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**a 'BIG' West
End Theatre
Break with
HASSRA!**



HASSRA is giving members the chance to win one of FIVE weekend breaks to see BIG, the brand new West End show at the Dominion Theatre.

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- Two nights B&B accommodation in the centrally located 4* Radisson Blu Edwardian, Grafton Hotel.
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Welcome to the Summer edition of livelife

The HASSRA staff team have been busy preparing for the Summer Festivals after recently hosting the AGM and Annual Awards Dinner, attended by our President and DWP Permanent Secretary, Peter Schofield CB. Check out the pictures on pages 4 and 5 to see our worthy winners receiving their awards on the night.

HASSRA is all about BIG offers, and the latest BIG Prize Giveaway on page 2 gives members a BIG chance to win one of five West End breaks to see the brand new show, BIG!

Do you feel lucky? Read page 7 to see how one member scooped a sizable cash prize in the HASSRA Lottery recently, not once but TWICE. Join up now and next month it might be you!

Check out page 8 for the HASSRA Summer Promotion, giving members the chance to save even more over the holiday period.

Please take some time to visit the **Online Shop** to discover everything available – we're adding fantastic new deals all the time. If you haven't done so already, please **sign up to the Online Shop Newsletter**. It's a great way of finding out first hand what's new or what's changed – don't miss out!

One of these great new offers is tastecard+ which is now available at a jaw-dropping price and, even better, you can also purchase one for your family and friends. Find out how you can win when you buy with tastecard+ on page 11.

World Cup fever has once again swept across the country with the footballing Lionesses and England's cricketers trying to reach new heights in their fields. However, if sport has taken its toll and you want to swap the TV for the silver screen, see page 12 for a chance to win some great prizes with Cineworld.



Finally, I wish you all a great summer and I hope you make the most of your membership. Please encourage colleagues who are not members to join so they too can take advantage of all the benefits HASSRA has to offer. Remember, HASSRA is the best deal around.

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HASSRA Annual Awards Dinner

16 May at the Principal York Hotel

HASSRA presented its Annual Awards to its volunteers, clubs, regions and business sponsors who have worked tirelessly to provide an exceptional programme of events and activities enjoyed by so many of us throughout 2018.



Rachel Lomax Trophy for Best Volunteer
Adele Hunneybell (Yorkshire & The Humber)



Terry Green Trophy for Best Sportsperson
Melanie Cowen (North West)



Leslie Strathie Trophy for Best Business Sponsor
Steve Harries (South West)



Sir Michael Partridge Trophy for Best Small Club
John Street HASSRA (North East)



First Vice-President's Cup for Best Large Club
Newcastle Pensions HASSRA (North East)



President's Cup for Best Association
HASSRA West Midlands



Sir Leigh Lewis Trophy for Best Participant
Lyndsey South (Yorkshire & The Humber)



Sir Robert Devereux Trophy for Wellbeing
Lincoln HASSRA (East Midlands)



Volunteer Long Service Awards
George Robinson (East Midlands)
Irena Gorbun (Yorkshire & The Humber)

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The HASSRA Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM, kindly sponsored by CSiS, took place on 16 May at The Principal Hotel, York. Once again, the meeting was well-attended by delegates from across the regions. There was lots of positivity surrounding the Association, not only for the 2018 performance but also for HASSRA's future plans. Elections were held for various posts on National Committees and congratulations go to:

National Board of Management:

Dawn Lennie (Yorkshire & The Humber)
Sean Mulgrew (Scotland)

Finance Committee:

Nicki Stowe (Yorkshire & The Humber)
Helena Whitehead (HASSRA Staff)

Awards Committee:

George Robinson (East Midlands)

We will be returning to The Principal in 2020 for the AGM and National Awards Dinner. Keep your eyes peeled later this year for full details.



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Groundhog Day for one HASSRA Lottery winner

You could be forgiven for thinking that you'd seen this story before.

That's because in early 2018, Carol Marsden (HASSRA West Midlands) featured as a lucky Lottery winner after scooping £2,500 in the monthly draw.

Carol tells us how lightning struck for a second time almost exactly a year on from her first win...

"After leaving the office to go on leave for a week in April, I thought I'd check my emails on my phone one last time before switching into holiday mode. I noticed a strangely familiar email from HASSRA asking me to ring them, which I did but, by then, it was too late in the day.

