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Editorial

Well, what a busy few weeks! My final year as Editor of Tangent News began at the NACM in Llandudno, an event that I was also involved in organising. It was a lot of hard work, and a lot of sleepless nights wondering what I had forgotten to do, and how I would resolve any crises that might arise. However, the sense of achievement and euphoria at the final night party on Saturday more than compensated! I would recommend getting involved in the organisation of such an event, the friendships that I have made and the memories that I have will last for ever.

Back down to earth and working with the new Exec, who are all introduced throughout this magazine. A big welcome to our two new Exec, who are all introduced throughout this magazine. A big welcome to our two new Exec, who are all introduced throughout this magazine. A big welcome to our two new Exec, who are all introduced throughout this magazine.

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I would very much like to receive your suggestions and comments on what you would like to see on our web site and it’s layout and design. It is there for you, it is there for you, it is there for you. It is there for you, it is there for you, it is there for you. It is there for you, it is there for you, it is there for you. It is there for you, it is there for you, it is there for you. It is there for you, it is there for you, it is there for you. It is there for you, it is there for you, it is there for you. It is there for you, it is there for you, it is there for you.

Please send me any ideas or suggestions by email to editor@tangent-clubs.org. I look forward to receiving your ideas and to meeting many of you as I go around the Regional lunches and other events during the year.

Yours in continued friendship

Sue Hill
Editor

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David

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Chairman Sue & members of Ashby-de-la-Zouch 416 at Hicks Lodge after tree planting in memory of our former treasurer Stephanie Roberts. Hicks Lodge is part of the National Forest

REGARDING OBITUARIES...

Did you know that we record the names of members who have recently died in the magazine, but you can have a longer item on the website? Here you can celebrate their life, tell other Tangent members about their achievements and have pictures included if you wish.

Send anything you would like included to editor@tangent-clubs.org and they will be published in both places.
A warm ‘Hello’ to all the T Lancaster Ladies

I am thrilled to be able to have the opportunity to bring you an update on Ladies Circle as the National President 2013/2014.

Firstly, congratulations to Karen and the new Board on your posts. We are looking forward to working with you and the Round Table Family throughout the year.

Circle membership has grown yet again. We put this down to the hard work of the 2012/2013 National Exec, our great new website and the brilliant Side by Side work between Tangent, Round Table, 41 Club and Ladies Circle. We have charted 7 new circles in the past 12 months with a number in the pipeline for this coming year. All positive news!

There have been positive discussions between Circles regarding moving over to T Lancaster and it is heart-warming to hear the Circles talk about how welcome they have been made by their local T Lancaster. Long may this continue.

The Ladies Circle National Charity for 2013/2014 is Whizz Kidz. This charity provides disabled children and young people with vital mobility equipment, opportunities to meet and have fun, and training to help them gain skills and look forward to a bright future. Tangent, Round Table and Ladies Circle have charted 7 new circles in the past 12 months with a number in the pipeline for this coming year. All positive news!

The Ladies Circle Charity Challenge is ‘2014 Pedal for Pounds’ to be held over the Easter Holidays 2014. You will be cycling from Southport to Skegness covering over 220 miles, climbing 1400 feet in less than 30 miles, covering some hills that are

A Beetle Drive was held, supported by local T Lancaster clubs, where a splendid supper together with a fabulous draw, helped raise a considerable amount. This was added to by a member’s sale of honey from her own bees and a draw at our Christmas Dinner, enabling us to present Jeanne with a cheque for £700. This photo shows Chairman, Ann, presenting the cheque to Jeanne in Ann’s garden on a beautiful sunny day (April 30th 2013) and following a delicious tea.

The 14th February 2013 was a very special day for me. Apart from being Valentines Day this day I visited the Brain Tumour Research Centre in Portsmouth to place a plaque on the Wall of Hope. When I started my year as National President I mentioned that I would like to sponsor a day or more of research. Thanks to the generosity of you the members I have achieved this. I am delighted to report that to date nearly £15,000 has been raised so I will be sponsoring a few more days.

I am overwhelmed by the support I have received and my heartfelt thanks go out to each and everyone of you who have made this possible. Together we have made a difference.

