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Past Presidents gather to celebrate 40 years as a National Association

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT GILL’S REPORT

My theme this year is ‘Friendship and Fun’ and I must thank you for all the ‘Friendship and Fun’ during the last six months as I have joined you for your Tangent events. A big thank you to all those Tangent members who have organised these, as without you they wouldn’t happen. The planning and preparation is really appreciated whether an at home or a regional luncheon. Thank you to all Tangent members attending these events; it is you who help to make such occasions a success.

My year fell foul of the volcanic ash, preventing me attending 41Club International AGM but it didn’t prevent me receiving a ‘welcome in the hillside’ from the Welsh luncheon, with much dancing to Abba. It was ‘a kind of magic’ as I took greetings to Ladies Circle at their National AGM. Well done to Round Table and Ladies Circle for an excellent conference, especially after the fire at The Majestic Hotel meant you had to find new venues at very short notice. We laughed until we cried at the Northern lunch organised by Alsager and my thanks to Keynsham Tangent who organised the South West luncheon for understanding I needed to leave before the day ended to travel to Blackpool for the Ladies Circle President’s Ball.

Equally important are the friendship evenings and special anniversaries I’ve been invited to. Every anniversary is special but there were two very special occasions. Uwchwr Tangent’s lunch, where I presented their charter certificate and the following weekend, the National Association’s 40th Charter luncheon. It was a pleasure during some of the visits to induct new members into Tangent and to hear from some members who had fallen by the wayside that they intended to return to the fold. This shows the value of inviting members past and present to such events as it renews their interest.

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JAN Dowling

Yours in Continued Friendship

Gill Preston

NATIONAL PRESIDENT’S DIARY DATES 2010-2011

Oct

19 Tues Congleton Tangent 30th

20 Wed Northampton Nene friendship evening

21 Thurs Driffield 30th charter

22 Fri 12th birthday

26 Tues Sudbury 40th charter

27 Wed Wellesborough Friendship Evening

30 Sat 30 TBC

Nov

2 Tues City of London Circle meeting

3 Wed Downend open evening

6 Sat 6 TBC

9 Tues Shirley Tangent

10 Wed Hagley and District 30th

13 Sat Exec meeting Great Missenden

14 Sun Cenotaph

16 Tues Harrogate Friendship and Fun evening

16 Tues Attlehamon Inner Wheel 80th Anniversary

18 Thurs 18th

Dec

8 Wed London Lunching Christmas meal

2011

Jan

12 Wed Hinckley speaker meeting

20 Thurs 20 - Sat 22

Feb

2 Wed Derby 22

20 Thurs 20 - Sat 22

Mar

13 Sun 13

15 Tues 15

Apr

11 Fri 11

12 Sat 12

16 Wed 16

19 Sat 19

23 Wed 23

26 Sat 26

30 Wed 30

Kettering fellowship evening

Camberwell’s 30th

Irish Luncheon

Walsall Tangent

Southport 40th Anniversary lunch

Littlehampton Tangent’s 30th Birthday

Mar

17 Fri 17

18 Sat 18

19 Sun 19

16 Wed 16

Thurs 14 - Sun 17

Sat 16

Tangent President’s charity Ball

Forward planning meeting

Market Harborough Tangent AGM

41 Club Conference Ipswich

Tangent Day luncheon and NAGM

Vice President Jan’s Report

Time is whizzing past, so I guess there is truth in the old adage, “Time flies when you’re having fun” because I’m having lots of fun, and the time is certainly flying by.

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YLCF - Jan Dowling
It is almost October already and I am half way through my first year as your National Secretary. It’s been a sharp learning curve, despite all Gill Young’s help last year, but lots of fun. I have “spoken” to so many members by phone, email, post or at Regional Lunches and the very special 40th Anniversary Luncheon in Nottingham. My celebrations continued into the following week, joining my own Tangent for a 70s night, complete with prawn cocktails and coq a vin and a chance to wear the flares again!

In the October mailing your Club contact should have received the following papers. If they do not arrive by mid November please let me know asap. There are two Regional Luncheon forms, for the Midland Regional Luncheon on 26 February 2011 and the Irish Regional Luncheon on 19 March 2011. Come along, have a good time and join in the fun. You will be made very welcome.

There are three nomination forms; one for National Vice President 2011/12, and another for Sales and Regalia Officer. Perhaps you have thought, in the past, that you would like to know more about these roles. Now is your chance!

The third is for a brand new post on the National Executive, National Editor and Website Co-ordinator. The person nominated for this role will need to have creativity and flair and perhaps some experience of preparing a magazine but not necessarily professionally. You do not need technical expertise as this is provided by the Webmaster, but perhaps some ideas on how you would like Tangent to make better use of the internet.

If any of these roles interest you, please talk to your club and get another club to second you. Completed nomination forms need to be with me by 31st December. You can either copy the original form or download more, if more than one member wants to stand for a post. They are all rewarding and fulfilling jobs, hard work, but also a lot of fun. If you would like any additional information or just a chat please call anyone on the National Executive. It is like joining a second Tangent where everyone is really enthusiastic.

There is the booking form for the Tangent Day Lunch. You need this for the lunch but you don’t need to book to come to the AGM. We look forward to seeing you there.

Last but not least there is the Resolution Form. This is your opportunity to put your ideas forward for discussion at the National AGM in Ipswich on Saturday 16th April 2011. Again please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or need advice. 41 Club are promising a great weekend filled with Eastern Promise. Do you have a “promising future” on the National Executive, a group of ordinary Tangent girls that love the Association and “gave it a go”?

