A few words from the Editor...

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the "New" Edition of the Tangent News. I am sure that you, like me, are very pleased to welcome all the new clubs that have affiliated and re-affiliated this year. These include 14 new clubs to the Tangent family. The numbers range from Oban to Melbourne. Congratulations to all concerned.

Thanks to the generosity of David Chilvers, we have been able to publish an introduction to the new clubs. This is a much-needed update to the National Executive's report, as the number of clubs has grown significantly in recent years. The list includes all the new clubs that have joined us this year, along with some of the existing clubs that have renewed their memberships.

Dear Ladies

Well where has the year gone? I am sitting here on a snowy afternoon writing my final article for the magazine as President with three quarters of the year behind me and whilst I’ve already made lots of memories and treasures I know that I will be making many more before I see you in Blackpool. Between now and the AGM there are 2 more regional lunches in Norwich and Belfast, Round Tables 90th Birthday to celebrate and lots more clubs to visit including 2 new clubs to charter.

Since the last magazine went to press I’ve visited many clubs: I’ve kept to the numbers a secret at the moment; and been to speaking events and meetings with some fabulous speakers including Dr. Amanda Mansfield, Howard Dorman in history, what I’ve been enjoying the most is the opportunity to have a conversation with you rather than just being up on stage making a speech. I’m looking forward to meeting many more of you before April but I hope you have very few dates left if you want to write to me to invite you.

I think it’s wonderful that clubs are not just celebrating all the special number birthdays, some of you have a birthday celebration every year.

I have already chartered two new clubs, Chilvers Bell’s and Evesham, both of whom have already increased their membership since they affiliated earlier in the year. Welcome to the family, ladies. I hope you make many more friends.

Since the summer ended my diary has included some very special events, the Women of the Year lunch at the Intercontinental Hotel on Park Lane with 399 other women including Ladies’ Club President Alex Bonner. Every woman who is invited to the event has achieved something extraordinary in whatever walk of life she comes from. The lunch is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate their bravery, determination, compassion and success. This year the Women of the Year Special Award honours the Hibbs of Hibbs for working tirelessly for 27 years to establish the truth of what happened at the Hillsborough football stadium dinner on 15 April, 1999.

The South East Regional Lunch held by Bournemouth Tangent was once again a fabulous affair, the venue, the Royal College of Physicians in Regents Park is beautiful and the speaker, Richard Griffin MBE, The Queen’s Police Officer, kept us enthralled with tales of her Majesty and other members of the Royal Family.

I can’t find the words to tell you how much of an honour it was to represent the Association on Remembering Sunday at the Cenotaph, it was truly special day.

The final event before the much-needed break over Christmas was the Ladies’ Night out at Loch Fyne restaurant, led by Mark Smith, I am sure there were some sore heads the next day.

Your Executive have just spent the weekend in preparation for the AGM in Blackpool, looking at the Nominations & Propositions we’ve received, we would love to see you there, especially as we will be hosting the Tangent Club International (TCI) AGM on the Friday afternoon. You don’t have to attend the whole weekend, you can just come for the day, both AGMs are free but we would like to have an idea of how many chairs need to be put out, so on Saturday you will need to per book for the lunch. – Paula x

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Torquay Tangle 946
We were delighted to hear in May 2016 that we had a wonderful change of pace at the Garlyn Hotel, Torquay, as we were really pleased to share the day with ladies from both Torquay Tangle & Torquay Ladies Circle.
Unfortunately Paula was unable to join us on the day due to a Regional Lunch engagement but we were delighted when she was able to join us at Grenville House in Galloxton, a nearby National Trust Property a few months later and induct her two new members.

Macclesfield Ladies Tangent 78
Macclesfield Ladies Tangent present a cheque for £300 to Sally Broughton of the East Cheshire Hospital. Macclesfield are the annual Melton Wines and Minnie Pie morning.
The money was raised at the Joint Chairman’s Dinner Tangent and 4 Clubs in August and the Hospice is the chosen Charity for this year.

