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NEWS

THIS ISSUE SHOULD INCLUDE:

- NAGM Notification • NAGM Delegate Form
- NAGM Agenda • Directory Details Form • Accounts
- Welsh Luncheon Form • Northern Luncheon Form
- NAGM Luncheon Form
- National Treasurer's Letter
- Proxy Vote Form



NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S

report

It is amazing how quickly time flies, especially when you are having fun. I can hardly believe that I am now on the final run before the A.G.M.

Life has been very busy since last April and I have visited many Clubs and travelled many miles. Once again, walking at the Cenotaph was so humbling but I was so proud to be representing you all. The S.E. Regional Luncheon was fantastic, well done girls for putting on such a super venue. It was funny though when some ladies thought it was Sue Pollard and not Eve Pollard, that was the speaker.

I have had great fun collecting bras for the Air Ambulance but best of all has been the expression on your faces when I have asked you for these bras. The numerous carrier bags I have been given and taken in my car and the thought of what I would say if I was ever stopped by the police. Would it be a bust up?

Whilst I am at it, if any of you have any old mobile phones, these I can also collect for money towards the Air Ambulance.

On one of my journeys whilst on my way home, I came across an accident on the Motorway, the Air Ambulance was called in and their efficiency was incredible. It makes me so proud to be representing this organisation.

For those of you that have given to this worthy cause, thank you. If you have not given please think about it as it is never too

late for a donation. Don't forget to let me know how much money you have raised.

The weather has been so cold during January, I hope that you have escaped this awful flu bug that has been going around. Never mind Spring is not too far off.

Once again thank you all for all the effort you have put in to making me feel so welcome and all the wonderful venues you have provided.

Best Wishes to you all.

Pat.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S DIARY

FEBRUARY

- 4 Derby
- 9 Wellington
- 14 Charity Ball
- 21 Midland Luncheon
- 26 Harrogate

MARCH

- 4 Dunstable
- 7 Round Table Ball
- 10 Beverley
- 12 Warrington
- 14 Irish Luncheon
- 17 Exeter
- 18 Letchworth
- 20 WSM 41 Ladies Night
- 21 Chepstow
- 25 Walsall

APRIL

- 3 4 Clubs
- 18 AGM Southport



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello again.

Firstly I would like to say a big Thank You for all the kind and generous hospitality shown to me since I became Vice President. I have seen places that up till now have been names on a map. It is certainly helping with my geography. As I have no Sat Nav, map reading has become a priority. It doesn't help though that I suffer from the complaint of not knowing my right from my left when driving. A tip for anyone travelling with me, follow the hand not the mouth; the hand knows where it is going.

Not long now to the AGM in Southport. Am I looking forward to becoming your National President? You can bet your bottom dollar I am. Although there are some scary thoughts that come into my mind at 3 o'clock in the morning, I won't let them put me off. During 2009, I would like to visit as many Clubs as possible, not only for special anniversaries but to join you on a normal Tangent night. Apart from being allergic to lilies, feather pillows and duvets, cats and I don't eat fish, really I am no bother (as Tangent members who have hosted me so far will verify).

Jan Mulqueen - Vice President and Regalia Officer

NATIONAL PRESIDENT ELECT DIARY FOR 2009/10

May	2	Sunderland Tangent	Oct	10	4 Clubs Meeting - Birmingham		
	7, 8 & 9	Ladies Circle/Round Table Conference and AGM		23	Executive Meeting		
	15	Executive Meeting		24	South West Luncheon - Redruth		
	16	Welsh Luncheon - Aberdare		Nov	13	Executive Meeting	
	23	unavailable			14	South East Luncheon - Reading	
June	2	Sunderland Tangent	Jan 2010		TBC	Executive meeting (TBA)	
	3	Tettenhall 35th Anniversary			Feb	2	Sunderland Tangent
	6	Private Function				20	Bournemouth 1 - 60th Anniversary
	12 & 13	41 Club National Council Meeting - Bournemouth		TBC		Executive Meeting - Date and Venue to be confirmed	
	26	Executive Meeting		TBC		Midland Luncheon	
27	Northern Regional Lunch - Newcastle	Mar	TBC	Irish Luncheon - Londonderry			
July	1		Sunderland Tangent	Apr	16	Executive Meeting	
	11		4 Clubs Meeting - Birmingham		17	Tangent Day Luncheon and National AGM - Scarborough	
	29		Holiday until 8th August				
Sept	1		Sunderland Tangent				
	19	Scottish Luncheon - Banchory					

SECRETARY'S NOTEPAD

STOP
PRESSES



Here we are again, coming to the end of a great Tangent year. I have enjoyed communicating with you all and am delighted that a new National Secretary Elect will be on board next Tangent year.

