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"Let friendship continue"
Dear Tangent Members

Well, what a fantastic Summer we have had this year! Other than a few damp days the weather has been very kind to us, and we will have lots to look back on as we move on into Autumn and Winter. Tangent has also been blossoming and bearing fruit along the way; just take a look at what the Clubs have been up to over the last few months!

The Exec have taken a decision that I hope you, the members, will appreciate. We have decided that you all deserve your OWN copy of the magazine, that you can take home to show family and friends, and to enjoy at leisure rather than during your Club meeting. I hope you enjoy reading articles sent in by Clubs from throughout the country, and many thanks to everyone who has taken the time and trouble to send me items for publication.

Look at the front cover – your National Exec are a game bunch! We had a great time being hosted in Scotland by Burntisland Tangent. You can’t say that Tangent doesn’t give you the chance to try something new and to meet a new challenge!

After three very rewarding years on the Exec my position as Editor is up for election at the NAGM in April. Forms and instructions are available from your Club contact and at www.tangent-clubs.org, to be with the National Secretary by 31st December.

You should also have the many to send in future. Please give them out to members at your next meeting.

Sue Hill, Editor

Please send items for the magazine including digital photographs to editor@tangent-clubs.org by 22nd January 2014.

How do you see YOUR National Association of Tangent Clubs in the future?

If you want to see changes you have your opportunity to put a Resolution before the NAGM in April. Forms and instructions are available from your Club contact and at www.tangent-clubs.org.

Want to give something back? Three vacancies on the National Exec need to be filled at the NAGM in April - National Vice President, National Sales & Regalia Officer and National Editor & Website Co-ordinator. Nomination forms from your Club Contact or at www.tangent-clubs.org, to be with the National Secretary by 31st December please.

Don’t forget the Regional Lunches coming up this Spring, see pages 4 & 5 for details. Available in the Midlands in February, Ireland in March and the NAGM in Bournemouth in April.

More information from secretary@tangent-clubs.org.

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Greetings from National President Karen Durie

I am now at the mid-point of my year and what a fantastic year it has been for me so far. My shoe theme is going so well that everywhere I go I get asked what shoes I am wearing for that week so I know that many of you are reading the website and magazine to keep up with my travels with my shoes.

There have been several highlights already but the best must be the 3 new clubs I have chartered this year - City of London, Lichfield Ladies Tangles and LAFF (Life After Forty Five). I am really pleased that these new clubs are forming to preserve the friendships made in Ladies Circle for the future and I already know of a further 4 potential clubs likely to charter soon so watch this space.

The National Executive have continued to work hard on your behalf and following feedback from members after this year’s National AGM we have decided to make a few changes this year in order to give more time to the business of the NAGM. We will still invite members of Tangent Clubs in other countries to our NAGM but international greetings will take place before the Friday evening function instead of at the NAGM. International visitors will still be acknowledged at the NAGM but will not be asked to speak.

Officer’s reports will be circulated with the agenda in February instead of being presented at the NAGM but there will be time to ask questions on the reports during the NAGM. We hope that these small changes will enable us to finish the NAGM in good time for everyone to relax afterwards without rushing to get to the evening function. Last year I was very disappointed that many members had already left before I was installed as your National President and we do not want this to happen again next year.

By the time we decided to make changes to the NAGM it was already too late to make a more fundamental change to the structure of Tangent Day for the Bournemouth Conference in 2014 but for Harrogate in 2015 we intend to start the NAGM much earlier and have a less formal lunch particularly as many members have said that they don’t need a large breakfast, lunch and dinner all in one day.

Thank you to all the clubs who have raised money for my charity – Look Good, Feel Better. The money raised really does make a difference.

I look forward to catching up with you all during the rest of the year.

Karen Durie
National President

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President’s Diary 2013/2014

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Look Good... Feel Better. 
Supporting women with cancer.
On this page is some information about forthcoming Regional Lunches that will be held in 2014. Booking forms etc will all be available on the Tangent website www.tangent-clubs.org, so go there to get a copy for you to fill in and apply for tickets.

Remember if your club is hosting a Regional Lunch to let the Sales & Regalia Officer and the Editor know the details so that your lunch can be promoted as soon as possible after the previous year’s. Printed forms are no longer being sent out to each club in the interests of cost and to reduce unnecessary waste and printing, so make sure that Tangent members know all about your event via this page in the magazine!

