



'Let friendship continue'

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# Tangent



'A meeting of Presidents in Aberdeen, sporting Maltese National Head-dresses'. LCI President, Kathleen with LCI Past President, Tracy and President of Tangent GB & I, Pat.



President of Ladies Circle GB & I, Lynda welcomes President of Tangent GB & I, Pat Paulson and Vice President of Tangent GB & I, Jan Mulqueen



President Elisabeth and Past President Renate, of Tangent Deutschland with National Secretary of Tangent GB&I, Gill Young.

# NEWS

### THIS ISSUE SHOULD INCLUDE:

- ✓ Midland Regional Luncheon Form
- ✓ Irish Regional Luncheon Form
- ✓ National Secretary Elect Form
- ✓ National Vice President Elect Form
- ✓ NAGM Resolution Form

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# NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**LADIES, What a super year this is!** *I have chartered three new Clubs, visited eight 40th Anniversaries, one 34th Anniversary and made numerous other visits including the Welsh Luncheon, held in Mumbles. This was a fantastic event with a trio playing the Beatles' numbers and everyone got up and danced for well over an hour. The Northern Luncheon was equally as good with a wonderful setting at Chester Race Course. I also met up with a friend that I hadn't seen in 15 years but then that is what continued friendship is all about.*

Many people think that these events are so easy to run because you make them seem so effortless with your superb management. Your efforts are really appreciated and it all helps in making my year go so well. The welcome that I receive when arriving at someone's home is second to none and within minutes, even if I have never met you before, you put me at ease with your wonderful hospitality. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

In May, I was invited to Ladies Circle AGM in Leeds. It was just like old times but cosier!

The joint Presidential Ball was held in St. Andrews in June. This was a wonderful evening with all the 41 Club National Executive wearing kilts in honour of President Drew.

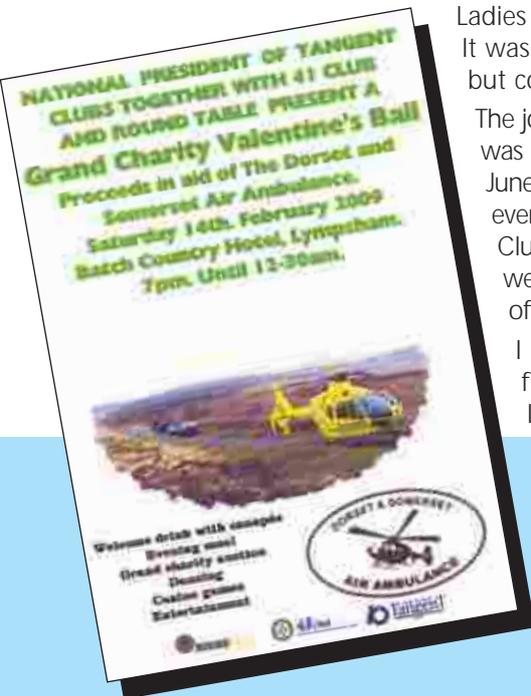
I have just returned from the Ladies Circle International

weekend in Aberdeen and I was invited to attend and also to speak about 'the old chestnut', the age rule. I am very pleased to say that it still remains at 45 years and will not go up to 50 as was proposed. There is a time and a place for everything. My diary is filling up but there are still places left. If you want me to visit you, I would love to do so. As I have said before, it doesn't have to be for a special event.

Arrangements are now under way for my Charity Ball to be held on Valentine's Night, 14 February, in aid of the Air Ambulance Association and to be held just outside of Weston-Super-Mare. The Tickets are £35 each which will include dinner and a glass of wine on arrival. Accommodation can be arranged from £50 per couple per night.

**Telephone numbers to contact are Jenny Bevan on 01823 325483 and Janet Tancock on 01278 786814. I look forward to seeing you there.**

**Although rather early may I be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and happy New Year from the Tangent Executive.**



## SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S CHARITY BALL SUPPORT AAAC

*Accommodation can be arranged.*

*Contact:*

*Jenny Bevan  
01823 325483*

*Janet Tanock  
01278 786814*

TICKETS

**£35 per person • £50 per couple**

**LADIES, I WANT YOUR OLD BRAS! YES, 1 DO!**

**ANY SIZE, ANY COLOUR, ANY CONDITION, ANY MAKE!**

Air Ambulance Charity Fund can use all old bras! Please make a collection from family and friends and I will collect them at Tangent meetings and Regional Lunch. **PAT**



*'You're never too old to be young.'*

MAE WEST



# STOP PRESS SECRETARY'S NOTEPAD

Enclosed with your quota of the Tangent News are a set of mailings. Please distribute to the relevant person or pass round at your meeting. There are two luncheon forms for the **Midland Regional Luncheon** on 21 February 2009 and the **Irish Regional Luncheon** on 14 March 2009. Come along and join in the fun. I can guarantee a warm welcome and a day to remember with friends old and new.

