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**Bournemouth Tangent No. 1**

**Platinum 70th Birthday Lunch**

Saturday 15th February 2020
at
Dudsbury Golf Club Hotel and Spa,
Bh22 8ST

Please join us!
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Leicester LAFF Tangent
invite you to the

**Tangent Midlands Regional Lunch**

22 February 2020

Sketchley Grange Hotel
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invite you to join us for

**Irish Regional Luncheon**

to be held on

Saturday 21st March 2020
at Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh

£35.00

Please see the Tangent website for further details and booking form

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**WELSH REGIONAL LUNCHEON**

Saturday 16th May 2020

**Miskin Manor**
**Country Hotel & Spa**

Barry & The Vale Tangent are proud to welcome you to The Welsh Regional lunch, Hosted in our first year as a new Tangent.

Miskin Manor is a Victorian Style manor house in the village of Miskin, South Wales. It is set within 25 acres of award winning grounds, yet minutes away from the M4 and within easy reach of both Cardiff and Swansea.
Hello from your Editor,

WOW! The last edition of Tangent News was the most oversubscribed and this one has just gone and beaten it!!! We have added in four pages to try and include the extra copy that you sent in. It is lovely to be in this healthy position and I really cannot believe that we have gone from 16 pages when I took over this role to 24 pages now. It does mean that a lot of the material submitted has had to be ‘pruned’ so bear with me. Also please remember that we have a Facebook Page open to everyone and it would be good to showcase any updates there that will attract new members and show everyone what a fun time we have. There is also a members only closed group where you can add things that you feel are more suited to members.

I am also proud to share with you the news that this magazine was posted out in a bio-degradable cover. I have been working on trying to eliminate the plastic cover that we used to use and I would welcome your feedback on the new cover.

Finally the magazine cover shows Horley Tangent being awarded with the Star trophy and you can read more about them and the trophy on page 20.

I hope you enjoy reading this bumper edition,

Kate x
Hello fellow Tangent members and friends!

I cannot believe that as I write this the summer is over and autumn and Christmas are fast approaching!

I know that every President says it, but the year is flashing by and we are already making plans for the AGM in April in Cardiff. Don’t forget to keep an eye out for nomination and proposal forms, and please consider standing for a role on the National Exec. We have a lot of fun, it is like a whole new club to share fellowship, good (and bad) times with. If you are interested please have a chat with one of us to learn more.

We have had a tremendous turnout for the President’s RNLI Heroes Lunch on 21st September, another great chance to meet up with friends old and new. Don’t forget to look at the dates for your Regional lunches on the website and get booked in! We all love an opportunity to get dressed up and go out for lunch and a glass of something fizzy!

The Grand Leap Day Charity Ball being held jointly with 41 Club is on 29th February 2020 at Crewe. We have a spectacular evening planned for you, lots of entertainment, a superb meal and plenty of surprises! Booking forms available via Tangent website.

I have also enjoyed fellowship at the Classic Rally, Motorbike Rally, Club Cruise and the Caravan and Camping Weekend. All wonderful opportunities for members to get together and share the spirit of the Round Table Family at its best.

Andrew 41 Club President and I are both working hard together to raise funds for RNLI and specifically to buy Rescue Water Craft for RNLI Beach Lifeguards. There are several ways that you can help; buy raffle tickets for a chance to win two places on the Club cruise with Fred Olsen next August visiting Bordeaux and Northern Spain; hold an event such as a Teddy Bears’ Picnic or a Fish Supper; attend our joint Ball in February; buy lovely things from my shop including cuddly Teddy bears who come with a badge, a name label and the chance to enter several competitions. These are Teddy that has travelled the furthest, Teddy that has visited the most lifeboat stations, Teddy that has climbed the highest and now Best Dressed Teddy. All competitions run until the AGM in Cardiff and Best Dressed Teddy will be judged by the delegates at conference.

Whatever else you do, please keep a look out for me at Tangent events you are coming to or invite me along to your club. I love to meet people and talk!

In Continued Friendship

Sue x
**Keeping the RNLI in stitches!**

When National President Sue announced that she would be supporting the RNLI as her charity this year, fellow Northwich Tangent member Claire Mansfield offered to make and donate a patchwork quilt as a raffle prize.

Fittingly, the chosen design has a Nautical theme using crazy patchwork, appliqué and embroidery which Claire has made on her Embroidery Machine, spending many hours closeted in her sewing room, so much so that her husband has forgotten what she looks like! Retail value is estimated at around £1,200 for this unique single bed sized quilt or wall hanging.

Although Claire has been sewing all her life, she is relatively new to quilt making. “My methods are not for the purists but I am very pleased with the finished result and hope this unique piece will generate a lot of money” she said.

The quilt will be on display at the Charity Lunch in September and at the Leap Day Ball next year. Tickets priced at £2 each will be on sale at these events, and also from Sue as she travels around the country or you can contact Claire via email: clags63@gmail.com when she will be happy to take your cash and then post out the tickets! Should you be lucky enough to win it, you can be sure that there will never be another one like it!

