



DISTRICT 91 UK SOUTH

# NEWSLETTER

## E-Newsletter #3, September 2017

### Welcome Fellow Toastmasters

Hello DLT

The contest and conference season is upon us and it's been another busy month. So this newsletter represents a retrospective summary of the news and events across our district in September. The information is replicated on our website with more detail; just follow the [<Read More>](#) links. Also, please do contact [Nigel](#), your District PR Manager, if you have any district level news to share.



### Diary Dates

**DEADLINE:** Today is the last day to register new members to count towards the [Smedley Award](#). It is also the deadline for all membership renewals. Club officers please ensure you have registered your members with [Toastmasters.org](http://Toastmasters.org) by 1<sup>st</sup> October.

We are just five weeks away from the [District 91 Conference](#). Learn more about the conference from **Filip Balota** and his team on our [website](#), and book your tickets and accommodation. "*Let your speaking fly*" with the Gatwick Conference on the **4<sup>th</sup> November**. This promises to be a magnificent event with a keynote address from Aletta Rochat, DTM and Regional 11 Advisor, workshops, gala dinner and, of course, the *Humorous Speech Contest* and *Table Topics Contest*. This is likely to be the last district autumn conference so book early to join in with the high-flying celebrations.

All area and divisional contests will be completed ahead of the conference, see our [D91 calendar](#) for all dates. Remember that all contestants need to be "in good standing". That means they are a paid up member, so anyone not registered (preferably today) is not eligible.

District officers please note we have our next District Executive Committee (DEC) meeting scheduled for the evening before the conference on Friday **3<sup>rd</sup> November** in Gatwick.

Ascot Speakers are running [SpeechCraft workshops](#) starting today.

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### DLT Dispatches



Our District Leadership Team (DLT) have had another busy month working on your behalf. **Beauty Zindi** put together the district budget, and we are pleased to report that it was accepted by Toastmasters HQ. Thank you to all those that input to the budget.

This month, **Pedro Casillas** (District Director) updates us on the *District Success Plan*, **Andy Hammond** (PQD) tells us about the 7x7 initiative for COTs and **Florian Bay** (CGD) explains how to grow membership. Follow the [link](#) for the full update from our DLT Trio.

Florian has also produced an incredible informative and inspiring video on how to attract and retain club members. Check out his first [vlog](#) for us, in which he shares his top tips.

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## In the News



Each month, one of our toastmasters writes an article which is then published externally in several business journals and websites.

I attended **Steve Campion's** workshop on using PowerPoint and encouraged him to write a paper for us. His paper has received huge press interest and coverage, including [The Guardian](#) and around 20 other [business magazines and websites](#).

**Essie Rewane-Adjare, Andrew Bennett, Paul Carroll, Christopher Hirsch, Charlotte Hitchings** and **Lyn Roseaman** have all received further press coverage of their earlier articles.

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## Meet a Leader



This month I catch up with our Program Quality Director, **Andy Hammond**, and find out how he joined Toastmasters, what drives him and his interests outside of Toastmasters. Read the full story on Andy on our [website](#).

Having met Andy at the DLT away-day and since then at various COTs, DOTs and DECAs, I have come to realise that not only is he driven and passionate about Toastmasters (in particular Pathways) but he also has a mischievous sense of humour.

Next month I hope to catch up with Florian Bay.

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## Awards & Recognition



This month we have one D91 member who has achieved his DTM. Our congratulations go to:

- **Don O'Neal**, Oxford Orators Club

The following club chartered:

- **Valleys & Vale Speakers** in Pontyclun (Area J10)

Our thanks go to **Rick Cooper** and his team for making this happen.

You can find out more about members' awards on the [D91 Dashboard](#).

Our congratulations also go to **Douglas Hart**, of Hallmark Speakers, for winning the Nuclear Institute [National Speaking Competition](#).

The Rewards & Recognition section is not all good news. The DLT were saddened to hear that **Gordon Piggott** passed away after battling with cancer. Gordon was Division H Director last year and his larger than life character will be dearly missed and our condolences go out to his wife Mary and the family.

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## Resources & Links



As mentioned above, it is contest season. If you haven't already done so, do check out the wisdom of **Andy O'Sullivan**, the D91 Chief Judge, on our [contest and judging page](#).

This month, a couple of our members have posted useful reports on the D91 website.

- **Shola Kaye**, of Grosvenor Square Speakers Club, and a speaking coach and performer, tells us how Toastmasters [changed her life](#).
- **Kris Rackham**, of Leighton Buzzard Speakers Club, shares her experience at a local canal festival and the benefits of representing Toastmasters at a [community event](#).

**Sydney Schreiber** has set up an [Advanced Speakers Club](#) group on Facebook. It's an ideal place to share alternative club programmes etc.

The [DTM Mentoring Group](#) is another useful Facebook page for those of us needing help completing our DTM.

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## Stay in Touch

Please share the newsletter with any fellow Toastmasters who you think may have not received it. Also remind colleagues to keep their email addresses on [Toastmasters.org](#) up to date in order to receive District 91 comms and avoid email bounces by using personal rather than work email addresses.

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I hope you have found this e-newsletter useful. Please email any newsletter contributions to me or click on the icons below to follow us on our social media platforms. Enjoy the contest and conference season.

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