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A few words from the Editor...

May I wish you all a very happy New Year!

As I near the end of my tenure as your Editor, it is a time to reflect and take stock. No doubt many will be facing challenges in the coming year but there will also be plenty to celebrate and be thankful for.

In this edition you will find reports of celebrations, anniversaries, fundraising and just fun activities. I am also pleased to include a feature by a member who is a solicitor who presents Lasting Powers of Attorney.

Do also try checking out the new sales items Tangent can get by clicking on http://www.tangentshop.co.uk and if you are into cruising… check out the Fred Olsen offer on Dodo.

Please give your support to those members who stand for the National Executive. Everyone has something to offer… and so I am leaving you with the following words from Anne Frank: Everyone has inside them a piece of good news. The good news is you don’t know how great you can be! How much you can accomplish! And what your potential is. Ladies, you never know until you try – so please, never say never and whatever challenges come your way, treat them as opportunities!

Yours in continued friendship

Pauline Campbell
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YOU’RE NEVER TOO OLD TO SUMMIT!

Most people moving into their fifties/sixties start looking at relaxation & retirement after years of working hard. For Potters Bar Tangent chairman Barbara Middleton and her friend Coer Rice-Smith however, with a combined age of 113 years, it is just the opposite, as they prepare to take on the ultimate challenge of trekking to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro this February. They feel the time is right for this epic adventure, which they will be doing to raise money for The Alzheimers Society, which is Barbara’s chosen charity for her year as Chairman.

“Whilst a little apprehensive about the challenges ahead, we’re both very excited” said Barbara “and will be supporting each other every step of the way to make sure we both Summit”.

The pair have been training regularly, completing a night hike up and down Snowdon, attending outdoor Bootcamp classes and of course walking 6-8 miles most days, changing their commutes to work in order to do so. Most recently they completed an 26k section of the Thames Path in just 6 hours, testing their water-proofs and stamina in their run up to the big climb.

(Phototoke taken at the half way stage after a hot chocolate pitstop!)

“We have both witnessed close relatives succumb to the ravaging effects of dementia” said Coer “We hope to raise as much money as possible to aid research and eradicate this condition.”

Both women will be funding the trip themselves and have set up Just Giving pages so that all monies raised go direct to The Alzheimers Society. If you would like to donate please visit their Just giving page https://www.justgiving.com/Kibi12

National Secretary Melodie is a musical lady – not only by name, and she has given us another spoof choral piece to be sung to the hymn tune for Immortal, Invisible

Verse 1

Irresistible, God only knows How tunes and bars, symphonies, alms At service on Sunday are rarely the same As those who on Monday to choir practice came.

Verse 2

Dreadful, unable to sight-read the notes, Nor counting, nor blending, they tighten their threads. The descent so pleasing is swarming above A melody only a mother could love.

Verse 3

They have a director, but no one knows who; No one in the choir dares to turn him an eye. It’s clear by his frowning he wants them to look. But each singer stands there with nose in the book.

Verse 4

Despite the offences, the music rings out. The folks in the pew are unperturbed, no doubt. Their faces are blank, their thoughts appear deep; But this is no wonder, for they are asleep.

Book of Remembrance

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

Nina Andreatworth – Shirley 84
Jenny Blandy – Bletchley 698
Lydia Blaz – Tiverton 55
Dorothy Brunt – Rothwell & District 813
Mojgir Jones – Bexhill 588
Freddie Kaye – Tiverton 490
Sinead Lewis – Broadford Fairly 319
Jev Lockyer – Milton Keynes 56
Ade McKay – Bloxbury 111
Irene Manners – Inveraray & District 650
Linda Papworth – Weston-super-Mare 314
Aime Winscom – Peterfield 56

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REGARDING OBITUARIES…

Did you know that we record the names of members who have recently died in the magazine, but you can also send a longer, written obituary for posting on the Tangent website? Your club can celebrate member’s lives through your words and a photo if you wish. Please send anything you wish to be included to the Editor. Email: editor@tangent-clubs.org for publication in Tangent News and inclusion on the website
Friends Forever

June Boden wrote to share her story of a friend’s move that has sparked new friendships between clubs.

Some years ago, Sue and Ken Copley, members of Billericay (Essex) clubs “defected” to Marlow & District 808 in Somerset. Sue kept in touch and from time to time would manage to visit us. But this year, Billericay decided the time had arrived to pay a return visit, so in September, 5 couples made the trip. It is a special year for Sue and Ken who are chairman of Marlow & District 41 Club, respectively and June Boden, who is chairman of Billericay Tangent.

