Hello Ladies

A few words from the Editor...

It seems paradoxical to be sending you a Sunshine Issue of the Tangent News when our lives have been darkened by the recent attacks in Manchester and London. I know we all were shocked and horrified to receive the news from Manchester. And now this morning comes details of the attack in London. I have always considered myself to be an intelligent person but for the life of me I cannot understand the benefit from the senseless death of innocents and these random acts of extreme violence. It appears its sole purpose is to understand the benefit from the senseless death of innocents and these random acts of extreme violence. It appears its sole purpose is to plunge our lives into darkness. We must not let that happen.

The highlight of my first year on the Exec was meeting so many of those acquaintances over the coming year.

If you would like to volunteer for the committee who will organise our 50th celebration can you please contact me ?

Looking forward to seeing (or hearing from) you soon!

Melodie

Dear Ladies

As your new National President I will do my best to uphold all the best things about our Association, and I am proud to take on the responsibility of caring for it for the coming year. This is my 6th consecutive year on the National Executive and I am looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable time with you all. Congratulations to all the new National Executive Officers and to all the Tangent club chairmen for 2017-18.

Thank you to Tangent Day Chairman Sue Hill & her teams of helpers for a well organised day for the AGM, and to all the Blackpool Conference Committee for a spectacular and most enjoyable weekend.

Thank you also for all your kind wishes and lovely cards.

To fit with my name, I have chosen as my theme for the year - ‘Together in Harmony’. I first used this for my year as Chairman of Ladies Circle Area 36. With your help I aim to raise the profile of the our Association, so please remember to regularly publicise the fun you have in ‘taking part’ whether it’s getting together, giving practical help, or being involved in fund-raising events. Be proud to be positive in the name of Tangent. The Tangent yellow is such a sunny, cheerful colour & I will be using it often during the year.

I have chosen to support the British Association for Music Therapy with any money that is raised, to extend the provision of music therapy to those who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

Having spent my working life involved in music education I have seen the beneficial effects of participating in musical activity. It can benefit all ages from prenatal to end of life and it can facilitate positive changes in emotional wellbeing and communication, through the engagement in live musical interaction between client and therapist. It enables people, who through a variety of circumstances, would otherwise remain isolated, to connect with the world and express themselves.

Our 2 big fund-raising events will take place in or near Salisbury. The dates are easy to remember - the Lunch on the 9th of the 9th, (9 September this year) and 3rd of the 3rd (3 March next year) - flyers and booking forms elsewhere on the website.

I look forward with pleasure to sharing my special year with Gerld-Inger Kaasen, President of Tangent Clubs International; Ginette May, Ladies Circle President; Dave Campbell President of 41 Club; Steve Grew Round Table President; Joan Henderson our Tangent Liaison Officer for next year’s Belfast Conference, & all those lovely ladies organising Regional Lunches. I wish them every success.

I would to express my thanks to my husband Nigel, members of Salisbury Tangent 389 and their partners, and of course you, for past and ongoing, great support.

The National Association of Tangent Clubs was only officially formed at the AGM in May 1970, and we celebrated the 40th birthday of NAIIC in September 2010. Soon we will be celebrating our 50th birthday. If you would like to volunteer for the committee who will organise our 50th celebration can you please contact me ?

Yours in continued friendship,
Melodie
Shirley Tangent 86

50 Years of Continued Friendship

Shirley Tangent 86 was founded in 1966 and received its Charter in August 1968. At the 50th Birthday Celebration held recently, Maggie Whittaker, the current Chairman, and the members were delighted to welcome our Founder Chairman Eileen Stirrup, then National President Paula Farnfield and Past Members to a dinner and an evening of continued friendship.

Chairman Maggie invited Eileen our Founder Chairman and Paula to cut the Birthday Cake iced with the Tangent Logo.

Our 50th Birthday Celebration was a lovely evening with lots of chatter and one of our members wrote afterwards “the whole event was an illustration of what Tangent is, and probably why it has survived for as long as it has. Eileen at 94 is an inspiration to us all and we owe her and her fellow circlers a great debt of gratitude for giving us Shirley Tangent. Long may it continue.” We are looking forward to our 60th Birthday!

Northallerton and Thirsk No. 107

On October 29th 2016 the Tangent Club of Northallerton and Thirsk No. 107 celebrated their 50th Charter anniversary with a lunch at Solberge Hall Northallerton. 36 members attended including the founder chairman Jean Ferry. We all enjoyed an excellent lunch and were entertained by our guest speaker Jean Harrod who is a retired British Diplomat and author.

