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# NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*I'm sure most of us are glad to get back to normal after the 'Christmas Bash'. Just how did I get to be the one to cook Christmas Dinner while on holiday in Australia with my daughter and her family, when the temperature was 44C!!*

As you read this article the Executive and Conference Team are busy planning the N.A.G.M for our Conference in Torbay on 12 April. PLEASE TRY AND COME ALONG. If you can't manage the Conference come and share Tangent Day. We value your support and would like you to be involved in decisions that affect the future of Tangent. The fun and friendship on our special day are superb. Don't miss it!! Your club contact should have the booking form, contact Gill (Nat. Secretary) if there is a problem.

Where did the time go? I feel like I'm just getting into the swing of things but I have only two months left! I shall enjoy many more visits in February and March including the Midlands Regional Lunch in Shrevenham on 23 February. I hope to see lots of you there; it's going to be special! I'm excited about a short tour in Scotland in March, and a Grand Finish in Northern Ireland on 29 March for the Irish Regional Lunch.

I was honoured to represent Tangent at the Cenotaph in London on Remembrance Sunday. Round Table President Graham Drummond invited all four clubs to take part this year and it was one of those very special days. Tangent was represented by myself and three other members of the Executive, Pat, Gill, and Jan. It was an emotional time as all four Presidents and their guests walked silently down Whitehall to lay wreaths.

Great excitement in November as Tangent took possession of a sponsored car from Hyundai. Details are in a special feature in this issue. We are very grateful to Hyundai for this generous sponsorship.

I'm so pleased to report that we have one nomination for Vice President for NAGM 2008, but alas as yet no one has come forward for the post of Sales and Regalia Officer. Do give it some thought ladies. Three years of fun and friendship and a chance for you to give something back to Tangent. Please contact Jan or Gill if you would be interested to know more. We would love to see more enthusiasm for National Executive and club positions. As I chat to members around the country, the lack of members offering to take office in their Tangent clubs is becoming a big problem. Surely we don't want to see clubs closing because no one will take office? Please try to think of ways to share the workload.

## **Remember my theme 'YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE'.**

Off the soapbox now! Thank you for your lovely cards and Christmas wishes and for donations to my charity, The British Heart Foundation. If your club has made a donation at a local level, please advise me so that it can be included in the grand total.

Don't forget to enjoy 'Tea at Three' with your friends on a cold afternoon and hopefully raise money for this worthwhile charity. I know there will be lots of fun, friendship and chat, wherever Tangent meets.

My visits throughout the year have been super, Charters, Birthdays, Friendship Evenings, Club Nights and Regional Lunches. They are all made so special by your friendship and kind hospitality.



A huge thankyou to everyone who has helped me along the way. My happy memories of you all and this special year will live with me forever.

**Yours in continued friendship**  
Joan

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S DIARY

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>27</b>	Walsall Tangent 9
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>4</b>	St Alban's 114
	<b>5</b>	Dunstable & District 378
	<b>8</b>	Keynsham & District 104
		40th Charter Celebrations & Keynsham 40 Ladies Circle 50th
	<b>17</b>	Carnoustie 457
	<b>18/19</b>	Inveruie & District 650
	<b>24</b>	Bishopriggs & Kerintilloch 511
	<b>29</b>	Irish Luncheon Cookstown
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>11-13</b>	National Conference Torbay
	<b>12</b>	NATC Luncheon & AGM

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COVER PHOTOGRAPH: NATIONAL PRESIDENT, JOAN CRABTREE AND VICE PRESIDENT, PAT PAULSON TAKE POSSESSION OF A HYUNDAI I30 SPONSORED COURTESY CAR



## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**WOW, what a feeling! Have you ever woken up to realise that something is going to happen soon?**

Hats sorted. Outfits, well nearly, as you know there is always room for more.....

My year as Vice President has been filled with lots of laughter, especially when you are referred to, as at one Luncheon, as President of Vice! As I said, WOW! The mind boggles.

I have met up with a lot of old friends, some that I haven't seen for a long time, and a lot of new ones along the way. It makes me realise just what a wonderful organisation this is. It's funny how I am always saying this.

I had the privilege to walk at the Cenotaph in November along with Round Table, Circle and 41 Club. My feelings were so mixed, I felt humble and privileged at the same time.

For the first time, the gift of a car to Tangent, supplied by Hyundai, the i30 being their latest model. It is a wonderful gesture and anyone who wishes to buy the same will be able to do so with a special discount to members. It is super to drive, roomy and comfortable.

Looking to the business side, Regalia has gone through with very few hiccups and I have come across clubs that I didn't know existed. However, there are still a few clubs who have not yet ordered and time is now of the essence, if you hope to get them in time for your Handovers.

