Let friendship continue

National President
2010-11
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The honeymoon period is now well and truly over as I settle down to write my first report as your new Vice President and today I received my first official invitation. I would like to thank the Exec for their kindness, support and warm welcome to the team. I am very aware that I have some hard acts to follow - they all seem so efficient and competent but I will do my best.

Part of my role is to be responsible for Regalia Orders. A copy of the order form is included with this mailing but I will always be happy to dispatch additional forms if necessary. Please help me by ordering your regalia as soon as possible and be aware that on orders returned to me after 1 January 2011 there will be a £5 surcharge. The deadline to guarantee delivery in time for your Club’s AGM is 1 February 2011. I know these dates seem far in the future but time has a habit of catching up with us all so please don’t be caught out.

You will need to check your order as soon as it is received and inform me immediately of any errors. If by any chance your order is not received within four months of the order date, please advise me.

I am looking forward to a busy year, a year in which I hope I will have the opportunity of meeting many of you and getting to know some of you better. Please don’t hesitate to come and say “Hello” to a new girl.

Jan Dowling - National Vice President

SECRETARY’S NOTEPAD

This is my first message as National Secretary. Firstly, I must thank Gill Young for her three years in the role and her able teaching and handover during my year as Secretary Elect. I will still keep her email address close to hand! She will be a hard act to follow.

The Scarborough Conference weekend was very successful. The Tangent team, ably led by Margaret Barker, organised a great Tangent Day and NAGM. We look forward to the event in Ipswich next April. The AGM was exciting with over 150 ladies attending and 84 voting delegates, some held a proxy vote for Clubs unable to attend. There is more information on the website.

After some anxiety, as there were no nominations in advance, we did manage to elect a Vice President, Jan Dowling. Jan is fun, friendly and keen to meet everyone. She will be a worthy successor to Gill, when the time comes. We were sad to lose Lesley Seville from the Executive after three excellent years as Treasurer. After some arm twisting June Boden kindly agreed to take on the role, which she is now embracing with enthusiasm.

Welcome to all new Club Secretaries. I hope you have an interesting year ahead. One of your first jobs was to complete, and return to me, the Directory Details form, so that the magazines, Regional Luncheon details and forms go to the person your club nominated as club contact. It is not too late to return it, either by post or online at www.tangent-clubs.org.

I am grateful to those who nominate a contact for three years as it reduces the typing needed! I will be sending out the 2010-2011 Directory, with the AGM minutes to you at the beginning of July.

NOTICE in this pack with the magazines, you should have received the capitulation, sales and regalia forms, as well as Regional Luncheon forms for the South West and South East and booking form for the exciting 40th Anniversary of NATC Lunch in September. Please pass them on to the relevant person. Please try and attend the 40th and at least one Regional Lunch. They are a great place to meet past friends and make new ones.

I am always looking for clubs to organise future luncheons, especially in Scotland, Ireland and Wales. If you want more information please let me know.

I really look forward to my next three years on National Executive and especially the next year with Gill Preston as our National President and working along side her Executive team. Thank you to everyone who has passed on their best wishes, I will do my best to ensure you receive all the information you require and answer the many queries I understand I am likely to receive.

Yours in continuing friendship, Terrie Hewitt
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What do we do for you?
As your new Executive we are there for existing and new members, to provide support and answer queries. We will provide information through the directory/magazine/website and communicate your news and pictures through these mediums.
A member of the Executive will visit, when called upon, to help Tangent members/clubs. We facilitate and organise Regional lunches, celebrations and conferences.
We make sure insurance covers members/regalia/members homes if damage occurs as our past Treasurer more than adequately stated in her report at the National AGM.

A special candle to celebrate friendship

40th Anniversary Candles

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A very special day has been arranged for Saturday 11th September 2010 East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham

We are delighted to announce that our speaker will be inspirational Diana Moran

Full details and ticket order forms are available on the NATC website www.tangent-clubs.org

**Why not book now!**
Well it is now two years since I became your National Sales & Regalia Officer and this year has been a very challenging one. At the start of the year sales at the regional lunches were well down on the previous year although things seem to have picked up significantly in the last month or two.

