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Welsh Regional Lunch

Saturday 15th May 2021

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.

We will start the day with coffee and welsh cakes or fizz if you want the to start with sparkle. Sales Tables to tempt your passion for shopping. Followed by a delicious 3 course lunch in the Fabulous settings of Miskin Manor Hotel & Spa, near Cardiff.

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After dinner we will be entertained by a guest speaker (TBC)

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Minkey, have you heard the latest news?



The 2021 Northern Lunch has moved to a new date!



Don't worry—there are still plenty of places.



See you on Saturday 9th October 2021.

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South West Regional Lunch

On Saturday 23rd October 2021

Hosted by Shepton Mallet Tangent 673

The Swan Hotel
Wells BA5 2RX

Reception from 11.30 am

Bucks Fizz/Orange Juice welcome drink

3 course lunch plus tea/coffee 1 pm

Speaker Grenville Jones

TV Judge on All Together Now
Founder of The Golden-Oldies

Singing on Prescription



Save ^{the} Date

Southampton Tangent XL1 Club 185 will be celebrating their 70th birthday next March 2022. Only the second club in the country to gain such a grand age!!

We would like to invite clubs to
'Save the Date'
Saturday 12 March 2022
to celebrate with us in
Southampton.

The Venue has yet to be named and more details will follow. We are delighted that Tracey Pickin, National president for 2021/22 has already accepted the invitation to attend.

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Hello from your Editor,

Hello Ladies,

Welcome to the first edition of Tangent News for 2021. Included in this edition you will find updates on what has been happening and also plans for the future. It is disappointing that the conference in Aviemore has been cancelled, as have so many other events that so many of us were looking forward to, but it is fully understandable. We as an Exec are planning for an online AGM and we would encourage you to do so too. If plans change then I am sure locally you will be able to change at short notice but this is not something we can do nationally.

We are happy to assist and facilitate with our paid Zoom account to help you manage your AGMs online so if you need help do please get in touch with any of the Exec members. Also, if you have any questions or need advice on how to run your meeting then please contact Heather (secretary@tangent-clubs.org).

We are very close to testing the new website and I will be sharing some of your photos and stories there too. If you have a photo and a snippet of news you think is too short for the magazine do please send it to me anyway for the website.

Finally, do please stay safe and within the guidelines and rules for your area/nation. If I or any other Exec member can help you or your club please do not hesitate to contact us.

YICF,

Kate x



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NATC PRESIDENT 2021/22
Invites you to join her for a
CHARITY SUMMER LUNCHEON

SATURDAY 17 JULY 2021

(11:30 Arrival – Lunch served at 12:30)

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LEEK WOOTTON, WARWICK CV35 7QT

£40 per person

To include welcome fizz, delicious three course luncheon with tea or coffee, entertainment and charity raffle

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Beetroot and Feta Cheese Salad

Garlic Mushroom on Toasted Brioche topped with Bacon Lardons

Chicken Breast wrapped in Parma Ham with Fondant Potato, Roast Carrots, Green Beans served with a Creamy Leek Sauce

Sea Bass Fillet served with a warm Salad Nicoise with a Vinaigrette

Roasted Vegetable Gateaux served with baby new potatoes and salsa Verde (V)

Lemon Tart with a Berry Compote and Chantilly Cream

Rich Warm Chocolate Brownie served with Chocolate Sauce and Vanilla Ice Cream

Eton Mess

Tea or Coffee

Bookings will be acknowledged by email. No tickets will be issued.
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Email tpevents2122@gmail.com

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I can't believe that as I write this we are back in a full National Lockdown - though on a brighter note vaccinations are underway and I remain optimistic about 2021.

Despite not being allowed out and about, Tangent has continued to be a huge part of my life. Work on the new website and Central Directory has been very time consuming and more challenging than any of us anticipated but we are making really good progress and hope to be able to involve some members in user testing shortly, I really hope that you'll be pleased with the results.

I have also been reviewing the responses to the questionnaire issued about our future and trying to bring these together for further consideration by the Exec.

As an Exec we have continued to manage the Association dealing with concerns and issues raised, taking the Association through its annual cycle, participating in TCI, working within the Round Table Family as well as supporting Clubs in any way we can; many of them have had to make difficult decisions about cancelling and postponing events – everyone is doing their best. I've continued to work with the 50th Anniversary Lunch Committee and Avimore Conference Committee, both have, of course, had to postpone their events.

It's been a delight to join groups by Zoom, Alfreton, Bath 804, Clevedon, Alsager, Market Harborough and Nuneaton to name but a few as well as still enjoying online meetings with my own Tangent ABOTS. The Exec online version of Cinderella was 'an experience' – we tried and we have a quiz coming up, hope you are booked in! It has been so good to meet so many of you



this year, even if only virtually.

I am now starting (again) to look forward to becoming your President. I know it will be another strange year, people will be reluctant to plan until vaccination is well underway but Please can you help?? My diary is very empty. Do invite me to join an online meeting or be brave and plan something for after April or later in the year. Why not at least put a provisional date in my calendar, in the hope that we can get together. That would be so nice. Take care everyone.

Tracey – Vice President



**National President 2021/22
Tracey Pickin**

Invites you to join her for the

President's Charity Ball

**Saturday 29th January 2022
Stratford Manor Hotel, Warwick Road,
Stratford on Avon, CV37 0PY**

**Champagne Reception
Delicious Dinner
Charity Raffle
Dancing to the Sounds
of the Hound Dogs**

Please see Tangent website for booking details
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Sue Hill
Immediate Past President

The last 12 months have certainly given us plenty to think about, and, unfortunately for many of us who have had plans severely curtailed, also the time for much contemplation. The Tangent Exec have used the time profitably looking to the future and putting plans in place for a successful and enjoyable future for our Association.

One of our considerations is to support our little sisters in Ladies Circle to help them grow and thrive. Many of you may be aware that they are putting in place a massive drive for new members and we want to do our bit as well. The future health of Tangent is bound up with that of Ladies Circle. Although we recruit many fabulous new Tangent members who have no previous history within the Four Club Family we still gain many of our new members from Circlers retiring under the age rule at 45. It is a sad fact that the number of Circlers is dropping, indeed it is estimated that they will have about 500 members across the UK by the time of their next AGM in May.

How can we help? Maybe we can look close to home within our own families and those of our

friends – do you have a daughter or grand-daughter between the ages of 18 and 45 who would gain a lot of fun, friendship and even new skills in Circle? Have you suggested they have a look at the Circle website or given them a membership leaflet? Circle have several fantastic initiatives such as a Virtual Circle so even if your local Circle has closed there are still opportunities to join the fun!

