A few words from the Editor...

One magazine behind me and the next one ahead...

It has been a wonderful summer... long hot days and plenty going on... OK so the football was a bit disappointing, but Tour de France fever soon brought everyone out as thousands lined the route in the UK to enjoy the spectacle. Wimbledon gave us more spills and thrills and more security the world’s Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Summer also brought strawberry fields and the edition’s cover is a great example of one of the numerous photos I received. Strawberries seem to photograph very well! Congratulations to everyone who organised or supported one of these great events for Breast Cancer Care. BCC are also supporting Pink Fridays so get everyone involved and have a bit of fun! Please look at the BBC website for lots of clear information about Breast Cancer and how to support the fight against it: http://www.breastcancer-cancer.org.uk.

There have also been plenty of ice bucket challenges! Members from the 4 Club family get a smiling in support of good causes, including our colleague, Janice, VP Alex and yours truly. Secretary Melanie and her team of Luncheon Club members have been very busy, donations flooding in. Look out for their regular updates in the newsletter.

Summer has been a bit packed but the fun goes on with great opportunities to meet old friends and make new ones at the Regional lunches and I have joined the spec of the wonderful events in the North, South West and Scotland as I write.

The number of members joining the Tangent Facebook group continues to grow and I would encourage you to join and use the opportunity to share events and activities that you are involved in or would like to get support for.

This edition of Tangent News has news from clubs, at home and abroad. You can read about the excursions that have taken place and organise your diary and book into some of the great events that are being planned. National Treasure Jilly has contributed a very appropriate number of events and there is a bit of fun trying to guess what made President Jonie’s gap!

The new website is ‘in development’ so exciting times ahead! This is a big undertaking and I thank everyone who has been so encouraging. If by bit members are sending me contributions to the magazine for which I am very grateful. Some are from very well established groups, celebrating significant anniversaries and some are newly formed. ‘Tangent’ but this is Tangent and there is room for everyone.

Yes life is good. May the autumn bring you good things and good times that you can share with friends and family.

Yours in Continued Friendship.

Pauline Campbell
National Editor and Website Co-ordinator 2014 - 2016

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President's corner

Don't Stop her now.... President Janice's Jottings!!

In the immortal words of Queen, Don't Stop Me Now... I'm Having Such A Good Time.

I am a third of the way through my special year with the wonderful club and I feel proud every minute.

I wish I'd started a blog, tweeted more, lost weight, learned more technology but at the end of the day my belief is that it's people that matter. I've met so many and my story guarantee I will meet a lot more.

So many memorable moments: I hardly dare pick any out but what I have best is the ladies I've stayed with from Saddleworth to Weston Super Mare, Cardiff to Newbury, Telford to Wincnchurh, Littlehampton to Bordon and all the clubs who have hosted me, but were close enough to drive home afterwards. Thank you everyone.

I do have a big problem though. Nobody told me how hard this role was. I have followed 2 diminutive ladies – how did they put on stories of weight? [Editor's note: Very frustrating and oh how I understand you]

I have lost count of the fabulous strawberries, tarts, luncheons, tapas evenings and restaurants I have visited.

Please someone, tell me how to say that word beginning with minnenn. But I was never slim (or still tall or suntanned) so I guess the phrase is get on with it and smile. So believe me I have the biggest smile.

So far and the next few weeks and months are going to be amazing. I have been invited to the Breast Cancer Care Fashion Show at Grosvenor House in London as a special guest of the charity. I have also been invited to the Women of the Year Lunch for Inspirational Women – WOWIEE! Can get more exciting than that – oh yes it can. I’ve just returned from the Ladies Circle International conference in Lithuania which I decided to go purely with another lovely Tangent member and will be attending the first ever Half Year Meeting for Tangent Clubs International in Sweden on behalf of our PR.

Supporting the Round Table Family Meeting in N Ireland, I am flying to Arran, for the day, then down to Newquay in Cornwall for the Circle Presidents Ball. I am flying to Aberdeen for the Scottish Regional lunch and catching trains all over the place, finishing next stop for the BI Regional Lunch and London for Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph. I attended the Inaugural meeting of Norwich Phoenix Circle the day after a superb afternoon tea party in Norwich Wensum & Yare, True bridging the gap between Circle and Tangent.