Compiling the Tangent Directory is my biggest task after the NAGM and the new details form is enclosed with this mailing. Please complete and return to me after your AGM, the closing date is 10 May 2009. If I do not receive a completed form for those who elected to be Club Contact for 3 years, I will, of course, use the same details as last year, but it would help if you could confirm your details, together with your club numbers, honorary members and meeting date. You will appreciate, if a Club Contact is used it will save me a lot of re-typing. I have in the past announced the first form I receive, so if you want your name in print, post early!

Thank you to all the clubs who have hosted Regional Luncheons. I am in desperate need for hosts in the Midland Region. Please volunteer – it is a great fellowship experience, but how great, you will never know, unless you put your club forward. Give me a call or come to the Midland Luncheon on 21 February and have a chat with me there.

Enclosed with this Tangent News is everything you will need for the NAGM to be held in Southport on Saturday 18 April. If you haven't already done so, please book in using the form on the 41 Club website www.41club.org. You will see on this site a list of the recommended hotels that you can book independently. The Tangent Day Luncheon Form is enclosed herewith. The venue is new and very nice. Maggie Jones, the Tangent Day Chairman, is eagerly awaiting your completed booking forms. I am sure it will be a great occasion.

As you will see from the Agenda, we do not have a nomination for National Vice President. However, it is not too late, you can stand from the floor. Please contact me or any of the Executive if you

would like to consider this position. We are happy to help in any way we can.

The NAGM is, of course, free so you do not need to book. However, if you are a Voting Delegate you must complete the Voting Delegate Form included in this mailing. Please bring this completed form with you to the Registration Desk on Saturday, 18 April and you will then be given your delegate pack for the NAGM.

I have also enclosed a Proxy Voting Form. Please read Rule 7.4 if you would like to nominate another club to vote on your behalf, fill in the Proxy Voting Form and send the signed form to me by noon on Monday 13 April 2009, this will enable your chosen Proxy delegate to receive an additional set of voting slips for your club when she registers on Saturday 18 April.

It would be helpful if clubs would only accept one proxy vote. Last year it became apparent that counting votes was very difficult when someone had more than 2 cards to hold up. The National Executive have recommended that we add this to our rules, simply as good housekeeping for the future.

We have two exciting proposed Resolutions from clubs. I hope you will read the Resolutions and National Executive recommendations and discuss with your club. Please come to the NAGM and make your views known by using your vote.

Don't forget to fill in the Tangent Day Luncheon, Voting Delegate and Proxy Vote Form. The Directory Details form can be filled in by hand or on line at www.tangent-clubs.org. I look forward to seeing you all in Southport on 18 April 2009.

Gill Young, National Secretary

REGALIA ORDERS

**Please add an extra
£1 for orders after 1 Jan**

Many Clubs have still to order.
Don't leave it too late!

It takes approximately **8 weeks** to process an order. **ASK at your next meeting if your Regalia has been ordered.**

When the orders are returned to your Club please check immediately that there are no mistakes on them because if there are and you leave it till the last minute to check I won't have a chance to have them redone for your AGM and someone will be disappointed.

My President's Diary will be updated regularly on the website and will be printed in the Tangent News.

I would like to meet as many of you as possible over the coming year so please think about inviting me along, I will look forward to hearing from you, until then, here is a big hug.



TREASURER'S REPORT

*Dear All,
Well, Christmas is over and we are into the New Year.
I hope that you all had an enjoyable time and managed to keep warm!*

We had our planning meeting recently for the NAGM and it was good to meet up again with the Exec - even if we worked solidly. I cannot believe that I am coming up to my second NAGM, the time seems to have flown by.

