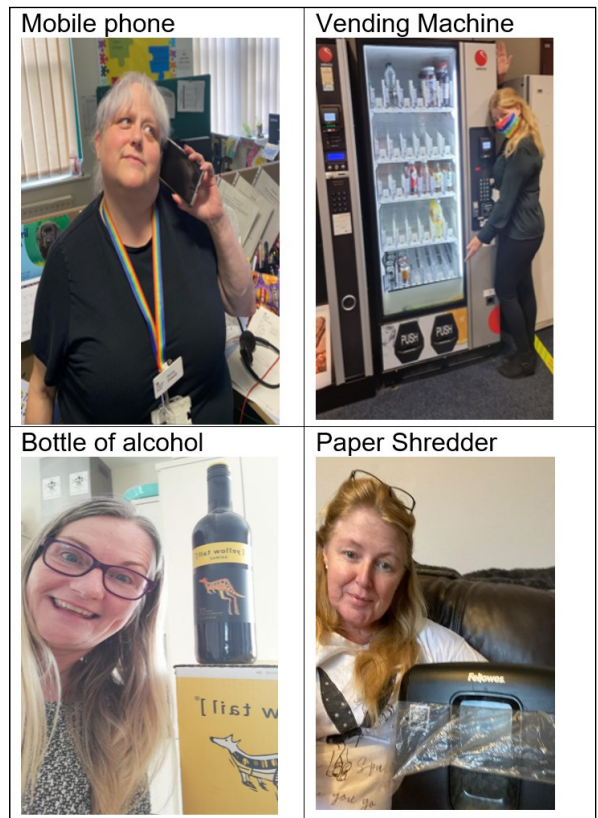


Payment for lottery shares will be made by monthly deductions from pay or pension in the case of members whose payroll or pension provider makes deductions on behalf of HASSRA or by annual payments in advance in the case of ordinary and associate members who cannot pay by deductions from their pay or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

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

## Scavenger Hunting in Telford

HASSRA members at Telford Newtown House have been keeping their eyes peeled of late, on the look out for numerous objects they can grab a quick selfie with, all in the name of the 'Team Scavenger Hunt'. Cash prizes were on offer to the top 3 teams, here's a selection of the photos!



Not just a bottle of wine, but a bottle of wine on top of a box of wine!! They clearly like a drink a Telford! ☺

# West Midland Safari Park

## Cashback Offer



Visit West Midland Safari Park between 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 and get **25% cashback** on your ticket purchases courtesy of HASSRA West Midlands.

**A great day out, with great savings from HASSRA!**

Simply purchase your discounted tickets through HASSRA Live and claim your cashback after your visit!

### Terms & Conditions:

- 25% cashback value is up to a maximum of x2 adult and x2 child tickets purchased.
- Email your booking confirmation / proof of purchase, along with the fully completed cashback proforma to [Hassra.WestMidlands@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:Hassra.WestMidlands@dwp.gov.uk).
- Cashback claims must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. No additional claims will be considered beyond this date.
- Members will be reimbursed with a cheque to the value of 25% of the original purchase costs.
- Only one claim per member is permitted throughout the month of July.
- Cashback claims are for tickets only. No other items purchased, for example souvenirs or refreshments, are eligible for cashback.
- Only one cheque will be issued per cashback award. Replacement cheques will not be issued for personal loss or damage.



## Virtual Bingo

Our June HASSRA West Midlands virtual bingo evening took place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June via Zoom. A total of 28 members took part under the stewardship of our resident bingo caller Tim Cotton.

Our winners per game are detailed below:

Game	Any Line (£5)	Any 2 Lines (£10)	Full House (£20)
Game 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maciej Kulesza (Wolverhampton Molineux House)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tara Billingham (Dudley Pedmore House)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gerry Payne (Birmingham Five Ways House)</li> </ul>
Game 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandy Harrison (Lichfield JCP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandy Harrison (Lichfield JCP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keeley David (Tipton JCP)</li> </ul>
Game 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dani Price (Brownhills JCP) - £5</li> <li>Maggie Westwood (Birmingham Five Ways House) - £5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keeley David (Tipton JCP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joanne Darwin (Hanley JCP)</li> </ul>
Game 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pauline Hatton (Telford JCP) - £5</li> <li>Tara Billingham (Dudley)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neil McPherson (Coventry Cofa Court)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tara Billingham (Dudley Pedmore House)</li> </ul>

Virtual bingo will now take a break over the summer and may return later in the year. A huge thank you to our fantastic bingo caller Tim Cotton for giving up his time to organise the event each month. Tim has done a superb job.



## Cricket

HASSRA cricket returned on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June as HASSRA West Midlands took on HASSRA Wales at Newport Cricket Club in Shropshire. Unfortunately West Midlands lost by 7 wickets, however it was great to be back out on the grass after so long and a good time was had by all.

The West Midlands team consisted of: Austin, Anthony, Russell, Sean, Iain, Tariq, Steve, Junaid, Hasnat and Jo. Well done all and better luck next time!



## HASSRA West Midlands Online Quiz

The HASSRA West Midlands online quizzes will now take a break over the summer period and may return later in the year. A huge thank you to Tim Cotton for creating the quiz each month, it's a huge demand on Tim's time to think of the categories and questions. Tim has been a superb host and we all appreciate his hard work and efforts.



# Wimbledon Competition



HASSRA West Midlands is serving up a treat in our June *'fun and free'* competition as we give away x20 £20 Sports Direct gift vouchers.

To enter simply answer the following question:

**Who is the current Wimbledon Men's Singles Champion?**

- (a) Roger Federer
- (b) Andy Murray
- (c) Novak Djokovic

HASSRA West Midlands members can enter the Wimbledon Competition via their [HASSRA Live account](#).

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