There are also two nomination forms; one for **National Vice President 2009/2010** and the other for **National Secretary Elect**. If you have ever felt, "I could do that", now is the time to put yourself forward. Talk to your club, ask another club to second you and return the form to me by **31 December 2008**. Both are rewarding and fulfilling posts, hard work, but also a lot of fun. If you would like any additional information or just a chat, please call anyone on the National Executive.

Last, but by no means least, is the **Resolution Form**. This is your opportunity to put your ideas forward for discussion at the National AGM in Southport. Help to make this an interesting NAGM on Saturday 18 April at Southport Theatre and Convention Centre. Again, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries, or need advice. 41 Club are billing the weekend as "Southport, a classic Lancashire Resort ... with a Mersey beat" - let's make it a wonderful Tangent meeting "with a warm heart beat".

Now is the time to communicate ... I look forward to hearing from you!

**Gill Young** *National Secretary*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Is it five months since the NAGM? There are still a few clubs who have not paid their subs so could they do so as soon as possible please. However, I would generally like to thank you because the majority of clubs have paid in a very timely manner this year which helps our cash flow.

I met up with Pat in August at Cambridge's 40th - it was an excellent night hosted at one of the University colleges. The dining hall was absolutely magnificent, so were the speakers.

I hope that you have all had a good summer and feel refreshed. I very much look forward to seeing those of you who are travelling to Inverness for the Scottish luncheon at the end of the month. I am particularly looking forward to seeing my ex-Ely Tangent members and current members who are accompanying me.

Yours in continued friendship,  
**Lesley**



## SALES & REGALIA OFFICER

By the time you read this article I will have already completed six months of my three year term as national Sales and Regalia Officer.

I rapidly learnt what the job involves after the handover from Jan Turner and since then I have been busy with your queries by telephone and email, orders through the post, manning the sales table at the Welsh, Northern and Scottish lunches and sourcing some interesting new products.

At the lunches I rely on help from the local Tangent to supervise the sales table. It is impossible for me to do this alone - so thank you to all those who have helped me and I hope you enjoyed the experience.

Order forms won't be updated until next year so I have put a separate order form on the website for these products. If you can't access the website just phone or email me and I will send you a form. Christmas orders for products (shown on next page) must be received by 30 November to guarantee delivery.

YICF **Karen**

## TANGENT ROSES ARE BLOOMING AGAIN!

Many of you were disappointed last year when first stocks of the Tangent Rose were sold out. New supplies will be ready for despatch from November 2008 to March 2009 so get your orders to Harkness Roses now.

Prices are unchanged so last year's order form can still be used.

Simply:

Download it from the website  
Pick one up from the Sales Table at a Regional Lunch or

Phone or e-mail Karen Durie -  
Sales & Regalia Officer



MY  
CHOICE OF  
TANGENT PRODUCTS



MY FIRST NEW PRODUCT is a handmade beaded bookmark with a solid silver Tangent charm. The bookmarks are available in any colour of your choice for just £9, including a gift box. They make great presents for your Tangent friends.

The solid silver charms are also available separately to attach to your own chain or bracelet for only £5.

I can also supply voile wraps in pink, gold or lilac, which are ideal for wrapping small gifts or table presents, for £1 each (or less if you order in bulk).

KAREN

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# NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S DIARY

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF Tangent CLUBS NEEDS YOU!



Don't just talk about it — Make it happen!

## SITUATIONS VACANT

### National Vice President

**leads to President and Immediate Past-president**

- a three year commitment. It is a fantastic three years' experience - travelling and enjoying fun and friendship with our Tangent and 41 Club members.

It would be difficult to do this job if you are a working girl.

### Secretary Elect

**for first year -then three further years as secretary**

- a four year commitment. Four years of fun and friendship with a liberal sprinkling of hard work for the Association.

