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President's Report

HOW DO YOU SUM UP SIX AMAZING MONTHS IN JUST A FEW PARAGRAPHS?

Well the first two words are easy because they are 'Thank You'. This special message must first of all go to all the Tangent Clubs that I have already visited : they have all made me feel so very special and welcome. This is not only for the fun and friendship on the particular day, but also for the planning and preparation that preceded each event. We all know such occasions don't just 'happen'!

Top of my list must be the girls who organised the four Regional Luncheons so far. Starting with my own Team Tangent (the Executive), who once again did a great job in keeping the Welsh Luncheon going. I am pleased to report that Cardiff, and Mumbles Tangents have now volunteered to host the next two Luncheons. The super girls of Brampton, Longtown, and Border (Northern), Bath (South Western) and Bishopsrigg & Kirkintilloch (Scottish) all did magnificently. Each Luncheon was very special in its own particular way. I am sure I will not be the only one with wonderful memories to treasure of each occasion.

I have also had a super time at the various Charter nights and special anniversaries. Equally important have been the duster, and ordinary club meetings I have attended, where I was really made to feel 'one of the girls'. Our grass root members are so very important, and while I always encourage everyone to come to the bigger events, especially Conference. I recognise that for some members, especially those who are elderly, infirm, or work full time, it is not always possible.

I said my theme would be Contact Contact Contact and I really hope it's working. My feet don't seem to touch the ground as I seize every possible opportunity to go the extra mile (often literally) for Tangent. It was really great to attend the Circle's AGM in Killarney; their numbers may not be all that they would hope for, but their passion, dedication and enthusiasm is second to none! I was also delighted to join Circle for their Midland and Welsh Luncheon, and more recently their 70th Anniversary in Leeds. What a great day, and I was so pleased to see so many members of Tangent supporting Circle. I think we all enjoyed being Circle members again for a day!

We also continue to strengthen our links with 41 Club. 41 Club President Ian Mackenzie and I are very keen to continue the good work of Past Presidents Judy Holdaway, and Mike Fitchett, in strengthening the links between our two clubs. I hope all of you who came to the first Joint

President's Charity Ball in Cambridge in June had a great time. Ian and I have also attended several other joint occasions, it is so good to hear of Tangents getting together and supporting not only Circle and 41 Club, but Table too. I truly believe that by supporting each other, yet maintaining our own identity, each organisation will not only survive, but grow. We are the Round Table family!

An article full of 'greats' 'wonderful' 'super'. Please don't brush these aside, because it is the absolute truth! Being National President is an experience of a lifetime, and I do encourage all of you to think about standing for National Office.

May I be one of the first to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I so look forward to seeing many more of you on my travels.

Yours in Continuing Friendship

Jamie

And so to the 'F' word. It may not be officially in our remit to fundraise, but somehow there is a lot of it going on out there. I hope it is because Tangents are having a lot of fun doing it! I am totally overwhelmed by the generous donations to my charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. So a very big thank you to everyone who has contributed to this very worthy cause.



Secretary's Notepad

I hope everyone has enjoyed their Summer holidays and are ready for the countdown to Christmas.

Club Secretaries should have received the 'new-look' Directory in August together with the Minutes of the NAGM in Bristol. I hope you like it and please let me know if there are any errors. In fact, any changes to Directory details can now be made on-line. I am so pleased that there is an ever increasing number of members using our website.

Please remember the date for our next Tangent Day Luncheon and NAGM:

Saturday, 12 April 2007. I know that the Newcastle Conference Committee is working very hard preparing a splendid time for us. It will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Do come and join us.

It is also that time of year when I ask you to consider standing for National Office: a Vice-President and National Treasurer are the options, so please give it some thought. Both the nomination form and the form for Resolutions are enclosed in this mailing or can be downloaded from the website. The closing date for each is 31 December 2006.

Hope to hear from you, so until next time...

Yours in Continued Friendship BJ

Calling all golfers in the Yorkshire Region



The annual golf day for members of Yorkshire Tangent Clubs will be held at The Shipley Golf Club on Wednesday 6 June 2007. The Tangent Friendship Trophy has been contested since 1993 and takes the form of a stableford competition followed by a meal.

Each year a different Tangent Club organises the event and the 2007 competition, will be hosted by Haworth & District No. 362. Further details can be obtained from Brenda Emmett, (Tel: 01535 642916).



NALC 70th Anniversary Lunch

AS YOU CAN SEE by the picture below Tangent Executive joined Ladies Circle Executive and over 750 ladies at the Royal Armouries in Leeds on Saturday 16 September to celebrate Ladies Circle 70th Birthday which was celebrated in grand style. Tracey Wilkinson, who was elected as International President only a week before the lunch, welcomed everyone as she was Lunch Chairman.

Janis, our President, gave greetings from Tangent and gave Circle our gift in the form of an IOU. We will arrange to have a wall plaque made to be displayed at Marchesi House as Ladies Circle is moving their H Q from Keithley.

