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# Tangent

## news



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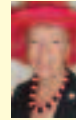
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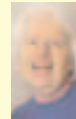
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## EDITORIAL

### Welcome to the 63rd Edition of Tangent News!

This is the first of a "new look" magazine, and I do hope that you enjoy reading it. Tangent members are obviously a very sociable lot, judging by the number of reports of teas, dinners, lunches and parties that are sent for inclusion in the magazine!

Featuring in this edition is a report and article by Sally Reed about the Tangent Sundial at the National Memorial Arboretum (pictured on the front cover). For the first time we also feature a Women's Health page focusing on ovarian cancer to complement the National President's charity for this year. On a lighter theme, why not settle down with a cup of coffee and try your hand at our word-search and crossword, or chuckle at some of the amusing stories scattered through the pages.

Another innovation is a competition to be judged by members attending the National AGM in Jersey. Get your creative juices flowing and have a go at Micro Fiction (page 13).

We want to broaden the scope of Tangent News, it's not just a magazine about Tangent members, but of things of interest to Tangent members. So please send me your articles, let's get some discussion going about issues important to us all. If you have an interest that you think others would enjoy hearing about, let me have a piece about it for the next edition. Please also let me have your views on the current format and your suggestions of what you would like for the future.

Sue Hill, National Editor and Web-site Co-ordinator



Last date for copy for 64th Edition:  
19th January 2012

### JOIN OUR facebook GROUP!

Do you want to find or keep in touch with Tangent members and past Circlers?

Would you like to be the first to see photographs of Tangent events?

Would you like to be able to let other Tangent members know about your forthcoming event?

Then join our facebook Group! Search for us under Tangent Clubs. We would love to meet you there!

## PLEASE ACT NOW

Do you want changes to the Association? This mailing includes the NAGM Resolution form with instructions

*Do you want to give something back? Two vacancies on the National Executive; National Secretary Elect and Vice President. Nominations by 31st December please.*

Just fancy a leisurely lunch? Available in the Midlands in February, Ireland in March and Jersey in April.

Details in the magazine and enclosures.

More information from secretary@tangent-clubs.org.

## CLUB CONTACTS

**In this issue you should receive:-**

- ◆ Nomination Form
- ◆ Resolution Form
- ◆ NAGM Luncheon Form
- ◆ Irish Luncheon Form
- ◆ Midland Luncheon Form

# Dai's Diary

*I would like to introduce you to an unsung hero of the Team Tangent 2011-12 as he is often left outside in the cold!*

It is my lovely little black Hyundai i30 car so very kindly loaned by Hyundai Motor UK Ltd for the year. He is very different from the cars I usually drive, so although not quite love at first sight, we very quickly adapted to him and welcomed him into the family. After 3,000 Tangent miles he has really earned his stars, sitting on the motorways beautifully and cruising comfortably along. He has loads of space with a huge boot and plenty of leg room in the back, even though I drive with my seat well back too. In over 40 years of car ownership I have only ever named two, but the i30 has the huge honour of just becoming the third and will now be known as "Dai". I hope to keep you up to date throughout the year with my travels with Dai, but meanwhile if you see us on the road give us a wave!

**A few brief extracts from Dai's diary of his travels with President Jan. To read about his full exploits go to our website [www.tangent-clubs.org](http://www.tangent-clubs.org).**

Tuesday 7th June- short hop today so leisurely start with a trip to Tesco's for refuelling then parked up at the shops for an hour or two. A visit to the bank can't take that long or possibly result in quite so many carrier bags being packed into my boot! Then parked near the beach for a closer inspection of the MEN which all looked the same to me - 100 iron castings of the sculptor Antony Gormley who was educated in North Yorkshire. Short run across the river to Frodsham to celebrate Eddisbury Tangent's 30th Birthday in true Tangent style with good food, good company, good wine and a good speaker - a very brave new Tangent member who showed slides and spoke of her bicycle ride to Istanbul, truly inspirational.



Thursday 30th June- ending the month in a sulk parked up at base on my own as they have gone off to Llantwit Major for the weekend in the other car. I know the

route - I did it last month but she claims it is 41 Club business this time and not Tangent. It seems a bit picky to me because I know that Llantwit Major Tangent are planning an interruption for the 41 Club 30th Charter anniversary tomorrow night, wearing blonde wigs and flashing garters, so maybe as well I don't have to witness that!

Friday 8th July- Nice trip around the motorways today en route for Brighton. Parked in the sunshine with a nice sea view, looking forward to some R and R as off duty until Sunday - expect my drivers will be over the limit to take me anywhere tomorrow! The hotel 41 club had carefully selected for their council meeting was conveniently situated and buses thoughtfully laid on for transport on Saturday night too so everyone could relax and enjoy themselves. Thanks for a great weekend to Vaughan and team.

## Message from the President...



When I stood for election at the AGM in Scarborough I spoke about wanting to see an improvement in communication in every direction. In Ipswich I was pleased to report that channels of communication are open, but it is up to us all to use them positively for our benefit.

The new executive post of Magazine Editor and Website Co-ordinator was created so that we may continue to move forward, embracing new developments and technology. Sue Hill has the knowledge and expertise to lead us in the right direction, and half way through my term of office seems an appropriate point to be seeking your opinions, as I said this was important during my election speech.

We have invested a lot of time and a little money in developing our website and I am continually saddened to hear the surprise expressed by members when they hear that we actually do have a website. The web address is printed on the front cover of our magazine so please do have a look at it. It is a mine of Tangent information which we would like to add to and make more use of, and your feedback will be invaluable. While you are on the Internet, you can also look us up on Wikipedia!

Age need not be a barrier - my 91 year old mother-in-law, an active Tangent member, keeps track of me via my diary on the website and is in regular e-mail contact too. We are also keen to make use of Facebook, to ensure that Tangent continues to evolve, adapts to change but above all is fit for a future full of fun and continued friendship.

