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# Tangent

# NEWS



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JANIS ATTWELL for ISSUE 50, by 7 May 2007

# President's *report*

It's time to get the hat out of the box, glad rags on, and may I even suggest an excuse to buy that new outfit – sale or no sale bargain! Yes, by the time you will be reading this, the National Conference and specifically our Tangent Day Luncheon and AGM will be just around the corner! Obviously I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Newcastle. It will be a chance to catch up with friends old and new, that I have met on my travels. Hopefully I will also get the opportunity to at least say “hello” to some Tangent members I've not managed to meet so far. However, I must admit that there will also be more than a little sadness as my very special year has come to an end.

But hey girls not just yet! As you can see my diary is pretty full for the next couple of months; so lots of lovely events, especially the Midlands and Irish Regional Luncheons. I am determined to cherish all the friendship and fun, that I am sure will be at the heart of every occasion I have been invited to. It is a fantastic feeling to know that wherever I go, I will be welcomed with open arms and before very long, be made to feel just like ‘one of the girls’. This is what is so very special about Tangent.

Already Christmas and the New Year seem light years away, as do the many lovely friendship and cluster meetings I attended in November, December and January. One very special event was the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph in London. The complete silence of so many thousands of people, the very moving service, and to be part of the official parade, will stay with me

forever. This was the first year that the Tangent National President had been invited, by the Presidents of Round Table and 41 Club, to join this privileged event, and I was truly honoured to do so.

I also attended a very prestigious ‘Women of Influence’ Luncheon, held by the Wellbeing of Women (WOW) Charity. With a complete focus on all women's health issues, I feel we in Tangent can strongly relate to them. In the last issue of Tangent News there was an article about the very successful charity lunch my dear friend Lorraine Hurley and I organised together with Farnham Tangent. So many of you all over the country, have asked after her. Tragically, in the autumn, Lorraine's ovarian cancer returned with a vengeance and she died on 29 November, aged 51. Undoubtedly the saddest thing I have had to do as National President was to speak at her funeral. I also read the poem



‘Options’ from the obituary page of our website; it gave comfort to a great many people.

On a happier note I am delighted that we have a candidate for Vice President next year. There is still a great opportunity for someone to stand for National Treasurer. If you enjoy working with figures, and even just think you might be interested, please give me a call, and I can tell you how special it is to be a member of the National Executive!

Looking forward to seeing you in Newcastle.

*Yours In Continued Friendship*

*Jamie*

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Time flies when you're having fun! This year has been so enjoyable. The Regional Lunches, social evenings and warm hospitality have been such a joy. Thank you to all our members who worked so hard to ensure the success of all these events. The delivery time on Regalia orders is now eight weeks so I hope you have all made your orders for this year. I will try to get late orders through to you but can't promise delivery for your AGM if you are very late. I have enjoyed chatting to some of you whilst processing the Regalia orders and I hope to meet up with you in my year of office. I am now planning my travels for my Presidential Year.

Because of my geographical location I will need to be well organised, so should you like me to visit you for a special event, please make an early invitation. Trying to be sensible about mileage and making each journey count, to save expenses, I hope to make some ‘Regional Tours’. I will keep my ideas flexible and I will always try to get to you on your choice of date but I also would like you to consider this new idea. I shall try to travel through different areas on my ‘way to’ and ‘returning from’ Regional Lunches and I shall travel in adjacent areas to the Lunch Venue when possible. I have tried to include all areas of the country, so do try to fit me in your diary if I am passing your way. It would be lovely to visit those clubs who have not had a visit from a National President for many years. I hope to meet many Tangent friends to share Special Times but I'm just as happy to join you to share a quiet evening! (Is there such a thing in Tangent?! ) If I miss your Tangent night, maybe some of you could join me for coffee or a pub lunch when I'm on my travels. I'm really looking forward to meeting you; don't let the fact that I live on the Isle of Man worry you. Have SAT. NAV. WILL TRAVEL!

**YICF JOAN**



# Secretary's Notepad



As my final year as National Secretary draws to a close I am busily preparing for the Tangent Day Luncheon and NAGM to be held in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on 14 April 2007, I hope to see many of you there. Do remember that it's not only a day for a wonderful Luncheon but also an arena to put forward points of view. So come and join us - further details can be found in this mailing.

So far, I am pleased to say that I have received a nomination for National Vice President but the position of National Treasurer remains unfilled. Please give it some thought. It's not too late and we'd love to have you on the Executive team.

