PERCHANCE TO DREAM!
A chance meeting with President, Jan Mulqueen and National 41 President, Richard Matthews at a Museum in Bournemouth during the National Executive Meeting.

HELP FOR HEROES, send all cheques to President Jan or direct to H4H. See page 4

Let friendship continue
Hello again to you all. I hope you have had a good summer and are now looking forward to the rest of 2009.

As I have been going around I have been shown such wonderful hospitality by the Clubs especially when being home hosted and I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so at ease.

The Regalia orders are coming in steadily and a big thank you to those who have sent them in already. I hope it won’t be too long before you are able to wear your Regalia.

Please could the person who orders the Regalia check that the order form is completed correctly and make sure you order your Regalia ASAP. If you have not received your order PLEAS GET IN TOUCH with me. We have only six months to process orders, they have to be completed, and despatched well before the AGM.

Please make sure you check your order as soon as it arrives. Please do not leave it until the AGM.

Your Regalia needs you to order ASAP.

Please remember that orders sent after 1 January 2010 will need to have £5 added.
How time flies, this being the second issue of the magazine. Everyone thinks that everything falls flat after being President but I assure you it doesn't. Life is what you make it.

Membership is picking up with new Clubs opening although sadly some Clubs are closing as well. If you have any questions to ask me on membership then please do so.

On the International front, should we decide to go ahead with forming Tangent International, my feedback is that there is a definite interest.

As you see I have not left much space for my prattling but again I wish Jan every success with her Charity of “Help for Heroes”. Every day it is brought home to us of the help that is needed.

Just to cheer you up, guess how many days to Christmas? Have a wonderful time, enjoy life and enjoy now. What you put in to it is what you get out.

Pat

SALES & REGALIA OFFICER

I am now well into my second year of office and I can’t believe how quickly the time has gone. This summer has been relatively quiet but there is enough to keep me busy, particularly re-stocking existing products and sourcing new ones for general sale and for the 40th anniversary next year. If anyone has any ideas for future products, please let me know.

Can I remind you all that the Vice President, Gill Preston this year, deals with all Regalia Orders using the green form and I deal with everything else. Please ensure that you send the forms to the right person - the relevant addresses are printed on the individual forms so it shouldn’t be too onerous.

The Executive only meets eight times a year so if forms are sent to the wrong place they have to be posted on, which costs us time and money and delays the order.

The Tangent Rose will be available again from November to March so now is the best time to place your order, particularly if you want one as a gift. Supplies ran out again this year so please get your orders in and remember that all the profits from the sale of Tangent Roses go to the President’s charity so it is for a good cause. I have also received some very favourable comments from those who have bought the roses in the past and have been sent some very good photographs to prove it. Order forms are on the website, I can send one by post or e-mail or you can pick one up from the Sales Table at a Regional Lunch.

Please keep the orders (for roses as well as everything else) coming in!

Yours in Continued Friendship Karen Durie

REGALIA

Please take care of it!

It may sound obvious and I’m sure most of you take great care of your Chairman’s Chain of Office but this year we have had two instances of Clubs mislaying their regalia. In one case it turned up again, but the other has resulted in an Insurance claim.

I won’t name the clubs concerned as they are embarrassed enough about it already but I just thought it would be appropriate to remind you to take great care particularly at handover time when the regalia is passed on to a new Chairman.

It would also be helpful if someone could take a close-up photograph of your Chairman’s regalia, and keep it in a safe place, as this is required in the event of an insurance claim. It doesn’t need to be updated every year but please put the date on the back so that we know when it was taken.

Replacement of the regalia is a very lengthy and expensive process as every name bar needs to be reproduced. For most clubs the cost will be over £500 so please take care!

Please keep the orders (for roses as well as everything else) coming in!
Summer is apparently breathing its last here in rural Shropshire and I am already halfway through my year as Secretary Elect. Gill is a great teacher but there is still a lot to learn before the AGM. I look forward to meeting lots of you there.