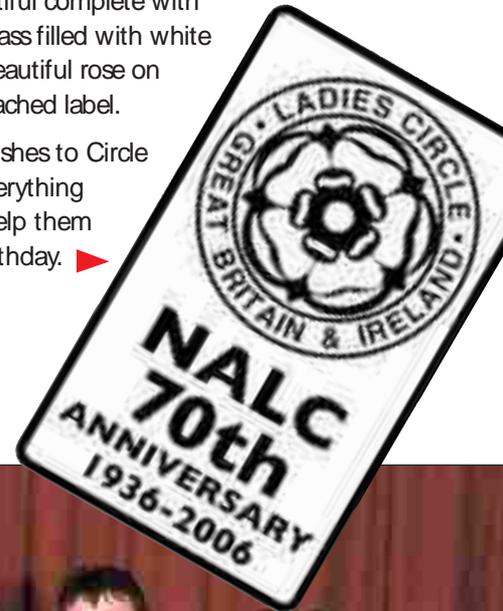
Ian McKenzie 41 Club President, and Round Table Vice President, Graham Drummond gave greetings and best

wishes from their Clubs. L C President, Mandy Vines gave a super response thanking all past L C Presidents and guests, saying we must look to the future.

Our tables looked beautiful complete with our own champagne glass filled with white chocolate and with a beautiful rose on every chair with the attached label.

Good Luck and best wishes to Circle and let's hope, with everything crossed, that we can help them celebrate their 80th Birthday. ▶

Judy Holdaway
Imm Past President








In commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of NALC,
the National Association of Tangent Clubs



is pleased to present a plaque
to be displayed at Marchesi House

“Let friendship continue”

Leeds, 16th September 2006

NEW LADIES CIRCLE

SUTTON COLDFIELD LADIES CIRCLE 123

In May, Sutton Coldfield Tangent Club No 7 handed over Ladies Circle regalia to the newly formed Sutton Coldfield Ladies Circle No 123. This was formerly the number used by Sutton Coldfield LC when it folded in 1994, when it was 51 years old. Tangent had looked after the regalia and was delighted to hand it over to the new club.

We had an excellent evening with entertainment by the men from Sutton Coldfield 41 Club and the also newly formed Sutton Coldfield Round Table. We had a wonderful talk from one of our members, Freda Radcliffe a Ladies Circle Past National Officer. She entertained us all - saying how Ladies Circle meetings used to be conducted when they were first formed : ladies wore gloves and hats and addressed one another in a very formal manner. We had lots of guests and it will certainly be one of the highlights of my year as Chairman.

PAT DIMELOE

Chairman, Tangent Club No 7



From left to right: Sam Cowley, Anne Whittaker, Pat Dimeloe, Sue Sharp, Sharon Taylor

NEW TANGENT

TENDERING 894 CHARTER

After a few years of meeting together 'unofficially', the remaining members of Harwich and Thorpe and Frinton and Walton Ladies Circles, along with the rest of us 'hangers on', took the decision to close our two circles and open a new Tangent Club.

We renamed ourselves Tendering Tangent Club and recently had our inaugural Charter evening at Frinton Golf Club.

A group of 60 of us gathered on a sunny evening in June and enjoyed a good meal and good conversation with friends, watching the setting sun across the golf course.

We were delighted that Judy Holdaway was able to be with us for the evening; she presented our Charter to Chairman Barbara Adair (who didn't mean to pour her drink in your lap Judy!) and a lapel badge to each of the members present. Currently we have 16 members.

Our speaker for the evening was Mystresse Gatty, the pottage cook from Kentwell Hall in Suffolk. She came both in costume and in character and gave a very entertaining account of her role at Kentwell. She showed us many of the interesting items that she managed to bring along.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the evening and hope to meet up again soon together with many of the new friends we made that evening. Thank you for coming Judy, and for your kind words of encouragement. **JULIE CLAXTON**

p.s. After our meeting last week we would like to say that TTC is supporting Judy's campaign and that we're all going 'aluminium free' (deodorant that is!).



WELSH LUNCH



THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE swung into action to arrange the Welsh Lunch for the second year - which was held at Alice Springs golf club, Usk. All was running along smoothly apart from the fact that it was the same day as a big Rugby match at Cardiff, and that a lot of supporters were at the Golf club.

Lunch was a bit late, but the golf club supplied us with a lot of free wine and it really didn't seem to matter that lunch was so late. Robert Patterson, 41 Club Area 3 councillor, acted as Toast Master and did a very good job of keeping us in order, as we rearranged the running order. Joyce Yeates of Billington Sugar was our guest

speaker and made us laugh so much, talking about her life and gave a really interesting talk on Sugar products.

I am very pleased to say that Cardiff Tangent is organising next year's lunch in beautiful Cardiff Bay.