I have now launched the 40th Anniversary products which will be on sale just for this year. Stocks are limited so please buy soon. If the initial stocks run out I can reorder but won’t do so after the 40th Anniversary Lunch in September as we run the risk of having stock left over but I hope you will like the products enough to buy them when you see them, particularly if you want them as gifts for your committee in this special year. I will however ensure that there are enough stocks to have them available at all the Regional Lunches throughout the year. The special products are colourful pens and bone china mugs, all bearing the 40th Anniversary logo.

I have included a fold up bag, a selection of very modern key rings and a lovely glass perfume bottle in our product range this year but am always open to suggestions for further items you would like to see available on the Sales Table. Pictures of the new product (with prices) can be seen below.

As a result of your feedback I am now stocking a few of the more popular products without the Tangent logo. People often tell me at lunches that they would like to buy things for friends who aren’t Tangent members, so now it is possible but I am just trying out a few products to start with (mirrors, key rings and letter openers) and may extend the range if these prove to be worthwhile.

If you want to buy something without the logo please let me know.

I have discontinued a few of the less popular products and reduced the prices of some others to stimulate sales. The products with reduced prices will gradually be phased out and once they are gone I will not be restocking those items so get them while you can.

I was also involved in sourcing the special 40th Anniversary candles and hope you like those too.

Please don’t forget the Tangent Rose. Sales were virtually non-existent this year. An order form will be included in the October magazine mailing so that you can order it at the appropriate time for delivery from November to March but if you want to order earlier a form is available on the website.

Any profit from sales helps to keep the subscriptions down so please support the Tangent Shop when you can. Now I am entering my final year as Sales & Regalia Officer, we need to be considering my successor. If you think you might like to do it please volunteer to help me out at one of the lunches and see how much fun it is.

Yours in Continued Friendship, Karen
**Out & About**

**President Jan’s year**

Jan joined us for our joint meeting along with members of Boston Circle. Here in the picture are Jaqui Chapman member of Boston and Fenland Tangent her daughter Michele a member of Ladies Circle, Sue Cropley Tangent Chairman and President of Boston Circle, Tracey Hartley and Amanda Goodall. Jan also inducted a new member that night which brings our membership up to 20.

**Downland Tangent**

With our enthusiastic and hard working Chairman, Jean Peach, Downland Eastbourne Tangent have had a brilliant year! Highlights of the year have been giving two large cheques to the British Heart Foundation, the grand total of £1,575 was actually raised during the previous year when Sandra Grech was Chairman but the presentation happened last September.

In the summer, on the hottest day of the year, the Downland girls had a stand at a local Boot Sale when we made over £250. The money was divided between Hastings Hospital Dialysis Unit and Muscular Sclerosis.

To top it all Jean Peach did The Beachy Head Marathon in really terrible weather, this was her first marathon and considering she has had heart, knee and hip operations in recent years she did extremely well! Jean raised an astonishing £438, which will go to various local charities.

Our Charity Auction in January raised just over £100 and our Birthday Dinner in March was a hoot with cabaret, care of the Downland Dollies, included!
Wow what a year, ‘IT’S POSSIBLE’ has been my theme and ‘Thank You’ are two very little words that mean such a lot. I would like to thank everyone who made my year as Your President so special. There have been so many wonderful moments during my year from sharing Club Anniversaries like Bournemouth 60th and all the anniversaries in between to Wessex Links 10th. The charter of a new Club, Trips to London for the Woman of the Year Lunch and Remembrance Sunday, where I laid a wreath on your behalf at the Cenotaph. The seven Regional Lunches were all special in their own ways, who will forget the seagulls at the Northern, the picture beside the River Dee in Scotland, the howling gale for the South East lunch or the brass band playing the dambusters and Lesley Seville, our then health and safety officer, pleading with you not to stand on your chairs at the Midland lunch.

This year I have been to many Friendship evenings, (one Club invites other Clubs to share the night with them,) renewing friendships made over many years. I think this will become more popular over the next few years. Why not try and organise one yourself and invite local Clubs to join you. It does not need to be a big affair or expensive, in fact it is an ideal occasion to brush up your entertaining skills and try a faith/American supper.

