

# HASSRA W.M. NEWS

September 2019



## National Lottery Winners:

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

**£2,500:** Alexander Furamera (Birmingham Five Ways)

**£1,000:** Anonymous Winner (Perry Barr JCP)

**£1,000:** Karen Wylie (Worcester Debt Hub)

**£500:** Pauline Ward (Retired Member)

**£500:** Andy Hooton (Burton on Trent JCP)

**£250:** Robert Muston (Nuneaton Debt Centre)



## BBC Winter Good Food Show

**The tickets for the BBC Winter Good Food Show are now on sale!**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** includes access to Big Kitchen session with Tom Kerridge at 11am.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** includes access to Big Kitchen session with Nadiya Hussain at 1.30pm (premium session).

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** includes access to Big Kitchen session with The Hairy Bikers at 12pm (premium session).

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December** includes access to Big Kitchen session with Mary Berry at 12.30pm (premium session).

Ticket prices are:

- £19 for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November
- £20 for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November
- £21 for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November
- £20 for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December
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For more information members can visit: [www.bbcgoodfoodshow.com/birmingham-winter](http://www.bbcgoodfoodshow.com/birmingham-winter)



**Book your tickets in the Offers and Discounts section of the Online Shop.**

**Tickets are only available until 01/10/2019**

## COMING SOON - HASSRA Live

(With £10,000 in cash prizes)

HASSRA Live is our brand new web-based system designed to help you get the most from your HASSRA membership.

From go-live every member will have a personalised online account, accessible 24/7 from smartphone, tablet and PC. Once activated, you can use your account to manage your personal information, set your preferences, and quickly and easily access your favourite HASSRA offers and services.

Go-live will be in two stages. Members in HASSRA Yorkshire & The Humber can activate their accounts from 23<sup>rd</sup> September. **Members in West Midlands all other regions can activate theirs from 21<sup>st</sup> October.**

In future you'll need to use your personal account to access the HASSRA Shop and other services, so it's vitally important that you activate your account as quickly as possible after go-live date.

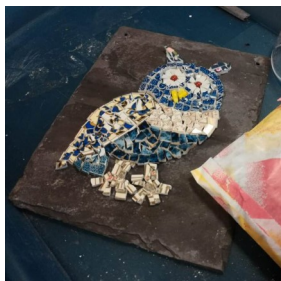
We want to keep you informed about our latest events, offers and free prize draws, so please also sign up for our new personalised HASSRA Newsletters when you activate your account. If you don't sign up, the GDPR will prevent us from sending you updates.

**And remember, everyone who has activated their account and signed-up to the newsletter by 18<sup>th</sup> November will automatically be entered into the HASSRA Live free prize draw. With over 60 cash prizes worth £10,000 – and a top prize of £1,000 – you won't want to miss out.**

The HASSRA Summer Promotion ended on 31/08/2019. Whilst final sales are still being verified, up to 30/06/2019 HASSRA sold 4,257 tickets, **saving members £57,000** on admission to the top attractions.

## Glass Mosaic Workshop

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August HASSRA visited Glass Quarter Designs at Wordsley in the West Midlands for a Glass Mosaic Design Workshop. Below are a selection of photos from the day's creations:



**HASSRA**  
Living Life

# WIN Tickets to Elton John



WIN 2 tickets to see Sir Elton John live in Birmingham in the HASSRA West Midlands latest *'fun and free'* competition.

Tickets are dated Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 for Arena Birmingham (formerly the NIA)



To enter simply answer the following question:

The 'Sir Elton John Stand' is located at which football stadium?

(a) Wycombe Wanderers      (b) West Ham United      (c) Watford

To enter send your **answer** along with your **name**, **HASSRA membership number**, **office location** and **contact telephone number** to [HASSRA.WestMidlands@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:HASSRA.WestMidlands@dwp.gov.uk) or DWP HASSRA West Midlands on the global address list. Entries must be titled **'Elton John Competition'** in the subject line of your email to be entered into the competition.

**The closing date for entries is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

The winner will be the first correct answer drawn at random. Please note the competition is for tickets only, travel costs are not included, you are responsible for your own travel arrangements. Tickets are valued at £170.75 each.

## NEW: Travel Insurance Membership Benefit

Fixed price Worldwide Travel Insurance for our Over 50's members.

**Launching 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

We know that many members enjoy travel, whether for new experiences or to revisit favourite destinations. With this in mind we have decided to enhance our membership offer with a new fixed price Worldwide Travel Insurance – solely for members and their family.

This is our scheme and because of this we have unique eligibility criteria meaning we can provide the following key benefits:

- Full worldwide cover
- No medical screening information is required
- No limit to the number of journeys
- A total of 183 days can be spent overseas during any period of insurance
- Any single trip can last for up to 65 days (45 days for Caribbean, USA or Canada)
- Winter sports cover up to 17 days
- Members can opt to include partners, spouses and children (until their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday)
- Pre-existing medical conditions are covered as long as members are fit to travel, do not have a chronic breathing condition and are not terminally ill.



We also include UK travel, so even if you are not going overseas your policy still provides an ongoing benefit\*.

From 1st September, members will be able to visit the HASSRA Travel Insurance website or contact the Call Centre ahead of the launch to discuss or make advance applications. You will find full details on the HASSRA Online Shop 'Offers and Discounts' page under HASSRA Travel Insurance from 1st September.

