



District 91

Newsletter

September 2021

Welcome the third month of the Toastmasters year, full of energy and joy!

It's a golden time to focus on your education and self-development, while still enjoying the mild sunshine.

- Take part in the Humorous Speech and Table Topics contests.
- Renew your membership and help your club win prizes.
- Hear from our District Trio.

Explore the clubs in Division B, discover the update from the Youth Leadership Program, laugh with our new humorous series and so much more!

We've just renewed our
Toastmasters Membership



Contest Season

Speech contests are an amazing annual tradition that creates fantastic opportunities, spices up a Toastmaster's experience and brings a lot of excitement to all!

If you are thinking about being a **contestant**, be inspired by the World Champion of Public Speaking Verity Price, who recently [visited Excalibur Speakers](#). Or find out why compete and what you can learn from it - as revealed by the last year's winners

- [Caroline McIntosh](#) (Thame Speakers) and [Phil Gladwell](#) (Newbury Speakers);
- [Mike Weston](#) and [Rachel Walker](#) (London Public Speakers);
- [Jacqui Hogan](#) (Ascot & Bracknell Speakers; Chiltern Speakers).

If you are an **organiser**, feel free to reuse the [tools and scripts](#) available. Apply the contest coordination towards a project in your path. Note, according to the [decision](#) of the District Executive Committee, our Area, Division and District contests will be held online this year.

If you would like to help as a **judge**, ensure you are eligible and learn the judging criteria to guarantee a fair competition.

However big or small your role in the contest is, please review this years [rulebook](#).

Let's
Compete!

Incentives

Would you agree that guests and new members are VIP (Very Important People) in Toastmasters? To support the growth of your club during these unprecedented times take on these exciting challenges and win prizes for your club.

Smedley Award

Add 5 new, dual, or reinstated members before 30th September 2021.

Win a Smedley Award ribbon to attach to your club banner.

[Check the Details...](#)



Smedley Award



20+80 Challenge



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Renew membership of at least 80% of your existing members and ensure that your club has 20+ members before 30th September 2021.

First 16 clubs will win £50.

[Check the Details...](#)

Win Prizes for Your
Club

News from Divisions

September is a beaming time for brilliant leaders! Hear from Amar Visht, Division Director, and his team of Area Directors (Stephen Roche, Lucy Rosa, Washington Gwenzi, Joy Brollo, Eugene Emmanuel) who look after the clubs in Division B and share their success stories with all of us today.

Division B is a home of:

- Big debaters with the focus on team work and team coaching (104 Debaters).
- Best speakers (London Victorians), Zoom tourists (Phoenix Speakers) and masters of themed meetings (London Cardinals).

- Big league Icelandic-Volcanic-Dust-Storm-Masters who are always hitting sixes (Tube Talk Toastmasters).

It's a home of remarkable events that you can benefit from:

- Pathways and EasySpeak workshop in October by Centurion Toastmasters.
- Table Topics and Humorous Speech contest on 8 October 12pm at Zig Zag Toastmasters and Area B9 contest on 18th November.

Find more superb news about the beautiful Division B on our website

**Be Bright with Division
B**

Message from our District Director



News from Rupa and Diane

One contest cycle is over and another begins!

It would be remiss of me not to check how you are getting on with your Pathways journey? Compete against yourself. Club contests are an opportunity for all members to get involved and take themselves out of their comfort zone. Get stuck in and enjoy the season!

[Read More...](#)



Rupa Datta
Program Quality Director



Off to a great start

Many congratulations to the [25 clubs](#) who have won the August Early Payment award! Thanks to your efforts, this is the third highest August membership payments numbers since our District was formed. More incentive prizes to be won in September - both Smedley Ribbon and 80/20 incentive. And if you are planning Open House events in September, please remember there is support available to cover advertising costs.

[Read More...](#)

Diane Richardson
Club Growth Director

Youth Leadership Programs Update

We are very much looking forward to resuming our Youth Leadership activities during the coming academic year with schools and youth groups. However, due to the uncertainty brought about by the pandemic we will be restricting our program delivery to an online Zoom context until further notice.

If your club is planning to coordinate Youth Leadership Program, please make sure that the school or youth structure provides a qualified teacher or leader at each Zoom session to accompany the program, just as they would for an onsite delivery.

The welfare and safety of our Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program leaders is our greatest concern, even with certain restrictions currently being lifted. We are sure that you will appreciate the reason behind this decision and none the less that many schools would be interested in an online Youth Leadership Programs option.

If you would like more information on Youth Leadership program you can view our District Youth Leadership Webinar and [contact the team](#) if you have any questions.

[Watch the Webinar](#)

The Laughing Toastmaster

Do you feel sometimes we in Toastmasters are a bit too serious? But our goals and plans and points and rules - all of it is easier with a pinch of humor! And there is actually the Humorous Speech contest and the [Engaging Humor path](#)!

To punch up enjoyable activities and break up seriousness, please welcome Sonia Aste - a Toastmaster and a comedian - who will be bringing fun back and sparkling a smile. 😊



This month Sonia confesses as a feedback-phobic, giggling through various types of improvement advice she came across in situations not as friendly as in Toastmasters.

[Laugh with Sonia](#)

Events This Month

District Program Quality team is working hard to ensure useful and interesting events are there for you. Get the links to register in [our District 91 Calendar](#).

- 11th September - "From Speaker to Trainer" course.
- 19th September - District Council Meeting.
- 26th September - "How do I become a Distinguished Toastmaster?" webinar.

New events are being added frequently so please check the calendar regularly.

[Save the Date](#)

September Magazine Available Now



The September issue of the [Toastmaster magazine](#) is full of exciting news and advice!

- Welcome our new International President Margaret Page, DTM.
- Discover your inner comic.
- Explore tips to build your club membership.
- See how corporate clubs help both companies and employees, feat. **Microsoft Speakers Club**.
- Learn about mentorship feat. Karen Ince, DTM and Vanessa Hughes, **Canterbury Communicators Club**.

[Read the Magazine](#)

Vacancies and Opportunities

Many permanent roles are still open so chose your challenge:

- Support a club, area, division or district.
- Grow your leadership and communication skills.
- Get credit for your Distinguished Toastmaster award.

Volunteers with various previous experience or time commitment are needed.

Additionally, we are looking for a courageous person who will organise the Smedley Day for our District on 22 October 2021.

[Sign up for an Exciting Role](#)

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