



10 Years of Debating

BRING BACK THE NEW!



Paul Carroll chairing the Table Topic session

31 people dutifully turned up to debate National Service on Tuesday 11th June at the Windsor Castle.

Sasha Kovyaskina stood in for David as President and after opening the meeting she promptly handed over to our founding member, Paul Carroll, to chair the Table Topic debate session.

Guest Maitreya won the audience prize for Best Table Topic speaker with his opposition to doing away with Daylight Saving - well done, Maitreya!

Debate chair Joann Walsh took the gavel for the prepared debate on **THW Bring Back National Service**.

The vote before the debate had 7 in favour, 16 opposed and 7 abstaining. After a debate with some disagreement as to what "bring back" entails, 15 voted in favour, 12 opposed and 4 abstained. With a swing to the Proposition the motion was carried!

Well done Proposition team and especially well done to first-time debater Laura McCracken, who spoke for the Proposition and won the audience prize for Best Debate Speech.



Laura McCracken receiving her certificate for Best Debate Speech from Sasha



Guest Maitreya receiving his certificate for Best Table Topic speech

NOAH IS THE AUDIENCE'S CUP OF TEA

A certain football tournament notwithstanding, 28 people turned out on the hottest day of the year so far to decide what the change is that Britain really needs.



Balloonists Lucie, David, Noah, Chairman Paul, Stan, William

Well done to first-time debater Noah and his Cup O' Tea Party for making it safely to the end of the balloon ride - congratulations!

All parties took us for a ride and, as usual with politicians, there was a lot of hot air generated for the balloon.

The audience asked penetrating questions, but thankfully the balloon remained intact under the wise chairmanship of Paul Carroll.



Winner Noah, Balloon Chair Paul and royal runner-up William

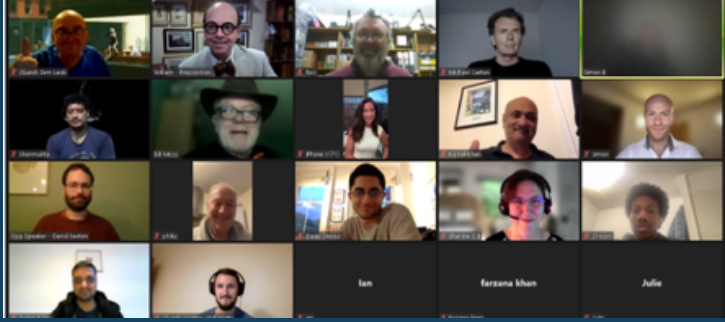
Renata and Immediate Past President William then shared a few well-kept secret facts (and alternative facts) about our now Immediate Past President David, and gave him a token of the club's appreciation!



3 past presidents, William, David and Renata

104 Online Club News

12 Applications!



32 people tuned in to the Zoom room on Tuesday 4th June for a debate about religion – can you believe it?

It may seem like a miracle but it really happened, and the chairing as well as Zoom mastering and time-keeping were shared between Kristina B and the immensely competent Sasha, with some help from Kamal – thank you all! But they shouldn't have to do everything.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP the online club!

We have had 12 applications to join, more than half of these has paid already, so this is a growing enterprise.

The debate was in the Sylvan style, with Prop and Opp having 15 minutes each to set out their arguments on the motion **THB Religion Is Necessary**. William H set out the Proposition case and David S. the Opposition case. Before the debate 9 voted Yes, 11 No, the rest abstaining. After the debate, 12 voted Yes and 8 no, so the motion was carried with a swing of 3 votes to the Proposition. The audience members all had 5 minutes each to share their manifold views.

Podcast Reaches 2,342 Listens

Our club podcast, The Debating Toastcast, is now available on YouTube as well as Spotify. There are episodes on fallacies with Lo, on AI with Phil and David, on rebuttals and rhetoric with William and much more. Do please check it out as it's a great way to share our knowledge as a club.



Save the date:



This year we celebrate 10 years since our club's founding. On **Saturday 28th September** we are having a big party, so please save the date. Timing probably from mid-afternoon into the evening.

28th September

New Club Committee from 1st July:



Kristina
Club President



Lucie
VPE (contact to volunteer for roles)



Sarah
VPE 2 - Pathways/
Club Secretary



Joann
VP Membership



Paul
Treasurer



William
VP PR



Kamal
VP Mentorship



David
Immd. Past President /
Sergeant at Arms



Renata
Website Manager



Philip
Newsletter Editor



Christopher
Club Mentor

NEXT DEBATE MEETINGS:

23rd OF JULY

Classic format
In person at The Windsor Castle
pub in Victoria

**THW Ban Smartphones For
Under-16s**

6th AUGUST

Classic format,
Online Zoom

**THB Freedom Is More Important
Than Safety**

13th AUGUST

Classic format
In person at The Windsor Castle pub
in Victoria

**THB Your Genes Determine
Who You Are**