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Sunday 13th November 2022

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This magazine is a joint magazine with Tangent, once you have read 15 pages from 41 Club and a joint centre spread which is on Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, just flip it over to read the Tangent version with 15 pages of their news. This is at present a one-off to support the Round Table Family - do let us know if you like it or don't.

There will be members who miss details of various forthcoming activities but do remember that these are covered in full in the monthly e-newsletter you should each be receiving into your mail boxes (technology permitting!). If you aren't receiving this do let me know.

Anything which is time critical is sent out via the email system.

There is no cost saving to 41 Club by doing a joint magazine like this one, but it doesn't cost us any more either, as Tangent are only paying any extra costs incurred. Why aren't we simply splitting the cost? It's because Tangent don't normally mass mail their members - they forward their magazines to clubs to distribute rather than direct to their members. The major cost in producing a magazine isn't the printing cost it's the postage cost - and that keeps increasing. We are planning an article on this in next month's newsletter (November).

So keep on going, get your autumn booster vaccinations, and stay healthy, wealthy (ideally anyway although that is under strain for many at present), and strong; and God Save the King.

Yours in Continued Friendship & Continued Tabling,

Don Mullane, London Old Tablers' Society

National Comms & I.T. Officer



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A message from...

The President

Jim Conway - National President



The 41 Club Cruise was amazing and Fred Olsen looked after us so well. You could dip in and out of activities as you wished. It was 11 days of full on Fun and Fellowship and I would commend a 41 Club Cruise to you all. We visited Iceland and the Faroe Islands and it was a relaxed time spent with friends.

Whilst we were in Iceland, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away and I am sure the impact hit us all.



The big day of the year followed the Council Meeting, when I had my James Bond Themed Ball. I had only one decision to make and that was to appoint the talented Vicki Carter-Bland as the Ball Convenor and then say, "Yes" to anything she asked for and do everything she told me. After a short filmed introduction with a twist at the end, both myself and Vicky Conway, came on stage to welcome everyone. I am so proud to have this woman on my arm, as she is my perfect Bond Girl. A knife throwing act, which I hope there was a risk assessment done on, was followed by a fabulous starter, main course and then another death defying act where Circus Flambe produced a breath taking fire juggling act. Desserts followed, then we released the Copycats to ensure that the following day, limbs hurt as much as the heads with a band with a brass section which really rocked the Athena.

The summer has been busy with National Events.

The 41 Club Weekend in Kings Lynn was a big success and next year promises to be bigger next year when Howard from Chesterfield picks up the reins. Not being a motor cyclist myself, I wondered what to expect, but was absolutely blown away by the organisation, with safety being the first and foremost concern at the briefing. Before people write in and rebuke me for not wearing the correct apparel to ride a bike, I have to confess to borrowing the safety helmet with the pink flowers on it, just so that I could pose on a bike. Great to see past president, Terry Cooper in attendance.



Once again, the National Car Rally was an amazing event. Huge congratulations go to Geoff and the team at Market Harborough 41 Club who organised the event. Just in case anyone may be put off from attending, just because they don't have a Ferrari, a Maseratti or an Aston Martin, forget it. It is all about having two fabulous nights of fellowship and there just so happens to be a rally in between.

Richard Dyson and the Ringwood team put on an amazing weekend at the National Camping & Caravan Weekend. Whilst not a camper myself, preferring comfier sleeping arrangements, it was a cracking weekend with the highlight being the Ringwood Synchronised Swimming Team performing a James Bond Themed performance. They had rehearsed for weeks beforehand and it was both hilarious and entertaining.



Don't forget to visit www.jimconway.co.uk to find out where I am at with my fund raising, with videos of the missions I have undertaken when I have hit various targets. You can find full details on how to buy the President's joke book with all profits going to Round Table Children's Wish.

A visit the 41 Club Distillery at <https://41clubdistillery.co.uk/> will be a great idea for that elusive Christmas Present!



Licensed to Thrill

Nigel Baxendale, Andover 41 Club

Our National President, Jim Conway, promised a thrilling evening for the night of his President's Ball at the beginning of October and I booked tickets for myself and my girlfriend.

I even convinced some friends from Andover 41 Club to come along.

The event was held at the Athena in Leicester, which was an awesome venue for the event. Its Art Deco styling was really quite different and added to the wow factor of the night.

Attending this event, which was my first 41 Club national event (although I had attended many Round Table national events over the years), was a great opportunity to meet friends that I hadn't seen in so many years. Speaking on WhatsApp video calls or communicating via social media is fine, but it isn't a patch on real engagement. Chatting with a glass in your hand, laughing with each other and dancing together is far more enjoyable.

But, this event was far more than that.

I have been to many, many Balls. There have been so many fantastic evenings at national conferences, the Balls of my old Round Table area and nearby clubs, and my own events as Chairman of my local club. There were also many great Balls when I was part of my old Area Executive, including my year as Area 1 Chairman.

Jim's James Bond themed ball was, however, one of the very best that I have

been to and it has renewed the enthusiasm for attending national events; not only in myself, but in the friends that joined me who hadn't been to one for about thirty years.

The Ball was behind used as a fundraiser for Jim's Presidential Charity; Round Table Children's Wish. As well as the raffle, there were lots of prizes up for grabs in both silent and live auctions. I didn't get around to bidding on the silent auction, as sat at the dimly lit table without my reading glasses I couldn't quite make out the full details. However, I did bid (unsuccessfully) on one of the live auction gifts. I bid quite high too, but the Lu Ban dinner at Chez Conway with overnight accommodation and a fry up was obviously highly sought after!

The entertainment was fantastic, although from our seats on one of the upper levels we could only see the action on the large screens. It would have been better if we could have had direct sight of the action, but we still enjoyed the acts thoroughly.

Formalities were kept to an absolute minimum, with the focus being on fun.

The dinner and service were superb and the venue excelled themselves in delivering

quality food to all the partygoers. There were also QR codes on each table, allowing us to order drinks to be delivered to us without having to go to the bar. I used this just the once, to order some more wine for our meal, and it arrived very quickly.

After the dinner it was time to party and the live band were, as you would expect, incredibly good. We danced and laughed and enjoyed every second of it. I danced so much that my knees and ankles were suffering the following day; it really has been a long time without such 'exercise' and I'm out of practice (and shape!).

We walked the short distance back to our hotel sometime after midnight, having had an amazing evening and having had our desire to attend 41 Club conference in Jersey truly ignited.



To top it off, we subsequently heard that the event raised an amazing £6,120 for Children's Wish. Fantastic effort all round.

Jersey 2023 Conference News Update

Paul W. Harding - Jersey 2023 Conference Chairman

On the first weekend of October I attended Jim Conway's Presidents "007 James Bond themed" Ball in Leicester. What fun that was, really enjoyed getting off my little rock to the "mainland" (how we refer to UK in Jersey), the evening was extremely well choreographed by Vicki Carter-Bland, and I had the pleasure of surprising many there who were not expecting to see me! Some thought I was a secret agent aka 007 sent over to find out how you party!