Before that I am continuing, with my Club, Whitchurch, to plan the Midlands Regional Lunch for February 2010, details in this mailing. As we are tucked into the corner between Shropshire, Cheshire and North Wales, we look forward to welcoming guests from all three regions and beyond to our event. It has been very good to feel the enthusiasm of our members to make this a great event.

It is giving me valuable experience I hope to pass to the clubs who volunteer to arrange Regional Lunches over my time as National Secretary. Thank you to those who are already planning their events for 2010 and 2011. We still urgently need volunteers to host the Irish, Welsh and Scottish lunches for 2011. Venues get booked up so please contact me soon if you feel you want to enjoy lots of fun and fellowship within your own club as well as meeting lots of other members. Guidelines are available from secretary-elect@tangent-clubs.org.

I look forward to meeting lots of folk at the forthcoming South West and South East lunches. I will be looking for even more ideas to pass on to other clubs. See you there!

Terrie Hewitt

NATIONAL SECRETARY ELECT

Secretary’s Notepad

SUMMER SEEMS A DISTANT MEMORY, but I hope you all had a good time, enjoyed the sunshine and are back on the Tangent track! This is the 57th issue of Tangent News - I can’t resist the urge to say “Tangent means Friendship” - not quite as catchy as the beanz meanz …. but I’ll work on it!

Back to business ..., club contacts should all have received the 2009/2010 Directory and NAGM minutes at the end of July. If you have not, please let me know. Not every club returned a Directory Details form, but it is still not too late, you can fill the form in online www.tangent-clubs.org and I can update my database with your correct details for 2009/2010.

With this mailing you will have received Luncheon Forms for the Midlands Regional Lunch on 27 February 2010 hosted by W hitchurch and the Irish Regional Lunch on 13 March 2010 hosted by Londonderry. Come along and join in the fun meeting friends old and new.

There are two nomination forms: National Vice President and National Treasurer. If you have ever felt “I could do that”, now is the time to talk to your club, ask another club to second you and return the form to me by 31 December 2009. If you would like any additional information or just a chat, please contact anyone on the National Executive.

Last, but by no means least, is the Resolution Form. This is your opportunity to put your ideas forward for discussion at the National AGM in Scarborough. Help to make this a memorable NAGM on Saturday 17 April 2010 at The Spa, Scarborough. Again, please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or need advice.

Gill Young
National Secretary

After promising that they would be able to track all donations from Tangent members paid into a Lloyds bank, it has not been possible to do so. Would you please send any donations/cheques, made payable to H4H, to National President Jan Mulqueen at 6 Rowlandson Terrace, Sunderland SR2 7SU or direct to H4H Donations Manager at Unit 6 Aspire Business Centre, Ordernance Road, Tidworth, Hants SP9 7QD and please state your Tangent Club in both cases.

If you have already made or are making a donation direct to H4H please will you email President Jan with the amount donated, approximate date and town. If we have this information H4H will be in a better position to trace the money. Money paid in up to now is with H4H but Tangent will not be recognised as the donor.

I am really sorry for the inconvenience this might cause you and your friends but it is out of our control.

Jan
National President 2009-10

STOP PRESS

HELP for HEROES
How time flies when you are enjoying yourself. My time as the National Treasurer is drawing to a close and we will be looking to appoint a new Treasurer at the AGM in Scarborough in April, so if you are interested please ensure that your nomination form is sent in by the due date.

I can honestly say I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as National Treasurer and I am confident that the next person will do the same.

I have made a lot of new friends and renewed some old acquaintances and I will be sorry to hand over the baton.

The Summer has almost passed and Autumn and Christmas will soon be upon us. I have been to one or two functions during the Summer months, my local Tangent Chairman’s Luncheon which was excellent and also an evening punting on the Cam. By the time that you read this I will have attended Area 20 IT Charter night in Nottinghamshire and I am sure that this will be most enjoyable too.

Having been part of the BCC day last year actually on the catwalk I very much look forward to being a spectator this year and supporting the event at the luncheon in London on 7 October 2009. This event does much to raise the awareness of Breast Cancer Care.