A few years ago I introduced my daughter Georgina to Circle. She had seen how much enjoyment Ray and I had had being involved in Table and Circle and was looking forward to experiencing it at first hand. Georgina had come with me to Circle and even some Tangent Regional lunches over the years and always enjoyed the fellowship. Initially she joined

Northwich Circle and then transferred to her local Circle in Sandbach, and I was a very proud mum when she invited me to become an honorary member during her year as Circle Chairman. Yes, meetings are different now, just as life is different from the 1980s and 90s when I was in Circle, but things do move on and change and that is healthy.

So if you want to encourage a potential new Circler (don't forget they would also be a potential Tangent member in the future) direct them to the Ladies Circle website where they will find contact details to start their journey within the Four Club Family. I look forward to meeting you and your new Circle members at events in the future!



Emma-Jane
Marketing and Membership Officer

Firstly, I wish you all a Happy New Year. It's not probably the start we had all hoped for but probably the one we expected! Since the last magazine, Tangent life on the Exec has remained terribly busy with work on the new website and central directory taking up a lot of

time but it's all to the good and will most definitely see Tangent bought into line with other organisations and clubs and secure us a future, it's actually really exciting and I'm really proud to part of the team doing it for our organisation.

I have had the pleasure of hosting with other members of the Exec some great fun evenings of fellowship and friendship for our members, it's been really great to see so many of you connecting with us, if you haven't joined an event yet! Do they are always full of fun and it's lovely to see all the members connecting with each other.

The Exec had their own social Christmas get together over Zoom and I hosted a Gin or Not

tasting night which was great fun and a real chance for us to let our hair down together, the National Exec really is just like being part of another Tangent Club. I am currently working closely with Ladies Circle looking at ideas and plans of way we as Tangent can support them in the future to try and secure their future, it was incredibly sad to listen to their president Michelle's address to all their members explain how serious their membership number drop had become and what the future may or may not hold for them.

Sadly, Tangent has seen a number of our own clubs disaffiliate over the last few months, but these have been clubs who have an aged membership and had

become inactive prior to Covid 19 arriving and that cemented their demise. On a brighter note, it's been great to speak and meet up with clubs and find out how they have and are adapting to the changing times we find ourselves in. Zoom has been the online meeting of choice but what you have achieved whilst on it has been amazing, clubs have made felt poppies, iced Christmas cakes, held their own pantomime, sang carols, made, and decorated door wreaths, dined, and made cocktails together, to name a few things. But in the main you have remained connected to each other in any way you can. It's wonderful and shows the friendship and fellowship that runs through the organisation.



Heather
National Secretary

Hi Ladies,
I hope 2021 find you all still safe and well.

By now you will all have seen the mailing giving you the timetable of when to expect the AGM documentation you need and seen the Announcement that this will be a Virtual AGM.

In case you have missed this see the most important key issues below.

Electronic AGM documentation will be issued by 28th Feb

Paper AGM documentation will be sent to all clubs during 1st 2 weeks of March.

All questions/ comments re the

Agenda need to be sent to the secretary@tangent-clubs.org

By midnight on 2nd April this will allow us time to respond to you before / within the AGM.

We are currently looking at how the Virtual AGM will work. How we can be sure all voting delegates are genuine, deal with proxy voting and how ensure the voting process can be audited. While allowing all those attending the ability to discuss any propositions put forward in a constructive way enabling an informed vote on all issues. This means you will have

to ensure you club keeps a close watch out for emails and checks the website regularly so you are fully up to date with all the necessary information. This will be a first for our association, and I hope it will be well received.

Remember if you have any queries I am always here. I look forward to being able to get together at some point later this year where we can once again experience friendly atmosphere that flows at our events.



Kate
National Editor and
Website Co-ordinator

Since the last magazine in October I feel as though I have lived and breathed Tangent every day. This has definitely kept me on the straight and narrow in these

challenging not normal times. The National Exec has been incredibly busy.

The thing keeping me the busiest is the work on the new national Website, administration platform and central directory. Some of this is writing pages, reviewing pages written by others, deciding on which photo to put where as well as the layout of the rest of the page just to give you some examples. The new website needs to do everything the old website does like holding information on lunches and AGM documents for you as members for example, but it also needs to be our shop front window where we can promote

Tangent and attract new members. Whilst this is time consuming, it is also very exciting and actually very rewarding to be able to deliver an outstanding new website.

I am also working with Sue and Heather on our virtual AGM. The cancellation of Aviemore means we have to bring this online and make this an informative and enjoyable experience for you. Part of this is also looking at how we manage all the presentations on the day with an online voting facility that is both successfully and securely.

I am pleased to share with you that since the last magazine we now have both Instagram and Linked

In accounts so do please come and find us. We are now embracing more social media platforms to attract new members.

I really appreciate the Tangent work keeping me exceedingly busy at the moment. Living on your own in lockdown is challenging and without my Tangent friends life would have been very dull. Thank you also to those that have distracted me from work with Zoom catch ups. I can't wait for the time when we are able to meet up in person and I am saving up hugs for everyone.

Shirley
National Treasurer

I wish you all a happy new year and I sincerely hope that we can work together to make things run smoothly Nationally. With that in mind, we are trying to simplify the collection of what is needed, by putting in place a central directory, so only changes need to be applied and we trust this will encourage clubs to provide everything. Many clubs need

chasing for their list of members as it is not sent when submitting capitation, which is a headache as I need it to identify members that have joined more than one club, which is used to calculate our total membership. This year has been worse due to clubs not meeting face to face and although we have entered the new year, I am still chasing for information but and for payment too in some cases.

It's been a busy time getting all

the capitations in and chasing late payers. To date (Jan 2021) 15 clubs have not paid 2020 capitation. 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 analysing the 2020 figures and creating the 2021 budget to ensure both can be included in the AGM agenda, so please bear with me if I take a while to get back to you on any query.

I have been taking part in the 41 Club challenge raising money for Dementia UK, by walking 500 miles and 500 more. Currently I have under 15 miles to go to reach my 1,000! So I will complete before this magazine is printed. I look forward to when we can meet again at the Regional Lunches and Charters where we can compare notes on how we spent our lockdown time and celebrate surviving!

Jill



This will only be a short report as acting as your International officer I have not had that much to do recently as you can imagine. I am though still working as a member of the Tangent International board with monthly online meetings and attending the TCI Half yearly meeting before Christmas and now getting ready for both their and our AGM. Time is still moving quickly even if I can't go anywhere.

Online meetings are now not a challenge and seem to be a daily occurrence.

