Wild Edition
A few words from the Editor...

I am very pleased to welcome you all to this edition of the Tangent News and my first edition as Editor. I would like to thank my predecessor Pauline Campbell for all the work that she has also put into this edition.

Thank you to all contributors.

I am writing this during mental health awareness week. The theme this year is relationships. Good relationships are essential to maintaining good mental health. Good relationships help us live longer and happier lives with fewer physical and mental health problems. Isn’t heartening to know that by being a member of Tangent, by attending meetings and by enjoying the company of our friends we are investing in a healthy lifestyle. Investing in our relationships is just as important as healthy eating, exercising and not smoking.

I would like to commend our president, Paula, on her choice of charity for our Christmas competition. The Kidstime Foundation supports children and young people who care for, or are affected by, a parent or sibling’s mental illness. In my opinion family is one of the most important relationships in our lives. As a family lawyer I see too often how mental illness can strike through that most fundamental of relationships, leaving family members struggling to come to terms. Any charity that supports family and our young people is surely worthy of our support.

Have a lovely summer. M’x

Book of Remembrance

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

‘Our memories build a special bridge’

Eileen Brown
Weston-super-Mare Tangent 314

Beryl Dale
Bebington Tangent 38

Sandra Watson
Airforce Tangent 828

Jill Smallwood
Erdington Tangent 100

Aileen Channon
Erdington Tangent 100

Dorothy Felstead
Hutton and Shenfield Tangent 666

REGARDING OBITUARIES…

Did you know that we record the names of members who have recently died in the magazine, but you can also send a longer, written obituary for posting on the Tangent website? Your club can celebrate your member’s life, through your words and a photo if you wish. Please send anything you wish to be included to the Editor.

Email: editor@tangent-clubs.org for publication in Tangent News and inclusion on the website.
Hello Ladies,

I'm so absolutely delighted and honoured to be your new National President, a whole year of coming to visit you, making new friends and enjoying the wide range of experiences that our fabulous Association can provide. I would like to thank the Birmingham Conference Committee for all their hard work in putting together what was a fabulous conference. Special thanks to all the Tangent Ladies who gave up their time to organise, volunteer at, register, photograph and minute our AGM. I know that I speak for all who attended in saying thanks for letting us Go Wild!

Just in case you missed me last year, I live in Maidenhead with my two pet cockatiels Barney and Daisy; they are just as badly behaved as small children but have the advantage that I can leave them home alone overnight with plenty of food and water and not get arrested. Having been made redundant from my job as a project manager for a large I.T. company I'm taking an extended gap year and so far have really enjoyed participating in some millinery courses.

I hope that you can embrace my theme for the year; one time, one meeting. Taken from the Japanese “Ichi-go ichi-e”, we’re reminded to cherish any gathering we may take part in as many meetings in life are not repeated, each moment is always once-in-a-lifetime. I would like all of you to treasure each and every meeting, not just within your own clubs but also in the wider Tangent community, with your families & other friends.

My chosen charity is The Kidstime Foundation who support children of parents with a mental illness. The Foundation has been running workshops for over 15 years but recently developed the Who Cares? school programme. The programme provides a fully comprehensive kit of materials and a support system for teachers and students which both primary & secondary schools can use. Following a pilot project in 8 schools the aim is to roll this out country wide.

There are many ways you can support the charity, by fundraising yourself - anything from a small raffle to a larger event; purchasing something from my Presidential shop which will be travelling with me to all the regional lunches and if I come to visit you or by attending either of my fundraising events, a lunch at The Castle Hotel Windsor on Saturday 3rd September and a ball at the Runnymede Hotel and Spa on Saturday 19th November – there are more details on both events elsewhere in this magazine.

On a final note, if you would like me to visit you, please contact Sally my diary lady at pauladliary2016@gmail.com.

It doesn’t have to be a special occasion, any time we can sit and chat is great and July/August are looking quiet at the moment, I’m really looking forward to meeting you when I’m out and about on my travels.

Paula Farnfield
The 50th Annual General Meeting
of the National Association of Tangent Clubs, was held in Birmingham on Saturday 16th April 2016. Here follows a brief summary of the outcome:

All the National Executive reports were accepted and approved.

- Proposed TCI capitation fee of 10 cents (Euro 0.1) per person in GB&I (up to a maximum of £1,000 for 10,000 members) was approved, to be taken to the TCI conference.
- The proposition that those Tangent members who are members of more than one club only pay one membership fee (rather than one to each club) was defeated. This proposition was raised in part to identify the exact number of the national membership - the Executive were asked to research ways of recording the membership numbers that didn’t result in reduced income.
- The proposition that Tangent News magazine should no longer be printed was defeated. The number of Tangent News magazines required by each club to be specified on Directory forms.
- The National President’s out of pocket expenses to be increased by £50 was approved.
- The National Capitation fee for GB&I members to be raised to £6 was approved.
- The fee for Independent Membership of Tangent to remain the same, at £13.75.
- Point 15.1 on the Agenda, the change of wording regarding voting, was a draw. The Chairman has the casting vote and went with the status quo so recommendation was lost.
- Point 15.2 on the Agenda, the change of wording regarding affiliation, was agreed.
- President Alex announced that charity efforts this year for the Round Table Children’s Wish raised £28,399.47 which is a tremendous result.