Please contact National Secretary for further information and job description.

1	The Fashion Show - Breast Cancer Care luncheon - London	
1	Bournemouth (evening visit)	
3	4 Clubs Meeting	
4	Cardigan	
8	Altrincham & Ringway	
11	Maidstone	Oct
14	Burnham-on-Sea Open	
15	Farnham	
17	SW Executive meeting	
18	SW Regional Luncheon - Bude	
30	Iberian Cluster	
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3	Bideford	
5	Redcar	
9	Cenotaph	Nov
22	SE Luncheon	
27	Somerton	
29	Bournemouth North 25th	
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10	Oxford	Dec
13	Four clubs meeting	
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10	National Executive Meeting	
13	Otley	
17	Milton Keynes	
20	Staines	Jan
21	4 Clubs	
28	Brentwood	
31	Weston-Super-Mare	
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4	Derby	
9	Wellington	
12	Warrington	
14	President's Valentines Night Charity Ball – Weston Super Mare	Feb
20	Executive meeting	
21	Midlands Regional Lunch	
28	NALC "Area" Reunion	
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4	Dunstable	
7	RT President's Ball	
10	Beverley	
14	Irish Lunch	Mar
17	Exminster	
18	Letchworth	
21	Chepstow 25th	
25	Walsall	
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2	4 Clubs	
17	2009 National Conference in Southport	Apr
18	NAGM Southport	

## IMPORTANT

# Health & Safety NOTICE

If the public are attending an event arranged by your Tangent Club, you, as organisers, have a duty of care to provide for their safety. Tangent Executive recommends that you appoint two responsible members as 'safety officers' to consider the health and safety of everyone involved.

- The 'Safety Officers' should make a Risk Assessment. This is an examination of what could cause harm to people.
- They should assess if any hazard is 'significant' and whether 'the organisers' have taken satisfactory precautions to help prevent injury to people.
- If your event is to be held in a venue e.g. a hotel, they will have their own Health and Safety policy which will be developed to protect their own employees. Ask to see this and check that the hotel adheres to the policy. Speak to the manager if you have any concerns.
- The organisers, with the help of the venue management, should announce instructions on how to evacuate the building in an emergency or an information video may be used. This announcement is the responsibility of the organisers of the event, please ensure this is done.
- The 'safety officers' for the event should check for any hazards before the commencement of the event and if necessary report any hazards to the management.
- Please ensure the management take your concerns seriously and act upon the hazard you report.
- Keep written evidence of your Health and Safety checks and Risk Assessments. Should anyone be injured evidence of 'due diligence' will be invaluable.

In today's world of litigation, failure to have considered Health and Safety issues could negate any insurance claims. This is not a difficult undertaking; common sense should prevail.

For further information visit

[www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)

# LADIES CIRCLE INTERNATIONAL - AUGUST 2008

## A HIGHLAND FLING

### IN ABERDEEN

**WOW!** *That seemed to be the collective thought of all of those people watching the parade of over 500 ladies in national costume walking down Union Street. Apparently Aberdeen had never seen anything like it before. The parade was the start of the 49th Ladies Circle International meeting held in Aberdeen on 28 to 31 August 2008.*

For those of you who have ever been to an International Ladies Circle meeting in the past, you will be pleased to know that not much has changed over the years. The Welcome Party was held on Thursday evening in the Beach Ballroom with not a handbag in sight. Everyone was dancing to a really good band - women of all ages, from new Circlers to past Circlers and Tangent members.

Friday was the International AGM. Tangent President Pat was welcomed to the meeting and asked to say a few words on behalf of Tangent by Kathleen Flynn, the LCI President. The incoming President is from India and the new VP is Finnish.

Evening home parties make for a very special night. It allows smaller group meetings, women from all nationalities can enjoy a meal and have fun.

Saturday is a free day for most with tours being arranged followed by the Gala Dinner in the evening. It was a fabulous night with fantastic entertainment, good food and the odd glass of wine.

Congratulations to the 'girls' in Turriff and Aberdeen on organising a memorable weekend. All the hard work paid off and proves again that 'Once a Circler, always a Circler'.

