



Dear Club Contact, **please circulate this to all of your members**

- 1) Please find attached a **Directory Update** to print this off and keep with your 2016-17 Directory.
- 2) Do you have energy and enthusiasm for all things Tangent!?? Always wanted to go onto the National Executive?? Well now is your opportunity. There are three positions becoming vacant at the National AGM to be held in Blackpool April 2017: National Vice-President, National Treasurer and National Executive Administrator. Speak to one of the incumbent ladies to find out more or ask me for a copy of the job description. If your club wants to propose an item to go onto the National AGM Agenda, please fill in a Proposition form and send it in. Both Nomination and Proposition forms are being sent out with the Autumn Tangent magazine and are available on the website; they need to be received by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
- 3) If you are attending the National AGM in Blackpool in April 2017 and want to book in for the lunch on Saturday, please make your booking through the website: <https://41club-tangent-2017.co.uk/>. Lunch will be available at the Hilton Hotel, mid-way through the Tangent AGM, booking essential.
- 4) Our roving Editor, Morag, has produced another digital **newsletter** for you to enjoy (attached).
- 5) The Half-Year meeting planned for 1<sup>st</sup> October was cancelled due to insufficient numbers. However, there was an interesting agenda planned which the Executive discussed and offer the following comments:

*Do we need a working group to consider the future of the National Association, given the falling number of members and the longer working life of ladies reducing the pool of potential National Executive members – OATS Tangent club 897:*

The Executive take membership very seriously of course but didn't feel the need for a working group. Enquiries come in from a variety of sources and are passed on to the nearest club geographically; clubs are encouraged to invite potential new members along to meetings. The Executive will send out a short survey to clubs later in the year with a small number of questions which will be used for planning for the future.

*Thoughts on how to run an AGM meeting in a more focused, time-managed and business-like manner – OATS Tangent club 897:*

The AGM is primarily to discuss and run the business of the Association of course, but many ladies attend to meet up with friends and have a bit of fun so unfortunately it is not 'one size fits all'. The Executive are very conscious of timescales, the current format has been running for two years and we are learning all the time to run the meeting more efficiently, balancing members' desire to speak on any item with keeping the Agenda to time.

*How can the four clubs work together? – Westerham Tangent Club 739:*

There is good communication between the National Executives of Tangent, 41 Club, Round Table and Ladies Circle. At the four-club family meeting various actions have been agreed. Many local clubs socialise together and work on fundraising projects so it is felt that we have a healthy relationship.

*Regional councillors – would this aid communication?*

With no regional functions between the national executive and grass roots clubs, would the recruitment of 7 national councillors in the 7 areas help with communication, publicity, membership, etc., or would this be seen as an extra layer of admin? This question to be taken to the AGM as an item for discussion.

*That's all for now!*

*Yours in continuing friendship,*

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