

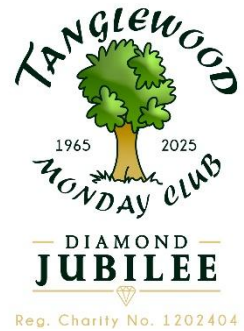
TANGLEWOOD

Providing leisure activities for people with a learning disability since 1965

Meets every Monday evening at Harrow Borough F.C.,

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“Disabled people have the same fundamental rights as their fellow citizens of the same age; First & foremost, to enjoy a decent life, as normal and as full as possible” – United Nations resolution (No. 3447) Dec. 1975.

ANNUAL & FINANCIAL REPORT

1st NOVEMBER 2024 - 31st OCTOBER 2025

OUR Diamond Jubilee YEAR



WE ARE VERY PROUD TO BE CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY PROVIDING LEISURE ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY.

The mayor of Harrow Cllr Anjana Patel is cutting the cake at one, of two, parties we organised to celebrate the amazing milestone in Tanglewood's history

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Chairman's report

I can't believe that when I first walked into that wooden hut, in the grounds of Tanglewood Hostel in Common Road Stanmore, on Monday 9th February 1970 that almost 56 years later, I would be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Tanglewood. As we entered our 60th year in November 2024 I was determined that this would be a very very special year. There can't be many, if any, social clubs like ours that have celebrated their Diamond Jubilee.

Shortly before the year began I inherited a rather large amount of money from a dear family friend who had died aged 98. His will had stipulated that some named charities, mainly transport related but did include Tanglewood, should receive £5,000 each - with the remaining amount coming to me. As executor I carried out his wishes, in fact I doubled all the mounts except Tanglewood's. We used his donation to fund a new set of Tanglewood garments, all with our new Diamond Jubilee logo and in our new lighter shade of green, to all club members and helpers. By more luck and judgement, the total cost of this came to just over the £5,000 donation we had received.



I got to thinking about what I could do with my share of the estate – the idea of Tanglewood owning two mini buses had been discussed many times over the years. From the clubs opening night, up until 2012 it just wouldn't be worth the expense, we were getting three mini buses free of charge from Harrow Council every week. When that invaluable service stopped it meant we had to finance transporting our club members to and from club. We did receive grants from the Council to help pay those costs but, as you may recall, that stopped completely at the beginning of Covid. However, the question still remained “was it worth the expense of buying two vehicles and then having to tax and insurance them, just to use them once a week.” This was solved when I negotiated with Harrow Community Transport that Tanglewood would buy two mini buses, and they (HCT) would tax, insure and maintain them, and use them during the day, whilst we have free use of them on Mondays and the occasional weekend. This was the ideal solution so I donated enough money to buy two 17 seater minibus, with our logo's on them and within a few weeks they were being put to good use by HCT and us.



Finding drivers for these minibuses is a different matter altogether. I've been driving buses and coaches since 1968 but would you believe it I can't drive these because "I'm too old" what a cheek!

We have been very lucky – Dave and Suzanne Carlen (the latter being club member Julie Greenway's sister) volunteered for driving and escorting duties and club helper Alan Hovell also went through the necessary training to become a driver of HCT operated vehicles. Alan Gee acts as an escort and Anita Langley has also recently taken up escorting duties. For various reasons we do have to sometimes use HCT drivers and for that, we do have to pay them but it is still worth it and I am proud to have been able to contribute financially in the purchase of them.



It goes without saying that the highlight of the year was our Diamond Jubilee celebrations. I decided to have two events, one on the Saturday then another two days later just for club members. (I did a similar thing for our Golden Jubilee). The Saturday event was a buffet dance with a fantastic Beach Boys tribute band, pictured left, providing the entertainment. It was an amazing event attended by 100 people and the band were amazing.

The lovely Lianne from Harrow Borough did all the food for us at both events which was quite an achievement.



Lianne is pictured, left, receiving a much deserved bunch of flowers.

Two days later and we had a party at club – The Mayor of Harrow was there and entertainment was by our favourite "girl" Suze. Both the mayor and Suze are pictured right. Once again it was a great night – worthy of a Diamond Jubilee event.