You will have seen online that I am raising funds for the LC International charity project which is also the project of Tangent International and I have a great response from all the GB&I Round Table family clubs with donations of pins and buying of raffle tickets and yesterday got an email from a Round Tabler I know in Germany saying my charity initiative is being advertised on their Facebook site. So please please check to see if you have any pins or regalia you would like to donate.

As a part of your Tangent Executive I am busy attending online meetings with clubs, helping with our Executive online meetings. I thoroughly enjoyed our Pantomime and hope you all did too.

We are getting towards the end of this part of the Pandemic and I hope we can have some face-to-face - well mask to mask meetings soon. But please keep safe, stay in to save lives and we WILL then all meet up at sometime this year and have a good old party.

Doreen
National Executive
Administrator

What strange times we are living in! When I sent my last article to Kate I did not expect I would be back in a lockdown. I live in Greater Manchester and seem to have been in some form of lockdown with a small reprise at the end of summer since the beginning of the pandemic. We have, however moved on slightly in that there is a Vaccine, which hopefully means

there is light at the end of the tunnel (which is not from another oncoming train!)

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well and that the Vaccine will be with us all in the near future to allow us all to meet up. I know, as soon as that is possible, I will be hugging everyone who gets anywhere near me, please spare a thought for my poor window cleaner.

Along with many of you we had a quiet Christmas with many of our family members unable to join us,

but we managed to keep in touch via Zoom, one thing I have learned to master during the lockdown which has been a fantastic tool for keeping in touch.

I have been very saddened by all our lovely lunches and even our conference having to be postponed and rearranged, and I, and I am sure, all of our members are grateful to the organisers of all these events who have had to make these decisions for all their hard work. It is very much appreciated.

The administration of the Association continues and soon you will all be getting ready to update your records for the coming year. Could I ask that when information is sent to us either via the on-line form or by post that all the boxes are completed empty boxes cause me a difficulty because I cannot just assume that the missing information is the same as the previous year.

Keep safe everyone and hopefully we will soon be able to meet up in person.



Heather Parry
Vice President

I am Heather Parry and have been the National Secretary for the past 3 years, I would like to become your National Vice President in 2021. After the last Tangent year with all its challenges it has made this dream even more important to me. I would love the opportunity to represent our wonderful Association as President. The last year in particular has reaffirmed to me that this is one of the best organisations ever. The friendships cherished and cared for over this year, the stories of your charitable works, and your support during our online socials, 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 from working within the IT industry for over 36 years. Latterly as a Senior Support Analyst, there was never a dull moment, 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 Association 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.



Sue Eyre
National Secretary

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. I was inspired to get involved with NATC 50th Anniversary celebrations and asked to become the committee secretary in 2017. I have probably been in contact with some of you. Early retirement in 2018 enabled me to attend more regional lunches, fully enjoy the conference experience and make many more new friends.

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.

Keep safe,



Don't forget that our very own Jill Harris will be standing for TCI Secretary at the TCI AGM in June 2021 as approved by our AGM in 2019. Good luck Jill.



Kate Jones
Editor and Website
Co-ordinator

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? 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. We are very near to delivering it and I don't like walking out on unfinished business. I would love to see it through and above all deliver an outstanding new website to you, our members.

When I am not working on the website, Tangent News magazine, social media or your emails then it has been really rewarding getting to know many of you through your Facebook and magazine news as well as meeting you on Zoom. While the covid restrictions have stopped so many gatherings I feel that Zoom and the Exec-led events have allowed me to get to know so many more of you.

I look forward to creating many more happy memories when we are allowed to socialise face-to-face.

It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as your Editor and Website Co-ordinator and hopefully you will allow me to finish what I have started.

I trust I can count on your support.



Pauline Ormerod
Editor and Website Co-ordinator

Hello everyone,

My name is Pauline Ormerod and I thank you for reading this. I am a member of both Darwen and Dragons Tangent Clubs and would really appreciate your support.

The Joint President's Charity Ball in February 2020 was the last event I had helped organise. An evening full of great memories. However times have changed.

I would, now that I have retired and have plenty of time on my hands, like to adopt, adapt and improve our communication network between all our Tangent Clubs, and the whole of our Round Table family. Continuing with the good work already done, but in changing times we need to rethink. For now and the future. I would so welcome your ideas. Though I might have a few of my own too.

After organising Publicity and Design for National Conferences in Llandudno 2013, Blackpool in 2017 and Belfast in 2018 I know I can work as part of a team. My aim would be to continue the fun and continued friendships both locally and nationally and Internationally.

I can't guarantee the hugs though.

Aviemore 2021

I am hoping that by the time you receive this issue of the Tangent News that you will be aware that the National Conference 2021 due to be held in Aviemore has been cancelled due to the ongoing Covid pandemic.

The last year has been a challenge for everyone and no more so the conference committee.



In January 2020 we were preparing for the launch of the Aviemore conference at Cardiff. We had ordered our conference pins and conference shirts but were being told by our suppliers that there would be a delay in supply. This was due to the shut down of factories in China. Little did we know that our own country would be in shut down only weeks later.

We were so disappointed for the Cardiff conference committee when the Cardiff conference was cancelled. We never once thought that we would be facing the same decision a year later.

We launched our conference virtually and our committee meetings moved onto zoom. My dining room became the conference HQ as we sold pins world wide, dealt with queries and distributed polo shirts.

Unfortunately, as everyone and everywhere was in lockdown we couldn't progress any arrangements for the conference and our arrangements came to a standstill.

During this time I discovered that Peter Good, the 41 Club President, was planning to walk 1000 miles in support of his charity Dementia UK. This notionally represented 500 miles to Aviemore and 500 more. He planned to complete the challenge by walking into the AGM at the Aviemore Conference. We decided it would be rude if he was not "accompanied" by a committee member all the way and decided as a committee to walk 1000 miles and tasked ourselves with raising £1000 miles for his charity. Walking is not for everyone and certainly not for everyone on the committee but I am proud to say that every member of the committee took up the challenge. We completed the distance before the next meeting. Boosted by our success we decided to continue walking and to date we have walked 14111.5 miles. On 19th December 2020 I became the 6th member of the team to complete the challenge, having walked my own 1000 miles. The walking challenge was the brain child of a 41er, Tom Atkins, who managed to inspire people the length of the country to walk in aid of Dementia UK. I have cursed him most days!

How to achieve the fundraising part of the challenge was not so clear until Kate Jones asked if anyone was making face coverings for charity and I decided to start making masks in exchange for a donation to Dementia UK. Thank you to everyone who donated to Dementia UK and helped us reach our fundraising goal.

Lockdown lifted but social distancing measures remained in place and we realised that if conference went ahead it would have to be with restrictions. We were told by the Aviemore Resort that the main function room could hold only 110 people under social distancing guidelines. That was quite a change from a 610 capacity. We spoke with the resort and discussed arrangements for a socially distanced National Conference based on restricted numbers.