Greetings from National President Karen Durie

To those of you who attended the conference in Llandudno – didn’t we all have a great time! For those of you that didn’t then I thought I would explain a little bit about my theme for the year which is “Traveling with my shoes”.

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Karen Durie
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TANGENT REGIONAL LUNCH

At a recent Executive meeting it was decided to reduce the load of the National Secretary. The Sales Officer Jenny Bevan will now take over the role from after the NAGM on 15th April 2013. She will be liaising with clubs with Lunches already booked and also seeking new hosts for future years. Her contact email is sales@tangent-clubs.org

The details and forms for forthcoming Lunches will no longer be sent out as separate inserts but will be available to download from the website, and advertisements with all the details will be on a special page in the Tangent Magazine. This will give all members access to the information, even if they miss the meeting when the information is given out, and cut down on costs. Sue Hill’s email contact is editor@tangent-clubs.org

Final dates for copy are 19 April 2013, 20 September 2013 and 22 January 2014 but as soon as details are ready they can be sent in to go on the website – the sooner the better, to get them in to members’ diaries!

Please don’t hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours in continuing friendship

Melodie Brookes
secretaryelect@tangent-clubs.org

SADDLEWORTH TANGENT 60 FRIENDSHIP EVENING

We had a Friendship Evening on 6th March at the White Hart, Lydgate where 111 Tangent members, family and friends enjoyed an evening with The Calendar Girls. Angela Baker (whose husband John died, on the night in the photo) and Christine Clancy entertained us superbly with their stories of life as a Calendar Girl.

Ironically Angela married my husband and I at the Red Lion in Burnall in 2006, although we didn’t realise it at the time. Who would connect a photo (and Christine Clancy entertained us superbly with their stories of life as a Calendar Girl.

South West Regional Lunch

City of Wells Tangent has big plans for this year’s South West Regional Lunch, to be held on Saturday October 5th at Haynes Motor Museum, near Yeovil, in Somerset.

As well as a fabulous menu and entertainment – a talk from Falklands hero Simon Weston, retail therapy in the form of handbags, jewellery, and other gifts; and prizes such as a holiday for four in Marbella – City of Wells Tangent has negotiated a special entry price to the museum, the UK’s largest exhibition of great cars from around the world, for so as to be able to make a record-breaking contribution to the new National President’s charity.

Tickets, priced at £37, will be available online via the Tangent website, and City of Wells Tangent is hoping for a full house, so as to be able to make a record-breaking contribution to the new National President’s charity.

As we are at the Museum, if menfolk drive their ladies to the lunch, they will have a reduced admission charge, and there is a Café there for coffee lunch etc. We are also planning that they can sit back at room to hear Simon speak, if it is of interest to them.

For further information please contact JANE CLARKE at jane.clarke@outlook.com

NORTHAMPTON NENE 519

For our January meeting we thought we would be creative with something edible. That way we had the best of both worlds. Our speaker was a cup cake decorator and her business has really taken off and she is very busy with orders for many different occasions. She showed us the art of decorating cup cakes, creating different effects with varying nozzles, plus different coloured icing. Then it was our turn.

Everyone at the meeting had a go, some wonderful and some, well, er, O.K. (including mine.) The photo shows some of our members concentrating on every move and wondering if their results would be as good.

Pat Kaye

41 Club - We are Macmillan Cancer Support

It is a great honour to become 41 Club National President and I am looking forward to working with Karen, Stephen and Ruth - the four Presidents of the Round Table Family. It is only a few weeks since National Conference in Llandudno, what a fabulous event that was! My thanks go to everyone involved in making it happen.

However, as well as the fun and fellowship that we all enjoy, there is much work to do. 41 Club’s membership numbers are slowly dwindling and we must seek ways of curtailing this erosion.

At the time of writing I have just attended the charter of a new 41 Club – Lichtfield Spires – a second club in the town that offers a different ‘mix’, aimed at the guys who have just left Round Table. Starting new clubs like Lichtfield Spires is the way forward for us and may help us maintain our numbers.

I have chosen Macmillan Cancer Support as my Presidential Charity and I hope that this compliments Karen’s support of ‘Look Good – Feel Better’. Macmillan does such wonderful work in not only nursing but in supporting families who are affected by this terrible disease.