My diary for my year; is now also on the website as well as here in Tangent News. I would love to come and visit, even if it is only a normal Tangent meeting. So get in touch, I shall look forward to hearing from you.

**With Continued friendship**  
**Pat**

### REMEMBER...

*Real women don't have hot flushes - they have power surges.*

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Been there! Done that! Almost got the T shirt!**

Taking what for me was a huge leap of faith, and standing for National President, has been one of the best decisions I have ever made! So a very big and sincere 'thank you' for three amazing years on the National Executive. Of course last year as your National President was the best, but then I would say that wouldn't I? But hey, it was true! I also had a fantastic year as Vice President. I still love telling of my 'Year of Vice'! And this year.... well I have been so busy with Tangent News, membership, website, international and of course representing Joan when necessary, I certainly haven't felt 'Past It'!

I have made so many wonderful new friends and I thank everyone for their kindness and support. However, the most special of these friendships are with the nine girls who have shared the 'Executive Experience' with me – so much unbelievable fun! I have been so lucky. Wherever I have travelled the friendship has been great. I know it sounds like an old record but it is absolutely true. If you doubt me, I challenge you to give it try, and I promise you that only then will you truly understand what I mean. I have always believed in 'windows of opportunity' - well this has been a 'patio doors with skylights' experience!

Who knows what the future holds for me, and if I am completely honest, the thought of filling the void is genuinely scary. But of one thing I am sure, and that is that Tangent will still remain an important part of my life. I envisage my role as a Past National Officer as one supporting the Association where possible, and of course understanding future Executives, with every confidence that they will be doing the best for Tangent. We have some brilliant, talented and very special women in our membership, who cherish the roots of our organisation and I know they will move Tangent forward in a very positive way. So let us all encourage them and give them wings to fly!

**With Continued friendship** Janis

## NATIONAL SALES & REGALIA OFFICER

**Now there are just a few months left of my three year term as your National Sales and Regalia Officer. These years have flown by and it is difficult sometimes to remember life before 'le shoppe' took over my Tangent life.**

I have had an amazing time meeting you all on my travels with the Sales Table. The Regional Luncheons have all been very special, so full of fun and friendship. I would like to thank everyone who made me so welcome and a special thank you to all those who hosted and assisted me during these past three years.

I have had the privilege and pleasure of working with three fantastic Presidents and their respective Executives and I wish Pat and her new team all the very best when they take over in April.

Having had such a wonderful time, I was sorry of course that there were no nominations for the post of Sales & Regalia Officer received by the end of December. But I know that someone (like me!) will stand from the floor in April at our NAGM.

It was the best decision I ever made – so go for it girls.

YICF Jan





## SECRETARY'S NOTEPAD REPORT

***WOW ... what a busy year! I think the adage that a three year post translates to the first year to learn, the second year to do it well and the third year to enjoy has been proved in the first instance. I have certainly learnt a lot about Tangent this year!***

Compiling the Tangent Directory has been a learning curve – but I have enjoyed reading your letters and emails. I have extended the date for receipt of your details to be included in the 2008/2009 Directory to 10 May 2008. After this date I can only alter your details on the database for receipt of mailings. To cut down on unnecessary changes to the Tangent Directory, I am requesting a reliable Tangent member (a Club Contact) be nominated to receive the mailings and Tangent News for the next three years. This member will

be responsible for handing the mailings to the Club Secretary or the Club Treasurer as appropriate and distributing the Tangent News at the Club meetings. Hopefully with your help this will result in simplifying one of the most tedious tasks of the National Secretary, who has no secretarial help .... please wring out your hankies when you feel the need!

A big thank you to the Clubs who have hosted Regional Luncheons. I have enjoyed communicating with you, getting to know you and helping in any way I can. I am in need of hosts for the Midland Regional Luncheon from 2010 onwards. That may seem a long way ahead, but not in terms of booking a venue. Please contact me if you would be interested in hosting the Midland, or indeed, any Regional Luncheon – I can guarantee fun and fellowship will ensue!

I know many of you are aware of the Health & Safety issues relating to organising an event, but the National Executive have asked me to highlight the fact that a Health & Safety Officer should be appointed to liaise with any hired venue and check all Health & Safety issues are adhered to. Otherwise, in the unlikely event of a claim, the onus regarding insurance may revert back to the National Association rather than the venue itself.

Now on to more exciting things ... have you seen the NAGM Agenda? It is going to be an interesting NAGM and I hope to see you all at Torbay. Book in for the Tangent Day Luncheon and meet old and new friends. There is a Luncheon Booking Form sent with this mailing, ask your Club Secretary and she will be able to book you a seat. No booking required for the NAGM, all the seats are free. The Torbay Committee have been

working hard to ensure you have a great Tangent Day at the "Riviera Revisited" Conference.