Thursday evening brought club members from around Somerset for a meeting. On Friday the group enjoyed visits to some of the local sites… an apple brandy distillery, a smoker and a visit to Montacute House. The evening was rounded off by a great dinner. Even the weather was glorious so a great trip all round and the local sites… an apple brandy distillery, a smoker and a visit to Montacute House. The evening was rounded off by a great dinner.

Out and About

Firstly I ventured north of the Border for a whistle stop tour of Bonny Scotland, where a highlight was visiting the Kelpies and encountering many Tangent’s with the Craig 2000. This was closely followed by the “flyaway” Scottish luncheon, where we were expertly shown all the emergency exits by Julie White and her team of air hostesses.

On the way back I visited brilliant Brompton Longtown & Border Tangent 555, learning all the secrets of Gretna Green, and was finally home after 7 nights away and 810 miles travelled.

On 24 September I was honoured to attend the funeral of Past National President 1980-81, Anne Winsom, who I didn’t know personally, but I learned was an amazing lady and a great inspiration. On to the South West regional lunch and Pauline, Tigger, and I stayed with the very efficient Sergeant Major Trocy Franscinn. The venue was fantastic, and quite frankly my dear, the weather does not disabuse Trucy, and was glorious!! Jockie Hampton and I had so much fun and friendship at the first birthday party of Telford Tangent 937, and then, with lovely Jilly King, I enjoyed many lunches at Ostad & District 121 playing beetle drive which was very soon followed by the BCC Fashion Show.

Next was a quick nip up to Northwich 426, with Super Shopper and Sales, Sue Hill, where I was very touched to receive a handmade and personalised cushion, by their Chairman, Claire. I would like to take this chance to thank my own Tangent, Wellingborough 371, for a fabulous 40th Supper that raised £600 for RTCW, which I am elated to say Viv went down to Bournmouth and personally presented.

Christmas festivities saw Gwen and I dancing on the table at Dursley and District 582 joint do (Ed’s note: The photographic evidence can be found elsewhere in this magazine). Paula, Jill and I then attended the Lamb of Christmas with a Loch Fyne luscious lunch, arranged by the ever enthusiastic David Leon. Finally after Bedworth 41 Club and RTC Christmas Ball I got to hang up my Tangent hot and relax.

So now I’m on the home straight, and I sincerely want to thank you all for this once in a lifetime opportunity. I have enjoyed being your figure head and meeting so many lovely ladies, who honestly do achieve fantastic fun and friendship and CARPE the hack out of that DIEM!!

Janice O’Neill, Past National President and International Officer was pleased to welcome Mulenga Tembo and her husband, Dixon to the Half Yearly Meeting (HYM) in Birmingham in October. Following the Charter of Tangent Zambia Copperbelt and Lusaka at the Tangent Clubs International (TCI) HYM in October, Mulenga and Dixon revisited their Round Table and Ladies Circle club in Gloucester, who are now 41 Club and Gloucester. Gloucester Tangent kindly sponsored the pins for the Zambia members and were delighted to host Mulenga and Dixon after the HYM. Tangent UK are the godmother to Zambia who are now on Associate Member of TCI. In the photo with Mulenga are Jackie Lord, Sheila Paterson and Carole Brennan who shared many funny stories of their time together in Circle.

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Melodie Brookes – Candidate for National Vice-President

Hello Ladies,

years on the National Executive as, firstly the last ever Candidate for Secretary, I am offering to take on a further three years service!

National Vice-President

ing NATC in Norway, and especially enjoying meeting some of you at the varied, spectacular Regional Lunches, I would relish Salisbury 389 and Bournemouth No 1, it seemed too good an opportunity to miss. Having close contact with the members and the clubs in my role as Secretary has given me an insight into some of your challenges, and an admission for your commitment to ‘Continued Friendship’ in its many forms.

I look forward to the excitement and the responsibility of representing you to the best of my ability.

Melodie Brookes

Ruth Sage – Candidate for National Sales & Regalia

My Circling life started in Skegness where I was inducted into Leigh-on-Sea Ladies Circle during the National AGM! I then went on to hold many positions in Ladies Circle including Area 30 Chairwoman, which is where I know some of you from. I am not very good with time so if you ask me I have a blank look on my face or can’t remember your name please don’t take personally.