Vice-president - **Jan Mulqueen**



*A traditional Scottish welcome for our President, Pat & Secretary, Gill*



*Installation of New L.C.I. President*

## Congratulations!

### NEW CLUBS CHARTER

Stamford  
Tangent Charter



Preston  
Tangent Charter



Beverley  
Westwood  
Tangent Charter



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 Continued friendship

# NORTHERN REGIONAL LUNCH

## EDDISBURY TANGENT 'BACK A WINNER'

The Northern Regional Lunch, hosted by Eddisbury Tangent, was held at Heathcotes Restaurant at Chester Racecourse. It was a wet day but Eddisbury 41 Club, gallantly came to the rescue with colourful golf umbrellas and escorted us to the building from our cars. Thanks guys!

Our guests that day included 41 Club National President Drew Cochran and his wife Moira.

After a superb meal, President of Tangent Pat Paulson and President Drew gave a response to the toast to NATC.

What followed was a wonderful power point presentation by Rachel Smith, the invited after-lunch speaker, who related her preparations, trials and tribulations of training and rowing in the Atlantic Challenge. Rachel and her friend decided to take up the Challenge, with no previous experience, to achieve a personal goal and whilst doing so, they chose to raise funds for Breast Cancer Care.

We were spell-bound! There wasn't a dry eye in the house as we gave Rachel a standing ovation. Rachel was presented with a cheque for Breast Cancer Care and a cuddly turtle for herself.

**Margaret Barker, former National President, invited us to the Northern Regional lunch in 2009 to be held in Newcastle on 27 June and hosted by 'Angels of the North'. Don't miss it!**



Eddisbury Tangent, 41 Club with National Executive



Rachel Smith, our speaker



Eddisbury 41 Club with umbrellas to the rescue!



Isle of Man Tangent make a flying visit.



National President of 41 Club, Drew Cochran with wife Moira and former President of Tangent, Beth Allen.



President, Pat & Chairman, Jane, Circle friends reunited after 15 years.

Thank you Eddisbury for a great day!

# WELSH LUNCH

*'She loves you - Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!'*

The words rang out, loud and clear as we danced and sang our way through the Beatles repertoire.

Not the average Tangent Lunch then? Ooh Noo!

Mumbles Tangent hosted the Welsh Regional Lunch on 17 May at the Village Hotel, Swansea.

After a delicious lunch and lots of chatter around the tables, we were treated to a Beatles Tribute Band.

Well, we haven't lost the spirit! We all, 'danced til we dropped' and let our hair down!

It was a brilliant way to get everyone involved and we loved it.

Thank you to the Lunch Committee and all at Mumbles Tangent for your innovation and hard work.



Guests at the lunch 'get in the party spirit'

Our hosts—Mumbles Tangent

**For Ladies who enjoy a weekend away!**

**Why not join the 'Angels of the North' at the Northern Areas Luncheon on Saturday, 27 June, 2009**

**and make it a weekend of enjoyment.**

Shopping at the MetroCentre,  
Eating out along the Quayside

Accommodation from  
Travelodge to 4\* Vermont Hotel @  
[www.visitNewcastleGateshead.com](http://www.visitNewcastleGateshead.com)



**Make your journey an enjoyable experience –  
The venue, the Assembly Rooms, is only  
2 minutes from Newcastle Central Station**



## MIDLAND REGIONAL LUNCH

at

Birmingham Botanical Gardens  
Saturday 21 February 2009

In support of



A fun day - 'From Tiswas to High Sheriff'  
Complete the enclosed lunch form or book via  
the blog: [www.21feb2009.blogspot.com](http://www.21feb2009.blogspot.com)  
Enquiries to: [Barbara-bjw@whaleandco.co.uk](mailto:Barbara-bjw@whaleandco.co.uk)  
or [Beverley-fbuttonlove@aol.com](mailto:Beverley-fbuttonlove@aol.com)

# Calendar Girls

## CAN CAN



Thirty years ago, as a Redcar Ladies Circle, we performed the Can-can at a Round Table Anniversary. What could we do for their 41 Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? We would have to sit down to perform any high kicks now!

Whilst dining and wineing at our Handover Dinner, we were struck with the idea of producing a 'Calendar girls' type picture. Giggling all the way, egging each member on in turn, we lowered our necklines for a photo. Thank goodness for the digital camera!

These were put together to produce this card.

Jennifer Jarvis



‘Anyone for Golf?’

**Tangent Golf Tournaments -What a great idea!**

Could your Tangent organise a golf tournament for your club and other clubs within travelling distance.

What a great way to meet other Tangent members!