During my time as your President the question I have asked all year is WHERE WILL TANGENT BE IN 10-15 YEARS TIME? the majority of our membership, having seen approximately a third of you on my travels this year, are over the age of 65. I have tried to encourage those past members of Ladies Circle, who for whatever reason did not join us, to form new Clubs of their own. I believe this could be a way forward for them. Whilst some Clubs still have a Ladies Circle and are in a position to attract new members, many do not. There are so many past Circlers/partners of 41 Club members who have not become members of Tangent. Women between the ages of 45 and 60 want different things from an evening out to women in their late sixties and older. I feel that as long as the new Clubs show respect for the senior Clubs, because without them there would have been no Ladies Circle and try to have a joint meeting once or twice a year, like a mother and daughter learning from each other, this could work. Cluster Clubs like Area Twenty Independent Tangent AT IT a group of past LC area 20 girls all under 55, another way forward. These younger women are the future of Tangent.

When I asked if you would support the joint Tangent/41 Club charity this year little did I know how you would take this to heart. I have been overwhelmed by the support shown. I have had emails and letters telling me how money was raised/given, from not sending each other Christmas cards and donating the money to Help for Heroes instead, cooking demonstrations, raffles, car boot sales and well as the pyramid lunches/dinners. I was pleased to hand over a cheque for £23,816.31 and together with 41 Club they have received a total in excess of £145,000, and still more is coming in. As at 1st May we have given in excess of £25,549.99 to Help for Heroes. For those of you who heard me shake the tin and say “Shy bairns get knowt” then asked for any change before you left for home, It was worth my asking as that box collected £1,533.33p. It is not too late to send your contribution if you have not already done so. I will let you know the final figure in the next issue of Tangent News THANK YOU ALL, you were magnificent.

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During my year I would like to thank them for their continued support of Tangent. To my Clubs Angels of the North/Sunderland plus Houghton le Spring, everyone who has hosted me during the year, but especially Eddie and my family at home. I am so pleased that Jan and June have joined us. Please will you take the opportunity now to think about the positions becoming vacant next year. Is there someone you think would make a good National Officer. Have a word with them let them know that you think they are capable of doing the job and that you will support them in the future.

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Jan Mulqueen - Immediate Past President 2010-11

Look on the website under Immediate Past President to see some of the photos taken during my year.

HELP for HEROES

Jan’s family at the President’s Ball. Richard, Sharon, Joanne, Jan, Eddie and Andrew

Pictures courtesy of David Henderson
Q. What do you get when you have a 'Girls weekend away?'
A. A great weekend - Bletchley Tangent

Baildon winners of most unusual venue for AGM 2009

Jan addressing 41 Club NAGM

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GILL'S CREW
HARBRO'S SCARBRO

Market Harborough Tangent with President, Gill
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Market Harborough winners of Saturday Night fancy dress

Watching the fancy dress/caberet

Jan’s babes

Ladies Circle

National Presidents 2009-10
“What is a Cool Tie? and “Why are you making them?” I am often asked these questions when I say that I have been busy sewing. Let me explain what they are and how I came to be involved.

A Cool Tie has become a very much wanted item for our military personnel out in Iraq and Afghanistan and other areas where temperatures often reach over 100F. They are a great way to beat the heat and allow our troops to work effectively as they can lower the body temperature by several degrees.

Cool Ties are simply strips of 4” x 45” cotton in desert prints, beige, brown and green. The material is sewn lengthways with channels for inserting water absorbing crystals, the sort that you buy for use in hanging baskets and tubs to stop the soil drying out. The material used must be 100% cotton as cotton allows the water in the gel to evaporate, which provides the cooling mechanism, and polyester does not.

When needed the tie is soaked in cold water for up to 30 minutes and the crystals swell up into a gel. Excess water is removed by patting with a dry towel and the tie is ready to be tied loosely round the neck.

I was inspired. I bought the materials and set about making them. I have also made them up in bright coloured cottons and sold them to people to take on holiday, the proceeds going to Support Our Soldiers.

If you would like to help, visit the website for full details of how to make the ties and where to send them (Bingley), then get out your sewing machine. http://www.supportoursoldiers.co.uk/soscoolties.htm Just think, if Cool Ties make our soldiers more comfortable working in such hazardous conditions wouldn’t you be prepared to help?

Enid Southerby-Smith
Bletchley 111 Tangent

Cwmbran Tangent

When I knew that Jan was asking for support for her Help for Heroes charity I consulted my members to ask if they would be willing to help raise funds for this worthy cause. We decided on a Coffee Morning which was held at Raglan Parc Golf Club on 28 January and managed to raise £850. We were really pleased with this sum. Tangent members all rallied round by selling tickets, making lots of cakes etc etc. We had several stalls, ie a book stall, jewellery and hats stall, a greetings card stall (all the cards were made by our Treasurer) and as we had lots of cakes left over at the end we sold them off at a nice profit. It was a very successful event, enthusiastically supported by all members.