Chepstow and District Tangent Club 628
Chepstow Tangent members raised £1300 for Brain Tumour Research after the death of one of our members from this illness. The money was raised from a ticketed Raffle event held at a members’ house which was named ‘Swingin’ for Stars’. Generousaffle prizes were donated by local businesses and retailers. A cheque for this amount was presented to Brain Tumour Research at the St Pierre Manor Hotel, Chepstow.

Tenny Tangent 452
Mary Rossett is a member of Tenny Tangent and indeed one of the founder members of Tenny Circle. She is well known in Torquay for her golfing prowess and for being the only female Captain of Torquay Golf Club. Apart from that she is an all-round good egg and one of those people you’d choose to be stuck in a lift with.
Accordingly, we were delighted to spend a glorious afternoon in Mary’s garden overlooking the North Beach of Torquay and the perfect setting to launch Mary’s book – “Memory of my Grandmother”. The book reflects cherished days in Mary’s childhood, coloring the sadness and grief of a long life well lived, beautiful reminiscences of the ordinary and extraordinary. The pottery book was illustrated by the talented Samuel Gatherer.
Always full of verse and rhythm, Mary gathered her poems together in view thanks to Cynthia Prime Trust, a charity close to Mary’s heart, as her gran-grandad Caleb suffered from the debilitating condition. To date she has raised over £200.
Everyone had a lovely afternoon in the sunshine and enjoyed the large selection of homemade cakes available.

Gordano Valley Tangent Club
Happy birthday from Gordano Valley Tangent Club to their member Jean Gallow who celebrated her 90th birthday in November 2016.

Hats off to Londonderry Tangent 730
At a recent meeting of Londonderry Tangent the guest speaker was Buba, who owns a wide range of vintage hats. She had many of which had been in her family for many years. She also showed how our great grandparents’ tall and floppy hats were made. All members brought their own hats. Most of these also had stories – often of the one that distinguished us as a dandies in a downmarket at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, or the one worn by the model of the year that made her look like a Chinese empress according to a peer; and the one which has been on loan to so many others that the owner has lost count! A great evening of fun and memories was had by all.

Bognor Regis Tangent 394
Bognor Regis Tangent held their January meeting at the bowling alley in Chichester. A great time was had by all and the grand winner presented with a medal.

Northampton Nene 519
Our Feb 2016 meeting was something we have not done before! We were given two items belonging to us! We all took along an item to put on a table and you had to guess who you thought that item belonged to. When revealed, each member explained what the item meant to them. We finished with a joyful supper of desserts only.
Your Tangent NEEDS YOU!
Volunteers are sought for the Blackpool Conference
Shop assistance, volunteers are sought for Thursday and Friday.
Please contact Jack

Minutes Secretary are needed for the AGM.
Please contact Cyril

South West Regional Lunch
On September 24th 2016 Wessex Link Tangent hosted over 100 members at the South West Regional Lunch on the waterfront of Bristol. The previous 11 months had been spent planning the lunch to make it a successful day. Our guest speaker Sue Ann Charter, entertained us with stories of being the daughter of a famous footballer Bobby Charter and also working in a male dominated profession at the Meteorological Office.

We were lucky with the weather on the day and many members were able to enjoy their coffee and pre lunch drink outside on the patio.

On the Friday prior to the lunch we hosted the Executive for the meeting and followed this with supper at National Golf Club where we were joined by members of Wessex Link.

Welsh Regional Lunch
Hosted by Penarth and District 902
Saturday 20th May 2017
At Hilton Hotel, Cardiff City Centre
Arrival from 11.30am for Buck's Fizz Reception followed by Lunch at 12.30pm

Speaker: Music through the Decades – Bring your dancing shoes!