I was inducted into Southend no5 Tangent by Gill Young in 2009. I have been dinner secretary in 2012 and then in 2013 I was secretary and Vice Chairman becoming Chairman in 2014. This coming year in Tangent I am hoping to be the National Sales and Regalia Officer and, yet again, dinner secretary for my local club. I already have lots of ideas for the shop and if you have anything that you would like to be able to purchase from the shop then please let me know and I will see if it’s possible or not.

I like a challenge in life as some of you know; I have been a nurse for over 40 years which makes me feel very old and at present I am a Senior Nurse on nights. Jon, my late husband, and I managed to get down to 3 days a week which I’m very pleased with.

I supported Janice O’Neill during her year as Regalia Officer and, yet again, dinner secretary for my local club.

Formally a member of Turfnt & District Tangent and also Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Cluster Tangent. I am an associate solicitor in private practice. My field is Family/Matrimonial work. To assist with this I am also a trained family mediator.

I acted as Editor and website coordinator for Ladies Circle during my time as a Vice President and am pleased to say that one of my innovations remains to this day. Hopefully I will bring some experience to the role.

My wish is to maintain the high standards set by former holders of the post as well as add my own ideas and enthusiasm.

Morag Daley

Glynis Sutton – Candidate for National Secretary

Hi ladies, I’ve been married to Andy since 1994-5, followed by Area Secretary then Area 43 Chairwoman in 1998-9, and Regional Sub-tee for the East in 1999-2000. I progressed on to Tangent with the same groups of great friends that have been Chesham Tangent Chairwoman twice. I’ve attended as many Tangent Regional lunches and AGMs as I can, enjoying fun and friendship around the country. I supported Jonice O’Neill during her year as Tangent President 2014-15, organising a successful charity lunch helping to raise funds for Jonice’s charity Breast Cancer Care.

My dog job is Accounts Manager, having moved to this role only in the last few months, which I have managed to get down to 3 days a week which I’m thrilled about. I finally now have a bit of time to take on a role on the Tangent national exec. My background is secretarial, project management, databases, and co-ordinating events, and I believe all these experiences will be beneficial to the position of National Secretary.

Glynis Sutton

Past National Officers on tour in St Albans

Past National President Liz Morgan reports on the goings on of the PNO’s…. Every year the Past National Officers of Tangent with their husbands/partners get together for a re-union weekend. This year our weekend was organised by Past National President Beth Alan and in September, 34 of us gathered together in the bar at the Hotel St. Albans, a very impressive listed building just metres from the centre of the city.

The noise level in the bar soon soared as greetings were exchanged and thirsty travellers downed gin and tonics, but Beth soon had everyone in order and, with the help of fellow committee members, we all continued to order, and welcomed us to St Albans. She introduced us to Terry Turner who took us on a short, but informative and interesting guided tour of the ancient city of St Albans. Back at the hotel, we enjoyed good food, plenty of wine and talked and laughed ‘til we staggered off to bed.

(Editor’s note; I didn’t ask what time that was last!) After a leisurely breakfast the next morning, we met in St Albans Abbey for a guided tour of this amazing Cathedral, so rich in history. With free time to follow, we were able to explore the lovely city centre, with its ancient buildings, beautiful gardens and parklands, but of course many of us headed for the famous outdoor market and interesting high street shops. Some things never change!

Our annual PNO’s meeting was held back at the hotel in the beautiful Sarum Ryder Study. Sam Ryder was a keen golfer and instigated the Ryder Cup golf completion, but a less well known fact is that he had made his fortune in seeds and plants. Sixteen of us attended the meeting which Beth chaired and once again, I B agreed to take the minutes. Apologies and greetings were received from those unable to join us and we were sad to hear that Past National President Ann Winscombe had passed away just a week before. We have very little business but we agreed that the National Conference in Harrogate had been enjoyed by all those who attended and that changes to the format of the National AGM were necessary and it was a brave National Executive who had instigated it. Life moves on!

Beth was thanked for a wonderful weekend and Terrie Hewitt than invited all Past National Officers to join her and David in September 2016 in Ironbridge, and it sounds as if it’s going to be a fantastic weekend. After a great dinner and another lively session in the bar for a few night caps, we retired for the evening. Next morning we all departed having laughed a lot, learnt a lot and renewed those special friendships with each other. We now look forward to Ironbridge next year.

Press RELEASE

Ruth Sage

A new age…

Half Year Meetings in Birmingham!!