Leicester De-Montfort Tangent 15

Re-Charter 31 March 2017

Leicester De-Montfort Tangent 15 closed in 2016. They had been in existence for 49 years.

I had been a passionate LDM Ladies Circler and was saddened that the name, number and heritage would be lost. In consultation with LDM Circle and their honorary members I asked The National Association if I could possibly re-affiliate the club so that the history would not be lost.

I am delighted to say that this happened on 31 March at The Hilton Hotel in Leicester. Paula kindly came to present us with our new Charter and to present us with our membership certificates. I was delighted that two members of the old club came to present us with the regalia. I was very proud and honoured to receive the Chairman’s collar which I shall wear with pride.

We started the year with three founder members and now have 10 full members. We are looking forward to going from strength to strength.

Southampton XLI Tangent Club no.185

On 21st March 2017 Southampton XLI Tangent no.185 celebrated their 65th Anniversary. Our chairman Yvonne Hack welcomed 46 members to the celebration, which included visitors from Bournemouth, Chandlers Ford and Southampton Ladies Circle. Our guest speakers were then National President Paula Farnfield and Liz Blunt from our charity for the year which is Clic Sargent. An enjoyable lunch was had by all!

Leighhouse Tangent 97’s 50th Charter

An afternoon tea, with some bubbles to celebrate our Golden Charter!

Old and new friends were involved, with Rita Nobbs as our longest standing member lighting the candle of friendship, and our newest member Wendy Hall being inducted by our Chairman Tracey Booth.

All of us in Continued Friendship together
**Gillingham & Shaftesbury Tangent Club**


120 guests enjoyed a delicious three course luncheon followed by a fantastic cabaret from ETA Garry J Foley who certainly knows how to “capture” his audience, which included Blandford, Bournemouth No 1, Christchurch, Gordano Valley and Wimborne Tangents together with our then National President Paula, National Vice President Jill and Past National President Sheila Ponsford.

Garry performed two sets – the first from the “Special” years and secondly the “Las Vegas” concerts. The twelve tables were all named after Elvis songs and he performed all of them, to the delight of the guests, along with many other memorable hits.

The forty years which have now passed since Elvis “left the building” for ever just melted away as we listened and later danced to his music.

From the 56 Tangent Clubs we invited to the lunch 18 Tangents purchased Raffle tickets; some in lieu of attending, and we are very grateful for their support.

The total final raised, together with a donation of £500.00 from the Shaftesbury & Gillingham 41 Club, was ............£2700.00!!

A fantastic afternoon of fun and friendship, truly reflecting our motto, “Let Friendship Continue”

Thank you to everyone for your generous support.

Barbara Matthews – Chairman

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**New Milton Tangent Club 120**

Each year New Milton Tangent Club holds an Annual Sports Event’. This year the event was held at a member’s house on 13 March. We played 9 different games set up around her house and the lady with the highest number of points was declared the winner. This year it was Christine McNeil who is seen holding the Trophy.

Christchurch Tangent Chairman, Angela Wells- Hogg welcomed then National President, Paula Farnfield & President Melodie Brookes to our Spring Cluster Meeting at Barton on Sea Golf Club.

9 Tangents were represented, some members travelling some distance to attend which was greatly appreciated.

As well as a good old catch up with friends we also couldn’t miss an opportunity to shop! ... several stalls ranging from glass infused designs, silver jewellery and handbags so something for everyone. We enjoyed a lovely 2 course meal and Paula told us all about her charity Kidstime Foundation which supports young people affected by the mental illness of a parent or sibling.

Angela thanked everyone for coming and she presented Paula with a cheque for her charity. We all look forward to future cluster meetings with our local clubs.

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**Take Two (Berkhamsted) Tangent**

Take Two (Berkhamsted) Tangent, chartered 2 years ago, hosted its second Fellowship Evening on 21st May. A special occasion made even more memorable as it was our lovely National President Melodie’s first official outing to meet Tangent members. It was a real privilege to entertain both Melodie & her husband Nigel, her ‘honorary photographer ’. The speaker was a retired policeman talking about body language. Note to self: don’t scratch your head if you suddenly see a police car behind you & you think you’ve been speeding!