Thank you for getting your subs in on time as this helps our cash flow. If any of you wish me to answer any specific questions at the NAGM please email me so that I may prepare a response, this helps the meeting to go smoothly. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the NAGM in Southport I used to visit often as a child as my Father worked in Liverpool for a time

when I was small. If you are unable to attend may be you will be able to make one of the Regional Lunches, perhaps the Midlands one in February or the Northern one later in the year.

Please remember that there is information on our website for those of you who have access and for those of you who do not, please drop me a line and I will be happy to help you in anyway I can.

I guess that that is all for now, so take care and I hope to see you all very soon.

Yours in continued friendship.
Lesley, Treasurer.

TRAVELLING LIGHT

Well where did that year go? It seems like only yesterday that I was at the National AGM nervously waiting to find out if I would be elected as National Sales and Regalia Officer and here I am already coming to the end of my first year in office.

The Regional Lunches are definitely the highlights of running 'The Shop' and I have enjoyed meeting all of you whether you bought something from the Sales Table, had a look at what's on offer, came to introduce yourself in person after talking to me on the phone or just came to say hello. And a special thank you goes to all those who have hosted me during the year. I had no idea how home hosting would work but I have stayed in some wonderful houses with some very generous hosts and I thank you all for your hospitality.

Thank you also to those individual clubs who invited me to bring the Sales Table along to a meeting or event this year. These have been much smaller events in terms of sales but enabled me to meet even more Tangent members and allowed them to see what 'The Shop' has to offer.

The new products which were featured in the last magazine are selling well and I have a few ideas for some more new products. If you have any suggestions for items you would like to see on the Sales Table please let me know – I am always open to suggestions and if you think it's a good idea then others probably will too.

Tangent Roses are available if you wish to order. Forms are on the website or you can telephone or email.

I hope to meet some of you in Southport at the AGM and more of you at lunches and other events in the coming years.

Yours in Friendship, **Karen**



Sales Officer Karen shows us how to travel light. At the recent Scottish lunch she had 'the shop', her clothes and paperwork all in one suitcase!

DIARY DATES

2009

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY - NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CHARITY BALL
Batch Country Hotel, Weston-Super-Mare

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY - MIDLANDS LUNCHEON
hosted by OATS 897, Birmingham Botanical Gardens

SATURDAY 14 MARCH - IRISH LUNCHEON
hosted by First in Ireland 140, Dungannon

SATURDAY 18 APRIL - TANGENT DAY LUNCHEON & NAGM
hosted by Southport Hesketh Tangent 840, New Conference Centre, Southport

16-19 APRIL - 41 CLUB AND TANGENT NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Southport

NORTHERN REGIONAL LUNCH

27 JUNE 2009

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 Continued friendship



'Au Revoir'

FROM IPP

It certainly could not be 'good-bye' from me because of all the lovely friends I have made over three years. I know I shall see you all at Tangent events over the years.

When Janis sprinkled me with fairy dust at the NAGM "hand-over" in Newcastle, the effect was immediate. The three years have been fantastic. What an insight into the "big picture" of Tangent.

Thank you to so many of you for your fun, friendship and kind hospitality. I certainly couldn't have done it without such great support. Special thank you to those of you who took my theme to heart and went the extra mile for Tangent and "MADE A DIFFERENCE".

I must thank the members of the Executive of three years, not only for their support and hard work, but for the fun and friendship that makes this job so special.

This year has been so busy, editing the magazine, updating the website, keeping International contacts and of course helping our members with queries and the best bit, meeting up with my friends made last year.

"What a Feeling!" The presidential year is fantastic. You have to experience it to truly understand the feeling. Memories for a lifetime.

I can certainly recommend it to any of you. We still need a Vice-President for April 2009, nominations will now be taken from the floor at the NAGM - **why not you?** There are lots of ladies in Tangent who care about the traditions and future of the Association. If you have the enthusiasm - **Go for it! Call me if you would like a chat.**

JOAN - Immediate Past President



SECRETARY

ELECT

My name is Terrie Hewitt and I have been a member of Whitchurch Tangent since my husband, David, left Round Table

in 1989. It has been great continuing the fun and fellowship from Ladies Circle, with the people that have become very close friends.

