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Farewell ......
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Hello and Welcome to the new Tangent year.

Harrogate was a great conference and thanks must go to all those who worked so hard to make it a success. At the AGM and in the time honoured way, we said goodbye to Karen Duke and Jill King and we welcomed three new members to the National Executive, Paula, as our new Vice-President, Jill as Treasurer and Jackie took on the challenge of the new role of Executive Administrator. Congratulations and welcome to you all.

The Tangent Clubs International conference took place the week after Harrogate, in Cyprus and I know there was a good contingent from the UK there too. Amongst the various items, Dave brought back was one that left me thinking. It was an LC1 pin badge from Charlotte Wiggel, National President of LCI 2014-15 and inscribed in tiny but very clear lettering was her motto for the year ‘Empower, Encourage, Enjoy’. What a great vision! Empowering people is a freeing experience…it’s fun to encourage people to try new ideas, watch them grow and let them go freely to enjoy their achievements... as Frank Zappa said; “a mind is like a parachute, it doesn’t work if it’s not open” and in this edition you will read about some members who have never let the grass grow under their feet, including one awarded an M.B.E, one a Mayoress, accompanying her Mayor husband and several more mature members, showing us all, that life is fun and doesn’t stop just because we are not in the first flush of youth!

Inspirational people are all around us if we just take a look and open our minds and cherish the numbers of requests I have received to promote events, and the limit on space, I have

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

Betty Arnett – Ripley 168
Elle Brook – Chesham 47
Sonia Burgess – Totnes 530
Betty Carrol – Gillingham 533
Shirley Day – Keynsham & District 104
Molly Dymoke – Narborough 137
Sylvia Fellowes – Redcar 530
Mary Foulkes – Ripley 158
Frances Leer – Kingsbridge & District 248
Mary Foulkes – Ripley 158
Sonia Burgess – Redcar 530
Betty Arnott – Ripley 158
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Shirley Woolacott – Gillingham 533
Audrey Weightman - Kingsbridge & District 248
Rosemary Wase – Shrewsbury 24
Jean Tyreman – Nidderdale 623
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Jean Audrey Smith – Sutton Coldfield 7
Pam Morris – Teignmouth 727
Stephanie Morpeth – Doncaster 62
Shirley Woolacott – Gillingham 533

REGARDING OBITUARIES...
Did you know that we record the names of members who have recently died in the magazine, but you can also celebrate their life, tell other Tangent members about their achievements and have pictures included if you wish. Please send anything you would like included to editor@tangent-clubs.org and they will be published in both places.

In memory of Vaughan...

ROUND TABLE CHILDREN’S WISH

Jen Turner

roundtablechildrenswish.org

TANGENT CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Date: 24th October 2015

Venue: The Great Hall, University of Nottingham.

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Round Table

Children’s Wish

Pauline Campbell

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to editor@tangent-clubs.org
Margaret Smith’s attention was caught by an article in a previous magazine about a Tangent outing on the Kennet and Avon canal and she wrote to share her experiences on her narrowboat ‘Pipedream’. I know that there are a few members who are enthusiasts out there – but even if you don’t know anything about the Canal system, read on and enjoy!

There is something for everyone on the canals. We have learned more about the history and geography of our country since we had a narrowboat than we ever learnt at school. The first canal was built by the Romans but most of them were built in the 18th century financed by businessmen like Josiah Wedgwood of pottery fame, dug by hand and with some amazing feats of engineering like the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct on the Llangollen Canal, the Standedge Tunnel going through the Pennines and the Anderton Lift going from the Trent and Mersey Canal to the River Weaver and flights of locks like the Caen Hill Flight on the Kennet and Avon Canal designed and built by self-taught engineers, no computers then!

You can experience the most beautiful scenery with almost 3000 miles of interconnected waterways, canals and rivers, going to large cities like York, Guilford, Lincoln and Liverpool and through small picturesque villages and hamlets where there may not be a shop but there will be a pub and a hairdresser!

Travelling at a maximum of 4 mph you have time to stop and talk to all sorts of fascinating people, and time to look around you at the nature you are passing: from the tallest oaks and beeches to the tiniest orchid. The hedgerows change with the seasons, roses and holly in the spring, sloes and crab apples in the autumn and in winter hushing with frost and snow it is magical. There are so many birds and animals, kingfishers and kestrels, badgers and deer. It is a photographer’s delight.

