

The following is an extract from Ian Vincent's tribute at Tim's funeral:

Tim's interest in croquet as a serious sport was awakened by a test match between GB and New Zealand, hosted by the Nottingham Croquet Club in August 1974. He was impressed not only by the skill of the players, but also the friendly spirit in which the match was played, with a winning pair fetching ice creams for their opponents from a van parked alongside the lake nearby.

Tim joined the Nottingham club and was fortunate to find that it had a few other young and enthusiastic players, who were generously tolerated by those many years their senior. He quickly improved and won the C Class in the annual tournament in 1977. He also went on to win some of the internal club competitions and was a formidable opponent when armed with bisques in handicap play.

He became Treasurer of the club when his predecessor moved away and undertook the role with quiet efficiency: in one year he presented the accounts to the auditor on 2nd January. Record keeping and statistical analysis were a life-long interest, with subjects ranging from cricket, to the stock market, home energy consumption and rainfall.

Tim and Hilary met at Nottingham Croquet Club, their relationship flourished and they were married in Loughborough in 1985. After Tim was made redundant in 1992, Hilary became the breadwinner and a series of job moves brought them to East Sussex in 1999.

Tim again became a stalwart club Treasurer, this time at Compton. He and Hilary together catered for many tournaments here, making and renewing friendships while doing so, and he did much for the club behind the scenes. Their service was recognised by the award of a Croquet Association Diploma in 2013.

Sadly, ill-health then began to progressively restrict his activities. He continued to keep his statistical analyses throughout his life and bore his physical ailments with dignity and his irrepressible sense of humour.