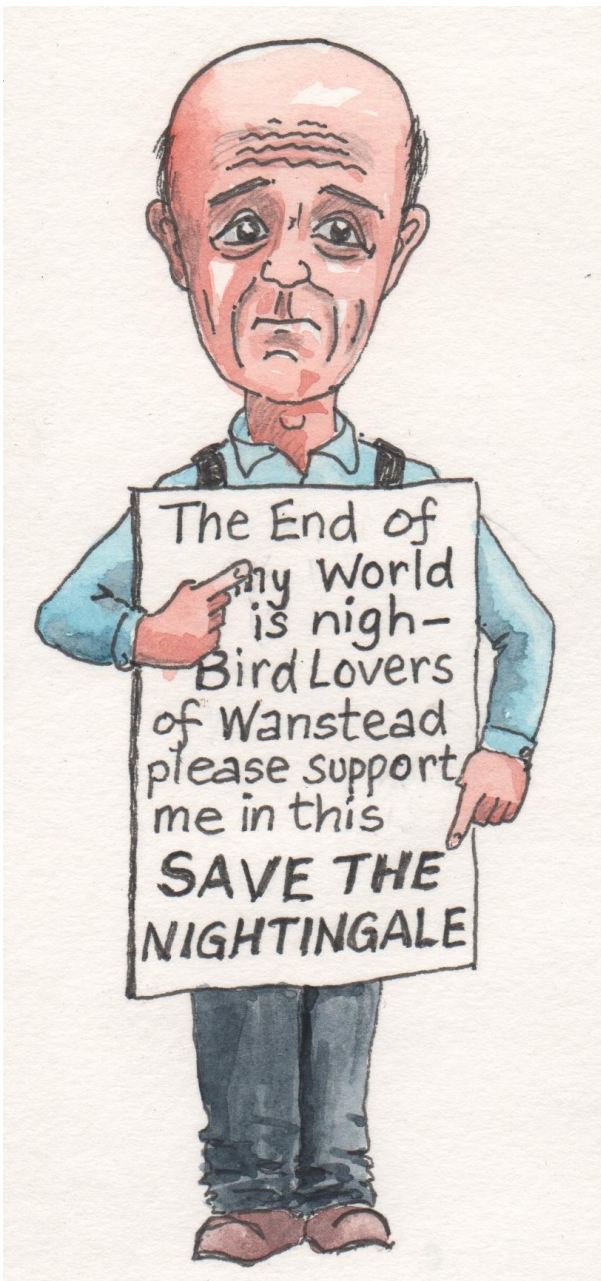


Famous Wanstead Veterans



No. 28 John Batten

Or - Does he EVER sit down?

Similar to the ravens at the Tower, Batten must never be allowed to leave Wanstead Golf Club or it will crumble to dust.

Past Captain, caddy, short game expert, putting guru and all round good egg, Ninja (ask Luke....) has been a stalwart of WGC since the ribbon was cut the back in 1893.

Whilst he still is a regular performer in the vets, it is getting more and more difficult to encourage him to play as he will only now play in his favoured three ball alongside Messrs. Stew and Goodman. Still a super player you would not bet against John getting up and down from anywhere on the course although he

does find it increasing difficult to get up and down from his sofa these days. When he is not playing golf he is the ever reliable 'bag man' to Luke and is just as popular with pros on tour as he is with his mates in the bar.

Before golf, John threw some high class darts whilst in later years he has turned his hand to lawn bowls and within a few years had won his first county representative blazer, all of course thanks to the dedicated coaching he gets from Derek and Alan.

On the rare occasions that he couldn't be found at WGC, John would almost certainly be found lifting a pint in his beloved Nightingale pub.

A loyal friend, great company, gifted sportsman and a much loved member not just of the Vets but of Wanstead Golf Club in general.