Nowadays there is not so much trade on the canals, it is mostly for leisure and our modern day narrowboats are very different from the old working boats. We can have every luxury where they had none but even if you don’t fancy doing the lock work there are very comfortable hotel-boats in all parts of the country.

So if you have watched Timothy West and Prunella Scales (Great Canal Journeys) or John Sargenti (Barging Round Britain) and have been tempted – but even if you don’t know anything about the Canal system, read on and enjoy!

Margaret Smith (Maidstone Tangent 14)

Life on board Pipedream

Dear Members

Thank you, thank you, thank you for giving me this fantastic opportunity to be your National President.

I have had the best time as VP working in the fabulous exec team and making lifelong friends of the other six girls, maybe this was the best position, all the fun not so much responsibility!

But in Harrogate VP became P and the year begins. I am delighted to have Paula, Jill and Jackie on the team, and my congratulations go to them all.

Of course continuing with their hard work are the magnificent Melodee, super Sue, precious Pauline and Jeanne, Janice, the eight of us now making TEAM EXEC 2015-2016.

After coming home from Harrogate on Monday 20 April, I made my first presidential visit on the Tuesday, to a special club, close to my heart, and that was ABSO and at 6 the next morning left for the very first AGM of TGI, the Club International, where the highlights were the photoshoot for all 300+ attendees in the amphitheatre, and the very scummy homemade chocolate muffins!

So onwards and upwards, I have decided to keep in the family and support Round Table Children’s Wish this year. This is a small charity started by a Table back in 1990 and celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. All funds we can raise really will make a difference to this small charity and any profile we can give them would be a great boost.

Very welcome would be guaranteed income for them, so anybody willing to donate just £5 on a monthly basis would be most appreciated, please visit www.rtw.org Otherwise why not make a difference to this small charity and any profile we can give them would be a great boost.

Following the terrible earthquake tragedy in Nepal, I would also like to encourage you to consider supporting the efforts of the A41Nepal partners from the Round Table International family that includes Round Table International, Tangent Clubs International, 41 Club International, Ladies Circle International, WOCCO Foundation and Agora. Please follow the link to find out more www.a41nepal.org

Next week Scotland and then onto the east coast and the Isle of Man, meeting and greeting many friends new and old, hope to see you there somewhere……

Love and hugs
Alex
Hello Ladies!

Well, what did I say Yes for????

I was looking forward to a restful year when I was asked, would you put your name forward for Treasurer, so I said quite emphatically that’s not me, I’m not am accountable, you don’t have to be I was told, go on you can do it. Well I’m not that good at saying no and my husband Vaughan didn’t know there was such a word. So here I am your National Treasurer.

What I was not told was that you needed an extension for the job, my garage is now full of boxes and my home office has a new bookcase for Tangent files.

They say give a busy person a job and they will get it done, well I hope that is the case here, I am busy, I run my own business, have 2 children and 5 grand children that keep me busy. I try to help raise funds for RTCW as Vaughan was passionate about the charity and raised over £160,000 for them and I hope to make it a lot more. I am also involved in our village with fund raising for various charities and attend U3A meeting for Archaeology, Theatre, London Appreciation, local walks and other groups when I can as well as belonging to 2 Tangent Clubs, and associated with 4 others that Vaughan was a member of their 41 club and attending meetings for all of them when I can and that’s not that easy as 2 are in Spain, - that’s a hard life but someone has to do it!!

Seriously though I am here to help you, but bear with me as I am a ‘newbie’ to the job, I don’t know the answer I will find it but it may take a little time and perseverance, but I will get you an answer.

 Vaughan was Archivist for 41 International and the first question he was asked was whether there was ever a club in one of the Caribbean countries? I am afraid I can’t remember where and how it was that I ended up emailing the High commissioner and talking with his Secretery as I was informed he may be able to help, so you see I do try to get an answer to everything!

You will have the capitation form with this magazine, so if there are any queries, please come back to me. It is possible to pay by cheque or on line, if you have not got the form you can download from the new website www.tangent-club.org or call or email me. If you are using a personal cheque to pay, please make sure you write the club name and number on the back and your name and address on the back of the envelope. That way if the grand kids are helping me to open the envelopes we can easily link the capitation form and accompanying cheque! With the cost of postage, don’t use first class a day or two will not break the bank!!

