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Hello from your Editor.

Welcome to the new Tangent year and new beginnings for us on the Exec and for so many clubs too.

Thank you to everyone who has sent through material for this magazine and while I do hate not being able to include everything that is sent my way this is definitely a healthy position to be in. This is the most over-subscribed that I have been with proposed material for inclusion in the magazine! I always suggest including any updates on the open Tangent Facebook page or closed members only Facebook group as well or instead of so we can spread the word and use both these social media options.

This edition introduces you to our new President Sue, her Exec and the Presidents of our Round Table Family as well as sharing with you news from several AGMs, lunches and clubs.

Happy reading.

Kate x
Hello fellow Tangent members and friends!

It is an absolute privilege to be able to welcome you all to the new Tangent year as your President!

At our AGM in Torquay we said goodbye to three retiring Exec members, Ruth Lamb, Jilly King and Melodie Brookes. Many thanks must go to them for all the hard work that they have contributed over the years, and personally from me for all the fun and friendship we have shared. It’s been a blast girls!

We welcomed four new officers, your new VP Tracey Pickin, Treasurer Shirley Chard, Exec Admin Doreen Lovett and a brand new post Marketing and Membership Officer Emma-Jane Wright. Together with IPP Jill Harris, Secretary Heather Parry and Editor Kate Jones we are your Team Tangent for 2019-20!

The Conference at Torquay was absolutely fantastic, I am sure that you will have seen pictures on social media and I know there will be some in this magazine. The Conference team worked tirelessly to make it a tremendous success and I would like to offer my thanks to each one of them for all their work.

Since our AGM I have attended the Tangent Clubs International AGM and the 41 International Conference in Brussels. It was very well attended, and there is a report in this magazine explaining the results of the proposals and elections. Our own Paula Farnfield completed her year as TCI President, and huge congratulations must go to her for a successful and interesting AGM. I’m sure we all wish Jill Harris good luck for her year as our International Officer and member of the TCI Board.

The following weekend I went to Leicester to the Round Table and Ladies Circle Conference, and had a party from the moment I arrived in the hotel. The organising committee was chaired by Vicki Carter-Bland and she and her team did a fantastic job. The Circle AGM was certainly very lively and great fun, but the business of the day was still completed on time and Jo Hudson handed the President’s jewel over to Lindsay Pickard.

I have been so pleased with the positive reception and generosity of members for 41 Club President Andrew’s and my chosen charity – RNLI. We are raising funds during the year to fund Rescue Water Craft (jet skis) for beach lifeguards. RNLI lifeguards patrol more than 240 beaches across the UK and Northern Ireland, and protect us, our children and grandchildren.

The RWCs allow them to get to casualties more quickly and to go further from the beach. A Ladies Lunch on 21st September 2019 and a Joint Presidents’ Ball on 29th February 2020 are well on with planning and you can find more details and booking forms on the Tangent website www.tangent-clubs.org. We have collecting boxes available as well as promotional material and give-aways, so if you are planning a fund-raising event please get in touch.

I am taking a little shop around with me selling badges and various items that I have made to raise funds. Our teddy bears are proving very popular and include a badge and a name label of your choice. There are three competitions running through the year for your teddy to enter:

- Teddy that visits the most lifeboat stations
- Teddy that travels the furthest from Torbay
- Teddy that has been to the highest altitude (not in a plane!)

Prizes will be awarded at the AGM in Cardiff next April.
Andrew and I are selling raffle tickets throughout the year at £5 each. We have some wonderful prizes including a cabin for two on the eight night Club Cruise with Fred. Olsen to Bordeaux and Northern Spain in August 2020. The raffle will be drawn at the Joint Presidents’ Ball. Please look out for me at events and have a look at what is available.

I am trying to visit as many lifeboat stations as I can and have now been to nearly 50. A highlight in April was to visit Holyhead lifeboat station in Anglesey with some other members of Dragons. We were given a private tour of their Severn Class boat, the largest class in the fleet, named Christopher Pearce after a member of Cheadle and Gatley Round Table and 41 Club who sadly died a few years ago.

It is very moving to realise how many lives have been saved thanks to this legacy.

I would love to visit as many clubs as I can and meet as many of our members as possible, so have a look at my diary on the Tangent website to find a suitable date for me to come along. It doesn’t have to be a big charter or anniversary, a regular meeting or a social event still gives me the opportunity to chat with new friends.

