



DISTRICT 91 UK SOUTH

# NEWSLETTER

## "Changing lives, one speech at a time"

July 2018

### Welcome Fellow Toastmasters

Dear

*"Desperation is a necessary ingredient to learning anything, or creating anything. If you ain't desperate at some point, you ain't interesting." Jim Carrey.*

Determination could also do it but desperation has a sense of urgency, compulsion, a pressing want in it. New toastmaster year means new goals, new learnings and we are desperate to spur ourselves on towards the 'speaking excellence tribe' **while having fun.**

I recently heard an inspiring quote by our District Director, **Andy Hammond "Changing Lives, one speech at a time"** and thought it would be a befitting title for our first newsletter this year. Facilitating a speaking conduit for people and in a manner that is self-assured, stimulating and engaging has always been our aspiration and as we take an undeviating leap into the new year, I extend a very warm welcome to all of us in this family.

This is my first newsletter as your new D91 PR Manager. I look forward to work with you and help share your stories within the district. Your contribution and feedback is fervently sought after and I assuredly believe that it will render immense value to our ongoing pursuit.

Why would you want to write an article when you are busy doing speeches? Well, it has potential to reach 4,500 members, a chance for members from other clubs to feel the pulse of our district, and rapid exchange of feelings, ideas, thoughts, themes and experiences.

I seek to build upon the admirable work that my predecessor, Nigel, has done last year and am confident that together we can share the message of toastmasters within the district.

To help fulfil my responsibilities, I have a team of two earnest toastmasters Warren Sheng and Banu Abdurahman. We strive to bring you exciting news every month.

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This new sletter 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.



### Diary Dates

**Cat Kipling** (Immediate Past Area 9 Director), is organising a two-part workshop From Speaker to Trainer on the evenings of **13th and 20th August**. This is an interactive workshop open to current Toastmasters members. For more details [click here](#)

**Barry O'Connell** (Division Director K) has set up a series of (free) monthly webinars providing **Marketing Masterclasses**. I will be presenting **Single Stitch Pitch** on **19th August**. Check out our [website](#) or [facebook](#) page for details of the webinars or [click here](#) to register.

**2018 Toastmasters International Convention** in Chicago is from **22nd to 25th August**. For those unable to attend the convention, you can watch it [online](#).

We wish **Fabio De Sio** all the best as he represents us in the International Speech Contest in Chicago in August. Here he is at the recent **The Road to Chicago** event.



### DLT Dispatches



This month's **DLT Dispatches** is packed with lots of useful information from our new District Leadership Trio.



**Andy Hammond** (District Director) introduces the new DLT team and introduces his mantra **"Changing lives, one speech at a time"**.

**Florian Bay** (Program Quality Director) highlights the importance of planning for our success and the incentives in pipeline.





**Arnaud Sartre** (Club Growth Director) speaks about goals and more incentives for clubs besides highlighting the upcoming Smedley award

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## In the News



Each month, one of our toastmasters writes an article which is then published externally in papers, journals and websites. We are always **looking for new ideas for articles**, so please contact [me](#) if you would like to write an article for District 91.

This month, **Simon Bucknall** (Number 2 Public Speaking Champion 2017) is back in the news: **The Telegraph *How to deliver an unforgettable Speech***

**Helena Brewer** (Division J Director), has more advice on speaking on screen: **LID Radio *Tips for presenting on the small screen***

**Kay Heald** receives more coverage: **Dotty Directory *Public speaking tips for introvert business owners***

See our [press clippings page](#) for a full list of published articles.

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## Meet a Toastmaster



Each month I would like to share some interesting stories and messages from our toastmasters



**Morag Mathieson** (International Director) shares an inspiring message to all District Officers. This gives an insight to club officers and members why to take up the challenge as a District Leader. **Why Leadership?**

**Shaheen Jamshed Mufti** (Immediate Past President, Early Bird Speakers) shares a message to all club members and leaders titled **Grand Expectations**

For a brilliant article on social media, read **Nigel Oseland's** (Immediate past D91 PR Manager) expert **Social Media advice.**

Never underestimate a podcast or radio interview as a tool to spread the message of toastmasters. **Janet Alkema** (Division A Director) shared her message at Brooklands Radio. Enjoy this **radio podcast.**

**Hannah Widdison** (Member at Trojan Speakers) **writes an article** about the confidence that Toastmasters instilled in her as a bridesmaid to deliver a perfect wedding speech

## Awards & Recognition



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

- **Steve Vear**, Wessex Speakers Club

Congratulations to the new club within D91:

- **Accenture Speakers, Area 56, DivL**

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

The Explorers' Cup has stayed in Division H so far - who will come and claim it from elsewhere in the District? Three visiting club members to take on meeting roles at the host club in order to claim the trophy [Explorer's Cup](#) .

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## Resources & Links



Check out our website for [useful resources](#) and tools.

- [Performance Dashboard](#)
- [Club Officer Training](#)
- [Marketing materials](#)
- [Smedley Award](#)

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## Stay in Touch

We are introducing some initiatives such as Divisions leading one newsletter in the year. You can look forward to some really interesting articles. I will share more details in the next newsletter

Please share the newsletter with any fellow Toastmasters who you think may have not received it. Back copies of the E-Newsletter are on our website.

Kindly do not hesitate to share written articles with [me](#), both for the newsletter and for the non-toastmaster world. Do click on the icons below to follow us on our social media platforms and spread the Toastmasters message.

Warm regards



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