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A few words from the Editor...

Hello and Welcome to the new Tangent year.

Harrogate was a great conference and thanks must go to all those who worked so hard to make it a success. At the AGM and in the time honoured way, we said goodbye to Karen Durie and Jill King and we welcomed three new members to the National Executive, Paula, as our new Vice-President, Jill as Treasurer and Jackie took on the challenge of the new role of Executive Administrator. Congratulations and welcome to you all!

The Tangent Clubs International conference took place the week after Harrogate, in Cyprus and I know there was a good contingent from the UK there too. Amongst the various items, Dave brought back was one that left me thinking. It was an LCI pin badge from Chantess Wiggell, National President of LCI 2014-15 and inscribed in tiny but very clear lettering was her motto for the year 'Empower, Encourage, Enjoy'. What a great vision! Empowering people is a freeing experience... it's fun to encourage people to try new ideas, watch them grow and let them go freely to enjoy their achievements... as Frank Zappa said; "a mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work if it is not open" and in this edition you will read about some members who have never let the grass grow under their feet, including one awarded an M.B.E, one a Mayoress, accompanying her Mayor husband and several more mature members, showing us all, that life is fun and doesn't stop just because we are not in the first flush of youth!

Inspirational people are all around us if we just take a look and open our minds and cherish people for their specialness and uniqueness.... Please think about contributing to a future edition of the magazine... perhaps you have a member who is special to your club?

In this edition there are lots of activities and events to enjoy, so try something new! Due to the numbers of requests I have received to promote events, and the limit on space, I have changed the style of presenting flyers in this edition of Tangent News. However, your wonderful artwork will be linked onto the new website under lunches and events, where I can create events and link all your documents. Please watch out for the lunches, an Anniversary invite, Alex's Charity Tea Party and Charity Ball events, as well as information about Birmingham 2016! Phew....and lastly, please do visit our new website www.tangent-clubs.org which you can view on your PC/tablet or phone and where you can catch up with all the information!

Most importantly - please put the dates in your diary for the Tangent Club International Half Yearly Meeting being hosted in Birmingham on the morning of Saturday 24th October 2015, followed by the first Half Yearly meeting for our own National Association of Tangent Clubs, later on during the afternoon of 24th October 2015.

Have a wonderful summer, whatever you are doing!

Pauline Campbell
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In memory of Vaughan

Run in Vaughan's memory and help raise money for children with life-threatening illnesses

In 2004 a long-term supporter of runs, Vaughan Harris, sadly passed away. He had always been a great friend of the charity, and back in 2011 he took part in the Great South Run, proudly representing 41 Club as their National President, whilst raising funds for RTCW.

Jill Harris and Round Table Children's Wish are working together to inspire people across the country who would love to take part in one of the Great Runs in his memory, whilst supporting his charity in its 25th Birthday Year.

Sean McCollivick, Steve Adams and Diem Newell are already signed up for the Great South Run 2015 raising funds for the charity that has always been close to Vaughan's heart and still remains close to his wife Jill, who continues his charitable legacy.

Run, jog or walk - take it at your own pace! There are also Great Swims and Great Cycles available if running isn't your thing!

Contact Samantha Read on 01202 514515 or email samanths@rtcw.org

If you instead would prefer to make a one-off donation, then please text **RTCW14** (with an amount) or **RTCW14 £10 to 70070**. Donations start from £1.

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PASSING FRIENDS

Please remember the following Tangent members who have sadly passed away.

- Betty Arnott - Ripley 158
- Ella Broom - Cheltenham 47
- Sonia Burgess - Redcar 530
- Betty Carrol - Gillingham 533
- Shirley Day - Keynsham & District 104
- Molly Dymoke - Harpenden 137
- Sylvia Fellowes - Redcar 530
- Mary Foulkes - Ripley 158
- Frances Leer - Kingsbridge & District 248
- Stephanie Morpeth - Doncaster 62
- Pam Morris - Teignmouth 727
- Jean Pharoah - Sutton Coldfield 7
- Jean Audrey Smith - Sutton Coldfield 7
- Jean Tyreman - Nidderdale 623
- Rosemary Wase - Shrewsbury 24
- Audrey Weightman - Kingsbridge & District 248
- Shirley Woolacott - Gillingham 533

REGARDING OBITUARIES...

Did you know that we record the names of members who have recently died in the magazine, but you can have a longer item on the website? Here you can celebrate their life, tell other Tangent members about their achievements and have pictures included if you wish. Please send anything you would like included to editor@tangent-clubs.org and they will be published in both places.

Margaret Smith's attention was caught by the article in a previous magazine about a Tangent outing on the Kennet and Avon canal and she wrote to share her experiences on her narrowboat 'Pipedream'. I know that there are a few members who are enthusiasts out there – but even if you don't know anything about the Canal system, read on and enjoy!

There is something for everyone on the canals. We have learnt more about the history and geography of our country since we had a narrowboat than we ever learnt at school. The first canal was built by the Romans but most of them were built in the 18th century financed by businessmen like Josiah Wedgwood of pottery fame, dug by hand and with some amazing feats of engineering like the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct on the Llangollen Canal, the Standedge Tunnel going through the Pennines and the Anderton Lift going from the Trent and Mersey Canal to the river Weaver and flights of locks like the Caen Hill Flight on the Kennet and Avon Canal designed and built by self-taught engineers, no computers then!