A lot of the queries I have so far received are about our insurance policies. I am going to talk to our brokers and will put something on the new website www.tangent-club.org etc managed by the same company as the other three clubs of the Round Table family.

For those attending the Welsh Regional Lunch, my apologies that I could not make it. I look forward to meeting old friends and making many, many more new ones during my time on the National Executive.

Lastly with my Charity hat on. Please see the notice in this edition for RTCW items that will be sold on the website. There are some 14 items include a silk scarf and silk gloves, 41 Club Tie, many items of jewellery including the new ‘Tangent’ bookcase brooches. The shop will be at all the Regional lunches so please come and say hello.

Sue

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Hello to our ‘newbies’ in Maidenhead with my two pet cockatiels Barney and Daisy, they are as badly behaved as toddlers but have the advantage that I can ship I would love to talk to you about ideas for the future, not just friendships that have been made. Having responsibility for members may run differently all clubs share the same desire to continue the Looking forward to getting to know you better.

Jackie

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I would like to begin with saying a very big thank you for all those of you that voted for me as the very first National Executive Administrato.

Following my return home from National Conference, my year began by handling over the chair of my local Tangent Group Twyford & District. We had a lovely evening and shared the chocolates that were handed out to the National Executive by the new 41 Club President Terry at the NAGM, which were enjoyed by all present.

As I write this I have just returned from attending Ladies Circle Area 13 AGM which was a good laugh. We ended the meeting with a challenge of making our own fascinators which was great fun and showed how creative a group we are.

I am looking forward to the many exec meetings throughout the year for Regalia items a hold up like this causes huge issues as clubs try to be certain of having your out-going chairman’s jewel in time for your new President.

Hello Ladies!

Many of you have received your Regalia items rather late this year, and I would like to apologise on behalf of our suppliers for the inconvenience. They have had staffing and sickness issues which have meant that the processing and engraving of your past chairman’s bars and other jewels has been held up. Hopefully you will all have received your orders by the time you receive the magazine and I would like to thank you for your patience. As you can imagine with about 400 orders coming in over the year for Regalia items a hold up like this causes huge issues as clubs try to chase up their orders. Can I suggest that you don’t delay in sending in your order this year, but get it off to me during the summer so you can be certain of having your out-going chairman’s jewel in time for your AGM.

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In the meantime we will continue with the paper forms as before, and I look forward to receiving your orders for shop, regalia and mara-

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The Birmingham Conference Team present their wrap cracking, gun slingi

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version of GO WILD IN THE WEST MIDLANDS based in the Broad Street area of Birmingham which is within easy walking distance of The Bull Ring, famous for its shopping.

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Congratulations to Elaine Hopkins, the new Chairman of Ashbourne Tangent 437 who stepped into her new role (for the second time) on April 7th. Elaine (seen on the left) is standing next to Stella Young who is Ashbourne’s retiring Chairman and 92 years young!! Thank you to member Jacky Brown for sharing all!!

Outgoing Chairman, Carol Clark presents Pam Brain with the Reading Chain of Office. Reading Tangent 81 are delighted to introduce their new Tangent Chairman for the year 2015-2016 – Pam Brain. Pam was National President of Tangent in 1971-72 and was recently acknowledged at the National AGM. Pam took over as Reading Chairman on 1st April !!! (absolutely true and not an April Fool’s joke).

Reading report that Pam is still a very active, lively and interesting member of their Club and has already arranged speakers for the year, outings during the first two months of her year and a Fund Raising Lunch in the summer.

In September Pam is having a very special birthday, as she will be 90 years young. To add to the specialness of her role, Pam has realised that she is the 50th name on the Reading Chain of Office. Reading are in awe of Pam’s get up and go as are we…. Pam you are a true inspiration!

Happy Birthday Jean ….. 90 years young!

Jean Brown, a member of Bognor Regis and Chichester Tangent 394 for many years, celebrated her 90th birthday on 6th April 2015.

She joined Coulsdon and Purley Tangent Number 36 on leaving Ladies Circle and was chairman in 1965-66. Jean was their 3rd chairman. Jean subsequently retired to the south coast where she has become a very regular attender at Bognor Regis and Chichester Tangent meetings. Happy Birthday Jean!!!