In October 2015, history was made for our organisation in Birmingham; we hosted Tangent Clubs International Half Year Meeting and also, following agreement of our National Conference in Harrogate, we held the first Half Year Meeting for our own National Association. However, this was not for our home clubs and we were also pleased to host the 41 Club International Half Year Meeting and 41 Club GB&I who held their mid-year Council meeting all at the same weekend. Being married to the Convenor meant that by the time the weekend dawned, I could almost recite the names of every one attending, their clubs and even their dietary needs! The spreadsheet was awesome… and I did develop a love/hate relationship with it all!!

Birmingham welcomed more than 200 Tangent and 41 Club members from more than 20 countries across the world and we were proud and delighted to welcome our very own membership too. The organisation was complex and could not have happened without the wonderful support from local 41 Club and Tangent members and all of them were wonderful. The weekend’s super heroes were Tom Atkins, BJ Brown, Hilary Mears and Andy Watkinson and their teams of support who ran the registration and transport from the hotel.

TCI President Susanne Nørager welcomed everyone and each country gave their reports and invited members to attend future events. We were also pleased to welcome RTBI President, Marcus Jones who brought greetings and RTBI Past President Jason Thompson who gave up to date information about A44Nepal, the charity that he has and continues to so successfully support.

The afternoon was given over to the very first Half Year Meeting for NATC. The meeting was well supported by Tangent members from GB as well as our international guests and some Ladies Circles. Everyone was welcome to contribute and for me, this was a strength of the event. Uninterupted by the formatality and business of AGMs, members could debate issues including membership and subscriptions for those who are members of more than one club. There were no propositions and the meeting was relaxed and friendly. It was noted that the event had undoubtedly attracted a number of attendees because of the other events taking place during the weekend and that the Half Year Meeting to take place in 2016 would more likely reflect the real interest in the event if it stood alone. It was agreed to continue support a half yearly meeting. It was likely but good natured and afforded the opportunity for the membership to bring issues to discuss with fellow members and the national executive.

Pauline Campbell

41 Club IRO liaising with TCI ladies

The HVM Team

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Bromsgrove 91 – the Butcher’s Prime cut!!!

In November a group of Bromsgrove 91 members and guests had the pleasure of visiting our local Butchers. We learnt about the art of sausage making, how to butcher a pig and about the cuts you can get from it.

Jon and Denise Banner from Banners Foods in Bromsgrove treated us to a behind the scenes insight and history of the shop. Banners Foods was established over 100 years ago by Samuel Banner and his wife Kate in September 1906 and remains essentially a family run business as the current business is run by 3 Directors, 2 of whom are great grandsons of the original owner. Today, a retail fresh run business as the current business is run by 3 Directors, 2 of whom are great grandsons of the original owner. Today, a retail fresh food shop still thrives on the original site in Bromsgrove and Banners is much more than a purely butchery business.

Jon, one of Sam Banner’s great grandsons, happily showed us how to butcher a side of pig and explained that nothing on a pig is wasted and everything can be eaten, bar the ‘Onk!!!’ After the informative talk we got down to making our own sausages and cure bacon. This was a highly amusing session and we got to take our efforts home afterwards.

The bacon had to cure for 5 days after we took it home and it was well worth the wait as it was the best bacon we have ever had at home and we soon went back for more.

After removing our plastic pinny’s we enjoyed an excellent meal in the restaurant next door. The cost of the evening was worth every penny!

Bromsgrove had a great evening with their local butcher – so give your local butcher a call and see if they run sessions like we enjoyed. Bromsgrove had a great evening…

Golfers Galore

Sue Jennings, Chairman of Louth Tangent, her members and their husbands/partners braved the cold and donned their sporty gear to try their hand at golf in September. Golfers were paired with a non-golfer… the golfer drove and played the fairway shots and the non-golfer did the putting until the last hole when the roles were reversed!

Everyone had a lot of fun but Sue reflected on the attraction to hardened golfer addicts when it was so cold! The wind did blow across those Lincolnshire Wolds! Everyone ate heartily at the ‘19th’ and prizes were handed out to the best pair and to the best individual golfer and non-golfer.

President Does Dinner with Dursley

Dursley and District Tangent, together with their 41 Club, welcomed President Alex and husband Mark to their Christmas Dinner, held at the lovely Nibley House in Gloucestershire. A great evening was had by all and a cheque for £100 was presented to Alex for her Presidential Charity Round Table Children’s Wished The money had been raised following a progressive dinner earlier in the year.