JUDY HOLDAWAY

Imm Past President



A NIFTY FIFTY!

CAN YOU BELIEVE SOUTHEND ON SEA TANGENT IS 50? ... well we couldn't. In fact if it hadn't been for the Tangent News, we would probably have missed the event! We read Sheffield No 4 had celebrated their 50th anniversary and then a few weeks later heard that Wakefield No 10 was coming up to their 50th, with hosting the Northern Luncheon next year. Bells suddenly rang - Southend on Sea Tangent is Number 5!

Chairman, Joan Murphy, decided the most appropriate solution was to celebrate the occasion on our Friendship Evening on Thursday 13 July when National President Janis Attwell would be present.

What a good decision! It was an excellent evening at The Essex Golf Complex and we were joined by Billericay 402, Brentwood 127, Farnham 469, Hornchurch 89, Rayleigh 135, Southend on Sea 101 Ladies Circle and Southend Priory 395 Ladies Circle, along with past Chairmen and, of course, Southend on Sea Tangent members.

The cake was cut by our 1971 Chairman Stella Hudson whose daughter, Chris Fenn, was our Chairman in 2003. Chris' daughter, has just given birth to a second daughter. We are hoping the family tradition will continue; who knows one of them could well be cutting the cake at our 100th Anniversary!

Southend on Sea Tangent, No 5





NORTHERN LUNCH



Dug Scott getting dug in

ON THE HOTTEST DAY of the year, 10 June 2006, Brampton Longtown & Border 555 hosted the Northern Lunch, at the Shepherd's Inn, Carlisle. The speaker, was Dug Scott, who showed us slides of climbing Mount Everest. It was a shame that some of the mountain ice hadn't melted to cool us down.

The National Executive had a wonderful time north of the Border - as you can see from the pictures. Friday night was spent in a beautiful garden and Saturday in the company of a piper. This lunch had been long awaited. When Brampton Longtown and Border first started arranging the lunch a couple of years ago, it had to be cancelled due to foot and mouth but it was worth waiting for. A great time was had by all.



▲ LINDA IMRIE, Lunch Chairman and Committee with President Janis

TANGENT HANDOVER DINNER

AT THE BAYTREE, FRINTON

9 MAY 2006

A Circle I became in the dim and distant past
Dinners, dancing, fund raising, it all went so fast
Took my turn as an officer, didn't dare to say no
Even made it to Chairman, such a long time ago
Area meetings and ladies nights, so many to remember
Christmas dinners and pantos always in December
Some things don't fade though, only the date
The night Chairman Beryl had to stand on a crate

With Clacton RT to Ladies Night we'd go
Nothing would stop us except the deep snow
The Chinese in Frinton was the change of venue
An extraordinary sight it really was too
The men in bow ties and evening suits
The girls in long dresses and great wellie boots

To National we went in a variety of guises
Smart suits and fancy hats in all different sizes
We had AGMs, parties and many great frolics
There's no doubt about it, it was a load of old ***** fun

A few years ago Clacton Tangent Club beckoned
With some things that even I hadn't quite reckoned
When asked to join up, I felt rather flattered
Should have known better, the illusion soon shattered
The discussion was short and this is how it ran
Quick get her to join, she'll do as Chairman

DOROTHY BEDLINGTON





Isle
of Man

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

Eat your heart out Cilla - whatever you do, the Isle of Man Tangent can equal, if not better it.

At our planning meeting, (sounds impressive) Isle of Man Tangent decided to include a sponsored walk to raise monies for Nationals President's chosen charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. It was agreed that a summer evening stroll around the picturesque harbour of Port St. Mary would be appropriate and the invitation was duly posted to Janis in the hope she could join us. Unfortunately, owing to holiday plans, our National President had to decline but we ladies were determined to proceed in her absence.

Efforts to come up with a suitable flowery name for our venture. Like many seeds, failed to flourish and in a fit of pique, this Chairman referred to the idea as 'that blooming walk' and the title stuck! Organisation being the key to success (so she tells us!).

National Vice President, Jan, booked a local restaurant for a celebratory fish and chip supper. Honorary member, Marjorie Humphrey, refused to be left out and so organised a wheelchair for herself and in true paperwork tradition, this Chairman distributed sponsor forms in readiness for a great night out. There were three methods of contributing - £5 to just walk, £10 to walk and talk, or as much sponsorship as you could raise - not many takers for the first option.