Editor’s note: What a fabulous lady…. and the cake looks delicious!! We all hope you had a wonderful day!

Wanted! Host clubs for Regional Lunches

There is nothing that Tangent members enjoy more than a good get together over a glass (or two) of wine and a delicious lunch with friends!

How many times have you enjoyed these events over the years? Very many I’m sure. So how about talking to your fellow members about organising a Regional Lunch? We would very much welcome offers to host lunches over the next few years. Maybe a group of friends from several clubs in an area could come together to form a committee, as happened last year for the South East lunch. Although we have offers for the next two or three years in some regions, we still need offers into the future.

There is one member of the National Exec, the Sales & Regalia Officer, who has specific responsibility for supporting the Regional Lunches so don’t be afraid of not having advice and support on hand if you need it.

Although there is work and planning involved in organising such an event, it is also a good excuse for regular meetings for a group of friends as you plan and discuss your ideas. And afterwards a tremendous sense of achievement and a topic of discussion for years to come!

If you think that you may be interested in finding out a little more, with no commitment, please email sales@tangent-clubs.org and I will send you some guidelines.

Look forward to hearing from you! …Sue
There are more exciting ideas lined up for the next year too including having a go at Segway!

Lampeter & District Tangent 321 are all recently thrilled to hear that one of our girls had been awarded on M.B.E. in the New Years Honours list!

Judith Walters has been a faithful and reliable member of both Lampeter Ladies Circle and Lampeter Tangent so it was wonderful to hear that Judith was awarded her M.B.E. for Services to Young People through Girlguiding.

Judith moved to Lampeter as a newly-wed in 1971. She soon became part of the community by getting a job and learning Welsh. In 1972 she and a friend started a Guide unit in the town. She joined Lampeter Ladies circle and was Chairman twice in 1971-77 and again in 1989-91.

Judith took on various posts in Guiding including County Commissioner from 2001-12.

2012 was a special year when Girlguiding celebrated its centenary. Judith has been involved with camping, running camps with Lampeter Guides, County camps, National camps and jamborees. She has also led parties abroad to Holland and Switzerland and always spoken of the fun she had.

Judith felt she needed a challenge for her 60th birthday, so she joined a Girlguiding UK trip on the Great Wall of China. The trip helped raise funds for Girlguiding in Britain and abroad, and she describes it as a wonderful experience.

Judith has been an active member of Girlguiding for 42 years and is still the County International Adviser.

Lampeter Tangent are very proud of Judith, where she plays an active role and has been Chairman more than once!

This has been an exceptional year for new Tangent Clubs worldwide and it has been a fantastic opportunity to be part of it - Karen Dure

In the February magazine we reported that we were all in a dilemma with a lady in Urdu about setting up a Tangent Club there and it has now happened with Tangent Gill as their godmother. There was a major problem due to the war situation as we could not travel to Ukraine and they could not travel here so the Charter took place on Skype while the National Executive, a few other Tangent ladies and a couple of girls were all together in London together for the Irish Lunch on 29 March. It was a great fun, if a little difficult all gathered round an iPad, but we managed to present our charter certificate virtually over the internet. The main purpose of Tangent Ukraine is to raise money to support women and children affected by the war and we hope on help them do that. They have started with just 6 members but hope to grow very quickly. As Ukraine has affiliated to Tangent Gill are entitled to become Associate members of TCI and that happened at the 1st TCI AGM in Cyprus in 24 April 2015.

Editor’s note: I would love to do that!!! Have fun Ladies

Editor’s note: Tangent Ukraine: A very modern Charter!

The Charter of Finland Tangent also took place in Helsinki on 11 April 2015. Although they have formed just one club at start they have already 60 members so they may soon catch up with the other Scandinavian countries in terms of membership. They managed to Charter, elect a National Board and vote to become Full Members of TCI in all one day and they became Full Members of the AGM just 2 weeks later. Just how long it took us the UK - 15 years to form a National Board and 59 years to become founder members of TCI.

The 1st TCI AGM took place in Limassol, Cyprus on 24 April 2015 with representatives from all the founder countries except Hungary. Tangent Clubs from Lithuania, Belgium and Ukraine all become Associate members and Finland became a Full Member so TCI is growing fast.

