

Kent Speakers Newsletter – August '05

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From the President....

... and suddenly July was gone ... doesn't time fly when you are having fun! So how are we doing, one month into the year? Well the two meetings we have had so far have been among the most enjoyable I have been to during my time at the club. I feel I must reiterate my comments made at the last meeting and again congratulate everyone on the continued professionalism of the meetings despite the current low number of people. Keep up the excellent work!

With regards to achieving our goals which I outlined in the July newsletter, we have made a good start. In the past month:

- ✓ we have got the website up and running
- ✓ we have made good headway in advertising the club

The website is currently a simple outline of the club with necessary details and a contact facility and at the moment can stand as it is without need of updating. As time goes by it will be gradually prettified and extra information will be added. However, I feel that for now we need to focus our attention on other club matters. Our advertising campaign has so far been mainly via posters which we have requested be placed in approximately 16 libraries, on 30 parish noticeboards and in a couple of shop windows all within a reasonable 'catchment area.' Over the coming couple of months we will be looking at other methods of profiling the club. If anyone has any further thoughts about the website or advertising of the club, or any other club matter in fact, then please do let me know.

So, all in all, a good beginning I think. I have great faith that we are getting there ... slowly but surely ... onwards and upwards and all that.

Kat xx

Contact the President....

Contact the president directly at kathlizrobert@yahoo.co.uk or 07891 139761.

The July Meetings....

6th July ... Expertly guiding us through the fun and frolics, **Peter Fox** was the toastmaster for the evening, leading us into a very interesting evening. **Bernie Banham** was introduced as the first speaker and in his usual chuckle inducing way told the story of his TA training on the Isle of Man in his speech 'Escape and Evasion.' Then enter **Kat Robertson** with her 'Vision of the Future' in which she expressed her hopes and desires for Kent Speakers over the coming year. After the recess, all sanity was dispensed with as **Kat** then took the role of table topics master, introducing the idea of 'alternative' Olympic games. Among others we had chicken racing from **Peter**, extreme ironing from **David Wilson** and crazy wig wearing on the running track from **Di Morar**. Only when Peter took back control of the evening was any normality restored.

20th July ... This time, **Arvind Lall** took the helm as toastmaster, introducing everyone in between swigs of red stuff from a bottle! What a mixture of speeches we had that evening. **Kat** tucked everyone up in bed with a Winnie-the-Pooh story. **Peter** then toasted (not literally) the president and her previous week's 'Vision of the Future,' before **Di** gave us some health and nutrition advice in her speech, 'Food for Thought.' **Frankie Gahan** lead the table topics with some very thought provoking subjects, making us all use our imagination and delve into our memories. **David** did a fantastic job as general evaluator for the evening telling us what he really thought of us ... in the nicest possible way. **Arvind** then woke from his dream of swimming in red stuff, preferably from Spain and expertly brought the meeting to a close. Great fun was had by all and it can be practically guaranteed that everyone went home feeling much better than when they arrived.

Upcoming Events....

31st August – **Club Humorous Speech Competition**

7th September – **Club Table Topics Competition**

Competition time is approaching again and now is the time to start thinking about your entry. This will be discussed, encouraged and generally 'bigged up' by the president at the next meeting, 3rd august.

3rd September – **Speech on the Beech**

We have been approached by new speakers club starting in Eastbourne to help out and take part at a friendly speech competition. It certainly sounds like fun and more information about the event will be provided in due course.

Club Officers: President - Kat Robertson • VP-Education - Peter Fox • VP-Membership - David Wilson • VP-Public Relations - Adam Eckley • Treasurer - Frankie Gahan • Secretary - Frankie Gahan • Sergeant at Arms - Adam Eckley and Kat Robertson