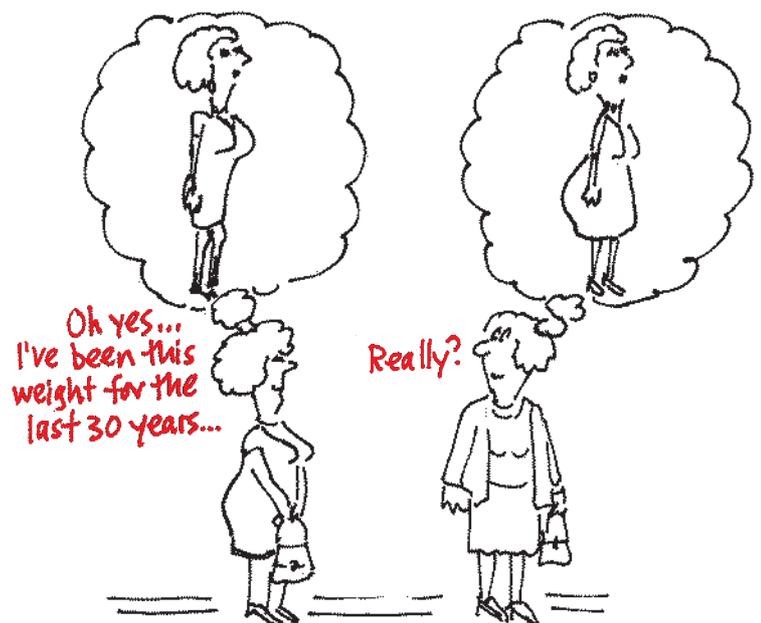
This is where the subterfuge began - N.P. Janis rang Lyn to say that previous plans had been scrapped and shhhhhhhhh..... not a word to Jan, she was flying over to join us arriving the day before for some quality peace and quiet on our tranquil Island. Secretary Karen and Chairman Lyn were sworn to secrecy and having ascertained that Jan was otherwise occupied on the Wednesday evening, the coercive three had supper together, looking primarily at the panoramic views of Douglas Bay, but secondly looking over shoulders to ensure they had not been spotted! Ask Janis how on the Thursday she managed to walk the main shopping street in town to buy trainers, dodging in and out of doorways for fear of bumping into Jan.

On then to the "Blooming Walk" - at the set time, Janis was collected from her hotel and headed South. Being supple and versatile, the mischievous three approached the car park for the start of the marathon (sorry - gentle amble). Janis secreted herself into the floor space in the back of the car. In her capacity as Chairman, Lyn started the proceedings by reading out a message from President Janis only to abandon the script suggesting it would be best if delivered in person. You can guess the rest but for the first time and probably the last - Vice President Jan was **SPEECHLESS!**

The evening was a huge success with the assembled crew raising £800 for Macmillan Cancer Support and how proud the group were to be able to present the cheque to Janis in person.

As a postscript - apologies to Janis for the fog/sea fret (there really are two harbour walls, three lighthouses and Jeremy Clarkson's house out there in the mist) and thanks to the handsome man who helped Annette and Corrin with Marjorie and the afore mentioned wheelchair up the hill - trust you three to pick up a man!

MEANWHILE ... OVERHEARD IN THE LADIES LOO...



On 3 May 2006, Ely & District Tangent Club was proud to celebrate 25 years of friendship and fun. The event was marked by a thoroughly enjoyable celebratory dinner held at Ely Golf Club. Chairman Margaret Elder, Founder Chairman June Bird and current members were delighted to welcome as Guest of Honour, National President Janis to her first function in her new office. A special honour for us!

Other welcome guests were Judy Holdaway, immediate Past National President, Ian MacKenzie, National President of 41 Club, Paul Cammis, Past President of 41 Club, Martin Elder, Chairman of Ely & District 41 Club and last but by no means least several founder members of Ely Tangent Club. It was a great evening enjoyed by all!

The following day, Janis and Judy joined a large number of our members for a tour of Ely Cathedral. Tangent member Jane Painter's husband Roger was our guide and gave us a most entertaining tour. We then all met in the Almonry Restaurant where we rounded off our celebrations with lunch and lots of friendly conversation.



All in all, it was a weekend to remember. The weather was very kind to us and all the hard work involved in the organisation of the event was more than successful.

As this was Janis' first function as National President, we will always feel we have a special bond with her and wish her every success for the rest of her year in office.

MARGARET ELDER

Immediate Past Chairman - Ely & District Tangent Club

20th ANNIVERSARY

MILFORD HAVEN TANGENT - 704

On the 1 March 2006, Milford Haven Tangent celebrated their 20th anniversary with a dinner at The Mariners Hotel, Haverfordwest. The date coincided with St David's Day and the weather was dreadful - a snow storm, which made travelling a challenge.

However, despite that, several representatives from neighbouring Tangent Clubs proved intrepid adventurers. We enjoyed a wonderful meal and there was an atmosphere of fun and friendship. Our President, Mavis Jones, cut the cake and gave a speech to welcome everyone. Candles were lit by founder members - the first one by Avril James - the first President elected in 1986. The photographs show Mavis Jones cutting the cake. Milford Haven Tangent has 22 members and enjoy meeting up with each other every month.

SUE THOMAS Secretary



SNOW... SNOW... QUICK... QUICK... STOP.