Don’t forget any of these forms are also downloadable from the website. Any problems with that please email me at secretary@tangent-clubs.org.

Terrie Hewitt

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Directory Corrections

While most clubs send in their details, to the National Secretary, by the due date in May it is never too late to send in amendments. This is especially important if addresses or contacts change so that we can send your magazines to the right place.

A few changes and corrections are listed here. Details can be obtained from the National Secretary.

Date change:

Northern Regional Lunch 18th June 2011 hosted by Chester 98
Contact details changed for: Banbury 84 and Stockton-on-Tees 479
Email addresses: Aylesbury 481
Boorne End and Blackowell Heath 718
Brierley Hill 156
Leominster 412

TREASURER June’s Report

Thank you to all the club treasurers who sent in their capitations on time. But to those who haven’t yet done this, where are you? Thank you also to the clubs who wrote their Club numbers on the back of their cheques, this has proved very useful.

Turning to the old subject of insurance, can I to remind you that the maximum value per item of insured regalia is £2100, which should be enough for most clubs even those very old clubs who have a great number of engraved bars on the collarette. However, there are a few clubs who have acquired high value regalia – lucky them.

If you think your Club may have an item which could have a value higher than £2100, this will need to be specifically mentioned on our insurance details. If we have no previous record of this, it is probably a recent acquisition and will therefore be easy enough to value. Just send me the cost of the special fob or whatever, the purchase date and the number of engraved bars on the collarette then we can work out a costing. Please also take a close up photo of the item which can then be shown to our insurance broker.

It is a good idea to keep photos of regalia up to date in case you ever have to make a claim, only please DON’T send them to me except in the circumstance mentioned above, I am already drowning in a mountain of paperwork.

We are of course NOT covered for negligence. Nor are we covered for public liability where the occupation could be considered “dangerous” such as a bouncy castle. If you are in any doubt about an event, please give me a ring so that I can check with our insurer. Lastly, I have to tell you that there is an excess of £50 per item of whatever value.

To those people who were able to attend the 40th Anniversary lunch, wasn’t it a grand day? Congratulations to the organising committee on a job well done. For those who were not able to get there, I hope you enjoyed your candle lighting ceremony and whatever else you did to commemorate our birthday. Many happy returns.

Yours in continued friendship, June Boden
MARKET HARBOROUGH

On 3 July, a Ladies’ lunch was organised by members of Market Harborough Tangent and 41 Clubs. We were very fortunate to have Pam Ferris, Vice President of the charity and Sherell Cunningham, an aviator and adventurer, as our guest speakers. Pam was a delight to meet and stole the hearts of many of our ladies, many of whom could empathise with her stories of being a carer herself. Her passion for the plight of carers was so very obvious when she spoke and she found time to talk to many of the ladies present who were carers themselves. Are we now sitting back resting after this event? No. The venue is already booked for our Masked Ball on 2 April 2011.

CHELMSFORD COUNTY

Yvonne Spence, Chelmsford County Tangent and President of Chelmsford Rivermead Rotary Club, presents Gill with their banner after she joined them for their breakfast meeting.

SUTTON CARERS

From left to right: Rachael Macleod, Chief Executive, Gill Preston, Tangent National President, Nazanin Abolkheriyan - Young Carers Service Manager, Nahid Koocheck - Young Carers homework club maths manager at the Sutton Carers’ Centre.

STAINES TANGENT

Gill with Staines Tangent and guests at their May meeting

Le Weekend

Wokingham Tangent & 41 Club hosted a visit by members of Ales 41 Club and their wives over the weekend of 17-20 September. The French visitors brought fine weather with them, as usual, for the fifth in a series of exchange visits held at two-yearly intervals. We were delighted, and the French were very impressed, that National President Gill and her husband Ralph joined us for the whole weekend.

After a fractious start (caused by Easyjet delaying the plane!) the ladies had just ten minutes after arriving to change and be ready to attend the first dinner event on Friday night at our usual meeting venue. As you would expect, they managed it without fuss and looked stunning. Le Weekend continued with guided tours of Wokingham & Winchester, including Winchester Castle to see ‘The Round Table’ and a lunch ‘sandwiched’ in between at The Bush Inn, Ovington, a very pretty pub alongside the River Itchen near Winchester. Saturday evening we had a traditional carvery at a local golf club (one of our 41 Club members is Club Captain). We were joined by the Mayor of Wokingham Town and her husband and entertained by a barber shop quartet.

Sunday saw the men and some Tangent members off on a visit to Brooklands Museum in Weybridge, which included a virtual flight on Concorde, while the French ladies preferred ‘Le Shopping’ so we took them to Guildford where they shopped till they dropped and did wonders for the British Economy! The visit was rounded off by an evening at a member’s house where a Thai lady came and cooked for 48 of us.

We saw our visitors off at Wokingham Station on Monday morning for the train journey to Gatwick and the flight back home. Although the number of visitors from Ales was down on previous years almost every member of Wokingham Tangent and 41 Clubs attended at least one of the events over Le Weekend and we are already planning our next get together in Ales in 2012.
Tangent members are never too old to go for GOLD.

February 2009 saw the trial of our idea for a fun evening of Quizzing with a worthwhile twist. The idea had been conceived a few years earlier and was that of a simultaneous Quiz - a Quiz that is delivered to as many people as possible on the same day. The trial was very successful and enjoyable with nine Quizzes raising £6,400 for Macmillan Cancer Support. We felt that we were on to a winning streak. We decided to register with the Guinness Book of Records for a record breaking attempt in 2012, our Olympic Year. We now needed to spread the word and build up participation.