We enjoy lots of activities as well as supporting "Circle" and 41 Club. I very much enjoy meeting members of other clubs in our area, and nationally at conference. In "Circle" I was Club and Area 39 Secretary, as well as Circle Chairman. In Tangent I have been on the committee most years, Club Secretary twice, a role I currently hold, as well as Chairman in 2002-03.

I have always worked in jobs that require me to be organised, have good communication skills and, now, to use electronic communication as well as post. To work as a nurse, teacher and college manager (not all at the same time!) I have also needed a sense of humour. I hope that you are willing to elect me to the role of National Secretary Elect, where I can use all these skills for the benefit of the wider family of Tangent members.

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to be
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SITUATION VACANT

National Vice President
Could it be you?

As the nomination deadline of 31 Dec has passed, we will now take nominations 'from the floor' at the NAGM in Southport. If you are interested, please telephone me for a chat.

JOAN CRABTREE

01624 851748

Don't forget...
WE STILL WANT YOUR OLD BRAS



Sue Bellamy of Brighouse Tangent

In my daily life I own and run a lingerie shop, Brief Encounter, in Brighouse.

I am also a WI President. We in the West Yorkshire Federation of Women's Institutes were approached by Trade House about 18 months ago and asked to collect bras for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

My shop has been a registered collection point ever since and at 1800 bras (approx and still collecting) I am the largest independent collector on their books.

Sue is happy to collect Bras from Tangent members in her area

BREAST CANCER CARE RIBBON WALK

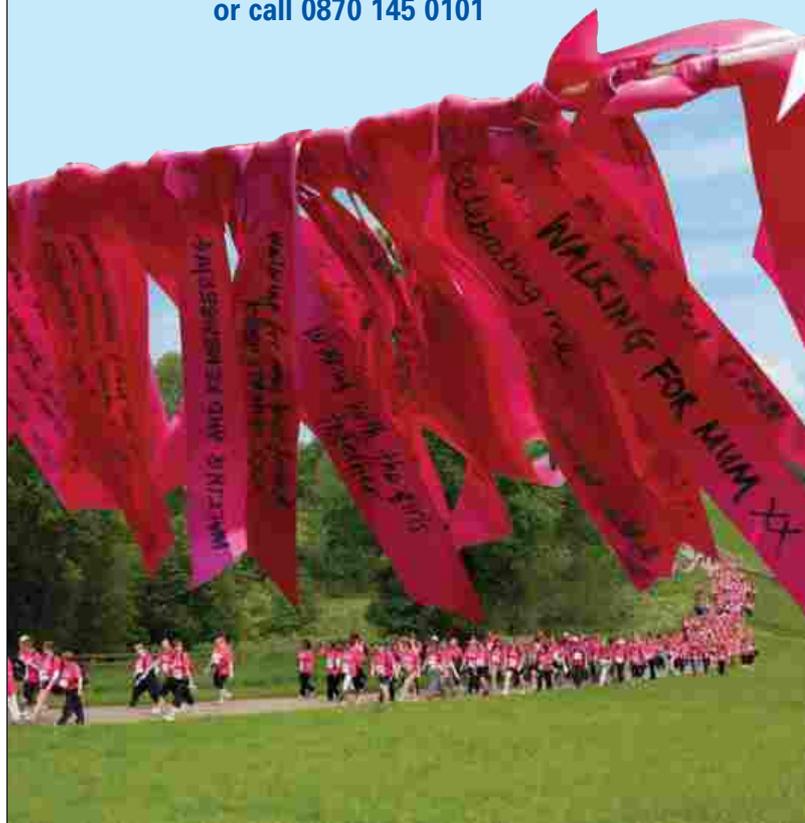
Standard Ribbon Walk

Some will walk it for their mum, some for a best friend, many in thanks for a loved one who recovered, others in memory of those who didn't. Who will you walk it for?

What is the Ribbon Walk?