### National President Jan's "Olympic"



### Charity Ball

in aid of



24th March 2012 at

The Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate

**£37.50 per head**

More information and Ticket Application forms on the Tangent Website:  
[www.tangent-clubs.org](http://www.tangent-clubs.org)  
or email [president@tangent-clubs.org](mailto:president@tangent-clubs.org)

## President's Dairy Dates - 2011/12

	2011	2012
	<b>Tue 1</b> Conference committee meeting Jersey	<b>Thur 12-Sat 14</b> Keresley Exec Meeting
	<b>Wed 2</b> Jersey Conference Meetings	<b>JAN</b> <b>Thur 19</b> Isle of Man TC
	<b>Wed 2</b> Baildon Friendship evening	<b>Sat 21</b> Private Function
	<b>Sat 5</b> Broadland TC 30th Anniversary	<b>Sat 28</b> Todmorden TC 40th Anniversary
	<b>Thur 10</b> Portsmouth and Southsea 50th Lunch	
<b>NOV</b>	<b>Thur 10</b> Evening - Marlow TC	<b>FEB</b> <b>Wed 15</b> Tring TC Friendship pm
	<b>Fri 11</b> Exec Meeting	<b>Fri 24</b> Exec meeting
	<b>Sat 12</b> SE Lunch	<b>Sat 25</b> Midlands Lunch
	<b>Sun 13</b> Cenotaph	
	<b>Mon 14</b> Cleeve Hill TC	<b>Sat 3</b> Irish Regional Lunch
	<b>Wed 23</b> Otley TC Christmas Dinner	<b>Wed 7</b> Camberley TC
	<b>Sat 26</b> Leamington Spa and District 40th	<b>MAR</b> <b>Sat 10</b> Wokingham 41 Club Ladies Night
<b>DEC</b>	<b>Mon 5</b> Bradford Fairfax TC Christmas Meal	<b>Sun 11</b> Southampton LXI TC 60th Anniversary
		<b>Tue 13</b> Lancaster TC 40th Anniversary
		<b>Wed 14</b> Kingsbridge 40th Anniversary
		<b>Sat 24</b> "President's Ball, Harrogate"
		<b>APR</b> <b>Thur 12-Sun 15</b> Denmark TC NAGM
		<b>Thur 26-Sun 29</b> Jersey Conference



**Congratulations to Hull Quayside 921**, our first new Tangent club to charter in this Tangent year. As you know, all Past Circlers are entitled to become members of Tangent, but sometimes they need a little encouragement and like to be invited. So do YOU know of any Past Circlers who haven't joined Tangent yet? I know of at least 2 Circlers in their last circling year who are aware of Past Circlers not in Tangent and will be inviting them to form new Tangents. In forming new Tangents I feel sure some of the members invited to join will be discretionary members.

It is not only the new clubs who accept discretionary members but since the new rule was added under Membership 3.3.3 at the National AGM in Southport, some of our established clubs have welcomed discretionary members. Those long standing honorary members or friends who for many years have supported our clubs have been inducted as full members.

Last year as National President I was asked on many occasions to talk about this and the first thing I said was that clubs needed to discuss this amongst themselves and decide whether they would accept members at the discretion of the club and how they would apply this to their own club. As Membership Officer I have received a number of membership enquiries from those who could be members under this rule. Many of these have come via Ladies Circle from ladies too old for Circle. Many clubs have been kind enough to fill in on the Directory Details form to say whether their club accepts discretionary members, which makes my job easier when trying to find a club. I always approach the club first and sound them out before introducing them to the person making the enquiry. Thank you to those who have invited these ladies to their meetings, I hope it won't be long before they become full members.

To help, here are examples of ways clubs have applied this rule.

One club has 7 discretionary members from a total of 37 members. They decided that:-

- they would limit non traditional members to no more than 33% of members at any one time.
- any member could bring along a guest to a meeting. If a guest wishes to be considered as a prospective discretionary member their sponsoring Tangent member should introduce them as a prospective member. When they had attended a minimum of 6 meetings following this introduction the Tangent member would nominate the guest for membership. All members would be consulted, by post or email, and if a majority did not object by an agreed date, the guest would be offered full membership. They would then be inducted at the next available meeting.
- these rules may be amended at any AGM with a majority vote.

Some clubs say they must be introduced by a Tangent member or Ladies Circle member.

Some clubs make them an honorary member for a year and then a full member if there is agreement.

Some clubs say they will never have more than 10% of their members as discretionary members.

Has your club discussed this yet? Have you let the National Secretary know whether your club will accept discretionary members?

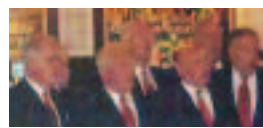
If you have any further questions on membership don't hesitate to contact me.

**Gill Preston**, IPP, Membership and International



## W E L S H REGIONAL LUNCH

The Welsh Regional Lunch was held on a lovely early summer's day at the Hi-Tide, Porthcawl. Porthcawl Tangent Chairman Margaret Wood welcomed 110 Tangent members and guests, and following a delicious lunch we were entertained by the Porthcawl Male Voice Choir. During the afternoon, National President Jan chartered a new Tangent club, GEMS No 918. Their new Chairman, Trudy Kennedy, explained that GEMS stands for "Glamorous, Exciting, Mature Socialites". We certainly all enjoyed a "Welcome in the hillsides" of South Wales!



## Welcome to Dunbar Tangent 922!

A new Tangent has recently chartered in Dunbar. This group of ladies has been meeting unofficially for some time, and has now decided to affiliate to the National Association. The club has decided not to have officers and the email contact is [janeycath@aol.com](mailto:janeycath@aol.com)

They are very welcome and we all look forward to meeting them at various social events over the year.

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## ...and Area 3 Yorkshire Mixtures 923

A new Tangent has been chartered in Yorkshire. A group of past Ladies Circle Area 3 members have got together to form Area 3 Yorkshire Mixtures Tangent. A warm welcome to all our new Tangent members!

# SITUATIONS VACANT

## Could you attend:

6 Executive Meetings  
7 Regional lunches  
The AGM & conference  
Other events you choose

## Do you enjoy:

Meeting/dealing with people  
Making things happen  
Dressing up  
Reading email

## Are you:

A lady who lunches  
Outgoing  
Flexible  
Hard working  
Organised  
Computer literate

Then why don't you stand as a candidate for one of the vacant posts on the National Executive in April 2012, in Jersey, and enjoy the following 3 or 4 years? You will get years of fun and friendship on the National Executive, meet Tangent members throughout the country and do your bit to keep Tangent alive for existing and future members.

Only two positions are available this year:

**National Vice President** (VP and Regalia Officer in 2012, to become President in 2013 and Immediate Past President, Membership and International Officer in 2014)

**National Secretary Elect** (learn the ropes for a year and become National Secretary in 2013 for a 3 year post). You need to be organised but don't need shorthand or specific secretarial training.

For more information contact Gill Preston for Vice President and Terrie Hewitt for Secretary Elect. We are looking forward to your call/email. Then get your nomination form to Terrie Hewitt BEFORE 31st December 2011.

## PATRIOTIC LYMINGTON TANGENT 336 CELEBRATE KATE AND WILLIAM'S BIG DAY!



Sally Reed and members of Lymington Tangent 336 enjoy a Pre Royal Wedding celebration in April 2011.



## CHANGE OF DATE FOR IRISH LUNCH

Due to the International Rugby fixtures the Lagan Valley girls have asked that we move the Irish Lunch 2012 to 3rd March. There are matches on 10th and 17th! Please alter your diary as necessary.

## WESTON-SUPER-MARE TANGENT 314 CHARITY TEA

Chairman of Weston Tangent Val Biggs hosted a charity tea at her home in August.