For booking details go to:
http://tangents-wales.org.uk/penarth-lunch-20th-may-2017/Booking details can also be found on Facebook

South Eastern Regional Lunch 2017

Gillingham & Shaftesbury Tangent Club No 339
Present Garry J Foley
ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST

Elvis Extravaganza Luncheon
in aid of Julia’s House
Saturday March 11th 2017
12.00 noon for 12.30pm
The Crown Hotel, Blandford
£30.00 per head
For Tickets Please Call
01258 269658
07919 030574

“A Legend will be in the building”
I had a long held dream to visit India, so when the 41 Club International HYM was to be held in Bangalore it was an ideal opportunity to attend the Tangent India AGM, get together with international friends and turn my dream into reality. I wasn’t disappointed.

Along with newly elected Vice President Melodie and club members from Tangent and 41 Clubs around the world, what turned out to be, the experience of a lifetime, India is an assault on the senses... colours, sights, sounds and textiles are all gloriously vivid.

Dave and I joined the Golden Triangle Tour, visiting Agra, Ranthambore and Jaipur before flying down to the Conference in Bangalore. India was hot, dry and busy but we were well catered for by our guides from Goa and Kings and stayed in excellent hotels. We were excited to see the Taj Mahal and join the crowds, venturing into the heart of this wonder of the world. In contrast, Agra town is a dichotomy of wealth and poverty and we witnessed the extremes as we travelled in our tour coach.

Next stop was the Ranthambore National Park, happily we saw 2 of the famous tigers at very close range. Awesome description the experience. We also saw a bear, antelope, buffalo, monkeys and a fabulous array of the most colourful birdlife.

On to Jaipur and the extraordinary Amber Fort and soaring temperatures.

All the 41 Club HYM, 41 Club India and Tangent India AGM meetings were presented by ‘colourful and Indian’ style. I am not used to wearing the brightest of colours, but inside the palace in traditional dress and there is no doubt, I did feel part of proceedings and it was very summery.

Conference delegates enjoyed Indian hospitality at the horse parties, hosted by local 41 Club and Tangent members and their families. Bhojali was komening and hounses were festooned with hundreds of small tea lights.

One of the best memories was the fireworks display at the Tangent India AGM, the sound of the airwaves and the thud of the fireworks were incredible.

Melodie, my hostess, was ever so hospitable and the excitement and the food were absolutely out of this world.

The atmosphere was electric and the entertainment was outstanding. The conference was a success and the atmosphere was electric.

On return to the UK, I took a couple of days to rebuild our energy and I certainly enjoyed the intensity of Indian life... no wonder I go back?

YES, YES, YES.
Ruth Lamb
Nominee for National Treasurer 2017

I joined Salisbury Ladies Circle in 1993 and got introduced to the amazing world of Circle with Melodie Brooker. I am really sorry she dropped out and the loss of her members. I had a young baby at the time, one Mr and couldn’t quite believe how much could be achieved when a group of ladies teamed up together! It was so inspiring and from what I had imagined it was going to be.

The Fellowship of Salisbury was shortened due to the birth of my son and I found myself in Taunton, where I was further inspired by Circle life by the likes of Pat Paulson and Jenny Beren again, not name dropping. Again, this was shortened but had a remarkable effect on me. From there on Circle became very important to me and the true value of a group of like-minded ladies really and working every time I was pushed from place to place, with children in tow, was unaccomplishable. Bertie and then Noreen and Doris followed in quick succession where committees, chairmanship and area involvement were natural progression.

I finally settled down in Mendip Circle where I did a tour of duty as Area Treasurer. I am still in Mendip Tangent as a founder member when some of the group’s fullbodied formed the national organisation. A few of us seemed to keep the links to the National Organisation which could have easily slipped away. I am also a member of Weston-super-Mare Tangent where Pat Paulson endures as well as the circle continues.

I retired from a career in teaching last year, having spent the last 30 years helping students (who were not quite ones the value and importance of a decent place and that big numbers are not that frightening) you just need to be in control of them. I am not an accountant but I have a good eye for numbers, an instant attraction to good value and a dislike of waste in any form (I even make soap from veggie oil instead of our normal soap). As I have more time now that I have retired (or as they say), it’s my time to give something back to the association that has meant so much to me in my life, so further the friendships made in my old Circles and progress Tangent and to help keep the Association cost effective for its members, now and in the future.