**RNLI Visits with President Sue**

As you know the National Presidents of 41 Club & Tangent are fundraising for the RNLI throughout their year in office so being in Norfolk, which has a long coastline, I invited Sue to stay an extra night so we could visit a few RNLI stations. The day started early with me driving Sue around the North Norfolk coast where we made a brief stop at Hunstanton & Wells lifeboat stations. We intended to visit Sheringham lifeboat station too but local roadworks knocked that on the head as we needed to arrive at Cromer lifeboat station on time for our guided tour. RNLI Cromer is situated at the end of Cromer Pier where we were given a talk from Alysoun Morgan on the work undertaken at Cromer, an opportunity to try on the rescue crew kit followed by a tour of the Cromer lifeboat – yes we actually got to on the lifeboat!! Before leaving Cromer we had a brief visit to the Henry Blogg Museum followed by a light lunch in an ex-Circler’s tearoom. We both enjoyed a fabulous day out and I’m almost embarrassed to admit that whilst I’ve lived in Norfolk for all my 58 years I had never visited the lifeboat.

I now have my little RNLI jam pot which I am filling with 5p’s and once it’s full I shall be returning to the pier to hand over my pot and make another visit to Cromer’s wonderful RNLI station.

**Llandrindod**

In November 2018, Llandrindod Tangent celebrated our 21st Charter Birthday when President Jill Harris had been invited to attend. She had also been asked to be the Guest and ‘Switcher-on’ at Llandrindod Well’s Christmas Lighting Ceremony. Sadly, Jill was unable to attend due to illness, and Sue Hill kindly stepped in at the last moment, for which we were most grateful. We had Afternoon Tea and Prosecco at The Metropole Hotel, beautifully organised by Chairman Heather Richardson, with 19 members, past members and Circler guests then proceeded to the Temple Gardens Band Stand where Sue was introduced to our Mayor, Jon Williams and she used the plunger with a flourish to light up our town. Round Table provided Father Christmas and a sleigh procession, and then we had Fancy Dress Competitions and Best Decorated Lanterns when Sue was able to choose the winners. Sue was very excited about her role for the day, and was able to stay the night at our Vice-chairman Julia’s house, when we had another party and a wonderful day was had by all!
Stevenage & District

Stevenage and District celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a dinner at Knebworth Golf Club on Tuesday 12th March 2019. 55 ladies attended and it was great to welcome guests from other Tangent clubs, including City of London, Harpenden, Hertford, Hemel Hempstead, Hoddesdon, Cuffley and Royston. We were honoured to have Jill Harris, National President, with us who gave a most interesting and informative talk on her time in office, particularly mentioning the groups as a whole, Round Table, Ladies Circle, 41 Club and Tangent and her chosen charity, Round Table Children’s Wish, supporting children with terminal illnesses.

Beautiful flowers, arranged by one of our ladies, adorned each table and one lucky lady took each arrangement home at the end of the evening. The Golf Club served a delicious meal after which Jill and our Chairman, Deirdre cut the celebration cake, baked and iced by another of our ladies (we are a talented lot!). A table quiz found us using our ‘little grey cells’ and there was much laughter and camaraderie as each table vied to be the winner.

Our thanks to Mary and her committee of ladies for organising this happy event ...Roll on the next 50 years!!

Gosport

Gosport Tangent Club 174 celebrated its 50th Anniversary in style at a local waterside venue in May, where we were able to enjoy continued friendship with friends old and new, whilst the sun shone on the water and the boats in the marina clinked gently on the breeze. 39 Tangent members and guests met for a special celebration lunch, including two of our founder members, National President Sue Hill, as well as members of neighbouring Tangent Clubs from Fareham and Southampton. It was a wonderful day!

High Wycombe

High Wycombe Ladies Tangent 170 celebrated its 50th anniversary on 11th May at Flackwell Heath Golf Club. We were fortunate to have a number of our Founder Members present and one of them, Sylvia Hopley, regaled the room with memories of 50 years in the club. The club has 45 members and in 1993 we set up an evening as well as a lunchtime meeting so that the working ladies could meet more easily. Many of our previous members and ex Circlers came back to join in the festivities and remember many happy times.

National Treasurer Shirley Chard and Past national President and International President Paula Farnfield were also there to celebrate the occasion with us, together with members from several Tangents clubs in the area. Over £360 was raised in the raffle for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Knowle & Dorridge

On Saturday 18th May, 101 local ladies from various tangents within the midlands gathered to celebrate Knowle & Dorridge Tangent’s 50th Charter at West Midlands Golf Club, Barston.

A drinks reception and lunch was followed by speeches from Jill Harris Past National President of NATC whose theme was “Together is Stronger”. We are part of a four club family comprising of Tangent, Ladies Circle, Round Table and 41 Club who all function locally, nationally and internationally.

Anna Turney was the guest speaker who provided an engaging and inspirational talk as a Paralympian who shattered her spine aged 26 during a snowboarding training run in Japan when she was one of the UK’s leading snowboarders.