To ensure that an accurate Directory can be produced this summer, and that your club receives future mailings, please be sure to return the Directory Details form for the year 2007/2008 as soon as the information is available. Post to Gill Young, the new National Secretary from April onwards, or

on-line on the Tangent Website at [www.tangent-clubs.org](http://www.tangent-clubs.org).

I would like to thank all the Clubs and home hosts involved in the Regional Luncheons this past year and although the future for luncheons is looking healthy, I would still love to hear from any clubs willing to organise a luncheon.

How quickly the past four years on the National Executive have passed. It has been a wonderful time, with so much fun and friendship and I thank you all for allowing me the privilege of being your National Secretary for the past three years. Naturally, over this time there have been some difficult moments, the most recent being in December last year. National Treasurer, Barbara Whale and myself attended Milton Keynes Small Claims Court to defend the National Executive's decision to dispense with the services of the claimant, Rod Edward Markley. The verdict was that the claim against the National Association be dismissed.

*It has been a super year with Janis as our National President and it only remains for me to wish Gill every success in her new post, best wishes to Joan and her new Executive when they take over in April and 'au revoir' to you all.*

*Yours In Continued Friendship*  
**BJ**

## A YEAR IN THE BACKGROUND...

I am enjoying my year 'in the background' and hopefully have 'learnt a lot' and will be up to the challenge of working for you as your National Secretary after the NAGM in Newcastle.



I have attended the Northern, South West, South East and Irish luncheons which have all been most enjoyable. I particularly enjoyed being home hosted at these events after our National Executive meetings and I was sorely tempted to move in with Dorothy and Brian in Bath!

If you have the opportunity to host a luncheon or indeed attend, I would recommend you do. It may seem a daunting task to host a luncheon, but the fellowship and friendship your club will experience seems to be a rejuvenating experience - and we could all do with some of that! It is amazing how sitting on a table of 10/12 Tangent members can result in firm friendships.

Thank you to the National Executive, in particular President Janis and Secretary BJ for their help and support. BJ will be a difficult act to follow, but I will do my best. Communication is so easy these days, so I would urge you to pick up that 'phone, get the fingers in gear with the email or put pen to paper. I look forward to hearing from you and to supporting Joan as your National President in the year ahead.

I look forward to seeing you in Newcastle at the Tangent Lunch and NAGM.

**Gill Young - National Secretary Elect**



There are just three months left of my three-year term as your National Treasurer and this is the last report I shall write - but you will not have seen the last of me! What a wonderful experience it has been, far more enjoyable than I could have envisaged. So many new friendships have been made with a long-lasting desire to see our organisation flourish for as long as possible.

Please remember that to be a voting delegate at the Annual General Meeting you must be a member of a club that has paid its capitation. Some clubs have sent in their capitations but I have not received them-so ladies please ensure your cheques have been cleared through your bank's accounts.

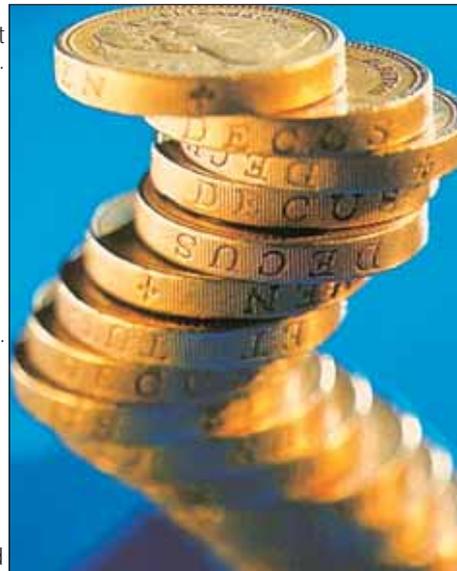
On the VAT front, we have had a very fraught year, especially with the news that 41 Club were able to de-register. We eventually had a visit from a VAT Inspector in December 2006 to try to move things forward and I will report on the outcome in detail at the AGM in Newcastle. The sad news is that the level of our income means we have to be registered.

I was sad to hear that there were no nominations for the post of Treasurer received by the end of December but I do hope that there will be some of you ladies who will stand from the floor. I know that there is more to it than looking after the pennies at Club level and I realise that events in 2006 will have made some of you think twice. The National Executive is a team: you have lots of support from each other and there is a wealth of support from the members of our clubs.

**With Continued Friendship**

**Barbara Whale - National Treasurer**

## TREASURER'S NOTES



## NOTICE

The Executive of the National Association of Tangent Clubs hereby advises members that the small claims court dismissed the claim for breach of contract by Rodney Edward Markley at a hearing in December 2006.