You can experience the most beautiful scenery with almost 3000 miles of interconnected waterways, canals and rivers, going to large cities like York, Guildford, Lincoln and Liverpool and through small picturesque villages and hamlets where there may not be a shop but there will be a pub and a hairdresser!

Travelling at a maximum of 4 mph you have time to stop and talk to all sorts of fascinating people, and time to look around you at the nature you are passing, from the tallest oaks and beeches to the tiniest orchid. The hedgerows change with the seasons, roses and honeysuckle in the summer, sloes and crab apples in the autumn and in winter hung with frost and snow it is magical. There are so many birds and animals, kingfishers and kestrels, badgers and deer. It is a photographer's delight.

Nowadays there is not so much trade on the canals, it is mostly for leisure and our modern day narrowboats are very different from the old working boats. We can have every luxury where they had none but even if you don't fancy doing the lock work there are very comfortable hotel boats in all parts of the country.

So if you have watched Timothy West and Prunella Scales (Great Canal Journeys) or John Sargent (Barging Round Britain) and have been tempted. I would recommend giving it a go!!



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Life on board Pipedream Margaret Smith (Maidstone Tangent 14)



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Dear Members

Thank you, thank you, thank you for giving me this fantastic opportunity to be your National President.

I have had the best time as VP, working in the fabulous exec team and making life-long friends of the other six girls, maybe this was the best position, all the fun not so much responsibility!!

But in Harrogate VP became P, and the year begins. I am delighted to have Paula, Jill and Jackie on the team, and my congratulations go to them all.

Of course continuing with their hard work are the magnificent Melodie, super Sue, precious Pauline and joker Janice, the eight of us now making TEAM EXEC 2015-2016.

After coming home from Harrogate on Monday 20 April, I made my first presidential visit on the Tuesday, to a special club, close to my heart, and that was ABOTS and at 6 the next morning left for the very first AGM of Tangent Clubs International, where the highlights were the photoshoot for all 300+ attendees in the amphitheatre, and the very scrummy homemade chocolate truffles!

So onwards and upwards, I have decided to keep it in the family and support Round Table Children's Wish this year. This is a small charity started by a Tabler back in 1990 and celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. All funds we can raise really will make a difference to this small charity and any profile we can give them would be a great boost.

Very welcome would be guaranteed income for them, so anybody willing to donate just £5 on a monthly basis would be most appreciated, please visit www.rtcw.org Otherwise why not throw a 25th birthday party for them, and please do invite me, I do love cake!!

Following the terrible earthquake tragedy in Nepal, I would also like to encourage you to consider supporting the efforts of the All4Nepal partners from the Round Table International family that includes Round Table International, Tangent Clubs International, 41 Club International, Ladies Circle International, WOCO Foundation and Agora. Please follow the link to find out more www.all4nepal.org

Next week Scotland and then onto the east coast and the Isle of Man, meeting and greeting many friends new and old. Hope to see you there somewhere.....

Love and hugs
Alex



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Harrogate Conference was an excellent event and Eric Peacock and his committee can be rightly proud of their efforts. What a party it was with some really top class entertainment. The Birmingham committee have gone away to start planning their conference next year with copious notes and lots of good ideas.

I am delighted to be working this year with your new President Alex Voller. We are already firm friends with Alex and Mark introducing Lin and I to the complexities of a major rugby game in Northampton and then joining us for a Come Dine with me evening along with Marcus and Jane and Zoe at our home in Clevedon. We fully intend to carry on the close relationships between our four organisations throughout the year.

I am delighted that the Tangent Board are holding a Board meeting as part of our 41 Club Council Weekend and that they along with their partners will join us for all of the weekends activities on the buzzing harbour side in Bristol.

No sooner had the dust settled on Harrogate than we were packing our bags for warmer climes. We travelled to the 41 Club International and Tangent International AGMs in Limassol, Cyprus with a large contingent of around 50 from the UK. For all of you Facebook users you will have seen the many photos of the celebrations posted by Alex she really puts me to shame on the Facebook front and has already told me I must do better!

It was an excellent event ably organised by our friends in Cyprus 41 Club. International events really add another dimension and the opportunity to meet likeminded people from around the world is brilliant. Lots of partying, chatting and dancing with some serious stuff too. > During the 41 Club International AGM a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between 41 Club International and Round Table International to further the process of closer relationships internationally.

Sadly whilst we were in Cyprus the terrible earthquake in Nepal occurred. This enormous tragedy and its terrible aftermath became an immediate focus for the Round Table Family internationally. As a result of this the International Round Table Family appeal website has been set up on www.all4nepal.org.

In a few days' time we will be flying up to Inverness for the Round Table Conference in Aviemore to see our friends Marcus Jones and Zoe Gaskill become Round Table and Ladies Circle Presidents. I wish them all the very best for their years and look forward to working with them.

Following on from Aviemore I will be bringing news of our current year to the Past Presidents weekend in Solihull, quite a daunting thought in the presence of so many of my predecessors.