I’ve been to meetings about the exciting National AGM in Harrogate next April, meetings about my President’s Ball in Llangollen on 22nd November and the Charity Lunch in London on 7th February. Did I tell you, I’ve persuaded the lead singer of the Rolling Stones to be our quizmaster? He’s gorgeous! Thank you to my wonderful team of helpers behind the scenes, especially those working hard for the Ball and Charity Lunch, not to mention ladies who have travelled with me far and wide. I’ve been lucky to have company along the way from both my Tangent Clubs, Bushey & Oxhey and Benhamsted. My wonderful Vice President Alex Voller is stepping out with me to learn the ropes in the next few weeks (or learn how not to).

I have been blessed to be with my fabulous 4! Club National President Jim Smith at many events and the incredible Circle President CoeWelsh (she is fearless). I haven’t had many opportunities to meet the Round Table President Steve Glaster but plenty of time yet.

Thank you to my Exec Ladies who have worked so hard behind the scenes on huge projects. We will have a new website soon, thanks to Pauline our National Editor and Web Co-ordinator, we will have a better idea of membership very soon after all the work done by Melanie our National Secretary and Jill our National Treasurer who has also provided us with a new Code of Conduct as part of the Insurance requirements, and our logo is being registered and protected.

On the International side we are building relations with the Founder members of Tangent Clubs International & wonderfully, with Agape. So much to do though to achieve my own aims and objectives. I have to work harder building the bridge between Circle & Tangent where it’s needed or if it doesn’t work, creating new clubs to suit everyone’s expectations. The IR family needs to make itself more aware of other club’s & help memberships.

Finally I can’t thank you enough for your support for my charity Breast Cancer Care. We are a third of the way towards my projected total already. But more importantly the message is – get your boobs checked. Demand the mammogram and get any changes checked out. NOW! I lost my dear friend Sarah to breast cancer last week at the age of 46, far too young. Thank you to our Editor Pauline for nominating me for the Ice Bucket Challenge... Yes! I did it last night. NB: WE’RE ONCE again even though I did it for Breast Cancer Care.

I look forward to meeting many more of you and sharing hugs and friendship.

Janice O'Neill
National President
Vice President's corner

So ladies onwards and upwards! Since my last report I have attended three talks, accepted the Ice bucket challenge from the not so lovely Philip Ellis in aid of Jim Smith’s chosen charity the Anthony Nolan Trust, played disc golf and musical chairs, have caddied and eaten as much chocolate as possible with a knife and fork, wearing woody gloves and hat!

I have seen £100 raised for Breast Cancer Care by eating cakes and strawberries, followed the Ladies Circle Nordic hat to a Macmillan coffee morning with Rugby Circle’s Sharon Looney and chosen my own nominated charity for next year.

I have attended Lichfield’s first birthday party and Stourbridge’s film, but the most magical thing has been meeting so many new friends.

At the Northern Lunch I stayed in hotel conditions, hosted by the wonderful Sue Service, who I am delighted to say I have visited me since.

Editor’s note:
I love to hear about all your activities, stories and celebrations! It really helpful if you are able to send in items electronically if at all possible. Please can you also let me know who is in your photographs so that I can link them. Don’t forget...it’s send to me at editor@tangent-clubs.org

Out and About with Alex

Lichfield’s ‘Only Me’, Bev Thompson, put on a fantastic ‘do’ proving the future is orange, and is constantly amusing me, and I am already booked into Stourbridge’s 6th birthday party with the gorgeous Adele Hall and the ‘mad’ Sharon McCann.

Karen, Jill and Melinda have really taken me under their wings and are always there for help and advice. Sue is the perfect shopping companion, Pauline and I are learning together and then there’s the inspiration of our lovely president, Janice. In the meantime my own ABOTS are busy organising next year for us all to enjoy.

All these things add up to experiences I wouldn’t have had without the Round Table family, so please, in the words of the late that – ‘Never forget where you’ve come here from’ because I won’t. And if you need pictorial evidence of what we all get up to check out Facebook!

Alex Volter
Vice President

We’re going on a Treasure Hunt!
(No not a Bear Hunt!!)

Do you know the whereabouts of any existing material for Lesley Seville who is collating information for the History of Tangent?

Barbara Rowkinson (National President 1986 – 87) tells us that a History of Tangent was started during her presidential year. Lots of clubs contributed and we would love to find our more and continue the good work.

Please, can you help? If you can, please let us know!
Email: secretary@tangent-clubs.org
A word from
Jilly

Well, here I am, half way through my first year of the Treasurer's post and after my husband's long awaited return from hospital after 8 months I am able now to enjoy life a little better. After most of the last year running my husband's company I am now able to take a step back from the 'front line'.