Knowle & Dorridge Ladies Circle and 41 Club provided support throughout the day as well as 32 Past Knowle & Dorridge Tangent Chairmen each lighting a candle representing their year from 1969.
The National Association of Tangent Clubs celebrates its 50th anniversary

We are pleased to share with our Tangent Clubs our 50th anniversary celebrations. NATC was constituted in 1970 and has become an association that has grown its clubs to encourage continuing friendships. Thanks, must go to Bournemouth Tangent No 1 which had the inspiration to start this movement in 1950.

Recently a few clubs have been celebrating their 50th milestone but the formal celebration on behalf of the National Executive will be held on Saturday 12 September 2020, in Birmingham. If you are interested in coming along drop a line to tangent50th@gmail.com and as more details become available we will let you know. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page as well www.facebook.com/Tangent50th

Fifty Glorious Years of Fun and Friendship
NATC 50th Anniversary Lunch

Save the date!
Saturday 12 September 2020

National Conference Centre
Coventry Road, Bickenhill
Solihull, West Midlands, B92 0EJ

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North Norfolk

Over 70 members and guests of North Norfolk Tangent Club enjoyed Afternoon Tea at a special 40th Charter Celebration in North Walsham. The event was held on a rare sunny afternoon on June 9th in the marquee at the Scarborough Hill Hotel, North Walsham. Ladies took the opportunity to dress up with many donning colourful hats to add to the occasion.

It was held exactly 40 years to the day since the charter was granted to the club on 9th June 1979.

To mark the occasion, North Norfolk were delighted to greet the National President of The National Association of Tangent Clubs: Sue Hill, who had travelled especially down to Norfolk on the day from her home in Cheshire.

She was hosted by the current chairman of North Norfolk Tangent: Jane Palmer

Four members from the founding Club: Inaugural Chairman Barbara Hankin, Jean Croxen, Liz North and Pat Elliott all played a part in various highlights of the proceedings.

National President Sue brought greetings from NATC and gave a résumé of her travels around Great Britain and beyond in her year so far. She said that she will try to visit up to a hundred of the some eight hundred clubs nationally of NATC during her year in office.

Sue also revealed that her chosen charity of the year was the RNLI. Local chairman Jane Palmer was pleased to tell Sue Hill that this was a charity close to the heart of North Norfolk Tangent given its close proximity to the sea. A raffle was held for the RNLI with more than £380 raised.

Gordano Valley

Gordano Valley 500 celebrated the 40th Anniversary of their Charter on July 3rd, 2019 at Clevedon Hall. A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by members, past and present, and guests including our National President Sue Hill. Photo albums were available to remind everyone of forty years of fun and fellowships. Sue was presented with a cheque towards her charity the RNLI. A memorable day was had by all and many photos were taken to record the occasion and to add to the albums.

The following morning Sue visited yet another Lifeboat Station at neighbouring Portishead. She was accompanied by Judith Burrill, Gordano Valley 500’s current Chairman. Staff were able to show them around their new modern facilities.

Rothwell

Members of Rothwell 513 Tangent Club celebrated their 40th anniversary with a luncheon held at the home of Vice-Chairman Pat Paley and husband John, Vice Chairman of Rothwell and District 41 Club. They are pictured (left) with Chairman Margaret Scott and husband Malcolm, Chairman of 41 club, about to cut a special cake. Members decided that they would like the celebration to be informal and Vice-Chairman Pat took on the the task of organising the food. It was an occasion to celebrate close friendships for 40 + years and the setting was ideal thanks to the sunny weather. There were five founder members at the luncheon and although founder Chairman Sheila Cooper now lives in Worcester, Chairman Margaret made sure that she received a piece of celebratory cake. Pictured are the members who attended the event and also a photo of members at the inaugural meeting of the club in October 1979.
**Lymington**

Lots and lots of Tangent Clubs are celebrating their 50th Charter Anniversaries - but here in Lymington with our declining membership, we decided to celebrate our 45th Anniversary AND hope we survive until our 50th! We enjoyed a lovely lunch at The Cliff House, Barton-on-Sea - a beautiful sunny day, views of the Isle of Wight, the Dorset jurassic coast and watched ‘the yachties’ enjoying sailing in the Solent. We toasted the Association and remembered past members - then relaxed, drank coffee in the Cliff garden, and watched the world go by. (Fingers crossed for 2024!!)

**Long Eaton Trent**

Long Eaton Trent Tangent 630 held its 35-year Anniversary celebration at the Bay Tree Restaurant in Melbourne, Derbyshire on the 27th July. We enjoyed a Champagne Breakfast which was organised by our founder Chairman Carol Grist and attended by 29 members and guests which included some original members. We enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast with generous amounts of champagne.

**Dereham & District**

July saw Dereham & District Tangent 791 celebrating their 30th Charter anniversary with a formal dinner attended by Tangent National President Sue Hill.

The evening saw 63 glamorous Tangent ladies from around Norfolk attending the celebratory Charter dinner held at Wensum Valley Hotel. A drinks reception in the evening sun was followed by a two-course meal, some formal speeches, some fun heads & tails and reverse raffle fundraisers and a Jason & Kylie interruption by members of Dereham 41 Club……..my husband’s Kylie outfit didn’t leave much to the imagination! A celebratory cake, in the shape of the Tangent badge, was cut by inaugural Dereham Chairman Pat Worby, with President Sue, as those present remembered past Tangent members.