REGIONAL LUNCH BOOKINGS

**MIDLAND REGIONAL LUNCHEON**

**SATURDAY 1st MARCH 2014**

**HOSTED BY NEWPORT TANGENT CLUB 333 AT THE HOLIDAY INN HOTEL, ST QUENTIN GATE, TELFORD TF3 4EH**

The Speaker for our Luncheon will be

**SHEILA DIBNAH on her “LIFE WITH STEEPLEJACK FRED”**

The cost of the Luncheon is £30.00, which includes coffee and biscuits on arrival, 4 course lunch with a glass of wine.

Applications by 15th January 2014

Booking form at www.tangent-clubs.org

How about making a weekend of it, staying in the heart of Shropshire, only 15 minutes from Ironbridge, with Blists Hill Victorian Town, Coalport China Museum and Enginuity, and a half an hour drive from Shrewsbury or RAF Cosford Air Museum.

The Holiday Inn situated just off the M54 and with the railway station a short taxi ride away, are offering a special rate for the Saturday night £67.00 single room, £78.00 twin/double both include breakfast and vat.

Interested contact – Sarah on 01952 527385 quoting Tangent Regional Lunch weekend for these special rates.

Members of Newport Tangent looking forward to seeing you in March.

Save the Date – South West Regional Lunch 2014

Taunton Tangent are hosting next year’s South West Regional Lunch on Saturday 20th September 2014 at Oake Manor Golf Club, Taunton. The speaker will be Rev’d Canon Ann Easter, Chaplain to HM The Queen.

Irish Regional Lunch 2014

Hello All Tangent Clubs

Venue Templeton Hotel, Templepatrick
Date 22nd March 2014
Cost £28 to include glass of wine
Reception 12 Noon
Lunch 12.30

Any money raised will go to the President’s Charity:

‘Look Good, Feel Better’

Cheques should be made out to Londonderry Tangent Club and sent by 5th March 2014.

The menu and booking form are available at www.tangent-clubs.org

Yours in Continued Friendship
Joan Henderson
“SHOWTIME!”
National Conference
Bournemouth
24-27 April 2014

Arrangements are gathering pace and we look forward to seeing lots of you for the whole Conference (see www.41clubconference.co.uk for information and booking instructions). If you wish to join us just for the Tangent Lunch and AGM, please use the Form sent to you by National Secretary, Melodie. I hope you enjoy the photo of the 2 National Presidents “hanging” from the Bournemouth Balloon.

Penny Toon
Tangent Day Chairman (aka “PA to The Leading Lady”)

NATIONAL PRESIDENT’S CHARITY LUNCH

Wokingham Tangent is very proud to have Karen as National President. A number of members were very keen to join a committee to help Karen during her year as National President. The committee first met back in July 2012 to start planning her Charity Lunch, which we held on Saturday 14th September 2013 and it was a very successful and enjoyable lunch.

Karen had chosen the charity “Look Good, Feel Better”, a charity we can all relate to, if not personally, but as we have all known somebody who has been touched by cancer.

The day started with the usual last minute panics when we arrived at the hotel, but these were soon sorted, so by the time the ladies arrived the room looked lovely and ready. 130 ladies attended which included Tangent members from all over the country and guests. From the charity, Zoe Williams, a young lady who has been supported by “Look Good, Feel Better” gave a very emotional talk about her experiences, Sarahjane Robertson from the Charity told us about the work of the Charity and Diane Moran (the Green Goddess) who has been affected by cancer spoke of her experiences and her support of the charity.

The Charity was very helpful and supportive by supplying 3 bottles of perfume for each table as raffle prizes. The raffle was very well supported on the day and as a result we raised over £1200.

The speaker for the day was Ruth Lowe, accompanied by her daughter, both came dressed in Mary Quant outfits with a large selection of clothes and items designed by Mary Quant. Ruth gave a very interesting talk on the life of Mary Quant whilst displaying items. Most ladies in the room could remember wearing a Mary Quant designed outfit during the 60’s. It brought back many happy memories.