Prior to this I will be at Wakefield for the first of our 70th Anniversary events. The Lunch is taking place on the anniversary of the date that 41 Club was formed, May 13th 1945, with members of the four founding clubs attending. This is the first of many events around the country throughout my year to celebrate the anniversary. The main event celebrating our 70 years is the 70th Anniversary Lunch at the Armouries in Leeds on Sept 12th with Marlyn Lewis as our guest speaker. During my year Alex has invited me along to some of your Regional Lunches and I am hoping to attend at least one of these. How could I miss out on the chance of lunch with so many lovely ladies?

I'll look forward to meeting up with many of you at joint events and Tangent events around the country during my year.

Wishing you all a great Tangent year.
Terry Cooper. National President
41 Club.



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Hello Ladies

Let me introduce myself, I'm Paula and I live in Maidenhead with my two pet cockatiels Barney and Daisy, they are as badly behaved as toddlers but have the advantage that I can leave them home alone with plenty of food and water without being arrested. Having been made redundant from my job as a project manager for a large I.T. company I've been having a bit of a gap year to do some re-training and decide what sort of a job I want next, now I have been elected as your new Vice President I suspect that the gap year will be extended for a bit longer.



I'm absolutely thrilled to be elected as I like nothing more than spending time with friends, my three years on the National Exec is going to give the perfect excuse to visit old friends but even better to go out and make new ones. I'm a member of 3 tangents, Maidenhead, Loddon (Berkshire) and City of London (COLT) and really enjoy the opportunity this gives me to appreciate that whilst things may run differently all clubs share the same desire to continue the friendships that have been made. Having responsibility for membership I would love to talk to you about ideas for the future, not just when sadly you are deciding to close your club. So please invite me to come along to one of your meetings either this year or next.

To learn more about me or to invite me to one of your meetings please see the Vice Presidents page on the Tangent website, or email me at vice-president@tangent-clubs.org. Looking forward to getting to know you better.

Paula xxx

I would like to begin with saying a very big thank you for all those of you that voted for me as the very first National Executive Administrator.



Following my return home from National Conference, my year began by handing over the chair of my local Tangent Group Twyford & District. We had a lovely evening and shared the chocolates that were handed out to the National Executive by the new 41 Club President Terry at the NAGM, which were enjoyed by all present.

As I write this I have just returned from attending Ladies Circle Area 13 AGM which was a good laugh. We ended the meeting with a challenge of making our own fascinators which was great fun and showed how creative a group we are.

I am looking forward to the many exec meetings throughout the year and getting to know the National Exec and helping out where ever needed.

I plan to get to as many of the regional lunches, I look forward to meeting you, please do come and find me and say hello - you never know, I might even be wearing my new fascinator!

Jackie

Well, what did I say Yes for???????

I was looking forward to a restful year when I was asked, would you put your name forward for Treasurer, No I said quite emphatically, that's not me, I'm not an accountant, you don't have to be I was told; go on you can do it. Well I'm not that good at saying no and my husband Vaughan didn't know there was such a word. So here I am your National Treasurer.



What I was not told was that you needed an extension for the job, my garage is now full of boxes and my home office has a new bookcase for Tangent files.

They say give a busy person a job and they will get it done, well I hope that's the case here, I am busy. I run my own business, have 2 children and 5 grand children that keep me busy. Try to help raise funds for RTCW as Vaughan was passionate about the charity and raised over £150,000 for them and I hope to make it a lot more. I am also involved in our village with fund raising for various charities and attend U3A meeting for Archaeology, Theatre, London Appreciation, local walks and other groups when I can as well as belonging to 2 Tangent Clubs, and associated with 4 others that Vaughan was a member of their 41 club and attending meetings for all of them when I can and that's not that easy as 2 are in Spain, - that's a hard life but someone has to do it!

Seriously though I am here to help you, but bear with me as I am a 'newbie' to the job. If I don't know the answer I will find it, but it may take a little time and perseverance.. but I will get you an answer.

Vaughan was Archivist for 41 International and the first question he was asked was whether there was ever a club in one of the Caribbean countries? I am afraid I can't remember where and how it was that I ended up emailing the High commissioner and talking with his Secretary as I was informed he may be able to help; so you see I do try to get an answer to everything!

You will have the capitation form with this magazine, so if there are any queries, please come back to me. It is possible to pay by cheque or on line. If you have not got the form you can download from the new website www.tangent-clubs.org or call or email me. If you are using a personal cheque to pay, please make sure you write the club name and number on the back and your name and address on the back of the envelope. That way if the grand kids are helping me to open the envelopes we can easily link the capitation form and accompanying cheque! With the cost of postage, don't use first class a day or two will not break the bank!!

A lot of the queries I have so far received are about our insurance policies. I am going to talk to our brokers and will put something on line shortly to try and clarify exactly what we are covered for. Remember though if you think you have a claim submit it quickly; there are time limits for making a claim. There are excess's on the policy so it may be worth notifying me of a potential claim and we can go through it to see if it is worth proceeding.

For those attending the Welsh Regional Lunch, my apologies that I could not make it. I look forward to meeting old friends and making many, many more new ones during my time on the National Executive.