What a party it was with really great entertainment - Bond girls gyrating in over-sized champagne glasses, blindfold man axe throwing to his lady assistant ringing a bell for the target (which he always seemed to be two feet away from, good job the axes missed her), fire juggling extraordinaires and we now know how Jim travels - with Vicky hidden in boot of his car. Sorry, you probably won't understand that if you weren't there. As Jim said to me afterwards "Beat that next year!" which I must admit gives us a big challenge which we will rise to accomplish, for your entertainment during 2023 Conference.

To update you about 2023 Conference I am pleased to report the following:

Travel to Jersey: Blue Islands have now released their flight schedules for next year flying to Jersey from Exeter, Birmingham, Southampton, Bristol and East Midlands. If you are coming from further up north Easyjet are probably your best option flying to Jersey from Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow. It's also worth looking at Loganair for more options from up north, such as Newcastle.

You will have to wait longer for Condor Ferries Spring 2023 sailing schedule, although instead flying to Jersey is strongly recommended. If you want to stay longer to explore our beautiful Island you can hire a car instead of suffering the 4-12 hours sea crossing at an uncertain time of year, weather-wise. Or use our bus network going to all corners of Jersey from Liberation Station.

Jersey Airport & Merton Hotel Transfers: Please note you can book Jersey Airport to Merton Hotel minibus transfer anytime from Wednesday 29 March 2023, and return transfer from Merton Hotel back to Jersey Airport any day and time after Conference ends, if you will be staying longer. These are much cheaper than hailing a taxi from Airport or Merton hotel.

To book your transfers or any optional extra Friday Excursions, 41 Club AGM lunch, or Tangent Day Afternoon Tea go to 2023 Conference website here jersey23.41clubevents.co.uk, select which additional items you want to purchase, go to Checkout and enter your Name, Email address and in the Phone field enter your original booking reference number. This will ensure we link your additional items to your original order. In subsequent fields copy & paste "As before", but please ensure you complete the "Dietary", "Mobility" and "Seating" fields with any requirements you have specific to the additional items you are booking. After completing paying for your additional booking please look out for an email confirmation for the additional tickets, which maybe in your Spam folder or otherwise mislaid.

If you experience any issues with booking for 2023 Conference or have not seen 41 Club Events website automatic booking confirmation and payment receipt after you completed your booking please contact Lance Kiddie, Registration Officer, by emailing him at registration-jersey2023@41clubevents.co.uk, when he will be pleased to assist or provide confirmation your booking has been received and your payment made.

Entertainment: I am delighted to let you know we have booked a fabulous tribute act for Saturday evening function. I'm not letting on which group they faithfully recreate, one of the biggest worldwide groups in the 1980's amassing many hits. You will enjoy the tribute's excellent reproduction which will bring back many happy memories from yester-years.

If you have not yet booked for 2023 Conference as the saying goes, don't delay the early bird gets the best choice worms! To ensure what you want is still available please book now, rather than later when we might well have sold out. I look forward to welcoming you to Jersey in 2023 when we will provide you with another great fun National Conference to remember.

Yours in Continued Friendship,
Paul W. Harding

Jersey 2023 Conference Chairman

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30 March - 2 April 2023



41 Club Annual Caravan and Camping Rally

It was Friday 23rd September and we were off to Hampshire to meet up with other intrepid folk from 41 Clubs and Tangents across the country. We were looking forward to a couple of days in "Archie", enjoying what the 41ers of Ringwood had in store for us.

The venue for the latest in the series of National Camping and Caravan Weekends was the Shamba Caravan Park. By chance we had previously stayed at the next-door campsite so we had a clear idea of where we were going. That in itself is fairly unusual.



The signage from the road to the site had been thoughtfully positioned leading us straight to the venue. We were greeted by cheery folk in bright orange stripey blazers who directed us to our pitch. A large section of the campsite was dedicated to 41 and Tangent. We were told that 70 souls would be on site at the peak time. So it was a big do then!

After a quick bit of caravan levelling and filling of water tanks we had the espresso machine purring.

We registered and picked up our document pack, which listed attendees and gave us

helpful information about local services. That was supplemented by the well stocked tent of walking & cycling maps & routes, and a route finder for birds in the New Forest. The essential quiz sheets were there too.



We fixed our name plate into Archie's window and wandered over to the meet and greet. There we played the "I know that face now what's his/her name" game. Thankfully that was made easier by the thoughtfully provided name stickers.

Richard welcomed us all and Nat. Prez. Jim echoed the sentiment. After "helping out" by the munching the tasty nibbles and chatting with people we hadn't seen for a while or even at all, we were approaching our time slot for the Fish and Chip supper. It was nicely prepared and served from an adjacent van, their great reputation was certainly thoroughly deserved.

We noted that the main body of our group were now at the bar in the clubhouse. What we had not bargained for was the Karaoke which is very much a "marmite" thing. After a few had been downed however, the microphone appeared in the hands of various 41ers who did little for the original songs but did manage at least to follow the on-screen words but not necessarily in the right order or in time with the music.

We retired to Archie but not before checking out the bacon roll serving times for the Saturday morning. We slept well and the bacon roll did not disappoint. We were then ready for another full day.

Saturday saw some of the campers take a guided walk around Salisbury. It started at Old Sarum, north of the city, from where Henry II ruled and kept his wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine, under house arrest.

The original Salisbury Cathedral was built here and having viewed the ruins, the group proceeded into the city to see the rebuilt Cathedral.

They were also treated to a beer in the oldest pub, The Haunch of Venison, built in 1320. It is the most haunted



pub in Salisbury, is in its original state, and has a replica of a severed, mummified hand, as found in the pub walls. All very spooky!



We took the "at leisure" option and paddled our toes. It was a beautiful sunny morning with just a few wispy clouds and the beach at Boscombe with its soft sand was just perfect. After the initial thermal shock, the water was lovely and we enjoyed the short seaside excursion.

Returning to Shamba we checked our programme to see that we had a fairly early start to the evening's activity. We were however a bit puzzled by the instruction to meet at the swimming pool without reference to swimming costumes. We had heard about events like that but did not think it was the sort of thing that went on in Ringwood.



Once inside the pool we noticed James Bond references and soon the sound of his theme tune was coming out of the speaker. There was a hush across the audience as a group of swimsuit clad people emerged slowly from behind the life-sized James Bond image. All were wearing red swim hats and bow ties and clutching guns as they rounded the pool before entering it. Everyone managed creditably not to show the shock of meeting the water on their smiling faces.

They performed a synchronised swimming routine which was wonderfully choreographed and involved a lady being held above the water as a spectacular finale.

Our entertainers retreated gracefully to the changing room leaving everyone clapping and cheering. Richard Dyson mentioned that it was about 15 years ago when these same performers first carried out the routine as an "interruption". The Ringwood team were not all camping which made it more remarkable that they performed again for us campers.

The swimming pool is adjacent to the Clubhouse. As we left its chlorinated atmosphere our nostrils picked up the waft of the Hog Roast which with accompanying salads and potatoes was to be our evening meal. The orderly queues were served with lashings of the tender pork that had been cooked for us.