The Ribbon Walk is a day of fun, camaraderie and achievement, bringing hundreds of women and men together to take part in beautiful and challenging countryside walks. Starting and finishing at some of the country's most magnificent stately homes, you can choose to follow a 10 or 20 mile circular ribbon route. In return, we promise you an unforgettable day with fantastic trails, beautiful scenery and enthusiastic support from the Breast Cancer Care and woman & home teams.

Sign up now www.ribbonwalk.org.uk or call 0870 145 0101



SOUTH EAST LUNCHEON

22 NOVEMBER 2008

WOW WHAT A DAY!

On a bright, beautiful morning, 250 Tangent members gathered at Stock Brook Country Club near Billericay Essex. During lunch we were interested to hear of the work of WOW (Wellbeing of Women), from a representative from the Association.

After a super lunch, our Tangent guest, President of Round Table, Peter Manley and our own President Pat Paulson, addressed the meeting.

Our speaker for the occasion was Eve Pollard, who entertained us with stories of her experiences in journalism. Eve is also Vice-president of W.O.W and lunch chairman Jill, was delighted to present Eve with a cheque for £1500.

Congratulations to our hosts Chelmsford and Chelmsford County Tangents for a great day.



President Pat with the Chairmen of Chelmsford & Chelmsford County Tangents and Lunch Chairman, Jill



A plethora of Presidents



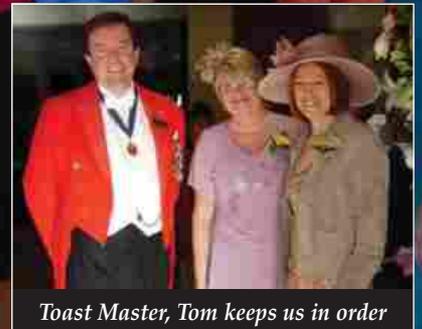
41 Club turn out in style to lend a hand



Guests at the Lunch



Eve Pollard receives a cheque for £500 with a further £1000 to follow



Toast Master, Tom keeps us in order

THE FOUR CLUB FAMILY

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF Tangent CLUBS



UP, UP
AND AWAY
with the Air
Ambulance Charity

Hello Everyone

You may or may not know that about three times a year, our four National Clubs meet at Marchesi House to discuss how we can help one another and to give advice on what we think could be the way forward within our Organisations.

We call ourselves the 4 Club Family. In the past few years, we have realised that by talking to each other, it gives us an insight into each others problems and also gives us the chance to help one another. After all this is what families are for. Hopefully this will give us all renewed strength.

We understand that some clubs within Tangent do not always welcome Ladies Circlers because some of our Clubs only want to have their meetings in each others homes and to have more members would mean having to have a bigger venue. Remember Ladies, these ladies are our life blood and that this Organisation has been in existence for a very long time and long may it continue.

All 4 Clubs feel that 'apathy rules' and we are trying to do something about it.

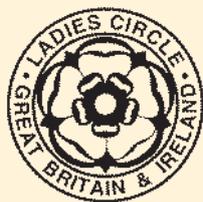
Any suggestions from your good-selves on how to uplift our Clubs would be very much appreciated. Don't think, well, I have done it all, I can't be bothered, I have done my bit.

As you know, our Organisations have joined together for our Charity this year. We are raising money for a very worthy cause 'Air Ambulance' and naturally any donations will be gratefully received.

Yours in friendship. **Pat**



President Pat Paulson invites you to 'come fly and support the Air Ambulance Charity'



What's 'buzzing' in CIRCLE

Well here we are over seven months into the Circling year and what a 'buzzy' time it has been. My name is Lynda Wieland and I have been in Widnes and District 217 for about 16 years or more.

Ladies Circle continues to recruit new members, with over 100 new members registered since June and the news of several circles re chartering. Despite this we still need the help and support of Tangent. Please encourage your members to introduce their daughters and nieces to Ladies Circle so that they can experience the fun and friendship that you did whilst in Circle. Maybe you do not have a Circle associated with your Tangent any more. If you would like to set one up please contact our membership officer membership@ladies-circle.org.uk.