I very much look forward to seeing you throughout the remainder of the year and at the National AGM in Scarborough when a new National Treasurer will be elected.

Yours in continued friendship.

Lesley

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REGIONAL LUNCHES

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CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP
Well you cannie lasses have done it again. What a wonderful welcome was organised by the "Angels of the North" for the above Luncheon held at the Old Assembly Rooms in Newcastle Upon Tyne. The weather was a little hit and miss in the morning and then brightened up at the appropriate time.

Jan, our National President, didn’t do her swan song but was upstaged by the noise of the seagulls in the area. At one point Jan stopped in the middle of her speech saying that “those darned seagulls how I hate them as they always seem to know when I put my washing out”. Suddenly one of the seagulls made a cackling noise as if it was laughing at her and everyone burst out laughing.

Fun and laughter was the order of the day and a good time was had by one and all.

As you can see the weather was as beautiful as the venue for the lunch at the Banchory Lodge Hotel hosted by the ladies of Royal Deeside Tangent. It was the perfect venue for a wonderful day of fun and friendship. Many members who had travelled a long way to attend the lunch made a whole weekend of it.

Well ladies after last years Beatle Mania session, we wondered what you would cook up for us this year. As usual we were not to be disappointed. The freshness and enthusiasm that you always show, made it a wonderful day out for everyone.

The Luncheon organised by Neath Tangent was a huge success. Held in a lovely venue, the ladies in their gorgeous outfits, making and meeting up with old friends and new, made this a perfect day.

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We were entertained by a highly amusing speaker from Radio Scotland, Frieda Morrison, who had stepped in at fairly short notice after the original speaker (a man!) had let us down. All in all it was a jolly good day out.
FORFAR AND DISTRICT No 644
Celebrates 25 years

On Saturday 9 May Forfar and District Tangent celebrated their 25th Charter Anniversary with a lunch held at Glamis Castle. Guests from the other Tangent clubs of Brechin, Arbroath and Kirriemuir were also welcomed to the celebration.

Six founder members Agnes Mackay, Pat Baker, Milda Richardson, Mary White, Jenny McGlynn and Patricia Young attended and cut the celebration cake. It was an afternoon for memories and friendship as the Club scrapbook was handed round. Following the lunch, the Club made donations to the Christina Noble Foundation to support children in Mongolia and also to a school in Kenya.

MONEY WELL SAVED

Ampthill & District Tangent Club were delighted to donate £250 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance earlier this year.

They raised the money by donating the money that they usually spend on a Christmas Card for everyone in the Club. Raffles were also held at dinner Meetings.

The photo is of our past Chairman Gill Ames and Paul Airton, the East Anglian Air Ambulance fund raiser in our area

Isle of Man Women!

In true mythical style, the Manx sea god, Mannanan, flung down his mantle so that visiting dignitary National President Jan could not covet our beautiful island.

In other words the rain and mist were horrendous on Tuesday 21 July 2009.

Undeterred Jan and Joan toured the island and need I say, the weather made no difference to the chatting and joking that filled each day.

On Wednesday Joan hosted a Charity pyramid lunch for Isle of Man Tangent. A substantial sum of money was sent to Jan with more in the pipeline for Jan’s chosen charity ‘Help for Heroes’

Thursday evening was a lovely evening and Chairman Barbara and IOM Tangent entertained Jan at their summer supper in a local beauty spot..
**The Painted Lady**

**Battle Tangent** was asked together with other organisations in the town to make a scarecrow for the Beautiful Battle competition, which takes place annually.

We called our Scarecrow “The Painted Lady” and although we didn’t win the Scarecrow Competition, we had great fun making her. She was placed in the front garden of our Chairman’s home in the High Street in Battle, with a red light that was evident in the evening.

Members at work: Jenny Bickley, Hazel Sharman, Carol Cole, Sue Dewer and Jean Richardson.
The photo shows Chairman, Rosalind Aspinall presenting a cheque for £250 to fellow Member of Great Missenden Tangent Club, Sally Green who accepted it as Chairman of Riding for the Disabled, Aylesbury and Wendover Group.