NOTICE

The Executive of The National Association of Tangent Clubs, hereby advises members that it has received notice of a claim for a breach of contract from a supplier, Rodney Edward Markley. The National Executive is vigorously defending the claim, which will be heard in the Small Claims Court on an as yet unspecified date.

EDDISBURY

TANGENT 580

25th CHARTER

On a beautiful Friday evening in spectacular surroundings, Eddisbury Tangent celebrated its 25th Charter Anniversary at Catton Hall Shooting Lodge, Frodsham, on 2 June 2006.

Eddisbury Tangent was especially pleased to welcome Janis Attwell, Tangent National President of one month, to join in the celebrations. She presented Eddisbury Tangent Chairman, Vanessa Williams with the Club's Charter and also inducted three new members, from Frodsham and District Ladies Circle: Moira Clow, Karen Laird and Jean Morris, to the club.

Members and guests from six surrounding Tangent clubs, were entertained during the meal by a magician. Wine was served to the ladies by three willing members of Eddisbury

41 Club and they presented all the ladies with a present, a single rose. See photo of National President with Eddisbury 41 Club members.

Janis Attwell was the main speaker of the evening. She spoke about her experience on the National Executive, and shared her thoughts on Tangent for her coming year.

The evening was very relaxed and enjoyable. The organising committee for the Charter evening is also responsible for the Northern Lunch - which will be held at Chester Race Course on Saturday 29 June 2008. Please make a note in your diaries. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

JANE BREWER *Committee Chairman*

Janis Attwell National President with 41 Club members. (From the left Sam Williams, Adrian Baxter and Barry Linaker).



National President's Diary 2006-2007

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 me.



- 4 October Towcester & District 679
21st Charter Evening
- 7 October Scottish Regional Luncheon
Hosted by Bishopbriggs
& Kirkintilloch Westerwood
Hotel, Cumbernauld
- 13 -15 October International Weekend
Southend- On- Sea
- 18 October Wellingborough 371
- 19 October Chelmsford 670
Friendship Evening
- 24 October Petersfield 66
Friendship Evening
- 25 October Brentwood 127
Friendship Evening
- 27 October Joint Liaison Group
Meeting Cardiff
- 28 October Circle/Table Pre Conference
Event Cardiff
- 1 November Downend Bristol 177
Open Evening

- 2 November Circle Area 13 Rally
- 6 November Weston Super Mare 314
Cluster Evening
- 7 November Shepperton Dinner Meeting
- 9 November Basingstoke 312
- 11 November South East Regional
Luncheon
Hosted by Bromley 801
Royal College of
Physicians, London
- 12 November Service of Remembrance
The Cenotaph, London
- 15 November Farnham Tangent
- 16 November Retford 202 Friendship
Evening
- 18 November Bishop's Stortford 269
35th Anniversary Dinner
- 21 November Uxbridge 265 Dinner Meeting
- 22 November Gillingham & Shaftsbury 339
Cluster Meeting
- 4 December Newport Christmas Dinner
- 9 December Barry Christmas Lunch
- 12 December Farnham 41 Club Dinner
- 13 December Oxford Tangent
- 14 December Newton Abbot Dinner
- 18 December Constable 622
- 20 December Farnham Tangent

- 15 January Milton Keynes & District 778
- 16 January Exeter 421 30th Anniversary
- 17 January Farnham Tangent
- 27/28 January Executive Planning Weekend
- 7 February Derby 22
47th Birthday Meeting
- 13 February Haverhill 409
Friendship Evening
- 15 February Northfleet Gravesham
702 Luncheon
East Grinstead 266
Dinner Meeting
Farnham Tangent
- 21 February Midland Regional Luncheon
- 24 February Hosted by Hinkley 52
Hinkley Golf Club
- 3 March Irish Regional Luncheon
Hosted by Omagh 581
- 7 March Dunstable & District 378
- 13 March Reading Valley 401 30th
Charter Evening
- 21 March Farnham Tangent
- 28 March Walsall 9 50th Anniversary
- 14-16 April National Conference
Newcastle on Tyne

WOW is the best way to describe Farnham Tangent's charity lunch in aid of Wellbeing of Women. It was held in a marquee in the garden of National President, Janis, on a scorching day in June. 109 ladies sat down to a delicious lunch provided by Sheila Green, a Tangent member. Guests enjoyed browsing amongst the delightful handbags, pashminas and hats on the Minimal Designs stall of Farnham Tangent's Anne Johnstone. It was great fun trying on the hats, bearing in mind that Henley and several summer weddings were coming up.

Speaker, Liz Campbell, gave an interesting talk on the work of Wellbeing of Women, with particular emphasis on Ovarian Cancer and the research into this disease called the 'silent killer'. The lunch was organised by Lorraine Hurley (diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer halfway through her Chairman's year in 2005) in order to spread the word that women need to be aware of their own bodies and not to be fobbed off with other reasons for any problems, and as it being an age related symptom or is in some way just to be expected, had led her to insist that something was badly wrong. With 7,000 cases of Ovarian Cancer diagnosed in the UK annually, it is vital that women know about its symptoms so that they became as well-known as Breast Cancer symptoms.

