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Hello from your Editor,

Hello and welcome to the final Tangent News edition from me as your Editor 2018-20. It has been a very enjoyable journey and I am really pleased that you have sent me more material through than previously and enabled me to grow the magazine from 16 pages when I took over to the 24 pages that it is now. The magazine really does rely on you, our members, so thank you.

In the last edition we trialled a biodegradable cover for the clubs that get deliveries in packs of 5 and the feedback was that the cover was not sturdy enough with some packs not arriving and others arriving in a poor condition. It is therefore back to the drawing board for this and our printing company are looking for other solutions.

Happy reading,

Kate x

NB The cover photo is of Sue taken at Selsey Lifeboat Station on the 1st October when she visited Chichester City Tangent to celebrate their 25th birthday.
Hello fellow Tangent members and friends!

I know that every National President says the same, but it is very true, this year seems to be going at twice the speed of any other!

I have still been enjoying the wonderful hospitality of members, joining you for meetings and events of all kinds from formal Charters and anniversaries through to normal monthly meetings. I have also had guided tours of several Lifeboat Stations and learned so much about the charity that Andrew, 41 Club President, and I are supporting this year. I have been very impressed by the enthusiasm and professionalism of the RNLI volunteers and it has really brought it all to life for me!

At the end of October I was delighted to attend the Tangent and 41 Club International Half Year Meeting in Malta. GB&I was the largest group attending and it was great to see us all in our finery at the Gala Dinner on the Saturday evening. The TCI meeting was very interesting and well attended. No decisions are made and there are no votes taken at this meeting, but it is a good opportunity to discuss items that may be on the AGM Agenda. A summary of the meeting has been sent out to clubs by our National Secretary Heather in the recent monthly newsletter. Once the minutes have been received they will be distributed to your clubs. This year the AGM is in Verona, Italy 5th – 7th June. Details are available via the Tangent website www.tangent-clubs.org.

On 9th November I had the great honour of representing Tangent at the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph in London. Three other Tangent members joined me and the Four Club Family group on a dry and sunny morning. What a privilege to carry our wreath and then march through to Horseguards Parade where we were saluted by Prince Andrew. It is a day I will never forget.

The Exec are working hard on preparing for the AGM on 4th April and I am looking forward to seeing you all in Cardiff for Conference. Don’t forget that the results of the Teddy Bear competitions will be announced on that day so if you are planning on entering please email your photographs to me by the end of March at president@tangent-clubs.org.

Just to remind you the competitions are:

- Teddy that has gone the highest (not in an aeroplane!)
- Teddy that has travelled the furthest
- Teddy that has visited the most Lifeboat Stations
- And, to be judged by delegates at Conference, Best Dressed Teddy Bear.

There will be prizes to be won so get your entries in!

Tracey is busy getting ready for her year as your President, we have nominations for all the positions on the Exec and I am sure that Tangent will have a wonderful year with her at the helm! It has been such a privilege to be your representative since April, a year that has given me so many wonderful memories and experiences. Don’t forget, if you see me about come and say hello!

In Continued Friendship  Sue x
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Thank you for your support
**Hartlepool**

Hartlepool Tangent welcomed Sue Hill on Monday 11 November 2019. During the afternoon we visited the Hartlepool RNLI lifeboat station and then in the evening we welcomed other local Tangent clubs to an open evening at the Hartlepool Yacht Club. RNLI crew member Steve Pounder gave an entertaining presentation about the RNLI.

**Ringwood sailing the ‘high seas’**

Ringwood and District Tangent 570 ladies ‘sailed the high seas’ with National President Sue Hill, when we learnt how lifeboat crews and lifeguards are trained during a ‘behind the scenes’ tour of the RNLI College in Poole, Dorset on Thursday 10 October.

Following a delicious lunch in the college restaurant enjoying magnificent panoramic views across Poole Harbour, Sue took the helm of the Lifeboat simulator steering the Ringwood ladies and guests safely and confidently through rough seas.

The tour followed a Cluster meeting on Wednesday evening when 50 ladies sat down with Sue for dinner. Chairman Anne Dyson and members of Ringwood & District hosted guests from Bournemouth No 1, Eastleigh & Chandlers Ford, Isis and Salisbury Tangent Clubs. Our speaker for the evening was Martin Green, 41 Club Past National President, who entertained us with tales of his ‘Life with Hospital radio’.

A great two days of friendship and fun!!

