



# Tangent

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**HELP for  
HEROES**

New  
President  
**JAN  
MULQUEEN**  
is proud to  
support the  
charity,  
**HELP for  
HEROES**

'Let  
friendship  
continue'



# NEWS

**THIS ISSUE SHOULD INCLUDE:**

- South West Luncheon Form • South East Luncheon Form
- Scottish Luncheon Form • Capitation Form
- Regalia Order Form • Sales Order Form
- Brooch Order Form



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# NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*My theme for the year is **IT'S POSSIBLE**. Why? When I first joined Circle 24 years ago I thought, I could never be a Circle Chairman, they always seemed to know everything and conducted the meetings so efficiently.*

Through the years I've learnt so much, including not to worry when I was having a house meeting for 12 but only had chairs for 8 and cutlery for 6.

As long as the wine was in the fridge, the kettle was handy and the loo was clean, nothing else mattered so it is possible to get up and speak to a room full of people and not have a panic attack.

I've gained friends that I know will last a lifetime and I have so many happy memories, photos and the odd video to keep me smiling well into my old age. It's possible Tangent has enriched your life; I know it has mine. If I can become President, **ITS POSSIBLE** each and every one of you could.

As an Executive we will always try to do our best in the knowledge that we are only custodians for the year. All of us are available by email or phone should you wish or need to contact us.

I look forward to seeing many of you on my travels this year. Please come up and say hello.

Yours in continued friendship, with a big hug **Jan**

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

IN 10 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### 1 What family do you have?

Two sons, three granddaughters, one grandson, a daughter-in-law and Eddie.

### 2 Where were you born?

London.

### 3 What hobbies do you have?

Reading newspapers, Travelling, Watching most sport, Good food, Catching up with friends, Enjoying time with family.

### 4 What if anything did you win at school?

Ice skating proficiency, swimming one length unaided, the usual medals.

### 5 Choose 4 people, alive or dead, to share a meal with

Christopher Columbus, Princess Diana, Michael Winner and my mum.

### 6 How would I describe myself?

Loving, tenacious, large and fun loving.

### 7 How would others describe you?

Compassionate, loyal, a good mum and wife, no good (useless) with electronic equipment, sometimes impatient.

### 8 Favourite music

Most old Tamala Motown, Nat King Cole, Take That, Music you can sing along to, though I spend a lot of my time singing nursery rhymes.

### 9 Favourite saying/phrase

I have two. 'Life is not a rehearsal' and 'Look at and appreciate what you have got, not what you haven't'. (Especially in these last two years).

### 10 Any Vices?

I used to have three now it's only two, talking and eating!

### ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US

I am allergic to lilies, feather pillows and duvets, cats (though I can sometimes manage with one). I don't eat fish, I am good with the tea towel and no bother to look after if you have me to visit.

## THIS IS THE YEAR

Tangent and 41 Club have HELP FOR HEROES as the joint Presidential Charity. As my son was in the Army and had to have major surgery at HMS Haslar I know how important it was for him to have trained personnel around him. This year I am asking if you will help me raise some money either individually or as a Club by holding a PYRAMID LUNCH/DINNER. This is an ideal way to raise some money, while sharing time with non-Tangent friends.

HOW DOES IT WORK? Simple. One person hosts a lunch for five other people, those five then host a lunch/dinner for four people, those four then host a lunch for three people with those three having a lunch for two, finally those two host a lunch for themselves and one other.

Every hostess decides the menu and cost with £5 per guest, per lunch going to HELP FOR HEROES. Each hostess then banks the money at a Lloyds bank (PLEASE put TANGENT or NATC on the paying-in slip to enable us to track the money raised) or send a cheque made payable to HELP FOR HEROES, direct to me with the Lunch/Dinner details written on the back.

Lloyds Bank, Andover Branch  
HELP FOR HEROES  
Sort code 30 - 90 - 21  
Account No. 03524452

*Remember to write TANGENT on your paying-in slip. You can also donate on-line and find out more about HELP FOR HEROES at [www.helpforheroes.org.uk](http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk). I will try to give regular updates of money raised throughout the year on our website.*



## HELP for HEROES

# VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



When I returned home on Sunday night from the Conference, the first thing I did was put the washer on; down to earth straight away. A 41 Club friend did say it's started already with no washing being done, no meals ready. But nothing could take me away from the excitement of being National Vice President. For those of you unable to attend the AGM I have set out my address here.