## EDITOR'S farewell

**I know everyone says the same thing but it really is so true - time just flies when you are having fun. I cannot believe this is going to be my last edition of the Magazine.**

I would like to thank everyone who has sent me articles and photos, I hope I have got them in the right order, and my thanks to Podds our printer. They have guided me very gently through the whole process of printing a Magazine.

As April draws near and my time has come to move off the Executive, I shall be sad but very pleased to have been able to join the National Executive and help take care of our Association.

Many thanks to all the Tangent members who have looked after me and sent good wishes - but I must say a big thanks to my Co-editor, Roger, for all his help with the editing and coordination of articles.

Please keep your news items and photos coming, the magazine is only as good as you!

**JUDY**



'Let friendship continue'

# EDITOR'S NEWS IN BRIEF

## WATCH OUT FOR MY LORRY

Sally Reed's son, William, is a member of the Eddie Stobart Fan Club. For his 30th birthday, his mother presented him with an embroidered sample of an Eddie Stobart Lorry. William then sent a photograph of this to the company with a request that a lorry should be named after his mother in the tradition that all Eddie Stobart lorries have girls names. So if you see an Eddie Stobart lorry, registered number PX06 BOF, called Sally, you will know its named after Sally Reed from Lymington Tangent.

Christine Jackson, of Oakengates Tangent 567, has dropped me a line to advertise how wonderful and how comforting Tangent has been in general. Christine's husband died early last year and she feels she could not have coped without the support, sympathy, guidance, laughter and friendship of her Tangent friends.

Ed note: Christine, you are so right. We all need friends to share the good times and to help ease the pain of the bad times.

How lucky we are to be members of our Association which is based on friendship.

We're not all past it !!

Congratulations to Debie Naylor of Downland Eastbourne Tangent (their newest member), who gave birth to a baby daughter Sophie last summer.

Congratulations also to Carina Taylor, of Alcester Tangent, who gave birth to a son, Zach; a little brother to sister Ellie last year.

Congratulations to Sue Williams and Terry Rowe of Wadebridge Tangent and 41 Club. They were married last summer.

**JUDY - Editor**

# Sales

**I hope that by now most of you will know the results of last year's Tangent Notelet Competition. I managed to get the notelets printed, packed and available in time for the S.E. Regional Luncheon in November. Of course I will have them on the Sales Table at all future luncheons and they are available directly from me priced at £3.50 per pack. Please see the sales page on our website. All six designs are beautiful and many congratulations to the girls in Leicester Tangent 152.**

I have more good news: you will soon be able to order our new Tangent rose from Harkness Roses. I hope to have confirmation of the name of the rose and the order forms ready for our NAGM in April - it's something for us all to look forward to! It would be most helpful if you could take a moment during the next couple of weeks to let me know if you would be interested in purchasing one of these roses later in the year (no commitment - of course!!) but just to give me an idea of the possible quantities for Harkness to work towards. Many thanks.

May I remind you all of the 40th Anniversary Badge. These are available to those clubs who have reached such an historic milestone and whose Chairmen are finding that the current collarette is feeling more like a millstone around their necks!! Do give me a call and I will be happy to give you more information. You can take a look at the design on our website. After the NAGM there will be a separate order form available.

On the subject of order forms, I hope to have most of them available for you to download from the website by May.

I hope the start of 2007 has been good to you all and I look forward to meeting many of you during the next year.

**YICF Jan**



# 41 Club

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT

**My thanks to Janis and all the members of the Tangent National Executive for giving me the opportunity of writing a small article in your excellent new-look Magazine.**

Over the last few years we have seen our working relationship with Tangent move even closer as we try to solve the many issues that today's life presents to our Associations.

It is somewhat ironic that we now find that the two strongest members of the Round Table family are Tangent and ourselves, something that we would not have seen happening several years ago.

Our future without doubt lies with Round Table and they act as the feed to all our Associations within the family. To see Round Table this year celebrating eighty years shows that they have stood the march of time and the dream that Louis Marchesi had is still just as important today. Likewise, the same applies to Ladies Circle that have just celebrated seventy years.

I mention Round Table mainly as, in my opinion, we must try and help them as much as possible; they will determine our future. Membership has to be the number one issue and on my travels this is the main concern.

We can help and make a difference, not just by helping to find young men to join, but also helping the small Tables that struggle to have any structure. Over 100 Tables have six or fewer members and we are being asked more and more to help these smaller Tables.

A second way is by trying our own project to start a few new Tables; we are doing this (Feeder Table Project) in conjunction with Round Table. This is a very slow process but I do believe that we must get this project right from the word go. Nine clubs have joined the project and all we are stating is that they must have no past politics or any past history involved in the starting of the new Tables. It will be some time before we can report our progress, but yes we can help Table on this matter.