Life has certainly been very busy over the last few months, the postman has delivered hundreds of cheques and letters and it has been a joy to open and read them all. Banking all the cheques for the Association and generally answering all my e-mails has been much easier this year. I am sorry that a lot of clubs have had problems with having sight of the Capitation Form this year. Hopefully this is now OK with a copy going out with the last magazine and now we are printing a copy in this magazine. It has always been on-line ready to download but I understand that some clubs do not have access to the website.

Over the last couple of months I have been able to visit other tangents, Weelkam in Yalding and Contrator of which has been very enjoyable and I have joined the City of London Tangent. I am really looking forward to going up to Dereham for their Breast Cancer special tea on the 28th October. This would normally be a National President visit but, Janice is away for the Tangent International half yearly meeting so I have been asked to go on her behalf so I will be a VIP person for an afternoon!

I am off to Germany in a couple of weeks' time. Some years ago when I was in Ladies Circle I went out to the charter of Hamburg LC No 10 and met a lady called Ulle. I stayed at her house for the weekend. This started a long friendship with our families with our sons going out to Germany for school and their children coming here for a while when they were younger. Now the lady and her husband are celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary and have invited my husband and I to go out and join them which we are really looking forward to.

So, we go now for next three months with a round of regional lunches and meetings, lots of visits and seeing lots of Tangent members all of which I am really looking forward to! I will have my own Tangent's Christmas party at my house this year which will end the year nicely!

Talk soon;
Jilly King
National Treasurer
SAVE THE DATE!!

SW REGIONAL LUNCHEON 2015
26th September 2015
TORTWORTH COURT HOTEL
(Just off Junction 14 of the M5)
Ticket £29.50
(with special rates on rooms and spa treatments)

EVENT ORGANISERS
WOOTTON-under-EDGE & DISTRICT TANGENT 534
SPEAKER: DAME JANET TROTTER DBE - LORD LIEUTENANT OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE
More details to follow or email: Beryl Jarvis
beryl.jarvis@btinternet.com

MIDLAND REGIONAL LUNCH 2015

Malvern Hills Tangent 256
extend a very warm invitation to the Midlands Regional Lunch to be held on Saturday 28th February 2015 in The Elgar Suite, The Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern (www.greatabbeyhotel.com). Reception from 11.30am, lunch served at 12.45pm. The Speaker will be Rachel Trevor Morgan. who was recently granted the Royal Warrant of Appointment as Milliner to Her Majesty, The Queen.

Why not spend a weekend and walk the Malvern Hills where Edward Elgar found the inspiration to compose some of his best pieces of music by The Enigma Variations?

Tickets are priced at £35. The booking form and a flyer giving travel details etc can be found on the Tangent Website www.tangents4all.org but as numbers are limited do please book early to avoid disappointment and by 16 January 2015 at the latest. We look forward to seeing you at the first Regional Lunch in 2015.

Ossiet and Harbury Tangent
invite you to the
Northern Regional Luncheon
Saturday 27th June 2015
Cedar Court Hotel
Denby Dale Road
Wakefield
(Just off Junction 39 of the M1)
Tickets £35
Ladies!

If you think you are a better golfer than our friend, here, why don't you enter the National Golf Competition, during the 41 Club and Tangent National Conference in Harrogate next April?

Details are on the website, where you can book for the conference functions (including the golf), hotels and of course, the Tangent AGM and buffet lunch.

www.41-tangent-conference2015.co.uk
The Heads up on Hats off?

Now I have to be honest I do love a hat... quite honestly I know I can hide beneath a brim and the less I am exposed to a camera lens, the better it is for the world, I love nothing more than trying them on... they make me feel more confident and I have no shame about living on the most dramatic creations. However, I do know that hats bring on strong views, so when I received an email from a member who was pleased to note that in photos of the tin luncheon that the ladies were hatless. I was very interested.

So, what is your view about the etiquette for hats? Tangent member Jenny feels they are just fine for Ascot and Weddings and wonders if they may become less evident at luncheons and tangent events!

CAPTIONS PLEASE!!

President Janice recently sent me a picture which I mischievously cropped and posted on our Tangent Facebook page and invited captions to go with the photo! Here are the results!! - thanks to Janice for being a good sport!!

Don’t be too kind now that I am going to look at her chapeau on wangling her Hastings!!

Don’t just talk about it, make it happen!!

Janice is a good sport.

James is really good at getting into the roles.

Don’t be too kind or you will get in trouble!

If you want to find out the real reason why Janice is so aghast, book into her charity luncheon on Saturday 7th February 2015!

Jilly’s Mathematical Meanderings!!

Jilly sent this to me recently. She is a who with numbers and she hopes you enjoy this and find it very clever.