Maybe you could make it a Charity Day!

## TEEING OFF

The annual Tangent Friendship Trophy for Yorkshire Region Tangent clubs was played on Wednesday 25 June 2008 at Keighley Golf Club and organised by Haworth & District No. 362.

Although the weather could have been kinder to us, everyone enjoyed the day and had the opportunity to meet up with old friends.



This year's overall winner of the Friendship Trophy was Haworth member, Brenda Emmett. Runners up were: 1st Division - Muriel Bradley (Nidderdale) and Janet Binnington (Wakefield). 2nd Division - Joan Graham (Doncaster) and Sheila Wright (Haworth).

**Next year's event will be organised by Wakefield and District and details can be obtained from them at the beginning of 2009.**

**We look forward to welcoming newcomers (providing you have a handicap the day has something for everyone).**

In continued friendship - Brenda Emmett, Haworth & District



# Tangent & Circle

## WORKING TOGETHER

On 5 July 2008, Southend Round Table organised a Moonlight Colourthon. 1,200 people dressed in bright clothing participated in a 13 mile walk commencing at 7pm along the local foreshore and cliffs. The walkers were supporting around 202 different and very varied charities. At the end of the event £145,000 was pledged for local charities which certainly made the events slogan of "Brightening People's Lives" particularly poignant.

Pat Paulson, Tangent National President, was able to make a detour in her busy schedule to join Gill Young in supporting Southend 106 Round Table at the event. Together with Area 30 Ladies Circle Chairman, Faye Borthwick, they handed out leaflets about Ladies Circle to the participants.

**Gill Young** - Chairman Southend Tangent 5  
Tangent National Secretary



*'When choosing between two evils, I always like to try the one I've never tried before'*

MAE WEST

# Tangent treated like lords!

Chatham Riverside Tangent 812 enjoyed a national first on Saturday June 7 at Lords cricket ground at the inaugural 'Lords Ladies Day'. The wearing of frocks and hats gained all ladies free entry and a champagne reception on the Harris Lawn. We also enjoyed a visit to the hallowed Long Room, a barbecue lunch followed by tea and cake in the Sir Gary Sobers box - oh and some exciting cricket from Middlesex and Essex! Pictured are Chairman Liz Wallace and some of our Past Chairmen enjoying the occasion.

**Hilary Harwood**  
Past Chairman, Chatham Riverside Tangent



# Edith's Birthday Bash

Happy Birthday wishes to Edith Fildes, of Widness Tangent, who celebrated her 90th birthday in May.

The Coffee Evening, which was the May Tangent meeting, turned into a super birthday party for Edith.

**Edith holds the Tangent Summer barbecue in her garden and even bakes the bread rolls!**



## Congratulations to Jane and Peter as they 'tie the knot'!

41 Club and Tangent were out in force. Members from Bristol, Keynsham and Wessex Link attended the wedding of Jane Fornear and Peter Watts in St Peter's church on 7 June 2008. The service had a touch of conference built in - besides 'Jerusalem' they sang 'You'll never walk Alone' as a hymn and the happy couple walked together down the aisle to the tune of The Dambusters.



# CONGRATULATIONS TEIGNMOUTH

Teignmouth Tangent entered both the Teignmouth and Dawlish Carnivals this summer winning a total of three cups (best in category at both carnivals together with best overall at Teignmouth) and a total of £100 which will go to our Charity Account.

As you will see, our entry this year was 'Puppet on a String'. It was good to see the hundreds of holiday - makers and locals alike joining in all the words as we sailed past on our tractor drawn float. Some of the puppets were rather naughty showing rather too much 'legs in the air' than the more sedate members of the puppetry family!!! No names mentioned but watch out for Looby Loo in our Winter Carnival.



## *A new super Chairman for Weston-Super-Mare*

New Chairman of Weston-Super-Mare Tangent, Penny Bennett receives flowers from her husband Peter at Weston Tangent's Chairman's Dinner in May.

Although she has only been a member of Tangent for 18 months, Penny has enjoyed the friendship and fellowship in Weston so much, she was keen to take the chair, and looks forward to a very happy year as Chairman.



## TANGENT FRIENDSHIP

*What would you do without it?*



**Above and beyond the call of friendship**, Pam Regan, Betty James, Ivy Anderson and Joan Murphy of Southend on Sea Tangent No 5 spent an afternoon and early evening proof reading the 2008/2009 Tangent National Directory. Indeed, as they had not finished, Pam offered her services the following afternoon. Now that really is friendship! Thank you girls.

