



'Let friendship continue'

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Tangent



NEWS

'COME FLY WITH ME'
THE ASSOCIATION OF AIR AMBULANCE CHARITIES
& SCOTTISH SEA BIRD CENTRE
NORTH BERWICK, SCOTLAND

WITH THIS ISSUE YOU SHOULD RECEIVE:

CAPITATION FORM

REGALIA ORDER FORM

SALES ORDER FORM

BROOCH ORDER FORM

SCOTTISH LUNCHEON

SOUTH WEST LUNCHEON

SOUTH EAST LUNCHEON

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

THE WEATHER WAS SUNNY, the hospitality and welcome superb. The Torquay Conference Committee was congratulated on the warmth and friendliness of the occasion. If you have never experienced one of these Conferences then you should. You would be in for a treat. Well done to you all.

My two Tangent Clubs, Taunton and Weston-Super-Mare excelled themselves at the AGM and I shall sort them both out at a later date!

The new Tangent car was duly delivered. Guess who got a ticket within five minutes of it being left in the car park. Neither the delivery driver nor myself realised we had to pay for a ticket. Anyway it was soon sorted out by Hyundai.

Next year, the Conference will be at Southport; a fabulous venue so don't forget to book early.

It is always a sad occasion when you have to say goodbye to your Exec members. Jan and Janis, it has been wonderful working with you both and you will be sorely missed.

Now we start a new year and it is still sinking in that I am now National President and I thank you all for all your good wishes. I have been inundated with cards. I am very proud to be representing this wonderful organisation. The new Exec are all prepared and ready to go and we shall look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. We have the best interests of the Association at heart and are here to assist in any way we can.

For the first time Round Table, 41 Club and Tangent are amalgamating to support a joint Charity. Unfortunately Ladies Circle has already appointed their charity but are willing to work alongside us. The Air Ambulance is a wonderful organisation and has saved many lives with their prompt

action, unhindered by distance, poor road conditions, terrain or traffic congestion. I

realise that we say that we are not a fund raising organisation but I know that a lot of you do raise funds. Please God that we never have to use them but just in case, give generously. Anything raised can be given to your nearest centre but please tell me how much you have passed on. Their boundary line is up to the Scottish Border as the Scottish Air Ambulance is state supported and for that reason my Second Charity is the Scottish Sea Bird Centre.

Yes, as you can guess, my theme for the year is COME FLY WITH ME.

Now that we are working together there will be a joint Presidents Ball to be held at St. Andrews, Scotland, 13 – 15 June. For details and how to book telephone Troon 41 Club on 07841 675657

Also Weston-Super-Mare are organising a Charity Ball for Air Ambulance on 14 February 2009, Valentines Night, all welcome. Details on how to book will be in the next issue.

Remember other friendships may come and go but Tangents last for ever.

PAT PAULSON



*UP, UP
AND AWAY
with the Air
Ambulance Charity*

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





VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, I am finally coming down from the ceiling. Although I was the only one standing for election at the AGM I didn't want to count my chickens. So I can now say Thank you for putting your trust in me as your new Vice-President. Below is a shortened version of the speech I gave to my given question 'What could I do for Tangent' (full copy is on the web site). I am so looking forward to the next three years and would like to get around to meeting as many of you as possible, sharing views, ideas and the odd glass of wine. This is an opportunity of a lifetime for me and with your help I aim to make the most of it.

What can I do for Tangent – My Best! That was the first thought that came into my head on hearing the question, quickly followed by Listen, Try and Remember. I have spent ages trying to put into sentences what each of those individual words mean to me and how I believe they will help me do my best for Tangent.

LISTEN to each point of view remain neutral or even be the devils advocate when needed. Over the years I have learnt that it is sometimes what is not said that is more important than what is. How many times over the years have you been in the car going home and wished you had made a particular point or had the courage to disagree with the decisions being made. Sometimes it just needs one person to voice an opinion or disagree to open up debate.

Tangent is changing, our membership is getting older and Circles are closing. At our Tangent lunches and at past Tangent conferences I am amazed how few young faces I have seen, when I say young I mean under 55. Where are the 'Girls' I met when I was in Circle? Lets find out why they haven't joined.

TRY and encourage them to come along or open new Tangents. If it is not for them they will have at least made an informed decision.

I asked my own Club what they thought I could do for Tangent and they said

"Try and raise the public's awareness of our organization"

"Remember that just because things have always been done a certain way it does not mean that that is the way for the future" As a past Circle Area 16 Chairman and National Community Service Officer they know I have some experience, I am still full of enthusiasm and will put that past experience to good use.

