Your new National Executive
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A few words from the Editor...

Well it has certainly been a baptism of emails for me and I am delighted (I think) to say that I received over 100 emails in relation to articles and photos for this magazine!

It is lovely to feel so popular however it does mean that I have not been able to include all the articles that were submitted and I have also had to reduce the words and photos of those that have been included. If you are not already aware we have an open Tangent Facebook page and a closed Tangent Clubs Private Club for members only. You are welcome to share your news on either of these or email me the details at editor@tangent-clubs.org and I will add them for you.

There are also a number of Round Table interest groups on Facebook (click on groups from the Tangent page) where you can catch up with like-minded friends. The groups include gardening, gin appreciation, cookery, golf and cocktails and drink recipes. Also if you are on Twitter please come and find us.

On a personal level it was lovely to meet my fellow executive members for the first time at the South West Regional lunch in Redruth and then again at Jill’s Presidential lunch. As I write this I am looking forward to catching up with friends at the Tangent International half year meeting in Morocco and especially looking forward to some sun.

Thank you again for all your contributions to this magazine and do please keep them coming.

Kate X
Dear Ladies

After a fantastic summer, here we are in the autumn, and more Tangent events are appearing in my diary! As members return from holidays and the nights draw in, our thoughts turn to planning fellowships and charters and to all the social events associated with Christmas. Life is getting busy again!

As your Vice President I am responsible for membership issues including the affiliation of new clubs. Over the past few months we have welcomed new clubs in Erewash and Enniskillen and the re-affiliation of Wisbech. You are all very welcome ladies, and I hope that you enjoy Tangent. Sadly, some clubs have decided to close. Please, if your club is considering dis-affiliating do get in touch with me before taking this step. I will gladly do all I can to help you to continue.

I am also in charge of your shop at lunches and events and for ordering the marcasite brooches for past chairmen. Please look on-line for the order form or email me, they cost £45 including delivery, and are personalised with your name and year of office.

I look forward to meeting many of you at forthcoming lunches and events. Please come over and say hello, I love to chat!

Sue

Hi Ladies, since taking on the Secretary Role 5 months ago it seems like my feet have not touched the ground. I have sent out 5 mailings, the AGM minutes and the new 2018-19 Directory. At the beginning of the year all of the executive was concentrating on the legal requirements for GDPR. You should have received the mailings regarding this, as an organization we are now compliant with the new laws. Thank you for your patience during this process.

I have so far attended 4 Regional Lunches which have all been great, I have really enjoyed making new friends and spending time with you all. I have visited Torquay to see the venues for the 2019 AGM, it looks like this will be an event not to be missed. The Half Year Meeting is coming up in October and the agenda looks very interesting, I’m sure we shall have some lively discussions.

The President’s Charity Lunch is fast approaching, having seen a preview of the entertainment on Facebook, it looks like it will be a great event, which I am very much looking forward to.

Communications are still being sent to all clubs via email but the mailings are showing that only 55% of tangents are opening these, please check your spam or junk mail to ensure you are not missing anything important. There are a few clubs that do not have access to a computer and we are still sending mail to these via Royal Mail.

We shall soon be working on all the paperwork and communication needed for the 2019 AGM. If you or your club feel strongly about an issue, please do consider putting a proposition forward for the AGM Agenda by completing a Proposition form.

There are four positions on the National Executive that will be coming available in April 2019:

National Vice-President (a 3-year role which includes President and Immediate-Past President)

National Treasurer (a 2-year role)

National Executive Administrator (a 2-year role)

Marketing and Membership Officer (a 2 year role).

Job Descriptions for all these positions are available please contact me at secretary@tangent-clubs.org if you are interested in this information.

In the next block email, I shall be attaching both the Proposition and the Nomination forms for you to complete and submit by Friday 4th January 2019.

Heather

Titbits from the treasurer...

At the time of writing, the sun is still shining, but by the time you read this summer will be well past and we will be thinking of Christmas. As the summer draws to a close, I can report that capititation is nearly finished. June and July and August are busy months for me with the processing of over 500 cheques and BACS payments. Sitting in my study in the really hot temperatures this year was a challenge!