Sales and Regalia

Hi! All hope that you all had a good Christmas and wish you a very happy and healthy new year. I am truly enjoying my time on the National Executive and would strongly recommend anyone that is thinking of standing for a post to go for it, you only get out of Tangent what you put in it! Here’s with any club or organisation so please don’t hold back for you it you have a great time I am sure of it. Even with all the difficulties with the Regalia supplier’s last year I am holding a half of a time with Ruth and her wonderful team and I am really looking forward to the Tangent’s year.

As most of you already know I had major back surgery last March and I am now on the waiting list to have an epidural injection on my back so here’s hoping that it works well and that the pain is reduced. I will only be able to be half an hour at a time – the doctors need to use my phone alarm going off in meetings and me standing up and having a short walk around.

I have a really exciting year ahead of me as my daughter Jade is getting married on 17th June 2017 after being with her young man for ten years, who is not rushing into marriage but taking her time! The plans are going fine at the moment and I even have my outfit hung in the wardrobe waiting to be worn.

Jill Harris
Nominee for Vice President 2017

Hello Everyone, I joined Tangent when our circle in East Grinstead unfortunately closed when I was in my mid 50’s, over 20 years ago and although everyone was considerably older than they have welcomed me and I was on the committee for five years later. I also belong to the chaser club City of London. I have been very fortunate to be your National Treasurer for the last 2 years which I have thoroughly enjoyed although I have no idea why I accepted the position originally as the role position which interested me was National Secretary, I have a habit of never saying no and I would definitely not turn the club back for anything. I meet all over the world with the four club family and have a good knowledge of how the 3 other club families work at National Level which I hope will greatly benefit if I am successful in becoming your National Vice President. Hoping to see many of you around over the next few months as my stash continues.

My family is very important to me with 2 children and 3 grandchildren which I love at every opportunity when I am not working on Tangent business. I am a very full life 24 hours a day not really being enough to do it all but somehow always managing it, people that know me would agree.

The four Club families have given me tremendous support over the last 2 years when I really needed it and I hope if given the opportunity I can give something back to this wonderful organisation that has been a large part of my family’s life since the beginning of the 1980’s.

Knutsford Tangent
celebrates 30 years of fun and continuing friendship

Knutsford Tangent have been celebrating their 30th Anniversary with a Spa Day at Rowley Hall Hotel in Cheshire.

Chairman Di and members were pampered, pampered, polished and rejuvenated throughout the day with a series of treatments. Several of the more energetic also headed to the gym whilst others just enjoyed relaxing around the pool with a good book, or experiencing the different chilled-out rooms with accompanying soothing music.

In the afternoon, 12 much younger looking ladies enjoyed an afternoon tea time with Champagne to toast our continuing friendship as the years pass all too quickly. Here’s to the next 30 years!
Dear Tangent Magazine Editor,

In NAC and RTT there are national and area organisations as well as the grass roots clubs. In CIC they have councilors representing each region. In Tangent we only have the national executive and the grass roots club, with nothing in between. This can sometimes lead to a communication gap and feeling of potential isolation for grass roots clubs. Is it time to restructure? Can councilors in the 7 Tangent regions South West, South East, Midlands, Northern England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland?

Consultation could:
1. Be contact point between grass roots club and the particular region and the national executive, helping communication throughout the organisation;
2. Strengthen links with Establishment specifically to help bring more members through;
3. Be the liaison points for regional branches and/or AGM in their region;
4. Liasie with relevant 4 Club, Ladies Club and Round Table in mutual beneficial communication, and be the 4 club family representative at events;
5. Be the public face of the organisation in local PR/giving the profile of the Association;
6. Liaise on Establishment, new clubs, new members, and/or Disabilities, helping struggling clubs;
7. Visit clubs in the region, to understand issues, bring national news, raise on contact information;
8. Provide magazine articles on events/activities in the region and ensure credits.