Lastly with my Charity hat on. Please see the notice in this edition for RTCW runs. There are not only runs, you can walk and there are also bike rides and some shorter events. Many of us probably don't do as much exercise as we should (or am I just speaking personally?). So think about it, get fit and raise money and the profile of the charity as well. Bye for Now

Jill Harris

Editor's note: I can see you now knee deep in envelopes with 5 excited children!!

BIRMINGHAM 2016 NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AGM

Between the 14th and 17th April 2016, the Birmingham Conference Team present their whip cracking, gun slinging version of GO WILD IN THE WEST MIDLANDS based in the Broad Street area of Birmingham which is within easy walking distance of The Bull Ring, famous for its shopping.

Many iconic venues have been booked such as the Birmingham Council House, Edgbaston Cricket Ground and the CBSO Concert Hall. There are a good selection of quality hotels commencing from £60 per room per night, all within walking distance of the main conference hotel, The Crowne Plaza.

Birmingham has great rail, road and air services giving easy access from all parts of Britain, Ireland and Europe. For those not knowing Birmingham, there will be a range of exciting tours on offer, including an open top bus tour and a guided walk around the city and not forgetting the golfers who will play at the exclusive Edgbaston Golf Club.



Hello Ladies!

Many of you have received your Regalia items rather late this year, and I would like to apologise on behalf of our suppliers for the inconvenience. They have had staffing and sickness issues which have meant that the processing and engraving of your past chairman's bars and other jewels has been held up. Hopefully you will all have received your orders by the time you receive the magazine and I would like to thank you for your patience. As you can imagine with about 400 orders coming in over the year for Regalia items a hold up like this causes huge issues as clubs try to chase up their orders. Can I suggest that you don't delay in sending in your order this year, but get it off to me during the summer so you can be certain of having your out-going chairman's jewel in time for your AGM.

We are still pursuing the idea of having our shop including gifts, badges etc managed by the same company as the other three clubs of the Round Table family.

TangentShop

We will be able to offer a greater range of items and payment over the phone by debit/credit card, and ultimately via the internet. I hope to be able to update you with more news of our progress to this change in future magazines.

In the meantime we will continue with the paper forms as before, and I look forward to receiving your orders for shop, regalia and marcasite brooches. The shop will be at all the Regional lunches so please come and say hello.

Sue



Harrogate 2015 – a right good shindig!
The National Conference included all the usual fun... meeting up with old friends and making new ones.



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Congratulations

to Elaine Hopkins, the new Chairman of Ashbourne Tangent 437 who stepped into her new role (for the second time) on April 7th. Elaine (seen on the left) is standing next to Stella Young who is Ashbourne's retiring Chairman and 92 years young!! Thank you to member Jacky Brown for sharing all!!



Outgoing Chairman, Carol Clark presents Pam Brain with the Reading Chain of Office.

Reading Tangent 81 are delighted to introduce their new Tangent Chairman for the year 2015 2016 – Pam Brain. Pam was National President of Tangent in 1971-72 and was recently acknowledged at the National AGM. Pam took over as Reading Chairman on 1st April !!! (absolutely true and not an April Fool's joke).

Happy Birthday Jean 90 years young!

Jean Brown, a member of Bognor Regis and Chichester Tangent 394 for many years, celebrated her 90th birthday on 6th April 2015.

She joined Coulsdon and Purley Tangent Number 36 on leaving Ladies Circle and was chairman in 1965-66; Jean was their 3rd chairman. Jean subsequently retired to the south coast where she has become a very regular attendee at Bognor Regis and Chichester Tangent meetings. Happy Birthday Jean!!

Editor's note: What a fabulous lady... and the cake looks delicious!! We all hope you had a wonderful day!



Reading report that Pam is still a very active, lively and interesting member of their Club and has already arranged speakers for the year, outings during the first two months of her year and a Fund Raising Lunch in the summer.

In September Pam is having a very special birthday, as she will be 90 years young. To add to the specialness of her role, Pam has realised that she is the 50th name on the Reading Chain of Office. Reading are in awe of Pam's get up and go as are we.... Pam you are a true inspiration!

Wanted! Host clubs for Regional Lunches

There is nothing that Tangent members enjoy more than a good get together over a glass (or two) of wine and a delicious lunch with friends!

How many times have you enjoyed these events over the years? Very many I'm sure. So how about talking to your fellow members about organising a Regional Lunch? We would very much welcome offers to host lunches over the next few years. Maybe a group of friends from several clubs in an area could come together to form a committee, as happened last year for the South East lunch. Although we have offers for the next two or three years in some regions, we still need offers into the future.

There is one member of the National Exec, the Sales & Regalia Officer, who has specific responsibility for supporting the Regional Lunches so don't be afraid of not having advice and support on hand if you need it.

Although there is work and planning involved in organising such an event, it is also a good excuse for regular meetings for a group of friends as you plan and discuss your ideas. And afterwards a tremendous sense of achievement and a topic of discussion for years to come!

If you think that you may be interested in finding out a little more, with no commitment, please email sales@tangent-clubs.org and I will send you some guidelines.

Look forward to hearing from you! Sue

Lets Celebrate!!



Welshpool Tangent 345 celebrated their 40th Birthday in style. Members enjoyed a superb supper served by Tricia Wykes at Burnt House, Trelydan. It was a very special evening with 3 of the founder members present, who are still playing an active part in the meetings. Welshpool Ladies were delighted to welcome the National Vice President, Alex Voller (now stepped up to President!), as the guest of honour which made the celebration extra special !!!