About 40 members and friends gathered in Val's lovely garden and enjoyed an afternoon tea of Strawberries and cream and a wide selection of delicious home made cakes.



There was also a bookstall and a raffle which helped raise the sum of £285 for The Huntington's Disease Association

In the picture (from right to left) Linda Hay (Treasurer) Jean Booth (Wife of 41 Club Chairman) Val Biggs (Chairman) and Penny Bennett (A Previous Past Chairman) try to decide which cake they will have first!!

## HORSFORTH TANGENT 495

Our speaker was going to tell us about the work of a local celebrity, nurse Sylvia Wright MBE OBE, who had left north Leeds and for thirty years had been working tirelessly in Tamil Nadu, India. In that time she had opened a 200 bed hospital, two day centres for severely disabled children, a boarding school for 220 deaf children, a nurses' college, and provided the community with clinics and health advice.

Imagine our excitement when a couple of days beforehand we heard Sylvia was visiting home and this remarkable woman would be actually attending our meeting. We felt very privileged and humbled to hear firsthand about her extraordinary work and the obstacles she had overcome.



We were delighted to bring items such as atlases, jigsaw puzzles and soft toys, which the children could use, as well as make a donation to the Sylvia Wright Trust.

It was a very special evening for us all.

The photo shows Horsforth Tangent 495 with Sylvia, in black, on the front row.

# Tangent across the world . . .



## Ladies Circle International Hamburg 2011

August Bank Holiday weekend found me boarding a plane to Hamburg to join members of Ladies Circle GB&I and Tangent GB for LCI. National President, Jan Dowling joined me for this special weekend.

The weather was kind to us this year and we remained dry as we joined hundreds of Ladies in the welcome parade. Friday was an early start ready for the LCI AGM during which as International Officer I was invited to take greetings. Our greetings were very well received and can be read on the international page on the web.

Congratulations to Kate Jones, GB&I on becoming the new LCI Secretary and also to Gitte from Denmark the new LCI Vice President and to Joy-Anne from France, the new Treasurer.

The weekend was a great opportunity to mix with and talk to Circlers and Past Circlers from around the world. It was interesting to hear from Circlers about small pockets of Tangent members who are meeting around the world that we don't know about. Also to speak to Past Circlers who don't

realise there are Tangent Clubs in their country affiliated to GB.

I arranged for Jan and myself on Saturday morning to meet with National Board members from Tangent Denmark and Tangent Club Germany. Our discussions gave us an insight into the workings of our respective Tangents and hopefully will lead to us strengthening our links as Tangent clubs.

If you are interested in joining International gatherings look at the International Diary for Tangent countries' NAGMs and Half yearly meetings.

Some Tangent GB clubs may also be interested in twinning with overseas Tangent clubs. This may be as simple as exchanging news, ideas etc but some may want to go a step further and arrange exchange visits. Twinning could be arranged using our club numbers or it may be you have a special relationship with members from your Circling days which you would like to revive as Tangent members. If so please contact me at [past-president@tangent-clubs.org](mailto:past-president@tangent-clubs.org)

**Gill Preston**, IPP, Membership, International

## Tangent India



Tangent India National AGM was held in September 2010. In the pictures are Rachna Jain Immediate Past President 2010-2011 and Reeti Roy National President 2010-2011



## Tangent Denmark



Susanne Norager presents a cheque to Ladies Circle Denmark's National President for 2500 Euros for their national charity project. At their last National AGM Tangent Denmark, because they are small and do not have a national charity of their own, voted to support Ladies Circle's national charity.



Members of Tangent Denmark's National Board including National President Susanne Norager, IPP Aase Boegh and Vice President Jeanett Korch present flowers at Ladies Circle's National AGM

# THE STORY BEHIND THE TANGENT SUNDIAL

***This is a Story, which I'm very happy to share with you my Fellow Tangent Members.***

Having visited the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas in Staffordshire with my husband Michael in the Summer of 2006, we admired the Round Table and 41 Garden, but I found myself asking "Why no mention of Ladies Circle and Tangent Clubs", as we 'Ladies' had all made considerable contributions at all the events arranged by Round Table and 41 Clubs within our communities and nationwide.

So began my many calls and emails to Tangent National Exec and to Lichfield 41 Club. Gill Young, Past National Secretary, gave me a contact, Andrew Stanton, who had been one of the instigators of the 41 Club Garden. I was told the history of the Obelisk Memorial, how it was funded, how his Club had undertaken the planting of trees and shrubs and put in the seating, but that in the near future the Garden would need refurbishing. This was all very encouraging news.

I then made arrangements to meet with the National Memorial Arboretum curator, Paul Kennedy and the Lichfield Chairman Mick Lavenstein, and in Nov 2008 we visited the 41 Club Garden. We discussed a Tangent Memorial in the form of a Sundial. This idea had been put to me when I visited New Milton Tangent Club 120 to ask if they would second the proposal that I was taking to the Southport National Conference in 2009 on behalf of Lymington 336. New Milton was represented by Ann Prestidge.

Our visit to the N.M.A. was extremely productive, we discussed where the Sundial could be sited and our financial contribution that would be most welcome. With that in mind I found myself somewhat nervously but very enthusiastically standing before many of you in Southport, asking for your support for this project to commemorate the National Association of Tangent Clubs 40th Anniversary in 2010. It was agreed that a Sundial within a paved area would be a very fitting tribute to past, present and future members of our splendid organisation. We travelled home on Cloud 9, Ann and I were so delighted with the decision. I then contacted Courtyard Sundials, a company in Somerset, and with all N.A.T.C. Executives' approval 'OUR' Sundial was chosen and with the help of my Tangent Club a suitable inscription was approved.

David Hewitt, Webmaster and National Secretary Terrie's husband, produced the Tangent Rondel that is now shown on the 3rd side of the Round Table and 41 Club Obelisk, and it really looks splendid.

I was so proud and delighted that Michael and I could attend the Act of Dedication at the N.M.A. on Sunday 17th July, a very moving Service and a memorable occasion for everyone concerned. Meeting all the four National Presidents of the Round Table Family gave me the opportunity to thank everyone for the support and friendship I'd been shown over the past five years. It was great to meet Andrew Stanton for the first time. Lichfield 41 Club is to be congratulated on the refurbished Garden, which is really looking good. It was a very poignant time for me standing within the Garden when the floral tributes had been laid, remembering the many years of friendship we had both received as members of the Round Table Family. Our Sundial will be standing to be admired for many, many years to come as a reminder to so many of us who have benefited from belonging to such a wonderful charitable organisation.