Desserts followed which gave us the fortitude needed to enjoy the rest of our evening's entertainment. That was provided by the Dorset Troubadour who was part folk singer and part poet.



His songs covered a range of subjects starting with Grumpy Neighbours, His dislike of the dualling banjo scene from the film Deliverance and finishing with a song about a deep-fried tarantula burger that did not sound at all appetising. We all enjoyed him.

Until the Troubadour's last song we had had exclusive use of the clubhouse. Then the Karaoke resumed. National President Jim and others (you know who you are) seemed unable to resist and so a good time was had by all - the singers. We drifted back to our caravans having had a most wonderful time as only 41 and Tangent members can.

Then it was Sunday morning, already our last day. We had signed up for Boule whilst about 20 others including Kelly Clarke and Tangent VP Shirley Chard had gone on a 4.5 mile walk with from Picket Hill to Burley with Wynn Parry. Well it said it was 4,5 miles on the O/S map that Ann had given to Wynn but along the way a few "corrections" probably added a bit more distance.



Whilst all this was being organised it was time to Wake up with Kerrie a gentle Pilates session to prepare for the day ahead.

A vacant gravel caravan spot had been

marked out as our Boule pitch and we formed 2 teams of 4 players. The boules were marked up with a felt pen which became very important during the game. Trying to identify which boules is closest to the Jack when the patterning on each boules is similar could otherwise have been impossible.

The larger stone size than is usual for the gravel petanque courts did produce some unusual bounces (my excuse). The team scores fluctuated with the losing team at the beginning catching up only then to be pipped at the post. The result was unimportant as we all had a great fun time.



Sadly we had to leave the event early missing the final get together which included a recital by Ann Dyson and her ukulele band and of course the tea and cakes preceded by the playing of the outdoor giant sized games that had been set up for us.

As we left early we had less chance than we had hoped for to say a proper goodbye to our friends new and old. More importantly to thank the Ringwood 41 and Tangent team especially Richard and Ann Dyson for a superbly well organised rally.

It is also worth mentioning that you don't need to own a caravan or tent to take part next year. Several 41ers had hired their caravan and there were also those that were able to find accommodation in static caravans adjacent to the site. Keep an eye open for the 2023 date the event is due to be held in Devon so be there if you can, you won't regret it.

I have gathered with help from Richard a few photos of the attendees which should give readers a flavour of the great fellowship enjoyed over this weekend. I have also nicked his parting salutation - "Keep your Thetfords clean" which is indeed wise advice.





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1ST JULY 2023



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STEVEJAMES.WALES



A Money Can't Buy Visit to RAF Marham

Martin McCarthy, Chairman, North Walsham 41 Club

Every now and then there is a visit that you make with your Round Table Family, that you know will stick in your memory for quite some time.

The recent visit to RAF Marham in Norfolk made by North Walsham 41 Club is one of those that will do just that.

Organised by our member and National Fellowship Officer, Kelly Clarke, we were ably hosted on the day by Warrant Officer MO Howard MBE the Station Engagement Officer who was not only incredibly informative but, unfailingly patient throughout despite our repeated attempts to upset his visit schedule which was, naturally, meant to be timed with military precision. We were lucky enough to be joined by National President Jim Conway and Vice President Steve James and a few other guests who also shared in the fellowship on the day.

Mo started by giving us an overview of the base from its inception in 1916 to defend the UK from the hitherto unheard of aerial threat that was the Zeppelin, right up to the present day as the sole operating RAF base for the UK F-35B Lightning. The group then walked across to the Heritage Centre based in a former Catholic Church. Here the Club was given a whistle stop talk and a tour of the exhibits by Steve Roberts and Ken Delve. Their knowledge and enthusiasm for the proud history of RAF Marham was infectious and being able to get up close to a WE.177 bomb, which was for many years the UK's main nuclear

deterrent, was quite sobering when you considered the destructive force contained in something that could comfortably sit on a large sofa. The base was a pioneer of inflight refuelling, something that enabled a Vulcan aircraft to bomb Port Stanley airfield during the Falklands war and which is now vital for modern long distance airborne attack. We would highly recommend you pay them a visit if you are in the area and have a love for aircraft old or new and our nation's proud aviation history (www.marhamahc.org.uk).

WE then boarded an RAF bus for a whirlwind tour of the base around it's 6.5 mile perimeter road, dodging in and out to see different parts of the base with even more facts thrown at us by MO and as we went past the disused nuclear bunkers we were treated to two lightnings taking off just a hundred yards away from us an incredible sight.

At the dog section we were told that the dogs are allowed to bite and they will break bones without question if you happen to try and get onto the base without permission.

Just before leaving while we were taking photos with the gate guardian Tornado we were treated to a fly past by the two lightnings, how Kelly organised this we do not know.



After what was full afternoon visit, our members came away not only with a real understanding of the F-35B aircraft, it's modern armaments and it's incredible capabilities but also, and probably more importantly, the huge numbers of personnel and resources needed to put these incredible machines into the sky and keep them there. Not only that, the lengths that they go to, to protect these machines and their highly classified technology. At the end it is incredibly reassuring to know that on this one base alone there are several thousand forces personnel who, together with thousands more civilians, provide us with protection in an increasingly unsettled world and the ability to sleep peacefully in our beds.



41 Club & Tangent Cruise to the coastlines of Iceland & The Faroes

Jane Bizley, Dereham Tangent 791, NATC Executive Administrator 2022-2024

On the 5th September, 47 Members of 41 Club & Tangent Clubs set sail from Liverpool on the SS Borealis, travelling to the coastlines of Iceland and the Faroes for 11 nights.

We left on a cool, grey day knowing we were off on holiday, with wonderful times ahead and beautiful places to visit. Accompanied by many members we already knew, we knew we would have a great holiday and would make more friends along the way.



Not being keen on sea travel, I was unsure as to how much I would enjoy the 1217 nautical miles journey (1400 miles) but I didn't need to concern myself. We were very lucky with most of the sailing being reasonably calm, apart from the middle of one night when it did get a little bumpy shall we say!

Stuart & I had decided to book several guided tours, covering six out of the ten days we were at sea. These were optional and some members chose to do their own thing. On previous holidays we have booked guided tours which have been superb, as they have taken us to places, and parts of a country, we may never have seen without a guide. It has to be said that Iceland is not a cheap destination but having agreed that we may never go again we went for it.

Our first tour, on day 4, was to Reykjavik for the Golden Circle 8.5-hours tour. Whilst much time was spent on the coach, we saw such beautiful scenery, with lots of photo opportunities and a good soaking if you got too close to Strokkur, a fountain-type geyser located in a geothermal area beside the Hvítá River, and the stunningly beautiful Gullfoss waterfalls. The following day started a fraction later with a tour of panoramic Reykjavik, our first stop being at the Hallgrímskirja church, whose unique design was inspired by the basalt lava columns. We continued with our rather damp bus tour until we reached the home of the Icelandic President, where the Icelandic flag was at half-mast, our wonderful Queen having passed away only the day before.