"Don't change just be yourself" was another comment, so my clothes won't be YSL or Georgio Armani they will still be from Elvi and George at ASDA.

I once heard a Past National President say "That for your three years on Exec you are the peacock but then you go back to being the feather duster. My Club will make sure I am reminded of the feather duster.

REMEMBER that for the next three years I am only the custodian of Tangent and all it stands for, I don't own it. That I have to hand it over in as good if not better condition than I inherited it. And that you the members will be relying on me to make the right decisions on your behalf.

I can't promise to always be right but **WHAT I CAN DO FOR TANGENT IS MY VERY BEST** and hope that that is enough.

JAN MULQUEEN

VICE PRESIDENT/ REGALIA OFFICER



'Let friendship
continue'

Please could the person who orders the Regalia, check that the order form is completed correctly and a cheque for the correct amount is enclosed.

If after FOUR MONTHS you have not received your order PLEASE GET IN TOUCH with me. We only have SIX months from the time of posting out the regalia to get compensation from Royal Mail. Orders take approx SIX weeks to process. The ONUS is on YOU TO CHECK THE RECEIVED ORDER WHEN IT ARRIVES. Please do not leave it until the AGM before checking.



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been a great honour to be your National President and I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of you who have helped me on my journey and given love and support, in so many ways. I must give special mention to my husband and family, to my Executive Team and to the guys and girls of I.O.M. Tangent and 41 Club. To all my hostesses, Chairmen and Tangent members who invited me to join you and to all my Tangent friends' old and new', thank you for your fun and fellowship and friendship.

We had a superb Conference in Torbay, so much fun and fellowship. A big thank you to Mark Fairchild and his team for their hard work. Our Tangent Day was a great success, Margaret Coish and her committee had thought of everything. The room looked beautiful and we had a super meal. New President of 41 Club, Drew Cochrane sent his greetings with a march through of the Exeter Pipe Band. Ooh! the swirl of the kilts! We had a very successful National AGM. Reports and pictures will be on the website.

Thank you to the many clubs who contributed to my chosen charity 'The British Heart Foundation'. Please let me know if you have sent donations to local branches. The total so far is £10,000 and cheques are still coming in.

I am now the Editor of the Tangent News and website. It would be great to have lots of news and pictures about YOUR TANGENT. Please send copy to me in good time. The final date for copy for the next issue is 1 September. You can send by post or email, all pictures must be high resolution and sent as an attachment.

I also look after 'membership issues', do call or email me for a chat if you would like to raise any points.

I am hoping to start a 'Letters to the Editor' in Tangent News (space allowing) and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Friendship **JOAN**

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S NOTEPAD

Wow, here we are again at the start of a new Tangent year - don't they come round quickly? The theory is that I shall do it better the second time round - the first to learn, second to do well and third to enjoy!

The Tangent Day and NAGM were enjoyed by most and the Conference weekend was a great success, thank you to the Torbay Committee headed by Mark Fairchiid and our very own Tangent Conference Chairman, Margaret Coish and her "par excellent" committee. My own club, Southend on Sea, won the large group fancy dress trophy and are all keen to attend Southport next year - any challengers out there?



Welcome aboard all you new Club Secretaries. In the last mailing you will have received your Directory Details Form and I am in the process of compiling your new Directory for 2008/2009. It is not too late to send in your form so that I can update our database and enable your Tangent News and mailings to be delivered to the right Tangent member. All the mailing forms (bar the regalia form) are on our website, www.tangent-clubs.org. The site is well worth a visit and I am particularly proud of the colour coding of our clubs into matching colour-coded regions. With the help of 41 Webmaster, David Hewitt, I hope to go further this year and be able to list all the Regional dubs separately, I am particularly excited about this development (how sad is that!) and I have to thank a 41 Member who brought to my attention the fact that the Club site was difficult to navigate. Unfortunately, I cannot find his original email, (not very efficient, I know), so if you are out there, please get in touch. The mailings, as always, arrive with the Tangent News - there is only one set - so please look out for them and forward to the relevant Tangent member.

Also with this mailing you will receive 3 Regional Luncheon forms, the Scottish, South West and South East. These can also be accessed from the front page of our website. So come along, join in the fun and have a great Tangent day out. I am still looking for hosts for the Midland Luncheon which is held at the end of

February. OATS 897 are hosting 2009 and from then on I have no volunteers, so please think seriously about whether your club could organise the Midland Regional Luncheon and get in touch. You cannot put a price on the fantastic fellowship you will experience.

I shall be sending the 2008/2009 Tangent Directory together with minutes of the National Annual General Meeting to you at the end of June, so look out for their arrival.

