Joan Crabtree
New National President
You can make a difference with
The National Heart Foundation
‘Let friendship continue’
What fettle Marra? (Geordie welcome meaning ‘How are you?’)

If you were in Newcastle you will know the answer had to be ‘Canny’! (meaning ‘I’m grand!’). We were indeed ‘Grand’, because the Newcastle Team had worked so hard to give us a wonderful Geordie conference. The friendliness in Newcastle was what you would expect when 41 Club and Tangent get together. Thank you to the Conference Team for your hard work. If you were unable to be there, do look on the website to see the photos of the conference and Tangent Day. It will give you the flavour but you really have to be there to appreciate the atmosphere!

Don’t allow our conference to be a ‘best kept secret’, it’s for you to enjoy!

Next year we will have a super conference in Torbay. Why not make a date with your friends to join us at the ‘Riviera Revisited’ weekend?

I am so honoured and proud to be your New President.

Thank you to all who have sent greetings and best wishes. I feel I have a host of new friends throughout the UK and I look forward to meeting up with you all in your clubs and at Regional Lunches.

Tangent Day was most enjoyable - a delicious lunch with Tangent friends in a beautiful venue. I was sorry to have to say goodbye to Judy, B.J. and Barbara at the AGM and we thank them for their hard work on behalf of Tangent. I do however extend a very warm welcome to my Team for 2007. I can assure you we will have the best interests of Tangent at heart.

A new Tangent Year and Spring has sprung!

Think of your Tangent as a garden; our members are all so different. Hardy perennials, the friends you can rely on when you need them. The colourful annuals, a little short-lived maybe, the tall poppies, the shade lovers, even the prickly stems. Just like your plants, our Tangent ladies will thrive with a little TLC. For your flowers to bloom give them some fertiliser and water. Oh! go on then, for your Tangent friends, a glass of wine and the odd nice dinner! Plant some exotic flowers in your Tangent programme along with the old favourites. Get busy on the weeds and the undergrowth, they are your negative thoughts. Plant some seeds of friendship and nurture the spirit of Tangent. When you see the fruits of your labours as you surely will, open your garden to others and share your ideas. Don’t forget to go to the Garden Festivals (The Regional Lunches and Conference) because there you can enjoy a garden in profusion and celebrate your success!

Just like a day’s work in the garden can make a difference, so in our Tangent clubs YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. That is my theme for this year! Please try to make a good contribution to your club and have lots of fun while you are doing it.

Remember you get out what you put in!

Let friendship continue Joan

My chosen Charity this year is The British Heart Foundation.

Heart disease is still one of the major cause of death and illness in this country. Someone has a heart attack every two minutes!

- I hope to raise awareness of how we can help ourselves and our families to stay healthy.
- I hope to raise awareness of the Foundation’s work and with your help raise some money to help them continue their good work.

Could we put a Big Tangent Heart into a worthy cause and put some FUN into FUNDRAISING while we are doing it?

Isle of Man Tangent will be hosting a Valentine Charity President’s Ball on 16 February 2008. You are all warmly invited, so watch for details in Tangent News.

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I AM STILL IN A DAZE

The Conference was fantastic; the welcome wonderful and it was so good to be standing for National in my home territory. Party Tyne they said, and Party Tyne it was. I am slowly coming back down to earth.

Tangent is a wonderful organisation and I am very proud to be your new National Vice President. Thank you for all your good wishes.

Joan, our new President, is a lovely warm-hearted person and made me feel very welcome joining her new Exec. Congratulations Joan. I hope you have a wonderful year.

Tangent, old and new, is what friendship is all about... and so I am ready to receive your Regalia orders and have a chin wag or two. Please print clearly and carefully and send as early as possible.

To my two Tangent clubs, Taunton and Weston-Super-Mare, thank you for all your support.

immediate past president

A year of friendship! A year of fun!

Friends old and new.

Places visited, many I know I will return to.

We’ve laughed and cried, and laughed again.

Drank wine and G&Ts into the wee small hours

And cups of tea and coffee too!

We’ve talked, and shopped, and talked some more.

And danced until we’ve dropped!

And very wisely for all your sakes you spared me Karaoke!

Yes girls, the Mars a day really did help us to WORK REST & PLAY!

Thank you to each and everyone of you for your wonderful support. Our Newcastle Conference already seems a lifetime away, and Bristol a distant memory. However, in between there was a year of special memories that will stay with me forever. I really feel my theme of Contact, Contact, Contact, worked, along with the great support I had from ‘Team Tangent’ – last year’s Executive.