Being National President is a great honour, but the warmth and friendliness extended by everyone in our Round Table Family both in here and internationally cannot be measured. I send everyone in Tangent my very best wishes for a great year ahead!

Martin Green

STOP PRESS

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES FOR RETURNING COMPLETED FORMS.

CAPITATION NOW NEEDS TO BE SENT TO THE NATIONAL TREASURER BY 31 JULY 2013.

REGALIA ORDER FORMS NEED TO BE SENT TO THE SALES AND REGALIA OFFICER BY 30 NOVEMBER 2013 IN ORDER TO AVOID THE £5 EXCESS CHARGED AFTER THAT DATE.
FOREST OF DEAN TANGENT

FOREST OF DEAN TANGENT decided for their September meeting to visit the National Arboretum at Alrewas. The weather was kind.

The hired self-driven minibus set off with a happy band of ladies seated and belted. A ‘wee’ stop at Tamworth Services for coffee and muffins before we arrived to face the cold chilly wind of the Lake District. We managed to do the 16 miles of our walk quite happily!

On the professional front, I am a qualified accountant, I passed my exams at the age of 31 and have been working in accounting since then. I have been involved in various charity events possibly the best time was when I drove the Ann Summers 45 foot long artic lorry and managed to reverse it round a bend, it was quite an achievement! Before a local clock had broken the ‘Stoppage of Clocks’ Act and asked for groups of members to join in to help them raise money for charity. So I and a few others made up a team and we drove our vehicles to a local clock shop, double Back on our journey and made it an emergency stop. We drove slipper and had an advanced driving course, it was a really good day. The year after I was Area Chairman, together with 11 other ladies organised the South East Area Lunch at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London, we had a great time as I think you always do when you get together and run an event. We had 1005 ladies attending, we managed to talk the Royal Lancaster into having a car in the hotel for advertising sponsorship, free Archers shopping cards for prizes, and managed to get the Prime Minister, the team managed to get an Archers to be our speaker for the day. All in all a very exciting day and we managed to raise some money for charity. The week before the NAGM I ran a cheese tasting evening at my house for about 20 ladies, making a cake in my lunch hour! If I am always doing something!

When I asked my Tangent to support me in this job – they were really pleased as some of the ladies have known me for over 40 years and know that hopefully with my being Tangent in the role of Treasurer will be a good job of it for figures into their life and they have happily relied on me for the Treasurer role over some years with both Circles and Tangent. I was voted in as Chairman in our Tangent meeting in June, we held a specialist dinner to celebrate the event at a local restaurant and as a surprise they made us a big anniversary cake which was lovely. When I joined my Caller Group Addiscombe and Shirley they were really supportive and asked straight away could they do to help throughout the term of office which was lovely. My old friend was chairman of the group last year and she was on the team who organised the lunch mentioned earlier.

On the family front, I have been married to Bob for 37 years and we have 3 children, 2 sons and a daughter, they are 32, 30 and 27. All have picked up a hobby for life. Our eldest daughter is a social care worker and two are in the thores of buying their own homes and we have got to the grandchildren stage yet! At the time of the National AGM Jon was in Miami and Belize visiting his girlfriend, Simon was in Singapore with his girlfriend going to a wedding at Raffles and Susie was busy working and studying at university. Judy had a flat - like all girls - they seem to do to be doing 6000 things at once!

On the professional front, I am a qualified accountant, I passed my degree in Accountancy when the children were studying for ‘A’ levels, Carlos was at the same time. I thought well I may as well join them, we had just moved house so my dear husband was happy doing the decorating and organising the house so we all could do our work quite happily!

What would I bring to the role of National Treasurer! was the question I was asked to be doing 6000 things at once! To be doing the job done – and be hardly a bit late. I would like to thank all the members of our executive who are working behind the scenes. I will thoroughly enjoy meeting all the various Tangent groups on my travels around the country and being working working away from home and I felt I could not be away as well as our children were still quite young. Now I feel that I have been given a second chance and I am so pleased to have been voted in.