**Teignmouth**

Members of Teignmouth Tangent were recently delighted to welcome Sue Hill, National President of Tangent Clubs, as she continues her fundraising for the RNLI by visiting as many towns as possible with a lifeboat station. She is well on the way to raising £50,000 this year for Tangent to buy 5 specially adapted jet skis for water rescue. Steve Ellis and Wendy Richards Wood of Teignmouth RNLI showed Sue and Teignmouth Tangent members around the lifeboat station. We admired the beautiful listed building and the class B craft, a temporary replacement for the Two Anne’s, named after Anne Bache who donated it prior to her death. Steve explained how many lives and craft had been saved locally by the RNLI, while Wendy amazed us with stories of the well-established role of women in supporting the station including historically launching the boats. We were surprised to hear that before the car park was built the boat was launched from the back of the building directly onto the sea beach. Later Sue joined twenty members of Teignmouth Tangent enjoying a gourmet meal in a member’s house in Shaldon, all contributing their signature dish. Jen Parkin, Teignmouth Tangent Chairman, presented Sue with a cheque in support of the water craft appeal. Teignmouth Tangent members are active in fund-raising and donated over £2000 so far this year to a variety of local causes.
Liskeard and Looe Tangle invited Sue Hill to Cornwall in November 2019 for an actioned packed 24 hours.

Nine members, plus a couple of ‘gatecrashers’ from Tangent & Circle braved the storms and gales that are normal for a coastal Cornish town in winter, to visit the Looe lifeboat station for a guided tour by local RNLI Press Officer Ian Foster.

Ian demonstrated the kit used by the crew, explained about the use of the launch tractors, Atlantic 85 and D Class inshore boats and described how the organisation is facing ‘the perfect storm’- being busier than ever but income is down.

After the visit we enjoyed lunch at a local restaurant with fish caught within sight of the lifeboat station. Then it was on to Truro by train ‘Tangle Style’ (Prosecco & Cake was involved) to experience the traditional Christmas Lantern Parade that is attended by thousands.

We feel proud and privileged to have hosted our National President as we are a very new and small group, who have achieved so much fun and friendship in a short space of time.
of spreadsheets better and consider updating our website. So together with Kate (our Editor) and Shirley (our Treasurer) and calling on Emma (Marketing and Membership) we have been looking to create a Central Directory and updated website. As our research and thinking developed, particularly around future marketing and membership, it became clear that we needed a new website. After going through a rigorous process we have commissioned a company to start work on development and design, we will provide an update on progress at the AGM.

It also became clear that our Administrator was extremely busy and so your Exec have decided that liaison for the Regional Lunches could also be passed to the VP role so with planning for next year and keeping in touch with the Aviemore Conference and 50th Anniversary Lunch Committees, I have been busy after all.

I have in the last couple of issues of the magazine asked you a couple of questions but no one has contacted me. If you can find a minute as an individual or as a Club to get in touch, I’d really appreciate it.

My questions were:

• Given that we can no longer fully rely on Circle for our members, how would you like to see Tangent develop over the next few years?

• Could you please send photos/stories from your Club from over the last 50 years? (The 50th Luncheon Committee would be very grateful - and so would I, they would also be grateful if you book in for the lunch on 12/9/20.)

Do email me at vice-president@tangent-clubs.org

• Could you also think about whether you would like me to visit your Club next year – it doesn’t have to be a special occasion or big event, I’d just like to see you and get to know you. My diary is open online.

Looking forward to seeing lots of you in Cardiff!

Tracey x

CELEBRATING WARWICKSHIRE
Tracey Pickin - National President 2020/21 invites you to join her for a CHARITY SUMMER LUNCHEON SATURDAY 18 JULY 2020 The Warwickshire Golf and Country Club Leek Wootton · Warwick CV35 7QT £38 per person see Tangent website for full details or contact Carole Harris 07973 659326

There are packages from Thursday or Friday to Saturday evening or you can have a few days holiday and just attend the AGM. I know at least one Tangent member that is going for her first time to the AGM.

The date is decided by the Incoming 41 Club International President as TCI add our AGM onto their event and this year it’s later than normal. Unfortunately the AGM agenda is unlikely to be available before ours so we need as many GB and I Tangent members there to participate in the discussions as possible. There is no conference hotel but there are quite a few members staying at the Best Western hotel advertised on the site.

The website to book is: http://www.41iwm2020.it

We also have a face book group and I will be setting up a whatsapp page as well. Anyone can post anything about the event on these groups and remember if you have a question you can bet others are thinking the same.

Here is a link to the Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/794648800976610/?source_id=2565795373359369

Or you might find it easier to go to the GB&I Facebook page and then look at the groups that are linked.

If you need anything more about the event please do not hesitate to contact me on international@tangent-clubs.org.

Looking forward to seeing some of you there. I am standing for International Secretary at the AGM and would be glad of YOUR Support.