2010 saw our bronze attempt with 36 Quizzes raising nearly £15,000. You can imagine our excitement with venues as far flung as Scotland, Cornwall and Wales. This success has encouraged us to go for silver on 25 February 2011 and gold on 24 February 2012.

If you would like to help us fulfil our dream and become a record breaker why not join us on 25th February 2011.

To obtain more information please contact Anna Webb. anna@webboundle.co.uk. Tel 01832 274075.

Anna Webb, Wendy Knowles & Catherine Goldsmith, members of Oundle & District Tangent 725

Going for GOLD

Well the highlight of the summer has to be the 40th Anniversary Lunch in Nottingham. I had the best day ever in ‘The Shop’ and most of the new products sold very well. Things seem to have picked up generally and the 40th Anniversary goods are selling fast so get them while you can as I will not be re-ordering now if they sell out. I will, however, ensure that stocks are available at all the remaining Regional Lunches so that everyone gets a chance to buy something to celebrate this special year.

I hope you all received your 40th Anniversary Candles which were posted to Clubs in July. I have a few left if anyone would like to buy one for their personal use. The price is £5 plus £1.95 post and packing but if you want to pick one up at a lunch to avoid the postage charge you will have to pre-order it – phone me or send an e-mail and I will reserve one for you - but stocks won’t last long.

The table gift at the 40th Anniversary Lunch was a very pretty Swarovski Stick Pin with the Tangent 40th Logo. Some of these are also available to buy, priced at £8 each. It is a lovely souvenir of our special event even if you could not make it to Nottingham for the celebrations.

Now is the time to order your Tangent Roses as delivery for this season starts in November. An order form is enclosed with this mailing and you will see that there is now a slightly reduced price if you order more than one. Please don’t be put off by previous years when stocks ran out very quickly; the roses are available very soon and will be despatched in date order but if you wait until the end of the season in March stocks may have run out by then. A contribution from the sale of each rose goes to the President’s charity so please help Gill's fundraising by buying a rose this year.

Sales of keyrings have exceeded my expectations so I have now included a selection of handbag mirrors in our range, including a handbag shaped one! Have a look on the website – all are £8.

I am winding down to the end of my term of office and Tangent is looking for someone to take over in April. Please think about standing for office. Details of the Sales & Regalia Role are elsewhere in the magazine and if you want more information please give me a ring or come and see me at a Regional Lunch – you can try out the role by helping me in ‘The Shop’ and you’ll be glad you did.

YICF, Karen

Calendar of Events

2010

October Sat 16
SCOTTISH LUNCHEON hosted by CATS
Venue: Grange Manor, Grangemouth

November Sat 13
SOUTH EAST LUNCHEON hosted by Great Missenden 722
Venue: Uplands Conference Centre, Cyriers Hill, High Wycombe

2011

February Sat 26
MIDLANDS LUNCHEON hosted by Ripley 158
Venue: Eastwood Hall, Eastwood

March Sat 19
IRISH LUNCHEON
hosted by Regional Group led by Joan Henderson
Venue: Templeton Hotel, BZ2 Antrim Road, Templepatrick, Ballyclare BT390AH

April Sat 16
TANGENT DAY LUNCHEON AND NAGM
Hosted by Committee
Venue: Trinity Park, Ipwich

May Sat 9
Ladies Circle AGM Blackpool

Sat 14
WELSH LUNCHEON hosted by Porthcawl 119
Venue: Hi Tide, Porthcawl

June Fri – Sun tbc
41 CLUB COUNCIL WEEKEND
Venue: tbc

Sat 18
NORTHERN LUNCHEON hosted by Chester 98
Venue: Doubletree Hotel, Chester

September Sat 17
SCOTTISH LUNCHEON hosted by Turriff & District 717
Venue: tbc

September Sat 24
SOUTH WEST LUNCHEON hosted by Downend 177
Venue: tbc

November Sat 12
SOUTH-EAST LUNCHEON hosted by Southend-on-Sea 5
Venue: Park Inn, Southend

2012

February Sat tbc
MIDLANDS LUNCHEON hosted by Stafford 159
Venue: tbc

March Sat tbc
IRISH LUNCHEON hosted by Lagan Valley
Venue: tbc

April Sat tbc
TANGENT DAY LUNCHEON AND NAGM
To be held in Jersey
Venue: Hotel de France
HAVING MUM OVER FOR DINNER!

Brian invited his mother over for dinner. During the course of the meal, Brian's mother couldn't help but notice how beautiful Brian's roommate Jennifer was. Brian's mum had long been suspicious of the platonic relationship between Brian and Jennifer and this had only made her more curious. Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Brian and Jennifer than met the eye. Reading his mum's thoughts, Brian volunteered, 'I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you Jennifer and I are just roommates.'

About a week later, Jennifer came to Brian saying, 'Ever since your mother came to dinner, I’ve been unable to find the beautiful silver gravy ladle. You don’t suppose she took it, do you?’

Brian said, ‘Well, I doubt it, but I’ll send her an e-mail just to be sure. So he sat down and wrote:

Dear Mum,

I’m not saying that you ‘did’ take the gravy ladle from the house, I’m not saying that you ‘did not’ take the gravy ladle. But the fact remains that one has been missing ever since you were here for dinner.