I would like to thank both June and Terri for their time over the last couple of years for their hard work and that I have been a part of. I would also like to thank Hitchin and Ringway Tangent for ‘living the day’ with me at the NAGM. I will not forget their support and friendship.

I would like to thank Sue for her year as National President and send her all my love and prayers as she is having her forthcoming wedding in Antigua – a very exciting time. (By the time you read this I expect the wedding will have taken place).

I would like to welcome and send all my wishes to Karen, I’m sure you will have a wonderful year and I look forward to working with you and all the executive.

If there are any questions on the finance please do not hesitate to contact me, I am always willing to help and will do my best to answer your questions. Thank you for your support over the last three years. It was fun meeting so many of our wonderful members.

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Inverness Highland Tangent Club

25 years and still going strong!

On Wednesday 10th April, Inverness Highland Tangent celebrated its 25th Anniversary at the Drumossie Hotel, Inverness. 23 of the 27 members were able to attend and everyone enjoyed a splendid dinner in beautiful surroundings with the banquet table being decked out in the blue and gold Tangent colours.

Along with founder chairman Mary Gordon, chairman Margaret Elder cut the celebratory cake which everyone enjoyed with their coffee.

At the end of a happy evening, the chain of office was handed over to Norma Sommerville with many good wishes for her coming year as Chairman.

Photo1. Mary Gordon and Margaret Elder cut the cake.

Photo2. The wave of friendship from the Highlands!

IBERIAN CLUSTER WEEKEND

This October from 4th-6th, Costa Del Sol 41 will be hosting the annual Cluster Weekend, which will be attended by 60 or so couples from the Iberian Clubs and from Clubs throughout GB & I. Take a look at our website and you will find details of a great value weekend, which will be held at the excellent Hotel Melia Marbella, located at a part of the Costa which boasts 326 days of sunshine each year.

The climax of the Cluster will be the Gala Ball on the Saturday, at which we will be entertained by the Four Tops Tribute Band and their full repertoire of Motown classics.

Great value options will include golf at the championship Aloha Club, which has hosted the European Tour in recent years, and a Buggyg safari for those looking for a bigger adrenalin rush.

So dip into our website, www.41club-costadelsol.com download the Registration Form, return it to me, and look forward to an amazing weekend with your hosts, Costa Del Sol 41. You will not be disappointed.

Gareth George
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0034 627 462410

President Sue’s Bond and Bling Charity Event

On a chilly but fine evening in March, nearly 120 secret agents and their partners travelled from all over the country to attend a major event at the Queens Hotel in Southsea.

Once gathered everyone enjoyed a pre-dinner glass of fizz before being briefed on their mission which was to support and raise money for Brain Tumour Research. Two special guests were present from the charity, Glyn Lewis Fundraising Manager and Jo Trezise Regional Fundraising Manager.

Moneypenny was in charge of the raffle with prizes donated and assembled by members of Fareham TC.

The entertainment was provided by DJ Teddy Massiah who played a great variety of music which had us all dancing the night away.

By midnight the mission was well and truly accomplished with over £2,000 raised for BTR.

It was a fantastic event and I thank each and everyone of you for your support and generosity. Together we have made a difference.

DIDN’T WE HAVE A LOVELY TIME THE DAY WE WENT TO LLANDUDNO!

This was held on Saturday 13 April in The Hall, Venue Cinruij, Llandudno, WALES.

The day included a whisky and wine tour of the seaside, a visit to the senior citizens centre and a trip to the Grand Theatre. We were treated to a delicious lunch in The Abbey Hotel which is known to have been a former home to the famous William Stott. Also the evening included an excellent performance by the Princess Theatre Operatic Society. The afternoon was rounded off with a visit to the National Library of Wales.

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The next AGM will be held on Saturday 26 April 2014 at The Royal Bath Hotel Bournemouth.

Sue Marlow handed over the chain and became Immediate Past President, Karen Durie was installed as the new National President, Melodie Brookes as the new National Secretary, Jenny Bevan remains as Sales and Regalia Officer and Sue Hill remains as Editor and Website Coordinator.

The next AGM will be held on Saturday 26 April 2014 at The Royal Bath Hotel Bournemouth.

Melodie Brookes, National Secretary

NATIONAL SALES & REGALIA OFFICER

Another year over and final year started. Time moves on - far too quickly for my liking!

