

## Kent Pearson Trophy Finals Day Report

### Lamberhurst Golf Club Thursday 18th June 2026



After a winter of golf and 128 matches being played we arrived to set up for the day at 6.30am at Lamberhurst Golf Club, it was a foggy start but already 17 degrees. Luckily the fog soon started to lift and the morning turned out glorious as the sun was shining. The course looked amazing, thanks to all the hard work of the green keeping staff.

The vibe in the clubhouse was buzzing and everyone started off the day with bacon/egg rolls and coffee while the captains were busy swapping team lists so that cards could be completed.

The 4 semi-finalists were expertly started off by Sophia Davies (Lamberhurst Past Lady Captain). The order of play was; Tenterden v Sidcup and Nizels v Knole Park, teeing off alternately from 8.30am.

Our Kent County referees Jane Marr and Jon Vale positioned themselves at appropriate spots around the course and the information about matches started to flow in. We were also very grateful to the ladies at Lamberhurst for their exceptional ball spotting.

Sidcup was the first team to have an early win but Tenterden thought they would quickly counteract it as there was a match that was dormy 5. However, Sidcup fought back only to eventually lose that match on the 17th. Tenterden then in very quick succession got the next 2 wins bringing that contest to a swift conclusion, as they had their 3 wins required to go through to the afternoons final.

In the other semi-final between Nizels and Knole Park all the matches were very close. The first match concluded with a win to Knole Park on the first extra hole, closely followed by a win to Nizels on the 18th. This trend then continued as both teams eventually had another win each which meant the tension and excitement was building up. Knole Park held their nerve and won the last match giving them the 3rd win to bring that contest to a conclusion.

We then all came in for a quick turn around and Lamberhurst provided an excellent buffet lunch which was enjoyed by players, caddies, supporters and officials.

A lunchtime presentation was held for Sidcup and Nizels where they were presented with their Semi-Finalist Certificates and mementos by Kent County President Ingrid Long.



Sidcup



## Nizels

Commiserations to Sidcup and Nizels.

It was now time for the final between Tenterden and Knole Park.

There had been a drastic change in the weather conditions as it was now wet and windy. Players were no longer overheating in the sun but were battling the elements trying to keep dry in their waterproofs and holding umbrellas.

Our Starter for the afternoon matches was Kent County President Ingrid Long who did a fantastic job relaxing everyone.

Tenterden took an early lead in match 1 but to counteract that Knole Park led the way in match 4. Match 5 was nip and tuck all the way and matches 2 and 3 were both dormy playing the 16th hole. It was beginning to look like extra holes may need to be played to bring this contest to a conclusion. However Tenterden came through on both of the matches resulting in an overall win.

Commiserations to Knole Park and congratulations to Tenterden in becoming the Kent Pearson Trophy winners for 2025/26. The last time Tenterden had won the trophy was in 1997, so as you can imagine there was a lot of celebrating taking place!



Knole Park



Tenterden



Tenterden



This photo sums up the players friendliness and the spirit in which all the matches were played with the Pearson Captains' having a handshake after the matches had a final result.

We would like to thank again Jon and Jane for giving up their time being on hand all day assisting and advising with rulings.

I would personally like to thank Karen Taylor (a previous Kent Pearson Manager) for supporting me today, meaning that Helen was able to be out on the course playing.

Lamberhurst were the perfect hosts presenting an excellent course and facility. We would also like to thank Adrian Harris ensuring everything ran smoothly and to plan, he had a great team working with him and special thanks to Lou Marchant too who worked with us to make the day special.

We look forward to the Pearson Inter Counties Finals being hosted by Kent this year at Sundridge Park Golf Club on Wednesday 15th July. Kent will be represented by Tenterden Golf Club.

We are sure they will do their utmost to bring the Pearson Trophy back to Kent, and of course all supporters will be very welcome.

Thank you all for your continued support in the Pearson Trophy which only can exist with you all taking part.

Lynn and Helen  
(Manager and Deputy for Kent Pearson Trophy)



CONGRATULATIONS! Team Tenterden: Kent Pearson Trophy Winners 2025/26