After the AGM at Market Harborough Tangent 224, there was great excitement as I was on my way to Southport.

I am fully aware of the responsibility this job holds and that I didn't make the decision to stand for office lightly. In fact some are relieved as they have received quite an ear bashing during the weeks leading up to my decision. But then ladies, that's what friends are for.

I know the values by which I have led my Tangent Life are those I will bring to the role.

 Let friendship continue

- T**alking and listening to people
  - A**sking questions from the more experienced
  - N**ever forgetting to respect those and what has gone on before
  - G**iving time to Tangent in return for the things it has given me, most of all friendship
  - E**xtending the hand of friendship to 41 Club, Circle, Round Table, members of our family
  - N**avigating the UK to enjoy the fun, excitement and fellowship of other tangent clubs
  - T**rying my best
  - L**ooking
  - I**nto the
  - F**uture
  - E**ncouraging new members so that Tangent life continues, letting friendship continue.
- Hopefully you can now appreciate the commitment I will bring to the position of Vice President knowing that whatever I do in this role will reflect upon Tangent nationally and also my own Tangent.
- Ladies thank you.
- Gill Preston**

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT



Well my year is over and what a fabulous one at that, an experience never to be forgotten. It has made me realise all the more what a wonderful organisation this is and what lovely people there are in it. Over eighty seven visits not including Regional Luncheons, over 23,000 miles and over 430 clubs attending. Ladies, thank you once again for helping to have made this my 'Special Year'. Thank you my Exec and also my two Clubs Taunton and Weston-Super-Mare for all your hard work and help and not forgetting Hyundai for the transport given which enabled me to uplift and deliver all the bras I have collected.

Now down to being I.P.P. Quite an adjustment to make but I am getting there, not only the magazine but website, membership and International membership as well. Keep the photographs coming in, ask me if you need any help, I am just at the end of the phone.

Congratulations to Jan our new President, have a wonderful year and welcome aboard to our new Exec members. Enjoy. It will be quite an experience for you.

**Pat**

## VICE PRESIDENT/REGALIA OFFICER

**YOUR  
REGALIA  
NEEDS YOU  
TO ORDER ASAP.....**



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 claim compensation  
from Royal Mail. Orders take SIX WEEKS to process.**

*Reminder: There are about 200 Clubs who haven't placed their orders for last year. Could you please let me have them as soon as possible.*

Yours in Continued Friendship

**Gill Preston**





# Secretary's Notepad

## ***My final year as your National Secretary is about to commence - how time flies when you are enjoying yourself!***

I am delighted to have Terrie Hewitt on board as National Secretary Elect. Welcome, Terrie. I know you will have a busy, rewarding and enjoyable four years ahead of you. Welcome also to Gill Preston your new National Vice President. You may not know Gill, but I can tell, in the short time I have known her, she will be great - and she has a good name!



The Southport Conference weekend was a great success, both in terms of venue and numbers. Well done to Mike Orme and his 41 Club team and, of course, our very own Tangent Conference Chairman, Maggie Jones and her brilliant team.

The NAGM was very exciting with well over 250 attending, representing you with 112 votes. I would like to thank Sue Dolan from Baildon and Sally Reed from Lymington for being brave enough to submit the Resolutions. I was very pleased they were both accepted, well done Sue, Sally and the voting delegates. Not so well done on my part as I failed on the substantive motion procedure, and I had been rehearsing in my head for weeks! Next year Jan Mulqueen has asked that we print the procedure in the Agenda so there are no hiccups.

Welcome to all the new Club Secretaries. I hope you have an interesting year ahead. Your club contact will receive your Tangent News allocation together with one set of mailings; please make sure you pass the mailings on to the relevant person. At the end of May you will receive capitation, sales and regalia forms as well as Regional Luncheon forms for Scotland, South West and South East. Please support the Luncheons, they are a great way to catch up with past friends and make new friends.

I am busy compiling the new Directory for 2009/2010. It is not too late to send me your Directory Details form, either by post or online at [www.tangent-clubs.org](http://www.tangent-clubs.org) I shall be sending the 2009/2010 Tangent Directory together with the NAGM minutes to you at the end of June.

I look forward to the year ahead with Jan Mulqueen as our National President and working alongside her Executive team.

Don't forget to communicate - I look forward to hearing from you!