So yes, it was a great year but it was not all celebrations – we lost some very good friends. Former club helper Christina passed away in January and just four months later, club helper Vic also left us – both died far far too young and will be sadly missed. Anita's father passed away in June and we lost club member Sandra Burst in September.

The excitement of our Diamond celebrations were still fresh in our memory when we found out that Harrow Borough F.C. are in the process of trying to sell their ground, including all the premises and of course our club room. This would mean that for the third time in our history, Tanglewood would be homeless. It could be years before this happens – getting planning permission to build houses on the site, and therefore changing the use of the land would be far from easy. However, local and national governments are trying to fast-track sites available for building much-needed homes so it could happen. What would we do? Watch this space!!! On the following page I will take a chronological look back over our 60th year, and on page 5 my usual look at our attendances records both past and present and our finances are on pages 6 & 7



NOVEMBER 2024 - We held our first Wii™ bowling game competition since 2019 and in the final Paul Havard beat Kevin Sweeney. Paul also got the highest score of the tournament = 237

DECEMBER 2024 - I announced that every club member would receive a complete set of Tanglewood garments with our new Logo and colour -= Tee shirt, Polo shirt, Sweat shirt, rain coat and baseball cap = £80 worth of clothing all Free thanks to a donation from the estate of Fred Ivey RIP.

JANUARY – We mourned the loss of our much-loved former club helper Christina.

FEBRUARY – Our Strictly Tanglewood Dancing event was won by Debbie Brice & Paul Havard who scored a perfect 40pts. Tanglewood buy's it's first ever Mini Bus – not one, but two

APRIL – We held a cockney sing-a-long night featuring Tom Carradine. (see picture below)

MAY - We were all shocked when the news broke about Vic Sanders passing away after being a club helper of over 30 years. Our annual football prediction competition was won by someone at Harrow Borough, Nick Ringham, who won it back in 2012

JUNE – We ran a small outing to the “Lost Jungle” crazy golf centre near Edgware. (Hopefully the first of many small outings now we have our own minibuses). There was a shock result in the Pool final when the defending champion 14-times a previous champion, Kevin Sweeney, lost to Chris Gridley.

JULY – Our main summer outing was to Woburn Animal Safari. (we last went there 41 years ago!)

AUGUST – Another Wii™ bowling game final (the 2025 tournament) took place and it delivered another shock result – Scott Irons was the clear favourite, he had scored a maximum 300 earlier in the competition but, despite taking a 2-0 lead, he lost the match to an exuberant Syed Amin. Syed is pictured receiving his winners shield from the lovely Maureen Davis. (The shield is named in memory of her son and former club member Christopher)

SEPTEMBER – Club member Sandra Burst passed away aged 82.

OCTOBER – Our Glorious Diamond Jubilee. It did cost almost £7,000 to put on but we did receive £1,000 in donations and took £770 selling tickets

Below - The Tom Carradine St Georges day event in April which was great success especially as it was the 80th Anniversary of VE day (You will be pleased to know that we have booked Tom to come along to club on February 23rd as we are celebrating someone's special birthday)



ATTENDANCE



The last club of our Diamond Jubilee year, 27th October, was our 2,579th club night. However, accurate records of who actually attended club only got back as far as our 809th club night (14th April 1980), so the maximum clubs any club member could have attended since that date is 1,879. Below, left, is a top 20 club members who have attended the most clubs (since 1980 or when they started). On the right is the percentage attendance. (To qualify for this list you must have been able to attend at least 100 club nights) - ENJOY

