



'Let friendship
continue'

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*National President
2011-12
Jan Dowling*

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT JAN'S REPORT



Happy New Tangent year to you All and a big Tangent welcome to new Chairmen and Officers. I hope your AGMs went well and you are busy planning the year ahead. As you will see from my AGM address, which is printed below, my theme for the year is "Be Positive" and I am feeling very POSITIVE about the year ahead.....

President's AGM Address 2011

Reflecting back on this time last year I now feel it was rather arrogant of me to assume I had the qualities to be your National President. I said I wanted to see communication improve, Tangent to continue to build on its firm foundation, to evolve and adapt to a changing world and above all, be fit for a future of fun and continued friendship.

Jan M has done a fantastic job in Editing Tangent News and making it a magazine to be proud of. David, once again, has done a brilliant job on our website and good links with the other 3 clubs in the Round Table Family are well established. I look forward to all of this continuing for the future. Channels of communication are open but it is up to us all to use them POSITIVELY for our benefit.

This year you have given me the opportunity to meet, listen and talk with a good cross section of our membership. I hope I have been able to share some of the wonderful ideas you have had for running your clubs in these changing times and how you have adapted and evolved to overcome some of the issues we face.

It has become a tradition for the National President to nominate a charity for her year of office, a difficult decision with so many worthy causes but after careful consideration I have chosen a small, young, medical charity. My choice had to meet certain criteria – to be relevant to me and our members, be national and be appreciative of anything we can do to assist them with their aims. A few years ago, a friend, a fellow Nidderdale Tangent member, was diagnosed and successfully treated for Ovarian cancer. The words her husband said to me, when returning from visiting her one night, still ring in my ears. He was grateful for the prompt treatment she had received but felt for the other patients he had seen where it was obviously too little and too late. It was too late too for a lady who had been in Ladies Circle with my Mum and Mum-in-law.

80% of those diagnosed are aged 50 plus
12 women die from this disease every day

UK survival rates have not improved in 20 years
Currently 75% of women in the UK are diagnosed once the cancer has already spread beyond their ovaries
BUT IF DIAGNOSED IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE DISEASE SURVIVAL RATES CAN BE AS HIGH AS 90%

Most of us are sisters, daughters, mothers, nieces, aunts, grandmothers and friends so I hope you will all join me in supporting Ovarian Cancer Action, in raising awareness of the symptoms of this disease and helping to fund their research.

I am feeling very POSITIVE about the year ahead and I hope you all are too. It is well recognised that with a POSITIVE attitude you may overcome and achieve a great deal. So let's all be POSITIVE this year, about our own clubs, our National Association and the Round Table family. Be POSITIVE this will be a year of continued friendships and fun.

Each year the month of March is dedicated as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness month" which gives us all plenty of time to plan ahead. I am personally hoping to hold a Presidential Ball that month of which details will be announced in the next issue. Meanwhile, the fund was opened with a donation from the company who undertook the sign-writing on the presidential car at cost price. Plans are now well underway for a Ladies Charity lunch on 3rd September in Harrogate as you will find on page 15 and on our website. If you/your club wish to make a donation please send cheques to me made payable to "Ovarian Cancer Action". I will keep you up to date with our fundraising progress.

May I take this opportunity to express my thanks for all the lovely cards and gifts I have received. I feel very fortunate to have your kind and generous support at this time, which is much appreciated.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity of sharing this year with you. I look forward to meeting you as already planned in my diary and I hope many more of you will be in touch very soon, as I am always happy to join you. It doesn't have to be for a special occasion.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and POSITIVE Tangent year!

JAN DOWLING - National President 2011-12



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 PRESIDENT'S DIARY DATES 2011-2012

June 2011

Mon 6 Bootle and Crosby TC
Tues 7 Eddisbury TC 30th Anniversary
Wed 8 Tettenhall TC 37th Birthday
Sat 11 RT Family Meeting
Thurs 16 GBH Jersey Meeting
Fri 17 Exec Meeting
Sat 18 Northern Regional Luncheon Chester

July 2011

Fri 1 Llantwit Major 41 Club 30th Anniversary
Tues 5 Newbury TC
Wed 6 Towcester Friendship Evening
Thurs 7 Southend TC Friendship Evening
Fri 8 - Sun 10 41 Club Exec Meeting Brighton
Sat 16 RT Family Club Meeting
Sun 17 Rededication at National Arboretum
Tues 19 Dunmow and District Friendship Evening

August 2011

Thurs 25 - Sun 28 LCI Conference Hamburg

September 2011

Sat 3 President's Charity Lunch
Sat 17 Scottish Regional Luncheon
Sat 24 LC 75th Anniversary Ball
Fri 30 Exec Meeting

October 2011

Sat 1 South West Regional Luncheon
Wed 5 Stourbridge TC
Wed 12 Altrincham and Ringway TC 40th Anniversary

November 2011

Sat 5 Broadland TC 30th Anniversary
Thurs 10 Portsmouth and Southsea 50th/Marlow TC
Fri 11 Exec Meeting
Sat 12 South East Regional Luncheon
Sun 13 Cenotaph
Sat 26 Leamington Spa and District 40th