A very special bonus of being your National President, was the opportunity to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. This charity will always be very close to my heart following the support they gave to me and my family when my husband Brian died. Due to all your fundraising efforts, over £15,000 has been donated to this worthy cause, and judging from your comments, you did take those first three letters of the word to heart and had some FUN doing it. So well done, and a very big thank you on behalf of Macmillan.

Of course I am more than a little sad to no longer be your President, but I am already looking forward to an exciting year as Immediate Past President. I may not be rushing around the country, but I will have plenty to keep me busy wearing my four new Tangent Executive Hats – Membership, Tangent News Editor, Website Coordinator, and International Officer. So I look forward to keeping the Contact, Contact, Contact, going!

With Continued Friendship  Janis
Hello - Gill Young, your new National Secretary. I was delighted to accept the jewel from Joan Crabtree at our National Annual General Meeting in Newcastle. The reins are firmly in my hands and I am trying hard to keep up with the galloping horses at this very busy time of year!

Congratulations to all those members of 41 and Tangent from Newcastle and the surrounding area who made “Bridging the Gap” in Newcastle such a terrific success.

Thank you for returning your pink Directory Detail forms for 2007/2008. Congratulations to Scunthorpe 790 and Louth 491, their details being the first to arrive on 7 March, 2007 - well done girls! All those who have still to return their form, please do so quickly. Alternatively fill in the information on www.tangent-clubs.org and this will be sent directly to my computer at home - yet another wonder of the modern world!

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After the Midlands Luncheon where I was ‘persuaded’ to stand for National Treasurer, I found myself on my hind legs at the NAGM putting forward my pitch to the assembled multitude. As I said at the time I will give it my best shot!

I joined Ripley Circle in the mid-eighties when Frank and I moved to Riddings in Derbyshire. It was at this time that I took up a post at University Hospital Nottingham and after four years we moved to Cambridge. I left Ripley as Vice Chairman. Frank joined Ely Round Table more or less straight away but I left it a while before I joined Circle. It was whilst still a member of Circle that I joined Tangent and when sadly two years ago we had to close Ely Circle due to falling numbers and rising ages; the majority of Circle joined me in Tangent. Most of us had held one or more offices in Circle over the years and I had been Chairman twice and Treasurer for a number of years.

I now work for a support services company delivering non clinical support services to the NHS. This is a mobile post so I can find myself anywhere in the UK.

I reluctantly joined Circle all those years ago but I am very glad that I did. I thoroughly recommend the Circle and Tangent movements and I expect to enjoy my time on the Exec.

I look forward to meeting up with you at the relevant Conferences and meetings.

Yours In Continued Friendship, Lesley
Hi girls and welcome to our new Tangent year and to all of you who have agreed to, or been persuaded to, take on a Job that you definitely, definitely told yourself that you would never, ever do! CONGRATULATIONS.

I cannot believe that I am now in my third and final year as your Sales and Regalia Officer. I have had a lot of fun and friendship with you all along the way and I intend to make the most of the next twelve months.

There are a few items that I would like to draw your attention to. First being that you will find four Sales and Regalia Order Forms in this mailing.

One for the marcasite brooch – please, please fill this in very carefully and note the guideline delivery period and price change. The second form is for the SHOP Sales & Regalia orders. These items are stocked by me. Also this form has been amended, changes have been made to some of the prices, certain lines have been withdrawn and new stock items added. The third is a NEW form for the 40th Anniversary Badge. Unfortunately the price for this item has increased due to the additional costs of enamelling and postage. This badge has an eight week delivery period. Please remember this if you are planning a special celebration and need this badge for a certain date.

The three part regalia order form has been updated with our new Vice Presidents details and please deal with her directly should you have any queries. You will be able to view this form on our website along with pictures of all the items listed. These four forms will be available for you to download from our website by the end of May 2007 should you require additional copies.

Most of you will now know that our new Tangent rose called "Yours in Continued Friendship" will be ready for delivery from November this year. Please read the article in this magazine and I know you will agree that it is a fantastic rose and we have to say a big thank you to Robert Harkness at Harkness Roses for naming this rose for our Association. You will find an order form in this mailing and further copies are available from me or you can download them from www.tangent-clubs.org. It will make a wonderful gift.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and I wish you all a Tangent year full of fun and friendship.

y.i.c.f. Jan
Tangent’s New Rose

This rose will be a delightful addition to any garden or patio. It’s handsome, light apricot blooms are borne in plentiful trusses, each stem carrying a cluster of up to seven blooms. The individual blooms are well filled with a scoop of petals in the ‘cupped’ form, they are long-lasting both in the garden and when cut for indoors. Repeat blooming is reliable, giving an easy to look after, trouble free plant.