The following comes from 2 maths teachers with a combined total of 70 yrs experience. It has an indisputable mathematical logic.

This is a strictly mathematical viewpoint and it goes like this:

- What makes 100%?
- What does it mean to give MORE than 100%?
- Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%?
- We have all been to those meetings where someone wants you to give over 100%.

How about achieving 100%?
- What makes up 100% in life?

Here’s a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions:

If

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Then:

H A R D W O R K

8 + 1 + 1 + 8 + 4 + 2 + 2 + 5 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 98%

And:

K N O W L E D G E

1 + 1 + 4 + 5 + 1 + 5 + 2 + 3 + 5 + 1 + 2 + 4 + 5 = 96%

But:

A T T I T U D E

1 + 20 + 20 + 9 + 20 + 21 + 4 + 6 = 100%

And:

B U L L S H I T

2 + 21 + 12 + 19 + 8 + 9 + 20 = 103%

And look now for “ass kissing” will take you:

A S S K I S S I N G

1 + 19 + 11 + 9 + 19 + 19 + 14 + 7 = 118%

So, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that while hard work and knowledge will get you to the top, and attitude will get you there, it’s the bullshit and “ass kissing” that will put you over the top.

Just a pause for thought!!

Jilly King

National “Treasure”

(Editor's note: Thank you Jilly)
Hurricane Bertha was due on the Sunday that New Milton Tangent Club were to have their Summer Family Day Out.

In spite of the doom and gloom of the weather forecasters we all arrived at Kimbley on the Kennet and Avon Canal near Hungerford, heavy rain during the night had caused the tow path to be very muddy and, as we were having a trip on a horse-drawn barge, we did wonder if the horse would be able to cope.

Having given 'Monty' (a cross-bred shire) some carrots and mints he dutifully lowered the barge, named Kennet Valley, with us all on board. The sun began to shine and the sky became blue as we silently glided along the canal to Hampton Lock where 'Monty' was allowed to rest whilst the barge went into the lock, turned round and re-entered the lock for our journey back.

There is something so relaxing being on calm and quiet water, the silence was only broken by the clink of coffee cups, the young man controlling Monty had quite a job as he was standing and sitting on the mud and fighting with branches fell at dripping leaves. At one point he had to climb on a moved barge to avoid the mud but Monty just went steadily through it all.

At the end of our barge trip it was decided that our picnic should be beside the canal. A very relaxing day in spite of earlier fears of the weather.

Editor's note

Gongoozling is a term used to describe the activity of watching the passage of boats from the bank of a canal, a lock or a bridge.

It is thought the word gongoozle comes from the Lincolnshire dialect in which 'gower' and 'gower' were terms for sliding.
...Curious about Tangles?
Read on and hear Telford’s story....

Why Tangle for us?

Telford and Wrekin Ladies circle celebrated 60 years in 2014 and invited past, present and honorary members to attend the celebration. A lot of past members arrived on the day and celebrated with people not just from Telford, but circles in the extended Area 27 who had been lucky enough to also call our friends.

The day was fantastic and we had fun with people who we had not seen for a while and we realised how much we missed their regular friendships. We started to think about what we missed about circle and the lost friendships.

Four of us, all past Circles, decided to meet to discuss what options were available to us now we were all over the age set for Ladies Circle.

We could:
• meet outside of circle, just as friends
• we could just leave altogether and drift away as so many had already
• we could look at our local Tangle

We had choices, but nothing was quite perfect.

We knew we wanted to do something formally as we were missing the formal events like birthday celebrations, Area and national events, so Tangle seemed to be the only option open to us. However, there was a significant age gap between us and the members of our local Tangle and we felt that it would be difficult to provide a programme that would interest every one of all ages and we had no way to change the existing Tangle Club.

After going to a couple of meetings we knew that Wrekin Tangle had their own concerns that without new members they would fail and no circles had joined for about 10 years. This also needed some thought as we didn’t want this to happen and for the history to be lost.

We had heard that some Lichtfeld ladies had some issues, but they had formed an interim group between Circle and Tangle and the interested us. We met them one evening over a glass of bubbly and some pizza, and after listening to how they were going about what we thought this could be a perfect compromise and with their guidance we could set ourselves up as a new group. [Editor’s note: Great thinking... thank you Lichtfeld]

This was the way we could keep Tangle alive, keep a connection with Circle and offer something to ladies 45 to 60 who wanted to continue the friendship, have a lot of fun and get involved in some fundraising.

The gang of four were happy to do the ground work and we agreed to be the founder members. So we were ready to go and we met for the first time officially, very excited about our new venture! [Editor’s note: Go, ladies go!]