January 2012

Thurs 12 - Sat 14 Keresley Ex Meeting
Thurs 19 Kingsbridge TC 40th Anniversary
Sat 21 Private Function
Sat 28 Todmorden TC 40th Anniversary

February 2012

Fri 24 Exec Meeting
Sat 25 Midlands Regional Luncheon

March 2012

Sat 10 Irish Regional Luncheon
Mon 12 Southampton XLI TC 60th Anniversary
Wed 14 Kingsbridge 40th Anniversary
Sat 17 41 Club Ladies Night TBC
Sat 24 President's Ball TBC

April 2012

Thurs 12 - Sun 15 Denmark TC NAGM
Thurs 26 - Sun 29 Jersey Conference

INTRODUCING VICE PRESIDENT SUE

Well, here I am writing my first article for the magazine as National Vice-President. It's a wonderful feeling and I'm very proud to have been elected.

Ipswich was my first 41 Club Conference and what a memorable one. Thanks to everyone for making me so welcome. I have to say a big 'thank you' to the 'coach party girls' which included my own Tangent, Fareham. They travelled to the AGM and back on Saturday just to support me. I'm extremely grateful. Also thanks to everyone who sent greetings and best wishes.

I am looking forward to working with Jan and the rest of the Exec. A year of listening and learning. I'm now responsible for

regalia so I'm ready and waiting for your orders. As I'm a new kid on the block your patience would be appreciated.

I hope to meet up with many old friends and make many new friends throughout the year so please come and say 'hello'. May I ask if anyone took photos at Ipswich which included me, could you please share them with me. I would like to start my scrapbook as soon as possible.

Yours in continued friendship

SUE MARLOW



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SECRETARY TERRIE'S NOTEPAD

The 41 Club and Tangent teams worked very hard for two years to make the Conference and Tangent Day special. With a few exceptions their hard work paid off. The AGM was exciting with about 300 ladies attending and 100 voting delegates. All the executive recommendations were passed except 10.6 about the service Award. More information on the web site.

Sue Marlow was elected as Vice President. Sue is looking forward to meeting everyone. Sue Hill was elected as our first Editor and Website Coordinator. She will be chasing everyone for copy in the magazine and website. Jenny Bevan is taking over the Sales and Regalia role and is waiting for your money! We were sad to lose Jan Mulqueen and Karen Durie from the Executive after three excellent years. Hopefully they can enjoy a little rest now.

Welcome to all new Club Secretaries. I hope you have an interesting year ahead. One of your first jobs was to complete, and return to me, the Directory Details form, so that the magazines, Regional Lunch details and forms go to the person your club nominated as club contact. I have already received very many forms. If you have not sent it yet it is not too late to return it now, either by post or online at www.tangent-clubs.org. I am grateful to those who nominate a contact for three years as it reduces the typing needed! I will be sending out the 2011-2012 Directory, with the AGM minutes to you at the beginning of July. Don't forget if your Club contact moves house or is unable to attend as many meetings as usual please let me know so that I can change the address for the printer.

By the beginning of June, in the pack with the magazines, you should have received the capitation, sales and regalia forms, as well as Regional Luncheon forms for the South West and South East luncheons. Please try and attend at least one Regional Lunch this year. They are a great place to meet past friends and make new ones. I am always looking for clubs to organise future luncheons, especially in Scotland, Ireland and Wales. If you want more information please let me know.

I really look forward to my remaining two years on National Executive and especially the next year with Jan Dowling as our National President and working along side her Executive team.

The National AGM next year is on the sunny island of Jersey. We have no Tangent on Jersey so Gill Preston, Immediate Past President, has kindly agreed to be chairman of the Lunch Committee and is still looking for helpers on the day. Please contact her if you can assist in any way. Gill and I visited the venue last November and the food was great. We are having just a two course Tangent Day Luncheon next year as almost all of us will be staying on the island and will have had a hotel breakfast! It will also take less time leaving time for a gossip before the meeting.

I look forward to seeing lots of members at the regional Luncheons and speaking to many of you on the phone or communicating by email.

Yours in continuing friendship, **TERRIE HEWITT**



TREASURER JUNE'S REPORT

Hello everybody. First the bad news. As you will know, if you were at the NAGM, it was agreed to increase the capitations to £4.50 per member and for individuals, to £13.50 per annum.

Next the good news. I have decided to postpone the deadline for submission of the capitations to 31st August (from 31st July). This is for a one year experiment only, I would add.

You should have received your capitations forms with this mailing which should be passed on to your treasurer. If for any reason, your form goes astray, a duplicate can always be downloaded from the Tangent website.

I have asked treasurers if they would be kind enough to write their club name and number on the back of the cheques. Many people already do that and it has been very helpful, where the name of the club isn't apparent from the face of the cheque.

I have also suggested writing your address on the back of the envelope in case of non delivery. At least it should get back to you and we won't both be left wondering why it hasn't arrived.

Please don't bother to use first class post (I am sure your capitations will be on time) but don't forget that if you use an oversize envelope, postage now depends not only on the weight but also on the size of the envelope.

As always, capitations should be paid for each member, even if they are also members of other clubs.