Lynne Bedford, Dursley & District Secretary, reports that the evening went with a swing and a lot of fun, and included some high jinx!
Go into the generation gap....

and learning from each other
Happy 30th - Shepton Mallett

September saw Shepton Mallett Tangent celebrate their 30th Birthday. Celebrations began at their July meeting when the National President, Alex Voller, paid a surprise visit and joined us for our meeting at The Manor, Ditcheat. Famous as the local for Paul Nicholls the race horse trainer whose stables are just down the road.

Members were delighted to welcome Alex as some have been present at the A.G.M. in Bournemouth when she had been elected. Her enthusiasm was as infectious in the flesh as it had been making her election speech from the stage! She had researched the beginnings of the club and also explained why Round Tables Children's Wish is so important and is her choice of charity for the year.

A lively meeting was brought to a close when Chairman Francis presented Alex with a miniature ‘rock flock’ sheep, best used as a door stop as it is too heavy for anything else. Anyone who passes down the A37 past Shepton Mallett will see a flock of these stone sheep on a roundabout outside the town and recognised by many as a sign they have nearly reached the site of the Glastonbury Festival!

We decided to celebrate our actual 30th anniversary by holding our September meeting at Stag Eaton Park Hotel and having a ‘hosts’ afternoon tea. Ladies Circle sadly closed years ago, but we have the jewels and scarpsbooks and with those from the 30 years of Tangent there were many memories awakened. It is very sad to think that our Tangent has been in existence longer than our Circle.

Members of 41 Club, gave each member a gift of an engraved wine glass, the purpose of which became apparent when proceedings were interrupted by ten of their members who, led by president Neville Dyke, surprised us with Congratulations and filled the glasses with champagne for a toast. Chairman Francis Moreland had reassembled The Journal for events we had all involved in 1985 and a very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close with the cutting of a cake provided by member Sue Voisey and remembering Jane Sharples, Di Cannings and Jenny Stade who are sadly no longer with us to celebrate our motto of continued friendship.

Happy 40th - Seisdon & District

Seisdon & District Tangent 387 celebrated their 40th Anniversary on Sunday, 11th October with lunch at the Himley Country Hotel in Staffordshire. Tangent members were joined by their husbands and members of 41 club, and their wives. It was a most enjoyable occasion with good food, wine and lovely weather spent with new and old friends. Sheila Dady who was our founder member, lit the friendship candle to start the proceedings.

Lasting Powers of Attorney

What Are They?

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is a document by which you give certain powers to someone of your choice. Giving you the ability to give power to someone else to sign things on your behalf either because it is convenient, or because you are no longer able to sign things yourself. There are two distinct types of Power of Attorney:

1) Property & Financial Affairs LPA which gives full power to your attorney to sign anything on your behalf. This means they can completely manage your affairs, paying bills and even selling your house or they can assist you in particular parts of your affairs and;

2) Health & Welfare LPA gives your attorney the power to make medical decisions on your behalf. What that means is your attorney can ‘give or refuse consent to life sustaining treatment’ on your behalf. It also allows your attorney to influence your benefit, care provided by the hospital or agencies whilst you are at home.

Why Do I Need One?

If you become ill and do not have a LPA it is very difficult for anyone else to manage your affairs. It may then be necessary to make an application to the Court of Protection, which can be costly and take months to obtain. If you have a Power of Attorney in place, your family can help immediately and respond to any difficulty you may have.

The Health and Welfare LPA is particularly important if you have a stroke and need help immediately. It is no use if your family goes to a solicitor once you lose capacity as you are no longer able to give instructions to put the LPA in place. The only option then, is for your family to make the application to the Court of Protection which takes a minimum of 6 months and in the meantime, they have limited power to influence any decision made, and no power to manage your finances.

By making Lasting Powers of Attorney you take control and are able to decide who you wish to make important decisions for you and not who the Court of Protection decides. They are enormously important and should be made by everyone over 55 or for whom old age and illness may be on the horizon.

As a solicitor I often hear clients say, I don’t need a Power of Attorney. I have a Will and my husband/wife knows what I want. Unfortunately, whilst this may be the case, without a formal LPA being in place they have no legal right to any information about you, your health or your finances. So even if you would want them to be given information or access your bank account to pay for your own care, the banks hands are tied and they will not release your money.

Even if it is in your best interests for them to do so. Leaving your loved ones with no option but to apply to the Court of Protection, which is a very lengthy and costly process.

Lasting Powers of Attorney and Wills are mutually exclusive.

LPAs are operative whilst you are alive and may have lost mental capacity, and cease on your death.

Wills kick in from the moment you die but have no legal bearing whilst you are alive.