Remember my motto for the year is “With Courage Nothing is Impossible” (Sir William Hillary Founder of the RNLI) so get out there and enjoy Tangent!

Sue x
Hopefully by the time you are reading this, you and your Tangent will be enjoying lovely Summer activities on sunny, warm days/evenings.

I’m still treasuring the memories of our lively AGM and lovely conference in Torquay. Thank you for electing me as Vice President and giving me the opportunity to help protect and take forward our organisation – I promise to work hard for you.

The Vice-President no longer has responsibility for membership (thanks to our new Membership and Marketing Officer) which will give me more time to support our President Sue and the rest of the Exec in any way I can, as well as run your shop at Regional Lunches, order your marcasite brooches, get to know more of you and plan for my year as President. My calendar is on the website along with a booking form. If you would like to see me next year (or this), do let me know. I would love to visit.

I’m also really keen to hear your thoughts on a couple of things…

The Tangent Shop – as you know, this is mainly run online now though we do take some items to Regional Lunches. Do you find this useful or are you happy that you can get everything online? Are the goods on sale the sorts of things you want to be able to buy, is there anything else you would like to see?

Our Future – given the rapid changes in our world, and the fact that we can no longer totally rely on 900 Circlers for our future, how would you like to see Tangent developing over the next few years. It would be really helpful if you could discuss this at one of your Club meetings and let me have your thoughts vice-president@tangent-clubs.org

Looking forward to meeting you.

Yours in continued friendship

Tracey x

A massive thanks to all the committee for a great conference in Torquay. By now you will all have had 2 mailings from me 1) AGM summary 2) welcome to 2019 which includes the capitation and Directory forms, If you have not seen these they are on our website under member info and mailings. I am now entering my 2nd year in this post and I cannot believe how fast the time has gone and how many hands of friendship have been extended to me. If you are considering a role on the executive this is one I would recommend, talk to me anytime if you are thinking of this.

I am looking forward to supporting Sue throughout her year as president and am quite excited at the thought of raising funds for the RNLI. It is nice to be working so closely with 41 club and strengthening our ties.

My best wishes go to all new Chairmen and hope you have a great Tangent year, remember I do not bite and you can mail me with any questions, If I do not know the answer, I can always find someone who does.

YICF

Heather

Hello, I’m Doreen Lovett. I am a member of 2 Tangent Clubs; Cheadle & Gatley and The Dragons which was formed out of the Llandudno Conference Committee.

I have always taken an active role in both Circle and Tangent as I believe the more you put in, the more you get out, and I have definitely got a lot out!

My motto in life is, that if there is no good reason to say no, say yes! As you can imagine, that’s got me into all sorts of trouble, but mostly it has meant that I have got to see and do things that maybe are out of my comfort zone.

I am married to Kevin and have been for 17 years. He is a member of Cheadle & Gatley 41 Club, Dragons 41 Club and is the 41 Club Region 7 National Councillor. Between us, we have 5 children, 4 sons and 1 daughter.

I run my own Solicitor’s practice in Cheadle and I love meeting new people and finding out about them. I love music and like to dance and you will often find me on a dance floor. I like to travel and visit new places, which I do whenever I can.

Part of my role is to co-ordinate the Regional Lunches, so if you are organising, or thinking of organising one, please contact me – admin@tangent-clubs.org.

I am so looking forward to meeting as many Tangent members as I can this year, as I support Sue and the National Exec.

Yours in continued friendship

Doreen

Hello, I’m Heather Parry. I am the Secretary of 41 Club and also work with the Region 7 and National 41 Club Committees.

I am so looking forward to supporting Sue through her year as President and am excited to be involved in all the fun that goes with the RNLI fundraising.

My best wishes to all new Chairmen and Tangent Members that you have a great year.

YICF

Heather
When I looked at the deadline for this article, it seemed a long way away, so plenty of time to consider what to say. Amazingly that time has flown with my new role taking over any spare time I had! So I find myself writing this article at the same time as my first report for the National Exec and doing my first official engagement, deputising for President Sue at High Wycombe’s 50th Charter Lunch as Sue was already booked to go to Downend’s 50th Lunch.

Needless to say, this is a busy role, but fun too. Conference was a blast in Torquay and I thoroughly enjoyed it, getting elected was a bit nerve racking, but I was very pleased I was not contested as that would have added to the nerves. Then, in the evening my own club, Reading Valley won the fancy dress competition, dressed as pirates that were the skeleton crew, with our faces painted as skeletons. Then, the first National Exec meeting on the Sunday, seemed a bit like a dream. Had I really joined the Exec?