Yours in continued friendship

**Gill Young**



**Maggie Jones, Southport Tangent Conference Chairman**

## NATIONAL SECRETARY ELECT



***I must start off by thanking everyone who supported me in the election for National Secretary Elect and for all the cards and best wishes I received. I hope I can live up to the expectations you have in me. I will do my best.***

Southport was a great conference and the Tangent and 41 Club teams had worked very hard to make it a good weekend as well as a busy business event. If you have never been to a 41 Club/Tangent Conference, give it a try. I heard it described as "the best of the old Round Table National Conference without its worse excesses!" Lots of fun and fellowship and meeting up with friends.

Back to work on Monday and then a drive to Yorkshire to see our eldest daughter, Victoria inducted into the Chair of Elland Ladies Circle. It was great to see that the best of Circling is still going on with just enough formality amongst some very funny reports of some great events and raising lots of money for local good causes. What a proud Mum I was! If your daughter is eligible for Circle, try and get her involved then you can feel the pride I felt.

During my "Secretary Elect" year I am learning the ropes from Gill; a very able teacher and a hard act to follow. During this year I am hoping to persuade many clubs to agree to organise a Regional Lunch in their area. We still do not have hosts for the Midland in February and the Welsh in March, 2010. It is getting urgent now. Please see if you can help. I am also planning for the events for the next three to four years so please contact me for more details.

**Terrie Hewitt**

## TREASURER'S REPORT



***Well, that's two years over and only one to go. I must say I have really enjoyed myself this year meeting old friends and making new ones.***

I would particularly like to thank those of you who sent questions either by phone or email for me to answer at the NAGM. This was a very interesting year and you helped me by letting me have your questions early so that I could prepare for the day.

The Southport Conference reminded me of days gone by; everyone appeared to genuinely enjoy themselves. The Fancy Dress was really well supported and the Conference committee worked really hard to ensure that it was a great success.

I should just like to remind you that the Capitation has remained unaltered for 2009/10 at £3.50p. Please try and get your Capitation in as soon after July as possible. I still have a few stragglers for this year, but hopefully we are nearly there.

I should just like to take this opportunity to wish you all well for the summer and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible throughout the year at the various events.

Yours in continued friendship

**Lesley**



**FANCY DRESS PARTY NIGHT  
SOUTHPORT 2009**



# SALES & REGALIA OFFICER

**WOW! What a year I have had in the first of my three years as your National Sales & Regalia Officer.**

I have enjoyed the contact with you all by phone, email, post and in person and have handled large numbers of telephone queries, dealt with various queries and sent out forms, despatched over 250 orders and attended seven regional lunches, five smaller local events and the NAGM! And now it starts again for the second year. It should be easier as I know what I am doing and hopefully have streamlined procedures.

I just didn't realise how busy it would be but I cope by doing a little bit every day. Obviously the lunches and NAGM involve more work but they are also the most enjoyable part as I get to meet lots of new people and catch up with friends. I love it when people who have ordered by post come up to introduce themselves to me so that I can put a face to the name. Please do visit The Shop at the regional lunches even if it is just to say hello.

The new products I launched in September are selling well, particularly the beaded bookmarks. I was told by a lady who ordered one by post that the picture on the website does not do them justice and that you really need to see them to appreciate how good they are. Each one is unique and it is much better if you can see them all and choose the one you like best. Please visit The Shop to have a look for yourselves.

Prices will remain unchanged this year even though most of our suppliers have increased theirs. Some new order forms are included with this mailing but old ones can still be used.

Next year sees the 40th Anniversary of NATC and I am now starting to look at new products to commemorate the event. Watch this space and if your club is 40 this year remember the 40th Anniversary Badge. It is expensive at £80 but it is a one-off cost. Forms are available on the website or you can email me for one.

Finally, thank you to all those I have stayed with in the last year and those who have helped with The Shop - I look forward to catching up with you at this year's lunches.

