

# Polish Your Polish

First Polish speaking Toastmasters International club  
in Great Britain

<http://www.polishyourpolish.org.uk/english>

## Poland in the eyes of Polish and British people



Although our meetings are normally held in Polish, for the benefit of our friends from other clubs, we organised an English-speaking event.

“Delirious” was our word-of-the-day and it was a delirious meeting indeed. Our toastmistress, Małgosia Szyrmer used this occasion to find out more about our countries and mutual relationships. Each speaker and functionary was asked a question:

**“What is the most significant**

**commonality between Polish and British culture?”**

Love of freedom, drinking and sport, sense of humour, Christian values, pride of history and Nigel Kennedy were only some of various and interesting answers.

In a table topics session we found out even more about ourselves: how to recognise a Pole in London, why the British don't pick mushrooms or the attitude towards Simon Cowell. Table topics were won by Paul Walsh who gave a splendid and hilarious description of a day in a Polish village Szczebrzeszyn.

Then we had four speeches.

**Jakub Pawłowski** tried to convince everyone that “Impossibilities” are only things which have not been thought over yet.

**Shanshan Ge** gave a very humorous speech about her trip to Poland. She managed to spot perfectly the most distinctive hallmarks of our country and the audience was kept laughing all the time.

**Felicity Okolo** passionately spoke about the problem of domestic violence which is a big “Plague” in our society.

**Adam Ginalski** in a speech entitled “Polish passion and pedantry” gave us a lot of useful tips about using passion in public speaking and was voted the best speaker.

The conversations carried on after the meeting till in the bar downstairs.

## 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2010

<b>President</b>	Agnieszka Obara
<b>Toastmaster</b>	Małgosia Szyrmer
<b>Time Keeper</b>	Grzegorz Ptaszek
<b>Grammarians</b>	Jennie Matuszek
<b>Topics Master</b>	Anika Kumar
<b>Topics Evaluator</b>	Dick Dixon
<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	Szymon Jaroszewski
<b>1st Speaker</b>	Jakub Pawłowski
<b>2nd Speaker</b>	Shanshan Ge
<b>3rd Speaker</b>	Felicity Okolo
<b>4th Speaker</b>	Adam Ginalski
<b>1st Evaluator</b>	Paul Walsh
<b>2nd Evaluator</b>	Gosia Gorna
<b>3rd Evaluator</b>	Mikołaj Paszkowski
<b>4th Evaluator</b>	David West
<b>General Evaluator</b>	Carol West
<b>Newsletter</b>	Jakub Pawłowski

## Winners

<b>Best Speaker</b>	Adam Ginalski
<b>Best Table Topic</b>	Paul Walsh
<b>Best Evaluator</b>	Paul Walsh

## New members

In this month two members joined our club:

- **Małgorzata Skibińska**
- **Marcin Maicukiewicz**

Welcome and we're looking forward to your first speeches!

## Announcements

- Our club received the “Smedley Award” which is granted to clubs which are joined by 5 or more new members
- A long article about our club and the humorous speech contest was published in “Dziennik Polski”

## Next meeting (in Polish) 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2010

Ognisko Polskie, 55 Prince's Gate, Exhibition  
Road London, London SW7 2PN, United Kingdom



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