We are already booked for Cardiff (Roald Dahl theme) and I would recommend it to anyone hesitating about booking. We have been attending for years and always have fun and make new friends. I am hoping someone goes as Charlie, of the chocolate factory fame and hands out free chocolate!

Anyway, back to counting those beans, oh, I mean capitation cheques, gradually creeping up in number. Keep them coming and don’t forget to get them to me by the end of June. You can always pay by bank transfer and send in a scanned form, to speed things up and save postage and paper.

Hopefully I will see a lot of you at events throughout the year.

YICF

Shirley

Hello Ladies I’m Emma, the one with the passion for tap dancing and brightly coloured dresses! At our conference weekend in Torquay, I stood from the floor for the new position of National Membership & Marketing Officer, and it is both an honour and privilege to have been chosen to represent you.

I am a member of Charnwood Tangent based in Leicestershire, and I am married to George, a member of Loughborough XRT 41 Club. I am the Marketing and PR Executive for our 170-year-old family business, where family governance is very important to us in order to remain successful for the generations to come.

My vision as your Marketing & Membership Officer is to market us, as an organisation correctly through a strong communication plan. Evidence has shown that Tangent clubs would gain advantage from a larger visual platform through the means of social media. Facebook is the most popular social media platform used by our target audience, alongside the 94% of 45-64 year olds now using the Internet. We will also need to look into our ‘open’ or discretionary membership schemes within our individual clubs as many more women are looking to join our style of organisation, even if they weren’t a part of Ladies Circle. This for some clubs will be a step into a new direction as the majority of women that are apart of Tangent clubs, were originally a ‘circler’, but some not necessarily a wife of a ‘tabler’. I will also be looking into our membership continuation relationships with Ladies Circle members, both past and present.

I do hope that all Tangent Clubs will get involved in supporting our ‘Four Club Family’, which in turn will raise the profile of Tangent.

I am enthusiastic about meeting you all at not only the regional luncheons, but also your own group events. I would love for you to tell me what you are doing and when, as meeting and learning how different groups run is a key part of this position and I thank those of you who have already invited me along to your events and emailed me pictures and updates as to what you’ve been doing. Please email me at membership@tangent-clubs.org. I look forward to hearing what you’ve been up to, or just to have a chat, as I love a good talk!

YICF

Emma
Hi everyone,

Well here is a short note from your Immediate Past President while I am sitting on my balcony in Spain taking in the Sun resting after my great year as your National President.

I have not been entirely lazy since our AGM and have attended several clubs, our International Tangent AGM, Round Table and Ladies Circle National AGM and the London Marathon when my eldest son ran for Round Table Children’s Wish and I thank everyone for their messages of support for him before and during the run and the immense sponsorship you gave him, he raised well over £2,000.

A full report of the International AGM will have been received by your club contact via our Secretary and Melodie’s last report is on the website. I will be taking a place on the International Board and Sue Hill will be the GB & I International Councillor.

Our proposal was amended on the day after much discussion and after Denmark suggested that the sole criteria should be ‘All candidates must be approved and supported by their National Board’. This was to our advantage as it placed no other restrictions and would be acceptable to our own members as well as countries who were geographically and historically unable to fulfil the requirements of our proposal. I actually proposed the amendment on the day as Denmark did not step forward to do this. Although it was voted in by 6 votes to 2 to be amended when it was voted on as a proposal it lost as it needed a 75% majority and we only received 5 votes to 3 as 1 country said they had no mandate to actually vote on it as a proposal as it had not been discussed by a club.

I unfortunately had to leave before the very end to catch the Eurostar back to the UK for a meeting with the RTCW runners for the marathon the next day and I would like to publically thank Paula for all she has done representing GB & I during the last two years on the International Board as Vice President and President. It has not been easy to put forward the views of our Tangent Association while carrying out her Presidential roles but she has done this to the best of her ability at all times. Thank you Paula for all your hard work and running the AGM to a very high standard.

I will be setting out dates of international events on the website and remember everyone can attend any of these, if you want any more information or are visiting a country abroad and would like to make contact with someone from our Round Table family, just send me an email and I will see what I can do. If you have any number club meetings in the UK and would like me to attend just let me know and please send me details of any events you have been to in the UK and abroad so we can see exactly what are members are up to.

Looking forward to seeing a lot of you at events during the year.