YICF **Karen**

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## REGIONAL LUNCHESES

**Don't forget the Northern Luncheon - Newcastle  
Saturday 27 June 2009**

Saturday 19 September

### Scottish Luncheon

hosted by **Royal Deeside Tangent 636**

Venue: Banchory Lodge Hotel

Saturday 19 October

### South West Luncheon

hosted by **Redruth Tangent 695**

Venue: Penventon Park Hotel

Saturday 14 November

### South East Luncheon

hosted by **Basingstoke 312**

Venue: Trunkwell Mansion House

Saturday 27 February

### Midlands Luncheon

hosted by **tbc**

Venue: Whitchurch

Saturday 13 March

### Irish Luncheon

hosted by **tbc**

Venue: tbc

15 - 17 April

### National Conference

hosted by **Scarborough**

Venue: tbc

2009  
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# SCOTTISH LUNCH

## PRIDE COMETH *before a fall!* SOMEBODY FIRE ME PLEASE!

*Imagine - I have put the February Magazine 'to bed'- thinking 'Yes it is definitely getting easier!' Then a justly indignant email arrives in March after the magazine is distributed saying "What ! no Scottish Lunch pictures?!"*

**OH NO !** - suffice to say I was mortified! I'm definitely 'past-it' now!! (Joan)

So - humble apologies to the ladies of Inverness Highland Tangent, who hosted a wonderful weekend for their visitors and in a super lunch at Lochardi House on Saturday 27 September 2008.

After re-uniting with many friends, we were piped-in to lunch (Of course!) and enjoyed lovely food and company.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Dr.Emily Joy - and she really is a joy!

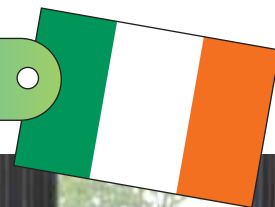
She has spent time with her husband and young family helping to give better medical care to people in Sierra Leone. With the aid of slides she amazed us with tales of her life as the local doctor, midwife, surgeon etc.





# WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

## IRISH LUNCH



**And indeed they were at Parkanaur Manor House, Dungannon on Saturday 14 March.**

The lunch was hosted by First in Ireland Tangent and attracted many visitors from England.

Our speaker was Bryan Gallagher who regaled us with stories and excerpts from his book 'Barefoot in Mullyneeny'. We all enjoyed tales of Bryan and his friends as schoolboys and teenagers. A few old favourites were sung to the guitar accompaniment from Brian's son.

**Thank you** First in Ireland for a super weekend.



## MIDLANDS LUNCH

### HOT-HOUSE FLOWERS!

**The venue for the Midlands lunch was in the spectacular Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. The 21 February was almost tropical!**

We were pleased to welcome Lynda Wieland, President of Ladies Circle as our guest.

The gardens looked fabulous and our Tangent members bloomed!

OATS, our host Tangent, planned a superb lunch. The room was festooned with red balloons printed with the logo for The Birmingham Children's Hospital. (They were to receive the proceeds from the lunch and raffle.)

After lunch there was an address from National President Pat, and President Lynda. The mellow voice of Peter Tomlinson (the broadcaster who created the children's show 'Tiswas' in the early 70s) kept us enthralled as he related stories of famous TV newsreaders. He told us of his position as High Sheriff of West Midlands and now is involved with SAGA Radio in the West Midlands. He also fundraises for the Children's hospital.

The sun was still shining as we strolled the gardens before making for home.

A lovely day! Thank you to the ladies of OATS.



# STOP PRESS

Midland Lunch  
27 February 2010 to  
be organised by Whitchurch



**WHAT A WEEKEND! IT WAS SUNNY AND THE VENUE WAS SUPERB. WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK FOR?**

The Thursday evening started off with dinner and followed with well-known songs from Opera and West End shows.

Friday evening saw everyone beautifully dressed, sitting down once again to a lovely dinner. Speeches were given by the four National Presidents. Then there was dancing throughout the night.

Saturday morning arrived. Once again the sun was shining with ladies arriving in their glorious outfits. Everyone was happy and raring to go.

The Luncheon venue was tastefully laid out with nearly 200 attending, Helen Bellwood, wife of John the new 41Club International President gave the Toast to Tangent. At this point, I must thank Maggie Jones and her Committee for all of their hard work, nothing was too much trouble. Thank you so much from all of us.

At 2.15pm precisely the 43rd National AGM began. Nearly 300 people attended - among them were 112 voting delegates. The previous minutes were read and approved. It was agreed that the Capitation fees would not be increased.

We had one member standing from the floor for Vice President. Reports were then read out and approved.

On giving my report, I stated what a wonderful year I had had. Fun and friendship galore, with welcomes second to none. Wherever I laid my hat I was made to feel at home. I have made over £20,000 for the Air Ambulance and collectively our three clubs have made over £310,000 and the money is still coming in. The car loads of bras I have collected, yes ladies, are still coming in. I thank you for all your supports, I hope you are managing without them! It has caused great mirth but at the same time I feel that it has given Tangent a feeling that we do belong to a national organisation and are all pulling together.