I would like to record my personal thanks to Past Presidents Joan Crabtree, Pat Paulson, Jan Mulqueen and Gill Preston who arranged the Lunch, and to President Jan Dowling for her kind words to me that were much appreciated, and to Gill Young for her encouragement. Also to all Tangent National Officers, Andrew Stanton, Paul Kennedy N.M.A. and finally to Michael my "Chauffeur". Thank you all for allowing 'My Story' to have such a Happy Ending

Yours in Continued Friendship,  
Sally Reed - Hon Sec Lymington  
Tangent 336.

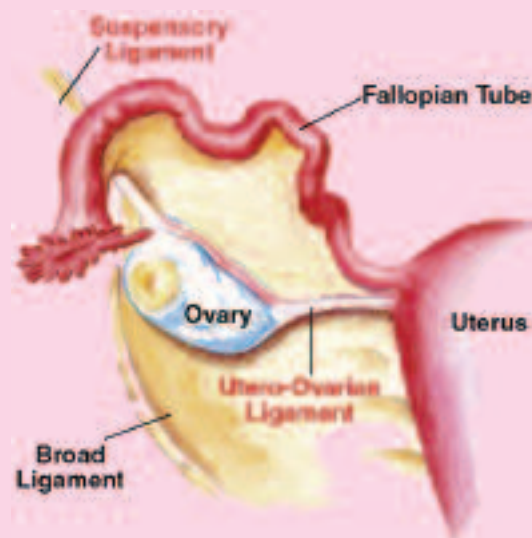




# What every woman should know about ovarian cancer

## Why it's so important to be aware

- Ovarian cancer is the fifth most common cancer in women, after breast, lung, bowel, and uterine cancers. Each year around 6,800 women in the UK are diagnosed with the disease.
- It is the highest gynaecological killer of women in the UK and the fourth most common cause of death from cancer in women. Around two thirds of those diagnosed will die from the disease.
- If found in the early stages, up to 90% of women will survive for more than five years. Unfortunately, most women in the UK are not diagnosed with ovarian cancer until it has already spread, making successful treatment difficult, and survival rates much lower.
- There is currently no proven screening tool for ovarian cancer but a large-scale screening trial is underway and initial results are encouraging – especially in terms of the number of cases of ovarian cancer being detected early. However, there are several years to go before the trial is completed, and the researchers will need to assess survival rates to get a clearer idea of how effectively these screening methods translate into saving lives. Improving awareness of the common symptoms of ovarian cancer and developing a better understanding of how to treat it more effectively through investment in research, will play a vital role in ensuring women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer at an earlier stage and they receive the most effective treatment.
- 90% of ovarian cancers are not 'familial'. This means that most women will not have any family history of this cancer, so they may not be aware of symptoms and risk factors.
- Awareness of the disease and its symptoms is low but there is growing evidence that suggests that greater awareness could save lives. In 2007, research commissioned by Ovarian Cancer Action on the awareness of ovarian cancer, demonstrated that only 16% of women mentioned the disease when asked to name cancers they were aware of, and 66% of women were unable to cite any of the symptoms of ovarian cancer.
- Recent research has shown that most women do experience symptoms, particularly very frequent, persistent and sudden onset ones, and these can occur in the early stages of ovarian cancer.
- The UK has poor survival rates, and is positioned seventh in the list of European Countries for high ovarian cancer incidence and mortality rates.



## Signs and symptoms

Ovarian Cancer Action bases its symptoms awareness programmes on the most recent and credible research available.

Ovarian cancer used to be called 'the silent killer', even in medical text books, with most women not being diagnosed until the cancer had spread. But there is now growing scientific evidence that the frequency and combination of particular symptoms could alert women and their doctors to the possibility of ovarian cancer, even when it is in the early stages, when survival rates are much higher<sup>1</sup>.

In 2008, the Department of Health consulted with some of the UK's leading cancer charities, scientists, and doctors, and agreed on a number of key symptoms, which are more common in women diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

Diagnosis can be difficult because symptoms are often similar to those caused by more common, less serious conditions. If you have any of the following symptoms, it is unlikely that they are caused by a serious problem, but it is important that you discuss them with your doctor and ask if they have considered ovarian cancer. In particular, you should ask your GP whether ovarian cancer should be considered if you experience any of these three symptoms on most days:

- Persistent pelvic and stomach pain
- Increased abdominal size / persistent bloating - not bloating that comes and goes
- Difficulty eating and feeling full quickly

Occasionally other symptoms such as urinary symptoms, changes in bowel habit, extreme fatigue or back pain may also be experienced on their own or at the same time as those listed above.

## Should I be concerned?

If you recognise any of the following information, then it is important to let your doctor know, discuss your history, and if you are still not reassured, seek a second opinion:

- develop a number of symptoms suddenly
- experience the three key symptoms on most days (persistent pelvic and stomach pain; increased abdominal size/persistent bloating - not bloating that comes and goes; and difficulty eating and feeling full quickly).
- are being treated unsuccessfully for conditions such as irritable bowel syndrome or urine infections, or experience persistent back pain and/or feel extremely fatigued, or have a family history (2 or more close relatives) of ovarian, breast, lung, stomach, womb lining (endometrium), lymphoma or prostate cancer.



**President Jan's Charity for 2011 - 2012 is Ovarian Cancer Action**

Ovarian Cancer Action is dedicated to advancing and supporting ovarian cancer research as part of its mission to save women's lives.



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF Tangent CLUBS Shop

This is a busy time of year with orders coming in thick and fast – so thank you.

You will see from the photograph that I have 3 new items available – a lovely 1 litre Water Jug and a Mousemat in Tangent colours so please send me orders! The water jug is retailing at £ 15 and the mousemat for £ 5. We have new car stickers so if you have changed your car since you bought your last sticker – then it is time for a new one at the bargain price of 50p!

I know many of you have requested the 40th Anniversary Swarovski Pin – well good news – I have a small stock available and these are £ 8.50.

Please note that all orders need £2 post/package to be added to the cost of the order – or come and buy at the Regional Lunches. I do love to see you and chat and take your ideas for new gifts.

Remember I have some items which do not have the Tangent Logo on which make lovely gifts for your friends! For example the Water Jug, handbag mirrors, letter opener and keyrings.

I have so enjoyed meeting you at the two Regional Lunches I have attended so far – but I have a plea and that is to have the SALES TABLE in a prominent position so that you do not miss me (who could I hear you say!) . There are other Sales Tables appearing now at these events and I think it only fair that the Tangent Sales Table is in prime position. Remember that all profit goes to the National Association to keep the capitation fee down!

Don't forget you can download order forms from our website: [www.tangent-clubs.org](http://www.tangent-clubs.org)



## “YOURS IN CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP” Tangent’s New Rose

This rose will be a delightful addition to any garden or patio. Its handsome, light apricot blooms are borne in plentiful trusses, each stem carrying a cluster of up to seven blooms. The individual blooms are well filled with a scoop of petals in the ‘cupped’ form, they are long-lasting both in the garden and when cut for indoors. Repeat blooming is reliable, giving an easy to look after, trouble free plant. Recommended use: combine in summer flower borders, among ornamental shrubs or as a single specimen in a large planter on a patio etc.