I enjoy receiving your correspondence and unfortunately, there was a slight blip last summer when letters were not delivered due to the postal strike. There is no way of knowing if some went astray. So, if you think yours has, please get in touch. Equally, I like meeting you all and during last year I had the pleasure of being invited to Stonehouse 822 and Hutton & Shenfield 666 (that number has always worried me!) and I enjoyed a most delightful informal evening with both clubs. So, I know you are following our motto "Let friendship continue".

My very best wishes for the forthcoming Tangent year to you all. Stay in touch, communication is the way forward to strengthen our Association.

Yours in continued friendship

GILL YOUNG, National Secretary

DIARY DATES

REGIONAL LUNCHEONS

2008

MAY 17 SAT WELSH LUNCHEON
hosted by Mumbles 852
Village Hotel, Swansea

MAY 21 SAT NORTHERN LUNCHEON
hosted by Eddisbury 580
Chester Race Course, Chester

SEPT 27 SAT SCOTTISH LUNCHEON
hosted by Inverness Highland 760
Village Hotel, Swansea

OCT 27 SAT SOUTH WEST LUNCHEON
hosted by Bude 471
Falcon Hotel, Bude

2009

NOV 22 SAT SOUTH EAST LUNCHEON
hosted by Chelmsford County 808
and Chelmsford Tangent 96
Stockbrook Manor, Stock

FEB 21 SAT MIDLANDS LUNCHEON
hosted by OATS 897
Birmingham Botanica Gardens

MAR 14 SAT IRISH LUNCHEON
hosted by First in Ireland 140
Dungannon

APR 18 SAT TANGENT DAY LUNCHEON & NAGM
hosted by Southport Tangent
Floral Hall, Southport

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THIS SPACE**



NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

The NAGM and 41 Club Conference was a great success. Apparently around 300 people attended our NAGM. As I said in my report to the AGM, postage has increased substantially over the last twelve months along with paper costs, so in view of this and the decrease in membership – 545 over the year, capitation will rise by 25p to £3.50 for 2008/9. The capitation forms will be in the next mailing.

There are still a number of clubs who have failed to pay for 2007/8 and Gill our National Secretary will be writing to you shortly to see if your capitation has gone astray in the post or whether you have unfortunately had to disaffiliate due to falling numbers.

I was sorry to see Jan and Janis leave the Exec but it was good to welcome Jan Mulqueen and Karen Durie whom I feel will carry on the good work.

Yours in continued friendship

LESLEY SEVILLE National Treasurer



SALES AND REGALIA OFFICER

I am a relatively new recruit to Tangent, having only joined in 2003, but Graham has been involved with Round Table and 41 Club for nearly 40 years.

My motto for my year in the chair of Wokingham Tangent was "A volunteer is better than ten pressed men (or women)!" and as a result of this I was asked to "volunteer" for the National Sales and Regalia role at the President's Charity Ball on the Isle of Man. I was reluctant at first but then realised that, despite my inexperience of Tangent, it was an honour to be asked.

After the AGM, I lost count of the number of people who came up to introduce themselves to me, so please forgive me if I don't remember all your names next time we meet, which I hope will be soon.

I know Jan Turner will be a hard act to follow but I will do my best to bring you some interesting goodies over the next three years. As the Tangent Rose was Jan's baby last year, orders will still go via Jan for the time being and Regalia orders will be handled by our new Vice President, Jan Mulqueen. Everything else is down to me and the relevant order forms have been updated accordingly.

Have a good Tangent year. **KAREN**

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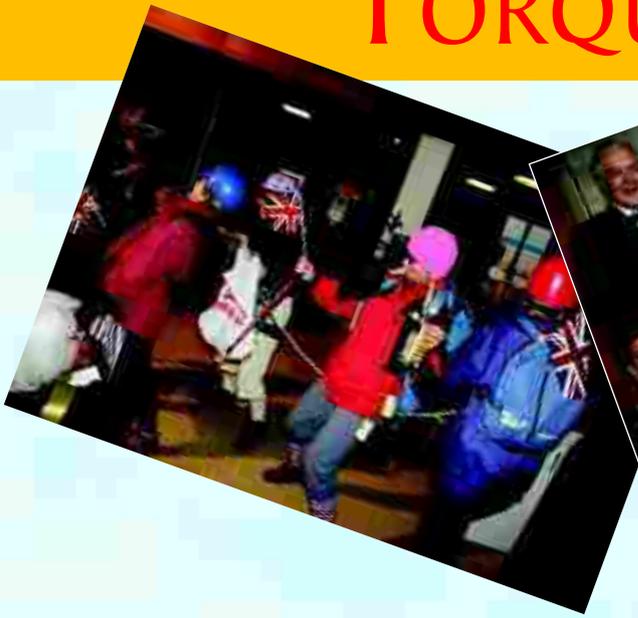


Continued friendship

TORQUAY

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RATULATIONS

to Mark Fairchild and his committee and thank you all for your hard work on our behalf. Conference felt like a lovely, friendly three day family party.