Day 6 was spent at sea, sailing 558 miles from Reykjavik to Akureyri. Day 7's scenic tour was hampered slightly by the damp conditions but once we arrived at Laufás Regional Museum the drizzle was forgotten. Laufás turf house now belongs to the National Museum of Iceland and is run by the Akureyri Museum. What a remote, yet beautiful little place to visit. We returned to Akureyri, completing our tour with visits to the church and Nonni museums; it was like going back in time. Day 8 was somewhat more energetic, after all it was a hike. However this wasn't



quite what I had envisaged, as it was steeper than I thought, so having made two thirds of the hike, I ducked out and left Stuart to complete the adventure. Apparently I had just as good a view of Hengifoss waterfall from the seat I found, so why challenge yourself unnecessarily!

Day 9 and we have arrived in Klaksvik, The Faroes, where we took a guided hike to Klakkr Summit. A different day altogether - beautiful sunny blue skies, warm sunshine, less of an incline with easier paths and wonderful views of the spectacular landscape of the neighbouring islands of Eysturoy, Kallsoy and Kunoy. Day 10 in Torshavn for the Streymoy Sill Hiking didn't go quite to plan, so our guide re-routed our walk, which was a shortened version across fields, hills and streams, and still very pleasant until the rain caught up with us for the last five minutes.



The days at sea soon passed as there was always something happening - music, talks, quizzes, wine tastings - Stuart & I did two of these, for those who know us you will not be surprised by that. This was our first sea cruise and we were impressed with what the Fred Olsen experience had to offer. We shall definitely sail with them again the future. Plus, we enjoyed the company of 'old' 41 Club and Tangent friends, as well as making some wonderful new friends. We enjoyed great times, with excellent company, and brought home some lovely memories.





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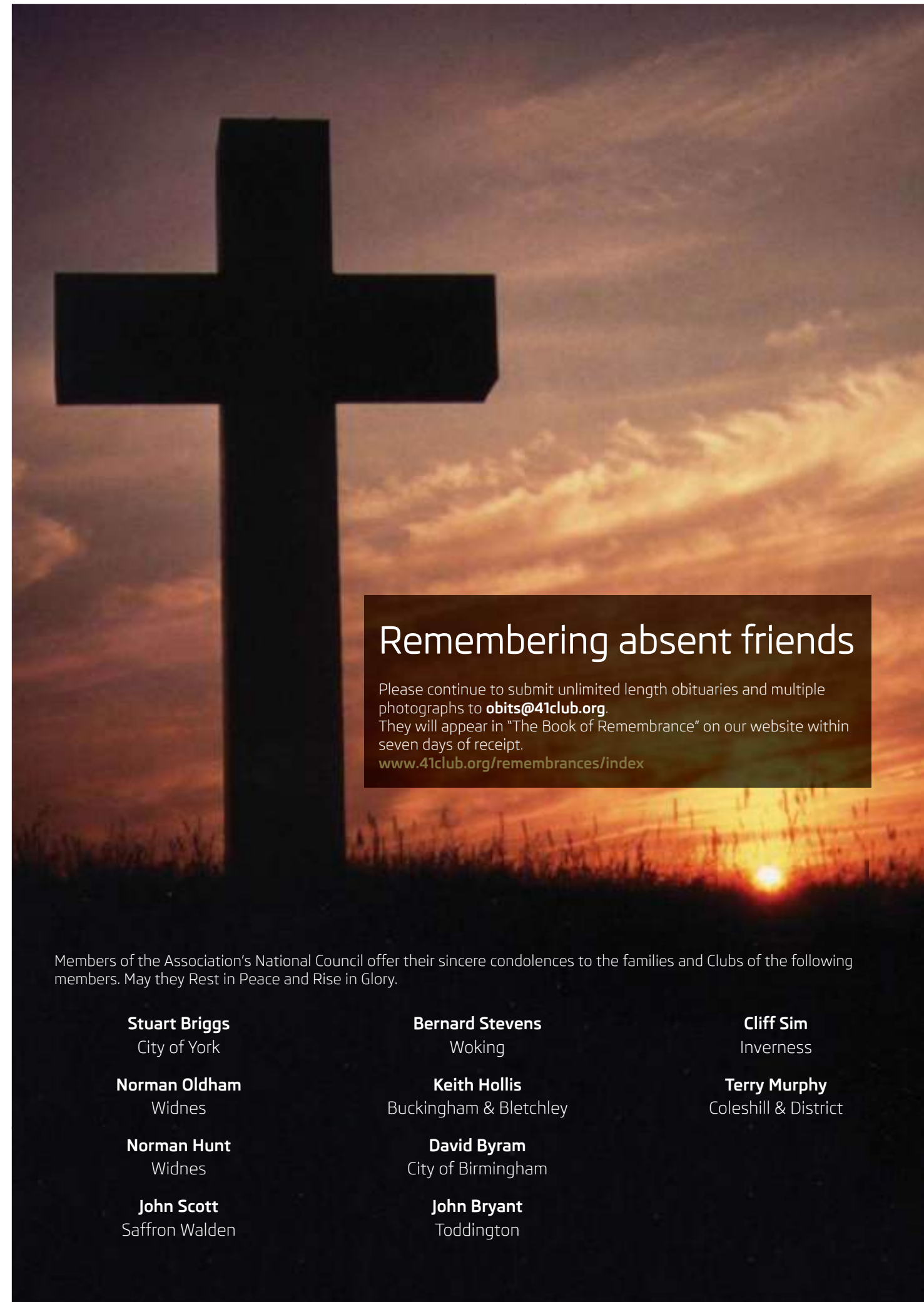
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Remembering absent friends

Please continue to submit unlimited length obituaries and multiple photographs to obits@41club.org. They will appear in "The Book of Remembrance" on our website within seven days of receipt. www.41club.org/remembrances/index

Members of the Association's National Council offer their sincere condolences to the families and Clubs of the following members. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Stuart Briggs
City of York

Bernard Stevens
Woking

Cliff Sim
Inverness

Norman Oldham
Widnes

Keith Hollis
Buckingham & Bletchley

Terry Murphy
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IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED QUEEN ELIZABETH II



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12th September 2022

Your Royal Highness King Charles III,

It is with profound sadness that I write this letter sending condolences on behalf of the National Association of Tangent Clubs following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, our beloved Queen, and your beloved mother.

Her reign of over 70 years guiding our country and the Commonwealth was conducted with the epitome of grace, honour and selfless service. The Queen will be sadly missed across the world and will be regarded as a greatly valued leader throughout history.

We wish to confirm our allegiance to you, our new King Charles III. We will honour and respect your reign.

Yours Sincerely

National Association of Tangent Clubs

Heather Parry
Heather Parry,
National President 2022-23



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Date: 13th September 2022
Re: Message of condolence from the Members of the Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs

Dear Sir:

We are deeply saddened to learn the news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We join with the nation in mourning the loss of Her Majesty who served us all with such dignity, warmth and kindness.

On behalf of the National Board, The National Council and the Members of the Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs, we extend our profound sympathy and condolences to His Majesty The King and the Royal Family.

Yours Faithfully


Jim Curway
National President
Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs
2022/3

Tangent Tiara Jubilant Jolly 12th June 2022

Mumbles Tangent Club organised a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday, 12th. June at my home in Mumbles.