The National Sales & Regalia Officer position is still available. If you would like to join the National Executive give me a call and stand on the day. Jan Turner will be only too pleased to chat to you about the position. Speaking of which, Jan will leave the National Executive at the NAGM. I shall miss her and Janis Attwell enormously. They have been great to work with and have encouraged me all year.

So, fill in the Tangent Day Luncheon Form, the Directory Details Form (by hand or on-line at [www.tangent-clubs.org](http://www.tangent-clubs.org)) and the Voting Delegate Form and I look forward to seeing you all on 12 April 2008 in Torbay.

**Gill Young - National Secretary**



## TREASURER'S REPORT

***The first nine months of my three year appointment as your National Treasurer have been a bit of a whirl, getting to grips with how the Executive operates and the systems work. I have met a lot of new people, made new friendships and renewed some old ones. Everyone has been very helpful and cannot do enough to help me and the Tangent organisation.***

If you are coming to the NAGM in Torquay as a voting delegate, your club must have paid their capitation. Some clubs have sent in their capitations but due to the postal strike I have not received them; so please check your bank's accounts.

In a similar vein it would appear that some clubs have not received their mailings and I would be interested to hear from you if your club is one of these. Also if you would like to receive your capitation form via e mail, perhaps you would let me know and I will try to do this.

It has been a real eye opener being elected to Executive and I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it, even if at times it takes over your life!

I very much look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Torquay and to working for you and the organisation for the next two years.

Long may friendship continue.

**Lesley Seville - National Treasurer**

*'You've gotta stay in shape. My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's 97 today and we don't know where the hell she is.'* **ELLEN DE GENERES**

# NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S DIARY

<b>26 April</b>	Shirley 86 40th Anniversary
<b>27 April</b>	Preston Charter
<b>9-11 May</b>	RT & Ladies Circle NAGM Leeds
<b>16 May</b>	Executive meeting Swansea
<b>17 May</b>	Welsh Luncheon
<b>24 May</b>	Sodbury & District 128 40th Luncheon
<b>30 June-2 May</b>	110 Meeting Germany
<b>4 June</b>	Tettenhall 332 34th Anniversary
<b>6 June</b>	4 Clubs Meeting Marchesi House
<b>13-15 June</b>	41 club President's Ball & National Council Meeting. St Andrews
<b>20 June</b>	Executive Meeting Eddisbury
<b>21 June</b>	Northern Luncheon Chester
<b>24 June</b>	Eastbourne 126 40th Luncheon
<b>28 June</b>	Canterbury 93 40th Anniversary
<b>2 July</b>	Towcester & District 679
<b>5 July</b>	Fareham 92
<b>7 July</b>	Round Table Development Day
<b>15 July</b>	Dunmow & District 32
<b>6 August</b>	Cambridge 54 40th Anniversary
<b>28-31 August</b>	LCI Conference Aberdeen
<b>6 September</b>	Whitley Bay 17 50th Luncheon
<b>26-28 September</b>	Scottish Luncheon Inverness
<b>11 October</b>	Maidstone 14
<b>30 Oct-4 Nov</b>	41 Club Iberian cluster Majorca
<b>6-9 November</b>	Ladies Circle Belgium
<b>21-22 November</b>	S E Luncheon Chelmsford

<b>January</b>	National Executive Planning Meeting- tbc
<b>February</b>	Midland Luncheon Birmingham
<b>13-15 March</b>	Irish Luncheon
<b>18 March</b>	Letchworth 13
<b>21 March</b>	Chepstow & District 628

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Continued friendship

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# HEALTH WARNING

## STROKE IDENTIFICATION

**PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH EVERYONE  
YOU KNOW. IT COULD SAVE A LIFE**

*During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call the paramedics)... she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and gave her a fresh plate of food. While she appeared to be a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying the rest of the lunch.*

Ingrid's husband called later that evening telling how his wife had been taken to hospital and had tragically died. She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ without anyone realising what had happened. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, Ingrid may have survived.

Getting a stroke recognised, diagnosed and then getting the patient medically cared for within three hours may be tough going, but it is crucial and can improve the quality of recovery and life immensely.

### RECOGNISING A STROKE

Remember these three steps **STR**

- S** Ask the individual to **SMILE**
- T** Ask the person to **TALK** and **SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE** (coherently - ie It is sunny today)
- R** Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**

If he or she has any trouble with **ANY ONE** of these tasks call 999 immediately and describe the symptoms.

**Yet another sign of a stroke can be identified by looking at the tongue:**

Ask the person who is feeling unwell to **STICK OUT THEIR TONGUE**... If the tongue is 'crooked' or goes to one side or the other, this is also an indication of a stroke.

Please do not be alarmed by reading this article but it might save a life.