Another problem is the large number of Honorary members they have (1,400) with a membership of 8,700. Some of these will not leave because they see our Association as just a dining club - words that do not ring true with me. Here you can help as we do need to make certain that our clubs do change to meet the criteria that the retiring Tabler is seeking. I am not stating that we should change completely, but I am saying we should change for our future. Some 41 Clubs have done so and they have either introduced another meeting each month or working with their Table on items such as Community Service and Fund-Raising. As you can see we can change if we wish to do so. It is up to the clubs to determine their future, but we can guide them and with your help through your partners you can do the same.



Finally, we are planning to change our regions to align them closer with those of Round Table. Hopefully at our AGM we will have final approval to make the necessary changes. We have 19 regions in the UK at present, but in each region they may have as many as 60 + 41 Clubs - far too many for one National Councillor. By making the changes we can make a difference.

On that note I will finish, but not without a word of thanks to your National President, Janis, she has been of such great support this year. I have enjoyed working with her and both of us are determined that in whatever we do we must make certain it is done with as much Fun, Fellowship and Friendship. I call them the 'Three Fs'.

Enjoy the rest of this year and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our National Conference in Newcastle (go on give it a go) if not somewhere in the not too distant future.

Many thanks.

***Yours in Continued Friendship.***  
**IAN - National President.**

# Diary Dates

2007

## TANGENT LUNCHEON AND NAGM

14 April 2007  
Venue: Assembly Rooms,  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
Hosted by Regional Committee

## WELSH LUNCHEON

19 May 2007  
Venue: Cardiff Bay  
Hosted by Cardiff 304

## NORTHERN LUNCHEON

Saturday, 30 June 2007  
Venue: Cedar Court Hotel, Wakefield  
Hosted by Wakefield 10

## SOUTH WEST LUNCHEON

Saturday, 29 September 2007 - Venue: tbc  
Hosted by Exeter

## SCOTTISH LUNCHEON

Saturday, 22nd September 2007  
Venue: Leapark Hotel, Grangemouth  
Hosted by C.A.T.S 886

## SOUTH EAST LUNCHEON

Saturday, 10 November 2007 - Venue: tbc  
Hosted by Wickford 179

## MIDLAND LUNCHEON

Saturday, 23rd February 2008 - Venue: tbc  
Hosted by ISIS 870

## IRISH LUNCHEON

Saturday, 29th March 2008 - Venue: tbc  
Hosted by Cookstown & District 559

## TANGENT LUNCHEON AND NAGM

April 2008, Torquay - Hosted by: tbc

2008



# SCOTTISH LUNCH

The Scottish Lunch was held on 7 October and hosted by Bishopbriggs & Kirkintilloch Tangent 511, in the grand soundings of the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld. President Janis and Lunch Chairman Mary Ballentine were piped to the top table for lunch. Mary welcomed everyone as several members of the National Executive had travelled north to attend the lunch. It was followed by guest speaker, Anne Mulhern.



# SW REGIONAL LUNCH

This lunch was hosted by Bath Tangent 804 at the Bath University on a very rainy day in September. However it did not stop the friendships being renewed and new ones being made. Laughter and chatting continued throughout the whole day. A beautiful floral table arrangement seduced us in the right mood to listen to Mary Berry (Cookery Writer and TV Presenter). She told us all about her life as a TV celebrity cook. Tangent Chair Joy Russell, welcomed everyone and Lunch Chair Rikki Peacock said how much Bath Tangent had enjoyed hosting the Lunch.



## Please Note:

### IF YOUR CLUB IS INTERESTED IN HOSTING A REGIONAL LUNCHEON

Please contact National Secretary  
**BRENDA (BJ) BROWN**  
for further details.

## SE REGIONAL LUNCH

This lunch was held in the splendid Royal College of Physicians in Regents Park, London. It was a very sunny day in November hosted by Bromley Tangent 801. Several other Tangents helped out on the day. 41 Club President, Ian Mackenzie was a guest and brought greetings from 41 Club.

Angela Rippon was the main speaker and she was a joy to sit and listen to. Not only does she speak well but also she has a wealth of knowledge on the TV world. Her travels for the Red Cross were amazing to listen to.

Bromley Tangent Chairman Lindsey Hinds and Lunch Chair, Sue Glazebrook hosted the whole event.



## COSTA DEL SOL TANGENT No 1

On 1 October while Janis was doing the Scottish Lunch, I was sent off to Spain to bring greetings from the Tangent National Executive to the Iberian Cluster, Costa De Sol 41 Club.