There are some clubs that are still a bit late but they are on my ‘hit’ list so will, I am sure, have paid up by now.

One of the fun things about capititation (I have found it so) is finding out where some clubs are. It is obvious when the name of the club is the town or near area, but some clubs have interesting and unfamiliar names. I thought I would share some of my favourites.

Who’d have thought that Garstang was even English (apologies to Garstang!)

Houghton le Spring and Poulton le Fylde (obvious French influence methinks)

Wensum and Yare (from rivers and so Saxon English??)

Ossett and Horbury (have no idea the origins of this)

And lastly from my own area:

Shepton Mallet – (from the original Sheeptown but where did the Mallet come from?)

There are many others but this is just a sample of the ones that I found most interesting and it certainly has improved my UK geography over my time!

Another amazing thing is the amount of charity donations for local or National causes that clubs report on the form. So far, to time of writing, I have tallied £138,093.76. This is made up of small and large amounts, but I have to say that this year there are 46 clubs, so far, that have raised in excess of £1,000.00 each. If you had fun and friendship raising these amounts then why not enter your club for the Star Award which is presented at the national AGM. Details from the Editor or on the website. And now back to balancing the accounts!

Ruth
**International News**

**TCI AGM**
As the NATC TCI Councillor I attended the International Conference in Portschach am Worthersee, Austria at the end of April. It was a glorious setting by a beautiful lake with lots of fun and friendship in the sunshine. Gerd-Inger led the AGM with six voting Councillors representing Cyprus, Denmark, GB&I, Norway, Finland and Sweden.

Secretary Janette Korch had donated 300 pins to be sold. It was agreed that a further 250€ to be added to the travel budget for 2018-19 for the Board. Tangent India and Tangent Israel were welcomed as new full members of TCI, and Tangent Holland and Tangent Belgium, as Associate members.

Paula was duly installed as the new President of TCI and her motto is ‘Make every moment count’. Paula and our President Jill attended the LCI AGM in Norway last month, and we are delighted to congratulate Alex Bennett who was elected LCI V-P. She will be installed as President next August in Rotterdam and Tangent Belgium, as Associate members.

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Future dates: do think about joining us!

2018 April 26-28 TCI AGM Brussels, Belgium www.41international.net/AGM2019

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**Update from Paula**

Hello Ladies,

Two weeks after the NATC AGM in Belfast it was off to Austria for the TCI AGM where I traded my IPP regalia for the TCI Presidents chain.

I’ve been packing my suitcase and along with adding to the profits of several airlines and starting my Christmas shopping in multiple duty free stores I’ve travelled to various countries AGMs and conferences, it’s great to see how we all do the same thing differently; two club, three club or four club events, 1 day, 2 days or even 3.

May took me to Bodørø, Sweden for their 4 club event, proof that we still know how to party whatever our age. The festival theme ran through the whole weekend with pool party and Rockstar outings during the day and chillout zones and popup tents night, then it was back to England but travelling north from home for the Round Table and Ladies at Circle conference in Chester to tell the Circlers about how there is International life once they move on from Circle.

June clocked up more airmiles, visiting Israel for their 1st joint Tangent Circle handover celebration in Netanya, also seeing parts of the country. I have not visited before, then a quick trip back home to celebrate my own Tangent clubs 50th birthday before jetting back out to Limassol, Cyprus for their 3-club event – Round Table were missing from this one.

My latest trip was to Haugesund Norway, for the LCI conference weekend, sadly not so sunny but still beautiful, to see my side by side President Kenza start her year.

Casualties so far, 1 suitcase, several fingernails and a large bruise from dropping a bottle of gin on my foot when unpacking, the bottle of gin was luckily not a casualty.

Paula
TCI President

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**Exciting News from Ladies Circle International**

LCI’s 59th Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 31st August 2018 in Haugesund, Norway. The LCI 4-day conference is always an exciting event within our family calendar; providing the opportunity to meet up with Ladies from across 40 countries. And this year even more exciting with GB&I’s Past National President, Alexandra Bennett, standing as one of the nominees for the role of LCI Vice President.