As some of you are aware the gift shop of the shop is closing for three reasons: Manufacturers’ demands for quantity and monetary value inappropriate for our needs, cost of postage, and manufacturers previously dealt with having gone out of business.

For that special gift you want for a member or your committee – buy a local product and have the logo engraved on. Either you can download the logo from the website or the engraver will do so. This makes the gift very personal.

However I must stress that ALL Regalia is being retained and now ordered in the usual way from myself is not the Vice President as in the past.

Will you please complete all order forms in BLOCK CAPITALS. Be aware that your Club Contact receives all forms every year – please ensure that your Contact is an active member of your club as I have many phone calls/emails asking for the forms! You should be aware that the person nominated as the Club Contact receives the forms in the May Mailing! The forms are also available to download from the website.

The new pen was well received at the launch in Llandudno – it is hand made in the UK and sells at only £ 15.

I am taking over the contact for the Regional Luncheons from the National Secretary – this will ease her workload! So please if you want to organise a luncheon for your region do not hesitate to contact me – before I chase you!

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the Regional Luncheons during the year.

Jenny Bevan

“SHOWTIME!”

National Conference Bournemouth

24-27 April 2014

You are invited to join your National Presidents Karen (aka “The Leading Lady”) and Martin (aka “The Leading Man”) for a fantastic time in Bournemouth celebrating Stage Musicals.

All the details and Booking instructions can be found on line at www.41clubconference.co.uk including the ability to book the Tangent Lunch.

There is also a link on the Tangent website.

The Lunch and the AGM will both be held in the same venue, the prestigious Royal Bath Hotel, the Conference HQ Hotel.

See you in Bournemouth next year!

Penny Yoon

Tangent Day Chairman (aka “PD to The Leading Lady”)

Note from Wilhelmina Johnston, Tangent Day Regardation (aka “Tangent Box Office Manager”)

Whilst we would prefer you to book online, if you choose to use the paper Booking Form for the Lunch, please ensure that the contact details shown on it are for someone actually attending it.

Thanks.
All of us rely on our local health and social care services at some point in our lives. And when we or our families need to use them, we want the best.

To get the best local services people need a say. We need to be able to influence what services are available, how they are delivered and who delivers them. We also need to be able to challenge services that aren’t up to scratch.

To help us do this, a new consumer champion for health and social care – Local Healthwatch – has been created in every city and county council in the country. The new organisations will begin work on 1 April 2013 and will represent the voice of patients, service users, carers and local people.

What will local Healthwatch do?
- Local Healthwatch will promote and support the involvement of local people in having a say about the way their local health and social care services are run.
- Local Healthwatch will harness the expertise of local communities, charities and voluntary organisations, especially those working with people who have a hard time getting their voices heard. They will make recommendations on how services can be improved.

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LGFB in the UK is also supported by the major retail groups including Boots, Debenhams, House of Fraser, Bentalls, Selfridges, John Lewis and Harrods.

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Everyone attending a LGFB workshop is given a substantial gift bag of products donated by member companies and more than 180,000 products are provided by the Industry each year. The Programme is ‘product neutral’ with no company or brand being highlighted or mentioned.

Look Good...Feel Better UK

All of us rely on our local health and social care services at some point in our lives. And when we or our families need to use them, we want the best.

To get the best local services people need a say. We need to be able to influence what services are available, how they are delivered and who delivers them. We also need to be able to challenge services that aren’t up to scratch.

To help us do this, a new consumer champion for health and social care – Local Healthwatch – has been created in every city and county council in the country. The new organisations will begin work on 1 April 2013 and will represent the voice of patients, service users, carers and local people.

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Back a week and off again. President Karen and I attended the RT & LC Conference in Harrogate. A good week-end but on a slightly smaller scale than 41-Club and Tangent’s conferences. Membership figures for Tangate are encouraging. They have inducted 339 new members this year. Their total membership is 1396. 9 Circles have closed compared to 29 last year.

I just want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the many clubs who have contributed to my charity Brain Tumour Research. The total so far is already in excess of £14,000. The final figure is yet to be finalised as cheques are still coming in. I am overwhelmed by your generosity and cannot thank you all enough.