Horwich, Westhoughton & District 621

Horwich, Westhoughton and District 621. Had their February meeting which was opened up to our local Inner Wheel Club and friends when 40 people attended. The lady holding the dog is Evelyn Whitney, who hosted our annual games night at her house. During the night we ran a raffle and a bring and buy stall to raise funds, our President Kathleen Pyle is holding the poster.

An enjoyable evening was had by all who attended and the prize trophy was presented to our winner, Kathleen Banks, after a tie break question between three members. Much more than all the fun, chatter, food, drink and of course the quizzes during the night we managed to make a fantastic £351 for H4H the Presidents charity.
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**Ingredients:**
- 4 washed carrots, topped and tailed
- Tonic water to taste
- Half a lemon

**Method:**
- In 4 glasses, put in one measure of gin. Add tonic to taste, cut lemon and add a slice to each glass.
- Give each person a carrot, and a glass of gin and tonic.

**Lateral Thinking**

A married man left work early one Friday afternoon. Instead of going home, however, he spent the weekend partying with the boys. When he finally returned home on Sunday night, his wife really got on his case and stayed on it.

After a couple of hours of screaming, his wife paused and pointed at him and made him an offer. ‘How would you like it if you didn’t see me for a couple of days??!!??…’ The husband couldn’t believe his luck, so he looked up, smiled and said, ‘That would suit me just fine!’ Monday went by, and the man didn’t see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday went by and he still didn’t see her.

Come Thursday, the swelling went down a bit and he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

**WHY MEN NEVER GET DEPRESSED**

Ladies I wonder if you will agree with these findings, they don’t get depressed because:-

- Men may have a pot belly but can never get pregnant. People never stare at their chests when talking to them. They can open their own jars. Car mechanics tell them the truth and they don’t have to stop and think which way to turn a nut or bolt. The garage is all theirs and they do the same work for more pay.
- Gentlemen can ‘do’ their nails with a pocket knife. They have the freedom of choice in growing a moustache and only have to shave their face and neck. The same hairstyle lasts for years if not decades, and for them wrinkles add character, they can wear shorts no matter what their legs look like and can still get underpants for £4.99 for a pack of three.
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- In 4 glasses, put in one measure of gin. Add tonic to taste, cut lemon and add a slice to each glass.
- Give each person a carrot, and a glass of gin and tonic.

**Lateral Thinking**

A married man left work early one Friday afternoon. Instead of going home, however, he spent the weekend partying with the boys. When he finally returned home on Sunday night, his wife really got on his case and stayed on it.

After a couple of hours of screaming, his wife paused and pointed at him and made him an offer. ‘How would you like it if you didn’t see me for a couple of days??!!??…’ The husband couldn’t believe his luck, so he looked up, smiled and said, ‘That would suit me just fine!’ Monday went by, and the man didn’t see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday went by and he still didn’t see her.

Come Thursday, the swelling went down a bit and he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

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- Gentlemen can ‘do’ their nails with a pocket knife. They have the freedom of choice in growing a moustache and only have to shave their face and neck. The same hairstyle lasts for years if not decades, and for them wrinkles add character, they can wear shorts no matter what their legs look like and can still get underpants for £4.99 for a pack of three.
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- Men require only one suitcase for a week’s holiday, one wallet, one belt and one pair of shoes equals one colour for all seasons. For men three pairs of shoes are more than enough. And those shoes don’t cut, blister or mangle their feet.
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Regional Lunches

Midlands Luncheon

Whitchurch organized the Midland lunch and had a panic when told that the original venue would not be able to be used. The local hotel came up trumps and a fantastic day was had by all. The town band played whilst we had our meal followed by an excellent speaker who not only entertained us but gave us a fashion show of underwear through the ages. An eye opener to say the least. Thank you Whitchurch for a lovely day.