Your club contact has been sent a copy of the new 2008/2009 Directory, it has a pink cover. If you need an extra copy please contact me.

Yours in continued friendship, **Gill Young** - National Secretary

## *Fareham Garden Party*

President, Pat and Chairman of Fareham Tangent at their recent summer garden party.



# Speechless!

JOAN WAS LOST FOR WORDS – HONESTLY, SHE WAS!!

Carnoustie and District 457 celebrated their 30th Birthday with STYLE! Firstly, it was decided that Joan just had to come to the party in her Presidential year – and she did.

Letters went out to all the surrounding Tangents, former Carnoustie members and the girls from (now disbanded) Carnoustie and District Ladies Circle – emphasising the fact that there was going to be BIRTHDAY CAKE!

Talk about temptation! The upshot was that Carnoustie's Station Hotel was bursting at the seams on March 19 with 79 Tangent girls – ready to party.

All members put their hearts into the preparations – just like the old Circle days, but it was more tiring!

With Joan's chosen charity being The British Heart Foundation, they went to town on the decorations – heart-shaped badges for the Carnoustie hostesses, heart-shaped candles, table confetti and some of the raffle prizes. Irene and Kay had even held up the owner of a local gift shop to get their hands on her Valentine's Day decorations!

Joan and Chairman, Pat, were greeted on arrival by the skirl o' the bagpipes and that was when Joan was rendered speechless!

After a splendid buffet and delightful floral art demonstration, Pat presented Joan with a £200 cheque for The British Heart Foundation from previous fundraising, then £240 was raised at the party. Joan also received £80 from Broughty Ferry and £60 from Dundee for her chosen charity.

A great time was had by all and the icing on our cake was the "heart-warming" presence of our National President, Joan.

**Kay Landsburgh** - Vice-Chairman, Carnoustie and District Tangent Club No 457



*Editor's note - this article and picture were lost 'in the ether' prior to last edition - so here you are girls - a super memory for me!*

## Canterbury Tangent



President Pat joined Canterbury Tangent at Broome Park to celebrate their 40th charter anniversary.

## Cambridge Tangent 54



Cambridge Tangent no 54 celebrated their 40th Anniversary with a dinner at the Old Hall, Queen's College. National President, Pat and husband Mike, joined former members and present members with their partners to celebrate .

Cambridge 41club and Tangent will send a donation to Air Ambulance.

## BLETCHLEY SUMMER LUNCH

Every year in August, the members of Bletchley Tangent dress up in posh frocks and are joined by partners to attend their annual garden summer lunch along with the current National President. This year Pat and husband Mike, joined us.

Chairman Penny Snook very kindly offered her garden for this event. Wet weather contingency plans were put into place but it turned out to be a lovely relaxing day and even a change of caterer at the last moment did not spoil a wonderful day, (even though it caused a few headaches for Tangent member Gill who was organising).

The ladies of Bletchley hope this event will continue for many years to come.



# NEW MILTON

TANGENT CLUB  
'man a drinks station'

for the New Forest Marathon. They urged the runners along and have a wonderful day. I wonder if their 'drink of the day'-Bucks Fizz!—had anything to do with their enjoyment?



# BEXHILL BABES

Members of Bexhill-on Sea Tangent Club, manned the Tangent stall at the hospital's fete held in June and raised £326. They have supported their local hospital for many years .Well done girls!



## SUCCESS FOR SUE

RHS MALVERN SPRING GARDENING SHOW



Susan Clark, member of Coulsdon and Purley Tangent and proprietor of Purley-based 'Fresh View Garden Designs' has won a Bronze medal in her debut appearance at the May Royal Horticultural Society's Malvern Spring Gardening Show. Her stunning Hever Castle Blue Border display beat off strong competition from many well-established garden designers and has put newly formed 'Fresh View Garden Designs' on the map.

Susan Clark has worked closely with sponsors Hever Castle, near Tonbridge in Kent, to develop The Hever Castle Blue Border. It has, as its theme " Catherine wheels, fountains, rockets, starbursts and sparklers in hues of blue and purple". The displays inspiration comes from the beauty of a magnificent fireworks display - which is reflected in the colours of the flowers and leaves, combined with the three dimensional shapes of the flower heads.

