



DISTRICT 91 UK SOUTH

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Fellow Toastmasters

Dear Nigel

The activity within District 91 is "dialled up to eleven" this month. Pathways is well underway, the Spring Conference is on the horizon, we have just one month left of *Talk Up Toastmasters* and we introduce the *20 to 20 Challenge*.

As usual, 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

We have just one month left of the [Talk Up Toastmasters](#) campaign which ends **30th March**. Read how to receive the special club ribbon and other benefits [here](#).

Tickets are selling fast for the District 91 Spring Conference at the [Coppid Beech Hotel](#) on the **5th to 6th May**. Read the [latest update](#) from Conference Director, **Helena Brewer**, and take advantage of the [discounted rates](#) until **30th April**.

Get Involved! Nominations for the D91 leadership roles e.g. District Leadership Team, Divisional Directors and Area Directors will be announced on the **7th April**. So there is still a little time to apply (or stand from the floor on the 5th May).

It's membership renewal season. To help motivate you, our Club Growth Director, **Florian Bay**, is offering £50 of pizza vouchers to the first 20 clubs to renew 20 members, before **15th March**, in his [20 to 20 Challenge](#). Also check out [Florian's Vlog](#) on how we can grow our membership to 5,000 by July.

PR and Comms is how I "give back" to Toastmasters. To recognise the hard work of the VP PRs and other members, I intend to make a series of PR Awards at the May conference. Area Directors [email me](#), no later than **20th April**, your individual (or club) nominations for:

- Best social media or membership campaign
- Best local press campaign or external PR initiative
- Best Toastmasters blog or most unusual campaign

We are continuing our series of bi-monthly free webinars - the next one scheduled is [How to RETAIN your Membership](#) on 4th March with **Jacqui Rosser** and **Wole Ososami**.

[Pathways](#) will be rolled out in District 91 from 20th March. To assist in the process, Pathways Guides are visiting each club ahead of the deadline. Check out the session dates [here](#).

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DLT Dispatches



In this month's DLT Dispatches, **Pedro Casillas** (District Director) reports on the District Executive Committee (DEC), **Andy Hammond** (PQD) shares updates on COT, DCP and Pathways, and **Florian Bay** (CGD) focuses on Talk UP Toastmasters and renewals. Follow the [link](#) below for the latest update from our DLT Trio and the highlights of DEC.

Andy Hammond has also provided an introduction to Pathways and a short guide on [how to get going](#).

Brace yourselves, the new *General Data Protection Regulation* (GDPR) is coming, starting 25th May. This affects how we store and use membership data and is more stringent than current regulations. We are seeking professional advice from Toastmasters and will provide an update next month. In the meantime check out the [guidance](#) from the Information Commissioners Office.

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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 **Eddie Darroch**, member of Aylesbury Speakers and creative writer, explains how to make your speeches more memorable by using impactful words and imagery. **Simon Bucknall**, and **Laura Bruce** receive further coverage of their articles on, respectively, inspiring speeches and how to showcase yourself. See our [press clippings page](#) for a full list of published articles.

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Meet a Leader



After listening to his radio show, I called **Steve Vear** our Division A Director. I found out about his hobbies (radio broadcasting and cruises), his passion for mentoring, his background and his ambitions. Read more in this month's [Meet a Leader](#) feature.

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

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Awards & Recognition



This month we have two new D91 Distinguished Toastmasters - congratulations to:

- **Sandra Rampton** of Arun Speakers
- **Dudley Flynn** of Broadgate Speakers

Also congratulations to this year's Triple Crowns:

- **Vijaya Avula**
- **Bret Freeman**
- **Meg Heyworth**
- **Marc Lottig**
- **Dorothy Margison**
- **Yukitaka Matsuda**
- **Alison Morris**
- **Don O'Neal**
- **Wole Ososami**
- **Russell Streeter**

This month the following clubs chartered - welcome:

- **FT Toastmasters** in London, C2

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. This month Florian shared:

- [Club members receipt](#)
- [Corporate invoice template](#)

Putting your clubs on to Google Maps is a sure way to start attracting new members. Check out this easy-to-use and useful [guidance](#) from Florian on how to, literally, be put on the map.

As mentioned previously, I have set up a D91 [Speakers' Bureau](#) and there are now ten of us. 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!*



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