Irish Luncheon

Londonderry Tangent organized the 2010 Luncheon and a fantastic day was had by those attending as you can see from the photographs (more on the website). Marjorie Humphries who is now a member of Isle of Man Tangent made the journey over to Londonderry to meet up with her friends in First in Ireland Tangent where she was a founder Chairman. Joan Henderson was the Luncheon Chairman and with her committee made sure that everyone went away with lovely memories along with a small bag of goodies which included a marble, so that you did not think you were losing yours, an elastic band, so that you knew how far you could be stretched, a penny so you would never be broke and a chocolate bar that did not last long but it was a great comfort.

Bideford Bulbs

Last year I along with other members from Bideford had an excellent day out at the South West Regional Luncheon in Cornwall. We were very well looked after and all the members were given the traditional commemorative gift of a mini choc bar and a net containing Cornish daffodil bulbs. We have many daffs throughout our garden in Abbotsham and rather than lose them amongst the others I made a special effort. I bought a new pot painted it in Tangent colours and then platted my bulbs. Now I have been rewarded with my pot of daffs, that hopefully will appear each year to remind me of that lovely day in Cornwall in 2009 enjoying the friendship and fun of Tangent.
Over 130 ladies enjoyed an excellent day and a delicious lunch celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Bournemouth Tangent No 1. President Pauline Scott was delighted to welcome over 50 present members of the Club, 23 Past Presidents covering 25 years and especially Honorary Member June White, the Circler from Bournemouth LC No 1 whose inspiration started Tangent 60 years ago. Pauline read out various jottings Sybil had made regarding her thoughts at the time - she had realised there was a need for another Club when the newest member who joined Circle was older than Sybil’s daughter!

National President Jan and the whole of Executive plus several Past National Officers also joined us and a starring role was played by Richard Matthews (a member of Bournemouth 41 Club) as our Toast Master. £575 was raised for the raffle for President Pauline's charity, Macmillan in Dorset. Our speaker Lt Colonel Malcolm Torrent (retd) entertained us royally, telling us of his time in the Army, involved with military music and also playing various trumpets and horns.

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65 of us celebrated our 40th Charter on 6th February with past members coming from all over the UK to meet up with old friends. 27 Past Chairmen lit candles representing their year of office, some of them having served two or three times. We were delighted that the wonderful, bubbly Jan was with us on this happy day.

As we celebrated our 30th Anniversary with a 'Black Tie & Tiara Ball'. We were joined by National President, Jan Mulqueen and renewed friendships with Tangent members and friends from near and far. An enjoyable evening was had by us all.
41 Club National President Report

Greetings and warmest good wishes to all in Tangent from the whole of 41 Club. What a great privilege it is to be writing on this occasion as National President. I very much look forward to working with President Gill and her Exec this year and I especially look forward to joining you all for your 40th Anniversary celebrations in September. What a party that is going to be!

Before I go further, I’d like to take this opportunity of congratulating IPP Jan on a highly successful year as National President. In particular, I’d like to express thanks to her for the very able way in which she chaired the Round Table Family meetings. It was through her strong and positive leadership that we made the progress we did so that at the end of the year, each Association was able to unreservedly renew its commitment to the concept of the RT Family in the knowledge that there are times when we are far stronger together than we are as separate organisations. Just look back over the last couple of years and the money that together we have been able to raise for charity to see how true that is!

My theme for this year will be ‘Reach out’ and much of our work this year will be structured around the revised ‘purposes’ or objectives that were agreed at our AGM and which I hope will inspire each of our 41 clubs to be more active in the way they approach the planning of their club programmes.

Our purposes – which have been around for some years prompt us to - [i] continue to promote opportunities for fellowship amongst former members of Round Table [ii] encourage active involvement in the community [iii] use our experience in support of the Round Table Family and [iv] encourage international relationships.

As a result of our AGM decision to remain a club for former members of Round Table, we shall make every effort during the course of this year to do all that we can to help the growth of Round Table. In the very near future we hope to be able to announce a new initiative which we hope will lead to the establishment of at least 25 new Round Table clubs across the country. Watch this space!

Have a great year and remember – we are about friendship and fellowship and lending a helping hand where we can!

Every good wish.

Malcolm - National President, The Association of Ex Round Tablers’ Clubs

Hello there,
I’m Naomi
and I’m the new National President for NALC.