Love, Brian

Several days later, Brian received an email back from his mother that read:

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LESSON OF THE DAY: NEVER LIE TO YOUR MOTHER.

Kulula is an Airline whose head office is situated in Johannesburg. Kulula airline attendants make an effort to make the in-flight “safety lecture” and announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some examples that have been heard or reported:

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Durban Airport, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: “Whoo, big fella. WHOA!”

On landing, the stewardess said, “Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you’re going to leave anything, please make sure it’s something we’d like to have.”

On another flight with a very ‘senior’ flight attendant crew, the pilot said, “Ladies and gentlemen, we’ve reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants.”

STRUGGLING TO FIND A CLlUB CHAIRMAN?

Bushy & Oxhey were in this position three years ago but rather than call it a day we decided to continue with two members undertaking to organise each monthly meeting together. This has proved to be a great success and takes the onus off one person. To coordinate the year we have a Treasurer to see we don’t go into the red and a Secretary to deal with the correspondence.

The emphasis is on having fun and with different people arranging each meeting we have created variety and got out of the rut. This year so far we have been to London to see “The Mousetrap” and enjoyed a French meal, walked on our local Common followed by a pub meal. We plan to visit our local theatre for a trip behind the scenes in November and to see a show. In February we will challenge Ladies’ Circle to our annual Games Evening.

The two highlights of the year are a Charity Supper at which we hope to raise lots of money for the National President’s Charity and local Charities. In November we have our annual ladies weekend away (this year in Winchester) this is lots of fun and a chance to let our hair down.

We think this way of tackling the problem of no Chairman works. It is very sad to just give up and lose all those years of friendship that Tangent has brought us.

BUSHEY AND OXHEY 441
Hello, I hope you have had a good summer, it seems so long ago now, they say time flies by when you are enjoying yourself and I am certainly still doing that as your IPP. This update is to let you know what is happening with international and membership which are both in my remit this year.

Membership. I am delighted to say we have had two Clubs receive their charter certificates already this year and another has applied for affiliation with possibly 2 waiting in the wings. Unfortunately we have also had clubs closing. We have received letters saying that they are closing because no one wants to take on the ‘jobs’. I would like you to read on page 6 what Bushey and Oshey Tangent club did when they were in the same position. This will I hope give you an idea of what can be done if, in the future, your Club has the same problem.

When talking to the Clubs that have disaffiliated I have found that there are always one or two members that have wanted to stay in the Association. What I am now asking each Club to do before a decision is taken is have a secret ballot, then if some of you want to keep going as part of NATC you are able to. Independent membership is also available to those ladies who do not have a Club near them.

International I have been busy talking to our overseas affiliated Clubs, they were all sent our 40th Anniversary candle, which has been appreciated. It was agreed at our NAGM that the Immediate Past President as International Officer would attend the Ladies Circle International AGM and let them know what is happening, I along with Tangent Denmark’s International Officer took greetings and we were able to give them an update on the progress of Tangent International. (you can read these on our international web page) L.C.I. has over 12,000 members and next year the AGM will be in Hamburg. We now have on our web sites, where possible, details of the AGMs, special anniversaries etc., possible costs and contact information, this will allow every Tangent member worldwide, the opportunity of international links with each other.

As Editor I very much hope you are enjoying this edition of Tangent News, if not write and tell me. I have been fortunate to receive lots of articles from Clubs which make the magazine more interesting for you the reader, BUT please don’t keep this copy to yourself, read it and pass it on. We do not have the funds to give each member a personal copy, although they can be accessed from the website. Many a time when I have been talking to you at the Lunches etc. I am told, we never see a magazine, please recycle to another member of your club.

There is a new position of Editor/Website Coordinator on the Exec. next year If you think you would like more information please get in touch, or look in the situations vacant column.

On a more personal note I would like to thank you again for your support for Help for Heroes. When Richard Matthews and I first talked about this as a joint Presidents charity H4H was under a year old, little did we know how much or how quickly it would capture your hearts. I am so happy to tell you that from my records we can track £27,761.74 that has been given by Tangent and jointly over £160,000 was donated. Thank you. If anyone has photographs of myself and my family from the Friday night ball at Conference or the South East Luncheon 2009, please will they contact me. I look forward to answering your questions & receiving copy for the next edition, I am just a phone call or email away.

Yours in continued friendship, with a hug

Jan

LADIES CIRCLE INTERNATIONAL

LODDEN

A new Tangent is born!

LODDEN receive their Charter from Tangent National President, Gill Preston.
WW2 CODE BREAKER

A member of Cambridge Tangent, Ruby Budd, has been recognised for her work during WW2 by the Government Code and Cypher School.

Ruby joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service in 1941 and after initial training at Shenley Camp and Derby was posted to a Bletchley Park Outpost at Harrogate. From here she was taken by lorry daily to the underground radio rooms where she listened to German Morse signals and recorded them for decoding at Bletchley Park. All of this work was covered by the Official Secrets Act, and at the time she did not know where the messages went once they had been recorded. They knew the war was over before anyone else.

Ruby is a founder member of Cambridge Tangent 54 and in March 2010 received her award in the form of a brooch, lapel pin and certificate.

Ruby takes an active interest in Tangent activities and is now an Honorary member and we are all very proud of her.

HIGH FASHION

Ros Gardiner, a member of Cirencester Tangent Club organised a Fashion Show in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer & Kidney Research UK. She raised £5,100 to be divided between the two charities.