My job title now is IPP and International Officer. I am looking forward to face to face contacts we already have and working alongside our international friends.

Sue

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I am looking forward to meeting many of you during the year. Why not get together by train or car to share transport with some other local clubs, and let’s keep alive that fun we had getting together in Ladies Circle.

Yours in continuing friendship

Melodie Brookes, National Secretary

January Report from Vice President (Princess in Waiting!)

What a weekend we had in Llandudno. Absolutely exhausting both physically and emotionally so the next day, Monday, was a bit of an anti-climax. I didn’t know where to start so just did the boring unpacking and left over chores. On Tuesday it hit me – what have I done? I can’t do this. I shouldn’t have ... wouldn’t have, etc, where do I start? So I looked at the Membership enquiries and stayed up until around 2am on Wednesday morning just cleaning my emails and putting paperwork in order. When I woke up later on Wednesday morning I felt brilliant. Yes I can do this, come on ladies, give it to me. I can change the world. Actually I can’t but I feel so much better! That’s the phrase about eating an elephant, one bite at a time!

I’ve been to several Circle events since Conference, presented a new Circler (in my own area) with her certificate, attended the South Eastern Regional lunch, agreed to help at an Area 50th Charter and made several calls to Circles about membership. I also attended my Tangent’s AGM where I was able to explain about membership guidelines. I have a date in the diary for next March to visit Saddleworth Tangent’s 50th Anniversary (thank you so much) so I’m on my way. What a learning curve – huge, just like my hips! Must be all those elephants I’m eating!

Thank you for voting me into this privileged position. I hope I can do it justice and make you proud as much as I am to be part of the NATC. I have my first Exec meeting at the Welsh Tangent lunch so will be getting together with the new Exec team, learning the ropes and how I can help Karen in her Presidential year. I do look forward to hearing from you and meeting you all on our travels around this fabulous Tangent Club.

Janice O’Neill
National Vice President
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The results of the voting on the National Executive’s Recommendations appearing on this year’s Agenda were as follows: For the year 2013-2014

Minutes of the 46th AGM in Jersey on Saturday 28 April 2012 were agreed and signed.

President Sue Marlow chaired the meeting and after Greetings given by visitors, all the National Officers gave their reports.

Sue Hill, Conference Committee Chairman, (also National Editor and Website Co-ordinator) and her committee, assisted by members of Mold,

Day Luncheon and members were able to remain sitting with their friends at their cleared lunch tables.

There were 80 voting delegates and 8 proxy vote holders. The meeting was held in the same place as the Tangent

This was held on Saturday 13 April in The Hall, Venue Cymru, Llandudno, WALES.

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Independent Membership Subscription to remain at £13.75

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Amend rule 5.2 to read ‘The Officers (with the exception of the National President, Immediate Past President and Secretary) shall

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Janice O’Neill, Buchudy & O’kay 441, speak on the topic of How would you ensure that Tangent is relevant in the 21st Century?

and was duly elected National Vice President.

Sara Morrett, Eastleigh & Chandler’s Ford 470 and Jill King, Oxted & District 121 both stood from the floor for the post of National Treasurer.

They each speak on the topic What would you bring to the role of National Treasurer? Jill King was duly elected National Treasurer.

The National Capitalisation fee is waived for the first year for past members of Ladies Circle joining Tangent.

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CARRIED

The Executive continue to negotiate with Agora with a view to forming one past Circlers international organisation with a view

to having very comprehensive proposals for the NAGM in 2014.

CARRIED

Sue Marlow handed over the chain and became Immediate Past President, Karen Durie was installed as the new National President,

Melodie Brookes as the new National Secretary, Jenny Bevan remains as Sales and Regalia Officer and Sue Hill remains as Editor

and Website Coordinator.

The next AGM will be held on Saturday 26 April 2014 at The Royal Bath Hotel Bournemouth.

Melodie Brookes, National Secretary

You are invited to join your National Presidents Karen (aka “The Leading Lady”) and Martin (aka “The Leading Man”) for a fantastic time in Bournemouth celebrating Stage Musicals.