Recommended use: combine in summer flower borders, among ornamental shrubs or as a single specimen in a large planter on a patio etc.

Class: Floribunda
Flowering period: June to November,
Height: 90cm
Spacing: 80cm
Perfume: Light.

Please see Jan’s article on previous page.
An order form is enclosed especially for you.
A discussion about all those items bought and regretted later, and gifts that have been unused, led Tarporley Tangent 521, to do something constructive with them by holding a ‘Faux Pas Lunch’ at Pryors Hayes Golf Club in February. A superb meal was accompanied by non stop “bringing and buying” of unwanted items which resulted in £1000 being raised for charity. £500 was given to Tarporley War Memorial Hospital which has to rely largely on donations to continue to offer a superb comprehensive service to the locality. A further £500 was given to the J.K.Douglas Laboratories at Clatterbridge Hospital who are investigating the ways genes affect cancers, and developing the project to interpret the human genetic codes. The photograph shows Di Bedford busy drumming up business at the sales table. The event was a great success where many friendships were renewed and a great time was had by all.

We are very sad to have been advised of the following:

**Betty Malling**  
Nuneaton 510

**Margaret Cotton**  
Stafford & District 159

**Joyce Straw**  
Christchurch 447

**Pamela Ball**  
Shepperton 571

**Majorie Sweatman**  
Atherton & Tyldesley 678

**Susan Unsworth**  
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**Mary Hendy**  
Bletchley 111

**Annette Allen**  
Taunton 199

**Rita Easter**  
St Albans 114

Tangent is grateful for all that they have done for the Association during their lifetime and our thoughts are with their families at this difficult time. Tributes to the above ladies, in full, can be found on the Tangent website www.tangent-clubs.org
The event was organised by Marjorie Bowman & Jean Hamill

When

...two new CLUSTER TANGENTS

O.A.T.S Old Area Twenty Seven
Emeritus 900 receiving their charter at the NAGM in Newcastle

Continued friendship
Irish eyes are smiling!

The Irish Regional Luncheon
hosted by Omagh 851. Saturday 3 March 2007,
at the Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh, Co. Tyrone.

Yet another very special Midlands Luncheon! This year it was hosted by Hinckley Tangent 52, at the Hinckley Golf Club. The main speaker was Angela Baker, the original Calendar Girl, Miss February – how apt! She received a standing ovation after her speech which was funny, poignant and inspiring. Hinckley Tangent were also delighted that Councillor Mrs Mary Sherwin, Mayor of Hinckley & Bosworth was able to attend the luncheon. The lunch was jointly chaired by Tangent Chairman Kay Adams, and Lunch Chairman, Sandra Ladkin, who was doing her best to recover from a bad bout of flu. The superb day was another fine example of the fun and friendship of Tangent.
Our annual Birthday Dinner was so memorable this year, held at our local Golf Club it was full of atmosphere. The raffle raised £200 and the friendship candle glowed. And as our Tangent is so special, the warmth of friendship showed. The room was full of laughter with a constant buzz of sound, with quite a few guest Tangents, come from many miles around. Above all we had honoured guests, not one, not two, but three! National Presidents: present, past - and one more incredibly! There was Janis Attwell looking great and Judy Holdaway, our own, and Penny Gibbons also there, a past President well known. How thrilled we were to have them and how lucky we all are, to enjoy such special Tangent times amongst friends from near and far.

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34th ANNUAL BIRTHDAY DINNER CAMBERLEY

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What are we like?
Some are like kites – if you don’t keep a string on them, they will fly away.
Some are like neon lights – they keep flashing on and off but always shine brightly!
Some are like porridge – they need stirring up!
Some are like custard – they get upset over trifles!
Some are cornflakes – ready to serve.
BUT MOST are like a good watch (Rolex Girls) – opened face, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works.
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## POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL TOURS

**2007**
- **12-14 June**  
  Midlands
- **18-21 June**  
  North Yorkshire/North East Cumbria
- **20-28 June**  
  South/East/Midlands
- **1-4 October**  
  Wales/West Midlands/M5
- **11-17 October**  
  South Yorkshire/Nottinghamshire
  Lincolnshire/East Midlands

**2008**
- **10-14 March**  
  South West

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It was brilliant spring sunshine with equally brilliant Geordie hospitality, the perfect setting for our Tangent Day 2007. The friendship and fun that filled the Assembly Rooms in Newcastle upon Tyne on Saturday 14 April, can only be described as ‘Tangent at its very best’.