We met our local Tangle group to explain what we were proposing; some were very positive about what we were doing and quite understandable, some were a little resistant as they were worried about their club. But we explained the way Circles would not just disappear, and there would be a link between us so everyone would benefit.

Now we have a calendar of events some on our own and some with our sister groups. We were very excited when we got our membership number, so now we are officially "Telford Ladies Tangle".

We have met several times, with new members who will be inducted at our Charter, which is fantastic; we have the Charter Tea coming up in October to make it official with Circles and Tangle members from all around the region attending to celebrate with us.

Our founder Telford Tangle members have over 50 years of circling between them. One is the current ladies Circle President of Area 27 and I am currently president of Telford and Wrekin Circle 157. We felt disappointed about losing members who didn’t feel there were any options for them. They wanted to continue to make friends, have fun and enjoy some of the great official functions. This seemed bizarre to us so we had to do something about it and we did.

There are two or three groups breaking new boundaries, learning as we go along but supporting each other and hopefully with this article explaining our situation we can keep our sister groups alive. Are you in the same position? Don’t just disappear there is life after circle and ladies who can support you.

Keep in touch to contact us and we will help in any way we can to keep what is a fantastic organisation that will continue to bring you laughter and friendship for many years to come.

Contact us: telfordladiesangle@gmail.com

Our founder members are:
Cheryl Weymouth – Chair
Penny Hunswik – Vice Chair
Gill Rumpish – Treasurer
Sue Nicholson – Secretary

Good luck to you all.
Summer with Newton Abbot

Lucky Ladies in Newton Abbot enjoy a beautiful area of the country. Newton Abbot is a market town in Devon on the River Teign. It has been inhabited since Neolithic times and is thought to be originally referred to as the New Town of Abbots and was renamed in 1300.

Newton Abbot is the gateway to the Dartmoor National Park and the south Devon coast. It is also home to a jumps racecourse.

The Ladies of Newton Abbot Tangent enjoy a busy Tangent schedule. In June they met at the Pier Point Restaurant in Torquay where they enjoyed drinks in the sunshine overlooking Torquay Harbour, followed by a lovely meal and followed with a murder, mystery themed quiz.

July brought a home meeting with an excellent supper and a glass of Pimms. The summer theme was carried through to a Summer Bonnet Competition (won by Jeanne Cooper) and one (ie Sheila our Chair) actually managed to keep her hat on whilst making the most of the hot tub and the summer sunshine.

They will soon be off to the theatre to enjoy songs from the shows.
If you are in the area, why not look them up?

Amersham Tangent 68

You wait for one new member and then 3 come along!!

Amersham Tangent 68 welcomed three new members to the Tangent family at their annual birthday supper on 18 June.

Bridget Makin was thrilled to welcome three new members at the start of the Amersham Tangent year. It is fantastic, Amersham are delighted to welcome Angie Hannocher, Karen Burton and Victoria McKay. Victoria joined straight from Amersham Circle, and the club had got to know Angie and Karen (who is also a past Circle), through joint events with Chiltern 41 Club.

Welcome Ladies... why not join the Tangent Facebook Group?
Dereham & District Tangent 791

On 23rd October – a gloriously sunny autumn day, Dereham & District Tangent Club celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a special tea party at Stower Grange Hotel, Drayton in Norwich.

Chairman, Diana Lomber, welcomed the 43 ladies present, including the Association National Treasurer, Jill King, the National Media Officer of Ladies Circle, Angela Hook, and members from Broadland 588, North Norfolk 489, and Sheringham & Cromer 602 Tangents, as well as all members of Dereham & District and their friends.

Pat Worby, the first Chairman of Dereham & District (1989–91) talked about her arrival in Dereham, and the start of the club. Jill gave President Janice O’Neill’s apologies for being unable to attend but talked to the group about the work Breast Cancer Care which is Janice’s chosen charity.

The music group ‘Close Harmony’ entertained with songs from the 20s to the 50s which everyone enjoyed. The afternoon concluded with Diana talking about the present club, and thanking the owners of Stower Grange and their staff, who had provided a sumptuous tea, to lovely Jill for standing in for the National President; and to four members of the club who had helped her organise the very happy occasion.