I love receiving emails from members. But please do put some mention of "Tangent" in the subject box. As I have mentioned before, this can cause problems, because without this, the sometimes strange or amusing email addresses cause the mail to end up in Spam – at least on my system it does.

Treasurers, I know it's a bore, but if you are paying your capitations at the same time as ordering regalia, could you please send separate cheques? As you know, all the officers work from home (we don't have paid staff lurking somewhere within Marchesi House) and we all live in different parts of the country, so it just causes delay and extra administrative work to have get payments to the right person.

Now you didn't think I could get away without some mention of the old perennial, insurance, did you?

Recently, there have been one or two very late claims on the insurance policy. Would you please note that claims should be made within 30 days of the loss becoming apparent.

YICF - **JUNE BODEN**



OUT & ABOUT

with President Gill



KETTERING TANGENT 318

Gill was delighted to join Kettering Tangent for their 5th annual friendship evening. The speaker was local man Peter Barratt whose great grandmother was Alice Hawkins, a suffragette from Leicester. He gave a signed copy of a book he helped to write about her to Gill as a reminder of her visit.
Left - Right: Nat President Gill, Dorothy Brawn (dressed as Alice) Kettering Chairman Lesley Johnson and Peter Barratt



HARROGATE TANGENT 330 HAVE A FUN EVENING!

A highlight of the year for Harrogate Tangent was the Fun and Friendship Evening which we hosted on 16 November at the Millstones between Harrogate and Skipton. 42 ladies representing Tangent clubs from around our area took part in a light-hearted evening of chatter and competition. Between the renewal of old friendships and the forming of new bonds, teams tackled quizzes, took part in charades and tried to guess how a hundred people might have responded to a range of daft questions. After a welcome supper of fish pie or lasagne came the Creative Round. Armed only with a pile of newspapers, the talented achieved amazing feats of creativity and construction. As you can see from the pictures, the hats were worthy of Ascot – and we could hardly believe that that court shoe was made entirely of folded paper. We were especially pleased and privileged that the President, Gill Preston, joined us for the evening. She gamely accepted the unenviable task of judging and spoke to us stirring about the future of Tangent. At the end of the evening one group won – that didn't seem important – and Baildon Tangent offered to host next year's event – that certainly did. And there was a final round of Bingo, which (after weeks of contrivance) we all won – leaping to our feet and shouting "Fun and Friendship" with enthusiasm.



DUNSTABLE AND DISTRICT TANGENT 378

Gill visited Dunstable and District Tangent for their open evening on March 3rd. The speakers were Pete Langford and Butch Baker of the Baron Knights, who talked about their experiences during many years in show business. Also in the photo are the joint chairmen - Marion Curtis and Chris Jones.



BUSHEY & OXHEY 441

8th February - Games evening where Gill presented a trophy for the tiddly-wink competition



SEIDON TANGENT 387

7th February - An at home lunch.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MASKED CHARITY BALL

On Saturday 2nd April, National President Gill held a Masked Charity Ball at the Leicester Marriott Hotel in support of her Charity – young carers in The Princess Royal Trust for Carers. This followed on from the other main fund raising event earlier in her year – a Ladies Luncheon - both events organised by members of the Round Table Family in Market Harborough.

All 4 National Presidents, Gill, Malcolm, John and Naomi, were at the Ball along with well over 100 other guests who partied the night away but also raised in region of £1,600 for the Charity.



Gill says "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended the Masked Ball and to those individuals and businesses who donated prizes or sponsorship, all of whom were vital in making the Ball the success it was.

My special thanks go to those members of the Round Table Family in Market Harborough who have spent time during the last year around my dining table organising both the ladies lunch and masked ball - we have shared a few laughs, tense moments and the odd glass of wine. Thank you".

PRESIDENT GILL AND RALPH MEET PRINCESS ANNE

National President Gill and husband Ralph attended a Royal reception held on March 29th for supporters of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers.



I.P.P., MEMBERSHIP, INTERNATIONAL - GILL PRESTON



Wow Ladies! Congratulations for the support you gave to the National Association of Tangent Clubs by attending the lunch and National AGM in such large numbers.

A year of 'Friendship and Fun'. A year of opportunities and experiences for me, made possible by the invitations received to join Tangents where friendships have continued and I have also made a lot of new friends. All my visits have been memorable, whether eating a fish and chip supper on a January evening at someone's house in Hinckley or one of 175 celebrating Shrewsbury's 50th. My visits have been even more special when I have chartered a new club or inducted a new member into Tangent. There are many future Tangent members out there - we just have to find them and show them Tangent is for them. As membership officer for 2011-2012 I will do my best to find them and increase our membership number.

Foreign travel has featured as part of the year with visits to Denmark for their National AGM and also LCI in Bruges. The Executive recommendation of the Memorandum of Understanding was carried, so in my role as International officer 2011-2012 I will continue to strengthen and develop our international links hoping to report that other Tangent countries have signed this agreement with us.

The number of times I have said the words 'Round Table Family' I can't imagine, but I have continued to promote Tangent as an important member of this family working alongside Malcolm, John and Naomi and it was an honour to join them and members of the 'family' at the Cenotaph. A memory never to be forgotten.

