

The George Rennison Memorial Jamboree took place recently to remember George who was a cornerstone for both Grimsby Chess Club and Lincolnshire Chess Association for many years before he passed away in 1991. This year it was Louth's turn to host the event and the Mason's Arms in the town centre provided an excellent venue.

After the half time break, which included a lavish buffet, another of Grimsby's stalwarts, Mike Colebrook, was presented with a glass trophy and certificate as a thanks for his contribution to Lincolnshire chess - stretching back to 1964.

Back to the main event, 8 teams of 4 players competed in the 4 round event and after 3 rounds it was very tight with Lincoln just ahead of Grantham and last years winners Louth.

Ayman Hammam was the star for Lincoln winning all 3 matches and his best game came against Will Grummitt playing for another Grantham team comprising students from King's School with the opening following the French defence 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. dxc5 Bxc5 7. Qg4 0-0 8. Nf3 Qb6 9. Bd3 h6 10. Bd2 Bf2+ and Will is forcing Ayman to move his king keeping it in the centre (see diagram).

However, after 11. Ke2 Nc6 Ayman played 12. Na4 gaining a piece after 12. ...Nd4+ 13. Kxf2 Qc6 14. Nxd4 Qxa4 and he went on to win.

In the last round a win for Paul Cumbers, and draws for David Coates, Ayman and yours truly was just enough as Lincoln won with 11½ points with Grantham and Louth on 11. The students from King's Grantham came a creditable 4th with 8½ points.

