



## John Weightman RIP

It is with great sadness that I am informing you that John died on Monday, 28th December 2020.

You will remember him as a loyal, long serving and talented thrower.

There are no funeral arrangements as yet but COVID restrictions would make attendance difficult.

His son David can be contacted on tel. no. 01277 654329.

Regards

Ray Radley

Such sad news to hear of John Weightman's passing. I have so many happy memories of him being such a formidable member of our track team. He had such quiet composure, I always knew that maximum points or very close to it were assured in the events covered by John and his great partner Bill Bushnell. What a deadly duo they were. They will be greatly missed, both were exemplars of their art. As art it surely was.

Rest in Peace Lads, Gordon Crouch

Very sorry to hear of John Weightman's passing. He was a regular and absolutely key team colleague in nearly all of the track & field events I participated in from my joining the Club in 1957. I even holidayed with him with a group of Ilford athletes back around 1963, in a minibus driven by Ray Radley. I seem to recall that John was competing in Southern League meetings until he was around 60. He was a gentle soul who was able to channel his aggression entirely into propelling his discus out of the circle. Quite possibly the highest points scorer in Ilford AC T&F history. Sadly I learned only recently that Bill Bushnell, our key javelin thrower of the same era, passed away in April or May last year. John Batchelor

Another Ilford legend departed. John was indeed a "super thrower" an absolute stalwart of Ilford's Southern League team throughout the 1960's, '70's and in to the '80's. He remains in the top of the club all time lists 3rd Discus, 4th Hammer & 5th Shot. And was Essex County Champion Shot (1962) and 5 times Discus winner (1962 - 66). Sad to end 2020 with yet another Ilford / Essex athlete passing on. Andy Catton