We were joined by National Secretary Glynis & members from Amersham, Berkhamsted, Bushey & Oxhey, Chesham, Chiltern Area Belles, Dunstable, Gt Missenden, Hemel Hempstead, Tring & 41 Club. Our new Chairman Amanda presented Melodie with a cheque for her charity The British Association for Music Therapy. We should have sung Congratulations ’. Ok, maybe not!
Helen Howe
ON THE Dereham Tangent 791
EXPLORE.

12th MAY 2018
STRANRAER TANGENT

RHODODENDRONS ARE OUT
IF YOU HAVE NEVER VISITED THIS
THERE ARE BEAUTIFUL GARDENS
IS HOSTING THE SCOTTISH LUNCH
More details in next edition but more info from our
WHY NOT TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
BEAUTIFUL UNSPOILT PART OF SCOTLAND
Local TV and radio presenter, Helen McDermott,
proved to be a wonderful speaker, very humorous and on
just the right level for us all. Musical entertainment was
by RockavoX, a Dereham based rock choir of which I
am a member. It was great to be on stage watching our
audience singing along. The choir thought that it was one
of the best gigs they had ever had!
We were very lucky to have been donated some
wonderful raffle prizes which was in aid of East Anglian
Children Hospices’ Nook Appeal. I had asked our men
in Round Table and 41 Club men to use their charm
to sell as many tickets as possible. I shouldn’t have been
surprised when they strode around the tables in fishnets!
They certainly were a hit with Helen McDermott! Once
a Tabler, always a Tabler. As a result of everyone’s
generosity during our April Tangent meeting I was
If your Tangent has never hosted a large event such as
this, then please consider doing so. Yes, it takes time, a
lot of hard work and organising but I can tell you that
very easy to look after, not at all demanding and can be a
bonus extra pair of hands on the day! The day was one
for my “memory box”!

The Regional Lunches are an ideal opportunity
to meet other Tangent members in your area and
also to chat to your National President and your
National Executive. This is especially nice when you
maybe cannot get to the main AGM. The lunches
are usually very well attended – the hard work being
with the group who have volunteered to organise
it. But you will always have good support from
National, there is a list of guidelines to help you on
your way, mainly you really need to do is book a
venue and keep track of numbers. (There may be a little bit more involved!)

We would really like groups to come forward to
organise these lunches for next year.
If you think that you would like to organise a lunch
in your area – even maybe two Tangent groups
to share the organising – please contact me at
admin@tangent-clubs.org Hope to hear from
you soon!

The approximate dates for the lunches
throughout the year is as follows:
Midland – last Saturday in February
Irish – March
Welsh – Mid Saturday in April avoiding the
AGM!
Northern – Saturday in Mid June
Scottish – First Saturday in September
South West – Saturday in early October
South East – Second Saturday in
November but not the 11th.

After applying to host the Midland Regional Luncheon 4
years ago, on Saturday 25th February our dream became
a reality. Dereham Tangent hosted 167 ladies at The
OPEN, Norwich and, not wanting to boast, the event was
a complete success.
The weekend started on Friday afternoon, when most of
the National Executive arrived for their meeting which
was held at one of our member’s home. After a quick
brush up following a lengthy meeting, the Exec were
entertained by the members of Dereham Tangent at a
fish & chip supper, where we were delighted to present a
cheque to National President Paula for her charity.
Saturday morning was an early start for the organising
committee and some of the National Executive who were
at the venue by 9am. The OPEN is a wonderful high
vaulted building, built in 1926 and was once the regional
headquarters of Barclays Bank. Today it provides
opportunities for young people in Norfolk, with the long
term aim of making a positive difference to their lives.
Raffle prizes were unloaded, hinting to the stage,
which was adorned with wonderful greenery and shrubs and
the tables decorated. Time went very quickly and soon our
first guests had arrived and were banging on the door to
be let in! There were a few hicups, someone arrived who
wasn’t booked in and some who had booked in didn’t
arrive. But it was all dealt with in a calm and organised
way and nobody was any the wiser.
Hi Ladies, I had a fabulous time at the Tangent and 41-Club conference in Blackpool. Our AGM was of course very busy and the events and fun of the weekend were wonderful.

Well done to the Blackpool Conference Committee for all their hard work. Elsewhere in this Tangent News there is a summary of the results of the AGM and details of the 2017-18 National Executive.