Their Cluster AGM only lasted 20 minutes and the Costa Del Sol Tangent girls arranged a wine tasting from the local vineyard. Early morning was a bit early to be drinking - but what fun!

As you can see from the insert, I'm presenting Chairman Linda Dann with Janis's gift. Jean Nobles, Doreen Cook, Donnette George, Marie Hyland, Julie Wood, Margaret Menown, and Margaret Loughran are looking on.

**Judy**

*Imm Past President.*



## *passing friends*

We are very sad to have been advised of the following:

**Pauline Clark**  
Downend 177

**Doreen Hepburn**  
Dunblane 503

**Lorraine Hurley**  
Farnham 469

**Sylvia Stubbings**  
Horwich & Westhoughton 612

**Helena Fenton (Tilly)**  
Hutton & Shenfield 666

**Margaret Moonlight**  
Malton & Norton 347

**Jill Gater**  
Newton Abbot 353

**Margaret Williams**  
Rubery 413

**Anne Whiting**  
Waterlooville and District 523

**Mary Bradfield**  
Coulston & Purley 36

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

## **NORTHAMPTON NENE 519**

### ***'REVEREND ANN ON THE TOP TABLE AGAIN'***

**AFTER SO MANY YEARS** it was good to welcome back one of our Past Chairmen, (1993/94) Reverend Ann Slater.

She returned to speak to us giving a delightful account of her life in the Church.

For over 20 years Ann has served the Church. She realised that, initially her life was to change when the priest fell ill. Since then she was four years as a Curate, ordained Deacon in 1995 and then finally becoming a priest in 1996.

**PAT KAYE**



# GILLINGHAM & SHAFTESBURY

NUMBER  
339

In November, fifty two Tangent members from nine Clubs gathered for a cluster evening at The Crown Hotel in Blandford. We enjoyed a wonderful evening of fun and friendship in the company of President Janis. Chairman Kay presented a cheque to Janis for her Macmillan support group.

After several fund-raising events this year, and the very generous support for the raffle, 339 is well on its way to being able to purchase a defibrillator for two of the local doctors' surgeries.

**BARBARA MATTHEWS**

*Secretary*



## WATERLOOVILLE & DISTRICT 523

Our main fund-raising event for 2006/7 was held in November. which took the form of a floral arranging event. It was a fantastic success and was enjoyed by everyone - and was a complete sell out of tickets.

Eleven floral arrangements were demonstrated and then raffled. We raised over £1000 which will be donated to the Rowans Hospice, Purbrook. The photo shows Chairman Marlene Gardeney in front of the arrangements.

**JOAN WALTERS**

*Secretary*



## OAKENGATES TANGENT 567

Members of Oakengates Tangent, celebrated their 25th Anniversary in 2006. The photo shows Chairman Heather (centre in black) with members enjoying a weekend break in London - taking in a show together with a celebratory dinner. Respective partners also attended - they helped to carry back all the Christmas shopping! A thoroughly good time was had by all.

**PAT TOWLER**

*Secretary*



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# 36th Birthday Meeting

# Retford Tangent

NUMBER  
202



Retford 202 was fortunate to have President Janis at our 36th Birthday celebrations on the 16 November. She gave us a glimpse of her life as President and we are surprised and delighted to be encouraged to eat mini Mars bars whenever we feel stressed.

The most significant thing that Janis told us was about her feelings of pride and honour when she was invited to represent Tangent at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. This had obviously had a profound effect on Janis and we shared her reaction to the significance and solemnity of the occasion.

Our speakers were Tom and Eric – a dynamic duo from Pontefract (Yorkshire) who told us about Tom's family involvement with the Licquorice industry at the beginning of the 20th century. We learnt a great deal about the growing of Licquorice - its properties and the conditions endured by the workforce – a piece of social history which needs preserving.



**BRENDA MAYNARD**

*Past Chairman*

# 30th Birthday Dinner

# Exeter Tangent

NUMBER  
421

A dinner was held to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of their affiliation to the National Association on 17 January, at Exeter Rugby Club's new Conference Centre. Although not officially affiliated until 1977, the group was founded in 1963, and five decades of continuing friendship were also celebrated. An extensive display of photographs and memorabilia had been arranged by the husband of a member. It inspired a great deal of nostalgia, and the changes in fashions and hairstyles over the years caused great hilarity!

Exeter was delighted to welcome National President Janis, who gave an inspiring speech, together with members of 12 other West Country Tangent Clubs. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all, and £260 from the raffle on the night was raised for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

In summary, it was an evening of fun and friendship.