## SEVENOAKS 34 PUTS THE 'BUZZ' BACK INTO TANGENT!

### Murder • Mystery and Mayhem

Having perused the Tangent magazine for many years and got rather fed up reading about more birthday celebrations and seeing lots of posh hats I decided you might like to hear what we have been up to in Sevenoaks.

We are a relatively young Tangent and we decided that we did not want to sit and vegetate, and we would like to get back some of that 'Buzz' we used to get when we ran a big fund raising venture as Ladies Circlers. It all happened quite casually. A planned meeting did not happen, so we met in someone's house for a pizza, a salad and a chat... and so it went on from there.

A Tangent member had just lost her husband to cancer and he had been in the care of the local hospice. We said that we would like to raise funds for them. After many thoughts and suggestions we decided on a Murder Mystery Evening. A committee formed, venue and theatrical company booked and we were on! Scary!! It had been years since we had done anything like this. Still we dusted off the old fundraising cells and planned and prepared. The tickets after a slow start went like hot cakes, and we had a waiting list. So much for the odd doubters that it was too ambitious but HELP, we now had to produce!

We need not have worried. It was a fantastic success. We did get a big sinking feeling when we turned up at the hall at 4pm on the afternoon of the event and saw the empty room where 96 people would be turning up in 3 1/2 hours having paid £25 a head and expecting to be entertained. Then the troops turned up. Tangent members and husbands transformed the hall, tables were set and the kitchen was a hive of activity with everyone bringing food, dishes, wine and nibbles. 7pm saw us all back, changed and ready for the off. The theatre company put on their little play. Then as we served the meal the actors came around the tables to be questioned and quizzed as to 'who done it'. The evening finished with the murderer being revealed and the winning table being presented with certificates. The icing on the cake came when we totted up our figures and we realised that the evening, with a raffle, had made just over £2000 for the hospice, double our target.

We don't aim to let this go. Everyone commented on how much they had enjoyed doing it all. There is that great feeling of camaraderie, despite the odd headache. So we are aiming to do something every year for a different local charity. Next year we are having an Opera Evening in aid of the local Mencap club.

**Maggie Hewson Chairman 2007/08**

*The fund raising Committee of Sevenoaks tangent presenting a cheque for £2000 to Steve Lane from Hospice in the Weald.*





## Two hats are better than one

Both President Barbara Matthews and Secretary Janette Dowgierd saw the funny side when they both 'pitched up' in identical hats for Bournemouth No 1's President's Afternoon. Once again fun and friendship prevails!

**SOUTH EAST LUNCH  
SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER '08  
GUEST SPEAKER  
EVE POLLARD, JOURNALIST**

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For full details and to book - please call the Hotel on 01277 829990

Final details and booking forms available in the May 2008 mailing from National. In the meantime if you have any questions

*please contact*

**Jill Vicary**

(Luncheon Chairman)

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IN YOUR  
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# NEW MILTON BIRTHDAY BASH



New Milton Tangent club was founded in October 1967 by June Plank. To celebrate the 40th Birthday, a dinner was held at Barton on Sea Golf Club.

Chairman Jan welcomed National President Joan Crabtree, past members of the club, including founder members Jaquie Nicolas and Beryl Coates. Also attending were members from Bournemouth, Christchurch, Lymington and Ringwood Tangents. The room was decorated with ruby red roses and carnations created by member Sue Lewes.

Chairman Jan and President Joan cut the birthday cake which had been decorated by Ann Prestige, who also gave a brief history of the club. After the meal, the speaker Patricia Godwen gave a whistle stop tour through the 20th Century with a collection of clothes from the Victorian era to the present day and included comments from publications of those days.

All to soon the party came to an end, and so with friends re-united and memories of the past 40 years, New Milton Tangent Club looks ahead to many more years of continued friendship.