Karen’s next event is a Charity Valentine’s Ball, which is being held on Saturday 15th February at the Hilton Hotel, Reading. We hope that you and your members will support Karen at this event and help her raise more funds for her charity. Tickets are now on sale, details can be found in this magazine and a booking form is on the Tangent website. We look forward to seeing you and your partners for a fun and enjoyable evening.

Sue Poley
Committee Chairman

A word from Sales & Regalia....

My tenure in this role is coming to an end and therefore I would like you to consider taking on this post and expanding and enjoying even more your time in the Association. It is not an arduous job – it is fun, laughter and meeting such wonderful people! You will have wonderful memories of a good time! Call me for more information or email Melodie Brookes the National Secretary for the job description and application form!

The orders for Regalia are coming in thick and fast and one observation I must bring to your attention please. It is a PLEA - will you ensure that you complete the forms in full and add the Postage and Packaging which are detailed at the base of the form. You should send your forms in before the deadline of 31 December because if you don’t’ you an extra £5 will be required!!

Jenny
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

I am happy to report that Tangent Denmark together with Norway and Sweden are in the process of forming Tangent International.

The inaugural meeting will take place at the International 41-Club Half year meeting in Sweden next month. President Karen and I will be attending this meeting and will be joining in with discussions.

Tangent Finland is in formation with Tangent Sweden to be their godmother. We have recently learnt that Tangent India have agreed to join TCI.

The formal charter meeting will take place on the 3rd May 2014 during the 41 Club International Conference in Denmark. At the same time the Tangent and Ex-Table Denmark Conference will take place.

A lot of hard work has already been done by Tangent Denmark and the Nordic countries. There is still a lot more work to be done by the IRO’s (International Relations Officers) to which we in Tangent GB will contribute.

This is all very encouraging and our continued close association with Tangent Clubs in Denmark, Sweden, Norway and elsewhere will strengthen our long-term friendships. This is a development and natural progression from the Memoranda of Understanding signed in previous years.

This has to be a beneficial step forward not only for our current members but for the future of the organisation. As you are all aware Tangent does not have International which in the past been an issues for past-circlers who have been involved in LCI. We would like to think that this link may encourage ex-Circlers to join Tangent knowing that we have International links not only with 41-Club International but Round Table International and Ladies Circle International.

We are not altogether clear on how our members feel about International. We have therefore produced a questionnaire which will shortly be sent to clubs by e-mail and we expect a response.

The Nordic countries are keen to involve Tangent GB&I as a founder Club. Your executive will learn more about what this entails after the HYM at the end of October. For the time being the Exec will be proactive with the Nordic Clubs and intend to bring a recommendation to the NAGM in 2014.

In June I attended Ladies Circle and Round Table Norway AGM in Oslo. This was to witness the charter of Tangent Norway. The Ladies Circle AGM started at 11.30am and before this got underway the charter took place. This was organised by Tangent Denmark with Susanne Norager and President Helle Midtgaard presenting the charter certificate and arranging the signing of the MOU. I congratulated the ladies in Tangent Norway and sent delivered greetings from NP Karen and all Tangent members in GB&I. Following this momentous event the AGM commenced. This was conducted in Norwegian so I tried my best to keep up with proceedings. The evening started with a few glasses of champagne with the Norwegian ladies before heading off to the fancy dress party. This takes place on the Friday night and the gala night is on Saturday which I was unfortunately unable to attend due to a prior engagement. The week-end was a great experience and I was so pleased to be able to join our International friends to witness this memorable occasion.

I was unable to attend LCI in Zambia but greetings were sent from GB&I. I also sent greetings on behalf of President Karen and all members of GB&I to Tangent India for their 5th AGM. Greetings have been sent to Agora Club International for their conference which was on the 11th October 2013.

These are exciting and changing times for Tangent. We hope you share the Executives enthusiasm for these changes and we would encourage your opinions and thoughts on the subject of Tangent International.

Sue

CITY OF LONDON CHARTER

They say all good things are worth waiting for and we may have waited a long time for this but the day we chartered City of London Tangent on Tuesday 23rd July was definitely a day to remember.

As National President in August 2010 I visited The Lamb, Leadenhall Place, London (a monthly gathering for Round Table family members) and decided it was time we had a Tangent in the City of London. So with time on my hands after leaving the Executive in 2012 and in between arranging a wedding, I set about the task.