There was also a promotion for the South West Regional Luncheon, to be hosted by Exeter on 29 September 2007 at the Exeter Thistle Hotel.

**PAULINE SELLEY**

*Birthday Dinner Secretary*





# City of Truro Tangent

NUMBER  
331

## HAPPY MEMORIES – THANK YOU LADIES CIRCLE

**The City of Truro Ladies Circle no longer exists, but had it continued it would have reached its 50th Charter Anniversary on the 15 August 2006. The City of Truro Tangent Club thought that they would like to celebrate the date – Circle's founder Chairman is one of our members.**

It was decided to mark the occasion on the same date, at the same time and to have to the same menu as at the inaugural meeting. Our Treasurer, Margaret Hindle volunteered to hold the dinner at her home.

Twenty Tangent members sat down to dinner. It followed exactly the original

menu which cost '4/- plus 6d for Association funds' – the cost in 2006 - £4 !! Lots of photographs were brought along and we all had a hilarious evening looking at the 50s fashions.

Founder Chairman. Eleanor Knee, gave a short resume of those early years. Also present was Tangent Founder Chairman, from 1974, Irene Sly. In the City of Truro Tangent Club the enthusiasm is very high and the spirit from the Ladies Circle days is still very evident.

**PAT GOULD** - Secretary

# ACCRINGTON 178 TANGENT

**On 31 October 2006, Accrington Tangent 178 organised a dinner at Whalley Golf Club to celebrate 50 years of Accrington Round Table 525. Many past members attended.**

An exhibition of memorabilia caused much reminiscing and hilarity, and a birthday cake was cut by present 41 Club Chairman, Stuart Anderson, and our Chairman Margaret Cavanagh.

Following the meal, Bill Honeywell, a local man, gave us a very amusing account of his participation in ITV's 'Who wants to be a Millionaire' when he won £250,000 and a good evening was had by all.



Photo shows :- Tangent Chairman Margaret Cavanagh, rear left, Chairman 41 Club Stuart Anderson and founder members of Accrington Ladies Circle Anne Woods, Janet Gilmour, Betty Ashworth, Caruel Lawson, Susan Dawson and Margaret Pilling.



# Weston Super Mare Tangent

NUMBER  
314

On 6 November, WSM Tangent held an open evening at the Golf Club. Members were delighted that National President Janis was our guest. Also present were a number of representatives from other local Tangents, Inner Wheel, Soroptimist and Probus Clubs.

Our speakers for the evening were Paul Temple and Noel Hetherington. Both involved in raising money to improve sanitation, healthcare and education for the 'Luhimba Project', a remote village in Tanzania. They showed us some wonderful slides of the people and children

from the village that they had grown to love during their visits over the past 20 years. The infectious enthusiasm of these two dedicated men and the moving and funny stories they had to tell, made a very interesting evening.

The evening's raffle raised £100 and which was donated to the project. Tangent Chairman, Kathy Warren also presented President Janis with a small gift and a donation to her charity Macmillan Cancer Care.

**HILARY WYATT** - Secretary

**2007 was the 30th Anniversary of the founding of Rubery Tangent Club. Our members enjoyed a day out in September at the Ludlow Food Festival. It was a wonderful day. The sun shone from dawn to dusk. Nobody got lost or drunk or got into a fight, or was sick on the coach home. We finished with a memorable celebratory dinner at the Crown, Hopton Wafers. Our Founder Chairman, Margaret Williams was able to be with us despite being treated for a serious illness.**

Our actual Anniversary date was November. For this we had a special meal organised. During the day we had several power cuts.

Consequently our celebration was within a cat's whisker of being cancelled. Most of us had to dress by candlelight. It was a wonder we didn't arrive with everything on inside out and back to front. We lit candles for everyone, past and present, who had ever been a member of Rubery Tangent Club. The heat and light generated from those candles put the electricity board to shame.

Unfortunately our Founder Chairman Margaret was too poorly to be with us on this occasion. Her part was taken by another founder member - past Chairman, Christine Pearson.

**JANET DUCKWORTH**  
*Chairman*



It was a complete surprise; our Secretary Freda Taylor said 'Tangent is 25 this year'. No, we said, it couldn't be. But it was!

By chance I had become Chairman this year, and I had been the Founder Chairman, so I got to thinking how we could best celebrate this important milestone. How about a dinner with the chaps?

We couldn't think of a reason not to, so then we needed a venue. I am a volunteer flower arranger at Christ Church Cathedral in Christ Church College in Oxford, and they have a lovely room just the right size for our maximum of 24 people. It was free for the night we planned and as the Events Manager of the College is the daughter of one of our members, all was arranged.