During the evening National President Sue greeted the ladies and told them how she was travelling the country, visiting as many RNLI stations as possible during her year, and so far had visited 60. Dereham Tangent presented Sue with a painting of Cromer Lifeboat and raised £505 during the evening to support this worthy cause whilst enjoying an evening of continued fun and friendship.
Next year is our 50th Anniversary and we are celebrating with a special lunch on 12 September 2020 at the National Motorcycle Museum, Solihull (really easy to get to) put it in your diary!

We need photographs of your Club’s activities over the years – you know those boxes that get passed from one Secretary/Chairman to another and never get opened……well I bet there are all sorts of fascinating things in there that are part of your history and therefore part of ours, please have a look and send a few pictures to me (with a bit of explanation of who, what, where and when). The luncheon committee would be really grateful.

As I mentioned in my last note, we are running down ‘The Travelling Shop’ which has in the past been taken to Regional Lunches as sales have reduced with most items now being available through the online Tangent Shop. All your Exec now have a variety of badges to sell and I will continue to have the marcasite jewellery with me at lunches – talking of which do let me have orders for the marcasite brooches for your past Chairman, please don’t leave it until the last minute…..Order forms are available to download on the website.

As your Practising President I’ve been out and about thoroughly enjoying meeting you all at Regional Lunches and at your events, working with the Exec to help manage our Association and plan for our future. My diary for this year and next is also on the website and I would love to come to see you and join your activities. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Tracey x

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We occasionally receive queries about who needs to pay National Capitation and our Treasurer sometimes notices that capitation is not paid for all members - the answer is easy…..

All members of Tangent need to pay National Capitation (£6.50 this year) - this is covered in our rules and ensures that you are covered by Tangent insurance.

- There is no age limit - however young or old you are you need to pay National Capitation. If your Club decides that you do not need to pay your local capitation after a certain age, that is fine but you or they will need to pay the £6.50 National Capitation.
- If your Club invites the Ladies Circle Chair to be an honorary member of Tangent for her year of office (a lovely thing to do) then again, National Capitation need to be paid on her behalf.
- Clubs should only need to have honorary members in exceptional circumstances i.e. if a lady has not been a member of Ladies Circle or the wife or female partner of a current or past member of Round Table or cannot be invited to be a member at the discretion of the Club because the Club has decided only to accept members who have been members of Ladies Circle (or the wife or female partner) of a current/past Tabler.
- If you are a member of more than one Club then you need to pay National Capitation to each Club.

I hope this will answer your questions and clarify the situation.

We shall soon be working on all the paperwork and communication needed for the 2020 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 three positions on the National Executive that will be coming available in April 2020:

- National Vice-President (a 3-year role which includes President and Immediate-Past President)
- National Secretary (a 2-year role)
- National Editor and Webmaster (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.

I shall be attaching both the Proposition and the Nomination forms for you to complete and submit by Friday 3rd January 2020. In the next mailing and they will be available on the website late October.

I look forward to seeing more of you at the forthcoming Regional Lunches and at Cardiff for the 2020 AGM.

YICF
Doreen Lovett
Exec Admin

Well September has arrived and as I write this it is almost 6 months since the AGM, I have no idea where the time has gone. I have been busy completing the records with all the updated Directory information sent to me by club contacts which has now been included in the hard copies of the directory, which your contact should now have received.

It’s not too late to let me have the Directory Form and of course you can always update your details at any time throughout the year. There are about 100 clubs who have not updated their information who may miss out on mailings, so if your club is one of them please let me have the Directory Form as soon as you can.

Doreen

Shirley Chard
Treasurer

As I write this article, I am five months in to my two year role as Treasurer. I feel like I am getting to grips with the role and certainly enjoying meeting up with clubs at regional lunches and by personal invitation. I look forward to many more opportunities to meet our Round Table Family members.

In the photo I am supporting Stamford Round Table at their Classic car show. A lovely day for a Prosecco from the Round Table Bar!

Most clubs, 506 of them, have paid their capitation but I still have over 30 yet to come, so please check with your treasurer that she has paid your national capitation this year. It fell due straight after our AGM in Torquay and the deadline was 30th June! So let’s see if we can get everyone paid up by the end of October. You can pay online and the payment details are on the capitation form, or you can send me a cheque.

Yours in Continued Friendship,
Shirley

Kate Jones
Editor and Website Co-ordinator

Yes, it’s me again but this time with my website and social media hats on.

I am being kept busy not only by more articles being submitted for inclusion in the magazine but also by work that has started on a new website. It is in its early stages but rest assured we are beavering hard in the background.

On the back page you will find details of our members benefits and I am always keen to add to these so if you have any suggestions or can introduce me to anyone able to offer new benefits then do please get in touch. The codes for the benefits are on the members only Facebook group or email me at editor@tangent-clubs.org if you would like more details.