Jill Harris
Hello Ladies and welcome to the last newsletter from your 2018-19 Board.

We have just held our AGM alongside 41 International in Brussels with over 80 ladies in attendance from 12 different countries, a summary of decisions from the meeting has been made available, please ask Jill, your international officer if you have any questions. Whilst I am aware that there will be some disappointment regarding the outcome on the GB&I proposal, there was a great deal of support in the room for the amended proposal which removed completely the one part of the rule that is an issue, and the decision was very close - please talk to me or the Exec members who were present at the meeting; Melodie, Jill and Sue, if you would like to know more.

We started our weekend with a welcome party at a bowling alley where some people bowled, some danced, some caught up with friends they hadn’t seen in a while, we ate & drank & partied till not too late then returned to the hotel for more partying.

On Saturday the Tangent and 41 International AGMs were held, with an Agora Club International forum also happening. Presidents from these 3 clubs, LCI President Kenza and RTI VP Sebastian all visited all meetings to take greetings to each other.

Other news from the AGM;

The first elected Vice-President was appointed; Liat Wallenstein of Tangent Club Israel.

Vice President Nina told us about her ideas for her year
• To add understanding of TCI
• To assist in adding members to TCI countries
• Increase member countries in TCI

And shared her motto for the 2019-20 year.

The 2019 Half Year Meeting is being held in St Pauls Bay, Malta 30th October to 1st November, please book in soon if you are planning on attending http://www.41international.net/hym41malta/

The 2020 TCI AGM is to be held in Verona, Italy 5th-7th June 2020, details to come later.

Once the business was over there was time to visit Brussels for the afternoon or just to relax at the hotel before the banner exchange, for the 1st time including a candle lighting ceremony which 41 International outgoing President Ulrich had been inspired by in Torquay, and the gala dinner, with good food, good friends, good wine and much dancing.

Copies of the Board report presentation & my presentation are available on the TCI Closed Facebook group.

I would like to give my personal thanks to;
The 2018-19 Board for their hard work on your behalf.
The ladies who helped to make the AGM happen;
Minutes Secretaries, Barbara Middleton and Lynn Bennett, Tangent GB&I
Scrutineer, Kirsi Savolainen, Tangent Finland
Tellers, Linda Stennert and Kristina Sjoo, Tangent Sweden

The many ladies in the countries I have visited who have been incredibly generous; with their time, their homes and their gifts, helping with travel arrangements, collecting me from airports, driving me around, travelling with me, looking after me when I was ill. I have been able to experience the countries not as a tourist but as a friend visiting.

The ladies from GB&I who have helped me in many ways; looking after my pets back home, shared rooms with me and all the items that need to travel with a President, acted as navigator and travelled to support me last year as Vice President and this year to Morocco and Brussels.

To all of you reading this, for your support to me as your own Board member and Melodie as your Councillor, for your contribution to the discussions at the HYM and the AGM and your attendance at both events.

Without you we would make no decisions thank you all.
Whatever you have done this year I hope that you have made many memories to treasure whilst Making Every Moment Count.

In continued friendship

Paula
The Birth of a New Tangent: The Charnwood Story

Back in March 2016, at Loughborough Ladies Circle 60th Charter, the idea for a new Tangent was born. With several members due to ‘age out’ of Circle over the following few years, and some former members keen to re-join the 4 club family, the time felt right to start something new. We were right. Now officially Chartered and with 22 members, we reflect back on the past year…

Our inaugural meal was held in March 2018 and we were delighted with the turnout, with around 35 ladies coming along to find out about Charnwood Tangent. Starting with seven Founder Members, our membership quickly grew, with both former Circlers and those new to the association wanting to join us. We had a fantastic first year of events including Wine Tasting, a Make-Up night, a pottery evening, Gin tasting, Escape Rooms, Outdoor Theatre and more. We laid a wreath on Remembrance Sunday, helped on the Round Table Santa Sleigh, entered a tree into the local Christmas Tree Festival with Ladies Circle, and met Round Table President in the middle of the night during his 92 for 92 Challenge. During this busy first year, Emma, Vicki and Gail also went on tour to Enniskillen Tangent Charter, and had a brilliant time celebrating, and have attended some Regional lunches.