Dereham & District were very pleased to collect £187.00 for Breast Cancer Care during the afternoon.
Strawberry Tea
Salisbury
Salisbury had a great Strawberry Tea and raised $1.90 at member Alison Kidner's. Apart from the lovely spread they also had an unusual guest who elected to give the tea a miss, and instead just sat back and read! (Editor's note: I really like this guest's taste!)

strawberry teas, fun and friends

Strawberry Tea
Pennarth & District
Following the success of their Welsh Luncheon in May, Pennarth & District decided to take up the challenge and host a strawberry tea on 7th June on behalf of Breast Cancer Care. It was hosted by Lyn Rowi but all the members sold tickets and persuaded friends, family and work colleagues to support the event. Local businesses kindly donated raffle prizes and £430 was raised. Pennarth & District were particularly inspired to do this as Lilian Gillmour, breast cancer coordinator for Breast Cancer Care, attended the Welsh Luncheon where she gave a presentation about the work of Breast Cancer Care.

FRIENDS REUNITED
How can you lose a friend? That’s very careless you might say, but way back in the 1980s due to circumstances and house moves Sue Woodhouse and Sylvia Poggiaro who had originally met in Oxford in the 1970s lost touch.

Then, when Sue Morow, from Farnham Tangent was National President in 2012 she visited Farnham Tangent and met Sue Woodhouse. Imagine their surprise when they realised they had a friend in common.

Sue Woodhouse and Sylvia have resumed their friendship.

Sue Woodhouse from Telford hall and Sylvia Poggiaro from Farnham are pictured together at Telford Hall Tangent’s 40th Charter Anniversary, together with Past President Sue Morow who put them back in touch.

Thank you Sue, and Tangent, let friendship continue.
International from Zambia News

H. Mulenga, Christy Tembo is my name. I am an ex-Circle married to Dixon Tembo, an ex-tablet and now an active member of 41 Club Zambia. Dixon and I have three grown-up children, twin daughters and a son. We are also grandparents to two children from one of our twin daughters. We live about 150 kilometres from Lusaka, Northwest of Zambia. Dixon took up a job offer with a mining company to run the medical facility here. We have been in this part of Zambia for 7 years.

I own and manage a smallholding promoting organic food production using a permaculture style of growing food for nutrition. I have a course in Diet and Nutrition, which I hope will help me to farm and produce nutritious foods. The idea is to grow, package and supply organic foods. So far I have started Promoting nutrition in millet, Morogoro green tea, soybeans and dried bananas. Early days yet and I have challenges because our farm is almost 400 kilometers away from where we usually live. But I have enough interest and passion to continue.

“Let friendship continue...” To me, this is just a simple sentence, but to some of us who have experienced what true friendship is through our association with Ladies Circle, Round Table, Tangent and 41 Club, the motto of “Let friendship continue” speaks volumes. In my language there is saying, “uwagadu ko chilo kupawa”, meaning the relationships we have with friends far outweigh the relationships we have with family. This is so true for me and my husband. This friendship we have enjoyed and still enjoy are the ones we made through Table, 41 Club and, now hopefully, Tangent. Friendship is cardinal in all our lives. It is part of our well-being. For me this part of our well-being has been fully satisfied through our association with Ladies Circle, Round Table and 41 Club. With the kind of satisfaction, how can’t I be wheeled out of Ladies Circle without letting friendship to continue?

We lived in England for a period of 6 years, whilst Dixon was doing his specialization in Anaesthetics at the Gloucestershire Royal Hospitals. Being in a foreign country with different cultures, life would certainly have been difficult. But because Dixon was a tablet in Zambia his membership got transferred to Gloucester Round Table. I actually started my Circle life with Gloucester Ladies Circle in 1987. The friendships that we made through Ladies Circle and Round Table made our stay in the UK worthwhile. Our children have fond memories of England, and most of those memories were of the things that we did as family in Ladies Circle or Round Table.

When we returned home to Zambia, there was just one Circle in Lusaka. At a Round Table half-yearly, I wore a 41 & Ladies Circle hat first, and this started a conversation about starting a Circle on the Copperbelt. At the same time Lusaka was in the process of chartering another Circle. So Copperbelt Ladies Circle No. 3 was chartered in 1993. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Circle, locally, nationally and internationally. I served as Circle 3 Chairman, National Board Secretary, Vice President and President of Ladies Circle Zambia, and of course, finally as IPP. I was wheeled out in 1999. I still enjoy my friendship with Circles, ex-circles, tables and the old men called 41 Test in a way I am still ageing. So it would be wonderful to have a Tangent here in Zambia in order to continue with this friendship.

Right now I am just glad that we have started this process. The idea of a Tangent on the Copperbelt Zambia has taken off. Thanks to Jan Dalling and Sue Mawor I have had time to visit the Tangent website of 41 & 41. I collected some very useful information from there. We have written our draft constitution and we shall soon be in touch with 41 & 41 to officially make our intentions known and put the process of chartering a Tangent here in Zambia in motion. We are quite excited about it.