As with all things you can’t achieve without the support of others. A very big thank you to the gentlemen of London Old Tablers, especially Dave Leon and Martin White, my Honorary Secretary until I could find a volunteer, for their support and efforts in helping find new members.

We began as a small group with myself, June Boden and Karen Durie and grew to 18 by the time we affiliated in March 2013. By our charter date we had 24 and now have a potential 3 more members. You will recognise some of the faces as existing Tangent members but what is absolutely brilliant is that around 50% of our members are new to Tangent.

We decided to charter within the City of London and thought the steps of St Paul’s would be a good place. Joined by Tangent National President Karen Durie, 41Club National President Martin Green, Chairman and Vice Chairman of London Old Tablers, members of Tangent Executive, representatives of RT13, City of London Circle and many other supporters we watched the rain clouds as speeches were made, Tangent pins presented and our new Chairman’s collarette presented by London Old Tablers.

Did it end there? No almost 40 of us moved to a nearby restaurant for a meal and of course a couple of glasses of wine to celebrate. So good was the ‘Fun and Friendship’ that our National Sales officer missed her train making quite a late arrival back to Taunton.

The Round Table Family is now complete in The City and we look forward to many interesting and fun Tangent meetings and hope to continue working side by side with other Round Table Family members.

Gill Preston
Founder Chairman City of London Tangent
We’ve been Tangled....

Having been part of the lively Lichfield Ladies Circle moving to a more sedate Tangent, despite the friendliness of the members - wasn’t proving to be as successful as we had hoped it would be.

A few like minded ladies decided an interim Club could be the answer – and so we became...

On a fabulously sunny August afternoon we welcomed 50+ to join the 8 founder members at our Champagne Afternoon Tea Charter celebrations. We were congratulated by Helen Macdonald [Chair of Lichfield Ladies Circle] Jennie Tipper [Chair of Lichfield Tangent] and Ruth Curry [National President of Ladies Circle] before receiving the official Charter from Tangent National President Karen.

We have inducted two new members since then and have several prospective members already – not just past Circlers either. With a lively programme of events the fun, friendship and fundraising we enjoyed so much in Ladies Circle is set to continue.

‘Simply the Best’ – that is what you are.

I just had to share with you the total amount raised for my charity Brain Tumour Research.

I could not believe the final figure when all the money was added up - £17,253.91.

This is a magnificent sum and has certainly exceeded all my expectations. Tangent has already sponsored 3 days of research and more will be added. Thank you to everyone who supported my charity. Your generosity was amazing.

Together with Carol we positively made a difference.

Sue IPP

SCOTTISH REGIONAL LUNCH SEPTEMBER 2013

On a sunny Saturday morning towards the end of September Burntisland Tangent hosted a memorable Regional Lunch at the Carnegie Conference Centre.

The National Exec was present in force as we had held a meeting the day before at the home of one of the Burntisland members Ishbel Kelley, who was also the Luncheon Chairman. The hospitality extended to the Exec was fabulous, and the Scottish girls went to so much trouble to make our visit enjoyable, including a fantastic RIB trip on the river the evening before. See the front cover of this magazine for evidence that the National Exec are willing to do anything for Tangent!

The speaker at the lunch was Dr Olivia Giles OBE who gave a most moving presentation about her charity 500 miles. Go to www.500miles.co.uk to find out more about what they do. Dr Giles has been affected by Meningococcal Septicaemia and there is more information on this disease on page 9 of the magazine.

The day was extremely successful, thank you to all the members of Burntisland Tangent for doing a tremendous job to promote friendship and raise valuable funds for charity.

Why not make a trip to Scotland next year and help support Tangent north of the border? I can promise you a weekend to remember!

Sue Hill, Editor

Pictures: Lunch Committee with National President Karen, and Members chat before lunch, and Speaker Dr Olivia Giles.
Aylesbury Tangent

We decided some months ago to hold our annual summer lunch in a local village hall (Bierton) and to make the theme this year 'The arrival of the new heir to the throne' with our colour scheme being predominantly pink or blue.

As usual it was very much a combined effort with everyone providing food and drink, helping with tables, decorations, washing up etc. We all had a really enjoyable time and we even managed to make a profit for charity!