Also on Facebook there are a number of Round Table interest groups. So far we have:

Round Table Family Gardening Interest Group
Round Table Family Cocktail and Drink Recipes
Round Table Family Cookery Group – hints and tips in the kitchen
Round Table Family Golf Interest Group
Round Table Family Gin appreciation interest group

You are all very welcome to join these groups and if you would like to suggest any more please do so.

When I am not being kept busy by the above I very much enjoy spending time with my own friends in Loddon Tangent although I am also open to invites from any clubs that I can get to from my home town of Reading.

YICF,
Kate x
By the time you read this you should have read 2 editions of my new newsletter, ‘Membership Matters’, these will have been emailed out to your club contacts and should have been forwarded on to you.

The aim of the newsletter is to cover topics our membership faces in more depth and will hopefully answer as many questions as the topics may raise. I would like to thank the clubs Barry & The Vale and Dereham who both contributed to the last edition as well as new member Wendy Nuttall.

Over the next issues I would like to cover topics which will include: What is Tangent? How do you Market your own club? Celebrating 50 years, ‘My club and social media’, ‘feeling connected to the organisation’ - these are just a few of the topic ideas I have but should you want to contribute an article, share your club experiences or suggest a topic to be covered please do email me.

August saw me launch my own NATC Marketing and Membership pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and I would like to thank all of you who are already following me, it has already proved to be a great communication tool to not only our own members but also to Ladies circle and beyond. If you search on any of these social media platforms the word ‘Tangent’ you will not only find me and the National Tangent presence but also lots of other tangent clubs and members within the organisation, it’s a great way for clubs and members to interconnect and also advertise.

On a more serious note since the AGM in April, I have had the very sad task of disaffiliating 18 clubs, nearly all of these have been due to an aged membership. A few of the members have become independent members but sadly not many! I have had 3 new fully affiliated clubs, 2 based in the Midlands area and one in Wales and I am currently working with 5 new clubs on their affiliation. Over the last 30 months we have seen 14 new clubs affiliate which is fantastic but is something as an organisation we need to be very aware of. The reason for the topic in the August edition of the ‘Membership Matters’ newsletter was because of these figures and Ladies circle have sadly less than 1,000 member now across GB&I and as an organisation we can no longer rely on graduating circlers for our membership alone and we really should start to look at growing our membership through our clubs ‘Discretionary’ choice or what I like to call them our ‘Open’ Clubs. All new clubs who affiliate now are being asked to actively seek membership from a wider audience and not just rely on Ladies Circle and so far, they are all embracing this and are attracting members in their areas. Our circling heritage is very important and is what has made us the organisation we are today, as we look forward to celebrating 50 years of ‘Tangent’, we also need to look to our organisation’s future. Wouldn’t it be great to think that over the coming years we could help circle to grow by growing ourselves and nurturing our own clubs and membership by introducing our daughters, daughter in laws, granddaughters, their friends and our friends to our amazing organisations which have achieved so much since Ladies circle started and is continuing in our Tangent years.

New members bring new life, new friendships and new ideas into clubs and also give continuity to a club at whatever age you join, age should no longer be a barrier. I have recently seen ladies join clubs who are 65+ (and we ladies don’t like giving our age away!) and they are embracing and learning all things Tangent in exactly the same way our new younger members and those joining us from Ladies circle are. Each club should adapt to their own membership and what they want? If you have a very varied age group and some clubs do pick program ideas, days and times which suit everyone, who says you should meet monthly every Wednesday lunchtime for lunch with a speaker or on a Thursday Evening to do an active activity. With a little thought, organisation and sharing of ideas within your clubs, all clubs can accommodate members of all ages. So, as I said age shouldn’t be a barrier.

I have had the pleasure of meeting lots of you at the regional lunches or at your own clubs’ events and you have shared with me your membership stories, woes and celebrations. Remember if you would like me to join you for a club event (informal!) to share ideas, programs or even pictures of what you have been doing or for me to chat to your members about how you can attract new members or just the bigger picture of tangent please contact me by email, phone or even write me a letter as I would love to hear from you, our members.

membership@tangent-clubs.org

Emma x
**Whitley Bay**

At a meeting on Monday 3rd June, Chairman Linda Bryson welcomed two new members, Sheila Routledge and Ann Knox, to Whitley Bay Tangent and presented them both with Tangent pins. After a salmon supper they joined with other members to take part in Tangent’s once a year quiz.

**Sheringham & Cromer**

Is this a first? Our Chairman Kathy Horton welcomed Nicola Baker into Sheringham & Cromer Tangent Club on Sheringham Sea Front during our fun filled evening meeting.

What a glorious evening for the induction, has there ever been one that has taken place on a sea front before with a backdrop of the North Sea???

**Rayleigh & District**

Debbie Christmas, past chair some time ago of Upminster Circle!! I am now current chair of Rayleigh & District having only moved to the area 4 years ago and joined Tangent 2 years later, so yes barely two years and I am Chairperson already straight to the top. The ladies (and gents of 41) have been very welcoming indeed.

Active from the word go, with inducting a new member at my first meeting, three meetings with speakers from three well deserving charities; two local YellowDoor and megaCenter both assisting and providing much needed support for children/teenagers in the local areas and one in Zimbabwe providing similar assistance for children via the Nehemiah Project which is directly championed by one of our own Ladies. We handed out £500 in total to these charities.