The events leading up to Christmas and thereafter focussed our minds on whether conference should go ahead and

in January it was decided not to proceed. This was a difficult decision for everyone. As a committee we wanted to welcome everyone to Scotland and to give them a spectacular conference experience they would never forget but not at the expense of anyone's health or wellbeing.



Arrangements are now being made to transfer payments to Cardiff 2022; anyone wishing a refund instead should email refund@41club.org

The members of the Aviemore Committee are Colin Mckenzie, Michael Daley, Judith Beaton, Marjory Aird, Mike Sievwright, Caron Sievwright, Paul Johnstone, Stuart Hall, Graham Clark, Godwin Stewart, Morag Badenoch and Yvonne Brown. I would like to thank each one for their commitment and hardwork. Thanks also to Steve James and Tracey Pickin.

Our Theme was Once upon a Timeunfortunately just not this time.

Halloween



On 29th October the National Executive hosted a Halloween Fancy Dress and quiz night. This was well attended with over 60 members joining us for the evening.



We were also joined by Michelle Chapman, Ladies Circle National President, and some of her Exec.

I was extremely impressed by the inventiveness of our members, your costumes were fantastic, and the best costume was awarded to Morag Daley. You were also inventive with Halloween Cocktails the best one was judged to be from Janine Kaye. The fun and friendship flowed through the evening.

Jill Harris and heather put together a fun



quiz that was hopefully not too difficult, the scores were not too bad at all! This was won by Elizabeth North. I have put some screen shots, can you find yourself???



Cinderella



“We’re going to need a bigger zoom account” was a topic on the national execs meeting agenda in December! Thank you to over 250 of you who joined us for the first ever National Executive Tangent Pantomime (on zoom) Cinderella.



We were joined by members of 41club as our Ugly Sisters (41 Club members never miss the opportunity to dress up, especially as women!) and provided us with technical help before and on the evening. It was a real laugh, even if just for all the things that went wrong!

All the exec once persuaded had a fantastic night and the response from the members in encouragement and thanks has been really wonderful. We’re not sure it’s a repeatable event but watch this space... as Emma adds to the next Exec agenda, Aladdin or Dick Whittington.



Tangling Through Lockdown [s] – with our Positive Pants on our heads

It's been a difficult few months for everyone and when you are used to meeting every few weeks with your lovely friends – lockdown after lockdown hasn't been much fun.



However – thanks to our fabulous Chairwoman, Lichfield Tanglers have been kept busy and in good spirits. Sharon decided that, if we couldn't actually meet, she would make sure we would all stay in touch.

It began by setting weekly challenges – from covering our roots [that might have involved wearing pots, pans and even pants on our head], to taking pictures of nature on our daily walks. We have re-created album covers, carved pumpkins, baked and created collages.

Yes, we have had our fair share of zoom meetings but we have also divided into groups of six to enjoy actually meeting in gardens, bringing our own picnics etc. and socially distanced walks.

Sharon has also encouraged us to continue to fundraise – whether that's been collecting 20p pieces in smartie tubes, our race night

or taking our turn delivering the Round Table Christmas leaflets 'advertising' Santa's upcoming visits. It may not be much -but we are still trying to put back into our local Charities as best we can.



It's been a year like no other [one we would prefer not to have repeated] but the friendship has most certainly continued ... thank you, Sharon from all your Tanglers, you are AMAZING!

Northampton Nene



Since our last meeting in February 2020 all other meetings had to be cancelled, including our AGM. It was quiet to start with then one of our member's husband set us up for Zoom meetings. These have taken place regularly and some also included a bingo session and a scavenger hunt. For our Christmas meeting we dressed Christmassy, some with glass in hand! In September we managed to meet for a walk at a local Abbey. We decided to walk for half an hour before meeting back at the café for refreshments. We split into two groups and my group set off, but as the Abbey gardens were closed we headed down one of the wooded paths. The path ended so we turned right; came to cross-roads (paths) so went straight over. We ended up by the golf course which we could not cross so on we went and ended up in the woods

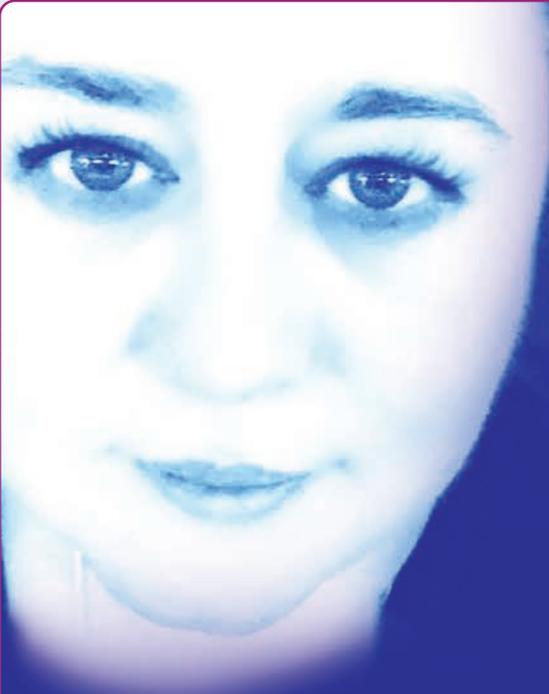


ONE AND A HALF HOURS LATER we joined the other group - who had been half an hour - and rewarded ourselves with the refreshments. We reminded the others that we had been on a REAL WALK. We had our fill of fresh air that day.

We have also managed to meet up in person for two meals. The end of October we were allowed inside. But in December we had to be outdoors so had a lunch - which was in place of our Christmas meal. We were put in an open-sided marquee at the back of the pub. Even though we had coats and scarves on because it was very cold we still enjoyed ourselves. Just getting out to see people in the flesh makes all the difference.

A Happy New Year to all - let us hope this one is better than the last.





A message from Ladies Circle

*Delivered by the National
President, Michelle*

Hello Ladies and Happy New Year! I hope all our friends across Tangent had the happiest holidays that safety would allow and that you are all looking forward with some real confidence now that Vaccinations are well underway.

It feels like years since I first introduced myself to you as a shiny brand new National President of Ladies Circle back in October, we have all been through so much since then but as you taught us with your example whilst in Circle; when faced with a challenge – crack open a bottle of something fizzy, call on your friends and crack on working for a solution.