Unfortunately four of our members were unable to attend on the day but people in the photograph are: (back row, starting on the left) Marian Purdy, Anne Brooker, Judith Lindsay, Libby Rose, Agnes Togneri, Gwyneth Wilding, Dorothy Caswell, and Viv Dukes. Front row (from the left) Brenda Dick, Shirley Griffiths, Pat Reed, Elsebeth Kay and Kathy Vooght.

In the centre front is Pat Reed, our Founder Chairman in 1978.

Shirley Griffiths
Chairman Aylesbury Tangent.

Bedford Tangent 263
100 years of Tangent and Circle in Bedford

On a bright Saturday in February about 70 past and present members of Bedford Tangent and Circle joined together for lunch at Stagsden Golf Club just outside Bedford to celebrate 100 years of the two organisations in the town.

We were joined by National President Sue Marlow who helped us toast 40 years of Bedford Tangent and 60 years of Bedford Circle. We had a lovely lunch followed by the cutting of the cake made and decorated by one of our members. We were also entertained by a very interesting speaker, Anne Furbank, who delighted us with a talk entitled 'Travelling Light'. The afternoon gave us all a good opportunity to catch up with people we don’t see very often and hear lots of stories from the past when both organisations were quite different from how they are now.

A great time was had by all!

Bilston Tangent 188

Bilston Tangent had a night out at BBC WM Birmingham, where our ladies took control of the Television studio, sort of and took part in a radio play! It was a very informative night out seeing how The Archers is produced and how Radio and TV looks behind the scenes.

Gill Worrall - Chairman

Exeter Tangent

Chairperson Di welcomed 20 members of Exeter Tangent to our AGM on Tuesday 16th April at The Salutation Inn in Topsham. After a glorious meal Di made a very special presentation of an orchid to Jo Griffith, Janice Vining and Peggy Conway (Peggy received her orchid at our coffee morning) to mark the occasion of over 50 years of membership of Circle and Tangent. A fabulous evening was had by all.
Unfortunately many people still believe that meningitis only affects babies and young children. This is not the case, it can affect anyone, of any age, at any time; it can strike in minutes and kill within hours.

The facts about meningitis in adults

- Meningitis can strike at any time, regardless of health, gender, age, race or class.
- People over 55 are at risk of meningitis as our immune systems weaken as we get older.
- 10% of cases of meningitis will result in death.
- Adults can still suffer the same after-effects from meningitis as children such as brain damage, hearing and sight loss, and where septicaemia (blood poisoning) has occurred, loss of limbs and scarring.

A survey has shown that one in four adults in the UK knows of someone who has had meningitis.

Meningitis at risk group – over 55s

- As our immune system weakens as we get older, we are more susceptible to illnesses, such as meningitis.
- With the over 55 population being at risk of meningitis, they are offered a pneumococcal vaccine at 65.
- This is available at any GP surgery or health centre across the UK.
- Look out for yourself and others. Meningitis symptoms can disguise themselves as a common cold or flu, so it’s important to remain vigilant to the symptoms of meningitis, trust your instincts and seek medical help if concerned.

If living alone always let someone know if you are feeling unwell, they can check on you and get help if needed.
On Thursday 11 July National President Karen joined Basingstoke Tangent Club 312 for an evening of fun and friendship.

Tangent member Anne hosted an evening of ‘BUBBLES’ which started with a bubbly drink, a great meal and bubbles everywhere. Members were divided into 4 teams and had various challenges, blowing the largest bubble; making their own bubble wands from coat hangers, plastic fencing and other items; longest bubble run etc. A bubbles quiz followed and Karen awarded the prize of tubes of fruit pastilles to the winners – we know how to party in Basingstoke!!! A sticky, but fun, evening!

YICF
Jo Attridge
Chair, Basingstoke Tangent Club 312

If you fancy joining in with the Ladies Circle Whizz-Kidz Pedal for Pounds 2014, please email me at ruthsride2014@gmail.com. Further details and regular updates about the ride and route are also available on the Facebook page at ‘Ladies Circle 2014 Pedal for Pounds’, and a Just Giving page is available at https://www.justgiving.com/LadiesCircle to receive donations.

Please support us in any way you can, this will be a tough challenge for all those taking part but hopefully we will raise a lot of money for my chosen presidential charity: Whizz-Kidz!