Lancashire-born Alex originally joined Blackburn Ladies Circle, before moving to and restarting the group based in Stamford, Lincolnshire. Elected as GB&I National President 2016-17, having served as National Secretary 2013-15, and previously in Area and local Chairman roles - Alex’s energy, enthusiasm and experience shone through as she delivered her nominee speech and answered questions from the Councillors representing their countries.

Waiting for the election results was a tense time – both for Alex and for the Circlers and Tangent members who had travelled to support her. We were waiting with bated breath, everything crossed! And then… at 1.35pm, the atmosphere became electric as Alex’s name was announced as LCI Vice President 2018-19 and the conference hall erupted into thunderous cheering and applause!

Alex’s presidential year will begin at LCI’s 60th AGM in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 28th August – 1st September 2019.

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- IPP Angela Hook, LC Finland,
- VP Alexandra Bennett, LC GB&I,
- Secretary Marielle Van Gent, LC The Netherlands,
- Treasurer Prachi Agarwal, LC India and Weblady Criss Lengyel, LC Romania.

**President Kenza’s Motto is Dream, Achieve, Inspire.**

Just a quick update on decisions made at the Ladies Circle International AGM that I think might interest you, sorry for not covering everything as there was a lot on the agenda, but feel free to come back to me for more info if you’ve heard about something I haven’t covered.

The board had submitted a proposal to update the aims and objectives to cover all 5 RT family associations.

Details for anyone would like to attend the LCI Rotterdam conference to support Alex can be found here www.lci2019.org
Charity Donation TCI

I’m a BRAVE SHaver

Hair today, gone tomorrow

As anyone that really knows me well they will know that I am always up for a challenge/dare so I decided to do something outside my comfort zone and on 3rd August I took the plunge and BRAVED THE SHAVER for Macmillan Cancer Care.

My target to raise was £300 and to date I am very proud to say that I have raised just over £1,380. I no longer have to worry about my hair style or if the wind has blown it or the colour needs topping up!

Tangent Club International do not have their own charity project, it was agreed that we would support the Ladies Circle International charity project, Happy Hearts, running 2017-2019. This is a project to build a home attached to the only children’s cancer hospital in Botswana, so that children and their families can stay close during and between rounds of treatment.

Over the past year TCI raised 7,500 Euros to support this project which was presented by TCI Past President Gerd-Inger Kaasen and I during the LCI AGM in Haugesund, Norway.

It would be fabulous if NATC could support this charity too, you can buy my TCI Presidents pins for £5, or make donations direct to me or via NATC treasurer Ruth – please say that I have raised just over £1,380. I no longer have to worry about my hair style or if the wind has blown it or the colour needs topping up!

Jill’s Travels

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Side by Side in style at Burley

16 members of LDM Tangent and Circle plus perspectives, went to Burley horse trials in Stamford, to support a charity called The Links Foundation. Our members helped raise funds to help the charity provide wellbeing diaries to people with mental health problems.

The event was sponsored by Land Rover and Past National Round Table President Marcus Jones. All had a great day as you can see from the photograph and we even managed to see some horses too!

Tangent National President’s Lunch

Jill’s charity lunch was held at Regisue Manor Hotel on Saturday 22 September, and was attended by the National Executive and members and guests from 32 different clubs. Entertainment was provided by Vegas Nights and everyone took home a special “Together is Stronger” shopping bag featuring all four RT Family Club logos.

Lunch organiser Claire Jones was delighted to advise everyone that over £1,400 was raised on the day for Jill’s charity Round Table Children’s Wish.

Jill’s Presidential Ball will be held on Saturday 16 February at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Felixbridge.

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I have travelled throughout our Association from Scotland to Cornwall, Ireland and Wales with plenty more in-between and have been to varied meetings from afternoon tea, a boat trip to see seals, town walks, flower arranging, natters and various forms of charters. I have loved them all, loved being able to talk to you about my charity of the year Round Table Children’s wish. Please take time to read about this charity on the website, please talk to you club about collecting your small change and give this to me when you see me and sign up with Give as you live to support them this year as your charity of choice RTGW when shopping https://www.giveasyoulive.com/

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On August 1st 2018 Cambridge Tangent celebrated their 50th anniversary charter presentation with a lunch at Madingley Hall in Cambridge. The Hall has an interesting history, it was once owned by an English Jacobite and it also hosted the future king, Edward VII when he studied at the University of Cambridge. We all appreciated the speech given by our National President, Jill and felt that her enthusiasm for Tangent shone through. Our Chairman Sue Thomas, herself a past National President of Tangent replied in her own inimitable style bringing to a close a memorable afternoon.