This year our daughter and our son have found love and for the season they all want to get married this year. Sadly, no travelling for us. I shall miss meeting up with some of you at the different 41 Club meetings. I am hopeful that I will see some of you and some of you in 2015. Hopefully, as a member of Tangent by then.

Let friendship continue...

Mulenga Tembo
A delegation from Baildon 41 Club and Tangent headed off to Uppsala in Sweden at the start of September 2014 to continue the friendships forged over many years of reciprocal exchange visits between Colberg in Germany and Uppsala in Sweden, Baildon in West Yorkshire and occasionally Pretoria in South Africa and Round Table 151 in The Netherlands.

Although this is essentially a Round Table and 41 Club weekend it is a wonderful opportunity to experience the reach of our organisation across other parts of the world where the spirit of Round Table and Ladies Circle touches you and reminds you how lucky we are to be part of something that truly gives meaning to the motto of ‘Fun and Friendship’.

Tradition is that RT 151 Numbers Meeting, the budget for food, drink and entertainment for the weekend is always 1.5% Euros with the intention that the weekend is affordable, fun and interesting. Hosting and entertainment are usually DIY and arrangements include local trips, games, singing and dancing. We eat mainly as a group and the catering is largely provided by tables who work hard to put on a great spread for the guests.

We were warmly welcomed on the Thursday, evening at the home of one of the hosts. Then the weekend began with a trip to one of the most important historic settings in Sweden at Gamla Uppsala where a large number of Swedish kings are buried with their boats under mounds of earth. The site has been an important religious, economic and political centre from the late 10th Century AD, later becoming Sweden’s Archdiocese in 1164. The site is rich in archaeological remains and has a modern museum displaying many of the discoveries.

Aware of the traditional Swedish Midsummer (Midsommara) party is typically a never-ending lunch party which involves flowers in your hair, dancing around a pole, singing songs while drinking unfermented, flavoured schnapps and throwing a white loa at picked fortune. We enjoyed our party at the home of our host to one of the Tables with the singing and dancing, eating, drinking and other delights from a smorgasbord of traditional Swedish food, washed down with schnapps at the end of each song.

While some of the hosts and guests headed home around midnight the more energetic of the group including Baildon 41 Club member Wyn Penty, set off for the town for more nightlife which lasted to the early hours.

A 'formal' lunch followed by an official bin exchange took place on the Saturday when Round Table 151 held their International Meeting. Without an official Table in Baildon, 41 Club has proposed that next year's meeting be held in Baildon. It is hoped that the event will encourage past members to support the event and enjoy the hospitality that is such a part of the RT151 International Meeting weekend.

During the meeting the lady's took the opportunity to do some shopping in Uppsala and then took a leisurely walk down to the river to watch the Round Table and 41 Club men having a (most) wet tops.

With the consumption of their share of beer by the host party in the weekend, the ladies were bewitched by a cardboard tubes and empty boxes of beer by international mistresses and fun was had by all.

The traditional Saturday night takes place at a local hotel and dancing continued at the night club afterwards until the early hours of this morning. Jan & Bill Dowling managed to be thrown out of the nightclub (can't take them anywhere!), not just once but twice after they tripped back in with Jan having fallen asleep on a table. The first time in a quiet area of the club had been mistaken for being drunk.

(Editors note: Oh Jan!!)

Ready ever and tired we met up on the Sunday morning for a farewell lunch at a local hotel before being taken to the airport with one last chance to enjoy the company of a fabulous bunch of like-minded people who all seem to want to do it all over again next year in Baildon. What a Prospect, let it roll on next year.

Contributed by Jan Dowling.
Calling all Buckle’s Belles!

Were you a Ladies Circle Area Chairman 1968-69?

Save the date - Saturday 21 March 2015 - Lunch - London

Jill King and Melodie Brookes are now National Treasurer and National Secretary of Tangerine respectively, but in their Ladies Circle days they were Area Chairmen and part of ‘Buckles Belles’.

They would love to meet up again with as many others from that illustrious group as they can contact, especially Norma!

Please reply to secretary@tangerine-clubs.org

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Jilly and Melodie xx
Rolling back the years to celebrate a special anniversary is always special. Reaching 50 is a special milestone but can you believe the following happened in 1964?