Farnham Tangent apologises to those who requested tickets following the article in May issue of Tangent News. Unfortunately the lunch was sold out by the end of May and at least 30 - 40 more tickets could have been sold. Farnham Tangent very much appreciated the support of 41 Club members who gave valuable assistance as waiters and raffle ticket sellers. The lunch raised in excess of £1,600.

To find out more about Wellbeing of Women - its events, campaigns and its regional support network - please call 020 7772 6400 or log onto the website at: www.wellbeingofwomen.org.uk

LORRAINE HURLEY
Immediate Past Chairman



WHEN SITTING IN the beauty parlour (you can tell I spent my holiday in America) I started chatting to a lady I had never met her before. And as you do, we started talking about ladies' health problems.

She said she had just recovered from having breast cancer and her husband, who wanted to know how she contracted the cancer, researched the Internet.

She had a very healthy lifestyle and the only thing he could come up with, was the deodorants she used contained aluminium. If you are right handed you could have cancer in your left breast, as the right hand is heavier on the deodorants. I too have done some research and found this to be true. It seems to be a well-known fact that deodorants and hair products contain chemicals that are potentially harmful.

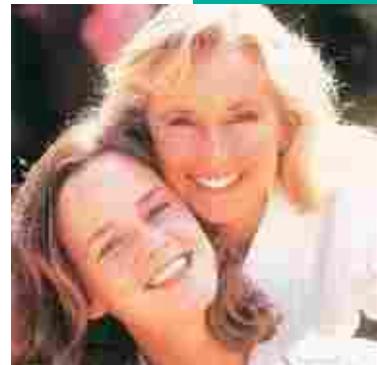
Her parting words to me as she was called off for her appointment was - if I can stop you from getting breast cancer it would have been worth all that I went through. I sat there thinking you are just not talking to one lady as I have the privilege of talking to over 16,000 ladies. I went straight out and brought an aluminium-free deodorant, these are readily available in all supermarkets and I have found them very good - even in hot weather.

It is just a thought and I think that sometimes in life, we have to be pro-active when it comes to our own bodies.

Many thanks to Howard Thomas who sent me a lot of information.

JUDY HOLDAWAY
Editor

WELLBEING OF WOMEN



'There are over 7000 cases of Ovarian Cancer diagnosed in the UK, annually'

JUST A THOUGHT

'Sometimes we have to be pro-active when it comes to our own bodies'



MERRY MICE OF AMSTERDAM

The Ladies of Teignmouth Tangent, 727, danced their way to success in both Teignmouth and Dawlish Carnivals this year. A second and two firsts gave 41 Club Vice-Chairman Ken Dawe, our trusty tractor driver for the last four years, two trophies to polish.

JANET PARR
Chairman



NEWTON ABBOT

CLUSTER MEETING OF FUN

FELLOWSHIP & FUNDRAISING



Newton Abbot held a Devon Area cluster meeting at the Teign Corinthian Yacht Club, on 21 September 2006. This evening of fun, fellowship and fundraising was in memory of much loved and missed member Fran Beer, who died last year.

The numbers for the evening, arranged by Margaret Nutall, grew to the maximum that the venue could contain. Undaunted Margaret, with the support of TCYC members Dee, Reg, Mike and Newton Abbot Tangent members, provided a fabulous meal for over 70 members from the Devon Tangent area. The fun and fellowship centred on a beetle drive organised by Margaret Coish. She never ceases to amaze us with the excitement generated from a simple beetle drive.

Tangent members from Brixham, Exeter, Exmouth, Kingsbridge, Plymouth, Riviera, Torquay, Totnes and Teignmouth supported the evening. The overall winner was Teignmouth, whose chair, Janet Parr, is shown receiving the award from Newton Abbot Chair, Linda Clowes.

Extra funds were generated on the evening by a raffle run by Vice Chair Barbara Haarer. Fran's sister-in-law, Eileen Beer, raised funds by selling her beautiful hand-made greeting cards. Thanks to the Tangent clubs that supported us and those who worked so hard to make the event a success. A grand total of £457 was raised on the evening. This added to funds raised at earlier events (arranged by Linda Haville and Marian Farmer) and helped us to reach our target of £1,000. It is donated to Cancer Research in memory of our dear friend, Fran Beer.

We now look forward to a visit from National President, Janis, at our Christmas meeting.