Thursday evening revellers started the party as they intended to continue and after a buffet supper, danced the night away at the informal welcome party. Friday gave time for some folks to enjoy Torbay and for others to put the finishing touches to the preparations for the weekend.

On Friday night the President's Ball was a great success. Wow, we can still scrub up well! We had all the right ingredients for a good party; a great venue, a delicious food, fantastic music and wonderful company. What a swell party it was!

Our Tangent Day, always very popular at any Conference, was a super day. Margaret Coish and her luncheon committee had worked hard to ensure success. Coffee or Bar drinks were served in the Rosetor Room overlooking the glittering Devon Riviera, as we assembled. The 'buzz' and chatter were what you expect when Tangent members meet up with friends!

Over 200 ladies took their places at 11.30a.m. prompt in the dining room which looked lovely with beautiful flower arrangements and special touches. Margaret and I lit the candles of friendship and we then enjoyed a super meal. Janis raised the Loyal Toast and Past National President Doreen Firth, gave the 'Toast to Tangent'. At approx 1.30 p.m. the Exeter Pipe Band brought greetings from New National President Drew Cochran.

We commenced our National A.G.M. promptly at 2.15pm (well done ladies). There were approx.280 members present with 78 voting delegates. I invited Michelle Taylor to join me in lighting the candles of friendship, thanked Margaret and her committee and welcomed everyone to Conference. We greeted all past National Officers and accepted apologies from President Renate of Germany who had sent Greetings.

The minutes of 2007 were amended, approved and signed. The following Executive reports were clear and concise.

As President, I gave an account of my year and related the concern that Tangent should welcome Circlers into their club and try to find a way forward to suit all ages of membership. (I hope to include issues on membership in the magazine and on the web-site.)

This Tangent Year, I have made 82 Tangent visits which included 7 Regional lunches, I have taken 29 flights and 28 sea-crossings covering over 6000 miles. I have driven 8,200 miles and travelled 2,200 miles on the train. I spent 120 nights away from home. Quite a year! I have enjoyed every minute!

Secretary Gill young, gave us facts and figures of membership and clubs. Treasurer, Lesley Seville, with the help of an 'aide memoir,' gave us a very clear breakdown of costs and showed us just how the money is spent. She proposed an increase of

25p on capitation to make it £3.50, and also proposed to raise the President's allowance to £950. Both these proposals were approved.

Immediate Past President Janis spoke of her work in Membership, International, the Magazine and the web-site.

Sales and Regalia Officer Jan Turner gave us an update of her hard work over the three years. The Tangent Rose is such a success story and is available NOW, so make your order early.

Sadly we said 'fond farewell' to Jan and Janis and I thanked them not only for their hard work but for their fun and friendship.

Janice Mulqueen from Sunderland is your new Vice President. Jan was unopposed but spoke eloquently on what she could do for Tangent; Her Best!

Karen Durie from Wokingham is your new Sales and Regalia Officer. Again unopposed, Karen spoke well and told us of herself, in relation to the post of Sales and Regalia Officer.

I'm sure both Jan and Karen will be a great asset to the Executive and I hope they will enjoy their time with us.

Michelle Taylor, President of Ladies Circle brought greetings from Ladies Circle and in her own inimitable style had put her feelings of the friendship between Circle and Tangent into song. It has been very special to work with all four clubs this year. There has been great support and friendship between us all.

There were no resolutions from the membership. There was one recommendation from the Executive, to delete rule 7.8 from the constitution. After a short debate, a vote was taken and the recommendation was carried 46 for, 32 against

The 'Riff-Raff 41 club, interrupted with a farewell presentation to Jan and Janis. I gave my thanks to all who have helped me in this special year. I couldn't have done it without you all. I passed the Chain of Office to Pat with our Best Wishes.

President of 41 club, Drew Cochran brought greetings and Terry Cooper presented the Ladies Golf trophy to Jane Fomear.

Pat's Tangent friends in Taunton and Weston-Super-Mare interrupted her inaugural speech with a comical sketch of climbing a mountain. Representatives from Southport Conference Committee invited us to join them in 2009.

