



Tribute to Joe Mallott RIP

Joe Mallott

It is my very sad duty to inform the club members of the passing of Joe Mallott, after a two year battle with cancer.

Joe came to the club in the early 1970s. He was a marvellous athlete. In his first year of competition he reached the Inter-counties final for the high hurdles and featured on the front cover of Athletics Weekly.....not bad for a beginner! He came under the care and guidance of Alf Pells an inspirational coach, where he learnt that time in the air was time wasted. His personal bests of 15.4 secs. for the high hurdles and 6.61m. for the long jump are just the bare bones of his contribution to I.A.C. in it's pomp on the track. Joe partnered Wilbert Greaves and Steve Faint in the hurdles in the Southern League Division 1 and they were undefeated for two years. He was also part of the team that crushed Woodford Green Athletic Club to win the Vancouver Trophy at the inaugural meeting of their new track at Ashton (the only time in our history).

Later in life Joe took up golf and at the Top Meadow Golf Club in Essex he became the men's captain with a handicap of 11.

Joe has been a part of my life for nigh on fifty years. He was a wonderful man, who always gave his very best to the common good. He will be sorely missed.

Gordon Crouch.

Joe Mallott (left) and Roger Honey