There was a celebratory mood at Blackburn and District 383's first Charter luncheon held at Astley Bank in Darwen on Sunday 15th February. National President Janice O'Neill joined fellow members from Preston and District, Lancaster, Rossendale and Darwen Tangent clubs to help Chairman Lynn Walsh and other members of Blackburn and District Tangent celebrate their first successful year. A great meal was followed by an entertaining speech by Roger Woods on the history of magic. He also performed various tricks But how did he do some of those tricks??

A charity raffle raised £204 for President Janice's charity, Breast Cancer Care. A host of prizes were won, ranging from a hamper of wine, Marks and Spencer vouchers, and a huge cake (so impressive that it had to be seen to be believed!) made by Eloise Walsh, Chairman Lynn's daughter.

Members of Blackburn Ladies Circle 318 were also there to show their support to the new Tangent club which has been formed by several ex members of both Blackburn and Darwen Circles. The two groups hope to continue their friendships and work (or should we say socialise!) closely together in the coming years!

The new Tangent club already has fourteen members and has enjoyed a varied programme of events in its first year. These have ranged from a spa night, a Christmas trip to Manchester and a visit to see the world famous Tiffany glass at Haworth Art Gallery in Accrington followed by afternoon tea. There are more exciting ideas lined up for the next year too including having a go at Segway!

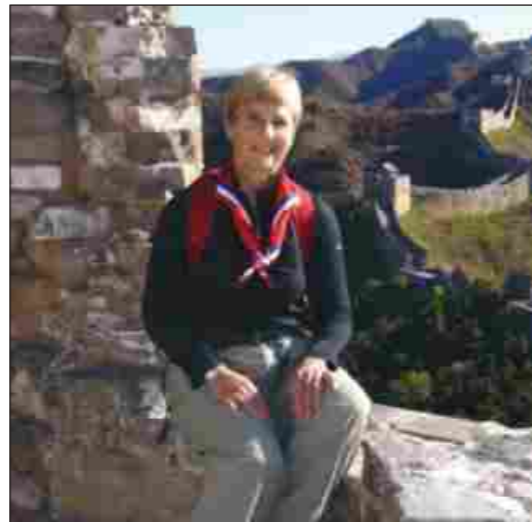
Editor's note: I would love to do that!!! Have fun Ladies

The Charter of Finland Tangent also took place in Hameenlinna on 11 April 2015. Although they have formed just one club to start with they already have 60 members so they may soon catch up with the other Scandinavian countries in terms of membership numbers. They managed to Charter, elect a National Board and vote to become Full Members of TCI all in one day and they became Full Members of TCI at the AGM just 2 weeks later. Just think how long it took us in the UK - 15 years to form a National Board and 59 years to become founder members of TCI!

The Charter of Zambia Tangent will take place at the TCI Half Yearly Meeting in Birmingham on the 24 October 2015. They are starting with 2 clubs - Copperbelt No 1 and Lusaka No 2 - each having 6 or 7 members. As they are too small at present to have a National Board they will become Associate members of TCI with Tangent GB as their godmother country.

I have now handed over to Janice to find even more countries to form Tangent Clubs next year!

Judith Walters M.B.E.



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Lampeter & District Tangent 321 were all recently thrilled to hear that one of our girls had been awarded an M.B.E. In the New Years Honours list!

Judith Walters has been a faithful and reliable member of both Lampeter Ladies Circle and Lampeter Tangent so it was wonderful to hear that Judith was awarded her M.B.E. for Services to Young People through Girlguiding.

Judith moved to Lampeter as a newly-wed in 1971. She soon became part of the community by getting a job and learning Welsh. In 1972 she and a friend started a Guide unit in the town. She joined Lampeter Ladies Circle and was Chairman twice! Once in 1977-78 and again in 1990-91.

Judith took on various posts in Guiding including County Commissioner from 2007-12.

2012 was a special year when Girlguiding celebrated its centenary. Judith has been involved with camping, running camps with Lampeter Guides, County camps, National camps and jamborees. She has also led parties abroad to Holland and Switzerland and always speaks of the fun she had.

Judith felt she needed a challenge for her 60th birthday, so she joined a Girlguiding UK trek on the Great Wall of China. The trek helped raise funds for Girlguiding in Britain and abroad, and she describes it as a wonderful experience.

Judith has been an active adult member of Girlguiding for 42 years and is still the County International Adviser.

Lampeter Tangent are very proud of Judith, where she plays an active role and has been Chairman more than once!



This has been an exceptional year for new Tangent Clubs worldwide and it has been a fantastic opportunity to be part of it - Karen Durie

In the February magazine we reported that we were in talks with a lady in Ukraine about setting up a Tangent Club there and it has now happened with Tangent GB as their godmother. There was a major problem due to the war situation as we could not travel to Ukraine and they could not travel here so the Charter took place on Skype while the National Executive, a few other Tangent ladies and a couple of 41ers were all together in Londonderry for the Irish Lunch on 28 March. It was great fun, if a little difficult all gathered round an iPad, but we managed to "present" their charter certificate virtually over the internet. The main purpose of Tangent Ukraine is to raise money to support women and children affected by the war and we hope we can help them do that. They have started with just 6 members but hope to grow very quickly. As Ukraine has affiliated to Tangent GB they are entitled to become Associate members of TCI and that happened at the 1st TCI AGM in Cyprus on 24 April 2015.