I have sent out the first communication of the year with new Directory and Capitation Forms - we are using MailChimp software so once I have all the documents and the distribution lists ready I can send out nearly 700 emails in one evening. We are now regularly reaching 68% opening rates which is encouraging. If we have the wrong email address for you, please do let Jill, our Executive Administrator know: admin@tangent-clubs.org. Can I urge you to check your club contact email regularly - please check if my emails might be in your spam, social or promotion area.

If your club doesn’t ‘do emails’ please don’t panic, we don’t want to exclude anybody from getting Tangent information. Sending our communications out by email saves the Association costs in printing and posting but I do still mail out to a small number of addresses... just leave the email section blank on the Directory form and you will then get information by post instead.

I have heard from quite a few ladies who advise me that their clubs are struggling to get new officers to take up posts. Many clubs work with a very lean structure – perhaps a chairman and a secretary, with 1 or 2 ladies each month organising a meeting or social event, thereby spreading the load round the whole group. Many clubs no longer have fundraising, speaker, community service events or take minutes. Each club is different and you shouldn’t feel you need to do anything too formal if your club doesn’t want to. Keep it fun and enjoyable.

I have received a few emails from ladies worried that their club might shut because the older members no longer want to go out in the evenings or want to attend any functions. Several clubs have started meeting at lunch-times and this seems to work very well. There are also some ‘break-away’ clubs where ladies who want to be more active have started a new Tangent club alongside their existing one. If you are interested in organising a new Tangent club please contact Jill, our Vice-President who can help: membership@tangent-clubs.org. Affiliation forms for new clubs can be found on the website, under the Members Info: http://tangent-clubs.org/

I look forward to seeing some of you at one of our wonderful regional lunches.

Enjoy your Tangent!

Glynis
secretary@tangent-clubs.org

Brief summary of Blackpool AGM:

- All the National Executive reports were accepted and approved.
- President Paula announced that nationally we had raised £15,695.22 for her charity the Kidstime Foundation which is a tremendous result. Paula said she was aware that there were more monies to come in and thanked everyone.
- Proposition 11 regarding AGM format was defeated.
- Recommendations 12.1 regarding Budget, 12.2 regarding President’s Out of Pocket expenses, 12.3 regarding Annual capitation remaining at £6 per person and 12.4 regarding reducing Independent Membership cost to £11 per person were all approved.
- Recommendation 14.1 regarding deleting the trial Half-Year meeting was approved.
- Recommendation 14.2 regarding rewording Proxy Voting rule was approved.
- Recommendation 14.3 regarding rewording Honorary Membership rule was approved.
- Recommendation 14.4 regarding removal of National Sales & Regalia Officer role at Belfast AGM 2018 was approved.
- New rules for TCI open elections were all carried and will be added to the Rules & Constitution
- New President Melodie Brookes welcomed her 2017-18 Executive and introduced her theme ‘Together in Harmony’
- Paula Farnfield was announced as International Vice-President of TCI

Please see full Agenda of the meeting for reports and accounts, detailed Minutes will be circulated in due course.
Hello and thank you for all of your support to allow me to become your newly elected Vice President. How scary is that and something a few years ago I would never have ever dreamed of. I am slowly getting into the role and really want to attack this year the transfer of members from Ladies Circle to Tangent and to attract those past Circlers that have not joined Tangent yet.

I have a separate membership email: Membership@tangent-clubs.org. Please feel free to use this at any time or call me on 07818 512117 with any membership queries (I am always happy to chat).

If you know someone who has left or is about to leave Circle and is not joining Tangent please encourage them to get in touch with me. If there is no suitable club close to them we need to encourage them to become an independent member, see how great it is to be a part of Tangent and then look with their friends to start a new club.

If your club is successful at transferring your circles into Tangent share the good news with others as to how you achieve this.

If your club is struggling and thinking of disailiating please don’t do it! Encourage them to seek our help.

For a National Treasure just add R.

Having retired from work last July, I was quietly sitting at home (or in the garden most likely) when my ex-boss got in touch and asked “Well what’s your next challenge going to be?”

“Absolutely nothing” was my reply.

“You’ll be doing something by Christmas, I bet” she laughed.

Her words echoed in my mind when I found myself saying “Yes” to Melodie and Jill at SW Regional Luncheon last September where they were on the lookout for potentially interested ladies. So, I put in my nomination. January came and went with no other candidates for the post so that was that and I was it (as Glynis put it).