Nominators could be encouraged to volunteer from the relevant region and the 7 councilors attend a couple of the national executive meetings each year (making these council meetings less daunting). The councilors would of course work very closely with the national executive.

There will be a host of events to consider. The constitution could be amended express to special clubs and special events. Councilors could be home-based or appropriate accommodations - so we do not drive the national executive. The cost of these additional roles to the organisation is estimated at £50 per member.

Having the role of councilor in each region could broaden and strengthen our organisation, and potentially increase the efficiency communication, PR and membership activities. National councilors can consider going onto the national executive once they have worked alongside and seen the workings of the organisation. The costs involved would be seen as an investment in the future of our Association.

(Name and Club Position)

I would very much like to see the Tangent Newsletter develop a format to share and discuss ideas. If you have any comments on the foregoing or would like to raise your own matters please, email me at editor@tangent-club.org - Editor.

Yours sincerely,

Molly Brookes
Tangent National Vice President in Membership

Hello Ladies

Glynis Sutton
Tangent Secretary 2016-17

Happy New Year to everyone!

As I have mentioned before, we have been sending our communications by email rather than printing and posting, in order to save the Association money.

Along with your three Tangent magazines, club contacts will receive the following information:

February
AMG agenda, AGM minutes, Voting forms, AGM invoice
Links to above

March
Update on conference, instructions regarding new forms (available straight after AGM)

April
President’s welcome, AGM summary, Directory and Capitation forms

May/June
TUC report, Regional branch information/minutes

July/Aug.
New Directory, AGM minutes

Sept/Oct
Nomination and Proposing forms, Conference information

November
Directory update

December
Xmas greetings, Conference information

In addition, we will be sending out digital newsletters, social information and invitations. Please make sure you look at your email at least monthly as these will always be something of interest.

Club Contacts are the lifeline of Tangent clubs, receiving information and passing it around the membership, and we are extremely grateful to those of you who take on this role. Please do ensure we have the correct club contact details to keep the communication as efficient as possible.

The AGM is now my focus and much work goes into planning and preparations - preparing and printing the Agenda and accounts; ensuring the venue and menu planner is suitable; ensuring all the registration and voting information is available and correct, etc. This isn’t happen without the fantastic work of the Blackpool Conference team, many thanks for all their help and support.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the lunches, or at the AGM in April.

Glynis

Ladies Circle Report

For us Circle watch is all about a new chapter in our lives. Over the past year we have supported several Circles to open up new Tangent ‘Tingle’ clubs and worked closely with Tangent to increase the number of outgoing Circles making the transition between our clubs.

We want to strengthen our RT Family links – so we’re happy to support ladies over 45 coming our way. All our membership drives by linking them with existing Tangent Clubs or supporting them in opening new Tangents where there isn’t one currently. We’re working with 50 clubs with you, our sister club, to make it happen.

New Challenges It’s always good to challenge yourselves and this year I’ll be purchasing out of a pint! The day has been booked for the 8th March 2017 in Redditch.

There’s no stopping me either - the following day I’ll be running the Bradford 10K for Epilepsy Action. Why do things by half I say – I’m no runner but I’m taking the #BackAndBetter approach and why not? And I’m not alone in taking on the challenge it’s going to be a RT family event Friday 10th March at the lovely Danesfield House, Maidenhead/Bridgford from Ladies & District Tingle running to jumping wellness, and we will have Round Table President Mark House, taking the plunge too... We can achieve anything we put our minds to.

Alex B
Tangent Club International update

The Tangent Club International (TCI) half-year meeting took place on 17th September 2016 onboard the MS Silja Serenade, whilst cruising Helsinki – Stockholm – Helsinki.

The meeting was chaired by President Anna Almroth with representatives of 6 Countries (including GB) being present.