Editor's Note: Tangent Ukraine: A very modern Charter!

The 1st TCI AGM took place in Limassol, Cyprus on 24 April 2015 with representatives from all the founder countries except Norway. Tangent Clubs from Lithuania, Belgium and Ukraine all became Associate members and Finland became a Full Member so TCI is growing fast.

The Charter of Zambia Tangent will take place at the TCI Half Yearly Meeting in Birmingham on the 24 October 2015. They are starting with 2 clubs - Copperbelt No 1 and Lusaka No 2 - each having 6 or 7 members. As they are too small at present to have a National Board they will become Associate members of TCI with Tangent GB as their godmother country.

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Tangent India. Tangent India was born in Sept. 2006 by the energy of the then 41 India President, Sameer Nayyar, who got a few of the 41er spouses together and chartered the first clubs in Mumbai and Delhi. At first the movement was slow in picking up, as we started to gather information, still floundering around a little, trying to get a constitution and rules in place; collating data and trying to see how more clubs could be formed in different regions in India.

In just under 9 years we now have 14 clubs and some 200 + members. But there is one sadness and (if I may call it so!), prevents us from growing as fast as we would wish. It is membership. In fact some of the clubs are now no longer so active!! I would be interested to know if clubs in other parts of the world experience this difficulty too.

While there are several ladies who have been Circlers and have also held different positions both in Ladies Circle India and Ladies Circle International, there is a deep reluctance and I would even say a certain amount of lethargy in joining the Tangent movement after their retirement. To my mind, it is an extension of the LC, just as the 41 movement is an extension of the Round Table. They report that they have led such active lives as Circlers that they do not want to follow any more rules etc. and they want a more leisurely way of functioning.

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Well, I haven't stopped for breath. So many people asked what I was going to do after my year as National President - relax, rest, put my feet up? Not a chance! 2 days after returning home from Harrogate we got up at 3am to fly to Cyprus for the first ever TCI AGM in Limassol. We were represented by many Tangent ladies from all over the UK. The full minutes will be made available but a summary of events is as follows:

The TCI Board 2015/2016 will be:
TCI President Susanne Norager, Tangent Denmark
TCI Vice President Anna Akesson, Tangent Sweden

TCI Treasurer Gerd-Inger Kaasen, Tangent Norway
TCI Secretary la Patsalides Ioannou, Tangent Cyprus

Plus 2 Board members:
Tarja Tynne Hietanen, Tangent Finland
Janice O'Neill, Tangent UK

Greetings were received from LCI, President Chantless Wiggill, Agora VP Ly Thi Thnh Thao, 41 International President, Carsten Flink, RTI President, Jason Thompson, George Philis 41 Club National President Cyprus.



TCI said goodbye and thank you to Karen Durie, 1st TCI Treasurer 2014/2015, after she gave the TCI Treasurer's report. Income comprised affiliation fees from full members, associate members & the sale of TCI pins. I was proud to report that the UK has 13,035 members & 650 clubs. Katia Agrotou National President of Cyprus announced 45 members in 3 clubs, Helle Nielson, VP Denmark announced 284 members with 8 new clubs, Gerd-Inger Kaasen from Norway announced 28 members which have doubled since 2013, Anna Akesson announced 140 members in 10 clubs. Belgium is an Associate Member with 3 clubs & 50 members.

The total of TCI members is approximately 15,000 members, what an incredible club & how fast it is growing! TCI has received applications from Finland, Belgium, Lithuania, Ukraine, Zambia & India. As TCI is so new, there was a competition to propose the Greeting/Toast for TCI. The winner was Cyprus with "Let the light of friendship touch the circle of the world like a Tangent of love". Tangent Cyprus recommended 12 February to be introduced as the TCI Day which is just after LCI Day.

I was in awe of the whole meeting but loved every second! I am looking forward to meeting the International members again at the Half Year Meeting in Birmingham in October when TCI joins 41 Club International at their half yearly meeting. I am also hoping to meet more Tangent members at the Ladies Circle/Round Table AGM in Aviemore on 8th May where I will take Tangent greetings.

Janice O'Neill
IPP & IRO TCI Board Member 2015/16

Funnily enough a very large number of the Tangent members, especially in India, are non- Circlers! In fact, we have few rules, so this argument is not really valid. So what is the crux of this problem for this reluctance and lethargy? Any solutions anybody?

I would like to quickly add that in Tangent India, we have decided to remain bonded and continue our links with the Round Table and LC. So naturally our members are spouses of 41ers, Ex-Tablers' and Ex-LC While hoping to find solutions to energise our movement, Keep Smiling, Keep Healthy, Yours in continued friendship,

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SAVE THE DATES!!