Jill x
As I write this report the festivities for 2019 draw to a close and the opportunities of 2020 open their doors.

My last report in September was a factual one re nominations and FAQ’s I hope you found it helpful. Since then I have been to the Scottish, South west and South East regional lunch, I have attended the council meeting with 41 club, and continued to send out your mailings.

I am currently preparing the AGM agenda I am co-ordinating the nominations received for the executive posts open for election at the 2020 AGM. Not much time left for the nominations or proposals to hit my doormat/ email, so as always it is quite an exciting time.

Early January I will be meeting up with the executive from Tangent, to plan the 2020 AGM in detail. This will hopefully avoid any potential problems occurring on the day and as this is now my 2nd AGM I know a bit more about what to look out for. If for any reason you cannot attend the Conference, please remember I can try to arrange proxy votes for your club, Email me at secretary@tangent-clubs.org if you want me to arrange this for you.

I am continuing to send communications to your Gmail email accounts and nominated email addresses, if you are ever in doubt, please remember communications are also loaded onto the Tangent website where all members can access these.

In February / March my diary takes me to the National President’s Ball, and the Irish regional Lunch, never a dull moment. Hopefully I will meet a great number of you in Cardiff for a “Peach of a Conference”.

Yours in Continued Friendship

Heather

I would like to wish you all a happy new year and I sincerely hope that we can work together to make things as easy as possible for submitting all information required to National. With that in mind, we are trying to simplify the forms that are required and trust this will encourage clubs to send in everything asked for. Many clubs have to be chased for their list of members as it is forgotten when submitting capitiation, which gives me a headache as I need it to identify members that have joined more than one club, which is used to calculate our total membership.

I have enjoyed meeting many of you at the Regional Lunches and Charters I have attended and look forward to more of these sociable events during the rest of my term as Treasurer.

It has been a busy time getting all the capititations in and chasing down late payers. To date [Jan 2020] I still have 2 clubs that have not paid 2019 capitiation. My thanks to all the clubs that paid on time and saved me from chasing, as it takes a considerable amount of time. I am currently engaged in analysing the accounts for 2019 and creating the budget to ensure both can be included in the AGM agenda, so please bear with me if I take a little longer than usual to get back to you on any query.

Best wishes,

Shirley

Kate would like to start by welcoming you to 2020 as your Editor but especially your Website Co-ordinator.

Since I last wrote to you I have been very busy working on the website side of things and above all writing the requirements and selection / reference / due diligence documents to choose a supplier as it crosses over with my day job as an IT Project Manager. This has enabled a core team to take the next steps in recommending a supplier to deliver a new website. This will bring with it lots of functionality that we cannot currently do on our existing website and lots of benefits that will help Emma as our Marketing and Membership officer.

If you need to know any details please feel free to contact me but I don’t want to bore you with techie stuff here.

Updating our social media is also taking time but I love seeing your likes, shares, tweets and messages and this is definitely the fun side of my role.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Midlands lunch followed by the Irish lunch and then it will be time for our AGM in Cardiff.

Kate x
NEW YEAR, NEW YOU…

I like this quote. It provokes thought, it makes us think about ourselves and what we will do over the coming year to reinvent ourselves. I’m sure many of you will have thought about a new year’s resolution; starting a new class, going out more, doing that job you’ve been putting off?

But how many of you have actually thought about your own Tangent club? It’s the start of 2020, the year which sees us as an organisation celebrate 50 years of NATC, a great opportunity for us to take a look at our own clubs.

Many clubs over the last couple of years have celebrated their own 50th anniversaries, some have celebrated their 1st. Either way, we all need to keep the future in mind.

What will your club look like in 5 years’ time? When was the last time a new member joined? Do you still have a local Ladies Circle? Do ladies in your local area know you exist? Taking a good look at your club’s future is a way of ensuring that our organisation will have a future. Even if you currently don’t think it, everyone needs to do something or else nothing will change, it’s really that simple.

Membership starts with YOU, our NATC club members, you are the most important asset our organisation has. If anyone can market us, it’s you. Our 11,000 members didn’t happen by chance, you all joined because you wanted to, whether you were a past member of Ladies Circle or a member who was looking to join an organisation such as ours, which offers friendship, fun, fundraising & service all as part of its ethos.

Having spoken to many clubs all of varying sizes and ages (both club age and member age) over the past months, one thing has become very clear, all clubs need to be more open in their approach.