- Prince Edward, Michelle Obama, Elle Macpherson, Sandie Bullock and Russell Crowe were born in 1964.
- Martin Luther King won the Nobel Peace Prize and Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment in South Africa.
- The first Mustang was launched.
- At home Sir Alec Douglas-Home was Prime Minister but lost the election during 1964 to Harold Wilson.
- In the US Surgeon General Luther Terry was instrumental in preparing a report in 1964 that said that tobacco was a significant risk to health and called for substantial action to be taken to reduce smoking. Tobacco had been introduced to Britain in the 14th century.
- In 1964 American biographer and author, Isaac Asimov, made some predictions... they were quite accurate!
- By 2014 electoral turnout will be in common use. They are the thin, bright panels used in retail displays and flat screen TVs!
- Communications will become sight-ground and you will see as well as hear the person you telephone!
- The average weekly wage was £18.
- The Rolling Stones played at the Odeon Theatre in Romford.
- The mods released ‘You Really Got Me’.
- At the Tokyo Olympics we won 4 gold, 12 silver and 2 bronze medals.
- The film ‘My Fair Lady’ was released starring Audrey Hepburn, although this was a controversial casting as many believed Julie Andrews should have taken up the role, following her successful portrayal of Eliza Doolittle in the stage production.
- Visit Somerset chef Raymond Blanc.

It was also the year that Saddleworth Tangent No. 60 charted in March they celebrated the fact that Joan Gill (Vice President of the time) joined a special anniversary celebration at the White Hart, Lydgate. Justin Hughes was the Saddleworth Chairman for the celebrations, and the event was attended by 20 Saddleworth members.

Happy Birthday Saddleworth Tangent!! Remember you are Fabulous at 50
Being part of a group means different things to different folk, but the loveliness of Tangent is that everyone has a place and everyone’s contribution is important... it’s the taking part that counts.

Rusty Mackenzie from Westerham Tangent found this poem from the National Association of Ladies Circle AGM Minutes held on 7th May 1983 in the Playhouse Theatre, Edinburgh......it makes you think......

Think it Over

Are you an active member, the kind who would be missed
Or are you just contented your name is on the list
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
Or do you just stay away and criticise and knock?
Do you take an active part and help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be kind who just belongs?
Do you ever work on committees to see there is no trick?
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the Clique?
So come to the meeting often and help with hand and heart.
Don’t just.be a member, but take an active part.
Think this over carefully you know right from wrong.
Are you an active member, or do you just ... belong?

Your Tangent Needs you – please look after and cherish it!!
Lest we forget

No one could have failed to be moved by the magnificent installation, Blood Swept Lands of Our Forefathers, of 888,246 ceramic poppies at the Tower of London.

It marked one hundred years since the first full day of Britain’s involvement in the First World War. Each poppy represented a British military fatality during the war. Many members visited the installation, including a member of past Ladies Circle Area Cheltenham. Following a great day out of fun and friendship I think the following picture is probably the memory most of the ladies will forget.

Past Ladies Circle Area Chairman from across GB & Ireland had a wonderful day out in London, enjoying fun, friendship, a great champagne tea, but the most moving moment was planting poppies.

PASSING FRIENDS

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

- Dorothy Bennett - Retirednof 139
- Barbara Copie - Lecister 132
- Doreen Carr - Bamsley 70
- Susan Angela Evans - Rotherham 43
- Patricia Ann Holman - Renford 691
- Lynda Hughes - Wistaston and District 523
- Anne Jones - Shrewsbury 24
- Carole Eileen Townsend - Rotherham 43

Vaughan Harris 1958 - 2014

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Vaughan Harris. Vaughan had been a long-time President of 47 Club National President and at the time of his death he was Archivist for 47 Club International. Vaughan was the big man with the big smile who was an integral part of the 4 Club family. He volunteered when our clubs stood for friendship, service, generosity of spirit and altruism. If you are unable to join the celebration of his life and our heartfelt thoughts are with Jill and all Vaughan’s family at this time.

REGARDING OBITUARIES...

Did you know that we record the names of members who have recently died in this magazine, but you can have a longer item on the website? Here you can celebrate their life, tell other Tangent members about their achievements and have pictures included if you wish. Please send anything you would like included to editor@tangent-clubs.org and they will be published in both places.
ON SALE

Mousemat £1
Tangent Giftwrap and tags £1
Notelets (6 pack) £2
Fold up bag £1
Beaded bookmark £5

A selection of items from the shop
Order form available from your Club secretary or on the website, or just email sales@tangent-clubs.org with your requirements!

Wanted hosts 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 are short of offers to organise the Welsh and Scottish Lunches next year. Maybe a group of friends from several clubs in an area could come together to form a committee, as is happening this year for the South East Lunch. Although we have offers for the next two or three years in other 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