Special thanks and congratulations must go to Margaret Barker, Tangent Day Chairman and Past National President, and her North Eastern Regional Committee.

A super Luncheon, which was extremely well organised by Jan Mulqueen, Luncheon Chairman, gave everyone the chance to catch up with old friends, as well as the opportunity to make new ones. Sheila Leaning, Past National President of Ladies Circle, and member of Farnham Tangent, proposed the Toast to NATC and a new cluster Tangent Club Emeritus 900 received their Charter. Nora Clamp from Swadlincote 506 was congratulated for her continued attendance. Together with husband Graham, this was their thirtieth 41 Club/ Tangent Conference – quite an achievement!

After the many challenging issues, and duration of last year’s NAGM, there were many members who left Bristol with a heavy heart. What a difference a year makes! Throughout the intervening months tremendous efforts have been made, especially by the National Executive and some Past National Officers, to resolve several matters, and this was reflected in this year’s positive and harmonious atmosphere – Continued Friendship!

The 41st NAGM commenced at 2.15pm, with 69 voting delegates and approximately 200 members present. When welcoming Past National Officers, a moment was taken to remember Gay Hoing, Past National President, who died last autumn.
Your new National Vice President is Pat Paulson from Weston Super Mare 314. We were also delighted that Lesley Seville from Ely & District 569, stood from the floor for the position of National Treasurer. Congratulations to both of them.

Executive reports were given, and well received. Barbara Whale then presented the Accounts in her usual thorough and very competent manner, with the addition of colourful bar charts which really helped! She also explained that we were in the process of re registering for VAT, and that there was a necessary change concerning Club insurance. There was a need to increase the out of pocket expenses for the National President to £900, and for Capitation to be increased to £3.25. These were all passed without question. There was only one resolution which was defeated. This was from Southend on Sea 5, that wanted some Executive reports to be circulated before the NAGM.

Mandy Vines, National President of Ladies Circle, brought greetings and spoke of strengthening the relationship between Circle and Tangent. She was thanked by Moira-Ann Grainger, Past Ladies Circle President, who later accepted ‘The Most Innovative AGM Venue’ Award for A.B.O.T.S 889. They held their AGM on the London Eye!

I then presented retiring National officers Judy Holdaway, B.J. Brown, and Barbara Whale with their Past National Officers Badges. Many thanks to them for their very special friendship and fun, and for their undaunted support and work for Tangent.

My last Presidential address followed. 123 very special visits, driving more than 17,000 miles and receiving donations of over £15,000 for my chosen charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. Beyond those two special ones ‘Thank You’, I can honestly say that there are not enough words to sum up such an amazing year! However, the time had come to pass over the Chain of Office to Joan, with lots of good wishes (and magical Isle of Man Fairy dust). The room was invaded by a ‘school marm ‘ and ‘chefs extrordinaire’ from the Isle of Man, with a recipe for success! Greetings were then brought by Keith Howard, the new President of 41 Club, and the Rev. Malcolm Lockey, Newcastle Conference Chairman. Members of the newly affiliated Riff Raff 41 Club presented flowers to all the members of the Executive, and they also gave commemorative glass bowls to the three retiring National officers.

Joan Crabtree then gave her first Presidential Address. Her theme is ‘making a difference’ and her chosen charity The British Heart Foundation. She also hoped that everyone would support her plan for regional tours.

The meeting closed at 5.15pm. The next NAGM will be at the Riveria Centre, Torquay on Saturday 12 April, 2008.

With Continued Friendship

Janis Attwell I.P.P.
In true A.B.O.T.S. tradition the girls of ‘A Bit On The Side’, decided to reach for the sky this year for their AGM. Last year it was on top of an open topped double decker bus in Stratford upon Avon, the year before in a hot tub (with laminated minutes) at a luxury spa! Champagne flowed as they travelled to London by train. Their venue – a pod on the London Eye! Chairman Rainee Faisey read her report, followed by minutes, Treasurer’s and Secretary’s reports. The meeting was adjourned briefly for a few moments mid flight to enjoy the view. AOB was completed afterwards over lunch, followed by a trip down the river. Secretary Moira-Ann Grainger accepted an engraved glass plate for ‘AGM Venue of the year’ at the Newcastle NAGM.
A circle of friends...

Circle and Tangent

Continuing friendship with Ladies Circle - they are our future.
‘Let friendship continue’

Please send in your contributions and photos for the 51st issue by 1 October 2007

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