Yours in friendship
Ruth Curry
National President 2013-2014
National Association of Ladies’ Circle

Route: Southport to Skegness
Date: 18th – 21st April 2014
Target: £1,500
Distance: 222 Miles
JustGiving: https://www.justgiving.com/LadiesCircle
FaceBook: Ladies Circle Pedal for Pounds 2014

Over the Easter 2014 break, together with a number of Circlers (and Tablers), I will be undertaking my ultimate challenge as Ladies Circle President on behalf of my national charity: Whizz-Kidz.

We will be departing from Southport, cycling through Liverpool, Widness, Warrington, Lymm, Stockport, Penistone, Sheffield, Worksop, Lincoln and ultimately into Skegness. We will have then cycled 222 miles in four days!

The inspiration for the route has been taken from the ‘Way of the Roses’ and adapted to pass through or as close to as many of the Circles in that part of the UK.

Many thanks go to Simon Roberts for taking on the role of managing this ride and for his hard work so far, including mapping out the route and stops. It would be great to have as many Circlers (and friends) support us both by cycling all or part of the route. Alternatively we will need help at the many planned stops to provide much needed drinks, food and moral support to keep the team going.
WEYMOUTH TANGENT

Weymouth Tangent has 24 members and we started our year with an 'interruption' at Weymouth 41Club's AGM, as outgoing President, Mike Lovegrove was celebrating his 70th birthday. Thirteen Tangent members volunteered to take part and with time for only one practice we surprised and delighted Mike with 'our' rendition of 'What shall we do with the drunken sailor'. Words adapted by 41Clubber David Smith. (Mike is a keen sailor) Judging by the laughter it appeared that everyone enjoyed the 'performance'. We all gathered in the bar afterwards to enjoy a drink on Mike. It was a happy reminder of our days in Ladies Circle when we preformed annually at Round Table nights.

On a more serious note, in July four Tangent members took part in the annual Weldmar Hospice Midnight Walk. Lynne Brown, Chris McGowan, Moira Smith and Viv Crumbleholme were sponsored by fellow members, family and friends and raised over £800 for this local charity. It was an amazing sight as 900 ladies walked along Weymouth seafront wearing flashing bunny ears!

We have had a fairly active year so far, with a swimming evening, Ten Pin bowling, a walk on the Jurassic coast followed by a picnic and enjoyed an afternoon cream tea in Abbotsbury. As the Autumn evenings approach we shall be returning to our informal coffee meetings and catching up with everyone's summer news.

Vivien Crumbleholme
President
Weymouth Tangent 818

BILSTON TAKE AIM!

Thirteen ladies met up one dark October evening outside an old grey building in a small enclave of Wolverhampton. No one really knew what to expect, but one thing was for sure - tonight many bullets would be fired……. So into the building we all trooped for the monthly Bilston Tangent meeting. Tonight our chairman Gill had arranged an evening of Air Rifle Shooting at the National Indoor Shooting centre.

We were shown the basics - How to load the rifles, how to fire them, where to fire them and where not to fire them.…. Haha. A really enjoyable evening was had by all, and I'm pleased to report that the only injuries sustained were a few aching arms the following day from loading and firing the rifles.

KINGSBRIDGE & DISTRICT

Kingsbridge and District Tangent Club held a coffee morning in aid of Kingsbridge Outreach and Triangle Centre.

Chairman, Ann Corr presented a cheque for £200 to Pat Moore who is a volunteer at the Triangle centre.

SOUTH WEST REGIONAL LUNCH

City of Wells Tangent planned a big event for the South West Regional Lunch on October 5th at the Haynes Motor Museum near Yeovil, and what a fantastic day it proved to be!

More than 250 ladies attended, plus a good number of husbands who had driven members to the event and came in at the end to hear the speaker, Simon Weston the Falklands veteran. He gave a very interesting and entertaining talk about his life and experiences before and after the Falklands.

City of Wells Tangent had worked hard to get sponsors for the day, and the raffle prizes included a holiday for 4 in Marbella and a Mulberry handbag. At the end of the meal a cheque for £2000 was presented to National President Karen for her charity Look Good Feel Better.
WOMEN’S REVENGE

‘Cash, cheque or charge?’ I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her bag. ‘So, do you always carry your TV remote?’ I asked. ‘No,’ she replied, ‘but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.’