The Hever Castle Blue Border display has been primarily designed for a suburban courtyard - but would be equally at home in many other settings - and thanks to her success at Malvern Susan Clark has already taken a number of commissions to recreate the design in a number of privately owned gardens throughout the UK.

Congratulations Sue!

## National Gardens Scheme

Illustrated talks in Devon.

The National Gardens Scheme in Devon have **THREE SPEAKERS** who will give illustrated talks to organisations.

Contact **Alan Davies**

ps In case your are unfamiliar with the NGS please take a look at [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)



## WELLS IN FRANCE

**Five members of Wells Tangent Club made the trip to the south of France to visit honorary member Margaret Stewart Fisher in Céret.**

Outgoing chairman Elspeth Fletcher said: "Margaret has been our

International Officer since she and Ken moved to France, so when they invited us to visit their French home, we decided to have a pre-AGM meeting over there.

"We discussed various matters, including our 2008 charity donation, and decided to give all £500 to a local disabled rider, Julia Nest. She, with her horse Gromit is training for this year's RDA National Dressage Championships in June, and aims to be Britain's hopeful for the 2012 Paralympic Games.

"Apart from that, we had a wonderful 48-hour trip, packing in sightseeing, shopping and enjoying French cuisine. We are already planning next year's trip, and most of our other members have already decided to join us."

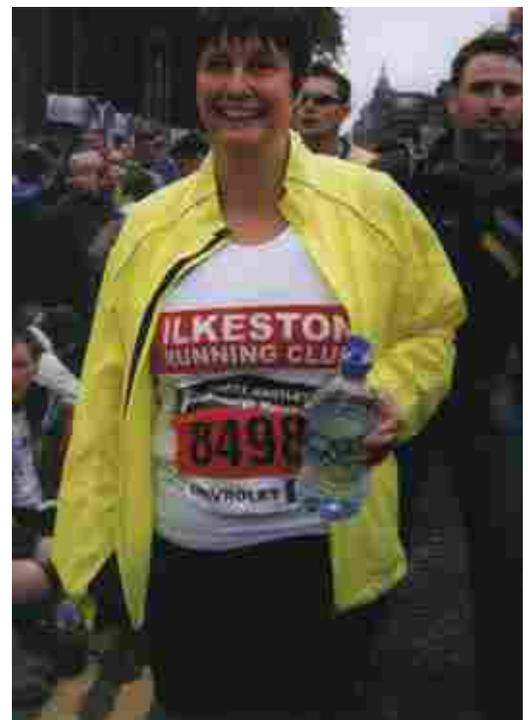
Faites continuer l'amitié! Margaret Stewart Fisher



Wells Tangent Club members Gill Creed, outgoing chairman Elspeth Fletcher, Jane Clarke, Tricia Watts and new chairman Marilyn Paul on their visit to Céret.

## Congratulations Sue!

Ilkeston Tangent member, Sue Bates completed 26.2 miles, running ALL THE WAY, in the Edinburgh Marathon held in May.



**Calling Tangent members living in France:**

if you live anywhere near Perpignan & would enjoy an occasional wallow in Circle/Table nostalgia, contact me on [azay99@free.fr](mailto:azay99@free.fr)

# AGM competition

*Where did you hold your AGM?*

A YEAR AGO former president, Janis Attwell set us a challenge - to hold each club's AGM in an unusual venue. Abots were the winners and received their trophy from Janis.

*This year we have three entries:*

- OATS Tangent, held their AGM on stage (in the interval), during a visit to the theatre
- Baildon Tangent, who hiked to 'the Cow and Calf rocks in Ilkley' and then adjourned to the pub for their planning.
- Abots Tangent navigated canals on two narrow-boats for the evening.

The closing date was 31st of July

And the winner is  
**OATS**

*Congratulations to you all. It was a very difficult decision.*



## Isle of Man support their very own President

The Charity Ball Committee present cheques totalling £3,500 to Mr Charles Sentance and members of the BHF Committee and Past President, Joan Crabtree. What a result!



**HEARTFELT  
THANKS**

*A big THANK YOU  
to everyone who  
donated to my  
chosen charity*

**BRITISH  
HEART  
FOUNDATION**

**Tangent**  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLUBS

*has donated over  
**£11,000**  
Brilliant.*

# PASSING FRIENDS - OCTOBER 2008



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](http://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.