May I start by wishing you all a Happy 40th Birthday!!
My theme this year is “It’s a kind of Magic!” Being the daughter of a circler I remember seeing the wonderful parties, attending the family weekends away, watching the life long friendships form and thinking how magical it all was. I couldn’t wait to join and be a part of it and I haven’t regretted one moment!! I have always wondered why more son’s and daughter’s haven’t joined. Perhaps this is something you can tell me as I see you around on my travels?

At your AGM Gill suggested that during your birthday month of September you get together with your circles to help celebrate. This is a fantastic opportunity of bringing the two organisations even closer together and perhaps inviting your daughters and nieces along to learn more about how circle has evolved.

Last year saw some very positive 4 club meetings and I am looking forward to working with Gill, Malcolm and John in continuing to achieve our aims and objectives of working closer together. It would also be good to see this happening more on a local level - perhaps holding a Circle/Tangent challenge night.

I am pleased to be able to report Circle is back on the up! We were delighted to announce at our AGM we inducted over 250 new members, opened one brand new circle in Peterhead and re-affiliated four circles. Two more are opening in the next few weeks. Our website enquiries have also increased by 33%!!!

Our new Media and PR Officer is hoping to continue this positive outlook and raise our profile even more this year. So as you can see we are doing our part in recruiting potential future members for you!

Congratulations again to you all on your 40th birthday celebrations and I hope you all enjoy making more magical moments! I look forward to seeing you and giving you more positive feedback on what your “daughters” have been up to!

Yours in Friendship, Naomi

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Full of Eastern Promise

Greetings from the Committee of Ipswich Conference 2011

Ipswich is a lovely historical town, surrounded by beautiful countryside, (which is commonly known as Constable Country,) and where the Friday tour will be visiting. The whole of conference will be at Trinity Park, the Ipswich Showground, where you can stay in your caravan, or stay in one of the three hotels which are in the middle of Ipswich, close to the shopping centre. There you will find a very good mix of shops with individual shops along with the usual chain stores. Transport will be laid on to the events.

If you book before 30 September, you will be in with a chance of having your conference package paid for you. We have excellent hotels, in three price ranges, lovely countryside, good shopping and a fun filled conference planned for you, what more could you want? We look forward to welcoming you to our lovely county the weekend of 15 – 17 April 2011.

The Conference theme is “Full of Eastern Promise”

Lin Cammiss – Tangent Day Chairman.

For full details and Downloadable Booking Forms visit www.41clubconference.co.uk

Or telephone our Tangent Day Co-ordinator Chris Smith – 07956 375813.

Note The telephone number for the Salthouse Harbour Hotel is incorrect, it should be 01473 226789

WHY NOT MAKE IT A GIRLS WEEKEND AWAY

www.tangent-clubs.org
WELSH LUNCHEON

Over 70 women were up on their feet dancing to ABBA songs at this years Welsh lunch. Organized by Cardigan, who having had such a great day last year volunteered to host this one, the theme throughout the lunch was Abba, from the quiz to the decor and the entertainment. Each table had a song title rather that table number and we were asked to make up a ditty or poem around that song title, (some of these are on the website). When we were first asked the room filled with the sound of urghhhhhhhhh. But it was an inspirational idea as it got each table talking and everyone laughing when it came to the performances.

PASSING FRIENDS

Derek Towle the husband of Past National President Elizabeth has presented Tangent with a Table Cloth, in her memory, to be used at future NAGMs and special occasions. The Table cloth has on it the Tangent logo and is embroidered with Let Friendship Continue. It was seen for the first time at the NAGM in Scarborough. Made by one of our own members Moira Cochrane, I am sure you will agree it looks lovely and will be a fitting reminder of Elizabeth.

It is with much sadness that Liverpool Childwall report the passing of Doreen Watt on the 17th March. Doreen joined Circle in 1963 and held the offices of Chairman, Secretary and Extension before transferring to Tangent where she became Chairman, and then National Secretary from 1974 to 1976. Doreen was a most valued member of Tangent who will be greatly missed by Husband Brian, Son Alex and Daughter in Law Lindsay, and many friends and family.

Doreen Watt
1924 - 2010
Liverpool Childwall 190

Tangent is very grateful for all that they have done for the Association during their lifetime, and our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends at this difficult time. Individual tributes to the ladies mentioned above can be found on our website www.tangent-clubs.org.

HATS OFF TO EVERYONE

Great Missenden Tangent will be hosting the 2010 South East Regional Luncheon
SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2010
Uplands Conference Centre in the Chilterns

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