The word ‘discretionary members’ is there so clubs can invite or promote themselves to women who have not been in Ladies Circle. I’ve heard some interesting statements over the past few months as to why clubs won’t accept a membership enquiry from a lady who wasn’t a member of Ladies Circle, but she has taken the time to find out about us, our organisation and put in a membership request. The answers we hear are “well she wasn’t in Ladies Circle, so she won’t understand” or “she’s younger than us, she won’t fit in”. How do you know if you don’t meet her?

She won’t understand what? Those of us that were previously in Ladies Circle, when we joined knew nothing really about the organisation, but we learned through our fellow members. We were all different ages, some in their twenties, thirties and forties, they all taught us how to do things, how the organisation worked, the history of Ladies Circle, why we had a friendship candle, what role call was, we joined them in fundraising and service for local and national causes. Most importantly, they extended the hand of friendship. Those of us who were privileged enough to part of this, will still have those friends now!

So, what’s so different now we are all Tangent members? The answer is nothing. Actually, it’s really nice being able to show new ladies what we are all about, why we do what we do and our history.

Don’t you want to share that with a new friend? The future of Tangent is… ‘Continued Friendship’ whether that’s a new friendship or one made many years ago.

Dereham

2019 was a busy year for Dereham Tangent, ending on a high. Not only did we enjoy a wonderful Christmas dinner attended by many of our members, as Chairman I had the honour of inducting six…yes 6…new members! Three ladies are ex-Swaffham Circle members and three are friends of current members. This takes our membership to 34 which is amazing, the only down side being we can no longer meet in anyone’s house!! January will see us joining together to piece together our next year’s programme which runs from July – June and if your suggestion is accepted then it’s up to you to organise the event which works really well. Looking forward to the joint Presidents’ Ball in February and MRL 2020 in March. Happy new year everyone!
Barry & The Vale

Barry and The Vale Tangent - Going from Strength to Strength!!

I thought you might like an update of what the recently formed B & V Tangent have been up to over the last few months. 5 New Members joined us in September.

In October our friends from Penarth and District Tangent joined us in a litter pick in Barry. More the merrier.

Also in October we raised money for Breast cancer while having an excellent Italian meal in Barry – Gavin and Stacey were not there that night. Although we did see Ruth Jones at a book signing.

November saw wreath making for Christmas hosted by our chair Jackie Rogers and demonstration by social sec Jo Stacey.

What a team.

There was a Christmas get together (I promise 39 of us) Tina Turner and Christmas Dinner - our friends from Penarth and District plus partners joined us.

14th January we have a guest speaker and meal with 34 ladies attending. Presently our membership is 21 with a possible 6 joining. The evening will also support Women's refuge. We are still truly staggered by the way the group and our friendships are growing

Shameless plugging next!

Barry and The Vale cordially invite you to Wales and West Luncheon - see the inside front cover.

5 new members for Barry and the Vale Tangent.
Hello Ladies, I am Heather Parry your current National Secretary. I would like your support to become your National Vice President in 2020. “She must be mad” I hear some of you say and you may be right! I would love the opportunity to represent our wonderful organisation as President and share the friendship I have experienced over the past 34 years whilst being in both Ladies Circle, in NATC, and during my time on the National Exec. During the last 2 years it has reaffirmed to me that this is one of the best organisations ever. The warmth of your welcomes and the stories of your charitable works are second to none. I hope to be able to guide the organisation forward to embrace the future while respecting its past and strengthen the links within our clubs and regions.

I am now retired but I worked within the IT industry for over 36 years. Latterly as a Senior Helpdesk Support Analyst, where there was never a dull moment, providing me with lots of different challenges each day. The inter-personal skills I developed during this role I believe will be a great advantage to me and the organisation should I be successful in becoming your National Vice-President. They will enable me to represent you in a positive way and I hope you will support my nomination. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Cardiff which I am sure will be a “PEACH” of a conference.

Hello Ladies,

I joined Hartlepool Ladies Circle in 2000 following the birth of my second child. My good friend Sharon invited me to a meeting and the rest is history!

During my time in Ladies Circle I loved getting involved. As Social Secretary, Chairman, Area Chairman and Area Communications, I came to appreciate the friendship and support the wider organisation had to offer. I enjoyed being part of the committee organising a Northern Area Lunch.

After moving to Hartlepool Tangent, I took on the role of Group Leader and Chairman, whilst managing the social media presence. Early retirement has enabled me to attend more regional lunches, fully enjoy the conference experience and make many more new friends. I was inspired to get involved with NATC 50th Anniversary celebrations and asked to become the committee secretary. I have probably been in contact with some of you.

My background is Information Technology, managing projects at a company and national level, which required great communication, clear reporting and keeping everyone up to date whilst meeting deadlines.