## MIDLANDS LUNCHEON REVISITED

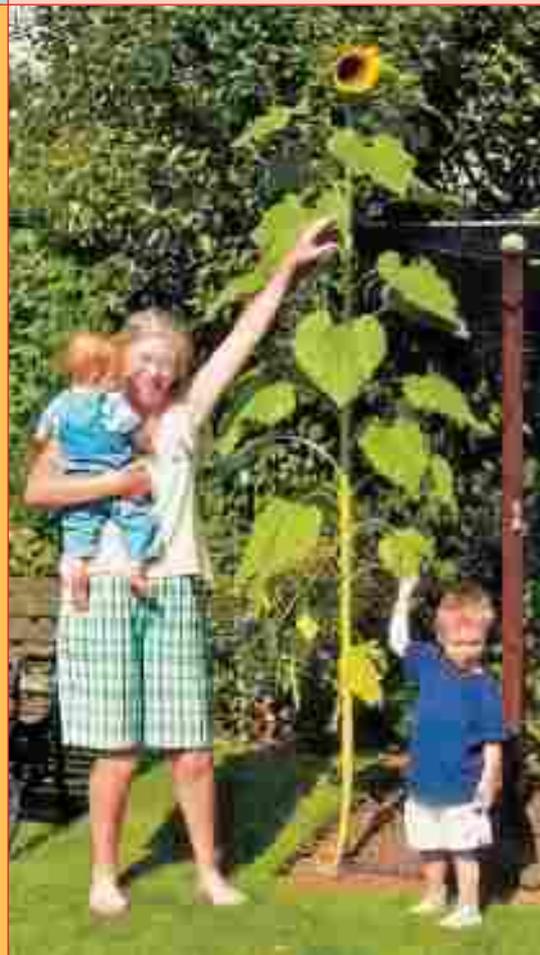
# Sunflower power

A year has passed since Hinkley Tangent organised the Midland Regional Luncheon and we all enjoyed listening to Angela Baker - one of the 'Calendar Girls'. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and, as sunflowers are the Calendar Girls' emblem, we were all given a small pot together with seeds of this beautiful flower:

As you can see from the attached photograph, I planted mine in the garden and it grew and it grew (shades of Jack and the Beanstalk!!). I must admit that my grandchildren helped with the watering - as soon as it had stopped raining, they were asking for water until I thought the plant would drown! However it thrived and grew to over 8ft.

Thank you Hinkley very much; I do wonder if other members and their families had as much fun and enjoyment as us.

**Beth Allen  
National President 2000 -01**



*From birth to age 18, a girl needs good parents. From 18 to 35 she needs good looks. From 35-55 she needs a good personality. From 55, she needs good cash*

SOPHIE TUCKER

WELSH  
LUNCHEON

Hosted by Cardiff 304  
at the Novotel,  
Cardiff  
19 May 2007



NORTHERN  
LUNCHEON

Hosted by Wakefield 10  
at the Cedar Court Hotel,  
Wakefield  
30 June 2007



*LADIES*  
WHO  
*LUNCH*

SCOTTISH  
LUNCHEON

Hosted by CATS 886  
at the Leapark Hotel,  
Grangemouth



SOUTHWEST  
LUNCHEON

Hosted by Exeter 421  
at the Thistle Hotel,  
Exeter  
29 September 2007





*Joan Collins says you are what you eat. She reached this conclusion following experiences in the swinging sixties and is very careful what she puts in her mouth these days.*

# International friendship

*Unlike Ladies Circle Tangent is not officially part of an international organisation. However, we do maintain strong links with Tangent Clubs abroad.*

National President Joan and National Secretary Gill had a super few days of fun and friendship in Bremen with Tangent and Ladies Circle Germany.

In October, Joan spent a lovely evening with the members of Costa del Sol No 1

Gibraltar No 1 were seen flying the flag for Tangent in customised Tangent T shirts at 4I Club's Iberian Cluster in Nerja, Spain last November. Immediate Past President Janis Attwell and Vice President Pat Paulson took greetings from Tangent. Majorca 4I Club are hosting this year's cluster in Palma, and sincerely hope that some members of Tangent will join them for a weekend of fun and friendship.



continued



Perhaps your Tangent has a continuing link with a Tangent, or Ex-Circlers abroad? Please let us know.

## IBERIAN CLUSTER

**Majorca 31 Oct -2 Nov 2008**

*Hi there, Tangent Ladies!*

As you will know, we are hosting this year's Cluster Meeting in Palma. Registration forms will be available in mid-March and we have made arrangements with the hotel for extra nights to be charged at our special Cluster rate. We have a great programme in store. All Tangent and 4I Club friends are most welcome.

**Graham Whitmore**  
**Cluster 2008 Secretary**  
**Majorca 4I Club**



# WHAT GOES AROUND...

*Our first Tangent Meeting was held on 16th May 2007, with Sarah Jeffries as our Chairperson. This was held immediately after our last Ladies Circle AGM!*

After an ongoing struggle trying to recruit new members and thinking about our future, it was sadly decided to close Warminster Ladies Circle which had been founded in 1963. We very much wanted to stay as a group after being together for so long and forging such close friendships. A coffee club type of group was not enough. We wanted something a little more structured to keep us together, so when we heard that our Warminster Tangent was folding we decided to talk to them. They had already closed but were more than happy that we would like to become the new Tangent Club.

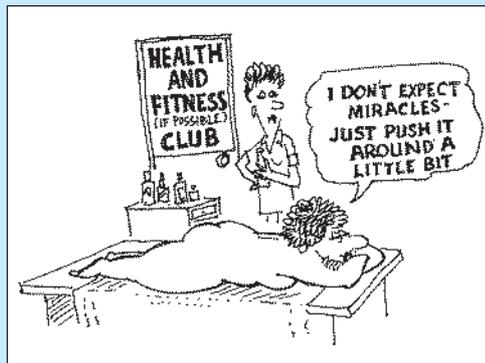
We are a very happy, lively group and think we are still a fairly young crowd – if not all young in age we feel young at heart! The last few years in Ladies Circle saw us having lots of fun, raising money for charities and having 'girlie weekends away'.