The ladies were entertained with Dancers & a Jazz Band as well as the catwalk fashions. Members of Tangent, ex-Cirencester Ladies Circle & friends prepared the sumptuous canapes, which gave a very professional touch to the evening.

The fashions were modelled by friends & customers of the six shops involved. The photograph shows Ros Gardiner with members of the famous Ermin Street Guard who provided an added interest to the evening by acting as doormen & escorting the ladies to the entrance. Very appropriate, as of course, Cirencester - Corinium, is a Roman town.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Members of Tendring Tangent along with Family and Friends gathered together at Clacton-on-Sea’s 1st Relay for Life, walking in relay for 24 hours.

The team raised £2,500 towards the grand total of £21,500.

Starting at 12 noon with a celebratory lap by cancer survivors, the teams joined in whilst entertainment surrounded the track, then as the night drew in the event went on to remember those who were sadly lost to the disease with a candle of hope ceremony. In the low candle light the walkers continue throughout the night until mid day when everyone was invited to join in for the last few laps with a party atmosphere.

By Beverley Marshall (Clacton Chairman and Event committee member)
BILLERICAY

Billericay club meets on the first Wednesday of the month so our September meeting fell on the 1st. It was our Friendship evening and members from five other Clubs joined us so it was very appropriate to have our 40th anniversary candle lighting ceremony at that meeting. We were also privileged to discover that one of our guests was 93 year old Kath Sims from Goodmayes, who was at the inaugural meeting of Tangent.

WHITCHURCH

This evening Whitchurch Tangent and Whitchurch Ladies Circle had a joint 70s Night to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of NATC, held at the home of Tangent member, Nicola Rogers. We ate Prawn Cocktail, Coq a Vin and Arctic Roll. We were waited on by members of 41 Club. A 70s quiz taxed our brains. More seriously we inducted Lynn Gough into Tangent, as she had recently retired from Circle.

From left: Alison Haycox, Lynn Gough, Lynne Bowden, Gill Rich, Nicola Rogers, Susan Rainbow (Chairman of Circle) and Caroline Thornton (Chairman of Tangent)

FARNBOROUGH

RUGELEY

CAMBRIDGE

THE NETHERLANDS

From the Netherlands Tangent of “de Dellen” cordial greetings and congratulations to the 40 year anniversary! We hope you have a very nice celebration September 10. As you can see in the picture we have a toast to you all. In the photo are 10 ladies.

Unfortunately, there were four ladies prevented. However, the bouquet with 14 roses for all of you.

Layla, the only member of Rugeley who was not camera shy
Little did I know when I decided to stand for National President at the Midland Regional lunch in Birmingham 2009 that I would be speaking to you all today? The first clue was provided by a lady who has sat on my left throughout today who let me make that decision and then said something like, “How are you at public speaking? We are arranging a luncheon to celebrate the 40th charter and if you are successful you will have to make a speech”. I was successful and I have spoken a lot to date and it is a privilege to be speaking to you all today.

Saturday 20 February 2010 was an historic day; Bournemouth No1 celebrated their Diamond Jubilee. In Bournemouth we learnt how in 1949 Sybil White wrote in the Bournemouth Ladies Circle No1 magazine: “For several years the older members of Ladies Circle, whose husbands are no longer Tablers, have realised that sooner or later Circle will have to be run by, and for, Tabler’s wives”.

The time came sooner rather than later, 6 February 1950 it was agreed, ‘that the club be formed’ and that the name should be ‘The Tangent’. It was pointed out that a tangent touches a circle but does not cut it, and a tangent cannot be produced without a circle’. Our logo was born. Only last week in Bruges at Ladies Circle International conference a Circler from Denmark told me it was an odd looking logo. To me it makes perfect sense, it started with a Circle and Tangent touches Circle, sitting side by side, working side by side. Naomi it is a pleasure to be working side by side, with you and Circle this year, hearing how your membership numbers are increasing. A positive message for us all to take away today.

In April 1962 the first annual meeting attended by 11 clubs was held during the Ex-Tablers conference in Blackpool. With over 58 clubs the Association was formed on 24 April 1965 with just a secretary and Treasurer and a ‘chairman of the day’. It was proposed in 1967 that the Association should have a chairman for each year and it was in that year Sybil White was presented with the Founder Chairman’s jewel by Bournemouth.

In 1970 a resolution was passed and Tangent became the National Association of Tangent Clubs which is why we are here today to celebrate 40 chartered years of NATC.

Yes, during those years changes have occurred, the 2 half yearly lunches, one in the North, one in the South preceded by the Executive meeting have now become 7 but at the heart of it the friendship continues. Our friendships continued from Circle days, and we continue to make friendships throughout our years in Tangent, with a little fun along the way.

Today we have 695 clubs and 15,500 members. Again in Bruges I was asked how many clubs we have, “695”, I said, reply, “No how many clubs”, 695 I said. After being asked a third time I thought I would help out a little and say 695 followed by 15,500 members. Silence as her jaw dropped open. I’m sure Sybil White like me would be wondering why with so many clubs and so many members we are very little known at home and abroad. I feel sure she wouldn’t allow this to continue, so what are we going to do about it? The challenge is to recognise how large and successful an organisation we are and promote Tangent to potential members and the wider community so we continue to flourish so we are here in another 40 years time.

I hope Sybil White would approve of the way Tangent has developed, I feel sure she would want us to “Adopt, Adapt and Improve”. She knew herself that there came a time when things had to move on. It is an honour to follow in her footsteps and I’m sure other Past Presidents will feel the same. The icing on the cake for me is being National President in such a special year as this.