The evening came. It was wet, but that didn't matter. We climbed the stairs and just before reaching the Great Hall (Harry Potter fans will know this) we turned off into the Mackenna Room, and our evening began. Champagne, lots of chat, and a superb dinner, was all taken with much pleasure.

Then a brilliant 'Gondoliers' sketch was organised by our Secretary's husband Bob Taylor, (a not-unknown name in 41 Club)! I was duly presented with an honorary degree in Tangentism (written in dog Latin), and kept the mortar board. (Well decorated with plastic flowers). The entertainment was just the right length, and it was very well sung (with only one rehearsal, too) and the evening came to a triumphant close.

Shall we all be around in another 25 years? Well, we shall have to see!

Fun and friendship continue, though. We have been friends for over thirty years thanks to Circle and Tangent.

**LOIS ALLEN**

# PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

ANNUAL  
REUNION

A reunion of PNOs was held in September 2006 at The Cambridge Belfry Hotel. Twenty three past officers gathered, accompanied by quite a few husbands who came along to keep us in order. Past National President, Sue Thomas, had organised the weekend with a little help from husband Howard.

We began with dinner on Friday night; a very noisy affair with lots of catching up to do. Dinner ended with a cabaret from Past National President, Doreen Firth, a real treat.

Saturday dawned with glorious sunshine. Sue had organised a coach trip into Cambridge and a guided tour of the colleges with lunch taken at Peter House. On returning to the hotel, the PNOs held their annual meeting. The main topic of conversation was 'as we had such a lovely day, what will we be doing next year?' Saturday night dinner ended with various officers recalling anecdotes from their time on the executive.

Sunday came all too soon and after breakfast it took a very long time for everyone to say their goodbyes.



It was a wonderful end to a week which had begun very sadly with the memorial service of Gay Hoing - a Past National President and Treasurer. Gay had intended to be with us in Cambridge and she was in our thoughts throughout the weekend and I know she would have enjoyed every minute of it, as we all did. Thank you Sue, from all of us.

**CHRISTINE NICHOLAS**  
*Past National Secretary*

# UXBRIDGE TANGENT

NUMBER  
265

National President Janis visited Uxbridge Tangent last November. The meeting was held in the home of Sue Egleton

( front right ) A surprise visitor from South Africa became our second guest of honour, Nikki Grewar (on Janis' left )

Nikki is a Past President of Ladies Circle International. She spoke to us about Ladies Circle in South Africa and that she is hoping to start Tangent Clubs there. Of course we wished her well on her venture.

Uxbridge Chairman Jill Taylor is sitting on Janis' right. We had a quiz, a supper and a very special enjoyable evening was had by one and all.

**SUE**



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### A GEORDIE WELCOME

Well ladies, we certainly let off steam in Bristol, and we enjoyed a fine Tangent Day Luncheon and National AGM thanks to Jane and her team. Now we ask you to look forward to Newcastle 2007.

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Book yourself into the luncheon and/or come to the National A G M – your forum, your opportunity to air your views, or you may prefer to just listen, catch up on what your National Executive have been doing over the last 12 months. A lot of activity goes on behind the scenes on our behalf, support the members of the National Executive – make our Tangent Day Luncheon and NAGM the highlight of their year and yours.

Nay, don't just book the luncheon, book yourself and all your friends into Conference and make it a . . .

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# Party e 14 APRIL 2007



We are working hard to give you the opportunity to Party, Party, Party. We invite you to the land of the Prince Bishops, come and Bridge the Gap – whatever Gap you want that to be – North/South; old/young; time stands still at Conference and the clocks are all turned back. Midnight never strikes – the coaches don't turn into pumpkins.

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## NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S DIARY

2007



Please note that although all Farnham Tangent meetings are listed, should you have a special anniversary on one of those evenings, the girls in Farnham would understand and excuse my absence.