The Board members each gave a report and there was much interest in their reports. On behalf of Pam, Patrick reported that the board had met three times prior to that time. She reported on the drilling and the significant activities. The board is also celebrating a significant anniversary this year.

The board also discussed the TCI member countries. On behalf of Pam, Patrick reported on the regional meetings and the significant activities.

From the other countries notable was Norway’s report that they were currently considering hosting a TCI meeting in 2017.

The TCI board also discussed the TCI member countries. On behalf of Pam, Patrick reported on the regional meetings and the significant activities.

The Tangent Club International AGM will take place in Blackpool on 21st April 2017.

Recommendaions have been received from the TCI board

Recommendation to amendment of TCI rules (f) from the TCI board

Current rule:

(f) Termination of membership

1. If a full member country does not attend TCI Board Meetings, their participation in the TCI AGM or TCI HVM for two consecutive years, their membership will be terminated.

2. If an associate member country does not attend the TCI AGM or TCI HVM for three consecutive years, their membership will be terminated.

Amended rule:

(f) Termination of membership

1. If a full member country does not pay the capitation fee and/or stay in contact with TCI for two consecutive years, their membership will be terminated.

2. If an associate member country does not stay in contact with TCI for two consecutive years, their membership will be terminated.

Recommendations continued

Explanations:

TCI is a young organization and we can offer no financial support to our membership countries. To demand participation in TCI HVM or AGM, would make it impossible for small Tangent countries to continue their membership in TCI, because of financial difficulties. Furthermore, we have today a very special situation in one of our associate countries that makes travelling extremely difficult, if not impossible. To exclude a country, it has been in contact with the TCI Board and has sent in all reports, because of financial or other difficulties, it is in accordance with the TCI rules to maintain ongoing contacts. Since we all at the last AGM voted for a capitation fee for full membership countries, this also has to be reflected in the rule above.

Regarding proposals for amendments to TCI Rules and Objectives by the TCI board

Current articles and objectives:

To promote and strengthen international friendships established through Ladies Circle International.

To promote, encourage and support new international friendships between Tangent Club Countries worldwide.

To assist LCI wherever and whenever called upon.

To work side-by-side with H International and Round Table International.

To be non-political and non-denominational.

Change to:

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Explanations:

This change would uphold our Articles and Objectives more in line with reality. We have already worked side-by-side with all the organizations in the Round Table family, for instance in the All 4 Nepal project and to name a few and leave out the others doesn’t make sense. If we make this amendment we are free to cooperate with any other organization in the Round Table family, if we wish.

30th of December 2019, the TCI board

These recommendations are to be discussed and voted on at the Tangent Club International AGM taking place in Blackpool on 21st April 2017. If your club has any views on these recommendations please contact either Pam or Alex.
Tangent President Paula gets the ‘Itch’ with 41!

Tangent National President Paula Farnfield, attended the annual ‘ITCH Challenge’ between members of Isis Area 41 Club and Isis Tangent.

The ‘challenge’ was at the Cotswold Lodge Hotel in Oxford and takes place every year for the coveted ITCH Challenge Trophy.

Many different competitions have taken place over the years including bingo, quizzes, beetle drive, bowling, tangrams etc. with the intention that the winner organises the following year’s event. Somehow both teams always hoped not to win to avoid this!

This year the challenge was a singing competition. To a specially written version of The Twelve Days of Christmas the 41’ers sang alternate verses to the ladies from Tangent.

President Paula and the guests were asked to vote on the best singing team with the intention that the team with the lowest score won the challenge.

Well of course it worked and Tangent got the highest vote – hardly surprising with Paula being head of the judging panel - and guess what - 41 are now organising next year!

Paula, also updated the meeting on her charity ‘Kicktime’ and a cheque for £120 was presented to her to support this.

Pictured is Isis Area 41 Club Vice-Chairman Steve Shipp receiving the coveted trophy from Tangent National President Paula.

Martin Green
41 Club National President
2013-2014