The Charter of Zambia Tangent will take place at the TCI Half Yearly Meeting in Birmingham on the 24 October 2015. They are starting with 2 clubs – Copperbelt No 1 and Lusaka No 2, each having just 7 members. So they are too small at present to have a National Board they will become Associate members of TCI with Tangent Gill as their godmother country.

I have now handed over to Janice to find even more countries to form Tangent Clubs next year

Thank you for sharing

Editor's Note: I am looking forward to meeting the Ukrainian ladies and to see how they develop their Club in the years to come. I am sure Judith will do the same and can't wait to hear about their Club's progress.

Well, I haven't stopped for breath. So many people asked what I was going to do after my year as National President - relax, rest, put my feet up? Not a chance 2 days after returning home from Harrogate we got up at 7am to fly to Cyprus for the first ever TCI AGM in Limassol. We were represented by many Tangent ladies from all over the UK. The full minutes will be made available but a summary of events is as follows:

The TCI Board 2015/2016 will be:

TCI President Susanne Norager, Tangent Denmark
TCI Vice President Anna Akesson, Tangent Sweden

TCI Treasurer Gerda-Inger Kaasen, Tangent Norway
TCI Secretary la Patsalides Ioannou, Tangent Cyprus

Plus 2 Board members:

Tarja Tyonne Hietanen, Tangent Finland
Janice O'Neill, Tangent UK

Greetings were received from LC President Chantelle Wypall, Agora VP Ly Thanh Thu, 41 International President Caroline Flink, 41T President, Jason Thompson, George Philis 41 Club National President Cyprus.

TCI said goodbye and thank you to Karen Dure, 1st TCI Treasurer 2014/2015, after she gave the TCI Treasurer’s report. Income comprised affiliation fees from full members, associate members & the sale of TCI pens. I was proud to report that the UK has 13,035 members & 600 clubs. Kent Aquisi National President of Cyprus announced 45 members in 3 clubs, Helle Nielsen, VP Denmark announced 284 members with 8 new clubs. Gerda Inger Kaasen from Norway announced 28 members which have doubled since 2013, Anna Akesson announced 140 members in 10 clubs. Belgium is an Associate Member with 3 clubs & 50 members.

The total of TCI members is approximately 15,000 members, what an incredible club & how fast it is growing! TCI has received applications from Finland, Belgium, Lithuania, Ukraine, Zambili & India. As TCI is so new, there was a competition to propose the Greeting Toast for TCI. The winner was Cyprus with “Let the light of friendship touch the circle of the world like a Tangent of love”. Cyprus Tangent recommended 12 February to be introduced as the TCI Day which is just after LC Day.

I was in awe of the whole meeting but loved every second! I am looking forward to meeting the International members again at the Half Year Meeting in Birmingham in October when TCI joins 41 Club International at their half yearly meeting. I am also hoping to meet more Tangent members at the Ladies Circle/Round Table AGM in Amsterdam on 8th May where I will take TCI greetings.

Janice O’Neill
41 Club National President

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President’s Charity Ball
SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
for Round Table Children’s Wish
Venue: The Heritage Motor Centre, Warwickshire

Editor’s Note: Congratulations Bedford Tangent and 41 Club! A fantastic sum for a wonderful Charity

People in the attached photograph
Standing at the back, from the left:
Marian Browning – Bedford Tangent Club member and volunteer at Headway Bedford
Tony Bamford-Smith – Chairman Bedford 41 Club
Sarah Billington – Bedford Tangent Club member and club/volunteer at Headway Bedfor
Chris Butters – CEO Headway Bedford
Kathy Goodwin – Chairman Bedford Tangent Club

At the front, from the left:
John Bradbury – Bedford 41 Club and client at Headway Bedford
Linda Canzio – Chairperson Headway Bedford

When Kathy Goodwin took over the Chair of Bedford Tangent in April 2014 she wanted to try and raise money for a local charity. A member of Bedford Tangent, had unfortunately suffered a stroke the previous year but had been supported by Headway and at the same time this fantastic organisation was also supporting a member of Bedford 41 Club.