Sudoku

Cakes & Biscuits

“This life is what you make it. No matter what, you’re going to mess up sometimes, it’s a universal truth. But the good part is you get to decide how you’re going to mess it up. Girls will be your friends - they’ll act like it anyway. But just remember, some come, some go. The ones that stay with you through everything - they’re your true best friends. Don’t let go of them. Also remember, sisters make the best friends in the world. As for lovers, well, they’ll come and go too. And baby, I hate to say it, most of them - actually pretty much all of them are going to break your heart, but you can’t give up because if you give up, you’ll never find your soulmate. You’ll never find that half who makes you whole and that goes for everything. Just because you fail once, doesn’t mean you’re gonna fail at everything. Keep trying, hold on, and always, always, always believe in yourself, because if you don’t, then who will, sweetie? So keep your head high, keep your chin up, and most importantly, keep smiling, because life’s a beautiful thing and there’s so much to smile about.”

Marilyn Monroe

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NORTHERN REGIONAL LUNCH

Northwich Tangent 426 hosted this year’s Northern Lunch on 29th June at Cranage Hall Hotel near Holmes Chapel. It was a lovely day and the tickets were all sold out, so everything was set for a fantastic day of friendship, food and of course a few shopping opportunities! Our own National President Karen was in attendance. Members had a range of stalls selling handbags, jewellery and other accessories to browse while meeting friends and having a small glass of something after their journeys. This was followed by an excellent lunch and then the speeches.

Our speaker for the day was “Jen the Pen” who gave an inspirational and amusing talk about her life; she had fought and succeeded as a woman in male dominated industries at a time when this was not the norm. Following a wonderful raffle, members left for home. Monies raised were divided between Karen’s charity Look Good, Feel Better and the Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital.

TRENT VALLEY TANGENT NO. 341.
WIMBLEDON THEMED GARDEN PARTY – MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2013

Come in Wimbledon colours and be there for 7pm were the instructions for the annual Tangent Garden Party which this year was to have a Wimbledon theme at the home of Ruth and hosted by Ruth and Jackie, our Programme Secretaries.

We duly arrived to find Malcolm, Ruth and Jackie serving Bucks Fizz.

After which we were invited to move into the garden to play the ‘garden games’. Pam was brilliant on the Trampoline – Gail won at Bowles and Treena and Fay had two very exciting games of draughts.

Sylvia and Joyce played putting – Irene and Gina had a go at Quoits while Heather (our Treasurer) collected our monies and Janet looked on giving everyone encouragement.

We were invited to take our seats at the tables which looked absolutely lovely laid with beautiful china and the delicious afternoon tea Ruth and Jackie served. Everyone enjoyed the tea – the Treasurers work is never done.

Our President and Vice President – the Secretary was busy taking photos.

And of course we had to have Strawberries and Treena’s ‘T’ shirt amused us all.

The weather was quite kind to us in that it did not rain but it was not as warm as we had before or since but we enjoyed ourselves immensely.
DUNMOW TANGENT’S FRIENDSHIP EVENING

Once again Dunmow Tangent held their annual Friendship Evening on Tuesday June 18th at The Hunters Meet Restaurant in Hatfield Heath.

We were delighted to welcome National President Karen Durie and our guest speaker Jill Raggett who gave a super talk on Japanese Gardens.

Members from more than 10 Tangent groups attended and the evening was most successful. The restaurant again did us proud with everyone choosing a three course meal from an extensive menu. How they manage to do it so efficiently still leaving time for a speaker and a talk by Karen is quite amazing. Karen even had time to induct a new member, Sheila Lipson, into the club. Thank you to everyone involved in planning the evening and we all look forward to next year.

Mary Clarke and Lin Keightley, Joint Chairmen of Dunmow Tangent Club.

The photograph shows Karen Durie inducting new member Sheila Lipson into Dunmow Tangent Club.

Left to right Sue King Past Chairman of Dunmow, Karen Durie National President, Mary Clarke Joint Chairman of Dunmow, Lin Keightley Joint Chairman of Dunmow.

ST NEOTS CELEBRATIONS

Past and present members of St Neots Tangent and St Neots Ladies Circle celebrated the 40th and 50th Charters of the two clubs at St Neots Golf Club recently.

The event was attended by both National Presidents of the clubs, founder members as well as members from other local Tangent and Circle clubs in the area.