Greetings from Ladies Circle National President were then given and then Terrie Hewitt our National Secretary elect and Gill Preston our new National Vice President were asked to join us on top table. Congratulations were given and we hope that they will enjoy belonging to our new Exec. A sad moment then arrived when Joan was given her past National President's jewel, she will be sorely missed. The chain was then handed over to Jan and at that moment Angels of the North interrupted the proceedings with husband Eddie bearing gifts, this was followed by Richard Matthews the new 41Club National President bringing greetings. Our new National President Jan then gave her address informing us that she and 41 Club's Charity for this year is, 'Help for Heroes'.

Jan we wish you a wonderful year. Enjoy.

Pat

**Resolutions and executive recommendations:**

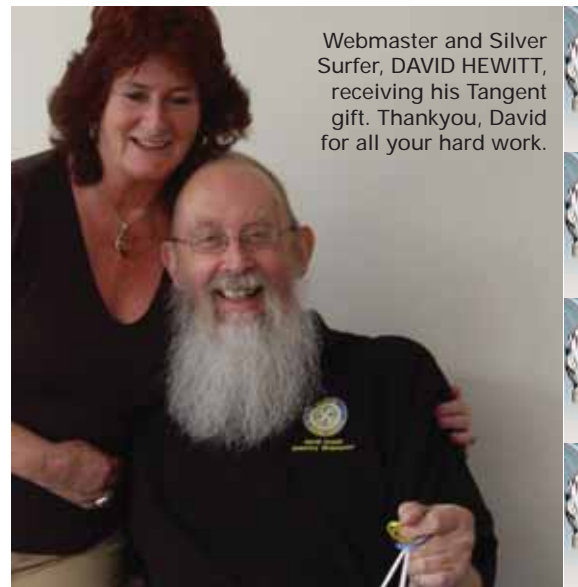
- 6.5.2 President's expenses were passed
- 9.1 Selective membership was passed
- 9.2 Memorial for Tangent at National Memorial Arboretum - passed. To be paid for by National
- 9.3 Deletion of 'Club Secretaries' in rule 10.2 - passed
- 9.4 Proxy Votes - passed
- 9.5.1 Investigating Tangent International - passed
- 9.5.2 Failed



Let friendship continue



# CONFERENCE WHAT A WEEKEND!



Webmaster and Silver Surfer, DAVID HEWITT, receiving his Tangent gift. Thankyou, David for all your hard work.





# WESTERHAM TANGENT International Partners

14 March 2009

Westerham Tangent 739 President, Frances Simner and Pauline Campbell, attended the Charter of Tangent Club 141 in Kempton, Germany where Westerham became Kempton's International partner club.

Their President, Gerda Braun was presented with our President's brooch, engraved with their club name and year of charter.

Westerham Tangent had met Kempton Ladies at Round Table / 41 Club International meetings.



Firm friendships have been sealed with Kempton's charter.

Westerham Ladies were accompanied by husbands Barry and David and Westerham 41 Club President Mike Martineau with his wife Meg.



## CROWBOROUGH 41 CLUB supporting Crowborough Tangent supporting AIR AMBULANCE at their joint fun Salsa Evening



Farnham and Camberley visit Surrey Air Ambulance

# AROUND

## BANBURY *does it in style!*

On 1 November 2008, Banbury Tangent enjoyed a special luncheon to celebrate their 40th Charter Anniversary. They welcomed 11 past members from all over the country, including two local founder members, Joan Crouch and Marjorie Holmes, who lit the candle of friendship.

Later that month, Chairman Betty Playle, Banbury Tangent Chairman, was honoured to be one of 150 invited guests to meet the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh to mark the occasion of Banbury's 40th Anniversary.

Now that is one up-manship!!



## FARNHAM TANGENT

President Pat joined members of Farnham Tangent to celebrate their 30th Birthday





# THE CLUBS

## *Hello Tangent* from your Circles

**It has been a great year with Circle changing their aims and objectives to " Working Side by Side with Round Table, Tangent and 41 Club"**

We have felt, as an Executive, that we have had support from Tangent and kept the friendships going and continuing. It has been great.

We were very pleased that Gill was able to join us in Luxembourg for our Mid Term Meeting in January; her input was very important for the International Circle.