So, I'm sure most of you have seen my address to our members early in December. For those of you who have not, please take a breath and read on. Ladies Circle is facing a serious membership challenge, it is not overstating it to say that this is a crisis. Our Annual Return was carried out in October of this year and showed that our membership numbers had dropped to just over 700, to put this in context, we lost just over 20% of our membership in one go. A further review of our membership numbers showed a worsening picture with just under 200 ladies due to age out in May 2021, meaning that our membership numbers could drop to 500 next year.

We have very few options open to us, in fact as I see things we have two options:

- 1. We can blame our current state on COVID-19, continue as we are and hope for the best.**
- 2. We can begin a difficult journey of reflection alongside an energetic membership campaign.**

Obviously, we have chosen option two. We will do what is right even if it is hard, we refuse to hide from the truth of our current situation.

This decision was proven right within 24 hours of releasing a video message to not only our members but our entire RT Family both here and Internationally.

We had messages of support and offers of help from all branches of our family but none were faster to arrive than those from our alumni in Tangent.

We have a difficult time ahead of us, it's going to be tough and we need to have lots of uncomfortable conversations within Circle about what we are for, where we want to go and what we want to achieve both for ourselves and for our communities. All of this is going to have to happen at the same time as our recruitment activities so we are going to need to call in on the offers of help from the wider RT family.

There is one thing that local Tangent Clubs can do straight away that will make a difference for us both in the short and long term....

Please reach out to your local Circle. We have 80 active Circles and so it is likely that many of our Circles will have a few local Tangent Clubs – the more the merrier! We're hoping that if we can rebuild links between Tangent & Circle at a local level, we can show you how great your local Circle is and encourage you to recommend Circle to your daughters, daughters in law or even possibly granddaughters! We also hope these new links will lead to Tangent's sharing advice on how you used to recruit at a local level; after all – ways of making friends never go out of fashion.

We have welcomed new members since early December, we will continue to build on these but as we all know – many hands make light work or as your Past President Jill said, we are 'stronger together'.

I want to thank you in advance because I know how you will respond, I know we can count on your support and your Continuing Friendship.

Yours in love and friendship, Always

Michelle xx



Ladies Circle – Next Generation

Hello Ladies, it's Sophie here and for the first time I can introduce myself as the Youngest Member of Ladies Circle instead of 'Michelle's step-daughter'! Don't get me wrong, I love my family connections within the Round Table Family but it is so exciting to be taking the step now into my Circling journey on my terms!

For those of you I haven't met, my name is Sophie Horton. My Dad has served on the Round Table National Board twice, he has served as a Round Table Children's Wish Ambassador alongside me for the past 7 years and he's currently a member of Fenland Round Table and of Boston 41 Club. My step mum is the Ladies Circle National President and member of both Boston Ladies Circle (where I am Chair and she does what I say!) and Boston & Fenland Tangent. My grandparents... well, they are bonkers! Having spent their 30's and 40's in Circle & Table doing things I'm still too young to hear about, they are now in 41 Club & Tangent, Jacqui Chapman my grandmother is a Founder member of Boston & Fenland Tangent so we're kept up to date on everything. I also have a cool Aunt (who doesn't) Vanessa Duke who is Ladies Circle Area 28 Chair... you could say, we are a Round Table Family!

I know that many of you will be hearing about the membership crisis within Ladies Circle for the first time in this edition of your magazine and I wanted to speak to you about it from a different perspective. Without showing off, I am part of the next generation and so for me, the stakes couldn't be higher.

When it comes to being part of 'The Family', it would be easy for me to say that as the third generation, I don't know any different but actually I do. Dad married Michelle and the rest is history, but because of that I have a life within and without this amazing world. I can tell you now, my life is so much richer and my childhood so much more colourful because of the Round Table Family. I have a global network of Aunts and Uncles, I have mentors, heroes, Circle mummies, Tangent mummies, Round Table big brothers and grumpy 41 Club uncles who would all walk through fire for me. So you see, I know what life looks like with this, and what it looks like without it.

It was your fabulous Membership Officer, Emma, who suggested that I write a piece for your magazine and I really wasn't too sure what to say until I began writing. My message is simple now I think about it – your lives are so much richer because of Circle, Tangent and the wider Round Table Family. Please, do everything you can to share that richness with the young women in your life. There is no better, safer, warmer and friendlier network for them to join.

And if you could get onto it pretty soon, it's cool being the Youngest Circler and all that, but I'm so excited to see us grow and reclaim our reputation as the biggest network for young women in Great Britain & Ireland.

Thanks for listening, I hope to meet you all in person soon.
Yours in friendship

Sophie Horton, Boston Ladies Circle 525





NATC 50th Anniversary Luncheon - postponement



Above: Sybil White,
Founder President of Tangent

Below:
Does anyone recognise these ladies?



Dear Ladies,

Against the background of the ever-changing landscape of COVID-19 and the modifications to the tier system that are impacting all of us, the anniversary luncheon committee has had to take the decision to move the 50th Anniversary celebration to:

*Saturday 18th September 2021
at the same venue,
the National Conference Centre
in Birmingham.*

The situation is not one the committee had imagined it would find itself in, and has presented challenges, but the good news is that we have been able to negotiate this new date which was confirmed just before Christmas. At present, all other arrangements remain the same as previously published.

Our bookings may be closed at the moment, due to guidelines from the venue on maximum numbers in the current

climate, though we hope those numbers may be increased by summer. In the meantime, we do have the chance to enter a prize draw for two tickets to the event. More details can be obtained by emailing paulinec18@gmail.com

As part of the preparations, we are collating photographs and memories of significant events in Tangent's history, particularly from regional, National and possibly even International events. We would especially like to hear about celebrations of your own significant charter anniversaries, your memories from the 1980s and 1990s, and from clubs numbered 200 or less which would have existed before the formation of the National Association of Tangent Clubs in 1970. Please email these to Tangent50th@gmail.com

Yours in Continued Friendship,

The 50th Anniversary Lunch Committee



Denbigh Ladies 807

Denbigh Ladies 807 celebrated our 30th anniversary with a socially distanced fizz and shortbread in the local memorial park on the 12th September.



Tracey Pickin's winning afternoon tea photos

The Folicley Challenged Chefs



On the 20th March, it was a Friday, 2020 a group of us were sat in our local enjoying a birthday pint with our close friends whilst maintaining Government guidelines on social distancing.

That night on the Government news update, it was announced that pubs, clubs and restaurants would shut from midnight that night. Well I am sure you won't be surprised when we looked at each other and thought "best get drinking before they shut".

The next 24 or so hours, there was mad shopping in the local supermarkets; we came under lockdown and not knowing when we would be able to get out again socialising.

So, sat at home I was thinking of a way to socialise with friends and family and came up with the idea of the folicley challenged chefs.

For those who do not know, I set up a face book page and invited friends and family to join, only a few at first with the idea that we share recipes, upload pictures of our culinary masterpieces and try out each other's recipes.