Following a splendid meal at Dominiques on the Bridgnorth Rd, Bewdley, Worcestershire, our Birthday cake was cut, courtesy former Chairman Irene Warder, (92 years young) and National President Jill. We all appreciated the speech given by our National President, Jill and felt that her enthusiasm for Tangent shone through. Our Chairman Sue Thomas, herself a past National President of Tangent replied in her own inimitable style bringing to a close a memorable afternoon.
We all enjoyed an ‘all you can eat’ sumptuous summer buffet. After the formalities, we were all up on our feet and finished the evening singing and dancing along to live 50s and 60s favourites. A lot of fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all and we look forward to our 60th! Thank you to everyone who helped make the celebrations such a success.

Is there a magic formula for continued fun and friendship? I have heard it said that laughter is the best medicine. In which case the 2 dozen members of Baildon Tangent must be a very healthy lot. Be it sampling gin, dressing up, pig racing, assorted handy crafts, barefoot walking, discussing the thorny issue of unwanted facial hair, or digging a car out of a snowdrift, we always seem to find plenty to laugh about, and during the summer when our activities tend to take us outside I am certain that there must be many a neighbour or passer by (and even my Round Table/41 Club husband) who have asked what is it that we find so amusing.

When we made the transition from Circle to Tangent (our local Tangent had closed) we did consider toning things down a bit and reducing the number of meetings from twice to once a month, but it was not long before we began to have withdrawal symptoms, (and since the 2 dozen members of Baildon Tangent must be a very healthy lot). In which case the 2 dozen members of Baildon Tangent must be a very healthy lot. In which case the 2 dozen members of Baildon Tangent must be a very healthy lot.

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3. What is the significance of laughter in the context of Baildon Tangent's activities? Laughter is considered the best medicine by the members of Baildon Tangent, and they regularly find plenty of opportunities to laugh during their activities. Laughter is a significant aspect of their community spirit and the joy of spending time with friends.

4. What has been the impact of the transition from Circle to Tangent on the Baildon Tangent's membership and activities? The transition from Circle to Tangent led to a decline in attendance and interest in the group. The members of Baildon Tangent found that they missed the frequent meetings and decided to continue their activities, albeit on a reduced scale. Eventually, they decided to increase their meeting frequency, and the group regained its popularity.

5. Is there a limit to the number of meetings per month? Initially, the group had considered reducing their meetings from twice a month to once a month, but due to withdrawal symptoms and the enjoyment of their members, they decided to continue with both meetings. They now meet on the first, third, and fifth (when there is one) Thursdays of the month.
Inverness Highland Tangent

In April 2018 Inverness Highland Tangent Club celebrated its 30th Charter. To mark this special occasion 17 members, including many founder members, attended an anniversary dinner at the Drumossie Hotel in Inverness. On arriving at the hotel everyone was greeted to a Highland welcome from piper Audrey and photographs were also taken. It was especially fitting that Mary Gordon, the founder Chairman, was in the Chair for the Club’s 30th year and presided over the evening. The birthday cake was cut by Mary and Alison Burgess one of the founder members.

Aberaeron Tangent

Aberaeron Tangent celebrated the 30th anniversary of their Charter in August with an afternoon tea at The Falcondale Hotel. They were joined by past members from near and far and were delighted to welcome National President Jill who travelled a long way and helped to make the day even more special.

Teignmouth Tangent

There are 25 members in Teignmouth Tangent and this year 8 of our members have celebrated either an 70th or 80th birthday and one member reached a special landmark 90th birthday! The ‘birthday girls’ each enjoyed special cards designed by our Social Secretary and were treated to a ‘Noughties Evening’ with a Strawberries and Cream Tea Party with Prosecco.