Ladies Circle continues to do well with fundraising and I am honoured to be supporting Tangent, Round Table and 41 Club with the Air Ambulance this year. Ladies Circle are hosting the current International Service Project with over 75% of our target reached in the first year. My presidential charity for the year is Rett Syndrome, a genetic disorder which affects about 2000 girls in GB&I, www.rettsyndrome.org.uk

Thank you to Pat and all members of Tangent who have made me feel so welcome at any of the events I have attended this year. Some of the events have just been like an "old" Circle do. Please ensure that you continue to invite your local

Circles to events so that they realise that Tangent is truly a continuation of Ladies Circle. We have to remember that we are each others future.

Keep Circle Buzzing

Lynda Wieland, NALC President 2008/09



'The Family of four Clubs' lay wreaths in Whitehall in November 2008, What an honour! All four President's lay a wreath for our four Associations.



Presidential POWERS

I did not realise that as President you are given supernatural powers – more of this later.

With two thirds of my year gone there are so many memories, so many places and so many people to thank for not only looking after me on my travels, but also my driver and PLC (one and the same), yes my wife, Moira. One of the pleasures I have had is being able to share many of the experiences with her and she has not been left home alone "gathering her wrath to keep it warm" (Robert Burns).

On the face of it 41 Club is in good heart with 20,000 members in Great Britain and Ireland with membership slightly on the increase. Yes, we have seen some old clubs closing, but they have been relatively small in numbers and been replaced with new clubs that are looking for more active community involvement. We still have an ageing membership and have to work harder at getting retiring Round Tablers to join.

Communication which is vital to inform the membership of what is happening at local, national and international levels, is a problem. With only 2% of the members looking at the website, the magazine becomes the main conduit and we are trying hard to get a copy posted to every member's home.

41 Club continues to grow internationally with approximately 20,000 members worldwide with new countries joining 41 International every year. I have had the opportunity to visit Germany, France, Spain and Italy so far in my year and have always been welcomed by "like-minded people" wherever I have travelled. Many of our clubs have a twinning arrangement and we are certainly helping and encouraging that to grow and prosper. I have made friends for life in many parts of the world through Round Table and 41 Club.

I attended the International Half Yearly meeting in Mauritius in September, where we were royally looked after by the local clubs on the Island. As we were leaving, your President, Pat came up to me and said with no sincerity, how sorry she was that we had to go back and she was going to enjoy another week of sea, sand and sunshine. I replied by saying "I hope it rains" and it did, continuously for the next three days - Presidential Power!!

Thank you to all for making this a special year for us both.

Drew Cochran 41 Club National President



'Presidential inspection' as Pat sits on a seat of wet paint!



Presidents Pat & Drew supporting the Seabird Sanctuary at North Berwick

What's happening in ROUND TABLE



Over recent years the Round Table Family of Clubs has built on their roots and come together to offer mutual support and assistance to each other. This year it has been an absolute delight to work closely with your National President, Pat Paulson and other members of Tangent at the Four Clubs Meetings. I can honestly say that I have made some real friends at these meetings over the past few years and that I am sure that we will all keep in touch for many years to come. I am really pleased that we have selected a joint Presidential Charity in Air Ambulance, as you know they do so much good work and rely entirely on donations.

I was especially honoured to be invited to your SE Regional Luncheon at Chelmsford back in November, I can honestly say that I found the afternoon most interesting, not just because I was the only man in the room, or that I had to address the gathering or even that your guest speaker, Eve Pollard was an absolutely rivetting speaker who kept us entertained for ages - she even took questions from the floor at the end, mostly about Strictly Come Dancing I might add. It was the fact that there was so much warmth and friendship in the room - I could feel the enjoyment of old friends meeting once again and reliving old and new times. I am a great believer that one should always try and learn something new every day - on that day I learnt several things - firstly that Tangent Ladies know how to party (I can still see the 'Circler' in you all), secondly I

now know what a 'fascinator' is and lastly I learnt that Eve Pollard was never in "Hi De Hi".

It is no secret that Round Table and Ladies Circle are struggling to keep their numbers up and we really appreciate the support that we get from our Past Members from Tangent and 41 Club. To help us further, I would simply ask "who do you know that would benefit from membership of Round Table or Ladies Circle?" - please think of us and pass on any recommendations, we do need all the help we can get. Personal recommendations and referrals are certainly one of the best ways to find members and we would appreciate it.