'Let friendship continue'

SEPTEMBER 2006

We are sad to have been advised of the following:

Maureen Happe	Abingdon 71
Daphne Horne	Axe Valley 639
Dr Betty Whitfield	Bath 804 Formby 349
Sylvia Coulson	Bexley 25
Mona White	Camberley 227
Jean Hawkes	Chingford 106
Betty Silk	Chingford 106
Jean Porter	Chingford 106
Margaret Knott	Chingford 106
Diana Pritchard	Colwyn Bay 300
Elaine McConnell	Croydon 40
Anne Ashelford	Horsforth 495
Sheila Dee	Marlow 205
Pat Vize	Marlow 205
Mary Cowling	Marlow 205
Geraldine Markey	Newent 329
Mollie Hargreaves	Portsmouth and Southsea 44
Madelene Bray	St Albans 114
Shirley Pitts	Windemere and District 322

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

GAY HOING

National Treasurer 1980-83
and National President 1984-85



We were all very shocked to hear of the sudden death of Gay Hoing while on holiday recently. She was such a vibrant and active person, and gave a tremendous amount of her time to Tangent.

Her expertise with finances made her an excellent Treasurer, and her friendliness and ability to lead made her an excellent President. With her husband Roy, 41 Club Conferences became an important part of her life. Consequently her friendship spread far and wide.

She organised two PNO re-unions, one in her own home town of Amersham in 1995, and one in Windsor in 2004. Whatever Gay did, was done well. She was a very positive lady, great fun to be with. We miss her greatly.

SYBIL BRANT P.N.Pres.

National Vice President *Required from April 2007*

Do you enjoy meeting people, making new friends, renewing old acquaintances and more importantly do you have a lot to say?

Then if all this is you, Tangent Executive needs you. Your commitment would be for three years. Your first year would be learning the ropes and being responsible for all the regalia orders. There are seven regional lunches to attend, and there are executive meetings the day before each. Your second year is the best of all, being President and treated like the Queen. There is a lot of travelling involved, but with the wonderful advantage of seeing our beautiful countryside and, in my case, it seemed only in the sunshine.

In your third year, you become Editor and are responsible for all membership enquires.

The nomination form is in this copy of Tangent News. Please give this wonderful job some serious thought and fill in the form. There is a commitment of course, but we do have a lot of fun and so many laughs. So, if you have any worries please just ring me for more information. 01276 26984

**TANGENT
RECRUITMENT**

National Treasurer *Required from April 2007*

National Treasurer is a 3-year job, which as with all things, is now computerised. We now use Sage Line 50 Instant Account and in some cases we use on-line banking to pay our bigger bills. Mostly you will be dealing with our capitations, which still come in cheque form and of course the VAT has to be done. You have to attend all Regional Lunches and there are executive meetings held on the day before at which you have to report our financial position. Being part of the Executive is great fun. If you wish to know more about the job, please contact Barbara Whale and have a chat to her. 07768 686425.

JUDY HOLDAWAY

SUBMITTED
FROM NEWTON ABBOT
TANGENT BY CHAIRMAN,
LINDA CLOWES

To keep those of us who have had our
hips fixed smiling, attached is a clever
little ditty composed by Newton
Abbot member Eileen Beer. It's for
her handyman when he went
into hospital for a
hip replacement.

BENDY BONES

There would not have been the trouble that I've had with my knees
If, when God was making Adam, He'd made use of rubber trees.

Now, I know He's very clever, and He doesn't get much wrong,
But I think that using rubber would have been better all along.

I suppose he had his reasons, though it's hard to see just why
When there are so many rubber trees; they're in plentiful supply!

The trouble is with bones you see, they don't twist around or bend,
But rubber's soft and pliable – t' would be better in the end.

You could put your knees around your neck, and your head behind you knees,
And put your arms beneath your feet – do anything you please!

You wouldn't have to worry about falling out of bed
Or tripping over paving slabs; you'd just bend instead.

Or suffering a painful break and ending up in plaster.
Just think how easy it would be to avoid all this disaster.

My knees have just been mended; now there's trouble with my hip.
There's always something "playing up" 'cos bones don't "give a bit".

I wouldn't feel so old and stiff if my bones were soft and bendy.
I would bounce around and leap about, forever young and tendy.

With rubber bones I could perform some quite amazing tricks,
And wouldn't have to depend on these damn walking sticks.

If only I had bendy bones I wouldn't really care,
That I may one day lose my teeth. (I've already lost my hair!)

When all is said and done is it asking too much
To be able to go dancing, and throw out this b****y crutch?

If I could only have one wish I'd wish to be like Elvis
So I'd impress all the birds with my gyrating mobile pelvis.

How much better life would be with a little bit of "flex".
I'd never get arthritis, but I'd have fantastic sex!