Inevitably, Blackpool Conference and the AGM, also, came and went and here I am in the hot seat as National Treasurer. It was a fabulous conference, by the way, with many highlights but the Blackpool Tower had to be the best. I will be really feel the ‘vibe’ when Strictly goes to the Hamptons and decided to take the umbrella with me! I had a great time all-black-a very busy one!

I thought Victoria Station was busy but it’s nothing on Penn Station! I went to Manhattan for two days, going on the hop-on hop off bus, Rockefeller Centre, The Freedom Tower and the site of the Twin Towers for the first time since its re-building project has been finished.

The Oculus Shopping Centre is amazing. We then travelled out to Great Neck on a train to pick up a car to take us to The Hamptons, visiting Westhampton, Bridgehampton, Hampton Bays and Southampton, incredible place with amazing houses - the most expensive one I saw was £112k Million dollars and you need a sat nav to take you round the house so you don’t get lost! Driving on the highway was fun until it rained!

On to Ridgewood New Jersey to see some friends and the back to Manhattan for the last couple of days visiting Central Park and finally having a burger and sweet potato fries and a milkshake - avoided it all the week! We had a whale of a time visiting the revolving restaurant in Manhattan 47 floors up for cocktails and then visiting the Old Station Inn at Hampton Bays to play pool and meet the locals. The umbrella enjoyed its journey very much! We slept in different places each night!

The next travels for the umbrella will be on to Peru!

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Hello, it’s me again Paula your IPP but with a different hat on, giving you an update on the International world of Tangent.

We were thrilled to be able to host the first Tangent Club International AGM last month alongside our National AGM in Blackpool. President Anna welcomed over 60 ladies, plus a couple of gentlemen and started the meeting with bubbles. There were representatives from Tangents Sweden, Suomi Finland, Denmark, Norway, GBIE and Israel plus LCI President Gry Haugen and LCI Vice-President Anne Ahlefelt, 41 Club International President Engelbert Friedsam, Round Table Northern Europe and Americas Region Chairman Thomas Elong, and Agora Club International President Ursula Lejeune.

Rule 4.c. Termination of membership was amended:

i. If a full membership country does not pay the capitation fee and/or stay in contact with TCI for two consecutive years, their membership will be terminated.

ii. If an associate country does not stay in contact with TCI for two consecutive years, their membership will be terminated.

An application for associate membership from Tangent Sri Lanka had been received and was approved.

The New International Board

President
Gerd-Inger Kaasen
Norway

Vice-President
Paula Farnfield
GBIE

Secretary
Jeanett Korch
Denmark

Treasurer
Nina Hamalaine,
Suomi Finland

Board member
Cyprus: to be appointed after AGM

Cyprus

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Future dates for events

24 - 27 August 2017
LCI Conference Denmark
www.lci2017.org

27 - 29 October 2017
TCI HYM, Ricconne, Italy
www.hym2017italy.com

28 - 30 April 2018
TCI AGM Portschach, Austria
www.tc1.club-agm2018.at

If you would like any further information or are planning on attending any International events please contact me on ipp@tangent-clubs.org, it’s nice if those travelling know who to look out for.

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 your member’s life, 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.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Book of Remembrance
All bookings are subject to Fred. Olsen’s (FOCL) standard terms & conditions, available on our website & on request. All prices quoted under the Tangent members discount offer are exclusive to qualifying members & their travelling companions only, members must quote their discount code at time of booking. Membership discounts cannot be applied retrospectively. Bookings must be made via the booking hotline number 0800 035 5108. Proof of membership will be required at the time of booking. Offers cannot be extended to any unrelated third party, are subject to availability & may be withdrawn or amended at any time without prior notice. From time to time FOCL may run special offers which cannot be combined with this discount, including selected group travel deals. All guests booked under this scheme are requested to refrain from disclosing the fare paid whilst on board. Offer is for first-time cruisers with Fred. Olsen only. Fred. Olsen Oceans members are entitled to a 5% Tangent discount subject to the same terms & conditions, to be applied after the standard Oceans discount, where applicable. In this instance, Oceans Terms & Conditions apply. This offer expires on the 31st December 2017. E&OE.

To book using your discount code TANGEN10 call the Tangent booking hotline 0800 0355 108 or visit www.fredolsencruises.com/tangent

The National Association of Tangent Clubs have teamed up with award-winning Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines to give you a very tempting 10% membership discount on your first sailing with them – and that’s on top of any current offers. Existing Fred. Olsen customers can save 5%, in addition to their 5% Loyalty Club discount.