



## The Penry Trophy

7<sup>th</sup> September 2014, Royal Lytham & St Annes Golf Club



On a fantastic day for golf, 27 former pupils of KEQMS took on the annual challenge to compete for the Penry Trophy. This year's field included 4 people who had never played in this fixture, which promises hope for continuing to see this competition grow. Thanks to all of those who travelled from afar to play – we had players from as far north as Aberdeen and from as far south as Cornwall.

At the short 9<sup>th</sup> hole, Andrew Thornton playing in one of the last groups on the course, picked up the “Nearest the Pin” prize, and the 18<sup>th</sup> hole saw Diane Bellass take the “Longest Drive” which lead to a lot of muttering from the gentlemen at the presentation. You’ve just got to learn to hit it straight seemed to be the only conclusion. In the Ladies competition, Brenda Cunningham, took the Porter Trophy for the leading lady by 2pts, from Linda Leach and Joan Crosby.

As the field reached the turn, at that famous landmark of the Ansdell Institute, 4 players were going strong, and looked to be edging out the rest of the field. Leading the way were Brett Moore, Andy Gregson and Charles Bell, all on 20pts (2 under their handicaps), and Andrew Pemberton on 19pts. Who was going to seize the day? Who would take on the course to close it out, and pick up the famous trophy? Would “Pem’s” course knowledge be the difference, or could someone put in a charge from the pack behind?



**Last Year's Winner John Murray takes on the 10<sup>th</sup> tee shot.**

As I sit reviewing the cards that show what happened on the back nine, it's less of an abacus that I need to add up the scores, just my fingers – in some cases, not even the fingers on both hands. We all turned to face the 10<sup>th</sup> hole, a tight but short par 4 that requires an extremely accurate drive, and at that point remembered we were back into the wind for the next few holes - 9 holes of golf awaited, known to be among the most difficult on The Open circuit.

First to fall out of the race (rather dramatically) was Brett, soon to be followed by “Pem”. Charles Bell’s resistance was a little stronger, but the last 4 holes took him out of contention for the main prize. Andy G was hanging on, but the pack was closing in. It was a putt of around 70ft on the 16<sup>th</sup> green from Richard Tong that turned out to be the decider – the monster putt gave him a birdie to leapfrog into the lead that he would then hold for the next 2 holes. Paul Breedon played well down the stretch to come runner up, the closest he has come to the main prize in playing this event for 44 years. There’s always next year Paul! Andy Gregson held on to come in 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Charles Bell took away the Handley Cup. Lancastrians took the House Prize with a total score of 90pts, with Adventurers coming in second.



**Brett Moore is in there somewhere**



Richard was presented the Trophy by Paul Beverley, the acting President for the Old Lidunians. We were joined for dinner by Mike Walton, the new Headmaster at AKS, who has recently joined the school from Regents International School Pattaya, Thailand. We wish Mike well in his new career.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and played in the spirit of friendship with which it was always intended. Many thanks to those who took part, and we have already submitted our request to the golf club to host the event again next year. Apparently there is the minor issue of the Walker Cup being play on the course, on our regular weekend, but we have asked the club to let them know who we are.

***Paul Beverley  
Acting President  
9<sup>th</sup> September***



**Dinner in the member’s bar at Royal Lytham & St Annes Golf Club**