My charity 'Young Carers', part of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, has benefited from the generosity of so many of our members and friends. To date I have raised in excess of £13,500 and will give a final figure in the next edition. During the year I made visits to support centres to see the work that goes on and also to meet and talk to some young carers. As one of my last events as National President I was privileged to meet HRH The Princess Royal who is

Patron and hear her speak passionately about the charity.

So many opportunities, so many experiences, so many memories because I am a member of this wonderful National Association of Tangent Clubs and you as members have allowed me to enrich further my 'Tangent Life'. At every opportunity I have aimed to promote Tangent and increase people's awareness of Tangent. To my own club Market Harborough 224 I hope I have represented you well because you have been part of this year with me.

To all Tangent members thank you for being members for taking an active part in your club by organizing or attending a meeting or by taking office. For those who go the extra mile and organize Regional lunches so we can share our 'friendship and fun', well done. And to those who support national events through attendance, stewarding etc, especially the Ipswich Tangent Day committee and all their volunteers. To those who take on the role of voting delegate so your club has a voice, thank you. To our members who have shared their friendship with me and their homes thank you.

To Ralph Preston a very big thank you for your encouragement to stand for national and your support this year. To 'Team Tangent' well done and thank you. To Joan Crabtree who I will always remember asking the question in my kitchen, 'have you thought of standing for national?'

A sad goodbye to Karen and Jan but a big welcome to Jenny, Sue and Sue.

Don't hesitate to contact me via my details in the Directory on any membership or international issues. Keep an eye on the web for details as well as the Tangent News.

Yours in Continued Friendship,

GILL PRESTON

Immediate Past President, Membership, International 2011-2012

NATIONAL SALES AND REGALIA OFFICER - JENNY BEVAN



Here I am Ladies – your new Sales and Regalia Officer and I am delighted that you voted me to the post – Thank you.

I am so looking forward to meeting you at Regional Lunches and presenting all the new products and some original favourites from "The Shop". Karen has sourced new products and I have more ideas from yourselves that I need to research. Thank you Karen for your hard work – I know you are looking forward to enjoying some holidays!

Please email me you should you have ideas for new products that you would like to see in the sales shop! There's more on offer at Tangent Sales

Check out today www.tangent-clubs.org and just follow the Link under National Executive Tab..Sales & Regalia officer...Sales Page

YICF, **JENNY**

EDITOR & WEBSITE CO-ORDINATOR - SUE HILL



Hello Fellow Tangent Members, I still cannot believe that the AGM at Ipswich was nearly two weeks ago, and that I am now the National Editor and Website Co-ordinator! I am sure that everyone who was at the conference will agree that we all had a wonderful time, meeting friends old and new and enjoying the fellowship and healthy discussion that it generates. All members of the organising committee worked very hard to make it a success, and I congratulate them on this. Have a look at the photos on the centre spread for hard evidence!

Since I returned from Ipswich I have been very busy putting together this. the latest copy of Tangent News. I have been helped very much by the work already done by the previous Editor, Jan, and this has made it much easier for me to pick up the reins.

Thank you to everyone who has sent articles and photographs for the magazine and I look forward to receiving more of the same in the future. Without your articles,

stories and pictures there would be no magazine, and other Tangent members across the country would not be able to see how we enjoy fun and fellowship.

I am also responsible for co-ordinating the web-site, and I would appreciate your suggestions and ideas. I will be having discussions with David Hewitt, Webmaster, about how we can improve it. Again, it is your, the members', web-site, and I would like to know how we can make it more useful to you.

Please contact me by email at editor@tangent-clubs.org by phone 01606 832807 or by snailmail to Sue Hill, The Huntsmans Lodge, Wimboldsley, Cheshire, CW10 0LL.

I am looking forward to receiving all your news and comments for the October magazine!

Yours in Continuing Friendship, **SUE**



Susanne Norager and Jeanett Koch, President and Vice President of Tangent Denmark with Nat Pres Gill Preston and IPP and International Officer Jan Mulqueen.

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is provided by the Tangent National Associations of Great Britain and Denmark. Although Tangent Great Britain and Tangent Denmark today agree with this Memorandum of Understanding it is open for each Tangent National Association, now and in the future, to add their name to continue and develop international links.

- To promote the expansion and reach of Tangent Clubs throughout the world
- To promote co-operation and joint networking at Tangent National levels by means of continued Friendship
- To exchange National Board/Executive members' travel schedules with a view to having one joint Meeting every year, in rotation, at Board/Executive level by the National Associations:
- To establish and maintain links between the Tangent National Associations
- To establish links to and between each other's websites making these easily accessible to all members
- To ensure that the Tangent National Associations respect each other's Constitutions
- To implement and maintain Clauses that reflect the importance of ongoing close cooperation between National Tangent Associations
- To promote and support International Tangent.
- To support one another, at all levels, in any other activities perceived to be of mutual benefit to all Tangent National Associations

All National Presidents and/or IROs are requested to follow these lines of co-operation:

- To visit each other's National AGMs, where possible
- To visit the Ladies Circle International AGM and Conference, a minimum of one person representing each Tangent National Association, where possible
- To extend greetings to the National and International AGMs of all clubs in the Round Table family (Round Table, Ladies Circle, 4I Club and Tangent).
- To extend co-operation to all clubs in the Round Table family (Round Table, Ladies Circle, 4I Club and Tangent) at National and International level
- To promote Tangent Clubs throughout the World

