

“HAMWIC SPEAKING”

NEWSLETTER OF HAMWIC SPEAKERS SOUTHAMPTON

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WELCOME TO HAMWIC

A successful and prosperous 2010 to all members and most welcome guests. It's amazing to think that last January Hamwic Speakers did not exist. It was in embryonic stage, with Ken, Margaret and others working hard towards the first meeting in March.

I'm sure we'd all like to give a big round of applause to the Amy's for their hard work in 2009 and many thanks to all the new and 'old' people who've come along on Tuesdays to make the club what it is today.

We have been informed, involved and inspired. We've been amused, moved and motivated. And we look forward to another year of stepping out of that cosy comfort zone.

HAMWIC SPEAKER WINS NATIONAL CONTEST

“Blogging Is Nothing More Than The Ramblings Of The Attention-Seeking”

Congratulations to Rich Watts who won 1st place in the JCI* UK National Public Speaking Competition in November. His above-titled speech had its first airing here in Room 402. Rich found the evaluation comments from Robin Chawner at Hamwic

WHO'S WHO:

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| President | Ken Amy |
| VP - Membership | Margaret Amy |
| VP - Education | Rich Watts |
| VP - Public Relations | Gloria Hammett |
| Secretary | Jacqueline Holt |
| Treasurer | Ken Amy |
| Sergeant at Arms | Brian Miles |
| Mentor Co-ordinator | Mustafa Soomro |
| Website | Rob Dewing |
| Newsletter Editor | Glen Jayson |

NEW MEMBERS in:

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Rob Dewing

Mustafa Soomro

Pete Steele

Mike Webb

extremely helpful for improving his speech, after which he won a JCI heat in Southampton, then conquered the final in Reading, beating among others Simon Bucknell, twice former U.K. & Ireland Toastmaster speech winner!

The next step is to represent JCI UK at the European Championships taking place in Denmark in June. So good luck with that, Rich, and we look forward to hearing more of your amusing life observations in speeches before then.

* (JCI = junior Chamber International)
<http://www.jciuk.org.uk/>



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Grant Success:

Ken is delighted to report a grant award of £440 from Southampton City Council Community Chest Award Scheme to Hamwic Speakers. This is towards costs of room hire, educational materials and development of the club website.

This follows hot on the heels of the Citizenship Foundation Grant of £395, mainly to cover expenses for our Taster Evening held on 27 October 2009,

Development of Hamwic Website

New club member Rob Dewing is a talented web designer and has agreed to become our Webmaster. Rob is busy creating a brand new-look website using Wordpress format for the club. An opportunity here for other members to become voluntary Web Assistants to keep the website updated and fresh.

Mentoring

Mustafa Soomro (new to Hamwic Speakers but a very experienced Toastmaster), has agreed to become our Mentoring Co-Ordinator. If you're looking for a mentor please contact Mustafa via club website. If you can offer mentoring skills to a new member, Mustafa would be pleased to hear from you. This flexible arrangement can produce many benefits to both mentor/mentee to further enrich the Toastmaster experience!

THE NEW EXPERIENCE OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

Jacqueline Holt came along as a guest to the inaugural meeting of Hamwic Speakers. I asked her how she found the Toastmaster's experience:

“I already knew Ken and Margaret, who'd often invited me to Solent Speakers at Titchfield. But that was too much of a rush after work. I had no excuse when Hill Lane was the venue! I'd felt that, getting older, people would think me a bit dotty as sometimes my mouth and brain don't link the words up. The idea of standing up in front of strangers was terrifying but it seemed a good discipline to organise my thoughts and also gain confidence. I didn't know what to expect at that first meeting but the warm up wasn't too scary and it proved to be a really enjoyable evening. People were so warm, friendly and supportive. A fortnight later, I was there again.

I've now done three Competent Communicator speeches. My main personal objective hasn't been high – just to get up there is a medal to my self-esteem. Now I get such a buzz. From the fear, I think! My New Year goal is to study the objectives more, concentrate on structuring my thoughts, etc. Life gets very hectic with work and family commitments (I have five grandchildren), but Speech 4, 'How to Say It' is on the horizon.”



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DIARY DATES:

Regular meetings - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays -
7.15 p.m for 7.30 p.m,
Venue: Room 402 Taunton's College

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| January | Sat 16 th | <u>Charter Celebration Dinner</u> POSTPONED. |
| March | Sat 6 th | <u>NEW DATE for Charter Celebration Dinner</u> at Novotel Southampton 7.00 p.m (for 7.30 p.m.) Cost £28. To book, please contact Gloria Hammett |
| | Tue 9th | <u>1st Birthday meeting.</u> Mayor of Southampton will visit to cut the cake! |
| | Tue 23rd | <u>Hamwic International Speech & Evaluation Contests</u> Open to all members as contestants, judges, timers, counters (please note: only those completing at least six speeches from Competent Communicator manual can represent club at further contest levels) |
| | Sat 27th | <u>2pm Area 42 International Speech & Evaluation Contests</u> - Hamwic Speakers are organising this special event - Further details to follow. |
| April | Tue 27th | Repeat of Taster Evening for Newcomers |

TOASTMASTER INTERNATIONAL QUOTE:

“I have to know: If this is all the time I have, what is most important for the audience to understand when I leave?”

- Darren LaCroix, World Champion 2001 and Professional Speaker



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