We have 3 Presidents here today representing the other Associations within the Round Table family. As Vice Presidents we worked together for the good of the Round Table Family. We continue the work now as Presidents and in the future as Immediate Past Presidents. John, Malcolm, Naomi, I thank you for the recognition you give Tangent both home and abroad, supporting us and treating us as an equal member of the Round Table Family. For your kind words and gifts to the Association today.

In memory of your day with us I would like you to accept the Tangent token in front of you.

A day like today doesn’t just happen and I ask you are patient with me whilst I say some thank yous. To everyone whether present here today or not, including some of our 41 Club members and Karen Dunle’s Mum who helped with the distribution of 695 friendship candles, I thank you on behalf of the Association for whatever contribution large or small you have made towards making today a success.

The preparation for today began a long time ago when a group of Ladies, some Past Presidents and some Past National Officers, stepped forward and asked if they could organise today’s event for the Association. I ask those Ladies to stand and be recognised for their work. Jan Turner, BJ Brown, Judy Holdaway, Penny Gibbons, Janis Attwell, Barbara Whale, Hilary McColl, Linda Denson. I’m sure during the time spent planning you must have thought, ‘is it all worth it’ but I’m sure you can see today that it was. A day of ‘friendship and fun’ enjoyed by all and for those who were unable to join us today I hope they have celebrated this milestone in Tangent history in their own way. I thank you ladies and afterwards would like to present on behalf of the Association a Tangent token and also a personal gift from myself.

Here today is a group of Ladies whose time is not served and they definitely won’t get time off for good behaviour; they are my team, the Good of the Round Table Family. We continue the work now as Immediate Past Presidents. John, Malcolm, Naomi it is a privilege to be speaking to you all today.

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Immediate Past President Jan Mulqueen, Vice President Jan Dowling, Secretary Terrie Hewitt, Treasurer June Boden, Sales and Regalia Karen Dunle. Finally my thanks to Sybil White and the Founder members of our clubs, without them we wouldn’t be here today.

GILL PRESTON, President
Five of us from St Neots made our way to Nottingham. Shauna, Dawn, Jean and myself (Belinda) boarded the train, Sue Thomas travelled by car (joining a more elite group!). We had a great stay in the Hilton which was very central to all our needs...shopping, restaurants and dancing...yes, we stayed out Saturday night until 3.30am and loved it! We all enjoyed meeting so many friendly Tangent members at the luncheon. A big thank you to the organisers....yes, it really was worth it???? hahah.
Lovely to meet up with girls from my old Tangent, some of whom I haven’t seen for 18 years! They don’t look a day older!... Lovely day, thank you.

Fabulous hats, fabulous shoes and bags to die for - see it all at a Tangent Luncheon.

The Grand Central Chorus and almost being kidnapped by Robin Hood!!

Congratulations NATC on such a wonderful 40th Anniversary celebration. ... A sure day of friendship. Look forward to the 50th!

My first Tangent Luncheon. What a privilege to attend the 40th Anniversary! So impressed by the friendship oozing from every table - long may we continue!

A selection of comments made on the day. See more photographs on or website.

* (Photos courtesy of Timothy Miles-Hayler - email tim@mileshayler.co.uk)
Dear Tangent GB&I,
It is my great pleasure to send greetings to our friends in continued friendship.
Congratulations on your 40th anniversary!

Tangents are mostly past Circlers. As Circlers we come together in a busy part of our lives, when many of us have small children, busy jobs, but still we find time to come together to celebrate friendship and to do service for those who can benefit from our work.

Along with us we find Tangent.
You are firm, with a motherly hand, ready to help us whenever needed. For this we thank you! You show us that friendships built within our organization can grow deep, and lasts for decades.

Ladies Circle International appreciates the work you do to bring past Circlers around the world together, in continued friendship. We believe that our organizations can work together in the future to the benefit of both Circles and Tangent members. As we can learn from your history, we believe that you can learn from the coming generations. Together we are strong!

Today, we hope you will have a ball, just like Tangents can. We know that some Circlers are there with you, to celebrate. The mind does not tell our age, our bodies and skin may, but as we know you - vibrant and sparkling ladies - have fun! DO IT!

Again, congratulations on your Anniversary - 40 years... the best age for a woman they say... I do not know....

But I know that You'll never walk alone with your sisters in Circle there with you, because together we can have so much fun - so let's DO IT together in the future!

Yours in continuous friendship

Malin Dahlberg - LCI President 2010/2011

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LADIES CIRCLE

Hi Ladies

I’m Vicky Perry from Stourbridge Circle in the West Midlands. I’m your classic SINK – Single Income No Kids - and a passionate Circler!!

Having done Membership and Media & PR for Circle in the past couple of years, I decided to reach for the stars and stand as Vice President this year. It’s fantastic to be on the National Exec again and working at the heart of the best Club in the world. I’m having a great time supporting Naomi as her VP, and I am looking forward to taking over the hot seat in May 2011 at what is guaranteed to be an amazing conference in Blackpool. Check out www.blackpool2011.co.uk for more info.

I attended the first 41 Club meeting of the year with all the VPs, which was very positive, and I’m looking forward to our future meetings, while we continue to work side-by-side.

By the time you read this, 250 new girls will have become members of the best women’s club in the world. It’s not only our membership that’s on the up, we’ve already had an incredible four Circles join us in the first four months since our AGM in Harrogate. Welcome to Moseley, Callander, Lymm and Thornton Cleveleys Circles. We are well on our way to surpassing last year’s 325 new members and 6 new Clubs! Ladies, Circle really is on the way up, helping to secure our futures!