All the details and Booking instructions can be found on line at www.41clubconference.co.uk including the ability to book the Tangent Lunch. There is also a link on the Tangent website.

The Lunch and the AGM will both be held in the same venue, the prestigious Royal Bath Hotel, the Conference HQ Hotel. See you in Bournemouth next year!

Penny Toon

Tangent Day Chairman (aka “Tangent Box Office Manager”)

Whilst we would prefer you to book online, if you choose to use the paper Booking form for the Lunch, please ensure that the contact details shown on it are for someone actually attending it.

Thanks.
I am a very friendly person, and I would hope to bring that friendship to Tangent. I will thoroughly enjoy meeting all the various Tangent groups and members for the cheque. Sue said she was pleased to hear that her charity Brain Tumour Research, who thanked the members for the donation. The week before the NAGM I managed to raise some money for charity. The week before the NAGM I managed to do an emergency stop! We drove skip lorries and we had an exciting time. (By the time you read this I expect the wedding will have taken place.)

What I would bring to the role of National Treasurer is that I would like to thank Sue for her year as National President and send her all my love and best wishes for her forthcoming wedding in Antwerp — a very exciting time. (By the time you read this I expect the wedding will have taken place.)

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City of Wells Tangent has big plans for this year’s South West Regional Lunch, to be held on Saturday October 5th at Haynes Motor Museum, near Yeovil, in Somerset.

As well as a fabulous menu and entertainment – a talk from Falklands hero Simon Weston, retail therapy in the form of handbags, jewellery, and other gifts; and prizes such as a holiday for four in Marbella – City of Wells Tangent has negotiated a special entry price to the museum, the UK’s largest exhibition of great cars from around the world, for gallant husbands willing to drive their ladies to the event.

Tickets, priced at £37, will be available online via the Tangent website, and City of Wells Tangent is hoping for a full house, so as to be able to make a record-breaking contribution to the new National President’s charity.

As we are at the Museum, if menfolk drive their ladies to the event, they will have a reduced admission charge, and there will be liaising with clubs with Lunches already booked and also seeking new hosts for future years. Her contact email is sales@tangent-clubs.org

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SADDLEWORTH TANGENT 60 FRIENDSHIP EVENING

We had a Friendship Evening on 6th March at the White Hart, Lydgate where 111 Tangent members, family and friends enjoyed an evening with The Calendar Girls. Angela Baker (whose husband John died, on the night in the photo) and Christine Clancy entertained us superbly with their stories of life as a Calendar Girl.

Ironically Angela married my husband and I at the Red Lion in Burnslill in 2006, although we didn’t realise it at the time. Who would connect a Calendar Girl with a Registrar!

Our president with the Calendar Girls is Marlene Wild.

Eve Crombie, Saddleworth Tangent

It is a great honour to become 41Club National President and I am looking forward to working with Karen, Stephen and Ruth - the four Presidents of the Round Table Family.

It is only a few weeks since National Conference in Llandudno, what a fabulous event that was! My thanks go to everyone involved in making it happen.

However, as well as the fun and fellowship that we all enjoy, there is much work to do. 41Club’s membership numbers are slowly dwindling and we must seek ways of curtailing this erosion.

At the time of writing I have just attended the charter of a new 41Club – Lichfield Spires - a second club in the town that offers a different ‘mix’, aimed at the guys who have just left Round Table. Starting new clubs like Lichfield Spires is the way forward for us and may help us maintain our numbers.

I have chosen Macmillan Cancer Support as my Presidential Charity and I hope that this compliments Karen’s support of ‘Look Good – Feel Better’. Macmillan does such wonderful work in not only nursing but in supporting families who are affected by this terrible disease.

Being National President is a great honour, but the warmth and friendliness extended by everyone in our Round Table Family both in here and internationally cannot be measured. I send everyone in Tangent my very best wishes for a great year ahead!

Martin Green

NORTHAMPTON NENE 519

For our January meeting we thought we would be creative with something edible. That way we had the best of both worlds. Our speaker was a cup cake decorator and her business has really taken off and she is very busy with orders for many different occasions. She showed us the art of decorating cup cakes, creating different effects with varying nozzles, plus different coloured icing. Then it was our turn.