I would like to remind Tangent that we are now open Circles and you do not have to have a partner in Round Table. If you have daughters or grand daughters why not talk to them about joining in their local Circle? I am sure all of us will agree that the time we spend in Circle is precious and we all have a fantastic time with the fun and friendships. (Don't worry they will never find out what you got up to in the good old days.)

**NIKI STOCKEN - National Vice President Ladies Circle GB&I (now National President)**



## NEWTON ABBOT TANGENT v. 41 CLUB

### Annual Skittles Challenge

The Challenge has been 'skittling' for over 30 years and the Clive Angel Cup is the prize.

This year 41 Club were victorious.

Watch out next year guys, Margaret Nuttall has 'a demon' underarm throw!



## WHITLEY BAY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

We were doubly delighted to have both Pat Paulson and Jan Mulqueen as guests at the celebration of our 50th year. The afternoon reminded us of continued friendship as we looked at photographs from the early days of Circle. Elizabeth Morris (founder member of both our Circle and Tangent) reflected on her first Tangent meeting and her lasting friendships.

Inspired by Pat's enthusiasm, funds were raised in aid of Air Ambulance and a cheque was handed over by Chairman Peggy Maxwell and Vice Chairman Adele Mawer at our March meeting.



## BEVERLEY TANGENT host a friendship dinner

Lots of chatter and fun filled the room as Tangent members met new and old friends for the evening.

On March 10th Beverley Tangent held their first friendship evening which was a huge success.

Tangents from North Yorks were invited to join Beverley for an evening of fun and friendship with a delicious supper and to meet Immediate Past President, Joan Crabtree, who had been invited to Beverley for the occasion.

Around 50 members attended from local clubs, Chairman Patricia and a founder member lit the candle of friendship. The ladies of Beverley had laid a beautiful buffet.

It was a very successful evening and many of the local clubs left saying that they would like to return the hospitality. What a great idea!





# ABOTS Race for Life

**In August, ABOTS Tangent Club 889 were out in force fundraising for Cancer Research UK, at the Leamington & Warwick Relay for Life marathon walking event.**

The team, dressed in their signature pink feather boas and stetsons were participating in the event for the second year. They joined 20 other local teams to walk, talk and laugh their way around the course at the Royal Showground in Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. In 21 hours they raised almost £5,000 for their favourite charity.

To keep spirits up as the hours wore on, various fancy-dress themed laps were introduced and ABOTS joined in most of these wearing dressing gowns, carrying teddies or swimwear and sunglasses or on with the dog collars for vicars and tarts.



An emotional part of the event was the Candle of Hope ceremony where everyone present stopped and thought about why they were fundraising for cancer research. Candles were lit in memory of loved ones or in celebration of cancer survivors. ABOTS team member, Sharon Abba, took to the stage and delivered a superb and moving rendition of "wind beneath my wings" which left everyone reaching for tissues.

Total funds raised exceeded £30,000 which was £10,000 up on last year. ABOTS were proud to be awarded a plaque in recognition of contributing most to the event - not just in monetary terms but in participation and encouragement of others.

## TRISH HANDSLEY

**ABOTS IPC and Relay for Life 2008 team captain**

# PRESIDENTIAL CHARITY BALL

*What a wonderful evening!*

**£4,300 RAISED FOR AIR AMBULANCE**

Arnold (who else!!) (Harpenden 41 and Past National Treasurer), me of course!! - Harpenden Tangent (Past National President and Past National Sales Officer), my brother John Rossiter (Weston-Super-Mare 41 Club), Sarah Williams and Tim Rossiter (my nephew and Chairman Weston-Super-Mare Round Table) and finally our elder daughter, Elspeth Parkhouse, (Buckingham Ladies Circle) and her husband, Tony Parkhouse.

Oh what a family affair - my parents who joined Weston-Super-Mare-Table and Circle in 1947 would have been proud.

## BETH ALLEN



# DURSLEY'S RED HAT LUNCH

We very sadly lost one of our most well-loved members last November. It was felt that we should mark this in the only way Lesley would have loved - and that was to HAVE FUN, and ENJOY FRIENDSHIP. We organised a "Red Hat Society Luncheon" at Nibley House, North Nibley on Saturday 28 March 2009 and 37 Tangent members and past Circlers joined to celebrate the life of Lesley Wrangmore.

The Red Hat Society was formed in America and after mentioning this 'sisterhood' to the girls back in Dursley, it was agreed that we would have to use their idea but then, sadly Lesley was taken from us. At her funeral, her favourite poem was read by her son. The poem was the "Philosophy" of the Red Hat Society. When I am old I will wear purple.