A lot of the girls were in Bruges for Ladies Circle International, and it was great to see Gill and Jan there, investigating setting up Tangent International.

Since then, we’ve sparkled at National President Naomi’s Glitter Ball in Blackpool, where we also had our first big PR event of the year. Thirty Circlers, in our bras and pink tutus, rode ‘The Big One’, the Pepsi Max rollercoaster on Blackpool Pleasure Beach. A fun-filled event, raising awareness of Circle, and The Genesis Appeal, President Naomi’s charity for her year. This is the only breast cancer charity dedicated solely to preventing this hideous disease, and making 1 in 10 women, 0 in 10.

President Naomi, IPP Niki and Media & PR Karen had a cracking time at Tangent’s 40th lunch in Nottingham. It was great to catch up with old friends, and some new ones. As President Gill said in her speech, spread the word about all the positive news in Circle.

If you’d like to keep up to date with what’s going on in Circle, why not take out a subscription to The Circler magazine. Get in touch with Karen at media@ladies-circle.org.uk / 07768 280813 for more info.

I can’t wait for your National Conference in Ipswich. I’ll be there for the weekend, so come by and say hello. Until then, let’s raise a glass of wine to Circle, because it’s a kinda magic!

CHEERS!

Vicky Perry, National Vice President

ROUND TABLE

Hello 41 Club

My name is Vaughan Harris and I am a member of East Grinstead 41 Club, as well as being a member of both Calpe and Costa Blanca 41 Clubs in Spain, although unfortunately my attendance there is far too infrequent. I was extremely proud to have been elected National Vice-President of 41 Club in Scarborough and it is a real pleasure to bring you greetings from our Association.

I would also like to take this opportunity to bring the Association’s best wishes to your National President, Gill Preston, and her Executive and hope they have a very enjoyable year.

Congratulations are also extended to your National Vice-President, Jan Dowling, and I look forward to working closely with her for the benefit not only of both Associations, but for the Round Table Family. I assume, like me, Jan is currently busy working out plans and diaries for the year ahead and I hope all is going well.

We recently both attended the meeting of the Round Table Family, where it was not only important to confirm this support for each other and each other’s Association, but it provided an excellent forum for sharing news and exchanging ideas.

41 Club has currently approximately 18,500 members and there are several new clubs in the pipeline. There is a lot of work going on by the National Executive and Council Members to ensure that the revised aims and objects agreed at the last AGM are adopted by all clubs and that 41 Club members help those others clubs within the Round Table Family to prosper and grow and allied to this a strategy is being formulated to encourage Tablers to become 41 Club members.

Other items currently being considered are a new Structure for the National Executive and the possibility of a new Community Service and Welfare Officer.

If I can help in anyway by publicising any Tangent event to 41 Club members, be it a local, regional or National event, please send the details to me at Vice-president@41Club.org or call me on 07836 593224 and I will do what I can to help.

I look forward to working with Jan and the members of her National Executive and meeting as many of you as possible.

Yours in continued friendship, Vaughan
First let me say many congratulations on your 40th year Celebrations. President John has expressed what a wonderful afternoon it was, with many familiar faces, and how great it was to have all the four Presidents of the Round Table family in attendance.

The commitment that John, Gill, Naomi and Malcolm have made to work closely together and to support each other to ensure the success of all four Associations that make up the Round Table family is something that I am keen to continue. I would like to introduce myself, my name is John Payne, and I am proud to say that I am the Vice President of Round Table Britain & Ireland, and member of Coventry Round Table No. 23, Area 45 Midland Shires, Region 10.

Round Table has invested heavily in the future with the employment of a CEO who is in charge of developing and implementing a long term strategic plan and a Communications person to manage internal communications with the membership.

So what are going to be the keys to our success? Our founder, Louis Marchesi said, “There are things we must do” “There are things that we can do” “And there are things that we should do!”

So what must we do?
Communicate – We now have the tools in place both internally and externally... Our New public facing website is online, the new membership website will be launched this year, and with the appointment of Sam Merry, our Communications officer, we will be more effective than ever.

There are things that we can do
We will continue to focus on Retention

The President has highlighted one aspect of this plan for us all to work on, that is retention, we currently have resignations at 12% and we are aiming to reduce that by a further 1% this year, which equates to approximately 42 members.

Finally there are things that we should do!
We will stick to the plan

All of our associations agree that continuity, sustainability and stable long term planning is the way forward for our organisation’s in 2012 and beyond

My role next year as National President of Round Table will be to ensure that the milestones that the membership has set out are achieved, embedded and built upon, so that in 2027, we will all be raising a glass or four to toast 100 years of RTBI.

Yours In Table,
John Payne - Vice President
Shrewsbury Tangent No 24 very proudly celebrated their 50th Anniversary on the 25th May 2010 – exactly 50 years to the day from their Inaugural Meeting. 177 ladies from 16 Tangent clubs, including National President Gill and National Secretary Terrie, and local friends, enjoyed an excellent dinner followed by a hilarious talk by author, raconteur and broadcaster Jen Green.

We are very fortunate to have a large membership of 39, so we hold monthly dinner meetings – usually with a speaker - plus a Fellowship Lunch with guests in November and an outside meeting in the summer. We also organise a small annual fundraiser in aid of local charities.

