

Kent Speakers Newsletter – October '05

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From the President....

You may have noticed that this newsletter has arrived a little later than usual. This is due to the fact that I have been in France. Those of you that know me will know that I am in the habit of making an annual trip with the Western Front Association to the battlefields of the First World War. An unusual thing for a young female to do you might say to yourself – and you would be right. On this particular trip I was one female among 20 men! I am not a historian – the reason I go is that I am trying to not be one of the so called 'apathetic youth' who know nothing about nothing. Not only this, but I find that it helps me put life into perspective. Having visited a few of the thousands of graves of the men that fell (most of whom were younger than me) and having reminded myself of what they went through, I come back with a refreshed view on things. For most of us, life is easy and we have little to complain about. So there we are ... nothing to do with TM what so ever! Just a little something for you to think about.... *Kat*

Area Competition – Frankie is the 'man of the day'

Yet again, Kent Speakers has triumphed. On 25th September **Peter Fox, Di Morar, Frankie Gahan** and **Kat Robertson** all made their way to the **Speakers of Croydon** club where the Area Competition was being held. **Peter** and **Di** were to take part in the Humorous Speech Competition and **Kat** and **Frankie** were to 'have a go' at the Table Topics Competition. Despite putting on a stirring performance, unfortunately **Peter** and **Di** were not placed this time around. But a huge well done is definitely in order for both of them for representing the club so well – especially **Di** who hadn't even spoken in front of another audience before let alone entered a competition! As for the Table Topics Competition, **Kat** managed to ramble on for two minutes but it didn't win over the judges and she too was unplaced. But ... then came **Frankie** ... the very last contestant of the day. There was no holding him back and he went 'all out' on his table topic to come top of the judges list. Now he will go on to represent the Area in the **Division Contest on the 15th October**. For more information please see the 'Upcoming Events' bit. We wish him the very best of luck ... or should it be, break a leg.

Member News....

Guess what? We have another new member! A very warm welcome goes to **Karen Masterson** who came along to her first meeting last month. Despite seeing only one meeting, **Karen** decided that this is something that is most definitely for her. Although not quite official as yet ... the papers are still being processed ... this is good enough for us! We hope that Karen will thoroughly enjoy her membership with us.

Upcoming Events....

15th Oct – Division H Humorous Speech and Table Topics Competition

This will be taking place at: **East Court Mansion, College Lane, East Grinstead, RH19 3LT**. Note that this is different from the originally advertised venue. It is being hosted by **Brighton & Hove Speakers** who advise arriving at 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start. Details can be seen at the Division H events web page:
www.toastmastersd71.org/divcalfiles/divh.html

18th Oct – Toastmasters at Kent Learning Showcase exhibition, Best Western Manor Hotel, Gravesend.

25th Oct – Toastmasters at Kent Learning Showcase, Ashford International Hotel, Ashford.

The above events are aimed at increasing public awareness and raising the profile of Toastmasters clubs all over Kent. By coming together and putting on a demonstration meeting for interested people to attend, hopefully all clubs will benefit by gaining new members.

Contact the President....

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