Pos in Nov'24	Pos now	date joined	clubs attended	Max poss	Pos '24	Pos now		%	
01	01	Julie Greenway	pre 1980	1770	1879	01	01	Debbie Brice	99.8
02	02	Susan Britchford	pre 1980	1757	1879	02	02	Mark Bucke	98.9
03	03	Robert Ward	pre 1980	1646	1879	03	03	Kevin Sweeney	98.8
04	04	Julie Valentine	pre 1980	1559	1879	--	04	Mayur Joshi	96.5
06	05	Robert Miller	3/8/87	1506	1581	04	05	Kavitha Tarcisius	96.2
07	06	Kevin Sweeney	17/5/93	1314	1329	05	06	Paul Havard	95.9
08	07	Sandra Burst (RIP)	29/10/90	1269	1423	07	07	Karen Havard	95.6
09	08	Paul Edwards	1/12/86	1267	1606	11	08	Usha Myanger	95.5
10	09	Noreen Kelly	4/2/92	1205	1416	06	09	Syed Amin	95.3
11	10	Vicky Hansen	18/7/94	1060	1271	08	10	Robert Miller	95.2
12	11	Karen Havard	11/8/99	1004	1050	10	11	Matt. Blenner'sett	95
12	12	Kavitha Tarcisius	2/11/99	1002	1041	09		Emma Wilkinson	95
14	13	Jenny Carr	9/12/98	1001	1077	14	13	Paul Edwards	94.2
16	14	Simon Parsons	18/1/01	931	990	12		Julie Greenway	94.2
15	15	Natalie Killestein	24/4/95	930	1244	13	15	Scott Irons	94.1
16	16	Richard Stones	21/2/00	918	1029	16	16	Simon Parsons	94
18	17	Emma Wilkinson	16/7/01	965	965	15	17	David Evans	93.8
19	18	Paul Havard	14/10/01	917	957	17	18	Susan Britchford	93.5
20	19	Syed Amin	2/6/03	845	886	--	19	Jenny Carr	92.3
-	20	Adam Wild	12/6/00	806	1016	--	20	Mohamed Abdulla	91

Current club helpers attendance since 1994 (or when started)
As with club members 100 pos clubs needed for the total %)

	Att 24/25	Total att	Max pos	%
Geoff Havard	44	1435	1570	92.4
Chas Englefield	43	1363	1570	86.5
Alan Gee	41	123	134	91.8
Jane Ballard	38	278	332	83.7
Sue Gould	38	103	121	85.1
Anita Langley	35	290	450	64.4
Carol Gridley	33	281	455	61.7
Alan Hovell	28	102	131	77.8
Jackie Howard	23	393	723	54.5

My sincere thanks to everyone mentioned on this page for their continued and loyal support over this amazing year, all the years and those yet to come.

The following club members are all on 90%
Prafulla Tanna (90.7) Joanne Potter (90.5)
Richard Stones (90)

Of the 52 Mondays in this financial year, there was no clubs on Dec 23rd & 30th (xmas), Apr. 21st (Easter), May 5th & 26th (bank holidays) July 21st & 28th (TV film crew on site) & 25th Aug (bank holiday). Of the remaining 44 club nights, the following club members attended all of them:- Mark Bucke, Mayur Joshi, Usha Myanger, Kevin Sweeney & Prafulla Tanna.
Debbie Brice, Sandra Bucke, Paul Edwards & Simon Parsons attended 43 and those listed below attended 40 or more,
Mohamed Abdulla, Jenny Carr, Karen Havard, Robert Ward (42) Matthew Blennerhassett, David Evans, Paul Havard, Scott Irons, Richard Stones (41), Mary Green, Julie Greenway, Chris Gridley Vicky Hansen, Kavitha Tarcisius and Emma Wilkinson (40)

So, just under half of our membership attended 91% or more club nights. Our average attendance was 38.8

F I N A N C E**I N C O M E****1st November 2024 - 31st October 2025**

2023/24		
28,188.43	Opening balance as at 01/11/2024	30,774.40
241.50	Cash in hand	44.18
6,978.50	Weekly subscriptions	7,230.00
816.00	Club shop takings	668.92
7,500.00	Transfer from 100 club (No. 2 A/c)	6,000.00
1,050.00	Football prediction comp. (2025/26)	970.00
N/A	Ticket sales for Diamond Jubilee	770.00
3,888.44	Donations (see below)	108,660.00
24,610.94	Total Income	<u>124,298.92</u>
53,040.87		<u>155,117.50</u>

**DONATIONS****No. 1 account**

HBFC Golf society	£1,300.00**
Geoff Havard	£100,000.00*
Mr Fred Ivey (RIP)	£5,000.00
In mem. Of Fred Ivey	£650.00
Mr & Mrs Potter	£250.00
In mem.of Vic Sanders	£100.00
Invictus Lodge	£500.00**
Dennis Willis	£500.00**
Vanic Vaishnav social club	360.00
	<u>£108,660.00</u>