Jenny Heath, (Chairman 2010-11)

Grantham and District No. 550 celebrated their 30th Anniversary with a dinner for 22 members and 13 friends of Tangent, along with President Gill.

Chairman Sue Singleton asked Gill to light the special 40th Candle. Founder Chairman Marianne Simmons and 15 past Chairman lit candles to represent their year and Marianne and Gill cut the birthday cake. A cheque for £88 proceeds from the raffle was presented to Gill for her President’s charity ‘Young Carers’.

Janice Walker, Caversham Tangent, Chairman, lighting her chairman’s candle at their 30th celebration

Grantham and District 550

Caversham Tangent

Newmarket Tangent

‘Let friendship continue’
We were delighted to welcome President Gill to the Isle of Man to join us in celebrating our 30th Charter at Mount Murray hotel in Douglas on 15 July.

Chairman Sue welcomed everyone and spoke of the formation of Tangent on the island. Many founder members and Chairmen of the past 30 years were present and Sue invited the Chairmen of the last 30 years to light a candle to celebrate their year.

(Yes, we did do a Health & Safety check!)

We enjoyed a delicious dinner with celebration cake and after a super raffle were able to present Gill with a bumper cheque for her Charity-The Princess Royal Trust for Young Carers. Earlier in the day we held a coffee morning when Gill was able to meet and chat with members before she visited the Young Carers centre on the IOM.

Of course there was lots of chat and laughter and we thoroughly enjoyed Gill’s visit.

A few years on how things had changed
We didn’t feel so jaunty -
Too Old for Circle we were told -
We’d reached the dreaded 40!

So - we called a meeting
And plans all went ahead
Tangent 550 was born
We all joined that instead.

A Chairman and a Secretary
And a Treasurer as well
We joined the hands in friendship
At the local King’s Hotel.

Our meetings were so varied
With visits - meals - and fun
Enjoyment was the greatest thing
It made us all feel young.

And yes, we had our sadder times -
When members moved their home,
And some we lost forever,
Like Margaret, Pat and Joan.

Now we’ve reached our third decade
With many happy memories,
But remember those who started it
Are pushing at their seventies!

Our greetings to Gill Preston
Our Tangent President
Who's come to help us celebrate
This thirty year event!

So thanks to all you members,
Old as well as young,
I hope you have enjoyed tonight
But we are not yet done.

So come Ladies, join with me
And raise your glass to lip
Think of happy times to come
A Toast - To Tangent Friendship!
**REGIONAL LUNCHES**

**Northern Luncheon**

The Northern Regional Lunch was hosted this year by Alsager Tangent Club. The sun shone for Luncheon Chairman Chris Peake and her team who made sure all 200 of us had a day to remember. Most of us will remember it for the tears of laughter we shed listening to the fantastic speaker, retired Chief Superintendent of Greater Manchester police, Lillian King QPM MA.

As you can see in the photo President Gill had the tissues out along with the rest of us. All of the speeches were excellent especially the one given by Vice Chairman Shirley Jones.

When the time came to leave we all felt that we would take home happy memories to last a lifetime together with the beautiful mugs.

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**Quick Quiz Answers**

1. Clarity, Cut, Colour and Carat
2. 40 Ruby, 3 Leather, 15 Crystal, 30 Pearl, 10 Tin, 5 Wood, 45 Sapphire, 60 Diamond
3. Carbon
4. Coral Reef, Amber, Fossil, Ivory Animal, Pearl Oyster
5. Topaz November, Emerald May, Garnet July, Opal October, Turquoise December, Diamond April, Amethyst February, Aquamarine March, Peridot August
6. a. Diamonds, b. Ruby, c. Pearl

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**National Arboretum Alrewas**

**Ladies!** This year you are invited to join National Immediate Past President Jan when she lays a wreath at the National Arboretum on Remembrance Sunday. The sundial is now in place but a date has not been fixed for the rededication ceremony of the 41 Club garden.
PASSING FRIENDS

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.

SOUTH WEST LUNCHEON

KEYNSHAM hosted this year’s luncheon at the Fry’s club in Keynsham, a venue well known to past Area 5 Circlers as it has been used in the past for so many years for various ‘dos’. For those of us not familiar with the history of the building, driving through the gates we were aware of the Cadburys sign and hoardings showing Curly Whirlys, Turkish Delight etc. It was a really lovely venue,

Lis Evans and her Luncheon team were so pleased that we were able to enjoy an afternoon with a little retail therapy, a fantastic meal and a brilliant speaker, Author and Local Girl Lesley Pearse known to many of the Keynsham members (Jane Fornear now Watts is even given an acknowledgement in one of her books) and time for us to catch with old friends.

Downend Tangent is hosting next year’s lunch. Why not put the date in your diary now as you won’t want to miss it.

Barbara (Babs) Newman – Wimborne 230
Pat Egerton – Malvern Hills 256
Helen Rennie – Eblemee and District 625
Ruby Horne – Cambridge 54
Joyce Jones – Erdington 100
Pat Selby – Rotherham 43
Bea Graham – First in Ireland 140
Jean Herbert – Nuneaton 510
De Orbell – Tving and District 455
Jean Jackson – Letchworth 13
Jan Hall – Letchworth 13
Griz England – Letchworth 13
Sheila Morris – Bideford 600
Lesley Broadhead – Bishopbriggs & Kirkintilloch 511

SOUTH WEST LUNCHEON

Lis Evans (wearing the red flower) and the Luncheon Committee with President Gill

Sales Officer Karen and Treasurer June had a busy day in the shop

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.

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.

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