## Hutton & Shenfield

In January, Hutton and Shenfield members celebrated the Chinese New Year. Several had attended Brentwood Tangent's 40th Charter Anniversary dinner the previous evening and asked President Pat if she would like to attend their meeting the following evening.

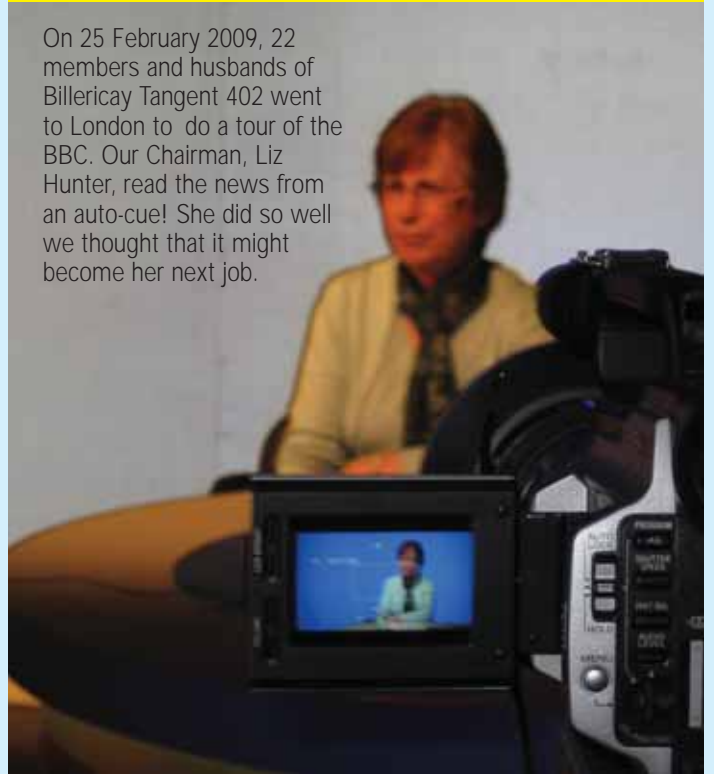
It was a wonderful evening full of Tangent fun and fellowship which finished with a fabulous Chinese meal, cooked by our very own Social Committee.

**Left to right: Jean Nobles our Honorary Member who lives in Spain and has joined Tangent over there, Chairman Linda Morrish, President Pat Paulson, Past Chairman Maureen Currey, our speaker who explained about Chinese Customs and their Calendar, and Secretary Paula Clark.**



## Here is the News

On 25 February 2009, 22 members and husbands of Billericay Tangent 402 went to London to do a tour of the BBC. Our Chairman, Liz Hunter, read the news from an auto-cue! She did so well we thought that it might become her next job.



## SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Tangent No 5 presented a cheque for £770 to Major Idwal Evans of the Salvation Army at Leigh on Sea. Major Evans had spoken to us before. He was such an interesting person so we asked him to return.

He spent 30 years in Africa helping young disabled children in education and sport. He ran a four minute mile with Roger Bannister and we wouldn't be surprised if he could still do so, even at 79! He lost two stone in Africa when he first arrived in the 50s through living on a diet of eggs and bananas. Major Evans was "bowled over" with our large cheque and said half the money would be used locally and half would be sent to Africa.

Upon leaving the meeting someone was heard to say, "Doesn't it make you feel you have wasted your life!" **Idwal Evans, we take our hats off to you!**



## WARRINGTON 40th Charter Dinner

It was a memorable evening with four candles being lit to represent each decade of the 40 years.

**From left to right:**

**Aurora Sim - 1990s**

**Jean Binns - 1980s**

**Jean Lewis - 1970s**

**Gloria Warburton - 2000s**



**From left to right:**

**Celia Jordan  
(Past Mayor of  
Warrington and Past  
Chairman of  
Warrington Tangent.)**

**Pat, Linda and Hilary  
McNeill (Chairman of  
Warrington Tangent)**



# PASSING FRIENDS - MAY 2009



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.