Up and Coming Events

South East Regional Lunch
Hosted by Caversham
Tangent 532
SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2015

Venue: HILTON HOTEL, READING
For more details and booking form:
<http://tangent-clubs.org/workshop/south-east-regional-lunch-2015/>

Scottish Regional Lunch Hosted by Kinross Tangent 928
SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Venue: Hilton Edinburgh Airport Hotel
For more details and booking form:
<http://tangent-clubs.org/workshop/scottish-regional-lunch-2015/>

National Association of Ladies Circle
80th Celebrations
25th June 2016

Venue: St John's Hotel, Solihull
To find out more,
email: nalc1936@gmail.com

President's Charity Ball
SATURDAY
21ST NOVEMBER 2015

Venue: The Heritage Motor Centre,
Banbury Road, Gaydon,
Warwickshire
For more details and booking form:
<http://tangent-clubs.org/workshop/national-president-aless-charity-ball/>

Details of all events
can be found on
the website
www.tangent-clubs.org

Northern Regional Lunch
Hosted by Ossett and Horbury
Tangent 799
SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2015

Venue: CEDAR COURT HOTEL
Denby Dale Road, Wakefield
(just off Junction 39 of the M1)
For more details: <http://tangent-clubs.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Northern-2015-Luncheon-form.pdf>

President's Charity Champagne Tea
SUNDAY 12TH JULY
for Round Table Children's Wish

Venue: Welcombe Hotel,
Warwick Road, Stratford Upon Avon
For more details and booking form:
<http://tangent-clubs.org/workshop/national-president-aless-charity-champagne-tea/>

SOUTH WEST
REGIONAL LUNCH
Hosted by Wotton under
Edge & District 534
SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Venue: Tortworth Court Hotel,
Wotton under Edge
For more details and booking information:
<http://tangent-clubs.org/workshop/south-west-regional-lunch-2/>

Chelmsford County Tangent
808 would like to invite you to
attend their 25th Anniversary
Celebrations on
Thursday July 9th

Venue:
Danbury Sports and Social Centre CM3 4NQ
Cost: £28 for a 3 course meal
Speaker: Former Radio Essex DJ Ray Clark
For more details
email: anne.nixon1@btinternet.com
Or see the website: www.tangent-clubs.org



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When Kathy Goodwin took over the Chair of Bedford Tangent in April 2014 she wanted to try and raise money for a local charity. A member of Bedford Tangent, had unfortunately suffered a stroke the previous year but had been supported by Headway and at the same time this fantastic organisation was also supporting a member of Bedford 41 Club.

Headway Bedford is a service centre devoted to providing a holistic and client-centred approach to the consequences of brain injury. The activities available are rehabilitative in nature with the individual's needs at the core. They provide cognitive, physical, social and emotional re-learning opportunities for people and provide support and services. 'Headway – the brain injury association' has a national network across the UK.

A joint committee of Tangent and 41 Club members planned an 'Auction of Promises'. 80 guests attended the black tie event and enjoyed an evening of food and entertainment, plus an auction of promises which included interior decorating, gourmet meals, gardening, ironing and many more. As a result the clubs raised an amazing £4,000.

In addition, through smaller fund raising events during the year, Bedford Tangent were able to add another £300 to the amount raised at the auction.

Editor's Note: Congratulations Bedford Tangent and 41 Club! A fantastic sum for a wonderful Charity



People in the attached photograph

Standing at the back, from the left:

Marion Browning – Bedford Tangent Club member and volunteer at Headway Bedford
Tony Bannard-Smith – Chairman Bedford 41 Club
Sarah Billington – Bedford Tangent Club member and client/volunteer at Headway Bedford
Chris Batten – CEO Headway Bedford
Kathy Goodwin – Chairman Bedford Tangent Club

At the front, from the left:

John Bradbury – Bedford 41 Club and client at Headway Bedford
Linda Candita – Chairperson Headway Bedford

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Bishop's Stortford Tangent 269 are an active lot!! They are always busy and have their hearts in whatever they do. One of the strengths of this group, must be their enthusiasm and commitment to fund raising! Jean Bailles from the club has written and shared that the Club is regularly engaged in activities and has sent me some pictures and reports of the Club's activities over the last year.



Bishop's Stortford Tangent held a Strawberry Tea on 3rd September in support Breast Cancer Care. The sun shone and we were able to sit in the garden enjoy the company of Tangent members and friends old and new. The table was laden with most things 'strawberry' and anything that wasn't eaten was sold at the end. Our Chairman's scones have to take first prize and the club think Tricia should apply to the Great British Bake Off! A Bring & Buy and a Raffle raised a total of £358 with donations still being received after the event!

In October Bishop's Stortford Tangent raised more money, this time for Prostate Cancer. They held a Quiz Night at the Stansted Day Centre with about 40 people present. The Quiz was organised by Past Chairmen Rose Slocombe with help from her husband Ian. Some of the rounds were a little different in that quizzers were smelling and tasting jellies and guessing some record holding events. It was a great success. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful Ploughman's Supper, organised by Chairman Tricia and her friend Eileen and the evening raised £388.04 so another good evening, well supported and for a very worthwhile cause. Fundraising for this great cause continued with a Burns' Lunch on Sunday 25th January with just under 50 ladies and gentlemen present. A three course lunch of Haggis, Tatties and Neeps, Desserts and Cheese and wine was on offer with Scottish music in the background and the Ode to the Haggis was given by one of our Scottish Tangent Member's husband. The raffle raised £180 and all in all so far we have raised £550 for Prostate Cancer with more donations to come. The Club are indebted to their members for all their work and support.