Everyone at the meeting had a go, some wonderful and some, well, er, O.K. (including mine.) The photo shows some of our members concentrating on every move and wondering if their results would be as good.

Pat Kaye
Greetings from National President Karen Durie

To those of you who attended the conference in Llandudno – didn’t we all have a great time? For those of you that didn’t then I thought I would explain a little bit more about the theme for the year which is “Travelling with my shoes”.

My intention is to choose a different pair of shoes each week which I will wear to all the TANGENT events that I attend in that week and the shoes will then tell the story of my year. I started off by picking a very nice pair of brown, gold and orange L. K Bennett’s to wear to the National AGM. Now I know they are not the ugliest pair of shoes you have ever seen. I chose shoes that are comfortable and practical, just like the women who attend our meetings. My choice of shoes for the AGM was also influenced by the choice of shoes for the AGM of the year which is “Travelling with my shoes”.

As a result I ended up addressing the NACMG in a pair of lime green wellies decorated with gold and black ribbons! But I was behind the desk and nobody could see them but what they could see was that I was a good 3 to 4 inches shorter than usual and had trouble seeing over the lectern. Oh well I’ve got the general impression that the shoes are a bit better next time and hopefully won’t have the ugly sisters and their helpers acting as my stylist anytime soon.

On a serious note I would like to introduce you to my charity for the year. I have chosen Look Good, Feel Better for the following reasons:

• they are a relatively small charity – this means any money we raise can really make a difference.
• they operate nationally so cover all areas where Tangent is represented.
• they provide free make up workshops for women suffering from all types of cancer and we all know someone who has been affected by this dreadful disease.
• they work very closely with Macmillan Cancer Care which is the 41 Club charity for the year.
• and, finally, we all know how much better we feel when we make the effort to dress up and put our glad rags on in true Tangent style.

(Read more on Page 10 of this magazine)

A link to the Look Good, Feel Better Website will be available shortly. I have a free couple of days this week and then a walking weekend in Wales to get a bit of rest and relaxation before embarking on my Presidential Year. It is a good job this weekend is not a Tangent event or I would have to wear the same shoes to my first two events as Tangent National President. Wearing walking boots straight after the wellies at the National AGM would definitely give the wrong impression though as my first two events are the normal meetings of both the Tangent Clubs I belong to – Wokingham 268 on Tuesday and City of London 929 (our newest Tangent Club) on Wednesday next week.

I’m now off to count my shoes to make sure that I have 52 pairs to cover the year. A different pair of shoes will be taking to you next week!

Karen Durie
National President

Wall of Hope

The 14th February 2013 was a very special day for me. Apart from being Valentine’s Day this was the day that I visited the Brain Tumour Research Centre in Portsmouth to place a plaque on the Wall of Hope. When I started my year as National President I mentioned that I would like to sponsor a day or more of research. Thanks to the generosity of the members you have achieved this. I am delighted to report that to date nearly £15,000 has been raised so I will be sponsoring a few more days.

I am overwhelmed by the support I have received and my heart feels thank you to each and everyone of you who have made this possible. Together we have made a difference.

Help Please!

Throughout the year as NP and my visits to your Clubs I can recall quite a few pictures that were taken by members. Could I please ask you to forward these onto me as a happy memory of my year. suepmarlow@tiscali.co.uk

Thank you.
Editorial

Well, what a busy few weeks! My final year as Editor of Tangent News began at the NACM in Llandudno, an event that I was also involved in organising. It was a lot of hard work, and a lot of sleepless nights wondering what I had forgotten to do, and how I would resolve any crises that might arise. However, the sense of achievement and euphoria at the final night party on Saturday more than compensated! I would recommend getting involved in the organisation of such an event, the friendships that I have made and the memories that I have will last for ever.

Back down to earth and working with the new Exec, who are all introduced throughout this magazine. A big welcome to our two new members, Jill and Janice.

I would very much like to receive your suggestions and comments on what you would like to see on our web site and its layout and design. It is there for you, I would very much like to receive your suggestions and comments on what you might arise. However, the sense of achievement and euphoria at the final night party on Saturday more than compensated! I would recommend getting involved in the organisation of such an event, the friendships that I have made and the memories that I have will last for ever.

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