MIDGE JEFFRIES (1st NATIONAL TREASURER)  
BARRIE POOLE  
DOROTHY PAINTON  
PAM IZARD  
MARY ANNICE PARSONS  
FRANCIS SALLY STEWART  
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GILL PINKNEY  
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AGNES WRIGHT  
JOAN JENKINS  
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MARGARET HOGDEN  
ELIZABETH HARVEY  
JUDY RICHARDSON  
BETTY SPRAKE

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GILLINGHAM & SHAFTSBURY 339  
RUTLAND 75  
WALLINGTON & CARSHALTON 895  
LEICESTER 152  
MALVERN HILLS 256  
HARPENDEN 137  
HARWICH 219  
ERDINGTON 100  
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD 398  
ILKESTON 552  
BLETCHLEY 111  
ABERDEEN 99  
PORTSMOUTH & SOUTHSEA 44  
PORTSMOUTH & SOUTHSEA 44  
CROSS HILLS 838  
KETTERING 318  
THORNTON CLEVELEYS 317  
MAIDSTONE 14  
WHITCHURCH & DISTRICT 439  
PORTSMOUTH & SOUTHSEA 44

## Tribute to Elizabeth Towle



Elizabeth was a member of the Sutton Coldfield Ladies Circle and Tangent Club, where she held most offices, helped to organize a half-yearly National Lunch and a Midlands Lunch. After being National President in 1979 she became our very first Sales and Regalia officer in 1982.

In 2003 she and her husband Derek moved to be near to their daughter in South Wales and she transferred to the Vale of Glamorgan Tangent Club. We have lost a very good friend and our

sympathies go to her husband Derek, daughters Phillipa and Caroline, and son Richard, and their nine grandchildren.

Yours in friendship, Sybil

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# WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

Ladies, are there any Circle or Tangent friends you have lost contact with?

If so, please send me the names and we will put them in the next edition and on the website.



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Kind regards, Ruth Owen.



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**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S  
DIARY**

5 May	Scarborough - Conference Meeting
7-10 May	Eastbourne - Ladies Circle Conference
15 May	Neath - Exec Meeting
16 May	Wales - Welsh Luncheon
22 -23 May	Family Wedding
3 June	Wolverhampton - Tettenhall 35th Anniversary
6 June	Private Function
11 June	Southend on Sea - Open Night
12-14 June	Bournemouth - National Council Meeting 41 Club
26 June	Newcastle - Exec Meeting
27 June	Newcastle - Northern Regional Luncheon
1 July	Towcester Friendship Evening
4-5 July	Yorkshire - Angels Weekend Away
10-11 July	Birmingham - 4 Clubs Meeting
14 July	Essex - Dunmow Friendship Evening
18 July	Bedfordshire - Ampthill 30th Anniversary
21-24 July	Isle of Man - Pyramid Lunch/Various
25-26 July	Home - Sunderland Air Show
30 July	Holiday until 9th August
16 August	Bletchley - Summer Lunch
3 September	Market Harborough - Hello Night
7 September	Whitley Bay - Friendship Evening
19 September	Royal Deeside - Scottish Luncheon
26 September	Teeside - Ladies Circle Presidents Ball
30 September	Atherton and Tyldesley 25th Anniversary
1 October	Lymn - Evening Visit
7 October	Houghton le Spring - Open Night
13 October	Lancaster - Friendship Evening
14 October	Altringham and Ringway - Hello Evening
23 October	Redruth - Exec Meeting
24 October	Cornwall - South West Luncheon
4 November	Saltburn - Friendship Evening
7 November	Birmingham - Old Circle Area 27 Lunch
8 November	London - Remembrance Sunday
9 November	Private Visit
11 November	Hampshire Romsey - Hello Night
12 November	Bath - Wessex Link 10th Anniversary
13 November	Basingstoke - Exec Meeting
14 November	Reading - South East Regional Luncheon
18 November	Cheshire - Tarporley 30th Anniversary
24 November	Holiday until 8th December
12 December	Birmingham - 4 Clubs Meeting
12 January	To be Confirmed
3 February	Derby - To be Confirmed 50th Anniversary
6 February	Bristol - Clevedon 40th Anniversary Lunch
20 February	Bournemouth No. 1 - 60th Anniversary Lunch
23 February	To be Confirmed
27 February	TBC - Midlands Luncheon
13 March	Londonderry - Irish Luncheon
25 March	Kidderminster - Fellowship Night
15 April	Scarborough - Start of conference
16 April	Scarborough - Exec Meeting/Presidents Ball
17 April	Scarborough - TANGENT DAY AND AGM
18 April	Sunderland - Home to start the Magazine etc.

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