I flew to Tenerife at 6am the following morning, making sure I took the HASSRA number with me as I was both curious and very excited.

Once we landed and eventually got into the taxi to the resort, I telephoned Gina from HASSRA to then be told that I had won £2,500 on the Lottery for a second time. That's £5k in just over a year!



The taxi driver must have thought I was mad as I couldn't stop laughing all the way to the hotel. As you can imagine, my stroke of luck made the holiday even more special. Coincidentally, we were actually at the same place that we visited last year on the back of my first Lottery win.

When we got back to the UK, we booked our next holiday in Cornwall in July. We will also be able to make use of the HASSRA 10% discount at St Austell Breweries, in particular 'The Old Success Inn' in Sennen which we will surely be visiting each day.

As we absolutely love travelling, we're currently looking to book an autumn trip abroad. The HASSRA Lottery has brought me so much luck over the last year and I would recommend joining to everyone!

The **HASSRA** Summer Promotion

**TICKETS
NOW
ON SALE**

**AT LEAST
50%
OFF**

Back by popular demand for its ninth year, the HASSRA summer ticket promotion gives members the chance to take advantage of massive savings on selected attractions throughout the UK this summer.

All featured tickets will be at least 50% off the normal 'on the gate' admission prices!

Tickets are on sale now at special offer prices until 31st August 2019.

If you have not yet created an online shopping account you will need to do so before you can place an order. Visit hassrashop.org.uk and click on '**Create an Account**'. A registration page will appear which you must complete and submit to us. We will need to verify that you are a current subscribing member of HASSRA. We will do this as quickly as possible, but it may take up to five working days. We will then send you an e-mail advising that your account has been activated. You can then log in to your account and purchase products from our shop.

See FAQs for more customer information.

Please Note:

- Orders will be restricted to a maximum of 10 tickets per member, per attraction for the duration of this promotion.
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- We will dispatch your tickets as soon as possible, but no later than 6 working days from the date of your order.
- A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you when your order has been dispatched.
- After you have received your dispatch confirmation, please allow 2-3 working days for Royal Mail delivery before contacting us. This will allow us to get on with fulfilling your orders rather than answering the phone.

Have a great Summer with HASSRA!



All tickets MUST be ordered from our Online Shop at hassrashop.org.uk

Steve Harries

Best Business Sponsor

I have now been a member of HASSRA for more than 30 years and I suppose my participation and involvement with HASSRA has mirrored my ageing body and mind. At the start I was an active participant in rugby and five-a-side football. Aches, pain and injury saw my participation move to somewhat less strenuous activities of skittles and angling and more recently quizzes, coach trips and walking events.

I was honoured to be asked to take over as sponsor when I returned to my home office in Torquay three years ago, it seemed only right that having been a participant in so many events that I put something back in to the organisation. While it was a tad daunting at the start, with one service centre and four jobcentres in our club I felt really supported by my board of management and local sponsor network who are only a phone call away.

It's been great to see how HASSRA locally has supported the well being agenda and is making a real difference to members lives. It helps engagement within the site and brings people together. We have a vibrant and well supported group here in Torquay encompassing current employees and those who are now retired

However, we can't rest on our laurels, we are going through challenging times and will do so for some time yet. The demographic of our workforce has changed and as such we need to adapt to cater to different needs of our membership to those we did 30 years ago. Its great to see members now bringing children and grandchildren along to some of our social activities be that a coach trip to Cornwall or our Summer Evening Spectacular at Babbacombe Cricket Club (Never miss a chance to promote or advertise events!)

It's important to me that we regularly ask what our members want from their local group and also to get feedback following events so we can improve what we deliver next time around. The occasional email vote and post event surveys form part of the analysis.

I was honoured just to be nominated for the South West and even more surprised to collect the National award this year. I was so proud to receive the award on behalf of the club I sponsor and it is in fact real recognition of their dedication and reward for all the hard work they undertake in their own time to support our members.

Steve Harries
Business Sponsor, Torbay Area.



Double Success

It was a clean sweep for HASSRA's National Golf team



Paul Corbett
Received the Sir Ernley Blackwell Trophy for best individual score on day 1 of Haddow Trophy.