Headway Bedford is a service centre devoted to providing a holistic and client-centred approach to the consequences of brain injury. The activities available are rehabilitative in nature with the individual’s needs at the core. They provide cognitive, physical, social and emotional re-learning opportunities for people and provide support and services. ‘Headway – the brain injury association’ has a national network across the UK.

A joint committee of Tangent and 41 Club members planned an Auction of Promises. 80 guests attended the black tie event and enjoyed an evening of food and entertainment, plus an auction of promises which included interior decorating, gourmet meals, gardening, ironing and many more. As a result the clubs raised an amazing £4,000.

In addition, through smaller fund raising events during the year Bedford Tangent were able to add another £300 to the amount raised at the auction.

Bishop’s Stortford Tangent held a Strawberry Tea on 3rd September in support Breast Cancer Care. The sun shone and we were able to sit in the garden enjoy the company of Tangent members and friends old and new. The table was laden with most things ‘strawberry’ and anything that wasn’t eaten was sold at the end. Our Chairman’s scones have to take first prize and the club think Tricia should apply to the Great British Bake Off! A Bring & Buy and Raffle raised a total of £358 with donations still being received after the event!

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Hutton & Shenfield Tangent Chairman, Val Villa, took on the prestigious task of Mayoress, when her husband Bob (twice a former Chairman) was entitled to be called Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

The citizens of the city (for that is what Val and Bob are this year) will be entitled as recently awarded city status, and, in two or three years’ time the first Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

Bob and Val very kindly invited members of Tangent to the Mayor’s Parlour for an interesting insight into their duties. The Deputy Mayor and her Escort were also in attendance and each one took the floor for a few minutes to explain different aspects of the ‘job’. We were shown the robes, the various chains of office, which are worth many thousands of pounds, and the silver mace which, we were told, gets polished professionally - and which Val was pleased to hear that it wasn’t one of her jobs!

Many interesting artefacts were also on display, and then we took a walk through to the Council Chamber, passing glass cabinets in which numerous gifts and records were displayed. Once inside the very modern Chamber, Mayor Bob explained what goes on in the Chamber – the important job of running Chelmsford. Finally, a most delicious afternoon tea was provided.

We are indeed very honoured to have one of our members and her husband as first citizens of such a fine city – Chelmsford, County town of Essex.

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To find out more, please visit our website at www rtcw org or contact Alex Voller, the National President, who can tell you all about what RTCW can offer your community.

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2015 marks 25 years of wish granting. Wishes have actually been going for 27 years but as we did not become a constituted charity until 1990, we celebrate this year! Keep a look out for information about forthcoming events. One for the diary is Friday 16th October 2015 which marks the actual date of our 25th Birthday when we will be marking the day with two events:

• Wish Friday – dress up, down or in theme for the day and donate to RTCW

• Diamond Birthday Ball - Black Tie Dinner hosted by the Founder of RTCW, in aid of the charity – Bournemouth

There are many ways in which you can support RTCW over the coming year. Alex Voller has encouraged Tangents to hold their 25th Birthday Tea Parties across the country and we have poster templates ready for you. Please email me karen@rtcw.org or contact Alex to get these. Another way in which Alex has asked people to support is by completing a standing order form and donating on a monthly basis.

Total Raised so far: £540.00 - Thank you to the doll raffle at Conference and £100 from Wellingborough Tangent for getting things going!

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Londonderry Tangent support Foyle Hospice in many ways, including selling Christmas cards and candles, manning stalls for raffles, donating to the Hospice shops and offering whenever they can. Chairman Janice O’Neill and Joan Henderson from Londonderry Tangent are pictured with personnel from Foyle Hospice handing over a cheque for £150. Congratulations Ladies!

Hutton & Shenfield Tangent Club celebrated their 30th year by holding a ‘Friendship Evening’ with National President Janice O’Neill in attendance. All the ladies were asked to wear an Easter Bonnet and Janice awarded a prize to the winner Mary Aarons.

The theme of the evening was ‘Friendship’ with National President Janice O’Neill in attendance.

Editor’s Note: I love your style Ladies!!

Ladies! Left to right Tangent Chairman Lindsey Lewis, Founder Chairman Shenfield Hutton & Tangent’s, Val Villa, and from Foyle Hospice handing over a cheque for £150. Congratulations! You will be surprised what can be done with a bit of netting and a few bits and bobs.