I would be honoured to represent the membership in the role of National Secretary, bringing my skills and enthusiasm, and continuing the great work of previous secretaries.

Vice President
Heather Parry

National Secretary
Sue Eyre
Hello Ladies,

My name is Kate Jones and I am your National Editor and Website Co-ordinator. Why would I want to stand for another two years I hear you asking? Quite simply, I am enjoying myself and I want to give back more. I have been working on the new website project and as an IT Project Manager it is something that is very close to my heart. It is only half way through and I don’t like walking out on unfinished business. I would love to see it through and above all deliver it to you our members.

When I am not working on the website, Tangent News magazine, social media or your emails then I love to spend time with friends and especially those from my Ladies Circle and now Tangent days.

The highlight of this year has been celebrating 60 years of Ladies Circle International in September in Rotterdam with both Jill and Tracey and many Circle and Tangent friends.

It has been really rewarding getting to know many of you through your Facebook and magazine news as well as meeting you face-to-face and I look forward to creating many more happy memories at Cardiff and hopefully over the next few years too.

It is privilege and an honour to stand as your Editor and Website Co-ordinator and I hope I will have your support.

Hi, my name is Pauline Ormerod and I would like to take on a new challenge, on your behalf, to become the Tangent National Editor and Website Co-ordinator, for the next two years.

I was originally an active Circler, (Editor of Area 35 Circle magazine) both in Blackburn and in Darwen. I am a member of Darwen Tangent and more recently a member of Dragons Tangent since we formed after being together on the National Conference Committee for Llandudno in 2013.

When I retired from teaching I was asked to put my creative Graphic Design background to good use and have enjoyed working as a member of both the Blackpool and Belfast National Conferences since.

After attending a variety of local, National and International Tangent events during this last year I realised I would love to be able to use my time and talents to continue the Four Family Friendships, through the role of Tangent Editor and Website Co-ordinator, sharing your memories and creating new ones for everyone.

I have the time available now to make this my next challenge, but will equally enjoy being around for my four grandchildren, friends and family who have always been there to support me, as they would in this new role.

It would be a great honour and privilege to support Tangent as Editor and Website Co-ordinator for the next two years if I was elected.

Don’t forget that our very own Jill Harris will be standing for TCI Secretary in Verona in June 2020 as approved at our AGM in 2019. Good luck Jill.
The ARCHES – Area Chairmen from Ladies Circle Scotland (1989) must be unique not just in Scotland but in the whole of the UK. From seven Area Chairmen it must be a record for six Area Chairmen and spouses to have enjoyed three or four or more themed weekends every year for thirty years. This was a great excuse for a Pearl Anniversary celebration. Sadly Anne McCarthy (Wardhaugh) passed away after a short illness in 2017. She served as Regional Sub Editor for the North District. From the other Area Chairmen Carol James and Stephanie Dawson both served as National Treasurers. The other members of the Arches group are Anne Barnaby, Janis Haston and Margaret Watson.

No doubt it was the creation of themed weekends that has been the glue that has resulted in the success of the Arches sticking together. The fact that we visit each other’s homes and share expenses and make ourselves feel at home have added to the success of the group. We end our weekend with a planning meeting and minute the important details.

Browsing through the minutes over the past thirty years I felt rejuvenated as I relived many of the romantic memories and antics committed during a wide variety of fun filled programmes of events held over those thirty years.

Just to recall and mention some of the themes and adventures experienced over the years. I have a vivid memory of the ferry to Arran and enjoying the views of imposing mountains and idyllic bays. Then the ferry trip to Rothesay and standing in awe looking at the magnificent staircase in Mount Stuart House. A weekend trip to celebrate twenty five years of togetherness at the Knieow overlooking Portpatrick. Trips to the Algarve and also relaxing in a range of Portuguese Pousadas. We have experienced six overseas holidays with four cruises and stays in Malta, Corfu, Majorca and Turkey and two villa holidays with the most recent in sunny Tuscany.

We have enjoyed Karaoke evenings and have dressed up for Lipsync performances. We have celebrated important dates on the calendar such as Burn’s Night, Valentine’s Day, St Patrick’s Day, St Andrew’s Night, Diwali, Guy Fawkes, Hallowe’en with fancy dress and Trick and Treat and even Druids and Fluids at Midsummer. Our biennial Christmas present exchange is always hilarious and exciting.

Visits to a local Pantomime and acting out Murder Mysteries. Trips to watch greyhound racing and backing the winner of a horse race at Ayr Gold Cup which in fact covered the expenses for our trip. Visits to the European Pipe Band Championships at Grant Park in Forres still skirls in my ears.