We were very fortunate that, despite a busy schedule National President Heather made a huge effort to join us. Three other local Welsh clubs, Elli, Neath and Swansea also joined in the celebrations. It proved a great opportunity for us all to celebrate our Queen and NATC and to get to know President Heather even more..



*The 12th. June was for Mumbles Tangent a very special date.
Set aside our Queen's Platinum Jubilee to celebrate.
For to her coronation promise she has remained so true.
And served Britain, the Commonwealth, me and you.*

*Wearing that weighty crown into a seventieth year,
Always that radiant smile, rarely showing a tear.
And like the first Queen Bess with the heart of a lion.
For the empowerment of women, proving such a great icon.*

*Our NATC too has the wellbeing of women at its heart.
So we wanted to honour our Queen and play our part.
We each donned a tiara and a favourite frock.
And headed out to party by three or 'gin-o'clock'.*

*A night royal treat was enjoyed that afternoon,
Outside in the garden, as the weather was a boon!
A sumptuous feast on which we Tangent Ladies could dine,
And a flurry of 41 Club footmen pouring the wine.*

*And our current Tangent Queen, National President Heather,
Well, she travelled miles to join us - what a Tangent treasure!
Elli, Swansea and Neath Tangent Clubs were represented too.
Looking forward to meeting Heather and loving 'a bit of a do'.*

*Listening to President Heather speak was for all a sheer delight.
We marvelled at her zeal, her plans and the charity in her sight.
And we savoured together this chance to voice our praise,
As to our Queen, our Heather and NATC a glass we did raise.*



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IRISH REGIONAL LUNCH

Saturday 11th March 2023

The White Horse Hotel
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Coffee/Tea Reception 12 Noon

Lunch served at 1.00pm

COST including glass of wine **£40**

Amersham Tangent

Some of Amersham Tangent ladies spent a lovely day at Buckingham Palace in August. We toured 16 beautiful State Rooms and had a short guided walk through part of the gardens".



Book of Remembrance

Rose Walton
Ripley 158

June Eggleton
(Founder Chairman Caversham Ladies Circle) Caversham Tangent 532

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Past National President 1985-86

Sheila Mary Jennett Webster
Grimsby Tangent 445

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.

Reminiscing

Our wee Tangent group in City of Edinburgh had our August outing to The Festival Fringe and enjoyed a fabulous musical production of The Great Gatsby, performed by a very talented young cast from Shrewsbury School. Afterwards we went for a coffee to the upstairs gallery at the Royal Scottish Museum and were reminiscing about our last après-activity visit there.



It was in late February and we were delighted to be joined by former Ladies Circle National President, Janet Wareing. Janet is a friend of Karen in our group and was staying with her for a few days, going out and about in Edinburgh together.

The four of us met on the Royal Mile and went on a visit to Mary King's Close, a labyrinth of steep narrow alleyways and uneven stone-floored rooms underneath the City Chambers,

closed off by the city authorities in the 1600s to try to contain the plague. A young man dressed in character as a 17th century Spanish merchant (He was Spanish!) gave us a lively account of life in the city during those dark days. Families were decimated – large families affected by poverty and overcrowding in tall tenements with no running water or waste disposal, apart from the famous cry of “Gardyloo!” when the contents of chamberpots were tossed into the street from upstairs windows. Below the crag of the Royal Mile lay the stagnant and polluted Nor’ Loch, giving off noxious gases and breeding biting insects that would help transmit the plague. You would find it hard to visualise that nowadays when you look at the beautiful Princes Street Gardens that occupy that area.

It was a spooky fascinating tour of a hidden part of the city, reputed to be haunted, with strange sights and sounds reported on a regular basis. We emerged from the bowels of the earth into the bright light of the gift shop, an inescapable part of any visit anywhere. Here we are underground in a suitably sepia-tinted photo (obtainable at reception for a charge), then looking relieved in the shop area but still accompanied by the plague doctor, a



busy man who risked his own life to tend to others with only the protection of his voluminous cape and his “beak” filled with aromatic herbs, probably for aesthetic purposes only, rather than any actual hope of keeping germs at bay. As you can see, we were still, in February, wearing our own protection against our 21st century plague. Plus ça change, rien n’a changé!

Afterwards we sat in the lovely airy upstairs gallery of the Royal Scottish Museum and had a coffee and a natter, thanking our lucky stars for antiseptic hand-gel, vaccines and the NHS!

Evelyn Whitfield

A Story to remind us that time with your loved ones is so important.

Chris Doherty who wrote the story Donovan the Business Sloth Makes it home for Bedtime Stories, was the son of Janice, Chairman of Londonderry Tangent.



Chris was writing a book in lockdown for his sons Archie and Max, who were 2 years and 4 months old at the time. This was to be his first book called Donovan the Business Sloth makes it Home for Bedtime Stories, which would form a series of stories relating to his experiences of fatherhood. Chris loved nothing more than to read to his son Archie at the end of a busy day and one day to do the same with Max who was born in May 2021.

There were many times when his job meant that he didn't always make it home in time for bedtime stories, so his story of Donovan expresses how important it was to be able to read to his sons. His cousin Alex, a talented artist, brought the story to life in a beautiful way.

Chris was so passionate about being home at the boys' bedtime that he changed his job to somewhere local and closer to home.

One week after he started in his new role Chris passed away suddenly, in September 2021, following a cardiac arrest. He was 38 years old.

After his passing the family decided to finish his book and make it available to purchase and to donate 50% of all proceeds from the sales to BHF to go to research into heart disease. They also wanted the boys to know how much their dad loved them.

Most importantly, this book is for all who are parents with little ones, to remember that while work is important, having those special moments with your loved ones is also a most important thing.

Sales are going well and the book is shooting up the Amazon Bestseller list so helping to fight heart disease.

Sunflower Challenge

This year, as club chairman, I thought I would challenge the Ladies of Turriff and District to grow the tallest Sunflower. This was to be a fun challenge and everyone seemed happy to take part.



Then like most of the sunflowers the challenge grew and grew.

On a visit to Coastal Cluster Tangent I challenged them to beat Turriff and District. They agreed readily.

We decided we would also challenge the EClub as we had recently celebrated their first charter with them. They were keen to take on the challenge.

At that point it seemed selfish not to extend the challenge further, so we issued a challenge to all clubs via the Tangent Facebook page and/or email. The response was heartening and Sunflower seeds were soon winging their way across the country.

Our Tangent WhatsApp was filled with germinating seedlings and I've been told that it was the same with other clubs that took part.



It quickly became clear that this was a challenge of highs and lows as flowers didn't grow or fell foul of garden pests. It seemed that a Black Thumb award would be appropriate. Black thumb? It's the opposite of a Green finger!!

Thanks to our member Jill McCaw who agreed to decorate the trophies for the Challenge.

At the end of the challenge there was a clear winner, Southend on Sea's

Ruth Sage who managed to grow (and measure) a 10 foot sunflower. Congratulations to Ruth!

The National Black thumb award was won by Widnes and District Tangle's Lynda Wieland whose sunflowers didn't even manage to leave the packet!!