Signed on 16th April 2011

National President Denmark

IRO Denmark

National President GB & I

IRO GB & I

SWEET CHARITY

This may shock some of you, but I would like to mention the 'F' word. No don't worry you're not going to hear a lot of expletives - BUT equally I know there will be consternation from members across the land, because the word is... FUNDRAISING! I can hear the cry BUT WE DON'T DO FUNDRAISING! Well sorry to those ladies of that opinion, but we do! We in Emeritus Tangent, like many others, are very proud of every penny Tangent raises. Be it for the National President's chosen charity, or for another cause close to your hearts. Over the past few years the National Executive have asked you to let them know just how much you have raised be it from a small raffle, or running a marathon wearing pink feathers. The result has consistently been thousands and thousands of pounds. What an achievement!

To those who think they are have done enough for charity in the past, that's fine. Members of Tangent have done much more fundraising than most people, especially during our time in Ladies Circle. All we ask of them is 'give us your blessing'.

As your National President travelling around the country, I heard over and over again about the great fun so many of you had in the name of charity. Also that you made many new friendships in the process. Bonding together by working for a common cause. I personally have had some of my best times in Tangent fundraising, and in the process have made new friendships with older and younger members, which has been great. The first three letters of the word fundraising are so important and says it all F U N!

The girls of Emeritus Tangent would therefore like to present a fundraising trophy to the National Association of Tangent Clubs. A star shaped award for stars! We would like it to be awarded to the Tangent who not only raise money, but holds the most original and fun event. The only criteria being that it must have been reported in Tangent news. You may have raised thousands parachuting in purple, or a few just a few pounds baking cakes. However, if an article (photos too would be nice) isn't sent to our new editor, it doesn't count!

At the recent NAGM Emeritus 900 kindly donated a star shaped trophy for the BEST TANGENT FUNDRAISING EVENT. The first winners were Bishop Stortford 269 for their "Flog It" night.

There are few rules for this trophy. The Club must have raised funds for a good cause and a report published in the Tangent magazine, Tangent News. The winner may be the one that is quirky, lots of fun, not necessarily the most money raised. It will be judged by the National Executive and presented by Emeritus at the next NAGM. A full report of the launch of the trophy at the NAGM 2011 is on the website. So time to start planning if you wish to win the trophy!

We would like the National Executive to be the judges, and the award presented by a member of Emeritus Tangent annually at the N.A.G.M. Our aim is for this trophy to be a continued acknowledgement and celebration of all the fundraising achieved in the name of Tangent. Sweet Charity!

Janis Attwell

Past National President 2006/07

Emeritus 900 Tangent Chairman



I N T E R N A T I O N A L N E W S

TANGENT INDIA GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH



National President of Tangent India Reeti Roy chartered two New Clubs at the same time on Saturday 2nd April. It was the final of the cricket World Cup, not a good day for business in India but the 41 Club Area Meeting was on and we were part of a gala evening. I'm glad to say it was an informal but dignified ceremony and went off very well,

These two Clubs have strengthened our organization by more than 20 members and are a wonderful mix of young energetic women and older professional ladies, past Circlers. Two more Clubs are hoping to be chartered in the month of May.

A NEW TANGENT CHARTERS AT THE AGM TANGENT DAY LUNCH

The Tangent committee that organised this year's conference at Ipswich enjoyed the experience so much that they decided to form their own new club! The new Tangent, Eastern Delights, was chartered during the Lunch by National Membership Officer Jan. Members include Lin Cammiss (Chairman), Sue Roach, Chris Smith, Gloria Mackenzie and Gill Preston.





IPSWICH AGM

President Gill and her husband Ralph were entertained at a Reception at the Mayor's Parlour



National Secretary Terrie, Barbara (wife of 41 Club IPP Richard) and National Treasurer June appear to be having a good time!



Land of Hope and Glory



Thursday evening Welcome Party - comedian amuses us with tales of Ips'ich



Jerusalem



Gill exchanged banners and handy Tangent bags with our International visitors



Entertainment at the President's Banquet



The emergency exits are located...



Jan Mulqueen meets the Mayor of Ipswich



Full of Eastern Promise



& CONFERENCE



President Gill addresses 41 Club AGM



The girls glitz it up!



Gill and 41 Club President Malcolm present a cheque to Ocean Youth Trust aboard James Cook



Old Japan comes to Ipswich - On an Eastern Promise



Friday evening President's Banquet



Friday Evening band



Voting takes place at the AGM - Can you spot the candidates for office?



Is this your worst nightmare!

SADDLEWORTH TANGENT 60 FRIENDSHIP EVENING

On March 9th at The White Hart, Lydgate, Saddleworth Tangent ran their annual Friendship Evening.

The evening was a huge success with around 130 people attending, including many Tangent Clubs and guests from other organisations. We enjoyed a good meal, during which a Young Magician of the Year 2009-2010 entertained us.

This was followed by an interesting talk by our local international impresario Stuart Littlewood. We were surprised by the guest singer who has been adopted by the English Cricket Team to be their performer before matches. This was a great treat and all the audience were taken up by his talent.