Members of the group can invite other friends to join and so it began a few more people joined week by week and by mid-April we had over 200 members, not all from the Round Table family I would like to add. The idea was a great success allowing people to socialise, meet new friends via Facebook and have a laugh and joke with each other.

Peter Good, 41 Club National President, set us a challenge. For those who remember Ready steady cook we were given a list of ingredients and an hour to come with a recipe and cook. On Saturday 18th April we had a cook off via zoom. We had over 11 entries and the winner was announced by Kate Jones based on the number of likes each entrant received, eventual winners being Jim and Vicky Conway.

We had included in the competition, Past Presidents of RTBI, NALC, Tangent, 41 Club, current RTBI, NALC, Tangent and 41 Club members as well as non-members and family.

The event was a great success with some fantastic recipes and fabulous looking food, not to mention the obligatory 41 Club gin and tonic during the cooking, as well as martinis!!

On the back of Ready Steady cook success, we were approached again by President Peter to do another challenge as part of VE Day celebrations, this time though with a menu from 1945 with ingredients only available in 1945.

Again, we had 9 entrants and 2 hours to cook and present our masterpieces, whilst enjoying a little drink of 41 Club gin during the event, the winner, after producing a fabulous afternoon tea, was Tangent Vice President Tracey Pickin.

I am proud to announce that the current membership stands at 337. During this lockdown we have made new friends, had fun, shared cooking recipes, some members have actually started to cook and some have managed to improve their culinary skills. Non-members of the Round Table family have been introduced to members of the family and have learned more about our Associations and have introduced their friends to join the group

I would like to congratulate our winners, thank all members of 41 Club and the Round Table family who have joined the group and supported it, a special thank you to Peter Good for his support, please continue to do so and invite friends and family to join, the more the merrier.

Stay safe
YICF
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John Kilshaw





Jill Harris is also a winner of the Folicley Challenged Chef here are her winning dishes:

Tonight chilli prawns, tempura prawns and prawn on toast with crackers made from scratch except crackers that were from a pack but I air fried them. All done in Ninja foodi.

Followed by chicken, sweetcorn and fried lettuce. Most with **Luban Kitchen** ingredients from <https://lubankitchen.co.uk>

If you quote Tangent at the checkout when buying anything from them you will get a **10% discount**. Their packs of spices are great and their actual food delivery superb for special occasions.

Carols



On 23 December Tangent members were invited to Join 41 Club and a Welsh Wellbeing Choir to sing Christmas songs. What fun! We were treated to a Zoom orchestra and choir singing beautifully - then it was our turn.... We sang and danced and laughed and were in tune in terms of friendship and fellowship though, unfortunately not in tune with the music!

The Exec, like you too, were unable to meet in person but they joined in Christmas celebrations on Zoom.



A Tangent Christmas Party with a Difference!

As 2020 draws to a close, we have continued to be creative and have found alternative ways of meeting – and partying!



During our November Zoom meeting with its aeronautical theme, we heard about Caroline's charity Skydive and Sally's Wing Walk. Both ladies are members of Wotton-under-Edge and District Tangent and we agreed they are incredibly brave. What's more, both survived to tell the tale! It made for an interesting evening with photographs and video footage to help illustrate the retelling of their experiences in the air, as well as before and after taking to the skies.

Following this, our minds turned to our next meeting and Christmas. How were we going to be able to replicate our annual Christmas party, which is usually hosted by the Tangent Chair (or someone who has a house big enough to fit us all in)

and involves an American supper, games / a quiz and Secret Santa? Thankfully, Caroline and Tracy came to the rescue and volunteered to organise this for us – virtually of course – and what an amazing job they did too!

Arranging a Zoom meeting was the obvious starting point but how were we going to make it festive? Well, we were all going to have a cracker with a party hat and joke inside. Hat wearing mandatory! Jokes shared!

The evening took on a local theme, so a quiz was developed with several rounds, involving for example, deciphering anagrams of local business names and cryptic clues of towns and villages in Gloucestershire as well as the usual Christmas rounds. We were put into different 'rooms' so we could play in teams; our team name had to be a Christmas song which we had to sing together – that was a challenge – hardly tuneful or in unison.



What about the party food I hear you ask? Well, Catherine, our expert caterer, was



consulted and suggested what should be included in our Christmas Nibbles Box. Not only that, she then volunteered to prepare the contents of this. I can honestly say, they were hardly nibbles but a veritable feast! The menu included smoked salmon and cream cheese pate, chicken and quail egg Caesar salad, streusel topped mince pie and lots more. Menu included in photographs.

Despite the restrictions, Santa wasn't going to miss an opportunity to drop by and ensure we still received our Secret Santa gifts. These were purchased locally to support local businesses and delivered the afternoon of our party, along with the Nibble Box, cracker and quiz papers, all of which were opened during our virtual get together.

A great evening of fellowship and fun was enjoyed by all but we do hope that our celebrations in 2021 will be a more 'normal' affair, when we can actually meet in person!

Hartlepool

Members of Hartlepool Tangent joined in a festive Zoom at the start of December hosted by the wonderful Jill Harris. As always there was the “you’re on mute” and “we can’t see you” for a few minutes before we reflected on our upcoming Christmas celebrations. Much fun was had when we did our own rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas, complete with actions and lots

of laughter along the way. This year’s top 10 topical Christmas cracker jokes were met with lots of groans and members added a few of their own! Finally, raising a glass to members past and present, we looked forward to being able to meet again in the new year.



In November 2020 we launched our first ever Secret Santa Appeal

Our aim was to donate 300 gifts to children, young people and families within our local area who might otherwise have missed out this Christmas. The response was overwhelming and we managed to actually double our target as we hit a massive 630 gifts. We didn't just manage to fulfil our target to reach as many children our social service department gave us, but we also give gifts for their parents and siblings living in the same household.

We also raised the profile of Tangent Clubs within our area too. Could defiantly say as a new Tangent club we have put our name firmly on the map within our local community. Here are a few comments from feedback:

- I delivered presents to two of my families, and they were both overwhelmed by the generosity of their gifts, I explained about the donations, they were really appreciative of them and excited to receive them for their children, but also touched that they as parents were included in the donations. - Kim Jones (Early Years Practitioner)

- We had a great Christmas and New Year thanks. We hope you all had a fab Christmas and new year too! Awe the presents were absolutely great and was very pleased and shocked of how much we received it was truly a lovely gesture so thank you to all X - (Parent)

- The families I suggested to receive gifts were overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of the organisers. The gifts were age appropriate and had clearly been thought about. For so many parents/carers Christmas 2020 brought many challenges and the donation of the gifts undoubtedly eased the burden in so many ways - Sarah Richards (Parenting Practitioner)

We hope to do this again for Christmas 2021 - Barryandthevale19@gmail.com

Sunflowers in lockdown

Having become joint Social /Fundraising secretaries for Wokingham Tangent in April, Helen and I tried to identify a range of activities during lockdown and the following months. One idea was to sell small sunflower plants at £1 each and to track their growth through the months. I had already grown some plants, but not enough to make a good profit and, at that stage, garden centres were closed. I sourced some on the internet although delivery took three weeks and so I took the time to prepare individual pots and draft an email, saying, "Sunflowers have a way of making people smile, especially on a wet day like today.