A big thanks to everyone who took part and sent us pictures of their sunflowers. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did.

The Turriff winner was Shona Riddell whose sunflowers reached 98 inches.

Our Black Thumb was Jill McCaw who admitted she was a bad Sunflower mummy but thought if she could revive her plants they would grow even taller than Shona's!

Unfortunately I obviously had miniature sunflower seeds as they only reached about 2 feet!!

Morag Daley



Scottish luncheon

Thank you all for travelling from near and far and for making the day so special. There was a long wait time for your appointment, but we appreciate your support and patience. My medical team thoroughly enjoyed hosting you. Seeing so many smiles in the ward after such a difficult time made it even more memorable.



We again thank you for attending Tangent Hospital and wish you all the very best with your recovery.

Hopefully we will see you again for a follow up.

YiCF
Julie White





Since then, I have been on holiday to the USA and could be seen with the Tangent badge on my cap everywhere I went.



Following that I had the most amazing experience volunteering at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, where I was able to share my enthusiasm for and promotional materials about Tangent to fellow volunteers. (photo)



My final big event of the summer was working side by side with Ladies Circle, supporting Children in Need at Car Fest South. As part of the raffle ticket selling team, I had my trusty 'Tangent Hat' with me, and I set myself the challenge to be photographed with as many celebrities as possible – preferably with them wearing the hat!



I am fortunate to belong to three tangents; Leicester LAFF, Nuneaton and Oldswinford and I've attended meetings and events for all three when I have been able to.

I'm looking forward to meeting lots of members and prospective members in the coming months at our events. If you would like any promotional materials or support with your club, please don't hesitate to contact me on membership@tangent-clubs.org.

Josie Blackburn Marketing & Membership

What a busy time it's been over the last couple of months. There's been lots of Tangent work and fun, making the most of the lovely weather and taking the time to get away for a much-needed holiday.

In June I attended the Northern Lunch in Hebden Bridge, with the rest of the Exec. What a fantastic event and a great reminder of (when faced with adversity) what communities can do to rebuild and become stronger. The excitement in the room, coupled with hope for the future was matched by the speaker, Lisa Farrand, who was simply inspiring. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Welsh Lunch as I was away – but I did enjoy seeing the photos on Facebook of everyone having a lovely time.

I've attended various meetings (both in person and virtually) to work with your National Exec and to further develop links with the Round Table Family of clubs. I hope that by working more closely together we can more effectively support existing Tangent Clubs across the country and establish new clubs too.

I am delighted that our links with Ladies Circle are proving to be fruitful. We will soon be launching two new clubs in The Wirral and Harleston (South Norfolk). Both have stemmed from recently established Ladies Circle groups. Thank you, ladies! I'm also working with three other new clubs in the pipeline (Flintshire, Wilmslow Area and Dunmow) and am travelling to meet these when I can. A big thank you to those members who are buddying up with new clubs to help support them.

I'm also taking the opportunity to promote Tangent where I can – either by wearing the logo or having promotional materials with me to hand out. I started this in May when a group of us from LAFF Tangent completed the Moonwalk.



Jocelyn Miles Treasurer

When I set about writing a little something ahead of the June issue of the magazine, little did I know what a scorcher of a summer it would turn out to be! We got round eventually to rebuilding rotting timber terracing in our back garden earlier in the year at home and the bare beds needed some plants. These duly went in at the beginning of June and I became an expert at belaying the hose in and out whilst we still could, to try and keep them all alive - along with the lettuce, courgettes, beetroot, parsley, tomatoes and rhubarb elsewhere in the garden, all of which made the most of the warm and dry weather!

I've also honed my previously non-existent puppy-wrangling skills over the past few months to help one of my daughters and have progressed with some much needed and timely family administration over the summer period too. Paid work has kept me out of trouble and although the pressure on that front has been a little lighter, there has not been time for a proper holiday – but hopefully we can put that right later in the year.

Weaving through these other activities, my very enjoyable Tangent life as an Exec member has continued apace. Since my last missive, I've attended

the Circle AGM and the Northern and Welsh Regional Lunches, where we have been warmly welcomed and richly entertained by our super Tangent friends. I've also been able to fit in a couple of meetings with my own Club in Harpenden and before this next issue reaches you, we will have been able to meet some of the girls north of the border at the Scottish Regional Lunch, which also promises to be full of fun and frolics with friends. As well as keeping in touch regularly as an Exec, we have already enjoyed a meeting up with our counterparts in 41 Club and the second session coming up at the end of the month, is sure to be informative and rewarding too.

Thank you all for your efforts in getting in your capitation and for updating us with your Club membership and other key details. Only a few more Clubs need to do this before the end of September, and I know we will be well and truly ship shape thereafter!

Yours in continued friendship,
J0celyn

Pocklington & District Tangent



On 9th August, organised by our member Gail Dalley, we had a very moving and inspiring presentation about Mercy Ships by speakers Lorraine and Peter Montgomery, both of whom have worked tirelessly for the charity for many years. In case you, like me, have not come across Mercy Ships before, they are quite literally floating hospitals.

The charity is an international organisation that deploys the ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering free healthcare to those in desperate need. For example, in parts of Africa people where the majority of people live on less than £2 per day, healthcare often does not exist or is unaffordable. When Mercy Ships arrive in those places they offer direct medical care including surgery,

and the training and mentoring of local health professionals.

Through their 5 year plan, each country visited is helped to begin supporting itself and relationships are built with local healthcare providers so that not only are immediate needs met but the root causes of the problems also.

The ships are fitted with state of the art equipment and are run entirely

by volunteers. It is not just doctors and medics, who make up to 50%, but other roles such as Marine Officer or even barista in the Starbucks café on board. Volunteers, who pay their own fare and daily living costs, can be any age and can sign up to help on board from as little as 2 weeks.

Lorraine and Peter gave examples of very heart felt patient stories – there was not a dry eye in the hall. At the break we held a raffle in aid of the charity. The evening was a huge success and with further donations we raised £438.80. In August any on line donations were doubled.

If you want to find out more, book a speaker or donate please visit the website: www.mercyships.org.uk

Finally, a huge thank you to speakers Peter and Lorraine, to Gail for organising and to all those who supported the raffle and gave donations, which have been gratefully received.

Pocklington Tangent
pocktangent@gmail.com



Sue Eyre
Secretary

Hello Ladies,

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer and are looking forward to Tangent events locally and nationally for the rest of the year.

The highlight of my summer was supporting the fundraising for Re-engage by taking part in my first Open Water Swimming Challenge with my fiancé, John Kilshaw. Conditions were not ideal and particularly challenging, but we managed to complete the course and raise over £1,300 in the process. We are extremely grateful to everyone who supported and sponsored us.

Thank you to all the ladies that helped with any queries as I finalised the 2022-23 Directory which your Club contact should have received. A copy of the minutes from the 56th AGM would have also been included unless your Club opted to go 'paperless'. The AGM minutes are available on the AGM page of the Tangent website in the Members' Area.

If you are a Club contact and you have not received any of the above information, please contact me on secretary@tangentclubs.org or visit the Tangent website to check your Club's contact details.