We’ve tried our hand at Juggling and other such circus type hand eye skills, joint wine tasting with 41 club, silent cinema singalong to Mama Mia 2, recipe evening, croquet challenge with 41 club. Alas the boys won, we were joined at that evening by a past area treasurer Jas Milsom, who was also Upminster Circle in the day, but now lives in Perth, Australia, she was on a family visit but when I suggested she come and join for the evening she met many old friends who were also in Area at the same time ... she knew Rayleigh members better than I.

So that’s the first 5 months in a blink of an eye. September we will be supporting Team Shipley Walk 2019 as Martin Shipley walks along this part of the Essex Coast. It would be wonderful if other Tangent/41 clubs can support him on his way up the coast back to Robin Hood bay Scarborough please follow on Facebook he walks on behalf of Thrombosis UK. He lost his daughter at the age of 37 from this condition.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/TeamShipley](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/TeamShipley) or FB Team Shipley Walk 2019
Flying the flag in Rotterdam

Well what a LCI we had in Rotterdam with over 1,300 attendees over the 3 days. This was exceedingly well attended by both Tangent members and past Ladies Circlers as well as current Circlers and it felt great to be part of the large GB and I team parading through the town in the Welcome Parade. It was also good to see some Tablers and 41 Club members join us making it a 4 club family event.

Friday during the day myself and Melodie decided to take a boat cruise to see the windmills locally and had a restful day on the river before our home parties. I personally think this is one of the best parts of the whole weekend as you really have time to bond with a few people and I have many life-long friends that I have met at a house party. This year we did the giving of gifts to our hostesses slightly differently and everyone in our group gave their present and explained the relevance of it as the majority of them were local gifts from their hometowns or countries. The last gave a candle which we decided was our candle of friendship and we all agreed that it should be lit every year by our host with a toast to our home party.

Friday was AGM time and I had the TCI mantle on and sat at the front with Nina and helped her with the gifts for Ladies Circle 60th. I had sourced a pen which we engraved and Nina sourced a notebook for them. Also handed over was a cheque for 1,000 euros making a total TCI contribution of 19,000 euros for the Ladies Circle charity project.

The AGM went very well and there was a great 60th presentation where our own board member Kate was acknowledged amongst the LCI secretaries.

The MTMs (mid-term meetings) for 2020 were announced as Vienna and Rejavik with the next AGM in Morocco [I have details if anyone wants them].

On Saturday we went to the Presidents installation to see Alex Bennett from GB&I inducted as LCI president. It was a very proud moment for GB and I and I am so glad I was there to see it.

The weekend finished on a party boat going around the harbour saying goodbye to old friends and chatting to all my new friends from the house party from the night before.

Jill x
Gillingham & Shaftesbury

Twelve members from Gillingham & Shaftesbury Tangent enjoyed a delicious summer lunch at the home of Alison Highnam, in Marnhull, on Wednesday 24th July, sheltering from the blazing sunshine, beneath a wonderful sail parasol.

10 only in the picture as one was hidden and the other behind the lens

Cheadle & Gatley

One of the founding members of Cheadle and Gatley Tangent Ann Hickman retired this year after 41 years of service to Cheadle and Gatley Tangent. We would certainly not be here today without the efforts of Ann in setting up Cheadle and Gatley Tangent and playing such a huge part in its continuing success, following our affiliation in 1977. She was presented with the jewel following the AGM on her retirement by current chair, Jane O’Neill, National Executive Administrator and Cheadle and Gatley Tangent secretary, Doreen Lovett and treasurer, Denise Rebecchi, who visited her at home to make the presentation to her. All the ladies in Cheadle and Gatley Tangent are very grateful to Ann and wish her well in her retirement. Tangent will miss having such a lovely lady who has contributed so much to our meetings and allowed us to follow in her footsteps.

Atherton & Tyldesley

A guided tour of Elizabeth Gaskell’s house was arranged for 6pm by Atherton & Tyldesley Tangent where Jane, the tour guide, gave us a very interesting and informative tour of the restored house on Plymouth Grove in Manchester.

Elizabeth Gaskell (1810-65) was one of the most important and best loved Victorian writers and author of many novels including Mary Barton, North & South, Wives and Daughters and Cranford. Besides telling a good story her novels often reflect the social and political tensions of her day. The tour ended in the lovely basement tea room where we had tea/coffee and cake.

Lichfield Tangle

Not that we have a reputation to uphold… but PROSECCO has played its part in most Lichfield Tangles events so far this year

Prosecco after a spot of Path Walking…supporting the canal restoration charity
Prosecco with Painting
And Prosecco with Profit making …for Charity of course!!
The next event….A Post-Summer weekend away…..
Hmmmm Prosecco? What do you think?
The Highs and Lows
of Organising the Northern Regional Lunch

Lows

• Trying to find a venue in peak wedding season that didn’t cost an arm and a leg.
• Sourcing entertainment within budget, but not knowing what the budget was as we had no idea what the final numbers would be.
• Tracking the numbers: February only 8 people had booked, March took us to 32, by the end of April just a month before the venue needed numbers we only had 61 bookings, yikes!
• Not daring to buy table gifts, if bookings remained low we wouldn’t have enough money.
• Facebook stalking all Northern Tangents to encourage them to attend.