My own Round Table, Portsmouth and Southsea No.2, no longer has a Ladies Circle and we have long since lost touch with the local Tangent Club so it has been an absolute pleasure to get to know you all. To some of you I will always be known as "Howard from Dubai" - but that's another story!

I wish you all the best for 2009 and beyond - see you in Southport, if not before...

Yours in Table

Peter Manley National President 2008/09 Round Table Great Britain and Ireland

news & views

'FAIRWELL' FROM THE EDITOR

Thank-you to all who have contributed to this edition of Tangent News.

It's great to see so many Tangents having fun.

Try the website, log on to the forum and have you say or pick up the telephone

Please send articles and photos, by email or post to past-president@tangent-clubs.org

By 1 April 2009 for the June edition.

'It Was 40 Years Ago Today'

On 26 June 2008 Harpenden Tangent Club celebrated its 40th Birthday on the actual date when the charter was given 40 years ago at The Glen Eagle Manor Harpenden.

Our Birthday cake was cut by Joan Miller (Founder Chairman and honorary Life member), Beverly Walters (Present Chairman) and Pat Paulson (National President). Honourary Life membership was presented to Molly Dymoke and Jean Smith who are founder members with continuous membership ever since.

We were then entertained by "Chairman Alan's 41 Club Band" who sang a medley of specially adapted hits from the late sixties; Molly Dymoke (Founder Vice Chairman) and Jackie Frost (Chairman 1992-93) both spoke on their memories of Harpenden Tangent.

Harpenden Chairman, Beverly, then presented Pat with a cheque for £200 for her national charity "The Air Ambulance".



fun and friendship IN BUDAPEST



Once a year, Waterlooville Tangent and partners (optimistically known as the Tangent Sun-seekers) take off for a City Break together. We always have fun, but in September 2008 we unexpectedly had four days of brilliant sunshine too! Our destination? The lovely city of Budapest!

We enjoyed a cruise on the Danube and a guided tour of the spectacular Parliament Building, as well as plenty of sightseeing. What a difference it makes to see such a beautiful city in glorious weather!

The evenings proved to be another highlight, with an introduction to Hungarian cuisine and wines in four different venues.



AGM COMPETITION

Don't forget to plan an exciting AGM and send your editor details for the AGM competition



SOUTH WEST LUNCHEON

by Bude Tangent
on 18 October 2008

‘...and shall Trelawney live?
and shall Trelawney die?
Here’s twenty thousand Cornish
men, shall know the reason why.’

A rousing chorus of the “Cornish National Anthem” from “Friggin Riggin”, alias the Lifeboat Crew of Bude, who entertained us with local folksongs. There was much audience participation after enjoying a super lunch at The Falcon Hotel, Bude.

Thank you to all the ladies of Bude Tangent for a super day.



‘It seems just like yesterday’

Bradford Fairfax Tangent celebrated their 40th Anniversary on 1 September, with a lunch at Baildon Golf Club.

Chairman, Joyce Whittaker, welcomed 24 past and present members, including four founder members.

Founder member Betty Shackleton was invited to light the Candle of Friendship.

Everyone enjoyed the evening while reminiscing over Happy Times.



FUNTASTIC FAREHAM!

Last year Fareham Tangent's Christmas meal took the theme of 'Pantomime'.

Chairman Sue suggested that ladies should take along a prop or clue relating to a panto. The members must then guess the panto!

Sue also inducted two new members from Fareham Ladies Circle during the evening.

Earlier last year Fareham celebrated their 40th Anniversary and held a Garden Party for 50 people including National President Pat.



Wendy Tovey and Fred Davidson receiving their' tinsel-trimmed badges.'

CHEESE, WINE & HATS!

In July, Cardiff Tangent celebrated their 35th Anniversary.

The club members celebrated at the home of Elaine Gately by holding an evening of fun, wine and the obligatory - HATS

Chairman Anne organised an Anniversary cake, which she cut with Vice-Chairman, Jan.

This was a most enjoyable evening and we look forward to the next 35 years.



Take your partners

Camberley Tangent organised a barn dance, ably assisted by the band Saxon Drain. Such fun, such laughter, such agility, such noise - took us back to our youth! A super evening and we raised funds for the Surrey Air Ambulance.