David McIntyre, HASSRA's National Golf Team Manager, reports on a double success at the recent CSSC Golf Championships:

The Haddow and Balfour Trophy events were held at the Macdonald Portal in Cheshire in late May.

In the Haddow Trophy, the handicap event, individuals competed for the Sir Ernley Blackwell Trophy with the best 3 scores from the 4 team players providing an aggregate team score on each day to determine winners.

On Day One, Paul Corbett achieved the best score of the day winning the trophy with an excellent 37 points. Michael Lonsdale (30) and Malcolm Corris (29) gave solid performances

and added to Paul's score, giving team HASSRA a combined score of 96, just behind half-way leaders DVLA.

Day Two saw play commence over the longer, but more forgiving Championship course. Team HASSRA rose to the challenge all improving on their previous day's points totals, resulting in an overall team total of 200 and a tie between HASSRA and DVLA. Under tournament rules, Paul's 32 points on Day Two sealed a brilliant victory against a very competitive field of 16 teams.

In The Balfour Cup, which is the scratch competition, the pressure was on. Despite not having won since 2012, Team HASSRA still held the record for the most consecutive wins (7), HMRC were on 6 and hopeful of a win to equal our record. It would take a tremendous effort from all our players if victory were to be secured.

Christopher Hewitt was our Day One star, with an excellent joint-best score of 71. With Graham Bell on 77 and David McIntyre on 79, HASSRA were on 227 and 4 shots clear of the BEIS team in 2nd place and a healthy 13 shots clear of reigning champions HMRC.

Day Two was even more challenging and once again Christopher Hewitt was the star man for HASSRA posting the best score of the tournament, a magnificent 69. Supported again by Graham Bell with 74 and this time John Maxwell with 79, HASSRA won the event with an aggregate team total of 449 and a winning margin of 24 shots from HMRC in second. Christopher was also the overall individual scratch winner by some 6 shots with a magnificent score of 140. Graham Bell from HASSRA was 3rd in the individual with 151.

Here's to 2020 and Team HASSRA defending both trophies...Congratulations to our Golf superstars, fantastic results and a huge well done from us all!



The HASSRA 'A' team that won the CSSC Balfour Trophy
L-R David McIntyre, Graham Bell, John Maxwell and Christopher Hewitt.

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The HASSRA Development Scheme

The HASSRA Development Scheme has been in operation for over 30 years, providing financial support to individuals who want to develop their skills where this would involve an expense they would find difficult to meet.

Ruth Chilcott (HASSRA South West) recently undertook a huge personal walking challenge from the South West to Scotland, visiting several Jobcentres en-route.

Here's Ruth's story:

On the 31st of March I left Bridgwater to walk to the Lyness Navel Cemetery on the island of Hoy, Orkney, finally arriving on 9th May. I'd chosen Lyness as my destination as my father was based there during the war with the Navy.

In total I walked 692.5 miles, having stayed along my journey with members of staff, churches, members of a national rock choir, B&B's and hostels.

Along my walk I had the most amazing experience, very fortunate to have only one day of bad weather but other than that it was beautiful. The ever changing scenery between Somerset and Scotland was amazing, and I certainly fell in love with Scotland from the moment I crossed the border.

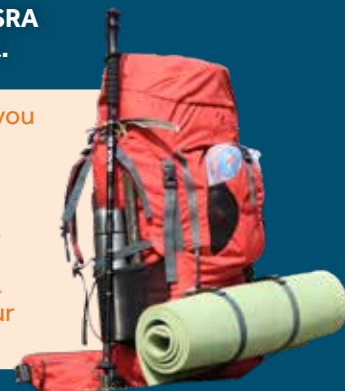
On the way Skelmersdale Jobcentre hosted a lunch for me, Taunton JC had a breakfast event and my colleagues at Bridgwater held various fundraisers all doing some amazing fundraising. The whole experience was life changing for me and made me realise I am capable of anything.

Ruth Chilcott
HASSRA South West

I loved meeting new people each day, sharing experiences and on my toughest days I was always met with kindness. I am fitter, slimmer and happier - I recommend it to anyone! So far I have raised over £5000 for Dementia UK in memory of my Dad and my Mum who cared for him.

Thank you HASSRA for your support.

Find out how you can make the most of your membership and check out the **HASSRA Development Scheme** on our website.



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