Organising and participating in friendly Olympic Games on Portmahomack beach. We also celebrate birthdays and anniversaries and frequently sing our adopted anthem “That’s Amore”.

Yes Ladies Circle and Tangent have given the Arches over thirty years of fun and friendship with lots of enthralling memories.
Past National Officers (PNOs)

Past National Officers (PNOs) enjoyed fun and friendship at their annual reunion which this year was held on the Algarve.

Truro Ladies

Where do I start, you all have been the most amazing and supportive people I have ever known. Not only have you given me personal support in the sad death of my great granddaughter. Some of you have kept in continuing support over the details yet to be known through the police and coroners office.

You have covered meetings for me organising and standing in for me and that is what Tangent is all about the friendship it offers. You are amazing ladies and my heart will always remember how kind you all have been, bless each and every one of you.

Mo Garnett
Your Chairman

Viv Foster

I would like to share these photos with my Tangent friends. I was National President 1994/5 and it was a wonderful year.

The Merchant Navy Association

My OBE award was for co-founding the Merchant Navy Association and services to it. I am the National President of the MNA and for 20 years I have marched past the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.
I had a seafaring theme when I was Tangent President too.

I did have a photo with Alfie Bow taken together as he received his OBE the same day as me.

YICF Viv Foster
**South West Regional Luncheon**

Over 240 members joined Taunton and Wellington Tangent Clubs as they hosted the South West Regional Luncheon held at Somerset County Cricket Club, Taunton. A sumptuous lunch was served and guest speaker, natural history film maker Jonathan Smith, gave a captivating insight into his work as a producer of the BBC’s Blue Planet 2 series of programmes. Superbly organised under the chairmanship of Marilyn Mann the day was enjoyed by all. Rita Sanders organised a fantastic raffle which raised £1,520 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Marilyn and Rita are pictured handing a cheque to David Elkington from the DSAA watched by members of the organising committee.

**South East Regional Luncheon**

After weeks of planning, phone calls, emails & meetings the weekend of the South East Regional Lunch had finally arrived. Our chairman Krys had arranged for National President Sue to visit the Harwich Lifeboat Station on the Friday morning before the National Executive meeting so an early start was required for some. Friday evening saw many of Tendring Tangent at the local Yacht Club, this was a very relaxing evening & gave us the chance to get to know our National Executive.

Saturday morning dawned to blue skies & calm weather, our local Golf Club, venue for the event looked beautiful with its rolling links bathed in sunshine.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Chris Opperman formally a local radio broadcaster who entertained us with amusing memories of his working life.

We enjoyed a lovely meal & a memorable afternoon of laughter, fun & friendship.
Kinross Tangent (928) had quite a September in 2019, which pretty much sums up being in Tangent as a whole.

We started the month as a team taking part in the annual Mary Queen of Scots – Escape boat race. Twice our gallant ladies took to the water not row our Mary (dressed up of course) around Loch Leven against other local teams. We were the top all female team of the day and even got ourselves in the local paper. Those who were not keen on rowing, supported us well from the sidelines.

We then went off to the Scottish Tangent Regional Lunch in Dunfermline, which was a literary lunch, so we donned homemade book fascinators – of course! It’s amazing what you can make with some paper mache, paint and a headband. Each one was designed with a different book cover, relating to the person wearing the hat. We had estate agents, event designers, authors and even a Kylie Minogue superfan. Simple things can really be so effective! We also had a great time at the lunch and as the hats were such a talking point, we chatted to lots of new and old friends. But after the event we were also the talk of Dunfermline, as we wore them all evening out and about, getting our pictures taken everywhere…even by an Australian tourist!

We also planned the 2020 Scottish Regional Tangent Lunch and gave out save the dates and set up the Facebook page to promote the event. Watch your Tangent inboxes ladies….as you’ll have had the booking form invites by now. It’s going to be a medical them in the home of medicine in Scotland, Surgeons Hall in Edinburgh. We have some fantastic plans lined up and would love to see as many of you as possible, from anywhere up and down the UK and beyond! So clear Saturday September 26th 2020 in your diary…as you’ll feel very under the weather if you miss it!

We ended the month with a fun fundraiser for Alzheimer’s. September is usually the month for the Memory Walks, but my Mum has Alzheimer’s and I wanted a better way to get involved. So Memory Night was born. It’s very simple and I am hoping to work with Alzheimer charities to make this an annual fundraising event. This is how simple it is; cook a few things that have memories attached to them (I did the quiche I baked week one of high school cookery lessons), invite Tangent members new and old (we had a new lady join us that night), follow a PowerPoint presentation featuring images on certain topics and get chatting.