This year, for the first time, Round Table, 41 club and Tangent will share the same charities, 'The Air Ambulance' and in Scotland the 'Sea-Bird centre' at North Berwick. A



representative from the Air Ambulance spoke to us about their work.

The meeting closed at 5.10pm. Wow!

Immediate past President
JOAN CRABTREE

& NATIONAL AGM LUNCHEON

AROUND THE CLUBS

'Moor' than just an AGM

BAILDON TANGENT

We just wanted to send some photos of our year and our AGM in Baildon Tangent this year, as we want to win the prize for the most original AGM meeting place.

We reformed last year as our existing Tangent had finished, and I was inaugural Chairman. We have had a great year, having started with 9 members and our second year will see us with 16 members. We have collected up some circulars who had previously left due to the age rule and we have received those wishing to move up from Circle.

We have walked, run for life, cycled, swam, danced at balls, drunk wine, dined out and barbecued at each other's houses.

We attended the Tangent Northern Lunch in Wakefield and Joan Crabtree came to our Tangent Charter in September. We also went to Baildon Ladies Circle Charter Dinner in October and Ladies Circle Northern Area Lunch in March.

We have watched Shakespeare "As You like it" in the open air and sung along with David Essex in "Aspects of Love" and cried at "The other Boleyn Girl" at the cinema.

We have been in quizzes and attended the Tangent Fun Night at Ilkley (which we are organising next year) and have dressed up in rubbish!!

As our year came to a close, we wanted to do something different for our AGM, so we climbed the Cow and Calf at Ilkley and I exchanged regalia with the incoming Chairman Sue Dolan. We then hastened to The Cow and Calf pub, to continue our meeting and plan the itinerary for next year. We were sad to have missed the Tangent AGM in Torquay, but are hoping to make the next one in Southport 2009.

Our next year, promises to be even better than our last.

Life begins with Tangent - Let Friendship Continue

SUSAN MATTHEWS Chairman



"I keep fit. Every morning I do 100 laps of an Olympic sized swimming pool... in a small motor launch"

PETER COOK

Where did you hold you're AGM?

Could your club win the competition for the most original venue For an A.G.M.?

Please submit your entry with a photo to the IEditor by 31st July

So long Sue...

Whittlesey and District Tangent Club, 721, were sorry to here that a very valued member of our group was re-locating to France. Sue Taylor, along with her husband Neville, were off to pastures new.

Many Tangent and Circlers will remember Sue as Area 25 Chairman of Circle in 1995-6 and everyone knows her as a determined lady. This showed when Whittlesey Circle began to flounder with numbers at the time Sue was eligible to move on to Tangent. Sue, and the then Chairman, Sarah Brown, were determined to bring it back to life. They succeeded with Circle now having 8 member and 3 prospective as well as the honorary members. This also guarantees a positive future for Tangent as well.

We didn't want to lose Sue as a valued friend and the role of honorary member was banded about. Sue was hesitant and wanted to remain as an active member. What better way than to set up an interactive business meeting from Whittlesey to France. We gathered at Rosemary Marson's house and snuggled around the computer screen all excited at seeing Sue again and marvelling at the ease of the technical side of things. Web cam and speakers at the ready, drinks and nibbles at hand, we then rang through to Normandy. Sue, bright and breezy and with a glass of white wine in her hand, appeared like magic, and I am ashamed to say, the only one wearing her Tangent badge. On went the meeting with full involvement from both sides of the water. Arrangements were made for us to 'Skype' whenever we could and have a Ghost Walk around Peterborough for our October meeting, coinciding with Sue's visit over which we are looking forward to immensely, followed by a meal and of course that obligatory glass of wine.

We wondered if other Tangents clubs are active in this way?

For more information I can be contacted on 01733 840659 or 07966 519536 or shaz_weston@hotmail.com at any time.

SHARON WESTON Chairman



• I thought readers might be amused by this transcript of a radio transmission released by the American Navy:

Voice 1: "Please divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision."

Voice 2: "Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision."

Voice 1: "This is the captain of a US Navy ship. I say again: Divert your course."

Voice 2: "No, I say again, you divert your course."

Voice 1: "This is the aircraft carrier Enterprise. We are a large warship of the US Navy. Divert your course NOW"

Voice 2: "This is a lighthouse. Your call."

'Good News'

Orders are now being taken for the Tangent Rose ready for despatch in November. Please send your order form ASAP.

- You can download one from the Tangent website
- Pick one up from the Sales table at a Regional lunch
- Or contact Karen Durie - Sales and Regalia Officer.