Class: Floribunda; Flowering period: June to November;  
Height: 90cm Spacing: 80cm; Perfume: Light.

The Tangent Rose is now available to order from the end of April BUT will not be dispatched until later in the year on a first come, first served basis as the plants become ready.

PRICE FOR ONE PLANT INCLUDING DELIVERY £11.45  
PRICE FOR TWO PLANTS INCLUDING DELIVERY £18.85  
PRICE FOR THREE PLANTS INCLUDING DELIVERY £25.80  
**NEW LOWER PRICE!!**



## NORWICH TANGENT 233 40TH CHARTER

Norwich isn't normally very good at getting into the Tangent News, so we hope this is a first. We celebrated our 40th anniversary in August with a lunch to which we invited past members and members of one of our neighbouring clubs, Broadland Tangent. We had an excellent meal at a lovely riverside hotel in Beccles in Suffolk, the river is the border between Norfolk and Suffolk. We were blessed with a beautiful day as this photo shows. We enjoyed a very light and humorous talk after our lunch from Deborah Preston. She had worked as Executive Housekeeper at the Grosvenor House Hotel for many years and had a fund of stories about the incidents that took place during her time there. Celebrities there were in abundance, which made for some discreet stories, and we ended up with a down to earth tip for the cleaning! She wasn't sorry, however, now to be retired in Norfolk.



## Wadebridge & District 643 raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care



Wadebridge & District Tangent Club held a Blooming Great Tea Party on 28th July, raising £725 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. This was the chosen charity of 2009-10 Chairman Vivienne Mably, whose 99 year old father had benefited from their care at home for three nights a week.



Pictures show Shirley Angove with Teapot and Daffodils Hat, and club members with a selection of their teapots.

## Formby Tangent 349



As Chairman last year my biggest problem was producing an interesting and varied programme of events. I generated an 'Entertainments Book' where Members could suggest ideas that may be of interest. This could be updated throughout the year. We have suggestions of Speakers, House Activities & Trips. This is already producing results - much to the relief of the incoming Chairman!

My favourite event was 'Tangent's Got Talent'. No, performance was not mandatory! Instead Members were asked to bring samples of their particular 'Talent' We had cookery, knitting, tapestry, painting - even poetry & Fantasy Football! The real benefit was that everyone gave some background and there were some fascinating stories. Formby have also had a Tai Chi demonstration and been on a Canoe Safari at a local Wildlife Sanctuary.

Maureen Graham, Hon Sec



## Allo Allo



41 Club and Tangent hold their Annual General Meetings and Conference together each year. In 2012 we are all in the beautiful island of Jersey from 26 - 29 April.

Tangent Day Luncheon and Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 28th April 2012

Venue: Hotel de France, St Helier, Jersey.

The cost of the lunch is £29.50 per person (two course lunch with vegetarian options and a glass of wine)

We encourage you to bring your partners and enjoy the joint weekend with 41 Club.

Closing date: 14 January 2012.



Ten years ago when I was your National President (is it really that long!) my charity was to raise funds for an old wooden narrow boat called Hazel which was to be converted for use by people with mental health problems. It was an unusual charity but many of you were kind enough to support it and £5,800 was handed over at a special ceremony at Ashton-under-Lyne.

Over the decade, I have remained involved and Tangent's donation is still mentioned. Also many of you have asked me what has happened and sadly, until now, I have only been able to say that Hazel has not sunk (until recently that is! - well she is a wooden boat!) and the Wooden Canal Boat Society are still actively trying to dream their dream.

However AT LAST there is good news. They have been given a grant of £75,000 and are starting to rebuild this historic boat for use as mentioned above. A boat yard has been prepared over the last ten years and Hazel has now been taken out of the water and work started on her with the help of many volunteers. Fund raising continues for the extra £30,000 needed but, in view of the generosity of members during my year, I thought you would be interested to hear of this development. For anyone who would like more information, the website is [www.wcbs.org.uk](http://www.wcbs.org.uk) but do not be surprised if it is not up-to-date as boaters are more into boating than web-sites!!

**Beth Allen**, National President 2000-2001



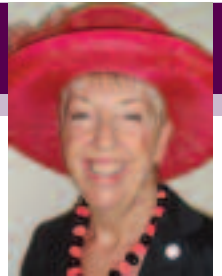
## National Lady in waiting . . .

The Regalia orders have flooded in over the Summer months. I've never received so much post and I've become very popular with my postman! Some Clubs have noticed that £2 p&p has been added this year. Others who have missed the extra amount have received a telephone call, e-mail or letter from me. This has been a great opportunity for me to speak to some of you which has been lovely. Try and make a note of this additional cost for future reference. Can I ask you to please be careful when sending jewels in the post. Ensure the envelope is well sealed and secure. Also upon receipt of your order please check that all is correct. If there is a problem please contact me asap. Remember there will be a £5 surcharge on orders received after 1/1/12 so posting early before Christmas would be a good idea.

After a bumpy start to the year it has been a busy few months and already there have been many memorable moments. Great Regional Lunches where fun and friendship is shown in abundance. If you have never experienced a luncheon before I can thoroughly recommend it. A chance to get dressed up, wear a hat if you want to and enjoy listening to interesting and often very funny speakers. A good 'girlie' day out.

I am delighted to have already received invitations for next year. If you would like me to visit your Club please send me an e-mail or give me a call. To avoid disappointment you can check my VP diary on the website [www.tangent-clubs.org](http://www.tangent-clubs.org)

**Sue Marlow** - Vice President



## NORTHERN REGIONAL LUNCH



*Gay Rhodes had us all laughing*

On a pleasant Saturday in June Tangent members and guests gathered at the Double

Tree Hotel, Chester, for the Northern Regional Lunch hosted by Chester 98. There was plenty of opportunity for retail therapy with a variety of stalls including the Tangent sales table. We were welcomed by Chester 98 Chairman Christine Abrams who lit the Friendship candles with National President Jan. Following a lovely seasonal lunch Gay Rhodes had us all laughing with her very funny talk on "Ladies of a Certain Age".

Nidderdale Tangent 623 announced the venue and speaker for the 2012 Northern Regional Lunch. Look forward to seeing you all there!

## BLANDFORD FORUM TANGENT 694 TAKE TO THE WATER



On a perfect June evening in 2011, the Blandford Tangent Club visited the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy where we were given an excellent presentation by Mr Roger Willis, a founder director.

The site occupies converted naval premises and was opened in 2005 by the Princess Royal. The large launching area is an extension of the one left by the Navy.

The aim of the Academy is to promote the sport of sailing at all levels and the facilities and training are open to anyone. However, for £5.00 each, the local schools can send children for a day's trial, from which they could go on to become Olympic Champions!

