



DISTRICT 91 UK SOUTH

# NEWSLETTER

**November 2018**

## Dear DLT

Welcome to the November newsletter. We are in the last month of autumn and the perfect setting to start new adventures. We did our first D91 virtual District Executive Committee (DEC) meeting this month, how's that for treading through the unconventional.

This month, we bring you some interesting toastmaster journeys from **Division A** giving you a glimpse of how Toastmasters has touched their lives.

**Andy Hammond**, our District91 Director, expresses gratitude and gives an insight into the work behind the scenes along with messages from **Florian Bay (PQD)** and **Arnaud Sartre(CGD)**. **Pedro Casillas**, our Immediate Past District Director, shares pertinent information on sending nominations for the District Leadership Roles for next year.

In December, keep a lookout for the festive newsletter carrying exciting articles from Division C as they lead the newsletter.

I hope you are enjoying these stories and please do not hesitate to share your feedback.

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*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.*



## Diary Dates

Division Directors and District Leadership team will have a virtual meeting on Saturday, 1st December.

**Speaker To Trainer** workshop by Pedro Casillas on Sunday, 2nd December

### Deadline:

1. Area and Club officers please note that all club visits and COT reports are due to be submitted to Toastmasters Central by 30th November.
2. District Leadership nominations deadline is 14th December.

For more details [click here](#)

## DLT Dispatches



**Andy Hammond**, our District91 Director, expresses gratitude and gives an insight into the work behind the scenes in his update [Action galore at D91](#).

**Florian Bay**, our Program Quality Director, recommends one to delve deeper into Pathways and explore all that it has to offer especially from Level 3 onwards in [Pathways to Excellence](#).

**Arnaud Sartre**, our Club Growth Director, in an update [Idea for a new club?](#) shares with us the impressive number of demo meetings since July'18.

"My Why?" and "5 year Challenge" are the 2 takeaway messages along with **Call for Leadership nominations** from **Pedro Casillas**, our Immediate Past District Director.

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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 external publications promoting toastmasters.

**Vinette Hoffman-Jackson** writes about effective usage of Props and gets coverage in New Business, Indezine, Bedford Today

**Richard Foster-Fletcher** receives more coverage on his article about giving difficult feedback to employees in Startup donut, Sectors donut, SME, Network She, Company Bug, Indezine

**Sudha Mani** gets more exposure for her article on how to regain control of your presentation when things go wrong in Family Friendly working, Byte Start

**Nigel Oseland's** piece of work is in the press again in Top-Consultant

**Lyn Roseaman's** article on harnessing your speaking nerves is still popular in Business Independent

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### Meet a Toastmaster (Division A)



**Janet Alkema**, Division A Director gives a glimpse of the division.

*"It comprises five Areas, 25 clubs and 611 members. It covers a very large area with clubs in Woking in the North East down to Portsmouth in the South East, across to Plymouth in the far west, up to Bristol in the North West and across, back to Woking - a total of some 450 miles. As it is Mike, our Area 62 Director, has to travel for about 3 hours and 134 miles to get between his furthest apart clubs! I have a brilliant group of dedicated, enthusiastic Area Directors who all report good things from their clubs - and deal effectively with the challenges!"*



**Jenny Thomas**, member of Farnham Speakers shares her experience as a speaker at a TEDx event [TEDx and my journey](#)

**David Henderson**, from Guildford Speakers gives us a snapshot of what life is like on board cruise liners as he sails around the world "speaking" [Speaking on a Cruise Liner](#)

[Logistics and Speaking](#) is an unlikely combo you would think but not once you read **Bob Nisbet's** interesting anecdote as the Logistics Leader at D91 conferences.

**David Creek** is the longest serving member of Division A, having been a member of Newbury Speakers for 24 years and credits toastmasters for helping him [Beat the Stammer](#).

In the [Journey to Guildford](#), Nithya Venugopal speaks about her journey with Toastmasters from TamilNadu in India to Guildford.

[Lets Celebrate!](#) highlights the importance of celebrating achievements, however small they may be. **Janet Alkema** shares Woking Speakers' 12 and a half year's anniversary celebrations and also highlights the [3 tips for New Toastmasters](#) as shared by Dr Norman Bird.

### Awards & Recognition



We have one D91 member who has achieved his DTM in November. Our congratulations go to:

**Yukitaka Matsuda, London Business School (Division L)**

### Resources & Links



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

[Contest tips from Andy O'Sullivan, the D91 Chief Judge, on our contest and judging page.](#)

[Performance Dashboard](#)

[Marketing materials](#)

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### Stay in Touch

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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