We invaded Cardiff, Portsmouth (twice), Italy, Ilfracombe and Poland, finishing on a high by going to Ireland and Cardiff for the Ladies Circle National Conferences 2006 and 2007.

We started our first Tangent year with a flourish by doing a Tangent tour of Totnes, Devon. TOT involved a lot of eating, drinking and shopping, and we even managed a little walking in the lovely countryside surrounding the house we rented for ten of us!

Although we were very sad to close our Ladies Circle we really had no choice in the end, but we intend to keep our friendships going and have lots of fun doing it! So here's to our future in Tangent. TOT is our motto....Tangent On Tour. Look out .....we may be about... near you soon!!!

**TOT in Torbay???**



## STANDING FOR VICE PRESIDENT

### Jan Mulqueen

*Hello, I'm Jan and as I'm the only nominee I hope I have the pleasure of being your National Vice President for 2008-9.*



Some of you may recognise me from my days as a member of Seaham or Sunderland Circle and apart from going up or down a couple of stone, I am told I haven't changed a bit in twenty years. I know I still have the enthusiasm that I had when I was in Circle.

Having been asked to put together a piece for the magazine, here goes. I have been married to Eddie since 1972 have two great sons, Richard and Andrew, who between them have three children, with another due in July. We have no pets but have a share of Max, a Westie, in that when Richard goes on holiday or away for the weekend we get to share the dog. We have also shared the hamster and fish.

Eddie and I moved to Seaham in 1974 leaving our family in London and have lived within a ten mile radius ever since.

I joined Seaham Circle in 1987 and went on to become Area 16 Chairman and National Community Service Officer. I joined Sunderland Tangent in 1999 where I have been Secretary and am Chairman this year. As a member of the Newcastle Conference team I spent three years helping to organise the 2007 National AGM and Conference and was the Tangent Luncheon Chairman.

My jobs have included market research interviewer; pre-arranged funeral planner; PA, telephonist, and full time mum/nana.

I hope to meet so many of you over the next three years. If we have met before come and have a chat and if we haven't, come and say hello.

**JAN MULQUEEN**

*‘If you obey all the rules - you miss all the fun’*

KATHERINE HEPBURN

## A nifty fifty...

We were blessed with sunshine and blue sky on the morning of the 3 November 2007. The day Wakefield Tangent were holding a lunch at Woolley Hall to celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

Members past and present along with a few guests, including our National President, Joan Crabtree and National Treasurer, Lesley Seville gathered shortly after noon for a reception. After posing for a group photo out on the steps we were served a splendid lunch by the staff of Woolley Hall.

Afterwards everyone had the opportunity to take a look at the display of photographs from the last 50 years of Wakefield Tangent; they certainly brought back memories to many members. We even had a slide show of photographs taken at the Northern Regional Luncheon hosted by the club in June. It was like being in the pictures!

Everyone enjoyed what was a very successful day and the lunch rounded off a very eventful 2007 for Wakefield Tangent.

**Janice Taylor - Chairman 2007/08**



# GOING OFF ON A TANGENT

...but with a little help from my friends

**Ladies, it is wonderful to write this article for the Tangent Magazine, especially as everywhere I go on my Presidential travels. I always receive a warm welcome from the Tangent members.**

There has been lots happening within NALC over the last nine months, no babies but, definitely a moving change!

In June, we left our memories behind us at Provincial House, Keighley. And, in true 'Sound of Music' fashion, we said 'So Long, Farewell' and closed the door behind us, only to open a new door in Birmingham. Our HQ is now firmly situated at Marchesi House, and much to the relief of the Tablers we have not adorned the establishment with fluffy cushions or pink lampshades...YET!

July was a great month for another sing song. As some of you know, I am renowned for singing a tune. And after Joan's recommendation after the Cardiff conference, I decided to follow a dream. The NALC patron, Janey Lee Grace (BBC Radio 2 Presenter) was a great help by loaning her studio, a producer friend and before I knew it I was recording a CD. Tangent has supported the sales of the CD, and especially my charity Childline. Ossett & Horbury Tangent, in particular have purchased many CDs, and even donated money to Childline instead of sending Christmas cards. Thanks to the help of Janet Taylor (my husband's mum!).

We were standing 'side by side' with Tangent in November, when we all paid our respects to the fallen heroes at the Remembrance Parade in London. The Round Table family were strong in their allegiance by marching in memory of those who had given so much.