The harbour covers 8.6 square kilometres, is exposed to reliable winds but sheltered from large waves by the Chesel Beach. The new Club House has two cafes, one dry, and one wet so that one can come straight in dripping with water from a boat. Everywhere is disablement friendly, for example the 'Ladies' sign is also in Braille.

Due to its world class facilities both on and off the water, in 2005 WPNSA was chosen as the venue for the sailing competition at the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and was the first site to be ready.

Following the talk and a tour of the site we watched the sun go down over the harbour while enjoying an excellent in-house catered BBQ.

## WESTON-SUPER-MARE TANGENT 314 CHAIRMAN'S DINNER

Chairman of Weston-Super-Mare 41 Club Martin Booth presents flowers to Val Biggs the new Chairman of Weston Tangent 314 at their Chairman's Dinner held at Batch Country Hotel in May.

Weston Tangent members were joined by guests from local Tangents, and friends from other organisations.



# A typical day in the life of the National Secretary. . .



Can there can be a typical day? Being National Secretary means you are at the middle of everything. Since I retired at Christmas I don't do any Tangent stuff in the evening but while I worked full time 23 miles from home, I did have to do some correspondence etc. at weekends and some evenings. Now I fit it in round other things I like to do including being a volunteer for the Citizen's Advice Bureau, another interesting way to spend my time. I also enjoy spending time with our young grandchildren.

First job this morning was checking the email. How did previous Secretaries cope before email? Messages can be left when it suits me and answered when it suits the member and vice versa. Today it included the confirmation of a new Tangent Club that has affiliated in Scotland. Always great news. I added them to the database and records and shared my pleasure with other members of the Executive, again by email. Other mail included details of two people offering their services as speakers for clubs in the South East and South West. If they are offering visits to clubs in a small area, perhaps three towns I send a copy to the club contacts. Otherwise the Webmaster will add the details to the Speaker's page on [www.tangent-clubs.org](http://www.tangent-clubs.org). I never pass on contact details to anyone not a Tangent member, but do forward the messages that look as if they could be of interest to clubs. They can then decide whether they want to follow it up or not.

After coffee I prepared the agenda for the next Executive meeting and sent it with the minutes of the previous meeting to members of the National Executive. They kindly forward their reports to me to save retyping for the minutes! Anything to keep the typing down, as I am not a trained typist. In fact I had my own secretary when I was working! My secretarial skills are improving and I try and file things straight away rather than them building up for a marathon session later. Seeing what happened in the Association years ago, when reading the archive, is great for someone who is interested in Association history.

A couple of phone calls, one from a club who can't find their charter and not sure when they affiliated. They are keen for a 40th anniversary lunch but which year?

Another wanting to invite the National President to an event next year and hadn't found the diary on the web site. We are very aware that not all members have confident access to the Internet but for those who do there is lots of information and up to date forms. It is always good to chat to members.

A trip to the post office to mail the letters, buy a birthday card for a friend and eggs from the local garage. They are free range and taste better for the chickens running around. Also helps keep the local amenities going.

I had this article to write before cooking dinner and packing to stay with my daughter tomorrow night. She is a keen member of Ladies Circle and a member of the Area 3 Executive. She will join me at President Jan's Charity Luncheon on Saturday. A great excuse to dress up a bit and relax and get to meet members. Regional luncheons are another thing I look forward to. The members of the Tangent National Executive aim to attend them all. We stay with kind members after our meeting on the Friday, attend the luncheon on Saturday. Where possible we share cars and catch up on what is happening. This saves the Association money and allows us to have company. Other times we travel by public transport.

Today I have prepared a draft for the advertisements for the new National Secretary Elect and Vice President. It seems a long time till the NAGM in Jersey but everything needs to be at the printer in time for the mailing in October. I need the nominations by 31st December. I wrote it with mixed feelings. It will be great to spend some time next year inducting the new National Secretary Elect so they are ready for 2013 but I will miss being in the hub of the Association after that. It has been hard work at times but lots of fun and a real honour. I am looking forward to hearing from everyone who wants a job description or chat about what the job entails, before they put their nomination papers in.

**Terrie Hewitt** - National Secretary

## SCOTTISH REGIONAL LUNCH



On Saturday 17th September Turriff & District Tangent 717 welcomed 69 guests from around the country to Deveron Country House, Turriff for the Scottish Regional lunch. Vaughan Harris, 41 Club National President proposed the toast to NATC, and President Jan replied. Lynne Cruikshank gave a very moving presentation on Relay for Life, showing how she had been involved in raising £170,000 for Cancer Research. The profits of the

raffle were donated to this charity. The guest speaker, Agnes Stevenson, a journalist who writes the gardening page for the Sunday Post and other papers, spoke about her interesting and varied career. She is one of the organisers of Gardening Scotland, and shared her amusing experiences with us.

## WOKINGHAM TANGENT 268

Wokingham Tangent held a faith supper in August and we were privileged to invite Margaret Partington of Hats (in Datchet) along to talk about her vast collection of hats. Margaret owns the biggest collection of hats in Europe - over 2500 at the last count - and supplied Karen Durie with most of the hats she wore to the Regional Lunches while she was on the National Executive.



Margaret brought along a selection of hats and regaled us with anecdotes about all of them, particularly the one she had always intended to wear when she married George Clooney but sadly she thinks that is not likely to happen now.

She also alluded to "The Kate Middleton Effect" which is increasing the popularity of hats again so come on girls, get your hats out for the next lunch. Margaret made us all wear a hat to prove that anyone can wear one if it is the right size and shape as proved by the photo.

**Do you need a speaker or have you had a really good speaker at your club?**

To find details of speakers or to share this information with other Tangent members go to our website [www.tangent-clubs.org](http://www.tangent-clubs.org)

## THE ALTERNATIVE 40TH CELEBRATIONS!



Billericay Tangent 402 enjoyed a coffee and cakes morning in the garden of one of our members who had not only just celebrated her 70th birthday, but wanted also to celebrate the 40th anniversary of her joining Circle. So about 30 of us, (including some who

joined Circle nearer 50 years ago!) gathered in her lovely garden to reminisce. As it was the day after THE wedding, we enjoyed long discussions on all the pageantry and outfits!

As you can see from the photo, we even allowed the husbands to join us – after all, it was their membership of Round Table in the first place that enabled our more senior ladies to forge such long and lasting friendships that have survived nearly half a century!!

## WESTON-SUPER-MARE TANGENT 314 AND 41 CLUB HONORARY PRESIDENT'S TEA

Honorary President of Weston Tangent Club Christine Dodgson and her husband David Dodgson who is the Honorary President of Weston 41 Club hosted the annual Summer Tea Party at their home on Sunday 21st August.