The money had been raised at various monthly events in Members’ homes including a jewellery party and a Christmas supper. Sally has been involved with the children for many years, helping them to mount the ponies and correcting their balance to aid muscle development. Members from Tangent went along to meet some of the parents who were very grateful for the interest shown.

BOURNEMOUTH
TANGENT NO 1
1950 - 2010

DIAMOND JUBILEE LUNCHEON

SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2010

Bournemouth Highcliff Marriott Hotel
Cost £35

Please come and help us celebrate 60 fantastic years of Tangent friendship in Bournemouth. Many of you will have enjoyed our Golden Jubilee Luncheon in 2000 and another superb day is planned. We have a guest Speaker and National President Jan is also attending.

For a Booking Form, please email Penny Toon, Jubilee Chairman, at pennytown@ntlworld.com or send a SAE (D/L size) to her at 18 Hadden Road, Queens Park, Bournemouth, Dorset BH8 9HH (Tel 01202 393184) as soon as possible, but by 28 November 2009 at the latest.

CANDLE POWER

In July, Luton Tangent celebrated their 40th Charter Anniversary at the home of Phyl Brown, a former Chairman and National Treasurer 1973-76.

We are pleased that we are still going strong with a membership of 19. Sixteen of these were present to enjoy a meal together. Dorothy Churchill, our earliest Chairman in attendance (1973-74) was asked to blow out the four candles on the cake.

President, Jan and National Secretary, Gill turn up for tea with HALSTEAD & COLNE
Gwen, we miss you!

Instead of our usual Monday evening meeting, Seisdon members met for lunch, followed by a tour of Whitwick Manor, a National Trust property. Whitwick Manor was the former home of the Mander paints family and it is a national treasure. The photograph was taken to send best wishes to Gwen Barker, a member who has recently emigrated to Tasmania, to wish her well in her new life.

PAST PERFECT

Immediate Past Chairman, Maggie Jones presents a cheque for £350 to Pauline Ablett, the local Palliative Care Nurse. Maggie chose Palliative Care as her charity in recognition of the very professional and kind help Pauline gave to her son, Nick, during the final weeks of his life.

It is envisaged that this money will go towards new special beds for terminally ill patients in the Irvine Unit at Bexhill Hospital, which was founded in the 1920s by public subscription, spearheaded by local philanthropic businessmen. Although now very small by modern standards, the Town has fought successfully against its closure and it is well supported locally.

BUT I DID WASH MY HANDS!

Bournemouth National Councillors Meeting

PYRAMID LUNCHES IN AID OF HELP for HEROES

National President, Jan Mulqueen, is supporting Help for Heroes and has devised the pyramid lunch (or dinner) as a way of raising funds. If a full pyramid is completed, it will raise £1625 for the charity, so have a go and see how far you can get towards this target.

The way it works is that one person invites five others to lunch and asks for a contribution of £5 from each person for Help for Heroes.

Those five people each then invite four other people to their own lunch and again a £5 contribution to the charity is collected from each person.

Each of the 20 people now involved invite three people to lunch again with the £5 contribution.

There are now 60 people involved who then invite two people each to their lunch and finally those 120 invite just one person to their lunch. All these people contribute £5 for the charity.

You can invite anyone to the lunches. They don’t have to be Tangent members as long as they are prepared to contribute £5 and then host their own lunch.

Now to add up the total numbers in the pyramid:

First Lunch - 5 people
Second Lunches - 5 x 4 = 20 people
Third Lunches - 20 x 3 = 60 people
Fourth Lunches - 60 x 2 = 120 people
Fifth Lunches - 120 x 1 = 120 people

Total 325 people involved each paying £5 = £1625

Proceeds from each lunch should be sent to Jan Mulqueen or Help for Heroes - see Stop Press on page 4.
Tangent National President, Jan addressed Ladies Circle at their National AGM in Eastbourne on Saturday 9 May 2009. Shortly afterwards she travelled to Market Harborough for her first official engagement where she joined Tangent Vice President Gill and the Ladies and guests of Market Harborough Circle at their business meeting. Lots of fun and friendship during the evening before Jan had to retire ready for an early start the next morning on her way to the Welsh Regional Luncheon in Neath.