We gave the raffle proceeds of £500 to the speaker for his charity, MAHDLO, which is a new national charity for the youth of the area.

We were pleased to see our National President Gill amongst us and we made a donation to her charity, Young Carers.

In the picture, Gill Preston – National President, Stuart Littlewood - Speaker and Christine Bowden – President Saddleworth Tangent



SOUTH MANCHESTER TANGENT 905 ENJOY A NIGHT IN!

For Comic Relief 2011 one of our members Violet Barrow planned a Tangent fund raiser. We were all invited to attend a Come Dine With Me evening and instructed to 'Wear something funny for money', or alternatively something Red.

Three members offered to prepare and serve starters, main course and pudding with a red theme – the rest of us had the hard task of voting for our favourite course. We then paid what we felt was the 'going rate' for the food we were enjoying.

During the evening we bought wine (red or pink of course) to wash the food down, bought raffle tickets and entered a 'strike a pose' competition

We raised £200 and as the picture shows had great fun doing it!! – have you ever tried eating and drinking with those red noses on?!!



WELCOME TO DUNBAR AND DISTRICT TANGENT 919

Immediate Past President and Membership Officer Jan Mulqueen had the pleasure of chartering our latest Club Dunbar and District in March. Their Circle had closed and they wanted to continue to enjoy the friendships made whilst in Ladies Circle especially with other Clubs. As there was no affiliated Tangent in their town they decided to form our newest Club.

Shown holding the charter certificate is founder Chairman Audrey. After the formalities they adjourned to the local Indian restaurant for a meal. As a surprise one of the members produced a cup cake for each of us with a sparkler in, for us to enjoy with our coffee. A lovely end to a lovely meal and a sparkling start to the life of this new Tangent!



HOW ONE CLUB IS KEEPING IN TOUCH ...email

In Tettenhall Tangent we have a membership of fifty-four which is quite large by the standard of other clubs — so communication is very important.

We find that our monthly Newsletter is the answer.

We have a Newsletter Editor who gathers all the information and then sends out the newsletter one week before our monthly meeting. She now does this by email to over half the members and by post to the rest.

The Newsletter contains details of all that has happened in the last month and all that is due to happen in the next including dates, times etc. We also include updates on any one who is ill plus (occasionally) deaths with funeral details.

While it takes quite a lot of time to produce, the Newsletter is worth its weight in gold. It means that nobody has an excuse for not knowing what is going on in our Tangent life.

Now with the advent of emails this is proving to be a much easier and more cost effective way of keeping in touch.

Sue Woodhouse - Chairman 2010-11



WHITCHURCH TANGENT 439

Whitchurch Tangent was able to give £500 to charity at their recent AGM. It was divided between, and presented to, the Salvation Army, a local Community Centre and the National President's charity, Princess Royal's Trust for Young Carers. The names were, from the left: Caroline Thornton (Chairman), Kay Casbolt and Kink Still members of Tangent representing the community centre, Major Ian McCriedy from SA and Terrie Hewitt, National Secretary and Vice Chairman of Whitchurch.

CANTERBURY TANGENT CLUB No 93

Clicking Ladies

We recently acquired boxes of old records from Canterbury Ladies Circle, which closed about 10 years ago. While reading through the old minute books we came across this amusing entry from 1955:

"7. The question of knitting during the monthly meeting was raised, and it was decided that in future members should be asked to refrain from knitting while our Guest was speaking"

We all laughed at the thought of the Circle ladies clicking away throughout the meeting and wondered what our guest speakers would think if we did this today!

This is something to think about when negative people are doing their best to rain on your parade. Remember this story the next time someone who knows nothing and cares less tries to make your life miserable!

A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded:

"Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking Easyair" was the reply. "We got a great rate!"

"Easyair?" exclaimed the hairdresser. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste."

"Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's going to be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump."

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe get to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. "You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. But good luck anyway. You're going to need it."

A month later, the woman again came in for a hairdo. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the woman, "not only were we on time in one of Easyair's brand new planes, but it was overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot."

And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a £3 million re-modelling job, and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me."

Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me."

"Oh, really! What did he say?"

He said: "Who messed up your hair?"

Oh to live in England!!!!

My daughter and I went through the McDonald's take-out window and I gave the girl a £5 note. Our total was £4.20, so I also handed her a Twenty pence piece. She said, "you gave me too much money." I said, "Yes I know, but that way you can just give me a pound back". She was puzzled and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the 20 pence and said "We're sorry but they could not do that kind of thing." The girl then proceeded to give me back 80 pence in change!

Do not confuse the staff at McD's.

We had to have the garage door repaired. The GARADOR repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one GARADOR made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said, 'Madam, you need a 1/4 horsepower.' I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.'

I live in a semi rural area. We recently had a new neighbour call the local town council office to request the removal of the "DEER CROSSING" sign on our road. She said the reason was: 'Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'

Story from Potters Bar, Herts.

My daughter went to a local Kentucky Fried Chicken and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.' He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.

From South Oxhey Herts.

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an Irish airport employee asked "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we ask."

Happened Luton Airport

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged co-worker of mine. She asked if I knew what the buzzer was for: I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Apalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?!"