Over 50 members of Tangent and 41 Club gathered to enjoy strawberries and cream, followed by tea and delicious home made cakes. Luckily it was a fine afternoon, and guests were able to enjoy the beautiful views from the garden before sitting down to tea.

In the picture Chairman of Weston Tangent Val Biggs (centre) presents a plant as a thank you to joint Honorary Presidents Christine and David Dodgson.

## COVENTRY TANGENT CLUB 407

Coventry Tangent Club celebrated their 35th anniversary by holding a very successful lunch on the 11th May 2011. Our Chairman, Melva Brown, is seen cutting the celebration cake, with eight other members.



## CHICHESTER CITY TANGENT CLUB 862

### IN REMEMBRANCE OF SUE DANKS

On Sunday 24th July, a beautiful sunny day, eight members of Chichester City Tangent, plus 3 friends took part in the Race for Life, in aid of Cancer Research UK taking place at Southsea Common, Portsmouth. We had decided to take part in the 5k walk in memory of our dear friend in Tangent, Sue Danks, who sadly passed away suddenly after a short illness in December 2010. We had an amazing day joining in all the frivolity of wearing as much pink as possible for the day, but we also reflected on why we were there. We felt that Sue would have been there with us, if she could, armed with her map of the route as she loved walking and had a passion for maps. In all we raised just over £2,000 for the charity in memory of Sue. A very rewarding day in many ways.



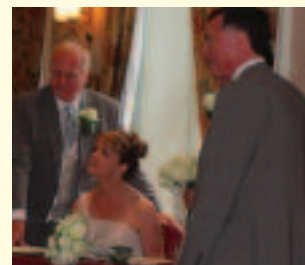
## TANGENT ROSES IN BLOOM!



Gwyneth Griffiths, a member of Pwllheli & District 610 must have very green fingers. She has sent us some pictures of her beautiful Tangent Rose Continued Friendship, still blooming in her garden at the end of September.



## 41 CLUB WEDS TANGENT



The Civic Suite at Runcorn Town Hall saw Northwich 41 Club member Alan Friar marry Northwich Tangent member Marian Harris on 3rd September 2011. As you can see from the photograph the bride looked stunning! Alan was supported by fellow 41er Neill Parkinson as Best Man, and Marian's daughter and daughter in law made beautiful bridesmaids. 41 Club and Tangent members attended the Reception and more joined them in the evening to celebrate. We all wish Alan and Marian joy in their marriage and "Continued Friendship"!

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop's Stortford Tangent will be celebrating their 40th Charter next year and we shall be having a celebratory lunch at Bishop's Stortford Golf Club on Saturday 1st September 2012. I need to compile an up to date list of contacts and addresses, so if there are any ladies out there who were once in Bishop's Stortford Circle or Tangent who have now moved away, and who may read Tangent News, would they please let me have their details. I can be contacted on 01279 503576 or email me at [jeanne.bailes@ntlworld.com](mailto:jeanne.bailes@ntlworld.com)



# microFICTION Competition

This is your chance to enter the first ever Tangent microFICTION Competition. Your challenge is to create a miniature work of fiction using no more than 36 words, the last three of which should be:

**'FRIENDSHIP NEVER ENDS.'**

Please send your entries to [editor@tangent-clubs.org](mailto:editor@tangent-clubs.org)

They will be shown on the website and at the NAGM and the winner will be chosen by members attending the National Conference at Jersey.

Let your imagination run wild, get creative and let's see your mini-masterpiece!

## An English Country Garden

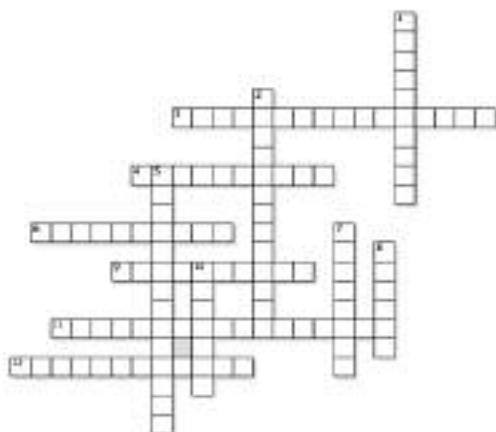
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### Word Bank

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### Literary Crossword



#### Across

- 3) Not one conversation (1,4,2,3,5)
- 4) Jane Marple called this home (2,4,4)
- 6) Auric digit (10)
- 9) Does Sir Walter think lower in the Midlands (9)
- 11) Verity before bigotry (5,3,9)
- 12) Mary Anne Evans influenced his writing (6,5)

#### Down

- 1) Optical illusion in the Nottinghamshire sky (3,7)
- 2) He likedwerk, he could sit and watch it for hours! (8,1,0)
- 5) Was Lord Peter one over the eight when he visited his outflitter (3,8,7)
- 7) This dining hero was confused but never RESTAURANT (3,5)
- 8) Hardy's county (6)
- 10) Carroll's enabled sailor (4,3)

An American fighter plane was flying over Afghanistan when he noticed a flying carpet on each side of his plane, both with a machine gunner on board.  
 Sensing danger he shot them down. Back at base he got a right roasting - apparently they were Allied Carpets.

I was driving to work this morning when I saw an RAC van parked up.  
 The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable.  
 I thought to myself 'that guy's heading for a breakdown'.

### THE SILENT TREATMENT

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realised that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00am for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 am." He left it where he knew she would find it. The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 am and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It is 5:00 am. Wake up." Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests.

God may have created man before woman, but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece!

### WOMEN'S REVENGE

'Cash, cheque or charge?' I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her bag. 'So, do you always carry your TV remote?' I asked. 'No,' she replied, 'but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.'

### UNDERSTANDING WOMEN (A MAN'S PERSPECTIVE)

I know I'm not going to understand women. I'll never understand how you can take boiling hot wax, pour it onto your upper thigh, rip the hair out by the root, and still be afraid of a spider.



# ROUND TABLE FAMILY



## 41 CLUB

*Hello*

Along with my wife Jill, I recently had the pleasure of attending the Tangent Scottish Regional Luncheon, which was very well organised by Turriff Tangent. There I met up with your National President, Jan, where I commented that the year had gone so fast – we are almost half way through the year. Already both Associations are beginning to think about and prepare documents for our AGMs in Jersey. I cannot believe it has gone so quickly!



It has been a pleasure to work with President Jan and her Executive this year and I was extremely glad that they could join us at our first Council meeting, which was held in Brighton in July. Although the weather was not at its best, everyone had a very enjoyable time. Other major events have included meetings of the Round Table Family and enjoying a wonderful day at the National Arboretum near Lichfield, where all the Associations were represented at the Dedication of the 41 Club Garden.

I look forward to representing the Round Table Family with Jan at major upcoming events, notably Ladies Circle 75th Anniversary Ball and the Cenotaph in London on Remembrance Sunday.

