



DISTRICT 91 UK SOUTH

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Fellow Toastmasters

Happy New Year Nigel

And what a great start to the year, there is so much going on in District 91 as you can see below. This month we have Pathways updates, webinars and we are already preparing the Spring Conference etc.

This newsletter represents a round-up of the website and social media posts issued over the last month. The information is all replicated on our website with more detail; just follow the [<Read More>](#) links. Also please do contact me, [Nigel](#) your District PR Manager, if you have any district level news to share.

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Diary Dates

Three times each year, Toastmasters runs a membership campaign. [Talk Up Toastmasters](#) starts on 1st February and runs until 30th March. Read [Florian Bay's post](#) on how to attract new members, receive the *Talk Up Toastmasters* club ribbon and other benefits.

Fanfare please - the District 91 Spring Conference will be held at the [Coppid Beech Hotel](#) in Berkshire on the **5th to 6th May**. The conference includes the district finals of the *International Speech Contest* and *Evaluation Contest* plus we have a keynote from **Dan Rex**, CEO of Toastmasters, a *Gala Dinner* and other workshops and activities. Read more details on [our website](#) and take advantage of the [early bird booking rate](#).

To help organise future conferences, Dee Alimi is running a survey to seek your views on your preferences. Complete Dee's [3-minute survey](#) by **26th January** to express your views.

We have another one of our free webinars tonight at 8pm. A [Simple Six Step SYSTEM to Club Success](#) will be presented by Andy O'Sullivan and Wole Ososami. [Register now](#).

We have been informed that [Pathways](#) will be rolled out in District 91 from **20th March**.

February is the time of Club Officer Training (COT) so club officers check with your Area Directors for dates. Remember if all seven club officers attend COT, "7 of 7", then you will receive a full set of officer pins. The District Officer Training (DOT) is scheduled for **28th January**.

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DLT Dispatches

In this month's DLT Dispatches, **Pedro Casillas** (District Director) reports on the DLT training session in Lisbon, **Andy Hammond** (PQD) tells us more about the roll-out of [Pathways](#) and COTs, whereas **Florian Bay** (CGD) shares his latest thoughts on club growth and [Talk Up Toastmasters](#). Follow the [link](#) for the full update from our DLT Trio.

When in Lisbon, Florian managed to interview **Dan Rex**, Toastmasters CEO, **Morag Mathieson**, Region 11 Director, and **David Fisher**, Region 12 Director. Check out the latest [Florian's Vlog](#).

Thank you to all those who responded to my [PR & Comms survey](#). I have [posted a short report](#) on the findings. The results were very useful to the D91 DLT and informing our comms strategy.

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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. Contact [me](#) if you would like to write an article for District 91.

This month **Simon Bucknall**, Runner-up World Champion in Public Speaking, shared how to [create inspiring speeches](#), and **Laura Bruce**, D71 PR Manager, explains how to [showcase your skills](#) with a perfect presentation:

Articles by **Bret Freeman** and **Lyn Roseaman** attract further coverage - see our [press clippings page](#) for a full list of published articles.

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Meet a Leader

In this month's [Meet a Leader](#) feature I finally caught up with, our Admin Manager and ICT Chair, **Paul Rhys-Taylor** a.k.a. PRT. Learn about Paul's family background, returning to his faith, his days as frontman of a gospel band and his ongoing commitment to Toastmasters.

Next month you will hear a little bit about yours truly.

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Awards & Recognition

December was a quiet month for awards and new clubs. Last month I announced the D91 Annual Awards but there was a slight error on the [Hall of Fame](#) - now updated:

- Toastmaster of the Year - **Andy O'Sullivan**
- Division Director of the Year - **Steve Vear** and **Rick Cooper**
- Area Director of the Year - **Catherine Cannon** and **Arnaud Sartre**

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

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Resources & Links



Check out our website for [useful resources](#) and tools. With COTs on the horizon, Club Officers may want to [check out their roles](#).

This month Florian shared:

- [Guest list](#)
- [Ordering marketing materials](#)
- [Open house guidelines](#)

As mentioned last month, I have set up a D91 [Speakers' Bureau](#), if you are interested then check [our website](#) to see if you qualify to join.

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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. *Carry on Communicating!*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nigel".

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