She is a County Council employee in Harrow, Middlesex.



REGIONAL LUNCHEONS



MIDLAND LUNCHEON

"Girls! We have been asked if we would host the Midland Luncheon, Feb. 2011. What do you think?". After some GENTLE persuasion they said "Yes"!!

We found a venue and speaker straight away. Then put it to the backs of our minds. We had 18 months before the event. We went to Whitchurch 2010, had a super day, and advertised our event. Sent invitation details to National Secretary, Terrie and waited for the rush!!!

As soon as the invitations were sent out, we had a phone call from Towcester, "Please can we have 10 tickets". Wow!! We thought, this looks good.. Nothing much happened, Christmas came and went, so did the middle of January. We only had a few more requests. "Don't Panic" said Gill one of my partners in crime "There is plenty of time."

I spoke to National Secretary, Terrie "When shall I start to panic?"

"Not yet" came the reply. Of course I did panic, but suddenly the requests came.

Finally we had a working number. National let us know that Malcolm Lockey, 41 Club National President would be coming.

I started to make lists: Lists of those attending, dietary requirements, Past National Officers, anything that needed doing went on a list!!!

The Weekend arrived! Friday morning saw a group of us going to Eastwood Hall to take our lists and make final adjustments. Friday night we all went to Carole's home to meet our National Exec. We had a lovely evening getting to know them all, great fun. We know how hard they all work for our organisation.

Saturday dawned, it was raining!! It did not matter, we had four wonderful 41 Club gentlemen, with umbrellas to meet and greet our Guests. Our Speaker, Charles Hanson, of Bargain Hunt fame, gave us a super talk, Malcolm had us crying with laughter and proposed the Toast to N.A.T.C. President Gill replied.

We all enjoyed ourselves. Yes, it was hard work, but to anyone who feels that organising a Luncheon is not for them, please think again, the National Exec are very supportive, and will give you all the help you need. As long as you have the support of your own Tangent, you CAN DO IT.

Our thanks to everyone who came, but especially to Gill, Diane and Ripley Tangent Club, without their support, it would not have happened. Gill and I said "Never again" but.....!!!!!!

Jane Housley Luncheon Chairman, Ripley Tangent



IRISH LUNCHEON

National President Gill enjoyed the traditional great welcome and hospitality at the Irish Regional Lunch on 19th March. This was hosted by a Regional group led by Joan Henderson and was held at the Templeton Hotel, Templepatrick.



Tangent Anniversaries



Southport Tangent Club 210 40th

Southport Tangent's 40th Anniversary dinner was held at the Scarisbrick Hotel, Lord Street, Southport, on Saturday 26th March 2011. National President Gill attended and our speaker, who told us of the life, times and ditties of Joyce Grenfell was no other than Past National President Doreen Firth. Our Chairman is Jean Lamb and over 60 friends and fellow local Tangent members attended.

We are Preston and District 904 club. There are only 7 members in our Tangent, so we are small but perfectly formed. As we couldn't attend the official 40th lunch we decided to hold one of our own and attempt some fund raising at the same time! It was well attended by representatives of local Tangents. As you can see we were fortunate that the National President could join us for the afternoon, held at Barton Grange, Preston on the 13th of March.

Our guest speaker was Mr Sean Hughes who is a Consultant Obstetrician at the maternity unit in Preston. He is also Chairman of Baby Beat which is a charity that raises funds to help improve neonatal outcomes. We had a very enjoyable lunch and managed to raise money for both Baby Beat and Young Carers, with a raffle and cake auction. Sean kept us entertained with a gynaecological look at women through the decades of their lives (enough said!).



Preston and District 904 40th

Beverley Tangent 225

Beverley Tangent 225 combined celebrating their 40th Anniversary with 40 years of the National Association of Tangent clubs. Seated is founder Chairman Dorothy Mackley with other founder members



South Leicester 561

Thirty years after the inaugural meeting of South Leicester Tangent Club 561 in January 1981 that was held at the home of our first Chairman, Margaret Walne, she is again hostess for the anniversary meeting (3rd from right, back row)



Peterborough Tangent 806 30th

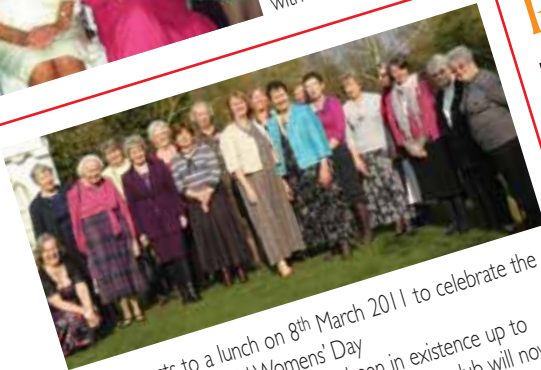
National President Gill and her husband Ralph help Peterborough Tangent celebrate their 30th Charter.



