



Famous Wanstead Veterans

No.11 Ray Mahoney

or....No one likes usWe don't care!

Ray had to have the 11 shirt - frequently being stuck out on the left with only Derek providing decent cover.

Wanstead's own sporting tour de force was our captain in 2013/14 - a year known for its after lunch jokes from a well thumbed copy of 'The Irish Joke Book' as much as for its golfing excellence.

Before gracing the fairways and greens of WGC Ray was a stalwart of Canning Town F.C. first as player then captain, director, chairman, programme seller and peanut vendor. A connoisseur of the beautiful game, Ray was brought up watching the silky skills of Harry

Cripps from the exotic Cold Blow Lane in SE16.

Football's loss turned out to be golf's gain in general and Wanstead's gain in particular. He plays the game in the right spirit happy to share in the odd tale from the emerald isle. Ireland continues to play a big part in Ray's life - he doesn't get back there that often but still partakes in the odd glass of the black stuff - purely for medicinal purposes of course.

Apart from captaining the Vets, Ray also arranged countless candlelit dinners and social events, not least leading the singing on golf tours - the Peckham Pavarotti. As a section we are indebted to Ray for his hard work, bonhomie and general sense of fun and the section (and the bar) is a much poorer place when he isn't around.