Pauline Quirke shares a laugh with the ladies

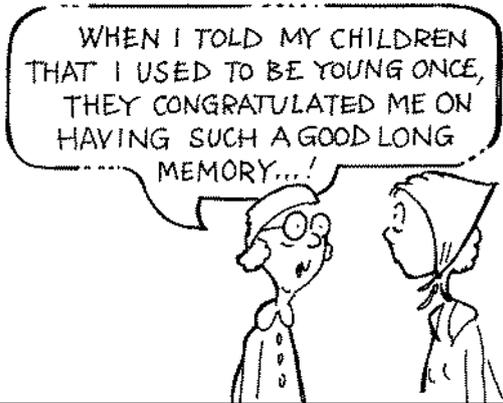
The idea of a cluster evening started off as a tongue in cheek suggestion at my first committee meeting.

What can we do for a change? How about a cluster meeting, somebody said, you know just a few clubs, very low key. Perhaps as it's so close to Easter we could make Easter Bonnets!! Well that idea fell by the wayside but we thought it would be nice to get together and have a fun evening and suddenly I found myself asking Pauline Quirke (that's right the one from Birds of a Feather) would she consider joining us.

So on Wednesday 12 March at the Fitzwilliam Centre in Beaconsfield we entertained 97 ladies from 11 different local clubs to a two course supper.

At the end of the evening, that I was able to present Pauline with a cheque for £1,500 for The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, a charity of which Pauline is a patron.

JANE BOWLER Chairman 2007/2008



CHEERS!

Keynsham Ladies Circle
50th and Tangent 40th.

A joint celebration of longstanding friendships.



‘ Sex appeal is 50 per cent of what you’ve got and 50 per cent what people think you’ve got. ’

SOPHIA LOREN

A Rapid Recovery!

DERBY MERLIN TANGENT AT CENTRE PARCS.

Members of Derby Merlin Circle and Tangent spent a weekend at Centre Parcs.

They braved the rapids and still kept the Regalia dry!



The Golden Girls



WAKEFIELD TANGENT
celebrate their 50th birthday with a
celebratory lunch.

*‘Men aren’t attracted
to me by my mind.
They’re attracted to me
by what I don’t mind.’*

GYPSY ROSE LEE



ISIS Chairman Diane Fitchett
and Luncheon Chairman Jane Venables



Guests at the lunch



President Joan Crabtree with Lady Eames



Pat Paulson, Lesley Seville, Gill Young and some
members of the lunch committee of Cookstown Tangent

THE MIDLANDS REGIONAL LUNCH

held at the Defence Academy, Shrivenham in February.

The speaker was sister Frances Dominica, founder of Helen and Douglas House
(Hospice for children and teenagers)

THE IRISH REGIONAL LUNCH

was held on Sat 29th March 2008 at Glenavon House, Cookstown, Co Tyrone, N. Ireland.
Around 80 guests attended and heard Lady Christine Eames, wife of the 'First Provost' and
a former World President of the Mother's Union give a moving speech on 'real friendship'.



Guests at the lunch



Guests at the lunch



Guests at the lunch



Guests at the lunch

*We took a punt at punting -
then took a punt at having
a well-earned rest!*

**ELY
PUNTERS**
on the river can





ST ALBANS 40th ANNIVERSARY

Members and founder members of St Albans Tangent with Chairman Val Beale and President Joan. The celebration was a super 'black-tie' evening with their partners at the Mid-Herts Golf Club

CARNOUSTIE 30th BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

A PAT ON THE BACK!



Pat Taylor, (Chair) of Carnoustie Tangent presents Joan Crabtree with an initial cheque for BHF. A very successful raffle added more money to the charity.

JOAN'S A DARLING!

On a visit to Bishopsriggs and Kirkintilloch Tangent.

Joan Darling (Chair), presents a cheque to Joan Crabtree for the British Heart Foundation



'Let friendship continue'

S. EAST REGIONAL LUNCH

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2008
STOCKBROOK COUNTRY CLUB, BILLERICAY, ESSEX

Chelmsford & Chelmsford County Tangents are delighted to have secured EVE POLLARD as our speaker at this event.



Eve is the vice chair of Wellbeing of Women (WOW), an established charity which raises money for investment in medical research and the development of specialist doctors and nurses working in the field of reproductive and gynaecological health. We will be donating any proceeds from the lunch to WOW.

Our National President, Pat Paulson will be joining us, all the way from sunny Weston-Super-Mare.

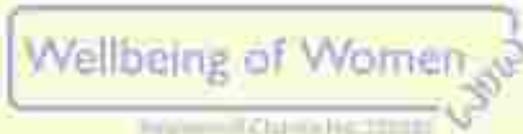
The Tangent Shop will be on hand to provide a few early Christmas Shopping ideas !