We hope that you will join us in growing giant sunflowers this year whilst fundraising for Thames Hospice. You can do so for the pure joy of seeing them reach for the sky or to join in our challenge”etc

The seeds finally arrived in May and I planted out 180 seeds. The following morning, Victor Meldrew could be heard coming from my mouth. "I don't believe it!" Mice had dug up and taken every single seed. I had grown many other seeds in the greenhouse but there was something about these that made them irresistible to the rodents who hadn't shown themselves up to that point. I wasn't giving up. This time they only took a fortnight to arrive and I started again, using all sorts of protection against rodents. Unfortunately,

I couldn't anticipate the neighbours tree dropping a branch through the greenhouse roof, so a number of survivors were then decapitated.



This really sets the scene for the story of our sunflowers. We sold them all to Tangent members, family and friends and

immediately began receiving stories of their demise. Pet rabbits, wild deer, pigeons, drought, overwatering: you name it, we heard it. However, we had made £180 for Thames Valley Hospice and so we were happy to counsel our gardeners.

Each month, at our Tangent Zoom meeting we announced the top three heights. It was quite amazing that after a month we had the tallest sunflower at 177cm, however, we think that this one had received very special treatment in its early days as its lead was not maintained. In the second month, another flower reached 247cm and we thought that was probably going to be the tallest as the flowers were opening earlier than usual due to weather conditions. However, little did we know that one friend hadn't been picking up the emails but had watered her three sunflowers (one for each grandchild) twice a day. In the final month, the largest one reached a magnificent 457cm. She had to cut it down to measure it but still has some of the head on the bird table. She did receive a small prize, which she gave to the grandson whose flower it was.

Most Tangent members were happy to just watch the plants grow and their spirits were lifted by the beautiful flowers. This is one of many fundraising activities that the club have generously engaged in and we have now raised more than £2000 since April.

A covid-19 vaccinator, the life and soul of the party and it feels great to be volunteering

Hi, I'm Stacey Ann Humphries, Rugby Tangent Chairman, Ladies Circle Area 20 Vice-Chairman, and nutty member of Hinckley circle.

At the start of December 2020 whilst doing my night shift at a retirement village, I saw a position advertised as a volunteer covid-19 vaccinator. The vacancy was asking for volunteers urgently and required the experience and skills set I already had. So, I volunteered, was accepted, and started my training straight away. Luckily for me, my care experience meant that I was already halfway there with the training, though it still took me over 30 hours to complete the training all over Christmas whilst eating chocolate!



The training covered the usual health and safety, PPE administration as well as the in-depth knowledge of how the vaccines work

and side effects. Each vaccine has its own training module that must be completed before moving onto the physical competency.

During the first week of January 2021, I was invited to complete my competency and start my first shift. It was very daunting walking into an extremely busy vaccination centre with lots of people trying to social distance, all the medical professionals and volunteers wearing full PPE, but it felt very safe, well organised, lively and a sense of happiness/community spirit.

I was greeted by the shift coordinator and a lovely GP (genuinely nice on the eye), who had volunteered to put me through my paces. After completing all the relevant information, I was free to start administering my first vaccinations on the incredibly grateful people who were waiting.

I called through my first patient went through the relevant questions and injected them with no complications and called the next one through. And so, it went on, mindful of the time and ever mindful that sometimes people may need a little bit more time to ask questions, help with getting their sleeve out ready, needing time to relax.



Before I knew it, I had completed well over 30 injections within 2hrs, my last patient was a lady who was 101 and she was very mobile, very with it and who informed me after her injection that I had the touch that felt like a kitten's paw! At this point I could have cried with pride, I wiped down my stations got offered a few nice chocolates from the nice doctor, changed out of my PPE, and got back in my car home. I now volunteer as many times a week as I can because I strongly believe that "Together we can beat this".

We are all in this fight together against covid-19 and together we will win! But for that to happen we must stick to the guidelines, wear our masks, properly wash our hands, and stay away from others!

Hopefully soon we'll all be able to celebrate together with lots of Fizz, Gin, laughter, and PARTY ONCE MORE.

Please, please stay safe, don't be afraid, the vaccines on its way to everyone.

Troon Ladies Tangent smashed their target to support 10 Children

November 2020 saw newly formed Troon Ladies Tangent Club launch their inaugural fundraising event online – using COVID safe Facebook platform to raise awareness and much needed donations.



Mary's Meals is a Scottish-based charity who support children to receive a nutritious daily meal in a place of education. It's cost just £15.90 to support one child for an entire year in some of the world's poorest places like Malawi. Troon Ladies Tangent aimed to raise £159 to support 10 children and were delighted to smash this target by reaching £241 from November through to Christmas.

These life-changing meals attract hungry children into the classroom. The food fills their empty bellies, so they have the energy and opportunity to learn, giving them the chance of a brighter future. The meals also support families struggling to feed their children while boosting the country's wider economy.

Troon Ladies Tangent are very grateful to all who donated. Thank you!!

You can read more about Mary's Meals ... www.marysmeals.org.uk

Troon Ladies Tangent

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It's been a difficult year for many in the UK and abroad. Troon Ladies Tangent wishes to support international charity **Mary's Meals** in addition to our local UK food bank.

Mary's Meals provides life-changing meals to some of the world's poorest children every day in their place of education. It costs just £15.90 to feed a child for a whole school year, so even the smallest amounts can have a huge impact.

Troon Ladies Tangent would like to support 10 children for a year by raising £159. Help us reach our goal and make a lasting difference to *10 children by Gifting to our fundraising page this Christmas.

You can make a donation here: <https://bit.ly/2Ho1nZa>

THANK YOU

*Donate today and double your love! Give until 31 January 2021 and public donations to Mary's Meals will be doubled by the UK government, up to £2 million. Now you can Double The Love and feed TWO children for just £15.90.



It costs just £15.90 to feed a child for a whole school year, so even the smallest amounts can have a huge impact

Newport

Newport Tangent Club (No 333) in Shropshire found a great way to meet up virtually during Lockdown 2, while enjoying an activity increasingly seen as having a multitude of health benefits - Chair Yoga!