The photo shows the committee ready to take to the floor.

We didn't raise an enormous sum but it was a delight to see everyone enjoying themselves.



Shepperton *'had a ball'*

A Founder member of Shepperton Tangent, Rosemary Dane in her year as Mayor of Elmbridge raised £13,700 from the Mayor's Ball.

This was attended by Lord and Lady Baden - Powell, Peter Duncan (Chief Scout), Michael Aspel and many others, including of course, good support from Shepperton 41 and Tangent!

During her year as Mayor, Rosemary has raised over £100,000 for local charities, of which £81,000 is going to Walton First Scout Group to buy the freehold of their Camp Site and Activity Centre instead of losing it to developers.



MAIDENHEAD TANGENT

SUPPORT PRESIDENT'S CHARITY

Chairman Paula Farnfield presents a cheque for our local air ambulance.

The Berks, Bucks & Oxford air ambulance is based at RAF Benson in Oxfordshire although the main administration centre is based in Maidenhead at White Waltham Airfield.





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.

We fully realise that some members do not have access to the internet, so perhaps someone in each Tangent Club could be responsible for downloading and printing this very special item to share with others. Thank You.

BERYL LAW

SHREWSBURY 24

SHEILA COX

SUTTON COLDFIELD 7

BERYL CRAWFORD

STAINES 464

CHRISTINA MARY BOLAS

PONTELAND 484

AUDREY FRANCIS

CAMBERLEY 377

BETTY SCOTT

FARNHAM 469

CATHY WHITEMAN

NUNEATON 510 & HINCKLEY 52

ROSIE PUGH

DROITWICH SPA 115

BARBARA BAINES

CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT 838

PRIM'S POEM

This is our motto - the rule that we live by
And as we get older we know
That life may be fragile, but friendships are strong
And will always continue to grow

Ladies Circle embodied the spirit of youth
When we danced and we partied 'til dawn
But Tangent's more restful, and to admit to the truth
We get puffed out just mowing the lawn

We send flowers if a member's in plaster encased
Or to others with new hips or knees
But all of us rise to the challenges faced
And return for the coffees and teas

But life's not mundane, we still venture out
For cheese and wine evenings at Di's
And progressive lunches are never in doubt
Endless casseroles, puddings and pies

Theatre trips, festive drinks - host Brian on guitar
As the spirit of Christmas descends
We all raise our glasses - for how lucky we are
To drink to the blessing of friends.

By Prim Rayner
HALSTEAD COLNE



Halstead Colne Tangent with Prim centre front.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Thanks to those of you who have responded to the Health & Safety initiative.

We are trying to make it easy to implement Health & Safety into Tangent life.

Here is a checklist that you might consider using. Remember to treat this as common sense - you probably do what is required automatically. We recommend in the interest of your Tangent Club and the Association as a whole, that a check list be completed for each event.

This is a precautionary measure in "times of litigation". Let's hope we will never need it!

DATE: _____ VENUE: _____

EVENT: _____

		TICK
ENTRANCE ETC	Entrance, exit and main thoroughfares should be well lit and emergency lighting should be available if needed eg power cut.	
STEPS ETC	Steps, pavements and entrances should be free of ice and snow and any obstructions.	
FLOORS	There should be no wet areas on floors and any spills should be dealt with quickly and efficiently.	
TOILETS	There should be well-lit clear access to clean, dry, efficient toilets.	
ELECTRICAL ITEMS	Electrical sockets should not be overloaded and wires should not be trailing where people will walk.	
EQUIPMENT	Use gas and electrical equipment safely and responsibly indoors and outdoors eg barbeques.	
FURNITURE	All furniture should be solid and secure eg table extensions and extra seating.	
CHILDREN	Children should not be allowed to run around when hot food/drink is being served.	
LIST OF ATTENDEES	If it is feasible, make a list of the people attending your event – some hotels may ask for this as part of their own H&S policy	
FIRE DOORS	Check fire doors are not locked.	
SAFETY INFORMATION	Someone should give safety information at the beginning of the event indicating safe exits from the building. People should be warned not to stand on chairs and tables – organisers please set a good example.	

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