

Famous Wanstead Veterans

No. 18 Lou Watt

Or - Does he need a license for that thing?

Our third most senior regular playing Vet (behind Jim Fegan and Little Ron), Lou is proof that age is just a number. Lou is well on his way to breaking his age around WGC - he just needs to keep on playing like he is for another 10 years!

Now regularly seen on his red scooter which sometimes has parts fall off, put on, tuned up and conked out (a life lesson for us all) enabling him to continue racking up perch points. The scooter rarely satisfies Lou's 'need for speed' and he did a passable impression of 'Louise' to Ed Flack's 'Thelma' to the Road to Thorpeness Tour of 2014.

Lou is a stylish dresser and remains one of the few people who can make drinking a pint of Spitfire look like an art form; with a steely gaze and little finger cocked like Eric Bristow in his prime as he raises the glass to his lips. Here too he belies his age, still giving lessons in Spitfire supping to the young pretender Stew with alarming alacrity.

With a name like Watt it had to be steam engines or electricity which provided the backbone of Lou's career post national service. Being well grounded and down to Earth Lou chose the wire strippers over the shovel - his decision met very little resistance as he switched to his new career. Since retirement, he continues to be a live wire and has promised sparks will fly the next time he goes on holiday. An absolute gentleman and great company on the course, in the bar or on long car journeys!