Bicester Tangent 298 40th

The members of Bicester Tangent welcomed National President Gill and seven guests to a lunch on 8th March 2011 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of their Charter, coinciding with the World Women's Day

The four Founder members present concluded that they had probably been in existence up to three years prior to Charter. The President inaugurated two new members and the club will now be fourteen strong



Littlehampton Tangent 602 30th

Littlehampton Tangent celebrate their 30th Charter with National President Gill

30th



41 CLUB

Hello

May I start by bringing you all warm greetings from 41 Club and I must say that I am very much looking forward to working closely with President Jan and her new Executive this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend 41 Club's congratulations to Gill on a highly successful year as President and hopefully a very enjoyable one as well. Whenever I have had the pleasure of attending an event at which Gill has been present, Gill has always been a wonderful ambassador for your Association and can only hope she has an equally successful and enjoyable year as Immediate Past President.

To your new President Jan, I would like to take this opportunity to wish her a very happy, enjoyable and successful year: I can only endorse what I am sure other Past National Presidents have said in that the year goes too quickly; enjoy the moment. If there is anything that I or 41 Club can do to help you or Tangent then please do not hesitate to call me on 07836 593224 or email me on President@41club.org – it is what the Round Table Family is all about.

Yours in Continued Friendship, President Vaughan



LADIES CIRCLE

Hi there!

I'm Vicky, a very happy, working, single Circler from Stourbridge and the NEW National President of the most amazing young women's network in the world. My purpose in life is to spread the Circle word and to have a fabulous time doing it!

Ladies, membership is on the up and we are taking Circle stratospheric this year! We are THE social network and plan on telling that to the world!

We are also celebrating our 75th birthday in September at my National President's ball. It's gonna be the ultimate party, and wow, you know we can party! Don't miss it. Put the 24th in your diaries now, Tangent are more than welcome to join the fun.

My charity for this year is Parkinson's UK because my Granddad died of this horrendous illness. My desire is to raise loads of money and awareness for the only charity in the UK dedicated to research and supporting sufferers.

Watch this space, I promise you it's gonna be a fantastic year:

I ♥ Ladies Circle!!! Vic x

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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.

GUILDFORD CIRCLERS/TANGENT MEMBERS REACH THE MILLION POUND MILESTONE.

In the late 1970s a group of Guildford Circlers were asked by Imperial Cancer Research Fund, the Ladies Circle National Charity, if they would form a local group in Guildford to help raise much needed funds to help support their research into Cancer. Two of them agreed and became Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the group.

Pat Wood, a member of Guildford Wey Valley Tangent has been involved from the beginning. They started modestly with jumble sales, bridge drives, coffee mornings and store collections, now they organize football tournaments, an annual jazz event and even introduced the junior version of Race for Life, Little Legs for Life. Pat and her friends never imagined they would break the £1m barrier all those years ago. To mark the milestone they were featured in the Surrey Advertiser.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS WITH A SIMILAR STORY TO PAT'S – THE EDITOR WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

MORPETH TANGENT 334

Morpeth held their February meeting at Black Door Restaurant. Deborah Haynes Millinery delighted us with an interesting talk, but more importantly brought a hat for everyone. 16 Tangent members, 16 different styles and colours! It was amazing how Deborah fitted the correct style of hat to each person. They were even colour coordinated! No wonder she has such a successful business.



PASSING FRIENDS



- June Rathmell - Farnham 469
- Isabel Jones - Waterlooville and District 523
- Roswitha Pipe - Ditta - Bexley 25
- Joan Purslow - Walsall 9
- Joan Fearn - Leamington Spa and District 243
- Jill Walls - Cambridge 54
- Mavis Johnson - National Sales & Regalia Officer 1984-7, Bramhall 176
- Norma Couchman - National Treasurer 1976-80
- June Dyer - Gosport 174

June Rathmell

President 1984-85

Farnham Tangent 469

Very sadly Farnham Tangent 469 has to announce the death of June Rathmell, after a short illness. June joined Farnham Ladies Circle in 1971, was Chairman in 1976-77 and then President in 1984-85. She went on to become a founder member of Farnham Tangent in May 1978 and remained a member until our last AGM in April 2010. June had lots of other interests including bridge, and she belonged to a local wine society. June died on Tuesday 21 December 2010 aged 71 and will be much missed by her family and many friends.

Sadly our Mum, Brenda Jaggard, died unexpectedly in January. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the many cards, letters and donations received from Tangent members past and present. Thank you so much for all the thoughtful words and special memories of Mum. It is a great comfort to know how well liked and respected Mum was and that she will be remembered fondly by so many.

Mum was a member of Ladies Circle and Tangent for many years. She loved the meetings and the business side and also all the fun and the good friendships that developed over the years – Thank you to a very special club!

With best wishes, Annette and Anthony Jaggard

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.



Please send your articles and (digital) photos for Issue 63 by 20 September 2011.

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Club reports of no more than 150 words would be appreciated.



National President Jan would like to invite you all to join her for a Ladies Charity Lunch in aid of Ovarian Cancer Action

on Saturday 3 September 2011.

This will be held at the Millstones Restaurant, Skipton Road, Felliscliffe, Harrogate HG3 2LT.

Please bring your sisters, daughters and girlfriends. Enjoy beautiful Nidderdale, local produce, friendship and fun. Further information on our website or from Jan .

Tickets £25 each

Guest speaker Maria Glot from Saltaire Village.



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