Jane Yates and Pam Richards went up to the ‘Children with Leukaemia’ office which is opposite Great Ormond Street hospital to present the cheque. We had a nice day out and they were very grateful for the donation. There are only 20 people running the whole nationwide charity which mainly supports research into childhood leukemia.
A truly uplifting AGM

Baildon Tangent only reformed two years ago, and we are still finding our feet. So far we have found our feet at two Northern Regional Lunches, the National AGM at Southport, and two annual Area style games nights for Tangents in our locality, and that’s not to mention all the other fun things we have arranged for ourselves or shared with our Circle.

There is nothing we Baildon Tangettes like more than a challenge, and the task of finding somewhere a bit more exciting to hold our AGM got us all thinking. Last year we held our AGM on Ilkley Moor ‘bar tat’, which for those who require a translation means ‘without a hat’. Unfortunately having pushed the boat out last year, not to mention taking a very big gamble with the weather, (which was quite chilly and windy by the way), we did have difficulty in coming up with a different but equally original venue for this year’s AGM.

In the end, it was hearing Pat Paulson’s enthusiasm for the bra collection while attending Otley Tangent’s anniversary Charter that gave us the inspiration we desperately needed. What about a helicopter?

Unfortunately, helicopters are not the best place to hold meetings because they tend to be a bit noisy. Which is why we ended up holding this April’s AGM in a bra shop, where, along with the usual AGM stuff, bras were donated, modelled and replaced? Well, when I say modelled, what I really mean is we had a lot of fun devising some more creative ways to wear them. I can’t see most of our ideas catching on, but we definitely could have done with the earmuffs at the top of Ilkley Moor.
AND A HELPING HAND FROM EPSOM

Throughout the Tangent year, Epsom have been fundraising for a charity called Disability Challengers. This is a local group which provides play and leisure schemes for disabled children and young people. They have full-time centres in Guildford and Farnham and 13 community-based projects across the country, providing 16,000 child places every year to almost 1000 families. This year they celebrate their 30th birthday.

Epsom Tangent have enjoyed various fundraising activities, including a charity lunch and curry evening. The main event was a Race Night which raised a good part of the £1800 donated to Disability Challengers. The photo shows Chairman, Kay Briggs and members of Tangent when they presented their cheque for future development of the Sensory Area at their Saturday scheme based in Ewell.

The National Association of Tangent Clubs will celebrate it’s 40th Birthday on the 11 September 2010. Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship at East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham.

Make a weekend of it. Accommodation is available.

Please send your articles and (digital) photos for Issue 58 by 1 January 2010.

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Tangent is very grateful for all that they have done for the Association during their lifetime, and our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends at this difficult time. Individual tributes to the ladies mentioned above can be found on our website www.tangent-clubs.org.

We fully realise that some members do not have access to the internet, so perhaps someone in each Tangent Club could be responsible for downloading and printing this very special item to share with others. Thank You.

**NOTICES**

**POSTAL CHAOS**

We are concerned about the low level of Regalia & Marcasite Brooch Orders received in August and September which may have arisen because of the problems with the postal service.

If you sent in a Regalia or Marcasite Brooch order during that time and have not yet received it could you please e-mail Gill Preston (vice-president@tangent-clubs.org) for Regalia or Karen Durie (sales@tangent-clubs.org) for Marcasite Brooches to let us know so that we can check receipt of your order. Thank you.

**AGM COMPETITION - MOST UNUSUAL VENUE**

Please send any photographs of your 2009 AGM and don’t forget to plan for the competition next year.
Come and join us and support your Association by attending the Tangent Day Luncheon and NAGM on Saturday 17 April 2010.

Remember your Club’s vote counts

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