2006

SOUTH EAST LUNCHEON

Saturday, 11th November 2006 • Hosted by Bromley 801
Venue: Royal College of Physicians, London

2007

MIDLAND LUNCHEON

Saturday, 24th February 2007 • Hosted by Hinckley 52
Venue: Hinckley Golf Club

IRISH LUNCHEON

Saturday, 3rd March 2007 • Hosted by Omagh 581
Venue: Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh

TANGENT LUNCHEON AND NAGM

14th April 2007 at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle upon Tyne
Hosted by Regional Committee

WELSH LUNCHEON

19th May 2007 • Hosted by Cardiff 304
Venue: Cardiff Bay

NORTHERN LUNCHEON

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

SOUTH WEST LUNCHEON

Saturday, September 2007 • Hosted by tbc
Venue: tbc

SCOTTISH LUNCHEON

Saturday, 22nd September 2007 • Hosted by C.A.T.S 886
Venue: tbc

SOUTH EAST LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 2007
Hosted by Wickford 179
Venue: tbc

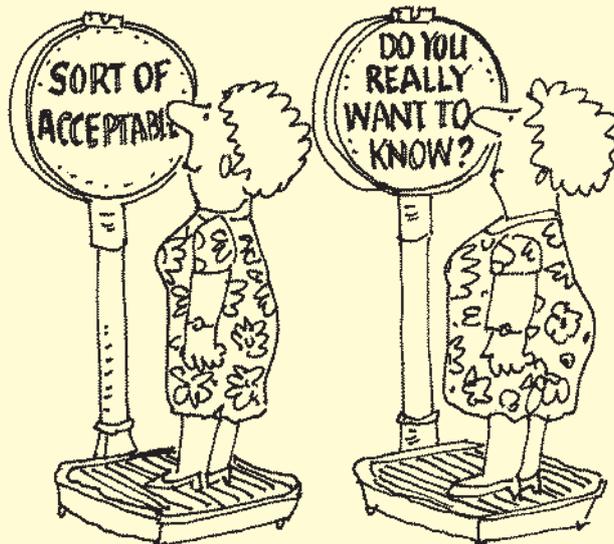
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
Tangent
CLUBS



‘Let friendship continue’

BEFORE THE
LUNCHEON...

AFTER THE
LUNCHEON!



Please
contact

National Secretary
Brenda (B.) Brown
for further details.

MAKE A DATE WITH OUR CALENDAR GIRLS

AFTER attending a Regional Lunch last year and listening to the speaker who was one of the original Calendar Girls, I thought it would be a good idea if our Tangent Club did our own calendar. One of our ladies knew two people in her office who had helped on a calendar before so it was easy to set off. The photographer and graphic designer both gave their services free. We allocated a day in May to have the photos taken and this took six hours with a short stop for a soup lunch.



After receiving all the photos on a disc we then had an evening to choose which photos we wanted printed and what airbrushing would be necessary! Most of the photos had some touching up done and the photographer tidied up the backgrounds

My deadline for printing was 23 July when my garden was open for the Open Garden scheme run by the Air Ambulance in Woodley. Two of the photos were changed at the last minute and this put me two weeks behind getting the proof to the printers. The printer passed the calendars on to the binders and delivered them to me on the morning of 22 July. By the skin of our teeth, the deadline was met.

Money for the printing was collected from ten sponsors that have advertised on a page of the calendar. When this money came in we were £100 over what was needed for printing so before we sold one calendar we were in profit. 1000 calendars have been printed. If we can sell them all, we will be able to give the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance £5,100.

HILARY TINDALL *Chairman Reading Valley Tangent*

LEICESTER TANGENT 152

The Artists and their Club

We are a group of five friends who met over 40 years ago when we joined ladies circle.

Being retired, we decided to meet monthly to gossip, eat and to learn to paint with help of one of our group (a Botanical Artist). We have progressed over ten years from basic skills to what we have achieved today namely; watercolour, flowers, pen and wash, some acrylics and mixed media painting. Each month we attempt to put the world to right but, unfortunately, no one is listening so we will keep on painting and carry on enjoying our Tangent days.

Leicester Tangent was formed in 1969. We have 25 members and our first chairman was Valerie Major. She is still attending our meetings. Unfortunately, we are not attracting any new members, but in true Tangent style we have been together since our Ladies Circle days in the early 60s. Our secretary, Sheila Bickley, and our Treasurer, Jay Franklin, have done sterling work in the office for many years. Our oldest member, Barbara Cole (now in her 80s), still drives and is an inspiration to us all. We are a happy crowd, true to Tangent traditions and "Friendships do continue".



Yours in Continued Friendship

The Artists:

Janet Harris
Kathleen Swain
Joy Coleman
Joan Fillingham
Avril Thorpe

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Past Chairman
Past Chairman
Past Chairman

SHOPPING

Well done to the very talented artists in Leicester Tangent 152. I will get the notelets printed as soon as possible so please check the website or contact me direct if you are interested. All the entries for the competition were, without doubt, amazing. Just as I had thought they would have been. We have so much talent within our association; so a big thank you to everyone who participated. Don't be surprised if one or two of the entries re-appear under different guises (with permission of course) during the next twelve months.