I look forward to meeting more of our members at the forthcoming Regional Lunches. .

Yours in continued friendship,
Sue x



Jane Bizley
Executive Administrator

Hi ladies,

By the time you read this me and my husband, Stuart, will have been on the 41 Club cruise to Iceland and the Faroe Islands. This is bit brave for me, as the only other cruise we have done was with 41 Club down the Danube – I could always see land, just about!! A gin or two might help...

I hope you have enjoyed a good summer and been busy getting out and about, with your Clubs, with family or with both. I have been busy with my Admin role – I've attended the Northern & Welsh Regional Lunches, 5 Zoom meetings, 3 face-to-face Exec meetings, one of which included a brief joint board meeting with 41 Club, the 41 Club walking weekend (highly recommend) & typed 7 sets of minutes!!

I have been out and about with my own Tangent Club, Dereham & District 791, which saw us taking a trip the local RSPCA Wildlife Centre, where we were given a tour of their facilities & a talk on the work they do. We visited the seals in their recovery pool, some of which were being released into the North Sea the next day. In June we, like many others, celebrated the Queen's 70 years with a red, white & blue themed party. I'm sorry to say that I missed our July meeting, the first meeting not attended for at least 3 years, on the other hand Ronan Keating was well worth it!!

With my husband Stuart being a 41 Club Councillor & me being on the Exec. the past four months have been rather chaotic. We have managed to find some time for us, including a visit to family in Brussels, several theatre visits & saw Elton John live – amazing show!



Summer is always busy for us, as we are golfers, so there have been regular ladies & mixed competitions, league & friendly matches + Club knockouts. Stuart & I have made it to the final of the Warren Cup, which we have won twice before, & we have to play our neighbours.....will it be friendly, yes of course it will, but we would still love to win of course!

I look forward to meeting up with many of you over the coming months with Heather's President's lunch, South West RL in October & South East RL in November just around the corner. Enjoy your up-&-coming meetings, ladies. (401)

Yours in Continued Friendship,
Jane xx

Propositions and Nominations needed soon

We are starting to work on all the information we need to share for the 2023 AGM in Jersey. Please consider putting forward a proposition for the AGM Agenda if you or your Club feel strongly about an issue.

In April 2023 the following three positions will become available on the National Executive:

- **National Vice-President** (a 3-year role which includes President and Immediate Past President)
- **National Secretary** (a 2-year role)
- **Editor and Website Co-ordinator** (a 2-year role)

If you are interested in applying for one of the above positions, please contact the National Secretary at secretary@tangent-clubs.org for more information or visit the Members' Area of the Tangent website.

NOMINATIONS!



Both the Proposition and Nomination forms will be shared in a future Club mailing and will be made available in the Members' Area of the Tangent website. Completed forms must be submitted by Saturday 31st December 2022.

Celebrating the Past

Southend Tangent Celebrated Bastille Day in style with a French themed buffet of Cheese, pate French bread and French apple tart. We raised £60 on our monthly raffle which I was lucky enough to win, which was a basket of French goodies. And some of the Council Members wore Napolian style hats which were made by the late Martin Young. A really great evening was had by all.



Decades of Celebrations



We have 5 ladies in Ashbourne Tangent that celebrate 60, 70, 80, 90 and 100 this year. We had a birthday cake and prosecco at our last night meeting which we celebrated with 41 club at a BBQ.

Thank you to jackybrowncashbourne47@gmail.com

Presidents Charity Lunch Hoyle Court in Shipley

My Charity Lunch was held at Hoyle Court, Shipley on 17th Sept 2022. The weather was bright and sunny enabling us to use the balcony and gardens during the event. To continue our united theme this year both Jim Conway President of Round Table and Fiona Bull president of Ladies Circle joined me for the day. Everyone was in good spirits and the event was I am pleased to say a sellout.

The atmosphere was one of friendship, with conversations humming around the room. It was fantastic to meet up with some old, new, and familiar friends, to enjoy each other's company, have a lovely meal and be entertained. I cannot think of a better way to spend your day.

Once again, I was tried to raise the profile of Reengage, let people know about their fantastic work and raise some valuable funds. I was delighted to announce that we raised £4000. I am incredibly delighted with this and cannot thank you all enough for your support.



These Lunches never happen without a lot of planning and attention to detail, I would like to thank Sue Matthews, Andrea Hargraves, Claire Iles, Bev Walters, Lene Willumsen, and Kari Lawson who were my Lunch team from Baildon Tangent. Not forgetting all the other members from Baildon who supported on the day, well done ladies you did a wonderful job.



Tracey Pickin Immediate Past President

IPP is a strange role, it's a bit like falling off a cliff and perhaps more so this year as our role in TCI has come to an end. I did therefore wonder whether IPP therefore needed to be an Exec role but 6 months in, I am confident that it does. I have been busy. I am picking up all the bits and pieces which might otherwise fall through the cracks, helping with whatever, whenever needed as well as putting together the Newsletters, I hope you have enjoyed them – if not, please tell me what you would like. Newsletter design is a new experience for me, I'm still learning....

As the option to attend TCI AGM via Teams was removed, I did attend the meeting in Bergen in person and made GB&I's farewell to TCI. A full report of the part of the meeting I was allowed to attend is on the website. I have since been seeking views on how we might continue international relationships

outside the structure of TCI and will be discussing this with the Exec and sharing with you very soon.



I thoroughly enjoyed the much-postponed Northern Regional Lunch and was sad not to be able to attend and catch up with you at the Welsh and Scottish Lunches (a special wedding and illness) but look forward to seeing you around over the coming months.

As Long as Forever

The poem I used at the Scottish lunch
I changed a few words from the original

**As long as forever
I will stand by your side
I will be your companion
Your friend and your guide**

**As long as we live
And as long as we care
Tangent will be with us
It will take us anywhere**

**Friends will bring you sunshine
And comfort your fears
It will gather up rainbows
To chase all your tears**

**As long as forever
Tangent friends will be true
For as long as they live
They will be there for you**

Based on a poem by Starry Eyes



Shirley Chard Vice President

Life as your VP has certainly been busier than I expected. I have had quite a bit to get my head around as I am still trying to get ready for my President's year starting in April. It is getting very close and still quite a lot to do!

I have now got tickets ready for my President's Charity Lunch on July 15th 2023 with an early bird price of £45, but please be quick as this price goes up after October 28th. The lunch will be held at 'The Mill at Sonning' near Reading. It is a really old venue with a working water wheel in the bar. The price includes a two course meal and welcome drink, with a full professional performance of the musical 'Gypsy' all about Gypsy Rose Lee. I have had to buy the tickets up front and need to see how they are selling to see if I need to purchase more as the price will go up in October and would mean we may need to limit numbers.

We have a full year of Regional Lunches for Heather's year, but only a couple organised for my year. So if you would like to run a regional lunch, please get in touch as I am the National contact point for these lunches and you can get me on vice-president@tangent-clubs.org and I will be pleased to discuss it with you. We have organisers for the Northern, Scottish and Welsh Regional Lunches in my year, but none of the others yet. So please consider if your club can offer otherwise, we may not be able to hold these lunches which so many obviously enjoy. I am certainly looking forward to meeting up with many of you over the next few years at Regional Lunches, on Club visits, at conferences, 41 Club events and at any other events put on.