### **Special Guidance:**

- The scheme is open to all members providing you are between 50 and 79 years of age and reside in the UK.
- As HASSRA Travel Insurance, we are able to supply cover on a 'Fit to Travel' basis as the scheme has straightforward eligibility criteria. If you meet the criteria, there is no requirement to declare existing medical conditions to obtain cover.
- The scheme has a launch date 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019. This becomes the Scheme Anniversary Date and no matter when purchased, all policies run to and renew on the Scheme Anniversary Date; 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. NOTE: From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 the Eligibility age criteria will change from 50–79 years to 50–74 years. Thus, if you are aged between 74 and 79 the Scheme is only open for joining in the first year of operation.

\*in respect of minimum 2 nights pre-booked accommodation.



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Join the HASSRA National Lottery TODAY!

**HASSRA West Midlands members have won a total of £43,750 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.

To join, simply complete the [HASSRA Lottery application form](#)

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

## Historic Royal Palaces Offer - Ending Soon

HASSRA's Corporate Membership currently allows members and up to three guests to enjoy free access to:

- Tower of London
- Hampton Court Palace
- Kensington Palace
- Banqueting House
- Hillsborough Castle & Gardens in Northern Ireland.

Please note that Historic Royal Palaces is terminating all its corporate deals with all organisations, including HASSRA, on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019. So make the most of the current offer between now and 30<sup>th</sup> November and enjoy big savings on some great days out.

Details of events taking place up to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 can be found at [www.hrp.org.uk](http://www.hrp.org.uk)



**Historic  
Royal Palaces**

## Latest Competition Winners

The latest national 'fun and free' competition gave members the chance to win an LG LED HDR 4K Ultra HD 49" Smart TV. Congratulations to our regional winner Gail Dutson from Dudley Pedmore House who was selected as 1 of the 8 winners.

## Lake Vyrnwy Charity Challenge

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, amidst glorious sunshine members of the HASSRA Shrewsbury club set off on their annual charity challenge!

In previous years the club's wellbeing challenges have include a 15-mile hike over the Shropshire Hills and a walk up Mount Snowdon. For 2019, they embarked on the "Lake Vyrnwy Charity Challenge" – a 13.25-mile trek around Lake Vyrnwy situated at Llanwyddn, Powys in North Wales.

Taking in the scenery along the lake, the group completed the trek in 5 hours and 15 minutes, amassing over 167,000 steps along the way. To date they have raised over £270 for their nominated charities Dream Catchers and The Harry Johnson Trust. The HASSRA club has set themselves a target of raising £1,500 for charity in 2019 and this sum of money means they are well on their way to achieving that figure before the end of the year.

Stephanie Powis, HASSRA Shrewsbury Club Chair said, "The weather was lovely so we stopped along the way for ice cream and a paddle in the lake. Thankfully there were no injuries to report, only a few blisters at the end! A special mention must go to Roger Price, it was his idea to do this year's challenge and he wheeled himself all the way around the lake without any help – he did brilliantly! Thank you to everyone for their generous sponsorship."

You can donate to their cause by visiting their [Just Giving Page](#).



**Taking on the Charity Challenge:** (From L-R) Roger Price, Jenny Johnson, Suzie Jennings & Elvis the dog, Evie Johnson, Steph Powis and Gareth Niblett.

## Christmas at Go Ape Courtesy of HASSRA

With Christmas now fast approaching, it's time to get your Christmas party all wrapped up. Yes, that's right, Go Ape do a great alternative Christmas party.

Join us in the great outdoors for an event to remember. Wrap up warm and enjoy one hour in the trees followed by a unique food and drink package. It will have the whole office buzzing for days!

Available at both our Battersea and Coventry locations you could spend your office Christmas party either swinging through the trees, tackling our outdoor escape room or finding your inner warrior with our axe throwing experience. With all activities followed by warming food and drinks, it's the ultimate outdoor adventure you won't forget anytime soon.

Want to find out more, speak to a member of our Tribe at 01284 852 215 or email [partnerships@goape.co.uk](mailto:partnerships@goape.co.uk) and we can help you plan something extra special.

**Information:** Christmas Package prices start from £35pp (excluding vat). Minimum group size of 10 people. Go Ape Christmas Sites are: Go Ape Battersea and Go Ape Coventry (Coombe Abbey). Visit <https://goape.co.uk/groups/team-days/Christmas-Parties>

## Regional Tennis Event

The HASSRA West Midlands Regional Tennis will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Billesley Tennis Centre, Wheelers Lane, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B13 0ST from 10am - 4pm.

The event will consist of a mens and ladies singles event plus a doubles competition.

Entrants must wear flat, non marking sole shoes.

To enter please email [Tim.Smith1@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:Tim.Smith1@dwp.gov.uk). The closing date for entries is 24/10/2019.



## Walk on By

The HASSRA West Midlands drama group performed their award winning performance of "Walk on By" at Five Ways House in Birmingham on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Ticket sales and donations raised a total of £261 for homeless charity SIFA Fireside.

Thanks to those who produced the an award winning performance: Russell Edwards, Paul Hextall, Michael Willis, Hayley Flewitt, Louise Lingard, Steven Crouch, Raj Ram and Ashleigh Edwards (sound).

One attended said:

*"Just wanted to say what a thoroughly thought provoking play it was! Superb acting and very well written too, big shout out to our home grown protégées - they are clearly in the wrong job!!!"*



## CSSC Games

The HASSRA West Midlands regional rounders team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the CSSC Games on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September at Loughborough University.

The team played 11 matches throughout the day against various Civil Service Departments.

Congratulations to all who took part and for doing the region proud!

