

HAMWIC SPEAKERS, Club No. 1279299

NEWSLETTER

Speaking of Hamwic

CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS - March 2014

On 11 March, 2014, Hamwic Speakers will be celebrating 5 years of public speaking in Southampton! We've always enjoyed keeping our meetings fun and interesting, and the first few months of 2014 were no exception with education sessions, speech contests, and an improvisation workshop!

Education at Hamwic Speakers

Top Table Topics Tips

Ken Amy, our club's founder and VP of Membership, delivered an educational session on 14 January titled 'Top Table Topics Tips.' Try saying that 10 times fast!

Table Topics is a great way to improve your ability to speak on the spot, but it can also be a quite the challenge. Ken gave us some excellent tips, including how to come up with content when your mind goes blank!



For a recap of Ken's advice, please see the [Member Resources](#) section on our website.

Myth Busting - Evaluations Edition

Rich Watts, our club's Webmaster and the MD of Rich Public Speaking, busted some common myths about evaluations in his educational session on 28 January.

Have you ever felt intimidated by the thought of giving someone feedback? Rich emphasised that your opinion as an audience member counts, regardless of how much public speaking experience you may have yourself.

To help with building an evaluation, Rich

provided us with a handy note-taking form, which is available on the [Speech Evaluator](#) page in the Member Resources section on our website.



Speech Contests

Twice a year, Toastmasters clubs around the world host speech contests. Hamwic Speakers held our 2014 International Speech and Evaluation contests on 25 February.

International Speech Contest



Contestants: Richard Blackman (2nd place), Robin Poole (1st place), Dom Bottrell, and Anne Harrison

Evaluation Speech Contest



Contestants: Will Salmon, Rich Stapleton (2nd place), Samar Fargeiry (1st place), and Dan Harrison

Congratulations to all of the contestants who impressed and inspired us with their public speaking and evaluation skills!

For more details about the evening, check out the [contest blog post](#) on our website.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered with judging and timing, and a special thank you to our Contest Chair and Chief Judge volunteers, Diane and Dean Chamberlain, for organising the evening.

Member Achievement

Competent Communication Manual

Congratulations to Anne Harrison who completed her 10th speech in the Competent Communicator manual on 11 February!



With a speech titled 'My Secret Power,' Anne, our club's Social Secretary, let us in on a few of her secrets for organising events. She inspired us to spend more face-to-face time with friends and family and encouraged us to plan at least one event

this year, whether it's a coffee date, a surprise birthday party, or even a posh dinner!

Events

Improv Workshop

Hamwic Speakers hosted an afternoon Improv Workshop on Saturday, 19th January. Led by professional comedians from SOOP Theatre Company, the afternoon was full of comedic timing, teamwork, and laughter.

Our workshop leaders even had us improvising an entire comedy play at the end of the day!

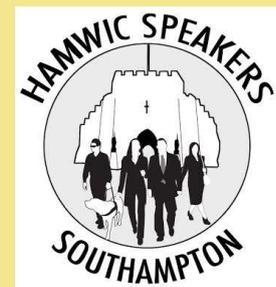


A big thank you to our President, Dan Harrison, for organising the event!

Hamwic Speakers 5th Birthday Party

Over the past 5 years, Hamwic Speakers has helped people from many different backgrounds improve their leadership and communication skills. We couldn't be more proud of their achievements, and we're throwing a 5th birthday party meeting on 11th March to celebrate!

This is a free event, and will feature speeches from our club's founder, Ken Amy, multiple speech contest winner, Robin Poole, and our club's VP of Education, Diane Chamberlain.



Honoured guests will include the Right Worshipful The Mayor of Southampton, Councillor Ivan White, and Mayoress, Mrs Mary White, and the Toastmasters Area 46 Governor, Mr Peter Jagger.

Do you have friends, family, or colleagues who might be interested in learning more about Toastmasters? This is a perfect opportunity to invite them to a meeting!

For more details, please visit our [Events page](#).

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all new and returning members who joined in January and February 2014!

Artjoms Pavienko	John Inwood
Billy Bentley	Jon O'Connor
David Gallagher	Kate Fraser-Smith
Ian Etherson	Reza Ahoui

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Upcoming Special Events

- Hamwic Speaker's 5th Birthday Party
- Area 46 International Speech and Evaluation contest

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](#).

Check out the [Meeting Roles](#) section on our website for tips and suggestions for meeting roles!

Questions, comments, or suggestions?

Our VP of Public Relations/ Newsletter Editor, Robyn Jones, would love to hear from you! Please get in touch at the next meeting or via the communications tab on the Toastmasters International D71 site.

Dates for Your Diary

Mar & Apr 2014

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

March

5th Birthday Party

Meeting

Tues, 11 Mar 2014

Meeting

Tues, 25 Mar 2014

Area 46 Speech Contest

TBC

April

Meeting

Tues, 8 Apr 2013

Meeting

Tues, 22 Apr 2013

Meeting

Tues, 29 Apr 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

VP Membership

Ken Amy

Sergeant-at-Arms

Dominic Bottrell

Mentoring Coordinator

Joanna Percival
Social Secretary
Anne Harrison