Mrs MOP aka Round Table President, Graham Drummond welcomes Ladies Circle's Immediate Past President, Mandy Vines (left) and President, Michelle Taylor to Marchesi House

Then it was across the waters in January, to Germany, where LCI were to hold a Mid Term Meeting. Bremen was the place, where internationally 'Two became One' with Tangent and Circle. In fun and friendship, Tangent members were there to support LC Germany in their quest to host the Nordic and Middle European Circle countries. I was soon adopted by Renate Engelhardt, President of the Tangent Club Germany. Renate asked me to relay her best wishes to you all in GB&I.

'Happy Talking' is the song from 'South Pacific', and that is what we as Circle and Tangent members have to continue to do. If we talk about our happy memories, our many friends, we can 'All Stand Together' in a united and jubilant membership front. Savour your memories, share them with your friends, daughters & nieces because out of those memories, they too can create their own. There are Circles waiting for them to join and in turn, they will be there for your Tangent in years to come.

I look forward to making more Tangent memories with you all when I join you at your National AGM in April.

**Yours in continued Circle friendship, Michelle Taylor  
NALC National President 2007- 2008**

## 41 CLUB PRESIDENT

**KEITH HOWARD**

***One of the keys to success in any relationship whether it is business, personal or, as with us, between clubs, is good communication.***

Good communication means more than just talking to each other; it means listening and comprehending – using the same language and understanding what is being said.

Last year some young friends of ours were married and, as is more and more the custom, wanted to leave the church to a piece of modern music. "Their tune" was Bryan Adam's music for the film, 'Robin Hood- Prince of Thieves' – Everything I do, I do it for you. The ceremony over; the bride and groom grinning at each other at the altar steps, the vicar suggests that they wait just a few seconds before they turn and walk down the aisle; allow their smiling friends in the congregation to see them and savour the music. The organist smiled across at them, delighted he given the chance to show that he can play more than 'Here comes the bride!' as he strikes up with... Dan de daddle de dan de dan... Robin Hood, Robin Hood riding through the glen..... When a 20 year old bride-to-be asks a 50 year old organist for the music from Robin Hood they are not talking the same language.

Working together is also about more than having joint functions and projects- although they can be good fun and beneficial – it's about having common aims and ideals; it's about sharing problems and seeking solutions together; it's about being realistic about our present and our future; learning from each other and translating best practice from one club to another.



**PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

**41 Club Vice President, Drew Cochran; Tangent Vice President, Pat Paulson;  
41 Club President, Keith Howard; Tangent President, Joan Crabtree;  
Tangent Imm. Past President, Janis Atwell; 41 Club Imm. Past President, Ian Mackenzie**

As we move to the end of this club year and on to Conference and AGMs we can look back now on several years where Tangent and 41 Club have increased their understanding and worked more together. I know from conversations with both National Vice Presidents that this will continue.

To your National Executive and all the Tangent members I have met over the past year I say, Thank you for your friendship and your support. May you continue to go from strength to strength.

'May the hinges of friendship never rust, nor the wings of love lose a feather'.

**Keith Howard - National President 41 Club**

# Words of Wisdom

*When asked to share her 'beauty tips' Audrey Hepburn wrote this poem. It was read at her funeral years later.*

**For attractive lips,**

speak words of kindness

**For lovely eyes,**

seek out the good in people

**For a slim figure,**

share your food with the hungry

**For beautiful hair,**

let a child run his/her hands through it.

**For poise,**

walk with the knowledge that you  
never walk alone

**People, even more than things, have to be restored,**

**Renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed;**

**never throw out anyone**

## AN APOLOGY

It is with utmost regret that the name of Kathleen Flynn was included with the obituaries in the October 2007 issue. Kathleen in fact sent a tribute to Elaine Mason. This was a genuine error and a full personal apology has naturally been sent. The editor sincerely regrets any distress this may have caused.

# PASSING FRIENDS

M A R C H  
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We are very sad to have been advised of the passing of the following Tangent members:



<b>Elizabeth Bridal</b>	Bishop's Stortford 269
<b>Jane Gooch</b>	Bexhill on Sea 356
<b>Doris Blackmon</b>	Liverpool Childwall 190
<b>Diana Bartlett</b>	Harpenden 137
<b>Evelyn Pearmain</b>	Bournemouth 1
<b>Norah Ann Mann</b>	Bournemouth 1
<b>Elaine Neale</b>	Milton Keynes & District 778
<b>Marian Bown</b>	Bexley 25

Tangent is very grateful for all that they have done for the Association during their lifetime, and our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends at this difficult time. Individual tributes may be found in a specially dedicated area of 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 and sharing it with others.

