

Famous Wanstead Veterans

No. 26 Bob Skidmore

Or - The best way from point A to point B isn't a straight line - it's via Heathrow and the West End

One of the few Vets still plying his trade on a regular basis, Bob is able to fit his career around his golf and is just as likely to be seen with the swindle or Vets as he is sitting in traffic on the A406. This means that his working day is generally during the wee small hours, driving his cab along the highways and byways of London. In true cabbie fashion he has dismissed the sat nav as a useless fad as it always wants to take punters on the most direct

route. This would be a complete waste of time as there wouldn't be enough time to strike up a conversation about golf, politics or West Ham and the meter would never get to £25

Bob can frequently be seen availing himself of the restaurant facilities in the club after a nights work. This is much to Gary's relief as this enables him to clear the freezer of the liver he bought in 2003.

A qualified PADI, for many years Bob was used to diving for old wrecks. Now he has hung up his flippers he prefers to play golf with old wrecks instead. This means that there will soon be a causeway between tee and green on the 16th made from golf balls - due just as much to his errant tee shots as his reluctance to don the aqualung and clear the lake.

Great company both on the course, in the bar or at candlelit suppers.