In March 2019, we held our First Charter Evening, attended by Jill Harris, Heather Parry and friends from around the Country. Charnwood Tangent Chair Emma Wright presented the Founder Members with their regalia, and the Chair’s chain and Charter Certificate was presented to Emma by Jill. Loughborough Ladies Circle supported the occasion and we were delighted that Loughborough Vice-Chair Fiona Mee accepted membership of our Tangent for 2019/20, as a key aim of our Tangent is to keep the links strong between the two sister clubs. It was a wonderful evening of friendship and fun in a beautiful setting.

The icing on the cake of our first year was when Emma and Vicki went to Torquay for Tangent & 41 Club Conference. Vicki had the honour of reading the Aims and Objectives during AGM and Emma was appointed as National Marketing and Membership Officer: What an amazing end to an amazing year!

Come and join us

We are the ladies of Tangent Costa del Sol, and we thought we would share with you a little bit about our Tangent Club. We all belonged to different Circles or Tangent Clubs before coming together on the Costa. Some of us are full-time residents, some of us stay for a few weeks and some of us just spend a few of the winter months on the Costa, before returning to our home country. We also enjoyed welcoming those members of Ladies Circle & Tangent who are here on holiday and who have come along for one of our meeting. We have also had the pleasure of having visits from both Melodie Brookes (celebrating our Charter) and Jill Harris (at the Iberian Cluster in Puerto Banus).

We meet at lunchtimes, either in someone’s home or in a restaurant or at a beach bar along the coast from Calahonda, east of Marbella to Estepona, west of Marbella, to sample the Menu del Dias. Very often we have joint lunches with 41 Club and enjoy the delights of quizzes, boat trips, wine tastings, race days, theatre trips, and a visit to the Christmas lights in Malaga to name a few. Our most recent event organised by 41 Club Chairman Peter was a very successful and enjoyable ‘Walking Treasure Hunt through the lovely decorated streets of Estepona, followed by a typical Spanish lunch at a small restaurant away from the tourist area.

So, have we aroused your interest in our Clubs? If so, why not get in touch costadelsoltangent@gmail.com. You can be sure of a very warm welcome if you come along and see us.
The focus on membership and relationships between our four clubs has gained pace quickly since taking up my new role. The relationship between fellow Membership Officers, Stephanie Holzhuetter (Ladies Circle), Glen Lyons (41 Club) and James Lock (Round Table) has been formed after meeting at the Round Table & Ladies Circle Conference held in Leicester in May. It’s great to be #sidewayside. By the time you have read this, the four of us will have attended our first meeting together at Marchesi House in Birmingham, the home of Round Table; it’s great to see the positivity growing collectively between all four clubs.

It was an honour to be asked by past Ladies Circle President, Jo Hudson, and Secretary, Vicky Parker, at the National Tangent AGM in Torquay to speak on behalf of ‘Tangent at Ladies Circle’s AGM held in Leicester as my first task since taking up the post. It was a fantastic conference, and wonderful to see so many Tangent members not only attending the AGM, but also helping out.

Through my address, I was able to explain what Tangent is all about and why ‘Circler’s’ should continue their friendships with us when they leave Ladies Circle. The chosen hashtag used was #strongertogether due to many Tangent members starting their life within Ladies Circle then transitioning over to Tangent, creating a strong bond between the two. The reception received was amazing, especially during the fact-finding competition that allowed the women to discover how much they knew about their local Tangents, whether they even had one, and who to contact if they were unsure. I have already had several circler’s contact me about setting up a new Tangent Club, or wanting to join their local Tangent Club, which is gives me the hope that we really are stronger together and as Ladies Circle say, #getinvolved.

We have several new clubs affiliating and chartering at present, and I had the pleasure of affiliating my first new Tangent, ‘Nightingale Tangle’ on the 12th May, who are based in Derbyshire. They chose the name due to the area having links with Florence Nightingale.

Unfortunately, we have also had some clubs close, which we hate to see, however it is mainly due to an aged membership. If you have any concerns about difficulties in keeping your club up and running, then please contact me before making the decision to disaffiliate. We will try our best to help and support you, as well as put you in touch with other clubs nearby that will also offer support. If all else fails, don’t forget that we do offer an independent membership for members who want to stay a part of the organisation.

Growth of the organisation is incredibly important, and for those who know me well, I am passionate about the association and will do all in my ability to help it grow, whether it be helping a Ladies Circle member transition to Tangent, to answering website enquiries from a potential new member.

Our Discretionary or ‘Open’ Club Membership is also very important due to it creating new extensions of friendships you have made through Ladies Circle or Tangent. There are many easy ways a club can advertise effectively, and if you need any ideas then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Over the next few months, all members of ‘Tangent will be asked to complete an individual online survey through your club contact. I ask for everyone to take part, as your views, ideas and suggestions are important to us. After all, it is your organisation.