Aylesbury Tangent

Aylesbury Tangent is 40 years old and to celebrate members attended a special lunch at Hartwell House Hotel on 18th July. We were absolutely delighted that National President Jill Harris was able to be with us and all enjoyed her speech covering a wide range of matters, including information about her nominated charity “Round Table Children’s Wishes.” Jill assisted our Chairman Marian Purdy in cutting the cake.

Aylesbury Tangent is small in size but members are enthusiastic. We have regular meetings for coffee and lunch and we especially like going on outings to places of interest. We raise some money for a different local charity each year.

Enniskillen Tangent

Hi everyone, I am delighted to be able to say we have a brand new brand new Tangent in Northern Ireland, in Enniskillen. We chartered in August past and we are off to an amazing start, chartering with 38 members and raising £800 for our charity of the year, Nexus NI. I am lucky enough to be the Chair and am loving the group.

Before the club formation I had been part of the local Ladies circle but had been toying for nearly a year with the idea of setting up a Tangent in Enniskillen. Finally in January, with the encouragement of the local ladies circle girls and the promise of help from Tanya West I contacted the Tangent association and was given Jill Harris’ name. We held an initial meeting locally in March to see if there was any interest in having a ladies group and the response was amazing. We took a show of hands for details like how often they wanted to meet and read out a very long list of activities that we could do and made lists. Then we quickly agreed the date for our first event, make and wear your own Easter bonnet to dinner. Since then we have held a games night, our own bingo, breakfast, an indoor picnic and a bring a mystery object night. Some of our upcoming events are wine tasting, our Autumn fundraiser, clothes psychology, a share your talent night and our spring fundraiser, afternoon tea.

I thought for our Christmas event we would open it up to our four club family members and also the public so that more people can come and have a taster of the four groups. We are the only area to have the four club family so are very excited. Thanks to the enthusiastic of the Tangent members and ladies who attend and the persistent and swift support and responses from Jill we have a terrific group that can only get more and more enjoyable. We had a wonderful Charter event and we were so thrilled to have attendees from local areas and also from across the water. We are very grateful for all the encouragement and support.

Tangent and 41 Club at large in the fjords!

During August a group of 24 Tangent and 41 Club members set sail in Fred. Olsen’s Black Watch to visit Norway and Shetland. During the nine days of the cruise we enjoyed fabulous scenery and great fellowship, renewing old friendships and making new ones. Some of the more adventurous among us took to the water in RIBs and others visited a glacier. We can’t wait to get together again next year for a trip on the Danube!

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Dear Joan,

You won’t know who I am or why I am sending this letter but I was so pleased to see your ‘Hats off to Londonderry Tangent 730’ in the Tangent News and to know that you are thriving.

I am the Past President of Ladies Circle Great Britain and Ireland who presented your Charter to Londonderry Ladies Circle in 1971/72 and wondered if any in your photo happened to be the one that night.

We celebrated in the Chairman’s home as the grand dance and dinner had to be cancelled because of the bombs (in fact one went off about 3 am). It was a truly wonderful memorable evening – us all sitting on the floor (not enough chairs) singing songs etc etc. just great. I am so glad that from that small beginning your Circle thrived and is now Tangent.

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It was a very stressful time in Northern Ireland with bombs going off, frequently targeting hotels, soldiers on the streets with guns at the ready and always being unsure of where we could shop safely etc. For our Charter night we had planned a really big evening of dinner and dance, new dresses had been bought, menus were printed and we all were looking forward to meeting the President. Suddenly hotels, including ours, were not safe places to be and just a few days before our Charter we had to cancel the hotel. Panic set in as we wondered what the President would think of that! We needn’t have worried as Joan just went along with all that was happening including sitting on the floor for the entertainment. Our intrepid group of Ladies put on a really lovely salad supper and sweets galore.

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Yours very sincerely in continued friendship

Mrs Joan Peacock
National President 1971/72

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**Londonderry Memories**

It really ‘made my day’ to receive this letter from Joan. I had thought about her often over the years and had kept photographs and a letter she had sent me – because I was the founder chairman of Londonderry Ladies Circle and the Charter evening was in my home and where Joan stayed for the night. I replied to Joan and she was even more surprised to know all of this.

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