

# Famous Wanstead Veterans

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## No. 9 Ron Townsend

or....How far away is he?

Another of our past captains, this time from 2000/01, Ron was also long time treasurer, retiring in 2015.

His former life as a rent collector in Custom House put him in good stead for vets subs collection. However his youthful good looks and previous occupation lead to a somewhat unfortunate moniker of the Rent Boy - courtesy of Eddie Clayton! Past experience still gives no clue to what he may do when he grows up.

Extremely competitive both on the course and off - he has a regular competitions with Frank McAfee on who can take the longest to finish eating. Still holds the club record for this feat of 2 hour 14 minutes for egg and chips (singular and small). His tardiness in mastication is matched on by his tardiness in changing - was once found still getting ready by Friday morning vets after a CD game the previous Thursday.

A great student of the game, Ron is thought to have modelled his swing on Anika Sorenstam, both using their stature to full advantage. Sadly the Sorenstam style did not filter through to his on course dress sense.

When not at the club, Ron spends much of his spare time in his caravan in Clacton. This habit was only punctuated whilst he was in the position of treasurer when he swapped the Essex coastline for Bermuda, Barbados, Antigua and other sunnier climes. His frugal budgeting is a lesson to us all!