We had four categories; Early years and school, Job, Romance and TV/Film. It took a while for me to find the pictures online but that was really the only effort. Everyone shared stories from the poignant to the outright hilarious. We all learned things about each other we never knew and found so much common ground in our pasts. We donated £150 which was very well received by Alzheimer Scotland. After all, it is the things that are most precious and what are so cruelly lost with this dreadful disease; laughter, memories, friendships and fun.

This was our September. You really do get out what you put in. Thanks for being fantastic Kinross ladies.
**Harpenden**

Harpenden Tangent continues to flourish (we have 65 members and our usual meeting number is 35). We have had a busy few months - would you be interested to hear about any of meetings? There’s nothing particularly out of the ordinary: we’ve visited the local Youth With a Mission home, had a Caribbean themed summer party, been bowling and we ran the Tea Tent at Harpenden Carnival, which we all used to do when we were in Circle! It was a very successful day, despite horrendous wind during the night which caused the Town Council to ban gazebos so some stallholders were turned away...

Whilst walking around Rothampstead Park with Mokka Sarah came across a bench. Some of you may have already known about this and for newer members Joan Miller was a founder member of Harpenden Circle. This is the view from the seat.

11 of us went to SERL on 9th November and we already have the date of the 70th in our diary so definitely will be attending that, so there will be more photos!

**Stafford**

Stafford Tangent have been busy this year with various different monthly activities including a relaxing evening in August enjoying a fish and chips supper and Sugarcrafting demonstration by our very talented member Sue Bate who guided us making a lily. This was hosted by Jenny Mincher-Locket in her home and enjoyed by all.

In September we were delighted to welcome National President Sue Hill to an informal meal. Sue knows many of our Stafford members from Area days and a lovely evening was spent with Sue catching up with friends old and new at Stafford Tangent. A donation was given to Sue towards her National Charity RNLI and Sue was presented with a local momento from her visit.

October saw a talk and fundraising evening for Staffordshire – Shropshire – Cheshire Blood Bikes (SSBBG). Ted Mellor, Rider, Controller and Speaker gave a poignant and informative talk on the work of these valuable volunteers and joined members for a Tapas meal after. A raffle on the evening raised £200 which was donated to the Charity. Many thanks to members, guests and Raffle sponsors for making the evening so successful.
**Angels of the North**

The morning after the Northern Regional Lunch in Liverpool Angels of the North couldn’t resist visiting “Another Place” which is 100 castings of Sir Antony Gormley. The photo is of two Angels with the creator of the Angel of the North from whom we take our name.

![Image of two Angels with the creator of the Angel of the North.](image)

**Westhill & District**

Westhill & District Tangent 832 presented a Cheque for £1,000 to Garlogie Day Centre. This was money raised from our Charity Bingo Night as Part of Westhill Gala. Garlogie Day Centre supports elderly members of the Community and those suffering from Dementia. The money will help support additional activities and entertainment for service users.

![Image of the group presenting the cheque.](image)

**Aberystwyth**

A few weeks ago, 8 ladies from Aberystwyth Tangent club had a weekend away in Cardiff. We enjoyed a few meals out, did some Christmas shopping, drank gin and prosecco and went along to see 9 to 5 in the Millennium Centre. We all had a great time!

![Image of the group on the weekend.](image)
**Telford Ladies Tangle**

Telford Ladies Tangle are 5 … And to mark the day we arranged for a Birthday ‘Champagne afternoon Tea’ and we held it at the original place The Wroxeter Hotel where we held our original Charter, so it held special memories for us.

We invited the National President and she kindly came along to help us celebrate, together with Telford and Wrekin Ladies Circle and Wrekin Tangent Club.

We played old fashioned party games, a pass the parcel with forfeits was a hit, and embarrassing for those who got the naughty questions! Pass the balloon and a raffle with consequences when your prize could be stolen at any time.

An amazing afternoon and one for the history books, looking forward to celebrating 10 years.

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**Northampton Nene**

**Ruby anniversary celebrations**

Four of Northampton Nene members had been very busy for a few months organising a celebration for our Ruby Anniversary.

Joint Chairmen Issy (Lambley) welcomed everybody, including National President Sue, add as a Founder Member I gave the history of how we were formed. When we formed in 1979 there were five founder members but after 4/5 years of no new members from Ladies Circle we thought we were too small to carry on. We went to a Circle event where we were presented with our regalia, and then invited Circlers who ‘graduated’ to join us. After that we went from strength to strength.

We affiliated with the National Association in November 1979, but did not receive our Charter until October 1993 - some 14 years later. The original Charter has since gone missing but we were sent a replacement from National to display that evening.