No. 2 account

Leo Weir	£250.00
John Hill	£125.00
Peter Brown	£62.50
	<u>£437.50</u>

No. 2 ACCOUNT (100 CLUB)**INCOME**

Opening balance	395.25
Subs rec'd	11,830.00
Donations	437.50
(from winnings)	<u>12,662.75</u>

EXPENDITURE

Prize money	5,625.00
Transfer to No. 1 A/C	6,000.00
Closing bank balance	<u>1,037.75</u>
	<u>12,662.75</u>

NOTES ON INCOME & EXPENDITURE

*= This donation was specifically to finance the purchase of our very own Minibuses – two of them – as explained elsewhere in this report.

**= These donations were specifically for our Diamond Jubilee events.

Expenditure was always going to be high during this very special year. However, the expenditure on the minibuses was financed by donation and even the almost £7,000 we spent on our Diamond Jubilee events and that includes the £3,815.33 spent on memento's was partly offset by £2,300 in donations and £770 taken on the night.

So tasking those two facts into account our overall turn-over was about the same as in previous years.

Our accurate financial records go back over 50 years – to 1974 – looking at those records the total amount of donations we have ever received doubled in the last 12 months from £93,000 to almost 202,000 (excluding Harrow Council grants). Income from the 100 club was down on last year because we have 3 unallocated numbers. Our total income since 1974 now stands at £759,615.55

Our expenditure on parties was £9,622.86 (the highest since 2015) – that is roughly £253 per club member (£33 more than the subs paid by club members who attended all 44 club nights.) Our transport expenditure, £1,712.40 was the lowest since 2012 (the year we had to start financing our transport). Our expenditure on rent, since we had to finance it in 2009, = £97,200. It shows as £5,400 in this years balance sheet because we were late paying the final quarter and that will appear in the 2025/26 balance. Our total expenditure since 1974 comes to £742,601.17

EXPENDITURE**1st November 2024 - 31st October 2025****2023/24 GENERAL**

500.00	Club equipment	1,239.98	
64.39	Milk/tea/biscuits	147.00	
602.27	Stock for club shop	650.29	
150.00	Trophies/engraving	137.04	
540.00	Football Pred. comp prizes	525.00	
506.98	Arts & craft supplies	538.22	
659.96	Computer/website	914.14	
55.89	Insurance	88.89	
219.80	Helpers Christmas meal	326.82	
		<u>4,567.38</u>	4,567.38

PARTIES/OUTINGS

932.46	Pantomime	980.38	
569.95	Christmas party	931.10	
316.77	St. Georges Day party	735.00	
1,643.19	Outing's	1,631.00	
		<u>4,277.48</u>	4,277.48

PRINTING & STATIONARY

82.59	Paper & envelopes	271.46	
116.80	cartridges/ink	294.37	
225.00	Postage	200.00	
		<u>765.83</u>	765.83

RENT & TRANSPORT

7,200.00	Rent paid to H.B.F.C.	5,400.00	
5,627.68	Mini bus transport	982.40	
160.00	Taxi's	240.00	
N/A	Drivers	490.00	
		<u>7,112.40</u>	7,112.40

MISC

N/A	Diamond Jubilee	6,976.38	
N/A	First aid box	24.59	
N/A	Flowers (Vic RIP)	75.00	
N/A	Club garments	5,006.82	
N/A	Two Minibuses	101,980.00	
		<u>114,064.79</u>	114,064.79

22,222.29	Total expenditure	130,787.88	130,787.88
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BANK

	Service charges	49.97	
	Cash in hand as at 31/10/2025	18.00	
30,774.40	Balance at bank as at 31/10/2025	<u>24,261.65</u>	
		<u>155,117.50</u>	

Carol Gridley - Treasurer

Geoff Havard

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Our Treasurer Carol is retiring her position at this years AGM (4th Dec. 2025) She took over the role when Julie passed away in 2019 It is a bit of an unsung hero's kind of job but somebody has to do it – under the guidelines of the Charity Commission we must have a treasurer.

So, I am very very grateful to Carol > for her efforts over for past seven years. Thankfully she is going to remain as a much admired club helper.

Finding a someone to replace her was not going to be easy so I'm very pleased & relieved that club helper Sue Gould, pictured below, has agreed to take over.