So please, don’t wait to deal with this. Treat LPAs like you treat an insurance policy, put them in place and forget about them. Hopefully they are never needed but if they are, then you can be assured YOU made your choices and YOU have chosen the people YOU want to be your attorneys. Tell your attorneys what you want to happen to you in the future then they will know what to do if the unthinkable happens.

Don’t leave your important decisions to fate or worse, someone else.

Special Feature

A member who is a solicitor has written the following thought provoking article about Lasting Powers of Attorney. If you would like to contact her, please email editor@tangent-clubs.org for her contact details.

Types of Power of Attorney

1. Property & Financial Affairs LPA

A Power of Attorney (POA) is a legal document which transfers to another person the authority to act on your behalf. There are two main categories of POA:

- A General POA, which is made for general use and is valid until you revoke it or are no longer capable of managing your affairs.
- A Specific POA, which is made for a specific purpose, such as dealing with a particular property or financial matter.

2. Health & Welfare LPA

A Health & Welfare POA gives your attorney the power to decide what medical treatment you will receive and to make decisions about your living arrangements.

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**Fundraising in the sunshine**

It's hard to remember those lovely balmy days of last summer now, but Bournemouth North 632 have written to share a lovely sunny Sunday afternoon leisurely lunch in the garden of their Chairman. Marcia Coton reports it was all in a good cause as the group raised £405 for the Dorset Blind Association, the club’s chosen charity for the year.

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**Remembering Friends**

It is always sad to lose a good friend, but Weston-super-Mare decided to make a donation to the charity 'Promise' in memory of one of their members who had eloquently spoken to her club and encouraged them to support, prior to her sad death in September 2015.

W E S T O N - S U P E R - M A R E T A N G E N T C L U B 3 1 4 Chairman Carole Lothmann wished a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone to the first dinner meeting of 2016 at Weston Golf Club. Our two guests for the evening were George Papworth whose wife Linda had been a longstanding member of Ladies Circle and Tangent until she sadly passed away in September last year, and friend of Linda’s Donna Pyett. Donna is a volunteer Mentor for the Charity Promise who offer a mentoring programme for young people. Along with her work as a Mentor for Promise, Donna has been very busy fund raising, organizing a very successful Barn Dance, coach trips and Pudsey collections from Ladies Circle three years ago when they disbanded. Kathy hopes to continue to raise money for Children in Need with the help of the Tangent ladies for as long as possible. It is a fun day and Kathy would like to thank all the Tangent members for their help.

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**Leamington Spa & District 243 support Children in Need**

Leamington Tangent Club helped to raise £448 this year in the Royal Priors Shopping Centre in Leamington Spa for Children in Need. A large sheet with Pudsey Bear’s picture drawn on by Leamington Ladies Circle members over a decade ago was put on the ground in the shopping area. Children and adults were encouraged to cover Pudsey with coins all day long. Tangent members volunteered to spend an hour or so during the day to look after Pudsey at all times. Kathy Olofson took over the Pudsey collections from Ladies Circle three years ago when they disbanded. Kathy hopes to continue to raise money for Children in Need with the help of the Tangent ladies for as long as possible. It is a fun day and Kathy would like to thank all the Tangent members for their help.

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**Breaking News: Well Travelled Tigger, in need of New Home**

Most of you will have already met Tigger and his best friend, Alex.

Since April 2015 they’ve have had great fun visiting lovely ladies at Tangents all over the country: they’ve also been very busy raising funds for a very special charity - Round Table Children’s Wish.

So far, Alex and Tigger have travelled an incredible 24159 miles. And they expect to travel around another 3500 miles before the NAGM.

Making a staggering total of 27,639 miles - far enough to make any Tigger’s paws ache.

Bouncing around with all you gorgeous Tangent ladies has been great fun, but all this gadding about is proving a bit much. Enough’s enough – even for a Tigger, and he’s beginning to have much chance of taking him home.

So, after lots and lots of Tigger thinking, he’s decided the best way is... to RAFFLE himself.

Come on down to the Wild West Weekend and join Tigger at the NAGM in Birmingham on April 21 when the raffle will be drawn. He’d really like to go home with his new family.

nb. The raffle is open to anyone who would like to offer Tigger a home – Tangent (of course) family and friends, Circle, and even 41 Club and RT.

Tickets will also be on sale at Conference in Birmingham.

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**Editor’s note: This is a lucky group! The last time I received a photo from them they were selling their sandcastles on the beach! Well done Ladies!**

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**Editor’s note: Perhaps your great example will encourage younger women to re-start a Ladies Circle!**