We had invited founder members, past members, other Tangent Clubs, and of course our current members. Besides Sue, our National President, Vice President Tracey Pickin and Emma-Jane Wright, National Marketing and Membership Officer, also joined us.
Bridport

Bridport Tangent Club recently celebrated its 30th Birthday. The Club originally received its Charter from the National Association of Tangent Clubs on 14 November 1989. Current members were delighted to share a celebratory meal at Haddon House Hotel with some Bridport Founder Members and past members and friends.

Current Chairman, Stella Parkin, extended a warm welcome to everyone. The National Treasurer, Shirley Chard, expressed congratulations on Bridport’s achievement. Founder Chairman, Jenny Rockett, was particularly delighted to welcome members of the newly formed Bridport Ladies Circle who are due to Charter at the Round Table Burns Night on 25th January 2020 at Highlands End.

Everybody enjoyed sharing happy memories of times spent socialising and fundraising during their years of membership of both Bridport Ladies Circle and Bridport Tangent and look forward to many more happy times to come.

Chesham

Chesham Tangent club 794 celebrated 30 years of friendship in November with a fantastic charter lunch - we calculated there was about 560 years’ worth of friendship in the room! It was a very relaxed affair and after each course, a number of ladies changed seats so that we could chat and catch up, and we had 5 or 6 ‘speeches’ going back over the years sharing memories and events. We loved seeing Chesham Ladies Circle regalia again, which is stored in our local museum archives, and we laughed over photo albums and scrap-books. It was a lot of fun and we all agreed we should do it again, maybe not leave it 30 years next time.
**Charnwood**

All the Jingle Ladies!

The Loughborough Round Table Santa Float is a long established and much loved tradition in the local area, collecting around the houses during the week and at supermarkets over the weekend. For many years Loughborough Ladies Circle have volunteered to cover one of the nights, however due to a reduced Round Table membership, this year it was decided change it to a four club event.

Charnwood Tangent quickly donned their Santa hats, sang along to the festive tunes and charmed the public into making a donation. In total members covered over 15 shifts equating to 70 hours of bucket shaking in the three week period, making a huge contribution to the total of over £8,000 raised for East Midlands Air Ambulance and Move Against Cancer. Our next four club family event is a Charity Winter Ball at the end of January where we hope to add to this impressive total.

![Santa Float](image1)

**Lichfield**

Always managing to keep the fun in FUNdraising.

Shopping while drinking prosecco…what’s not to love? Which is exactly why Lichfield Ladies Tangles love their ‘partnership’ with their local Debenhams store. We sell the tickets and buy some prosecco and Debenhams do the rest…open their store to ticket holders, give fabulous discount and donate amazing raffle prizes. Last November saw us being able to donate £675 to the Pathway Project.

Lichfield Tangent club were approached to run the Santa’s grotto at the Alsager light switch on - November 24th.

Then to get us into the Christmas mood, we helped Lichfield Round Table on their annual support of taking Santa to meet all the local children while raising money for local charities. We donned our festive hats and knocked on many a door one cold but dry night. Obviously there was no chance of a cheeky glass of ‘anything’…or was there?…well Ladies Circle appeared with drinks and nibbles to help keep us going…so it would have been rude not to partake?!!

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**Alsager**

Alsager Tangent club were approached to run the Santa’s grotto at the Alsager light switch on - November 24th.

We were only too happy to assist and we had 200 happy children through our doors to discuss their Christmas list with Santa.

Elves were - Joanna Currie - Chair, Fiona Currie (Joanna’s daughter), Irene Lawless - Vice Chair, Mel Preece - secretary, Ellie Mitchell - Treasurer. Various other members helped on the night and assisted with wrapping the gifts. There was a great sense of achievement.

Pictured are a number of Santa’s Little Helpers with the man himself!
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.
The National Association of Tangent Clubs’ 50th Anniversary Lunch
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Fifty Glorious Years of Fun and Friendship

Saturday 12 September 2020

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

Welcome drink reception from 11:00  Seating at 12:30
Ticket price £55

Steve Pateman will be sharing highlights of his story from the factory floor, to BBC programme "The Kinky Boot Factory", to the film and musical "Kinky Boots"!

The NATC 50th Anniversary Lunch Committee are pleased arrangements are going well and that the eagerly awaited launch of tickets sales in early December was well received. We had 33 tickets sold in the first week and look forward to clubs booking in the New Year. All of the details can be found on the NATC website. We are also offering the chance to win two free places at the lunch. The draw is open to all club members (Tangent or Ladies Circle - terms and conditions apply). Each entry costs £5. For more information email Tangent50th@gmail.com