JOAN THWAITES	POCKLINGTON & DISTRICT 577
ANNE COTTAM	POCKLINGTON & DISTRICT 577
PHIL JACKSON	KINGSBRIDGE 248
SUE PALMER	DEEPINGS 590
DI CLAIRE	DEEPINGS 590
BRENDA RUMGAY	SHEPPERTON 517
EILEEN BENNETT	BOURNEMOUTH 1
ROSEMARY ROGERS	BOURNEMOUTH 1
SHEILA SIDES	RUNCORN 292
GWENDA LINTON	RUNCORN 292
SHEILA CLARKE	CANTERBURY 93
ELIZABETH ANNE RIGG	MIRFIELD 340
DOLORES BROOMFIELD	PORTSMOUTH & SOUTHSEA 44
PAULINE JAMES	WANTAGE 310
WENDY BROWN	WATERLOOVILLE 523

YVONNE BRADLEY	BEXLEY 25
SUSAN MOORE	ROTHERHAM 43
MARY GHENT	ROTHERHAM 3
PAT REES	PINNER 171
MONICA 'NIC' TAVERNER	MALVERN HILLS 256
PENNY DAVIES	former member of MALVERN HILLS 256
CHRISTINE LATHAM	PENISTONE 853
SHEILA SINCLAIR	WORKINGTON 849
PHILIPPA PARKER	SOUTHWELL & DISTRICT 480
KATHLEEN OLDFIELD	DOWNEND 177
JOY BULL	former member of WHITBY & DISTRICT
MARGARET 'MARGO' SCOTT	EXMOUTH 433
JAN HARPER	ST ALBANS 114
JO BOWDLER	KETTERING 318

## DIARY DATES

### FORTHCOMING LUNCHESES

#### 2008

**OCT 18** SOUTH WEST LUNCHEON  
SAT hosted by Bude 471  
Falcon Hotel, Bude

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

#### 2009

**FEB 14** NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CHARITY BALL  
SAT Batch Country Hotel,  
Weston-Super-Mare

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

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

**APR 18** TANGENT DAY LUNCHEON & NAGM  
SAT hosted by Southport Hesketh Tangent 840  
New Conference Centre, Southport

**APR 16-19** 41 CLUB AND TANGENT NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
SAT Southport

## NEWS & VIEWS

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

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

**Editor's question: *How do you keep 17,000 Tangent ladies quiet?***  
**Answer: *Ask them to air their views in Tangent News!***

So let's 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](mailto:past-president@tangent-clubs.org)

By 1 January 2009 for the February edition.

### 11 SEPTEMBER 2010

A day to get out your hats and shine up your badges.

Why and where?

Well you'll have to wait for the next issue!

# AIR ambulance CHARITY

*It's there for you!*

Jane Venables of Isis Tangent attended a presentation at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Marlow. It was organised by the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust (Berks/Oxon/Bucks). There were also members from Great Missenden Marlow, Twyford, Beaconsfield, Oxford and Abingdon Tangent clubs and they all enjoyed the experience (a little warmer and sunnier than the launch at Torbay).

The photograph shows the visitors with the pilot and paramedics team.

As the team told the group that they were always 'at the ready for a call', they were called out and went hastily on their way.

Yours in continued friendship

Jane Venables, Hon.Sec. Isis Tangent 870



## OPEN DAY AT THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE

The Great North Air Ambulance held an open day recently and it was a wonderful opportunity for Tangent members to see for themselves how the Air Ambulance system works and how the teams on board had to work in such a confined space.

Members from Houghton le Spring, Whickham, Darlington, Stockton, Angels of the North, Whitley Bay and Sunderland along with 41 Club, Round Table and Circle were given a tour of the Air Ambulance. They met some of the crew and were shown a short film (that was to be shown on the television later in the year) on their vital work.

**If you get the chance to visit your local Air Ambulance, take it, you won't be disappointed.**



## A PAT ON THE BACK

As Pat Paulson and Keith Howard posed for a photograph at a Devon Air Ambulance Open Day for members of 41, Tangent & Round Table. Suddenly the helicopter was required at a road traffic accident about 30 miles away and in a matter of seconds, it was airborne and a pair of paramedics were on-site within ten minutes.



**Please support the President's Charity and have some real fun at the same time.**



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

**Donations should be sent to PAT PAULSON or handed in at your local AAAC.**

