

# Heinz Storch Golf Day defies clouds to shoot another great score



**Grey clouds and the occasional downpour might have reflected the current gloomy trading conditions but fifty UK fastener industry golfers proved once again they could put all of that aside for an important cause.**

For its second year the Fastbolt Charity Golf Day in memory of Heinz Storch was, once again, held at the Mentmore Golf and Country Club. "The venue was never in doubt," says Fastbolt UK managing director and organiser, Graham Joyce. "The course was magnificent last year. Although we were going to be hard pressed to match the glorious weather again, we knew we could rely on Mentmore to have the course in outstanding condition once again, and to extend great hospitality."

Fifty customers, suppliers and competitors from throughout the UK and Irish fastener industry were there to support the event, appropriately on what would have been Heinz's 65th birthday. In addition to the players' fees, every hole of the Rothschild course was sponsored, prizes were donated for longest drive and nearest the pin prizes, and the evening dinner featured a big prize raffle and an auction of donated items, including tickets to a soccer match at Old Trafford.

Last year the event raised £6,000 for Willen Hospice, a local charity that cares for adults with terminal illness. Once again the UK fastener industry did not disappoint, raising a similar amount, truly impressive considering current trading conditions.

Julia Rogerson, events and promotions manager for Willen Hospice explained how the event helped, "Willen Hospice relies heavily on the support and generosity of local businesses to raise the funds it needs to provide its specialist care to over 400 adults with terminal illness each year. The money raised at the Fastbolt Charity Golf Day will go towards helping to provide this care at no cost to patients and support for their families."

Across the page are just some of the testimonials from the participants about a day that has firmly established itself at the heart of the UK fastener industry. Next year the event will be held on 4 June – no surprise, the venue will again be Mentmore.

"My memories of Heinz are very important to me and his Memorial Golf Days are a fitting tribute to a great man. This annual event is, I think, unique in the fastener industry and I have little doubt that it will be very well supported for many years to come. It is an opportunity for lots of people with a common interest to gather together and enjoy a thrash around the English countryside, a few drinks, a nice meal, a few more drinks and a lot of fastener banter, whilst, at the same time supporting a very worthy charity. The great pity is that we had to lose one of our brightest stars for this event to be born. Heinz, your memory lives on."

**John Fletcher, retired general manager, Martyn Price**



"What was particularly pleasing for me to see was how well supported the event was, and given the economic conditions at present demonstrates that people are still willing to support a worthy cause. The attendees are worthy of a mention also, with many characters from the sector, but everyone pulls together to enjoy the golf and the camaraderie. In its second year, it is great to see the staff of Fastbolt, Mentmore and the Willen Hospice ensuring that the day's organisation was excellent and benefiting the charity. I am certain that Heinz would be very proud of Fastbolt and we at Aspray wish Graham Joyce and the team all the very best for the future."

**Stuart Laight, managing director, Aspray Transport**



"Being able to support the Willen Hospice through the Fastbolt Charity Golf Day allowed me a great day's golf and dinner with friends old and new, but more importantly to help raise necessary funding for Willen's most unbelievable work, I can not speak highly enough of Willen, the staff and volunteers."

**Chris.T.M.Beardshaw, managing director, Beardshaw Bros Ltd**



"The combination of a worthy cause and a great days golf at Mentmore, are reasons why I will always enjoy supporting this special event in memory of a very good friend. Well done to Graham and the Fastbolt team for making it happen."

**Alan Gillespie, Broadway Industries**



# Another winner for Willen

Once again the competitiveness of the golf played was of the highest order with some truly impressive performances, which were rightly applauded during an evening that saw the UK fastener industry come together to raise money for a worthy cause.



## Winning Team:

Robert Hayson  
Keith Holmes  
Tim Roberts  
Ron Caulkett



## Individual Winner:

Idris Williams