Beverley Ashton, member of Newport Tangent said "I've been practising various forms of yoga for many years, and have found it really helps with my flexibility, strength and mental wellbeing. During the first Lockdown I really missed my usual group classes at the gym, and so was pleased to discover online yoga classes via Zoom with Shropshire based health professional and yoga teacher Sue Pugh. I was also missing our monthly Tangent get-togethers, and particularly as we couldn't even meet up individually for a friendly coffee. So, I had the idea of arranging a "give it a try" online yoga session for my



club. The Chair Yoga session made it really accessible, suited all levels of fitness and flexibility, and it was safe and fun. As each participant's video facility is switched off during the class, you can even do it in your onesie if you want! I had really positive feedback from those who took part, so it's something we'll definitely consider doing again".

If any other Tangent Clubs are interested in hosting a Chair Yoga, or any other kind of Yoga session for members via Zoom, Sue Pugh at Vitabonayoga is happy to facilitate, live from her lovely farmhouse in Shropshire, to anywhere in the country - or even the world for that matter! For details please contact sue@vitabonayoga.co.uk or phone Sue on 07432 349933. Sue has agreed that £5 of every £45 session fee will go towards our Tangent National President's Charity.



RTCW reaches its 30 year milestone as a registered charity!



In October 2020, Round Table Children's Wish marked 30 years of granting 'handcrafted' wishes to children with life threatening illnesses.

Starting in Bournemouth in 1988, the charity has been delivering wishes ever since to children from all over the United Kingdom such as to a young lady from Scotland, who spent time with the Pandas at Edinburgh Zoo; to a little lad in in the Brecon Beacons who wished for a special playhouse in his garden and other wishes such as spending a day with the army riding, around in tanks and a young lady fulfilling her dream to sing with Leona Lewis. Over the 30 years, the wish that is remains the most popular is that magical trip to Disney and being given the VIP treatment throughout the visit.

Whilst it is amazing to be able to deliver all these fantastic wishes, not all children go on to live happy and healthy lives. Scientists work around the clock to discover a cure and we all hope one day, their work will do just that. In the meantime, RTCW will continue to keep granting wishes to all the amazing children out there, fighting a good fight whilst keeping such wonderful smiles on their faces.

As a result of the Covid pandemic, many of the wishes have been put on hold until it is safer to deliver. We continue to grant some wishes, such as iPads and computers and we did so just before Christmas to three young lads, two who had suffered pulmonary strokes and a third to a young lad whose cancer has sadly returned and looking incurable. Whilst all the other wishes are on hold, we make sure we keep our relationship going with the families, providing them a friendly voice and signposting throughout this difficult time.

As a charity we pride ourselves on being all about 'family'. Working with Tangent

is special as it is about working together, across the '4 Club' Family, along with 41 Club, Round Table and Ladies Circle. RTCW is here because of that family and we can only say a big thank you, on behalf of all those children over the years, who have had a wish and will not necessarily know it's because of people like yourselves, who have made their wishes a reality. So, on behalf of the children and all at RTCW, a huge thank you to everyone, as by supporting us as a small charity, you have made a BIG DIFFERENCE!

We look forward to working with you all again over the next few decades.

Kind Wishes,
From all at RTCW

If you would like to find out more about Round Table Children's Wish or how you can help, please Tel: 01202 514515, email: info@rtcw.org or feel free to chat to our Past National President - Jill Harris.

Lesley Seville 1955 - 2020



Newcastle Conference 2007 where Lesley Seville stood from the floor at our N.A.G.M. for National Treasurer. She was amazing! Elegant in appearance, intelligent and witty she really wowed the audience. So began her three years on the National Executive and for so many of us who got to know her in her official role, lovely friendships with great times that would last for years.

Lesley joined Ladies Circle in 1985 in Ripley. She moved on to become a member of Ely, Octagon, Bebington, Emeritus, and City of London Tangents. So many friends, so many good fun times. Together with Frank they were also regulars at National events, especially our National

Conferences where, like so many of us, friendships are both made and renewed.

During her time as National Treasurer, Lesley steered the Association through some big decisions and in her own words 'kept a firm hand on the National purse strings as only a Yorkshire lass could do!' Her commitment was always one hundred per cent, and her advice sound and to the point. Oh, but she was such good fun as well! Her sense of humour was second to none. There may be tears of sadness now at her passing, but there were overwhelming tears of laughter in her lifetime.

Lesley was always admired for her work/life balance. Professionally, she steadfastly worked her way up the administrative ladder of the NHS. Her tenacity and initiative led to her holding high profile positions at leading hospitals such as the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

While on the National Executive Lesley met Chris Sturgess. As well as an active member of Tangent, Chris is an even more active member of the charity Breast Cancer Now, especially THE SHOW, a high profile fashion show where all the models have had, or have breast

cancer. Being in remission from breast cancer was one of Lesley's main reasons for wanting to do more for Tangent. She felt that life had given her a second chance, an opportunity to give something back. October 2008 saw Lesley 'Walking the Walk', stunning the catwalk for Breast Cancer Now at the Grosvenor House hotel. Tangent friends were there in force to support her. A proud achievement for Lesley and an even prouder day for Tangent. Lesley became and remained an active committee member for Breast Cancer Now.

Sadly, Lesley's cancer returned in July 2019, and this time the prognosis was not good. The courage Lesley showed was incredible. Pragmatic to the end, she planned her last months with unbelievable positivity. Together with Frank, a fantastic year of travel and spending time with family and friends was only thwarted due to the restrictions of the pandemic, and not by any pain or chemotherapy.

Lesley died peacefully on Thursday 19th November. Frank said it was a beautiful golden autumn day. A golden sunset for a golden girl.

Lesley will be missed by so many of us.

Janis Attwell
Emeritus 2000



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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.

Do you know of a child or young person with a life-threatening illness who would benefit from a wish?

Round Table Children's Wish grants "handcrafted" wishes for children, aged between 4 and 17, who have a life-threatening illness.

A wish means a great deal to a child who has undergone the trauma and upset associated with a life-threatening illness. From giving them a precious memory, to rewarding their bravery or simply bringing some normality into their lives a wish can mean so much to a child and their family.

Do you know that anyone can refer a child to us for a wish?

Provided that a child or young person meets our criteria, and they have not received a wish before, we will do what we can to make their wish happen and bring a little joy into their lives.

Anyone can make a referral and we receive these from lots of different people; GPs to Social Workers, relatives, friends and even local people volunteering within their communities.

Want to know more?

Contact the charity by calling 01202 514 515 or emailing

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