I thought this time I would include a photo of me on the 41 Club walking weekend, which counted towards the total miles I needed to walk for the Ladies Circle President's charity, the Samaritans. We all try to do our bit for charity and the community and by publicising it, we can encourage others.



I have been processing the sales orders as I receive them, mainly for Marcasite Jewellery and New Member Packs. We also sell badges, car stickers and pens. If you would like to order any of these items, please contact me.

I am including some photos of the Marcasite jewellery in case you have not seen the range.

YICF, Shirley

I joined Heather's attempt to break the Guinness World Record, filling teapots as though my life depended on it! She was so close!!

Our Exec meetings have been full and fun and joining 41 Club for their Board and Council meeting is always interesting. Having a little more time to socialise with friends whom I have not been able to see has been a joy as has being able to thank those who

were such a support to me last year especially my own Tangent ABOTS. We enjoyed a lovely day at Cotswold Gin Distillery and an evening in Stratford on the hottest day of the year – we had to keep well hydrated (well that was our excuse anyway!).

Keep enjoying Tangent.

YICF

Tracey x





Heather Parry National President Tangent Clubs 2022-2023

I must start this report by expressing my profound sadness on hearing the news about the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We have paid tribute to her, and your 70th Jubilee celebrations in the centre pages of this magazine.

Thank you, ladies, for the warm welcomes I have received on my travels to clubs, since the last magazine I have made 25 visits. Traveling from Mumbles in the South up to Pitlochry in the North, I have tried to do a montage of the visits here.

During the last 3 months I have attended 3 regional Lunches.



The Northern lunch was the 1st on June 17th at Sunny Hebdon Bridge where we celebrated "Sunshine after the Rain", it was remarkable to see the transformation of the town after the horrible floods it endured in the winter of 2020. Hebdon had been planning this regional lunch since 2018, they did their town and Tangent proud, a great day was had by all. The day ended with music performed a fantastic local brass band, there was much singing and flag waving.



The Welsh lunch took place on July 23rd, again this had been a much-postponed event and had also been rearranged 3 times, the buzz and hum of laughter and conversation throughout the day showed how pleased and relaxed everyone was as we came together to celebrate Tangent.



The Scottish Lunch was on September 10th. This was the last of the rearranged regional Lunches, this was launched in 2019 during the last Scottish lunch. What a day we had, although it was tinged with sadness at the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II only 2 days before. The venue was the Surgeon's Hall Museum, where the medical theme was excellently continued throughout the day with patient wrist bands, treatment waiting room, the Ward for our treatment (the lunch), and the pharmacy where those who won raffle prizes could collect their prescriptions. Well done ladies! this will be remembered for quite some time.



Charters: - I have visited Tettenhall's 48th, Andover's 50th, Preston's 15th, Gloucester's 45th (but 65th Birthday), Epsom 50th, Bedford 50th, Bishop Stortford 50th and Troon 1st. I have been very humbled by the warmth and generous support for my chosen Charity Reengage.



Other Visits:- Bowls in Haworth, Gourmet & friendship night Hallamshire, Friendship night Southend, Jolly tiara Jubilee Mumbles, Salmon and Strawberries Stourbridge, BBQ Dereham. Meeting nights at Pitlochry, Ossett and Horbury and Taunton. Fred Olsen ship visit, 41Club and Tangent Walking weekend, Jersey AGM planning meeting, 41Club council meeting. As you can see, I have been getting about in the best possible way!!



Charity Events: - The Round Table Family Challenge the Guinness World Record, which unfortunately we failed to achieve by 74 cups of Tea !!! which was reported on in the last newsletter. The silver lining was meeting Princess Anne who showed a great interest in what we were doing how we were doing it and my charity Reengage.



I also travelled to Scotland to support Sue Eyre and John Kilshaw in the Loch Tay swimming Challenge which has raised £1320 to date, what a fantastic effort!!



I have 36 events scheduled before the next Magazine, which will include the 41Club lead Round Table Family Challenge, which is visiting all of the 42 Scottish football Clubs in the shortest possible time, I will be putting the route and timings on the website and Facebook, hopefully some of you can meet us and spur us onward, we will be quite tired by the end traveling nonstop around Scotland. This will start at Ross County on 11th October, So as you can see, I will have lots to tell you about in the next edition.



National President Heather invites you to her

Charity Ball

In aid of



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Saturday 11th February 2023
7pm, seating at 8pm, carriages at 11.30am

Dance the night away as you listen to The Zoots

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Shirley's Presidential Charity Lunch

A lunch with a difference

Saturday 15th July 2023

The Mill at Sonning, Sonning Eye, Reading RG4 6TY

Includes a 2 course lunch

with a performance of Gypsy the musical

Early bird price is £45

After 28th October £50.00

To request a booking form
Please email shirleyslunch@gmail.com

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Saturday 18th Feb 2023
The Copthorne Hotel, Merry Hill

Ticket price £39.00

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CALLING ALL WINE CONNOISSEURS AND DRINKERS

THE 'NOT SO SCARY' SUPERMARKET WINE TASTING

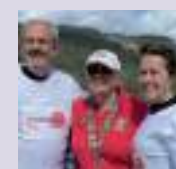
8.00pm 31 October 2022 on Zoom
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- Finest Vinas del Rey Albarino - Tesco
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Welcome

So happy to celebrate our first joint Tangent and 41 Club Magazine

We would appreciate your comments on the joint magazine which we hope will provide you with a broader outlook on our two associations, and all that we share. Ideas can be sent to editor@tangent-clubs.org

In the meanwhile, thank you for registering on the website and keeping your Clubs updated online. For those who prefer to access the Magazine online it will also be available on the website to read at your leisure. More of our members also continue to join us on Facebook and on social media where we collectively share our future events, meetings, and the success of them. Please continue to add your pictures. As do 41 Club with specialist groups which you can also join such as cruising, walking and food.

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this copy of Tangent News, and apologies if I have not shared your story and pictures, as we have only a limited amount of space this issue. I look forward to seeing what you have been up to for the next magazine. You may find some of your pictures in this year's 2023 Tangent Friendship Calendar, which will be available to buy very soon from the Exec members at £5 each and the funds supporting Reengage our Presidents Charity.

I personally would like to thank all the Tangent members who spend their time creating our Tangent Regional Lunches, Balls, and Conferences and am so pleased that we have had many of them recently oversubscribed. However, it goes sometimes without saying that our own, often small, local events can bring us great friendship and comfort when needed. Thank you especially to Darwen Tangent who turned out for the Quiz Night and supper and did us proud recently. (Pictured below)



Should you enjoy promoting the amazing Tangent Club we all belong to, or have a keen interest in social media, and photography, this Editor and Website Coordinator role may be your next main hobby. My time ends in April, and I would love to hand the role over to an enthusiast in Jersey 2023.

The next copy deadline for the Tangent News will be 11th January 2023.

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