Please see the full Agenda of the meeting for reports and accounts, detailed Minutes will be circulated in due course.
Hull Tangent 750 raises funds for Burundian Orphanage

Question:
What is cilantro known as in the UK?

Just one of the questions posed by quizmaster, Tangent Chair, Jane Mather, at our Burundi Orphanage Of Hearts Charity Quiz in June 2015.

It was a great night with friends and supporters dining on chilli and baked potatoes and plenty of desserts for afters, all provided by Tangent members. The quiz, a raffle on the night and the bar raised a total of £1278.75 including Gift Aid (Friends of Orphanage of Hearts Burundi is a registered UK Charity and qualifies for Gift Aid). Our support made it possible for the Orphanage to buy additional emergency food and medicines aid. But how did we hear about the Orphanage’s need I hear you ask?

One of our members, Christine Mackay is one of four Orphanage trustees who helped to establish the Friends of the Orphanage of Hearts Burundi charity. The charity is also supported by MP Fiona Bruce, who has become a patron. She is a member of the Government’s International Development Select Committee and visited the orphanage in 2013.

Christine wanted to make a difference having seen for herself the fight made by the Orphanage on behalf of the children in its care. She approached Tangent to ask for our help and a charity night was proposed and organised within four weeks of her request.

The already overcrowded Orphanage (a vital community resource, providing a home for street and orphaned children in Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi), was experiencing additional strain brought on by the President running for a third term in office, causing large-scale political strife.

The Orphanage does what it can to care for over 70 children, providing a meal every day for the youngsters living inside its walls and for those on the streets. For many on the streets, that is the only meal they will have that day.

With funding being an ongoing battle, the instability in the country had made food even more difficult to come by and the desperate Orphanage, wrote to their British supporters for help.

So not only did we have a great night, we also did some good for children who were in desperate need of our help. We hope that in one year’s time, the Orphanage will still be going strong and helping both its old and new charges cope with what life in Burundi will throw at them.

If you would like to help, check out their website orphanageofhearts.org or visit https://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-the-Orphanage-of-Hearts-Burundi/1409181772645030

Oh, the answer to the question I posed at the beginning? Coriander.
In May our members visited Aigas Field Centre which is about 15 miles from The Highland Capital of Inverness. Aigas Field Centre is a nature centre based at the home of naturalist and author Sir John Lister-Kaye. Our hosts for the afternoon were Sir John and Lady Lucy Lister-Kaye.

We were delighted to learn that our hosts are members. His Aigas Field Centre has won international acclaim for its environmental education programmes. The talk was followed by a lovely afternoon tea prepared by Lady Lister-Kaye and afterwards we enjoyed a stroll in the gardens and grounds.

The photograph shows Lady Lucy in the front in yellow & blue) in the gardens with some of our members.

We were delighted to learn that our hosts are donating our contribution for the afternoon tea to a local charity - the Highland Hospice.
The New National Executive 2016-2017 cont...

Hi everyone. Well I made it past the first year and I have not been crucified so that's a good start.

Hopefully you all know me by now so no need to go into any details here. It's been great to see so many of you during the year, here's hoping to see a lot more in 2016.

Your club contact should have received the capitation form if you have any queries on this or don't have a copy email me on treasurer@tangent-clubs.org please try and get this back to me before the deadline of 30th June - or you will be liable to receive a chasing email from me and I am sure you would not like to give me any extra work!!

Oyez, Oyez, Oyez! Calling any other Tangent Town Criers! My name is Jan Swindale and I am the founder member of Llandrindod 877 Tangent chartered 19 years ago with 12 members. I also have the honour of being Llandrindod Wells’ Town Crier. I took on my role about three years ago, under the auspices of the Town Council. As Town Crier I promote the tourist industry, meet and greet visitors and support as many charities as I can at their Summer/Christmas Fetes, coffee mornings and events by helping out with announcements etc.

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(jan would like to hear from other members who are also Town Criers – Editor)
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**Glynis Sutton**  
National Secretary 2016 - 2018

Hi Ladies.

The Tangent AGM and conference in Birmingham was a fantastic weekend, with the added excitement of taking on this fabulous role as National Secretary. It’s always lovely to meet up with friends and make a few new ones at regional lunches and AGMs, but after standing for National Secretary all of a sudden I was instantly recognisable by everyone! It will take a bit of getting used to and apologies if I forget your names.

I’ve hit the ground running and need extra-fast trainers - there is so much to do. By now your club should have received the first communication, either by email or by letter. This included new Directory and Capitation Forms - if your club hasn’t received any communication from me, please let me know. I’m hoping to introduce new software for the next communication to make sending out information to nearly 700 people go more smoothly!

It’s always lovely to hear from Tangent ladies, but I have been a bit overwhelmed with the number of enquiries - I think I’m managing to answer them, or at least pass them on to one of the other exec ladies to answer. One resourceful Tangent lady somehow found my work telephone number, which was I have to say, not ideal. Please do contact me initially by email or, if urgent, my home number which will be in the new Directory. Elsewhere in this Tangent News there is a summary of the results of the AGM, details of the 2016-17 National Executive, specific diary dates and dates for regional lunches, and any changes to the Resolutions and National Executive Recommendations.

I look forward to seeing some of you at one of our wonderful regional lunches, coming up soon. All the best.