Please keep in touch and if you have any membership enquiries, you can contact me via email on membership@tangent-clubs.org

'NORTHERN BELLE' GREAT BRITAIN LUXURY TRAIN THE MARQUE OF LUXURY JOURNEYS IN GREAT BRITAIN DAY TRIPS & FINE DINING 2018

Earlier in Spring we launched our new Members Benefits and so far we have the following discounts:

- Hashtag Golf – 10%
- Snow + Rock- 15%
- Cotswold Outdoors – 15%
- Runners need – 15%
- Cycle Surgery – 15%
- Park’n’Cruise – 10%
- Northern Belle – 10%

Please think about writing about your club on the open Facebook page. We regularly receive membership enquiries through here and it is good to spread the word and encourage new enquiries.

Finally with this new emphasis on membership it’s important to make sure your contact details are up to date so please check the details on Club Finder on the website. If your club has a generic email address this will be displayed but if it is a personal one we will redirect enquiries through Emma, our Membership Officer. This also displays your meeting days. We are in the process of updating this based on your returns but if you spot anything that needs changing please contact me.

Kate
editor@tangent-clubs.org

More details can be found on Facebook and on the Website or contact me.
The moment that the 41 Club Presidential Jewel was presented in Torquay your life changes for the forthcoming year. The phone never stops and you have requests for the President to attend all sorts of events. My wife Mildred has had to purchase several new dresses and each time she says I can’t be seen in that old dress again.

It just seems yesterday when we met Tangent President Sue and husband Ray at Southport Conference in 2009 when we shared a table at the joint Presidents banquet. We have been close friends since that day and it is a privilege to both be presidents in the same year.

When you are President elect you have many decisions to make including a personal badge and banner and Tangent member Pauline Ormerod who many of you will know spent many hours in designing and organising the production of them. The major decision that had to be made was which charity 41 Club would support in my year as President. I was looking for a charity that was not tainted by recent charity scandals. A charity which covered the whole of GB&I. The RNLI was the obvious choice they have saved the lives of over 142,000 lives since its inception in 1824. For the first time for many years Sue and I decided it was perhaps the time to have a joint charity. Our aim is to raise £50,000 to purchase 5 rescue craft.

Recently Mildred and I have been to the Round Table / Circle conference in Leicester, the 13th Calpe 41 Charter in Spain, the 41 Club Past Presidents weekend in Bristol and many more. The washing machine seems always to running these days.

I hope to see many Tangent members in my year as 41 Club President please come up and say hello.

Signing off for now.

Andrew

We start a new table year full of hope. In the last 12 months we have gained control of our finances, our governance and stemmed the flow of membership loss.

It’s now time to push forwards and see a Revival of our movement. Round Table has regained our understanding of who we are and our place within society in the UK and in Ireland. We believe that in a world where male social isolation is rife and a man under 45 is more likely to die by his own hand than any other cause that we have a clear mandate not only to exist but to grow throughout our communities. By offering a hand of friendship we hope to make a difference.

Round table continues to give a wealth of opportunities to young men, through shared
Hello Ladies!

I am so happy to be NALC’s National President for 2019-20. Life is better with friends and I believe that the friendships at the heart of our associations are something worth celebrating so my theme for the year ahead is #CelebratingFriendship.

The National team have worked hard over the years building on Circle’s core strengths of fun, friendship and fundraising to ensure we are still relevant to young women today and it’s paying off as we have re-chartered Beeston and Stamford during 2018-19 and have the following Circles on the brink of re-chartering: Burton-on-Trent, Chelmsford Tindal, Chepstow, Chester and Ellesmere Port.

In addition to this we have lots of potential Circles in the pipeline: Abergavenny, Basingstoke, Bridport, Canterbury, Dublin, Isle of Wight, New Forest, Newcastle, Norwich, Petersfield, Ripon & Harrogate, Romsey & Chandler’s Ford, Saddleworth, Salisbury, Shrewsbury, Taunton and Tunbridge Wells.

You all know that it takes a team to get a new club going and the more support that team has, the greater chance they have of success…will you be part of our team? If you are local to any of these places or were a member of the original club then #GetInvolved! Help us spread the word – we all know someone of Circling age, be it a daughter, niece, neighbour or work colleague – or even better get in touch with the club (contact membership@ladiescircle.co.uk) and see if you can assist at any events or offer some ‘big sister’ guidance.