WHY NOT MAKE A WEEKEND OF IT... The local Greenwoods Hotel Spa and Retreat, is offering a discounted rate especially for us. Greenwoods is a beautiful 17 century, Grade II listed manor house, and only a short drive to the luncheon venue. Contact details - info@greenwoodshotel.co.uk - tel 01277 829990.

FREE TRANSPORT (c/o 41 Club) is available on Saturday from Billericay station to Stockbrook CC, and return.

Please indicate if you would like to make use of Greenwoods Hotel or free transport to the lunch venue on your booking form. Details will be sent to you separately.

See you on 22 November - BOOK NOW



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DIARY DATES

MIDLAND REGIONAL LUNCH

Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Saturday 21 February 2009

For a fun day out see the October magazine for the booking form or look at our blog

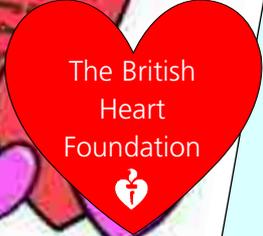


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PRESIDENT'S CHARITY BALL



16 FEBRUARY 2008 - ISLE OF MAN



We had a ball, literally! With Joan's chosen charity being The British Heart Foundation and the fact February 16, 2008 was the chosen date, then the theme for the evening was obvious - A Valentines Ball, to be held at the Palace Hilton Hotel, here in the Isle of Man.

Following the tradition set at the Regional Luncheon in 2005, Joan organised that hospitality was provided throughout the weekend, starting with a visit and supper at the Island's Casino on the Friday night. Guests tried their hands at the tables knowing they would not lose millions but be part of the practice sessions for the trainee croupiers. Even the weather accommodated the plans with sightseeing, shopping, museum visits and a guided walk (led by Joan's very own Geoffrey!) taking place during Saturday. Come the evening, over 180 guests attended the festivities, with a typical Manx welcome extended from the local contingent to regular visitors and in particular, to newcomers to the Island.

The celebrations began in sparkling form with a champagne reception



Keith Howard, President of 41 Club with his wife, Mary (centre) Charles Sentence, Chairman IOM British Heart Foundation with Joan Crabtree and husband, Geoff

sponsored by the Island's 41 Clubs. A sumptuous feast followed accompanied by the brilliant 'Seven-Up' band who played through the decades - possibly a first for intercourse dancing? 'Harmony, a local mother and daughter duo continued the entertainment singing favourites from the musicals.

Joan was delighted to welcome her guests but soon realised the potential dangers of 'taking wine' with every individual! In her speech she thanked everybody for making her evening so special, in particular, President Keith and his wife Mary who had flown in during the day having been at his own Presidential dinner the night before. In his response, Keith humorously regaled the guests with the ramifications of memory loss. The nodding of many heads and the shouts of agreement suggested that he was not alone in his experiences of these lapses!

The ladies from Isle of Man Tangent distributed the beautifully presented raffle prizes to lucky winners. The successful auction of a round of golf at the prestigious Royal Berwick Golf Club added more monies to the grand fundraising total.

At the time, little did anybody realise that through the generosity of the guests, local businesses and individual donations that the evening would raise a whopping £3.500 for the cause.

What an evening! What a success!

LYN ASHWORTH Isle of Man Tangent 549



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SPREAD A LITTLE HAPPINESS



Nice one Nithsdale

Nithsdale Tangent sponsor a student to attend 'The President's International Award School' in Gambia. Morag Mackie, who has connections in the Gambia, visited Sonna who is training in hospitality skills... with gifts from Nithsdale.



Many Tangent's enjoyed 'Tea at three' Thankyou for your contributions to the British Heart Foundation. Guiseborough 692 'dressed for the occasion' when they held afternoon tea one evening! (because most members are at work!)

NEWS & VIEWS

We would love to hear from more of you!

As an Executive we are interested in your News and Views.

Please send your letters, articles and pictures to me by 1 September.