- 3 February** Ladies Circle Eastern Regional Luncheon, Watford
- 7 February** Derby 22 - 47th Birthday Meeting
- 8 February** Marlow 205 - Cluster Evening
- 13 February** Haverhill 409 Friendship Evening
- 15 February** Northfleet Gravesham 702 Luncheon
- East Grinstead 266 - Dinner Meeting
- 17 February** National AGM & Luncheon Planning, Durham
- 21 February** Farnham Tangent
- 23 February** National Executive Meeting, Hinkley
- 24 February** Midland Regional Luncheon - Hosted by Hinkley 52
- Hinkley Golf Club
- 28 February** Littlehampton 602
- 1 March** Market Harborough 224 Cluster Evening
- 2-4 March** Irish Regional Luncheon - Hosted by Omagh 581
- 5 March** Redhill & Reigate 172 Dinner Meeting
- 6 March** Camberley 277 Birthday
- 7 March** Dunstable & District 378
- 10 March** Newcastle Conference Planning Meeting, Redcar
- 12 March** Cambridge Granta 430
- 13 March** Reading Valley 401 30th Charter Evening
- 15 March** North Berwick 817 Friendship Cluster Evening
- 16-18 March** 41 Club Scottish Cluster Peterhead
- 21 March** Farnham Tangent
- 22 March** Reading Abbey Rotary Club, Friendship Evening
- 23 March** Joint Liason Group Meeting, Marchesi House
- 24 March** ABOTS 889 - AGM, London Eye
- 28 March** Walsall 9 - 50th Anniversary
- 12-15 April** National Conference, Newcastle on Tyne
- Inauguration of President Joan Crabtree

## VICE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

2007  
2008



- 2007**
- 13 April** Executive Meeting – Newcastle
- 14 April** NAGM & Tangent Day – Newcastle
- 4-6 May** NALC Conference – Cardiff
- 8-17 May** Proposed visit to Dorset, Hampshire and South East Region
- 19 May** Welsh Regional Lunch
- 11 June** Whitchurch Tangent 439
- 12-14 June** Proposed visit to Midlands Region
- 15-17 June** Joint Tangent / 41 Club Meeting, Plymouth
- 20-28 June** Proposed visit to Midlands and South East Region.
- 30 June** Northern Regional Lunch – Wakefield 10
- 18-21 September** Proposed visit to North Yorks, North East and Cumbria Region
- 22 September** Scottish Regional Lunch – CATS 886, Grangemouth
- 24-26 September** Proposed visit to North Yorks. North East and Cumbria
- 29 September** South West Regional Lunch – Exeter 42
- 1-4 October** Proposed visit to Wales, West Midlands and M5 Region
- 10 October** Altrincham & Ringway Tangent 237
- 11-17 October** Proposed visit to South Yorks, Notts, Lincs, East Midlands
- 10 November** South East Regional Lunch – Wickford 179
- 11 November** Remembrance Sunday
- 2008**
- 26 January** Planning Meeting NAGM
- 16 February** Presidents Charity Ball, Isle of Man 549
- 23 February** Midlands Regional Lunch – ISIS 870
- 5 March** Dunstable and District Tangent 378
- 8 March** Keynsham Tangent 104,
- 50th NALC and 40th Tangent Charter Celebrations
- 10-14 March** Proposed visit South West Region
- X March** Irish Regional Lunch – Cookstown 559
- 12 April** NAGM & Tangent Day - Torbay

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# A HAT FREE ZONE

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## Vice President Nominee

**Writing about myself has brought back many pleasant memories about Ladies Circle and Tangent. I have always been motivated by National and International events and consequently I've made many friends over the years.**

Originally I'm from the North-East - from the small seaside town of Whitley Bay. I find it quite ironical that I am now standing for National Vice in this area.

### A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME . . .

I have been married twice - my first marriage produced two fine sons of whom I am very proud.

I've moved around many times, having lived in London, Harrogate and then returning to Whitley Bay. Here we opened four retail shops before relocating to the West Country. Unfortunately my marriage failed and I divorced. Then I met my present husband Mike. He's a lovely man - but don't tell him I said so. We have four children between us: two boys, two girls and now five grandchildren.

I have always been involved with meeting people and worked in various jobs as a rep. I progressed to Area Manager for a company where I stayed for 12 years. I moved on to Bristol City Council where I worked for three years in the finance department. In my spare time I also ran a small caravan site.

Mike and I were married in 1982 and as he's involved in Round Table, I was quickly inducted into the Crewkerne

Ladies Circle. I rose quickly through the ranks and progressed from Area Delegate to Chairman to Area Vice and then, having moved to Taunton Ladies Circle, I became Area Chairman throughout 1986/87, in Area 45. In 1988 I joined Tangent. In 1992 we moved to Weston Super Mare where I also joined the Weston Tangent whilst still remaining a member of Taunton.



PAT PAULSON

In 1996 I became Treasurer of Taunton; 1999/2000 Chair of Weston Tangent; 2002/2003 Chair of Taunton Tangent and Secretary of Weston Tangent. In 2004/05 I became Chair of Weston Tangent for a second time.

As you can see I have, and am still very much enjoying my Tangent life and would be extremely proud if I were to become your choice for Vice President.

**PAT**

'Let friendship continue'

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