I hope that President Jan enjoys the rest of the year in the Chair and I am sure that we both look forward to welcoming you all to Jersey.

Yours in Continued Friendship, **President Vaughan**

## ROUND TABLE

*Hi*

I have to say what an honour it is to be writing to you on this occasion, as National President of Round Tables Great Britain & Ireland. My board and I are looking forward to working with Jan and her team during 2011-2012, and I hope to see many of you during my year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Immediate Past President Gill on a wonderful year, and thank her for her friendship and hospitality during my year as Vice President.

The Round Table Family links have never been stronger, and as we move forward we must remember that as a family we are far stronger than as individual associations. The commitment that John, Gill, Naomi and Malcolm have made to work closely together and to support each other to ensure the success of all four Associations that make up our family is something that I am keen to continue.

Round Table has made a commitment to strategy and long term planning, and together with our new Chief Executive Cait Allen, we are now moving away from one yearisms, and are looking forward to continuity and sustainability in 2012 and beyond.

I am delighted that both 41 Club President Vaughan and I have chosen Round Table Children's Wish as our Presidential Charities for our year. The result of this will be enormous, and will enable us to bring more smiles to the faces of hundreds of children and young people who are suffering from life-threatening illnesses.

Finally, thank you for the fun and fellowship at your conference in Ipswich, and I can truly say that I am looking forward to another great weekend in Jersey!

Yours In Table, **John Payne** - National President (Round Tables Britain & Ireland)



## LADIES CIRCLE

*Hi Ladies*

This is a difficult article to write as I've not come back down to earth yet!

The National Association of Ladies Circles has just celebrated its 75th charter and wow, did we do it in style! 450 guests, Circlers and Tablers past and present, representation from 9 countries including our lovely Ladies Circle International President, Sharon Taitz from Israel AND a healthy dose of fun! Greetings (and presents J) were brought from all four clubs and our patron Janey Lee Grace.

Thank you for your generous gift of the addition of a brass plaque for Ladies Circle on the Tangent sundial in the RT family garden at the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas.

The party, as always, was wrapped around the first national council meeting of the year. This saw the launch of our brand new look, national website and local websites for every Circle in GB. It's been a very busy year for me so far! National President, full time financial services Compliance Consultant (day job) and the new additions to the CV – Marketing Consultant and IT Project Manager!

We never make a big thing of the skills one acquires being part of this amazing club, but I feel it's one of our best kept secrets. I still can't cook, but public speaking, event organising and the knowledge acquired being part of such a huge project as the website, all are a major additions when operating in my personal and professional life. Spread the word Ladies. Get your daughters & granddaughters involved!

I ♥ Ladies Circle!!!, Vicx



*Sharon and Vicky*

## LADIES CIRCLE CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP



*Vicky and John Payne party on down!*

On Saturday 24th September 450 Circlers, Tablers, 41 Club and Tangent members gathered at the Paragon Hotel Birmingham for the National President's Black and White Ball. After many months of planning and preparation, Ladies Circle really celebrated their big birthday with enthusiasm. There were many international guests present, representing Ladies Circle all over the world. Greetings were brought by Sharon Taitz, Ladies Circle International

President, Janey Lee Grace, Ladies Circle Patron, Vaughan Harris, 41 Club President and our own Jan Dowling, Tangent President. A raffle and auction with some superb items to win or bid for raised over £5000 which goes to Vicky Perry's National President's Charity, Parkinson's UK. After the formalities the party really got going, with an excellent live band and dancing 'til late. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm with which Ladies Circle embraced the fun and fellowship!



*International guests enjoying the friendship of the evening*

## EDDISBURY TANGENT 580 30TH CHARTER



waived her fee and requested it be donated to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd, Chester.

National President Jan joined members and guests at Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham on 7th June to celebrate their 30th Charter. Chairman Moira Clow and President Jan cut a beautiful birthday cake, which was enjoyed after a delicious meal. We heard a very interesting talk about travelling across Europe by bicycle from Liz Conway, who

President Jan chats with Tangent members ▶



## PASSING FRIENDS



### Betty Shakleton

Founder Chairman in 1968/69 of Bradford Fairfax Tangent 139.

### Freda Radcliffe

Sutton Coldfield 7

### Jill Weaver

Worcester and Worcester Elgar Tangent 499

### Mary McDowell

First in Ireland Tangent 140

### Valerie Raine

Rothwell & District 513 and formerly Altrincham Tangent

### Margaret Breakwell

Aldridge Tangent No 586

### Connie Thomas B.E.M.

Bridgnorth 587

### Pam Camp

Mumbles Tangent 852

Tangent is very grateful for all that they have done for the Association during their lifetime, and our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends at this difficult time. Individual tributes to the ladies mentioned above can be found on our website [www.tangent-clubs.org](http://www.tangent-clubs.org).



## HALIFAX TANGENT 231

Halifax Tangent 231 was formed on 30th March 1971 and club members celebrated their 40th Anniversary with a luncheon to which they invited members of 41 club.

Cutting the cake are Chairman Yvonne Keitch (right) and Vice Chairman Janet Walker.



## ESHER TANGENT 671

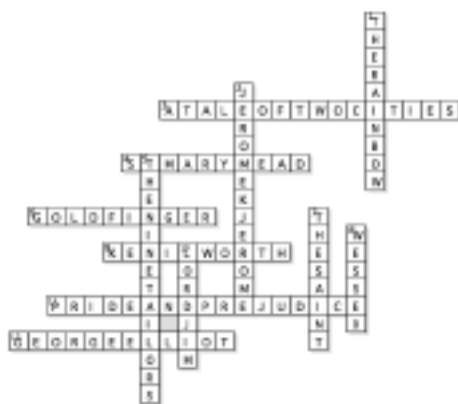
Esher Tangent have always raised funds for various charities and as in Circle our Chairman chooses a local charity to support each year. Last year Julie chose The Grange. This is a charity which offers training in work and social skills, work opportunities, supported housing and 24 hour care to about 80 adults with disabilities. Many of them have sensory impairments so The Grange have been raising funds to build a sensory garden in their grounds. Julie, having trained in garden design, has been able to produce a plan which will incorporate the existing Victorian pond.

The photograph shows a few members of Esher Tangent with our Chairman handing a cheque for £3,000 to the Charity's CEO Judith Walker. This means that their target of £15,000 has now been reached. When we visited The Grange we were served with a delicious tea by some of the residents, after having a tour around the proposed site of the sensory garden.

### An English Country Garden



### Literary Crossword



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### APOLOGY

I must apologise for mixing up two Tangents in the last Edition of Tangent News. A picture of Peterborough Soke 571 at their 30th Charter was labelled Peterborough 806.

I hope this did not cause too much consternation at either Club.

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