Editor's note: it is always a team effort and Bishop's Stortford seem to have the recipe for working together spot on!! Congratulations to you all!



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Hutton & Shenfield Tangent's founder Chairman, Val Villa, took on the prestigious task of Mayoress, when her husband Bob (twice a former Chairman of our 4I Club) became Mayor of Chelmsford earlier this year. Chelmsford was recently awarded city status, and, in two or three years' time the first citizens of the city (for that is what Val and Bob are this year) will be entitled to be called Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

Bob and Val very kindly invited members of Tangent to the Mayor's Parlour for an interesting insight into their duties. The Deputy Mayor and her Escort were also in attendance and each one took the floor for a few minutes to explain different aspects of the 'job'. We were shown the robes, the various chains of office, which are worth many thousands of pounds, and the silver mace which, we were told, gets polished professionally - and which Val was pleased to hear that it wasn't one of her jobs!

Many interesting artefacts were also on display; and then we took a walk through to the Council Chamber, passing glass cabinets in which numerous gifts and records were displayed. Once inside the very modern Chamber, Mayor Bob explained what goes on in the Chamber - the important job of running Chelmsford. Finally, a most delicious afternoon tea was provided. We are indeed very honoured to have one of our members and her husband as first citizens of such a fine city - Chelmsford, County town of Essex.



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We had a fun evening of making hats out of Cheese boxes and here are some of the results!!! You will be surprised what can be done with a bit of netting and a few bits and bobs.

One of our members has the rare cancer Myeloma and so we had a Charity Lunch - wearing our hats - and raised a huge £600+ which will be given to research for Myeloma through Cancer Research UK. Two great events that were a resounding success!

Editor's Note: I love your style Ladies!!



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Londonderry Tangent support Foyle Hospice in many ways, including selling Christmas cards and candles, manning stalls for raffles, donating to the Hospice shops and offering whenever they can. Chairman Janice Docherty and Joan Henderson from Londonderry Tangent are pictured with personnel from Foyle Hospice handing over a cheque for £150. Congratulations Ladies!

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Hutton & Shenfield Tangent Club celebrated their 30th year by holding a 'Friendship Evening' with National President Janice O'Neill in attendance. All the ladies were asked to wear an Easter Bonnet and Janice awarded a prize to the winner Mary Aarons.

During the evening Hutton & Shenfield Tangent Chairman, Lindsey Lewis presented Janice O'Neill with a cheque for £250 for her chosen charity, Breast Cancer Care.



Left to right Tangent Chairman Lindsey Lewis, National President Janice O'Neill and Vice Chairman Annette Ball



Round Table Children's Wish (RTCW) is absolutely delighted to have been chosen as the National Presidents charity for 20145/16 and we are looking forward to meeting and working with you all throughout the coming year. At RTCW we are incredibly proud to carry the Round Table Family name and are passionate about making a difference to the lives of people. We really do hope you will join Alex Voller in making this a fantastic year!

As a charity, our sole purpose is to grant handcrafted wishes to children with life threatening illnesses. Handcrafted means just that; every wish we grant is tailored to meet the needs of the child and the wider families. We do this because if the needs are met, it is a more enjoyable and personal experience for everyone involved. A wish brings so much, a chance to enjoy life, a chance to spend quality time as a family or to mark the end of an arduous and emotional journey. For parents who sadly lose their child to illness, a wish can create long term memories of smiles and laughter in amongst the hopelessness of the situation.

2015 marks 25 years of wish granting. Wishes have actually been going for 27 years but as we did not become a constituted charity until 1990, we celebrate this year! Keep a look out for information about forthcoming events. One for the diary is Friday 16th October 2015 which marks the actual date of our 25th Birthday when we will be marking the day with two events:

- **Wish Friday – dress up, down or in theme for the day and donate to RTCW**
- **Diamond Birthday Ball - Black Tie Dinner hosted by the Founder of RTCW, in aid of the charity – Bournemouth**

There are many ways in which you can support RTCW over the coming year. Alex Voller has encouraged Tangents to hold their 25th Birthday Tea Parties across the country and we have poster templates ready for you. Please email me karen@rtcw.org or contact Alex to get these. Another way in which Alex has asked people to support is by completing a standing order form and donating on a monthly basis.

Total Raised so far: £540.00 - Thank you to the doll raffle at Conference and £100 from Wellingborough Tangent for getting things going!

You can also support the charity is by making referrals for children who might like a wish granted. Tangent members are in the heart of their communities and are often the first people to hear about poorly children. Anyone can make a referral to us for a wish, all we ask is that you let the respective parents/carer/guardian know.

We are also looking for RTCW Ambassadors who are willing to help us grow the profile of the charity across Britain and Ireland. We know there are many children who do not access wishes, so the more people that get to hear about our amazing wishes, the more children we can reach. Is this something you would like to help with?

Please do let us know if there is anything we can help with. We are here to support you in your fundraising endeavours too, so it would be great to hear from you.

**Karen Winchcombe
Director
Round Table Children's Wish**