Fiona Muir Chairman of St Neots Tangent said
“To have the National Presidents of both St Neots Ladies Circle and St Neots Tangent as guests at our celebratory Joint Charter has made it a truly memorable evening. It was so lovely to see members past and present including founder members.”

Sarah Arber St Neots Ladies Circle Chairman said
“It was fabulous to celebrate 50 years of St Neots Circle. We had lots of former members including 2 founder members join us.”

An amazing evening was had by all of those that attended.

NORTHAMPTON NENE 519

For our May meeting Golf Driving at a nearby Golf Centre was organised. We could hire a club for £1 and a bucket of 20 balls for £1. Well, we caused chaos before we even got on the practice driving range. We (nearly) all paid £1 for a club. I made sure I had a ‘wooden’ one as the head is bigger! I say nearly all as Ann turned up with her golf bag plus clubs over her shoulder. I told her not to stand near me and show me up. Into the ball dispenser room we went. Hilary ended up in charge of putting the £1 coins into the machine and was doing a fine job - UNTIL - my £1 went in and balls ended up all over the floor. She had forgotten to put the basket underneath to catch them. Well - there were giggling bodies everywhere trying to catch these balls. Anyone just outside who was trying to have a serious practice - NO WAY.

It was a good evening and something different - for me anyway.

Next meeting we are going round a Rapeseed Oil Farm. Again, something different for our members to enjoy.

Pat Kaye

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Sheila Postins - Past National President 1999 - 2000

It is with deep sadness that we report the death of Sheila on 5th June 2013. Sheila was a member of Daventry Ladies Circle where she was Chairman and then Area Chairman before joining Tangent. Her first initiation to the Tangent Executive was in a new position as Secretary Elect where she learnt the skills required to take on the duties as Secretary of the Association. During this period she had surgery for breast cancer and due to the friendship, support and prayers she experienced from fellow members far and wide, she decided she must recognise the importance Tangent took in her recovery by standing for National President.

Sheila was always ready for a challenge - always with a project on the horizon and full of enthusiasm to carry it through. Those of us who had the pleasure of working with her on the Executive and knew her in her private life knew she would never stop until the task was fulfilled - always with a smile - full of ideas for the good of the Association. We were all inspired by her drive and energy.

Her love of sunshine took her to Cyprus where she and Chris had a property built to her specification, where she could enjoy visits from family and friends, who were always welcome. She was hospitable to all - enjoying life to the full.

Her last big function was to attend the Midland Lunch in February happily supporting the type of occasion she had always enjoyed. Her health deteriorated from then on, and sadly she was unable to win the ultimate challenge.

Chris and Sheila celebrated their Golden Wedding in 2012 when family and friends had a wonderful day - we send our heartfelt condolences to Chris, Steven & Pippa, Caroline & Nick and those dear grandchildren Sophia, Sacha and Freddie to whom Sheila was so devoted.

We have all lost a great friend - one whose impact on Tangent was immense - an inspiration to us all.

Thank you Sheila for your time with us.

Passing Friends

Brenda Cowell
Founder member Wotton-Under-Edge & District 534

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Past Chairman and Founder member Bridgnorth 587

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Marjorie Humphrey
Founder President First in Ireland 140

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Past National President

June Cornall
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Regarding Obituaries...

Please send your articles and digital photographs for Issue 70 by
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Dear Members

There has been a change in the mailing distribution, and enclosed are individual copies of the magazine for each of your members which I am sure they will enjoy reading.

The numbers are based on the capitation fees paid.

I would be most grateful to hear if any one is receiving duplicate copies, perhaps because they are a Past National Officer, or for any other reason, so that the printer’s list can be amended in order to make it as economical as possible.

For the Spring edition of the magazine in February 2014, copies will only be posted to clubs, unless I receive a specific request, say from an Independent member who no longer has any contact with a club.

It would be also helpful to know if each of the RT family executive members would still like to receive an individual copy in the future.

We do hope that you enjoy this greater access to Tangent information and news, as although many of our members readily log on to our website www.tangent-clubs.org and the club contacts are receiving email updates and information, some do not have that opportunity.

Please do come back to me on secretary@tangent-clubs.org if you require any further information, or are able to inform me of members receiving more than one copy of the magazine.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in continuing friendship,

Melodie Brookes
National Secretary 2013-2016