Highs

• Managing to secure a fabulous room at the Liverpool Hilton with high tech drop down screens and fridges that displayed the Tangent logo.
• Having a free taster menu at the venue’s restaurant to select the dishes for the day.
• Hiring a DJ for the day, who also did a bit of singing and was not eye wateringly expensive.
• Securing a speaker who didn’t want a meal, was happy to pop in for 20 minutes to deliver a short, interesting, informative and entertaining speech.
• Achieving final numbers of 172, with 46 different Tangents in attendance.
• Ordering Three Graces Liverpool Gin miniatures as table gifts and when it turned up on the day it was their new pink gin!
• Raising nearly £800 for the Presidents charity from the raffle (thank you to all who brought tickets).
• Mersey beat Karaoke – in particularly 172 ladies singing “Lilly the Pink” and ending the lunch with everyone singing “You’ll Never Walk Alone”.
• Great feedback and photos on Facebook/Instagram and a handwritten thank you letter.

So the highs definitely outweighed the lows, all luncheon committees should bear that in mind and to everyone thinking of going to a Regional Lunch please book in early for the sake of the committee’s nerves!

The photo, taken at the Northern Regional Lunch, is of Irene Clarke, the 93 year old lady who was presented with a gift, and me. I stayed with Irene when she was Chairman of Birkenhead T C and I was National President 1988, two Golden oldies! We had a great day at the lunch.
Coastal Cluster Tangent had the pleasure of hosting the Scottish Tangent Lunch. It was ‘A Novel Lunch’ with Guest speaker novelist Fiona Gibson. The weather was beautiful and we had a fun day of friendships. We welcomed ladies representing 30 Tangents! To top it all we have raised at least £650 (still rising) for Parkinsons UK.
Warminster & District

Members of Warminster & District Tangent raised a total sum of £129.60 from a Smartie Challenge. Each member collected 20 pence pieces throughout the year as they fitted nicely in a Smartie tube. This was an idea that came from our Chairperson Cathy Humpherson and she was delighted that at the end of her year that her members had raised this much. The funds raised are going to the local Alzheimer’s Society which is a very personal charity to Cathy.

In July 2019 three ladies from Warminster Tangent Club recently spent a lovely afternoon visiting the Alzheimer’s Day Centre at the Old Silk works in Warminster and presented a cheque for £464 from their fund raising events last year.

Alzheimer’s was chosen for our donation as this is a cause that is very close to the heart of Cathy as her Mum suffered from this cruel disease. The local day centre is a light, bright and welcoming place that offers all sorts of activities for its members, in a lovely relaxed atmosphere.

Welshpool

Earlier in the year, Welshpool Tangent Club welcomed Steve Worrall of Operation Sabre, to their monthly meeting at the Royal Oak Hotel.

Steve, a retired Fireman, set up Operation Sabre a number of years ago, and he and his volunteers drive some of the UK’s old fire engines all the way to Romania. Upon arrival they train the local army in how to use the fire engine and equipment, and how to tackle fires. Many areas of Romania have very outdated or no fire fighting equipment after many years of dictator rule.

Whilst on their first trips, the local Mayor took them to an old peoples home - the residents were in great need of aid and Steve then decided that instead of an empty fire engine, they could be filling it with red ‘aid’ bags for these unfortunate people. Since then they have also started supporting a home for very young mothers and their babies, as well as a home for disabled children.

The members of Welshpool Club, together with our friends, family and supporters, filled a huge number of red aid bags, and the photos show Ruth Canning, Chairman Jayne Leeson, and Steve Worrall of Operation Sabre, receiving the filled red bags.

A wonderful charity and one which we were very happy indeed to support.
**Teignmouth**

The members of Teignmouth Tangent Club recently donated £1,000 to Children’s Hospice South West (CHSW). The money was raised by holding a Christmas Bazaar, a table top sale on during the local Carnival, and also a popular Wine and Cheese Evening with a talk given by Christopher Wilson about his life in the BBC.

The hospice, called Little Bridge House, is located in Fremington near Barnstaple, in north Devon, and exists to make the most of short and precious lives, putting children and families at the centre of all it does. It provides a home from home for everyone who stays with them, including all members of the family. There are open days once a month and guided tours are offered to show you exactly why support is so valuable.

The photo shows members of Teignmouth Tangent with the cheque, after enjoying a seasonal summer barbecue!

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**Enniskillen**

It is just over a year since we had our Charter as Enniskillen Tangent and so we held an event that was celebrating the birthday but that was also a fundraiser for our new charity. We had a Jumping Clay night, baked potato bar and of course cake. We have had a hugely successful first year fundraising, raising almost £2000 for Nexus NI., a charity that tackles sexual violence and abuse, but also pleasingly we continue to have new ladies joining at most events. Another highlight through the year was to get regalia for the club and we successfully received two grants which went towards funding some events. The goal now is to gel the group and to develop friendships in the group.
Horley & The Stripey Stork!