Societi, the UK Foundation for Kawasaki Disease, is my nominated charity for the year. Kawasaki is the number one cause of acquired heart disease in UK children, yet most people haven’t heard of it. It’s a charity close to my heart as in 2011 my stepdaughter, Emily, fell ill and was rushed to hospital. She was transferred to Alder Hey Hospital, but it still took 19 days before she was diagnosed. Working with Societi, our aim for this year is to increase awareness and promote early diagnosis and treatment. Visit www.societi.org.uk for more information or contact me to donate.

I’d love you to join me at my National President’s Ball on Saturday 28th September at The Broadway Hotel, Letchworth. It’s a 1920s themed event so grab your dancing shoes and let’s celebrate together.

Here’s to another wonderful year of continued friendship within the Round Table Family.

Lindsay

experiences they form the deepest of friendships. Through our combined community service efforts we give purpose to young men. Last year alone we estimate over £5.7 million was raised by tables in RTBI with the lions share of those funds being invested into great grass roots projects within the communities where those funds were raised. Round Table is truly a catalyst for community.

How can the good ladies of Tangent help bring about the Round Table Revival? The best way possible is to signpost the young men in your life towards their nearest table. Has it disappeared? Don’t worry, we are willing to work alongside your sons and grandsons to revive those long lost tables, so that they and their families can enjoy the comfort and fellowship you have loved they can benefit from being part of a unique community built on fun and service.

We wish Sue and her team the very best for the year thank you all for your continued love and support of Round Table.

Paul
Angels of the North Tangent held their October meeting in Morpeth and felt that they had to have their picture taken with “Emily” as a follow on from their June photo waving placards with “votes for women”!

Irish Lunch - Templepatrick

Welsh Lunch - Llwchwr
At the beginning of March 2019, Andover Tangent Club 259 were delighted to welcome National President, Jill Harris. Three members from Romsey Tangent Club 249 also joined us. We sat down to an excellent lunch followed by a welcome from our chairman, Marilyn Price, who told Jill a little about the history and beauty of our locality. We were very impressed by her remarkable year as National President and about her campaign “Together we are Stronger” with the links to the Round Table Family.

This was the first time we had met the National President since 2001, when Liz Morgan visited the club in the presence of Hampshire’s Lord Lieutenant at the time, Dame Mary Fagan, and our chairman was Marian Bunker. Thank you to Jill for making the special effort to visit us in Hampshire and for entertaining us with your musings.
Farnborough Tangent

Farnborough Tangent celebrated our 30th Charter on Thursday 14th February and welcomed our National President, Jill Harris and 30 members past and present together with Bromley Tangent and Petts Wood friends.

A hot buffet was enjoyed at our member Penny Denby’s house. Her house was featured in the television programme, Grand Designs. It set the scene for a memorable evening with £200 raised for Jill’s charity. A wonderful flower arrangement was made by member Jocelyn and presented to Jill.

Otley Tangent

Thirteen members of the Otley Tangent Club met on a very icy evening (which prevented our Founder Chairman from getting to the event) to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Charter presentation in January 1989.

Memories were stretched during a quiz relating to notable events during the 30 years of the Club’s existence, but we then enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by a local caterer at the home of Chairman Pam Beck.

The Club continues to meet on a monthly basis, enjoying a variety of different venues and the spirit of fun and fellowship is still very much alive. Indeed, most members have been friends since early Circling days, some 40 years or more, and, although our activities these days are less energetic and demanding, we always look forward to getting together each month.

Oswestry Tangent

National President Jill attended a 30th Charter lunch for Oswestry Tangent 767 on 26 March at the Sweeney Hall Hotel. A wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all and attended by several local Tangent clubs, with entertainment from a pantomime Dame!

Pictured with Jill are Past Chairman Christine Brown and her organising committee who had planned everything to perfection, even the Shropshire sunshine.

Stroud Tangent

This year is a big year for Stroud Tangent 637. In May we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the club’s formation and in March we celebrated our 35th year of affiliation to National Tangent with a Charter Lunch. We gathered together at the Old Lodge, Minchinhampton Common with our Guest of Honour, National President Jill Harris, former members of Stroud Ladies Circle and Tangent and guests from local Gloucestershire Tangent Clubs.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent renewing friendships, reminiscing and presenting Jill with a cheque from Stroud 41 Club and Stroud Tangent for her charity Round Table Children’s Wish.
Thanet Tangent No 27 celebrated its 50th Charter with a wonderful afternoon cream tea on Tuesday 2nd April, at the house of our treasurer Anne Weston. Chairman Sue Bennett welcomed Tangent’s National President Jill Harris and introduced her to the members. Penny Russell also a member, made a wonderful cake. A glass of prosecco rounded off the celebration, the toast - ‘let friendship continue’.

