

# HAMWIC SPEAKERS, Club No. 1279299

# NEWSLETTER

## Speaking of Hamwic

### CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS - January 2014

January can be a great time to reflect on your achievements over the past year and consider what you'd like to do next. We've certainly had a great year at Hamwic Speakers, including attaining Select Distinguished club status, and our members have a lot of personal accomplishments to be proud of!

Have you made a New Year's resolution for public speaking or leadership yet? Why not set a goal for Toastmasters? Whether you'd like to finish off a speech manual, compete in a contest, try out a new meeting role, or even just gain more confidence speaking, why not make 2014 the year to do it?

### Holiday Party and Awards

At Hamwic Speakers' annual holiday party and awards night on 10 December, we celebrated our members' successes in 2013. The night was filled with festive table topics led by Dean Chamberlain and David Collins, lots of laughter, and a wonderful selection of festive goodies!

Dean kept us on our toes with some great Christmas themed topics.



Dean (center) explaining that Ian (left) will need to convince Will (right) that receiving a Christmas cracker toy is better than an Xbox.

David added to the festive cheer with Christmas panto themed topics, complete with bags of props for the lucky speakers.



David explaining his theme.



Rich and James having some fun with their topic!

We finished the night with a lovely group photo.



To see more photos from the event, check out the [Hamwic Speakers Facebook page!](#)

All leftover goodies were generously donated by Anne and Dan Harrison to the local foodbank.

### Member Achievements

#### Toastmaster of the Year

Diane Chamberlain is our Hamwic Speakers' Toastmaster of the Year!

This award recognises outstanding service and achievements over the past year, and nominees are selected and voted for by club members. Diane's positive attitude, dedication, hard work, and tireless efforts as our VP of Education made this a very well deserved award.

Thank you to Richard Blackman and Dan Harrison for organising the voting and award.

## Education Awards

In 2013, five of our members completed speech or leadership manuals, and they were each presented with an Education Award.



Congratulations to David Collins, Dominic Bottrell, Anne Harrison, Richard Blackman, and Denis Coady on your Toastmasters accomplishments!

## President's Awards

To acknowledge exceptional service to our club, as well as personal achievements, our current President, Dan Harrison, and our immediate past President, Richard Blackman, selected six members to recognise with a Hamwic Speakers President's Award.



Congratulations to Rob Dewing, Dominic Bottrell, Anne Harrison, Janet Malphus, David Collins, and Will Salmon, and thank you for all of your contributions to our club!

## NEW Member Resources

To help you find our club's resources and general Toastmasters resources more easily, there's a new 'Member Resources' section on our website! The first few pages on Meetings and Meeting roles are now live.

Compiled from a number of club members and a variety of sources, these pages are designed to help you try out new roles, and maybe even provide you with some fresh ideas for more familiar ones!

For role descriptions, tips, and example note taking forms, check out the new [Meeting Roles](#) page, and discover helpful information about our meetings on the [Meeting Information](#) page.



Questions, comments, or have something to add? Please get in touch with our VP of Public Relations, Robyn Jones!

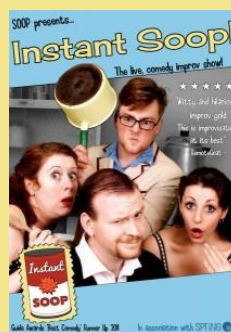
## NEW Meeting Role

There's a new meeting role at Hamwic Speakers! Coined 'Hamwic Buddy,' this role will help guests and new members at the meeting. Although not an 'official' leadership role, it still counts for Project 7 in the Competent Leadership manual. Find out more on the new [Meeting Roles](#) page.

## Improv Comedy Workshop

Following up to last year's very well received Improvisation Workshop, Hamwic Speakers is hosting another Improv class on 19th January.

Improv is a great way to work on your table topics skills and your ability to speak off the cuff. No experience is necessary to take part.



The SOOP Theatre Company will be leading the interactive workshop again, and their highly experienced improv troupe will be teaching us how to perform improvised comedy to build confidence for public speaking.

A big thank you to Dan Harrison for organising this event!

Spaces are filling up quickly, so make sure to [book your spot](#) soon! Guests from other clubs, as well as non-members, are more than welcome to join too.

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all new and returning members who joined in November and December 2013!

James Hill  
George Jordan

John Spry  
Mike Webb

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### Upcoming Special Events

- Improvised Comedy workshop (January)
- International and Evaluation Speech Contests (February)
- Neighbouring club events (January and February)
- Hamwic Speakers' 5th Birthday (March)

For the most up-to-date information, please visit our [Events page](#).

### Don't Forget...

To sign up for speeches and roles for upcoming meetings!  
You can do so via [Hamwic Speaker's Toastmasters International page](#).

### Questions, comments, or suggestions?

Our VP of Public Relations/ Newsletter Editor, Robyn Jones, would love to hear from you!

Please get in touch at our next meeting or via the Toastmasters International D71 site.

## Dates for Your Diary

### Jan & Feb 2014

Hamwic Speakers meets on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays of every month (except August).

### January

#### Meeting

Tues, 14 Jan 2014

#### Improv Comedy Workshop

Sun, 19 Jan 2014

#### Meeting

Tues, 28 Jan 2014

### February

#### Meeting

Tues, 11 Feb 2013

#### Meeting - Speech Contest

Tues, 25 Feb 2013

For more details, please visit the [Events page](#) on our website:

<http://www.southamptonspeakers.org.uk/events>

## Find us on our...

### Next meeting:

Room 245, Richard Taunton's College,  
Southampton, SO15 5RL

### Club website:

<http://www.southamptonspeakers.org.uk/>

### Toastmasters International website page:

<http://southamptonspeakers.d71.org>

### Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HamwicSpeakers>

## Who's Who on the 2013-14 Committee?

### President

Dan Harrison

### VP Public Relations

Robyn Jones

### Secretary

Rob Dewing

### 2012 Past President

Richard Blackman

### VP Education

Diane Chamberlain

### Treasurer

David Collins

### Webmaster

Rich Watts

### Social Secretary

Anne Harrison

### VP Membership

Ken Amy

### Sergeant-at-Arms

Dominic Bottrell

### Mentoring Coordinator

Joanna Percival