

WEST HERTS SPEAKERS NEWSLETTER



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THE YEAR OF 2020 IN A GLANCE

All of us got used to putting the car registration number at the kiosk at the Noke Hotel and right after we became accustomed to this new habit we successfully transitioned to online meetings. While we are counting the days until we can re-learn the habit of tapping we learned a ton of new skills about how to speak and enjoy our company online.

We warmly welcomed back Richard Beagle after he recovered from a serious accident. He was and still is a true inspiration.

The back to front meeting on April Fools'Day first tangled our thoughts and by the time we untangled all the lines we were in stiches. From laughter of course.

We were all glued to the screen to watch the very first online Toastmaster District competition because West Herts had some personal interest. After being successful at the Humorous Speech contest at club, at area and at division level, **Ged Byrne** participated at the District 71 Contest.

In May there was an actual campaign before the current club committee was formed. Well-done to all who volunteered for a role.

The autumn contest season was not less exciting and we were thrilled to see **Ryan Parke** win the Humorous Speech contest at all levels that took him to District. Well-done to Ryan and all who entered any of the contests.

Nothing could stop us from celebrating in style. Fancy dress is a fancy dress in front of or behind the camera. Our fun-filled Halloween and Christmas meeting Celebrated in style

What is your highlight of 2020?

COMING SOON

Check out our [updated calendar](#) and get ready for the next events in 2021:

- COT – 9th January 2021
- Club meeetings – 13th & 27th January 2021
- Carneval – 24th February 2021
- International Speech and Evaluation Club Contest – 24th March 2021





COT – WE LOVE ACRONYMS, DON'T WE?

These three letters give a short name for **Club Officer Training**, which is a half day long training session organised by the leaders of the division. It is to prepare new club officers for their role and to share best practice between experienced leaders. In addition, during this event there is an excellent opportunity to build relationships and to hear the Toastmasters news from first hand. Any Toastmaster is welcome.

Are you thinking of joining our club committee? Sign up for the next COT to get an insight into what each role is and be inspired by leaders at Toastmasters!

MENTORING

Are you ready for giving your icebreaker but could do with some help?

Are you writing your international contest speech and could do with some advice?

Are you thinking of taking up a leadership role but not sure how to go about it?

If any of these or similar questions are on your mind, you may need a mentor! Having a mentor is a fast track to achieving your goal. With someone who can give you feedback and show you a different perspective or who can share their story about overcoming a public speaking difficulty you will find it easier to progress towards your goal.

Would you like to have a mentor? Speak with Zsuzsanna! :-)

TIPS & HINTS

Check out the [December 2020](#) online Toastmaster magazine for handy tips and inspiration!

- Tips to discover your funny bone
- Dare to prepare your technology
- 6 reasons to hone your public speaking skills (early) in your career

FUN FACTS

Do you think you did not travel enough in the last 365 days? The average distance between the Earth and the Sun is 150million km. This means that you travelled 924,375,700km this year while we circled around the Sun. Another 924,375,700km is ahead of you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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“Grasp the subject, the words will follow.”

-Cato, The Elder Quotes
