

Famous Wanstead Veterans

No. 25 Gareth Jones

Or.....Might as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb!

This pen portrait was finished only moments before the scheduled presentation time as befits Wanstead's answer to Ian Woosnam. Hailing from the Valleys (Lea rather than Rhonda) Gareth is still one of the fittest Vets in the club, playing tennis all year around as well as playing in most Vets matches and events. His legendary time keeping means he is rarely there until seconds before his start time irrespective of what or where the game might be.

Only the Doughty Putter has eluded

his clutch of Vets trophies but despite his regular victories in singles competitions his partners in pairs competitions have done a wonderful job in bringing his back down to their levels. Despite all this he is a fierce competitor and makes a much better partner than opponent! Somewhat surprisingly though, for some reason Gareth's handicap remains stuck with Araldite at 16.

A staunch Liverpool supporter, he has recently been banned from The Tax Payers Stadium after singlehandedly inciting riots amongst West Ham supporters as he cheered Liverpool goals from the home end against the hapless Hammers. In fairness to Gareth he did have plenty of opportunities for celebration.

Proving you are never too old to learn, Gareth has now found out how to turn on the toaster and coffee machine. We look forward to many more toast mastering duties and even Penclawdd cockle and laverbread cake for breakfast!