Once again, thank you so much for taking the time to visit us to present us with the Star Award. We are truly honoured.

In addition to volunteering at Stripey Stork once a month, we also help out with the various projects that they have during the year. Sometimes it is all of us, sometimes just one or two.

The event that set us off was the Shopping Evening back in November 2017. Our next big achievement, in July 2018, was receiving Volunteer Team of the Year Award at the Annual Volunteer Awards evening held at Reigate Town Hall. The award was presented by The Mayor of Reigate and Banstead.

Then, during the course of the year, together with all the other volunteers, we have helped with packing gifts for Mothers Day, sourcing and filling school bags for the children starting Secondary School, the big job of ‘Santa Stork’ where we helped pack up the gift bags and then on ‘giving day’, wrapping the presents. Always a popular event as everyone dresses up and there is a real Christmas feel to the day. But also very thought provoking when you hear the sad stories from the health professionals who collect the gift bags.

We also helped move 40,000 toilet rolls! A local trader had a secure unit full of toilet rolls that were no longer required and needed the unit emptied. So Stripey Stork rallied the troops and we moved the boxes into a van and then unloaded them at the offices. These were then given to local Food Banks, Community Centres, schools etc. The volunteers were allowed to purchase some and funds used to purchase items that cannot be donated.

On a personal note, last September I helped at the Run Reigate event where Stripey Stork were one of the nominated charities. Basically helping setting up and fetching & carrying during the day, then packing everything up and taking back to HQ. I was very fortunate to be given the Volunteer of the Month award for my help on that day. Stripey Stork are so good at recognising everyone’s efforts.

Then on 8th/9th June myself and Gaynor did a 50km cycle ride round London, raising funds for Stripey Stork. It is an event called London Nightrider and takes place over night. We set off at 11.30pm and finished just before 4.00am, having stopped half way round for a warm drink.

In total it took us just over 3.5 hours. Again, it was just another way of not only raising funds, but also raising awareness of Stripey Stork. We spent so much time that evening explaining all about Stripey Stork - we certainly attracted a lot of attention. Maybe because it was the way we were dressed!

Then more recently, we helped with the move into the new premises. From carrying everything down stairs, loading the vans, to unpacking in Reigate, then building racking, book cases etc. Gill Williamson actually project managed the move, together with the core team at Stripey Stork.

We so enjoy the work we do with Stripey Stork and are very proud to have received the Star Award.

Note from Editor: The Star Award was donated by Emeritus Tangent. It is awarded at the AGM to a club for fundraising and sharing this news with us in the magazine or on social media. It isn’t the amount raised that is important, rather the way the club have done it or how they have worked with others.
**Haworth & District**

The annual Yorkshire Region Tangent Friendship Trophy was held on Thursday 19th May 2019 at Shipley Golf Club & was once again hosted by Haworth & District Tangent.

The winner of the overall trophy this year was Terry-Ann Whiteley of Doncaster Tangent.

Another lovely day of fun & friendship.

If there are any tangent members in the Yorkshire area who play golf but have never heard of or previously taken part in this event, please get in touch with a Haworth Tangent member (contact details can be found in the Tangent handbook).

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**New Milton**

A picture of the New Milton Tangent ladies walking in the New Forest, Hampshire, on a beautiful sunset evening with most of the heather in bloom and plenty of ponies with their foals around.

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**Bournemouth No.1**

Bournemouth Tangent No:1 had fun on a cool June evening trying their hand at Crazy Golf with the dinosaurs and what a great evening it was. It really was Crazy Golf with balls flying about, balls being fished out of the pond, ladies in tunnels and lots of laughter. Afterwards they were rewarded with enormous pizzas to replenish the energy used in their golfing efforts! A true evening of fun and friendship.

Bournemouth Tangent No:1 President Pauline decided to host a charity lunch in her garden on Wednesday 14 August. The sun had shone for weeks, plans were made, but alas as the day got closer the weather forecast was not what had been ordered - Heavy Rain all day!!! Plans for being in the garden were abandoned with Plan B coming quickly into action - how to seat 38 ladies inside. After much thought and furniture moving they were all snugly seated at tables in the lounge/dining room and conservatory. Members and friends enjoyed gammon ham, chicken and salads followed by their seaside dessert of ice cream with a choice of four varieties in either a waffle cone or pink tub. Together with a raffle they raised an amazing £769 towards their local charity for the year, Macmillan Caring Locally. In the true spirit of Tangent there was lots of chattering, laughter and friendship whilst fundraising, not letting the rain dampen their day.
For our July meeting Northampton Nene Tangent went sailing - well a narrow boat on the canal. It was a perfect evening to be ‘messing about on the river’ - er, canal. Balmy plus calm water. The boat was run by volunteers and all money paid went to charity. The two hour trip was enhanced with wine and nibbles and passing the time of day (evening) with other boat users. When we returned to the quay we went to the nearest pub (as you do) for a final drink before parting company. A lovely evening.

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