# Everything's coming up roses

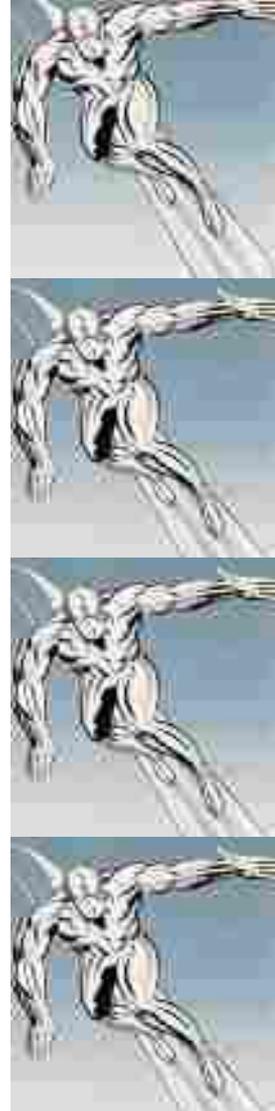
Everyone was very excited when our Association, having worked hard with Harkness Roses, produced our own Rose last year. It was received with so much enthusiasm by you all, that the first stock is now exhausted.

I am so sorry that some of you have been disappointed but fear not, new stocks are already being 'budded' and will be ready to go on sale later in the year. Watch this space for further information.

**YICF - Jan**

# Silver Surfer

Special thanks go to webmaster David Hewitt for all his undaunting 'behind the scenes' support. Yes we hold up our hands and confess that this 'Shropshire Lad' is the best thing we have 'nicked' from 41 Club!



*‘Life is a great big canvas and you should throw all the paint on it you can’*

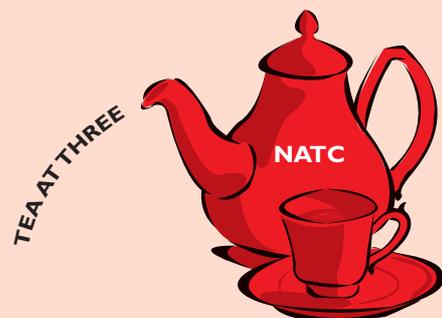
DANNY KAYE

## Brecon members monthly get-together



**Do you feel you have sufficient magazines for you club?** Perhaps some members would like everyone to have their own, although this would obviously cost a lot more. Then again perhaps it would be more cost-effective if our magazine was confined to our website? Something to think about.

Please support the **BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION**  
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Could your Tangent arrange 'Teas at Three' and donate some money to the British Heart Foundation.

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# ANNOUNCING THE DEAL OF A LUNCHTIME

2008 is an exciting year for Hyundai with several new models coming on stream. Also it's good news for all Tangent members as we're offering up to £4200 off a brand new model. Obviously this discount depends on the chosen model - but if you're interested - read on.



ON A BRAND NEW



## *A terrific offer for all Tangent members!*

The model shown is the i30 and is one from the new hatchback range. It's available in petrol or diesel with a choice of engine sizes. In fact there are models to suit every taste and personal need from super-minis to large people carriers. Your local Hyundai dealer will give you the special price on every model, and for your security this is a sum fixed centrally by Hyundai Motor UK

*To take advantage of this special offer, please visit your local Hyundai dealer and advise them that you are eligible under the AFFINITY CODE AO1, which is for the National Association of Round Tables, including 41 Club, Tangent and Ladies Circle, and their immediate families. Verification of membership by your Chairperson, on Tangent headed paper will be necessary. A utility bill will also be needed to confirm your home address.*

*As a point of interest, and in addition to being Head of Corporate operations, I am a current 41'er and former Chairman of Brackley Round Table 1037, and also Area 50.*

*It is hoped that some Hyundai vehicles will be on display at the Torquay Conference.*

**JEFF PEYTON-BRUHL**

National Corporate Operations & Remarketing Manager - Hyundai UK Ltd  
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## A FINAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

*Once again, a huge thank you to all who have sent me copy and photographs, whether they are reports or just 'odds & ends'. I hope they have added some variety to Tangent News.*

This issue sees the very first advertisement - for Hyundai cars. It also includes details of a special discount for members, so please read carefully. Of course this is a way of thanking Hyundai for their generous sponsorship of a car for our National President. However, a limited amount of advertising may be a way forward to keeping costs down in the future. Definitely food for thought!

So now it is time for a fond farewell. Editing your magazine has been quite a challenge, a huge learning curve and a long way from the classroom newspaper I used to put together with the children I taught! My

personal and very special thanks must also go to David Podd and all of his staff at PODDS, our printers, for their help, patience and technical guidance (the number of times I said 'why can't I put that there?')

The next issue will be a shorter 'Conference Special'. Yes, something different to look forward to! This will be followed by a full magazine later. **So please send all items by 1 September 2008 to your new editor, Joan Crabtree**

**With continued thanks, fun and friendship  
Janis**



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