



# Famous Wanstead Veterans

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## No. 19 Jim Fegan

**Or - Even Trump had to win an election.....**

Our most senior Vet recently began his 91st year, still playing golf regularly with the CD's but especially Vi, Eric and Jean. Word on the street was that our most famous nonagenarians usually dress in yellow on their birthday but Jim chose not to follow in the Queen's footsteps much to our disappointment.

Despite beginning his career in a timber yard he soon moved into Fleet Street where he steadily rose to Father of the Chapel, becoming the role model for Miriam Karlin's Paddy in The Rag Trade. This title was the nearest Jim would get to an ecclesiastical career but it did begin his passion for singing which, sad to say, peaked in the showers during the 2011 season. Such was the opposition to his sonorous baritone that attempts were made to silence Jim during National Service which thankfully ended in failure. The closest shave was in Palestine in 1946 where despite being bombed he still walked away in one piece humming the Dambusters march.

Always immaculately turned out both on the course and off, Jim owes much to Vi's keen eye as his ongoing account with the 50 bob tailor!

Jim was instrumental in starting up the CDs in 1983 and still plays regularly. From those humble beginnings he has seen countless members pass through the section he guards with integrity and diligence. As elder statesman Jim has now become the self appointed President of the CDs, a position which would surely be ratified by all those who have had the pleasure of playing with him or knowing him over the years.

Partial to the odd drop of Brandy, Vodka, Whisky, Rum.....Jim claims that he only drinks now for medicinal purposes - if so he should be good for another 90 years!