You can post or email

past-president@tangent-clubs.org

A PASSING FRIEND MARCH 2008

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

WENDY GWILT - RICKMANSWORTH 284

Tangent is very grateful for all that she has done for the Association during her lifetime, and our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends at this difficult time. Individual tributes may be found in a specially dedicated area of our website



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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S DIARY

2008

APRIL	17	Stamford - Charter Dinner
	26	Shirley - 40th Anniversary
MAY	4	Preston - 40th Anniversary Luncheon
	9 - 11	R. T. Conference
	12	Weston Super Mare Handover
	16-17	Welsh Luncheon
JUNE	24	Sodbury & District 40th Luncheon
	29	RT 110 Meeting Siegen
	4	Tettenhall 34th Anniversary
	6	4 Clubs Meeting
	13-15	Joint President's Ball - St Andrews
	19	Pershore & District
	21	Northern Luncheon
	24	Eastbourne 40th Luncheon
	26	Harpenden 40th Charter Dinner
	28	Canterbury 40th
JULY	1	Newbury
	2	Towester
	3	Boumemouth
	5	Fareham - Sue Dev Day
	7	Bristol
	10	Southend
	15	Dunmow
AUGUST	6	Cambridge 40th Dinner
	10	Bletchley
SEPTEMBER	28-31	LCI Conference
	6	Whitley Bay 50th Luncheon
	12	Mauritius 41 HYM
	26	Scottish Luncheon, Inverness

2008

OCTOBER	1	The Show - Breast Cancer - London
	3	4 Clubs Meeting
	6	Middleton 40th - Rochdale
	8	Altrincham & Ringway
	11	Maidstone
	14	Burnham-on-Sea - Open Evening
	17	South West Luncheon - Bude
NOVEMBER	30	Iberian Cluster
	3	Bideford
	5	Redcar
	6	Belgium
	9	Cenotaph
	22	South East Luncheon
	27	Somerton
	10	Oxford

2009

JANUARY	TBC	NAGM
	17	TBC
	20	Staines
FEBRUARY	14	President's Valentines Night Charity Ball Weston-Super-Mare
	21	Midlands Luncheon
	28	'Area' Reunion
MARCH	4	Dunstable
	7	RT President's Ball
	14	Irish Luncheon
	18	Letchworth
APRIL	21	Chepstow 25th
	2	4 Clubs

A HIGHLAND FLING IN ABERDEEN

TURRIFF & DISTRICT LADIES CIRCLE on behalf of National Association of Ladies Circle GB & I is hosting the 49th Ladies Circle International Conference. August 2008 will provide a spectacular gala showcase highlighting the very best of our nation's hospitality, heritage and culture, whilst welcoming around 800 young professional women from 36 countries around the globe.

During our week long conference delegates will be invited to attend a civic reception, councillors meetings, home parties, AGM conference, tours of the surrounding area and culminating in a glittering formal gala dinner to conclude our spectacular one-off occasion.

We would be absolutely delighted if you could join us for this tremendously unique event between 29 - 31 August 2008. To book, please go to www.ladies-circle.org.uk and click to book.



IBERIAN CLUSTER

Iberian Cluster Meeting 2008 Mallorca

Dear Tangent member

You are warmly invited to join us at the Iberian Cluster in Majorca, 31 October - 2 November.

**Details on 41club.org
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Please send your contributions and photos for issue 54 by 1 September 2008

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A sensible car at a sensible price



I can't believe it... a brand new Hyundai i10 (1.1 litre) for just £6745. A few years ago cars of this calibre would have been almost double that price - and who says 'everything's expensive these days'? Well they're wrong.

This car is just the job for buzzing around town and with over 56 mpg, there's a lot of savings all round - and not just petrol either. From October this year there's savings on the London Congestion Charge (there isn't any); savings on road tax (only £35 a year); savings on CO₂ emissions (which is good for us all); and savings on worrying about things going wrong. (Err... err... does that make sense?... well it does if you know that it's covered by a five year, unlimited mileage warranty).

And the technical bits and pieces are pretty impressive as well. There's electric windows, air conditioning, four airbags and a six speaker CD/MP3 player - and a lot of other extras included in the price.

But of course, knowing Hyundai - there are other equally impressive models available. I could go on but the technical stuff is a bit too technical for me.

Anyway, as we are all Tangent members, we can all get big discounts on their cars - it's just a question of which one to choose! But if you are thinking about getting a 'worry-free' new car - why not contact Hyundai directly?

Happy motoring... or should I say, Happy Hyundai motoring!

PAT



To take advantage of this special offer, please visit your local Hyundai dealer and advise them that you are eligible under the AFFINITY CODE A01, which is for the National Association of Round Tables, including 41 Club, Tangent and Ladies Circle, and their immediate families. Verification of membership by your Chairperson, on Tangent headed paper will be necessary. A utility bill will also be needed to confirm your home address.

For more information please visit

www.hyundaiaffinities.co.uk

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Torquay take-away

President Pat Paulson takes delivery
of our i30 Hyundai from
Corporate Operations Manager,
Jeff Peyton-Bruhl