On Sunday, March 17, 2019, at the Wroxton House Hotel, Banbury Tangent No.84, celebrated the 50th Anniversary of their Charter. It was a very warm, relaxed occasion with just a hint of formality enjoyed by friends old and new. National President, Jill, delighted us with her company and our Chairman, Helen Morris, presented her with a cheque for her charity.

On Wednesday 24th April, Dunmow and District Tangent Club 32 celebrated its 50th Charter with a delicious afternoon tea. We were delighted to have Sue Hill, our National President, with us which gave us all the chance to meet her. Club members were joined by members from seven neighbouring Tangent clubs and other local groups.

The club started in April 1969 and we were pleased to have one of the founding members, Barbara Staines, with us. Our longest standing member, Eileen Wade, who joined in 1971, also attended.

During the afternoon, President Sue lit the friendship candle and cut the celebratory cake. After tea we were treated to songs from the musicals sung by an upcoming star, Carys May Healy followed by the raffle to raise a donation to the RNLI, President Sue’s, chosen charity.
**Tettenhall Tangent**

Many congratulations to Rosemary Cox from Tettenhall Tangent, who was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award at The Pride of Birmingham Awards on Tuesday 26th March 2019. The award was in recognition of the successful campaign that she and her late husband John mounted, together with their daughter Christine, to establish an organ donor register following the death of their son Peter. The register has transformed the way we think about organ donation and helped to save thousands of lives.

**Potters Bar Tangent**

Potters Bar Tangent club raised £2500 for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf by way of several events during the Tangent year 2018-19. Kate Cox handed over cheque to Liz Arendt from the Charity Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, with her hearing dog Rufus, who demonstrated his skills later in the evening.

**Crowborough Tangent**

Crowborough Tangent recently went to our local Indian restaurant where the ladies were taught how to cook a meal, and then had to eat it afterwards! There were lots of laughs and it was a most enjoyable evening.

**Farnham Tangent**

Farnham Tangent Chairman Lynn Hutchings and committee members recently presented a cheque for £1,000 to their local Hospice Care charity, Phyllis Tuckwell. The majority of the money was raised from an amazing raffle which was organised by Past National President Janis Attwell and held at their 40th Anniversary lunch last year. It was especially appropriate as the hospice is currently celebrating its own 40th Anniversary.
**Angels of the North Tangent**

The Angels (of the North) get crafty! Under the excellent tutelage of our chairman Dorothy, we made up a selection of “proggy kits” that Dorothy makes up and sells at various craft fairs to raise funds for her matting group. It was possibly our quietest ever meeting such was the level of our concentration. We left feeling very pleased with our efforts as you can see.

**Whitchurch Tangent**

Whitchurch Tangent Club have been celebrating the recent birth of twins, Samuel George and Layla Belle, to our member, Louise Simcox. Louise was a chairman of Whitchurch Ladies Circle, and Chairman of Area 27 before joining her Mum, Pauline Brown, a President of Ladies Circle, in our Tangent Club. This is the first time we have had twins born to a Whitchurch Tangent Club member. Have any other clubs been this lucky?

**Book of Remembrance**

Anne Marsden  
*Bristol* 2

Audrey Curson  
*Cuffley* 278

Barbara Baker  
*Grimsby* 445

Evelyn Beton  
*Whitley Bay* 17

Iris Smith  
*Bletchley* 111

Jacqueline Shutes  
*Hoddesdon* 377

Janet Peters  
*Brierley Hill* 156

Jean Jones  
*Marlow* 205

Jean Smith  
*Stockton and District* 479

Kath Caldwell  
*Heswall* 308

Mairi Akers  
*Inverness Highland* 760

Mary Bond  
*Seisdon and District* 387

Nesta Merrells  
*Beverley Westwood* 908

Nicolette Abu Moghli  
*Sirhowy 885*

Pat Paulson  
*Weston-Super-Mare*

Sue Hart  
*Whitley Bay* 17

Sybil Golightly  
*Stockton and District* 479

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.
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