

“HAMWIC SPEAKING”

NEWSLETTER OF HAMWIC SPEAKERS SOUTHAMPTON

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HAMWIC'S CHARTER DINNER

by Keith Oliver

On Saturday 6 March 20 members and guests gathered at the Novotel Hotel in Southampton to formally recognise Hamwic's achievement on becoming chartered as a fully fledged club in the Toastmaster family.

The pristine banner was prominently displayed and the evening was got under way by Division H Governor, Chris Howell, who handed the club certificate to President Ken Amy, and was assisted by Area 42 Governor, Keith Oliver, in presenting Ken with his President's badge and ribbon of office. Appropriate toasts to the future of the club and to past, present and future members were roundly supported.

Following the main course, Gavin Meikle provided some light relief by giving Ken a 'roast', a speech which honours an individual in a good-natured way by the use of jokes and anecdotes. Poor Ken's foibles, mannerisms and character were laid bare for all to see, but he took it in good spirit.

After the dessert we were entertained by Jayan Pillai, who performed his magic tricks to the amazement and amusement of

all, even Gloria and Rich who were his assistants for several of the tricks.

The evening concluded with general conversation amongst those present for some time after the formal ceremonies had concluded.

With Hamwic now formally chartered we all wish the club continuing success and growth over the coming years.

A big thanks to all who organised the Charter Dinner, and for inviting me. It was a great occasion and I wish you all the best for the future

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:

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Bob Hammett
Bob Le Grice
Hannah Street
Julie Street
Imthiaz Manoly
Nothile Mthembu
Sidney Nhavira

and on 9th March:

Linda Norris, Dawn Perrier & Carla Roberts

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP = 33



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1st Birthday Meeting on 9th March

A lively meeting with a theme of “Firsts” was attended by the Mayor of Southampton, Elizabeth Mizon. She gave an interesting 7 minute speech entitled “Being Mayor in the 21st Century” (apparently she is the 787th Mayor of Southampton). Jeremy Over evaluated her speech as being well constructed and informative. His only improvement suggestion was ‘moving away from the lectern’! Jeremy was voted Best Evaluator and Best Speaker of the evening was Pete Steele with “Paradise is already here! - The British Isles”, a knock-out speech full of poetic

imagery to promote the message of what a beautiful country we live in.

One of our VIP guests, Councillor Ben Walker won the accolade of best topics speaker.

Margaret and Ken served yummy chocolate birthday cake in the break, and despite a jam-packed programme the meeting finished almost on time, with guests invited to post their comments on the website.

SUBS DUE

Now for the less pleasant news! Subs are due. Please pay Ken by end of March. Many thanks.

DIARY DATES:

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

Tue 23rd Hamwic International Speech & Evaluation Contests
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 2pm Area 42 International Speech & Evaluation Contests -
Hamwic Speakers are organising this special event – A great opportunity to see quality speeches from other clubs in the area (as well as Hamwic winners from 23rd March. Further details, see website or contact Ken.

April Tue 27th POSTPONED.
Date for Newcomers Taster Evening TBA

BREAKING THE ICE

With so many new members, Project 1 – The Icebreaker - features regularly on the meeting agenda. Remember, it is exactly that – an Icebreaker. Your main objective



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is to begin speaking to an audience. Your Hamwic audience will be supportive and wanting to know more about you. Focus on having a beginning, middle and end whilst keeping within the time limit. It's your speech, your style and you can use notes if you wish.

15 MEMORABLE ICEBREAKERS IN HAMWIC'S FIRST YEAR.....

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| Rich Watts | 'One boy's obsession with thunderbirds' |
| David Livermore | 'A bit about me' |
| Jacqui Hewitt | 'From Northampton to Southampton' |
| Jacqueline Holt | 'Adventures on 3 wheels' |
| Gloria Hammett | 'An accident waiting to happen' |
| Ian Welland | 'Welcome to my world' |
| Brian Miles | 'What goes up must go down' |
| Jeremy Over | 'Bon appetite' |
| Sarita Leggo | 'Beautiful one day, perfect the next' |
| Charlie Haynes | 'At home, with the parents' |
| Adam Leggo | 'Cycling through life' |
| Pete Steele | 'Welcome to my life' |
| Bob Hammett | 'Face value' |
| Hannah Street | 'Great expectations' |
| Sidney Nhavira | 'Me, myself and I, through my lens' |

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TOASTMASTER INTERNATIONAL QUOTE:

- **“A story is nothing more than an incident that happened to you that's funny, frightening, inspiring or unusual”**
- Kevin Carroll, a Professional Speaker and author of the book “What's your Hook?”



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